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From the Mayor's Desk....

Street, Water and Sewer Systems

As expected, we have received exceptional bids to finance our street and sewer upgrades. Construction bids have been excellent, also. That work can now begin this Fall. Locations and timing will be shared with you in the near future. Work on Well #4 is already underway by our contractor, Brown Construction. We appreciate very much the understanding with neighbors regarding the unavoidable mud on the streets and delays involved next to the well and connecting water mains. An upgrade at the Sewer Treatment Plant is underway, also.

Surplus Properties

We have not received any firm offers on the platted lots in Heritage Addition east of 9th Street. The slow market for new houses and our decision to keep high standards by requiring curb and sidewalk are the likely factors. Commercial properties are being shown to prospects with no firm proposals received to date. The Drives Building has not been forgotten. The presence of Walnut Creek Auctions as a tenant has helped assure the building's integrity. We fully intend to put forth a formal Request For Proposals to developers in the very near future. The unexpected resignation of our Marina operator has taken attention away from the Drives Building. The Fulton Marina is an important attraction to our City.

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As with all marinas that we've studied up and down the river, marinas are having a tough time to break even these days. All options are on the table and I can assure you that your City Council, our Administrator and a special study Committee are working hard to craft a workable plan.

Emergency Operations

We commend Fulton Fire Protection District and City personnel for quick and effective response to storm damage. We were already updating our City Emergency Operations Plan to handle an even larger disaster. Look for enhanced emergency warning systems and rehearsals in the months ahead.

Mayor Russell

Newsletter Mailing Discontinued

The Fulton City Council voted to discontinue mailing the city newsletter. The city will realize a savings of \$3,900/year on printing and mailing costs. **The city newsletter will continue publication and will be available online at www.cityoffulton.us and in the lobby at Fulton City Hall.** Future newsletters will be published on November 15, February 15, May 15 and August 15.

The **Fulton Police Department** will utilize a new communications service, effective immediately that allows us to send important, valuable community information directly to residents using the latest technology.

The Nixle Community Information Service allows us to create and publish messages to be delivered to subscribed residents instantly via cell phone text message and/or email. Notifications can also be accessed online at Nixle's web site at www.nixle.com.

Messages may include severe weather bulletins, bridge closings, closed streets, missing persons info, school lockdowns, as well as other relevant safety and community event information.

"This system allows us to alert the residents of Fulton with important or emergency information in a timely fashion. All at no cost." Lt. Donnie Pridemore.

The service is secure, reliable and easy to use for our group. The messages can be sent specifically to residents registered within a ¼ mile radius, giving them the opportunity to receive trustworthy information relevant only to their neighborhood. Residents decide from which local agencies they want to receive information. Subscribers can also choose the way in which alerts are received, whether it is by email, text message, or over the web.

Nixle builds on the foundations of other public-to-public communication services, such as Twitter, Facebook, and MySpace, but adds a key component: security. When citizens receive information from our agency via Nixle, they know it can be trusted.

Residents of Fulton and those in neighboring communities can immediately begin receiving pertinent information via text message, email, and web by registering at www.nixle.com.



October 6 @ Downtown

October 6 & 7 @ Heritage Canyon

Beer Gardens with Bands at Denny O's & Johnnie's Tap

- Arts & Crafts Show
- Food Vendors
- Games
- Inflatables
- Petting Zoo
- Train Rides
- Hay Bale Maze
- Party Town Mobile DJ
- Classic Car Cruise In
- Pumpkin Painting
- Make N' Take Crafts
- Entertainment by Fulton High School Show Choir, Jennifer's Dance Studio, and Millennium Martial Arts.
- Programs with Living Lands & Waters and Clinton County Conservation
- And Much More!

For a complete schedule of activities, visit www.cityoffulton.us.



Stay Informed on Events & Programs

Please "Like" the following facebook pages: 1.) Fulton, Illinois Chamber of Commerce 2.) Windmill Cultural Center & de Immigrant windmill 3.) Heritage Canyon.

Fulton Events: September - November 15, 2012

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| <p>September 5
National Cheese Pizza Day @ River Bend Senior Center (RBSC), 11:15am</p> <p>September 6
Fulton Chamber Ribbon Cutting @ Smitty's Welding Service & Great River Trail Stop, 5:30pm</p> <p>September 12
Chocolate Milkshake Day @ River Bend Senior Center, 11:15am</p> <p>September 14
Drive-thru Cookout @ Fulton Fire Department, 11am-1:30pm</p> <p>September 14
Tailgate Party @ Central Bank, 3:30pm-6pm</p> <p>September 16
"Gone Fishing in the Mississippi River" Program @ Martin House Museum, 2pm</p> <p>September 19
Nauvoo, IL Bus Trip sponsored by Supporters of Schmaling, 7:30am</p> <p>September 25
Book Discussion "Hard Times" @ Schmaling Memorial Library, 6pm</p> <p>September 26
National Johnny Appleseed Day @ RBSC, 11:15am</p> <p>September 27
Chocolate Walk @ Downtown, 3pm - 7pm</p> <p>September 27
"Illinois Rivers and Flooding Program" @ Windmill Cultural Center, 6pm</p> <p>September 28
Windmill Area Fundraiser @ Rastrelli's Tuscany Events Center, 6:30pm-9pm</p> | <p>October 6
Fall Festival @ Downtown, 10am to 4pm</p> <p>October 6 & 7
Fall Festival @ Heritage Canyon, 10am to 4pm</p> <p>October 17
Wear Something Gaudy Day @ RBSC, 11:15am</p> <p>October 20
Beggar's Walk @ Heritage Canyon, 4pm to 8pm</p> <p>October 21
"Battle of Perryville: 150 Years Ago" @ Martin House Museum, 2pm</p> <p>October 22
National Nut Day @ River Bend Senior Center, 11:15am</p> <p>October 23
Book Discussion "97 Orchard: An Edible History" @ Schmaling Memorial Library, 6pm</p> <p>October 29
"River by Canoe" Program @ Windmill Cultural Center, 6pm</p> <p>October 30
Carve a pumpkin & National Candy Corn Day @ RBSC, 11:15am</p> <p>October 31
Trick-or-Treat, 5pm to 7pm</p> <p>November 2, 3, 9 & 10
Great Route 64/84 Holiday Shop Hop Event @ Fulton, Thomson, Savanna, Mt. Carroll & Lanark, 9am to 5pm</p> <p>November 12
Old Movie Night: The River @ Windmill Cultural Center, 6pm</p> <p>November 18
"History of Fulton Postal Services" @ Martin House Museum, 2pm</p> |
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Street & Water Improvements

Twin Cities will begin road work later this week on 4th street north of 9th Avenue, Pronger Alley, parts of Valley View, north 12th street and 22nd avenue. The work will take approximately 3 to 4 weeks to complete. There will also be crews beginning work soon on sewer main cleaning and video from 13th Avenue south. Please be careful when traveling in these areas.

Work has also begun on a new water filtration plant located at 11th Street and 16th Avenue. Crews are also installing a new dedicated water line from plant west down 16th Avenue to 9th Street north to 13th Avenue. Thank you also for your patience during these construction phases.

— Dan Clark, Public Works Director

Bulky Waste Day

The City of Fulton will have a bulky waste pick-up day on Saturday, October 6th beginning at 5 am. All items should be placed at the normal garbage pick-up site the evening before. Each residence may place up to two (2) large bulky items, along with one (1) cubic yard of miscellaneous waste. A cubic yard is equivalent to about six (6) 30 gallon garbage containers. All small miscellaneous items should be bagged, boxed or containerized in a manageable manner. For a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable items visit the city website: www.cityoffulton.us. (Absolutely no electronics will be picked up this year due to new regulations...this includes, TV's, computers, stereo and video equipment, etc.)