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Micro Seal Project Completed on Downtown Streets

The Ste. Genevieve Street Department hired Missouri Petroleum Company out of St. Louis, Missouri to put a Micro seal on the streets in the downtown area. Micro seal is a blend of liquid asphalt and cement along with polymers to create a thin layer of mix to seal and preserve the life of the streets. This application is expected to last five to ten years.

The City along with Ste. Genevieve County will also be doing chip and seal on a few roads later this summer. The county will furnish the oil truck and the city street crew will perform the work.

Additionally, the city has purchased a new roller and trailer along with a chip spreader in order to do this kind of work more effectively.



Alliance Reports on the State of Our Water System

The water and wastewater department has been very busy this spring, and as we head into summer I would like to give our community a short report on the State of the System.

The Department of Natural Resources performed a two day inspection of the water system on May 22, and May 23, 2012. The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with the Missouri Safe Drinking Water Act and the Missouri Public Drinking Water Program Regulations. The inspection reviewed all eight (8) critical components of a public water system. Out of the eight components inspected there were **NO** deficiencies found.

The water department (Alliance Water Resources) is proud to serve the community and will continue to make every effort possible to maintain the water system. We are lucky to have the community's support, and it shows in the results of the First DNR inspection (that we could find) that had NO deficiencies found. The State of our System is **GOOD**, we thank you for your continued support as we move forward and start to prepare for the next fiscal year.

The wastewater department has been eager to start repairing the manholes in our

community. The City purchased a machine that will allow us to make needed repairs to the collections system. Staff has received training on the operation and maintenance of the new equipment and has started using it. The picture enclosed is staff using the new machine, maybe in your area of town.



The main excitement of this new machine is that the repairs can now be made in house and will cost much less. The average cost to repair a manhole is more than \$1000.00. The average cost to repair one now will be less than \$200.00 in product. As our system continues to age we need to find

cost saving ways to make improvements that will last.



This is just one of the cost saving measures that have been put in place by our system leaders. The system leaders are; rate payers, elected officials, City Administrator and Alliance Water Resources. I hope you noticed that I reported rate payers first and everyone else in front of us, that is because we work for you, and we are proud to do so.



Ste. Genevieve Parks Department

The Parks Department of the City of Ste. Genevieve is busy this time of year with mowing, working on ball fields and cleaning public restrooms along with watering the flower gardens around town. This summer is

becoming a real challenge for the crew because of such dry weather. We have been trying to keep the new trees and plants that have been planted alive.

Vandalism in the parks puts a strain on the

park crew as well. Every time something is vandalized, it takes them away from their regular duties. The Parks crew is also responsible for taking care of the buy-out properties from the great flood of 1993.

County Technical Rescue Team Formed

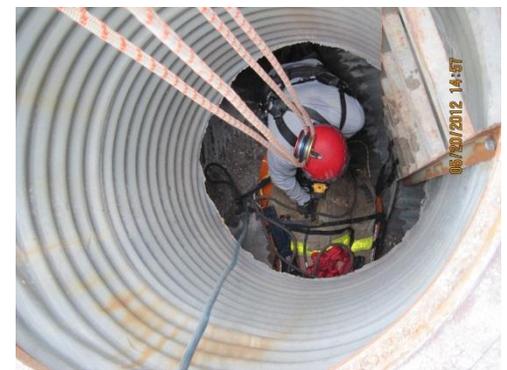
In January of 2009, the Ste. Genevieve Fire Department (SGFD) was approached by the Construction Safety Manager for Holcim (US) Inc., to provide a High Angle / Rope Rescue and Confined Space training program for the Holcim Emergency Response Team (ERT). In addition to a training program, Holcim was in need of a Technical Rescue Team, to respond to high angle, confined space and rope rescue emergencies at their Ste. Genevieve plant site.

Holcim initially contacted the Kinsey Fire Department with this request as the plant site is within their jurisdiction. The Kinsey FD referred the request to the Ste. Genevieve City Fire Department (SGFD), because SGFD had the only training facility and equipment in the county dedicated to rope rescue and confined space training.

The County Fire Chief's determined that due to the many industrial plants in the County the County needed to form a Technical Rescue Team (TRT).

To form a County TRT, manpower would have to come from all the county fire departments. The Ste. Genevieve Fire Department agreed to take the lead in providing the training facility and would apply for funds to purchase equipment through the Community Development Fund (CDF) grant program. The City of Ste. Genevieve stepped in to provide \$15,000 in funding.

In August of 2010, firefighters from Kinsey, Lake Forest, Ozora, Bloomsdale, St. Mary, Ste. Genevieve and members of Holcim Emergency Response Team participated in the first of three training courses instructed by the University of Missouri. The second course was held in July 2011, and the third one was held in May 2012.



Now that the Ste. Genevieve County Technical Rescue Team has been established, ongoing training will continue as the team develops protocol for training and deployment. In addition to responding to industrial sites, the TRT will respond in a Mutual Aid roll to any Fire Department, EMS or Law Enforcement Agency having

jurisdiction in the county covering a wide range of situations in which our citizens may become involved. This team will become a valuable resource to business, industry and the citizens of Ste. Genevieve City and County.

City Board Vacancies

BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE. Thinking of becoming more active in your community & wondering just what you could do? Curious about how things get done in city hall? Maybe you have some good ideas that should be shared.

Maybe **YOU** are the change that Ste. Genevieve needs! Don't just sit there thinking about how YOU would run the world, do something positive for your town and become a city advisory board member or commissioner.

There are vacancies on the Board of Adjustment. If you think you may be interested in serving on this board, call City Hall or stop in and ask about the function and purpose of this board.

New Sign Ordinance Adopted



The Ste. Genevieve Board of Aldermen has approved a new sign ordinance regulating all signage within the city's corporate limits, from billboards to yard sale flyers. The new regulations were approved at their board meeting on June 14th and are now in effect.

The regulations define the various types of signage and stipulate which are allowed or prohibited according to the zoning district. The new ordinance also addresses abandoned signs, maintenance requirements and signs in the public right-of-way. No sign other than an official traffic or governmental sign is permitted within the city right-of-way and those placed in the right-of-way will be subject to removal by the city. This restriction includes signs, posters or

flyers placed on utility poles, light standards, public trees or other public facilities.

Garage, yard sale and realty signs do not require permits, however, new restrictions have been enacted on the size, placement and number of signs allowed. No garage or yard sale sign shall exceed four (4) square feet in area and no more than one (1) sign shall be allowed per premises. Yard sale signs may not be erected more than four (4) days prior to the sale and all off-premise signs must be removed within forty-eight hours after the end of the sale. Real estate signs are limited to two per property, no larger than six (6) square feet in area in residential zones and thirty-two (32) square feet elsewhere. Realty signs must be removed within thirty (30) days of settlement or lease of the property.

The ordinance prohibits such signage as blinking, flashing or animated signs, vehicles or trailers used primarily as static displays, inflatable signs, and billboards.

Electronic, or digital, messaging signs that meet specific standards are now

permitted in the 500, 600 and 700 blocks of Center Drive, the 600 to 1000 blocks of Rozier Drive, Ste. Genevieve Drive, Highways 32 and 61 and Progress Parkway only.

For a sign permit to be issued, construction documents must be filed with the building department indicating the dimensions, materials and required details of construction, including loads, stresses, anchorage and any other pertinent data. Permit applications for signs that require a footing or foundation must also be accompanied by engineered calculations, signed and sealed by a design professional registered with the State of Missouri. All sign applications must also be accompanied by a site plan of the property indicating the location of the proposed sign on the premises in relation to lot lines, buildings, sidewalks, streets, public rights of way and street intersections within three-hundred feet of the proposed sign.

If you are interested in reading Ste. Genevieve's new sign regulations, you may stop by city hall and pick up a copy of the ordinance.

The Pergola on Merchant Street Gets a Facelift



Alderman Skaggs, Alderman Stuppy and volunteer Mark Zerwig work to replace the pergola at the corner of Main and Merchant Streets in the downtown area.

Nuisances

Property owners are reminded to be mindful of the growth of any plants, shrubbery or trees near streets and sidewalks that may create a traffic hazard by blocking the vision of motorists. Plants and trees next to public sidewalks should be trimmed to allow free, unimpeded use by

pedestrians. Nothing spoils an evening stroll like being slashed across the face by a sticky bush.

If you would like to submit a high weed/grass complaint forms can be picked up at City Hall, 165 S. Fourth Street. Return the completed form to the [Ste. Genevieve Police Department](#) or contact

the Police Department at 573-883-3999. The City will not release the names of those who submit complaints.

Police Department News

The Ste. Genevieve Police Department frequently addresses concerns from citizens in areas that may not be commonly known. We want to take this opportunity to inform our citizens of some laws and ordinances that were adopted to help preserve safety, and in some cases preserve the aesthetics in our communities.

First, the Revised Statutes of Missouri prohibit avoiding a traffic control device by accessing private property. For example, if a driver approaches a red traffic signal at an intersection, and pulls through the parking lot of the convenience store to access the intersecting street instead of waiting for the signal to change. This action is prohibited by law.

One location commonly accessed for this purpose is "The Point" Convenience Store/Bar, which is located near the wedge at U.S. Highway 61 and Highway 32. If a driver is trying to access the Plaza parking lot from Center Drive, or simply cutting

through to access either of the connecting roadways, it creates a risk for the patrons of The Point, who park near the old garage and have to walk across the parking lot to access their vehicles. In addition to the safety hazards of such practices, this also creates an unfair maintenance burden to the property owners, who want to keep their parking lots in good condition for their patrons.

Second, we want to remind all of the pet owners who keep outdoor animals to make sure their pets have access to adequate food, water and shelter from the direct sun exposure. With temperatures in late June exceeding 100 degrees, pets can easily get overheated, which could result in death. The Missouri Humane Society also recommends avoiding leaving pets in a parked vehicle for any length of time.

Also, with regard to pets, the City of Ste. Genevieve requires the citizens to get a dog permit for all the dogs they own. The

permits are \$5.00 for dogs that have been spayed or neutered, and \$8.00 for those that are not. The permits are available at City Hall, and ensure the animal has the proper vaccinations. According to the 2010 census, Ste. Genevieve's population was 4,410 people. To date, the city only has 64 dog permits on file, and we wanted to educate the citizens on their requirement to get a permit if they have dogs. The permit is required annually.

The third concern we frequently hear pertains to preserving the aesthetics of Ste. Genevieve. There are several factors that go into this, ranging from restricting the accumulation of trash, junk or abandoned vehicles, to high weeds. Ste. Genevieve's Ordinances also restricts parking a vehicle on the street to sell. This includes trailers or motor vehicles.

Beat The Heat!

Summer in Missouri never fails to bring extreme temperatures and high humidity. This year will be no exception. The hot weather certainly makes enjoying outdoor activities difficult, but there are ways to beat the heat and have a good time, while staying close to home.



One way to beat the heat is air conditioning! Despite block-after-block

of historic buildings in the downtown area, nearly all are equipped with air conditioning. Short walks separate cool and comfortable boutiques, art galleries and restaurants. Spend an afternoon browsing unique gifts and antiques, enjoying locally and nationally known artists and feast upon delicious dining found throughout the historic district.

Another way to beat the heat is ice cream! This delicious treat is sure to cool you down and is available at several downtown restaurants.

The final way to beat the heat is shade! Spots to find a bit of shade and respite from the sun are all around. The

arbor at Main & Merchant, Lion's Park and Pere Marquette Park also provide plenty of shade and opportunities for picnics.

Don't let the warm weather get you down and keep you home. There are plenty of fun ways to beat the heat in Ste. Genevieve. If four walls are closing in on you and you need to get out, take a short trip to downtown to enjoy all of the cool spots you can find.

The cooling centers in Ste. Genevieve are the Nutrition Center and the Ste. Genevieve County Community Center. For more information on cooling centers, contact Felix Meyer @ 573-883-0263.

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17690 U.S. Highway 61
1st bldg. south of St. Mary Road on left

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday: 8 am – 5 pm

Saturday: 8 am – 12 noon

Items accepted at the center include paper, cardboard, paperboard, steel and aluminum cans, plastic, glass (clear & colored), clothing, shoes and linens.



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