

City of Sturgeon Newsletter ~

March ~ April 2004

Proposed Tax Levy Increase ~ \$0.68

Daryl Ridgeway, from the Betterment Committee asks for everyone's support on the upcoming vote of Proposition 2 for the Sturgeon R-V School System.

He has explained that the state has been cutting back on operational funds to the school and without more local funding the school could close thus causing a devastating blow to the school, kids, teachers and the community. Sturgeon R-V is the community's largest employer, employing 75 from Sturgeon and local communities.

Any school closing would hurt businesses and organizations of all types and decrease property values.

If the Sturgeon School District closes; citizens will still have to pay school taxes, they will just be paid according to whichever school district our kids are transported to.

Following is a comparison on Taxes from School Districts in Boone County:

City	School Operations	School Bonds	School Total	City*	Other	Total
Columbia	\$4.14	\$0.80	\$4.94	\$1.04	\$0.33	\$6.31
South Boone	\$3.28	\$1.33	\$4.61	\$0.73	\$1.49	\$6.83
Harrisburg	\$3.27	\$1.15	\$4.42	\$0.33	\$1.49	\$6.24
Hallsville	\$3.21	\$0.91	\$4.12	\$0.95	\$1.49	\$6.56.
Centralia	\$3.09	\$0.47	\$3.56	\$1.35	\$1.49	\$6.40
Sturgeon	\$2.81	\$1.27	\$4.08	\$0.49	\$1.49	\$6.06

❖ Only people inside city limits pay city tax.

❖ The .68 cent per \$100 Valuation is a 11.2% increase in total tax rate for everyone inside the city limits of Sturgeon.

❖ This is the FIRST increase in the tax rate for Sturgeon School Operations since 1979. That's 25 years.

To figure how much your tax increase will be for the \$0.68/\$100 Valuation; you just multiply what you paid in total property & personal taxes for 2003 by 11.2%

Local Support on Proposition 2:

- *The City Council unanimously passed a resolution February 22, 2004 supporting the "YES" vote on proposition 2.*
- *The Sturgeon Recreation Center Association unanimously voted in favor of supporting the "YES" vote on proposition during their meeting January 18, 2004.*
- *The Sturgeon Chamber of Commerce unanimously voted in favor of supporting the "YES" vote on Proposition 2 during their meeting Monday March 8, 2004.*

Sturgeon Chamber of Commerce:

The Sturgeon Chamber of Commerce is asking for your assistance with the continuation/extension of the "Sturgeon Missouri Then & Now" yearbook. The next yearbook will be covering Sturgeon History, events, and growth from 1981 to 2006.

If you have any pictures, articles or anything that has historical significance please submit them to the City Office.

You may submit in person, by mail or e-mail.

Please note that this information will NOT be returned, so we suggest that you submit copies.

Any and all information will be greatly appreciated!

City Wide Spring Clean-up:

Clean out your closets, garages, sheds, yards and attics... **Spring is just around the corner.** Both the city wide garage sale and Spring bulk pick up have been scheduled to take place in the month of May. Let's show our pride in our community by taking the time and initiative in cleaning up the clutter and proving to all that Sturgeon is a great place to grow!

****FYI ~ Nuisance Ordinances will be enforced! If you have questions please contact the city office.***

Up-Coming Events: mark your calendars

- **Easter Egg Hunt** ~ Saturday April 10, 2004
 - **For:** Pre K – 5th Grade
 - **Time:** 2:00 – 3:00 PM
 - **Where:** Sturgeon Recreation Center
- **City Wide Garage Sale** ~ Saturday May 1, 2004
 - Sign up at the city office. Deadline is April 23, 2004
 - Maps and listings will be available beginning April 26
- **Spring Bulk Pick-Up** ~ Tuesday, May 11, 2004
 - Appliance Stickers will be available at the city office
- **Demo Derby** ~ June 26, 2004
- **Antique Tractor Pull** ~ August 14, 2004
- **Annual Fall Festival** ~ September 9th – 12th

**For information regarding the Derby Demo, Antique Tractor Pull and Fall Festival call Zane Arends – (573) 687-3910*

Fairgrounds Board & Fall Festival Committee:

Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month. 7:00 P.M. at the Youth Center.

An upcoming reminder: April 6, 2004 – Make Your Voice Count

On the up-coming ballot:

- Alderman – Ward I (West) *Two-Year Term*
- Alderman – Ward II (East) *Two-Year Term*
- **Proposed Tax Levy - \$0.68**
- **School Board Positions (2)**

FYI: Odgen Street is the dividing line between the wards.

Police Department:

The police department was recently awarded \$2,166.26 from the Department of Public Safety for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. The department will use this money to purchase new lights for both patrol cars and a new radio for the 1995 patrol car.

This grant; from the HR 728 Local Government Law Enforcement Block Grant Act of 1995 as passed by the House of Representatives allows local governments to purchase equipment to help reduce crime and improve public safety.

The Police Department has been receiving numerous complaints about vicious dogs and dogs running at large.

If you own a dog of a “vicious” nature please call the city office and request a copy of Ordinance # 616, not only for your piece of mind but for the rest of the community.

Sturgeon Recreation Center:

From Johnny Robinson ~

The Sturgeon Recreation Center has purchased a new computer and a software program. This program designed specifically to keep track of members and payments will help tremendously with record keeping, which has been one of the biggest challenges since the SRC opened its doors July 1, 2001. This new system, once fully implemented will make the sign-in procedure simpler for both members and monitors. Payments may be made either at the SRC or the City Office.

We appreciate your cooperation during implementation of this system.

The day to day functions of the SRC are entirely operated by the volunteers (monitors). Weekly housekeeping is performed by a contracted provider.

The Recreation Center is considering expansion of the Aerobic Class's currently being offered. Angie Roberts is willing to conduct aerobic classes, possibly low impact and regular exercise class during the day as well as continuing with the evening classes on Tuesday's and Thursday's.

If you are interested in participating please indicate your choice on the sign up sheets at the Recreation Center.

The **Sturgeon Recreation Center Association voted unanimously to donate the proceeds from the 5th and 6th grade Basketball Tournament to the Sturgeon High School Athletic Department. The tournament brought in \$3000.00.*

Rental Rates:

Please call the city office if you are interested in reserving the Recreation Center. (573) 687-3321

- **Fridays & Holidays** - \$100.00
- **Saturday's** - \$150.00
- **Sunday's** - \$75.00 (Noon to 6:00 P.M.)
- **Deposit** - \$100.00

Membership Rates:

Payments may be made at the city office or the Recreation Center.

- Single/Monthly - \$10.00
- Single/Annual - \$75.00
- Family/Monthly - \$20.00
- Family/Annual - \$150.00
- Senior/Annual - \$25.00

Water Consumption ~ Did you know???

Following are approximate amounts of water needed for various activities:

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| • <i>Laundry</i> | <i>20-45 gallons per load</i> | • <i>Drinking Water</i> | <i>1-2 quarts per day per person</i> |
| • <i>Shower</i> | <i>20-30 gallons per shower</i> | • <i>Garbage disposal</i> | <i>5 gallons per minute used</i> |
| • <i>Tub Bath</i> | <i>30-40 gallons per bath</i> | • <i>Cooking</i> | <i>3-5 gallons</i> |
| • <i>Brushing Teeth</i> | <i>2-5 gallons a minutes</i> | • <i>Cleaning</i> | <i>3-5 gallons</i> |
| • <i>Dishwasher</i> | <i>15-30 gallons a load</i> | • <i>Car washing</i> | <i>10-30 gallons</i> |
| • <i>Washing Dishes/hand</i> | <i>8-20 gallons</i> | • <i>Lawn Sprinkling</i> | <i>400-1,000 gallons per hour</i> |
| • <i>Toilet</i> | <i>3.5 – 7 gallons per flush</i> | | |

Sturgeon Park & Tree Board:

From Bill Frazier -

The results of the Tree Inventory have arrived and are available to peruse at the city office. They give us some very good information that we can use to better manage our urban forest well into the future. The inventory counted 959 individual trees comprised of 53 species throughout the parks and streets with an ornamental value of \$2,372,800.

The reports show that we have a very good variety of trees and most are in good health.

The breakdown of the inventory follows:

- Street Trees, 39 species, 592 trees total
- City Park, 22 species, 142 trees total
- Fairgrounds Park, 13 species, 65 trees total
- Creek Park, 17 species, 159 trees total

If you are interested in your parks and the betterment of your community, there are three vacancies on the Park and Tree Board. Please contact the city office.

Youth Center:

Please call the city office if you are interested in reserving the Youth Center. (573) 687-3321

- \$100.00 **Deposit**
- \$50.00 – **Rent** (residents within Sturgeon School District)
- \$100.00 – **Rent** (non-residents)

City Council Schedule:

- March 22, 2004 ~ 7:00 P.M.
- April 26, 2004 ~ 7:00 P.M.
- May 24, 2004 ~ 7:00 P.M.
- June 28, 2004 ~ 7:00 P.M.

Holiday Office Closings:

- *Good Friday – April 9, 2004*
- *Memorial Day – May 31, 2004*

City Office Hours: (573) 687-3321

Monday ~ Thursday: 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Friday: 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Police Dept: (573) 687-3300

In case of an **Emergency – 911**

Commonly Called Numbers:

- **Post office** ~ (573) 687-3885
- **Galaxy Cable** ~ (800) 365-6988
- **Century-Tel** ~ (800) 201-4099
- **Ameren UE** ~ (800) 552-7583
- **Superior Trash** ~ (800) 778-7652

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