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GREAT CITY OF ST. CLAIR, MISSOURI

## City Comprehensive Plan Adopted

The St. Clair Planning and Zoning Commission recently passed a resolution adopting a new Comprehensive Plan entitled "Envision 20/20". The preparation of this plan for the City began over a year ago on July 30th. The City employed The Lang Gang based out of St. Peters as the planning consultant for the plan. Through the hard work of Dan Lang and the Comprehensive Plan Task Force comprised of approximately 20 community volunteers the plan was completed 2 months ahead of schedule.

The comprehensive plan is a plan designed by the members of the community for the community. As Dan Lang stated during

the September Planning and Zoning meeting, "This is an envision plan. A plan that sets a vision for the future of the community." The plan's 32 goals and 150 objectives to meet these goals, are divided amongst six key focus group topics. These topics include transportation, economic development, parks, aesthetics (community appearance), land use, and civic improvements. These goals and objectives were direct results of the information provided by the members of our community during three public participation meetings held throughout the process.

The new plan will soon be available for the public to review.



Thank You  
St. Clair!

## Capital Improvements Plan for 2010-2014

In July, the Board of Alderman adopted the City's 5-year Capital Improvements Plan for the City. This plan is updated annually in an attempt to manage public projects and purchases, budget permitting. The plan identifies

projects and purchases for the next five years; it updates the 10 year transportation resurfacing plan; it identifies the debt retirement schedule for 2010.

The City implemented this plan in 2008 for 2009-2013. This plan is a progressive continuation of the

original plan.

The plan will be utilized to guide the budget process for each fiscal year of the plan. The plan is available for your review on-line at [www.stclairmo.com](http://www.stclairmo.com).

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### Municipal Services:

- Large Item Trash Pick Up - IESI will pick up one large item free of additional charge to you once a month, if you call 629-2400 prior to that date.
- Brush Site— Brush and only brush may be dropped off in an area located behind the Street Maintenance Building on Park Street across from the St. Clair Pool.
- Utility Bills— are due monthly on the 15th of the month. Delinquent accounts will be disconnected on the 25th of the month



Mayor  
Ron Blum

### **The Mayor's Desk**

It has been a pleasure to serve the citizens and community of the Great City of St. Clair the past three years. As you read this edition of The St. Clairian, you

will realize the hard work of many in our community is starting to pay off. Our vision of a prosperous St. Clair is well within our reach. By 2012, we will see the begin-

ning of the progress we have all been looking for in our community. Keep up the good work and thank you!

Mayor Ron Blum

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### **Springfield to Receive Upgrades**

Springfield Avenue from Main Street to the City Limits will receive a face-lift in 2012. The City of St. Clair has received a Federal grant in the amount of \$735,000 through the East West Gateway Council on Government to complete this transportation improvement project.

The project is still in the preliminary stages, but the improvements will include sanitary sewer

line upgrades, water line upgrades, sidewalk, curbs, gutters, some storm sewer work, and the resurfacing of the roadway. The project will also include the planting of street trees to beautify the roadway and striping of the roadway.

The City is working with Cochran Engineering on the design of this project. Cochran successfully assisted the City in the

design and construction of the Main Street Improvements in 2008.

This project will greatly enhance one of the main roadways in St. Clair. This project is one more example of the City's increased efforts to utilize federal funds to assist the City with our local transportation projects.

### **Highway 30 at Bardot and High School Dr.**



**School Transportation Safety!**

The City, MODOT, Franklin County, and the RXIII School District are working together in a joint effort to make necessary improvements to the intersections of Highway 30 at Bardot and High School Drive. This project is also scheduled to kick off and be completed in 2012.

Franklin County has received federal dollars through the East West Gateway to complete this project. The local monies will be provided by a grant obtained by the RXIII School District and the City.

The City has also applied for grant funding through the County to assist with

the local match on behalf of both the City and the School District. The City expects to receive \$57,000 from Franklin County for this project.

This is a perfect example of multiple governmental agencies working together toward a common goal to complete a necessary project.

### 2009 Business of the Month Recipients

The public support for this program has been fantastic. Currently this year we have recognized nine businesses within St. Clair based solely on your nominations. The businesses are recognized on a first come first serve basis. The administration is still compiling a list. If you have nominated a business, thank you. If they have not been recognized to date, please be patient. They will be

recognized when they are next on the list. If you have not nominated a business and you would like to, please come by city hall, e-mail Jim Arndt at cityadmin@stclairmo.com, or call City Hall at 629-0333 (6). Your nomination will be added to the list.

The City is proud to announce the following businesses were recognized thus far in 2009:

January—Forever Photos

February—A.F.I.

March—Ranch House

April—Laser Pace Tech.

May—Root Diggin' Nation

June—Classic Florals

July—American Home Care

August—Dominos Pizza

September —Great Cuts



**Congrats!**

### TIF District Established

Through the hard work and dedication of multiple community organizations, Mayor Ron Blum and the Board of Alderman have accomplished an historic feat in St. Clair. They have legally established a Tax Increment Finance District commonly referred to as a TIF District within the great City of St. Clair.

The TIF District is com-

prised of 135 acres situated between Highway 47 and Interstate 44.

The City is in the process of seeking proposals and alternate proposals from developers to redeveloping this area to improve the future of St. Clair.

The City and other community organizations have been working on marketing and developing this area for the last few

years.

The progressive utilization of the TIF will enhance the ability of St. Clair to attract large retail establishments to meet the needs of our community.

The utilization of the TIF is a valuable tool that will enable the City to reach our awesome potential. We have the location and now we have the tools in place.

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### I-44 and Hwy 47 Improvements On Their Way

In 2012 the great City of St. Clair will undergo a major improvement to the Highway 47 and Interstate 44 interchange. The great City of St. Clair working together with MODOT will relocate the north service roads and signalize the intersection in an effort to promote safety as well as industrial and retail growth.

This project has been estimated at 5.4 million dollars. The City received 50% of this amount in grant funding from MODOT. The remainder of the City's share has been produced through property donations for the right of way from surrounding property owners and local funds. The City is in the process of

applying for approximately \$900,000 in financing through MODOT to spread out the costs of the project through a ten year period.

A newly constructed TDD has been established to pay off the debt over a ten year term.



**"WE'RE OPEN FOR BUSINESS!"**

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The City hopes you have enjoyed this issue of The St. Clairian. The Board of Alderman 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 Jim Arndt at 629-0333 (6).

**2009 Capital Improvement Projects Wrapping Up**

This year has been busy for the City of St. Clair. Thus far, we have completed the asphalt resurfacing of Park, East Grant, and Davis Street and the chip and seal resurfacing of Cottage, Bell, Crest, West, Maupin, Nashville, Kenny, Lay, Highway, and Maple. The Community Center Parking Lot was also resurfaced.

The City also completed our first poured in place sanitary sewer project within the history of our great City. This project was completed within budget and will assist the City in our efforts to prevent sanitary sewer backups and reduce the amount of groundwater inflow and infiltration created by the poor condition of the clay sanitary sewer mains. The City

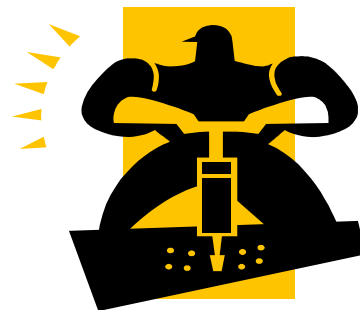
also relined seven sanitary sewer manholes along Highway PP in order to protect the integrity of the manholes and reduce the emission of the sanitary sewer odor within that area.

The City also took a progressive step forward with the boring and extension of a water line underneath Highway 47 at airport road. This project was accomplished to take city water to the proposed residential subdivision near the airport.

The City also completed the planned improvements to sanitary sewer overflow basin #2 located along Curtis Lane. This project began in February, but was justifiably delayed due to the wet weather we experienced this

spring and summer.

The Public Works Crews are now working on smaller public infrastructure improvement projects throughout the City.



**Under Construction  
Improvements Continue!**