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GREAT CITY OF ST. CLAIR, MISSOURI

More People, More Shopping

St. Clair continues to grow, both in population and in services. The 2010 Census results show that we increased our population by 334 people since 2000. This is an increase of 7.6% and brings our total population to 4,724.

2011 has also produced a significant uptick in retail opportunities. Since late 2010, at least 9 firms have either significantly upgraded their facilities or (See "More Growth", Page 3)



SPRING Clean Up May 2nd through May 6th

This year's annual Spring Clean-up will be held during the week of May 2nd. From Monday May 2, 2011 through Friday May 6, the City will have dumpsters available for City residents to utilize to dispose of large items. This service will be

made available during the hours of 7:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. only. Please do not bring items to the site after these hours or on the weekend.

The dumpsters will be at the City Shed, 530 Park Ave.

As always, tires, batteries, paint, and chemicals will not be accepted. These items are considered hazardous.

The City is pleased to offer this community service and we encourage all of our residents to participate.

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Municipal Services:

- Large Item Trash Pick Up - IESI will pick up one large item free per month. Call 629-2400 prior to pickup date.
- Brush Site— Brush only may be dropped off behind the Street Maintenance Building at 510 Park Street across from the St. Clair Pool during normal business hours.
- Utility Bills— Due monthly on the 15th. Delinquent accounts will be disconnected on the 25th of the month



Mayor
Ron Blum

The Mayor's Desk

I would like to Thank You, St. Clair, for your vote of confidence in this administration. We are very excited about the many road projects and new development around I-44 coming to fruition in the near future. Next summer we should see "Dirt Turning" and that will truly be exciting for our Great City.

We have recently

seen an increase in our sales tax, that is AWESOME news for our community. Our local businesses invest in our Great City and this is a good sign that we support them. By supporting our local businesses we will generate much needed revenue for our Great City and in turn this will give us the ability to provide better services for our citizens.

This administration constantly looks for ways to better serve our citizens, using resources such as grants to fund projects and finding investors to invest in our Great City, all to improve the quality of life and reduce your tax burden. As always,

"WE'RE OPEN FOR BUSINESS".



Newly installed Park Board President Beth Lauer expects one of the best ever Freedom Fests for 2011.

Kicking off the celebration is the first annual Kiddies Parade, Fri

Freedom Fest 2011 — June 24th & 25th

day evening June 24.

The parade begins at 6:00 pm at the Downtown Gazebo, and is open to kids 12 and under. The route goes down Main to Park, and then to the swimming pool, where everyone can enjoy a free swim from 7—9 pm,

and free ice cream!

Saturday's activities start with the Freedom Run 5K at 8:00 am. Thirty or more vendors are expected in Orchard Park for a daylong series of events, games and activities for all ages.

Booth space is still

available at press time. Contact Terry Triphahn at 629-7059 to reserve space.

Freedom Fest 2011 is a presentation of the St. Clair Park Board, the City of St. Clair, and the St. Clair Area Chamber of Commerce.

Farmers Market 2011 Season — April 30 through October 29

The Route 66 Farmers Market will again provide local access to fresh produce and area crafts.



Special Events are being added this year to add to the Market

flavor. These will include a variety of music presentations, demonstrations of craft and other skills, and other activities designed to round out your shopping experience.

The Market will again be held on Commercial St., in front of Health Mart. Join us every Saturday from 7 AM—Noon.



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opened a new location.

The new Country Mart and new Save A Lot, along with the soon-to-open new Dollar General, jump to everyone's mind. But the new growth only begins there.

Certified Collision & Service Center, Esselte, Priced Right, Under Car Perfection, and Family Holistic Health Solutions have all opened new locations in St. Clair since late 2010, and others such as Main Dish have made significant upgrades to their sites.



We're Open for Business!



From left—Aldermen Tate & Marrocco, Mayor Blum, Aldermen McGlenn & Dierker

4-Year Mayoral Term backed by voters

On April 5th, 2011, St. Clair voters approved extending the term of Mayor beginning in 2013 to four years from the current two-year term.

Voters also re-elected Ron Blum as Mayor for his 3rd two-year term, and installed Barb McGlenn as a Ward 2 Alderman. Incumbent Ward 1 Alderman Connie Marrocco was re-elected as well, for her third term.

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The City hopes you have enjoyed this issue of The St. Clairian. The Board of Aldermen believes it is very important for all of our residents to be informed about current issues and upcoming events. If you would like certain subjects covered, please feel free to contact Rick Childers at 629-0333 x 101.

Capital Improvements Scheduled for 2011

Summer is nearly upon us, and with it comes the construction season. Cones, barrels, trucks and heavy equipment will once again create the temporary delays that come with continued progress.

The really major roadway projects are moving rapidly along, but are still in development for actual construction to begin in 2012. This includes some pretty significant changes to the I-44/MO47 interchange, the addition of turn lanes and a signal on MO30 at Bardot St., and a full upgrade of the entirety of

Springfield Rd.

But the annual street work will produce some much-needed improvements in a number of streets. Airport Rd. will kick off the season with a somewhat modified chip and seal recoating. Additional chip and seal projects will take place on Casey, Weatherford, Jean, Sherman, Well, Albany, Grant and Ferdinand.

Streets scheduled for full asphalt overlay this summer are: sections of Virginia, Crews Dr., Hibbard, St. Clair, Oak, West, Redbud, and Grandview.

Our street work schedule is of course subject to the impact of current events on the prices of oil and the various compounds we use, but we anticipate being able to fully complete the above lists this summer and fall.

We will also extend our sewer rehabilitation program with the addition of even more line jetting and repair, and follow up with an aggressive schedule to repair or replace leaking manholes, and re-line as much more sewer main as possible.