

CAMDENTON NEWS AND VIEWS

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City of Camdenton, Missouri

February, 2015

MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

February

3	12:00 PM	**Storm Siren Testing
3	6:00 PM	*Board of Adjustment
3	7:00 PM	Board of Aldermen
5	9:00 AM	Municipal Court
10	5:30 PM	*Planning & Zoning
17	7:00 PM	Board of Aldermen
19	9:00 AM	Municipal Court
19	4:00 PM	Airport Board Mtg

March

3	12:00 PM	**Storm Siren Testing
3	6:00 PM	*Board of Adjustment
3	7:00 PM	Board of Alderman
5	9:00 AM	Municipal Court
10	5:30 PM	*Planning & Zoning
17	7:00 PM	Board of Aldermen
19	9:00 AM	Municipal Court

April

2	9:00 AM	Municipal Court
7	12:00 PM	**Storm Siren Testing
7	6:00 PM	*Board of Adjustment
7	7:00 PM	Board of Aldermen
14	5:30 PM	*Planning & Zoning
16	9:00 AM	Municipal Court
21	7:00 PM	Board of Aldermen

*Meeting dates are subject to change.

**Unless severe weather is imminent

Complete calendar is available online at:
www.camdentoncity.com



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From Mayor McNabb...

2015 is off to a busy start here in the City. One item you may be aware of is the name change for the City's airport. After considerable input from citizens we have adopted the name, CAMDENTON MEMORIAL-LAKE REGIONAL AIRPORT. It is my hope that this is a compromise that we can live with. It allows us to continue to remember our veterans while also indicating the growth of the airport.

I am pleased to announce that Fire Chief Drew Stark has returned to work after the unfortunate incident at the fire station. He is restricted in his duties but we are all so glad that he is recovering and is able to resume most of his duties.

February will bring the beginning of our work on the new comprehensive plan for the City. We are excited to begin to work with RDG Planning & Design on this important document which we hope will give direction to the City over the coming years. I would like to thank all those people who have agreed to give their time to serve on the many committees. I would also like to remind each citizen that we will be looking for your input as we move forward in this process. We will be hosting open house events and also will have opportunities for you to give your input through social media. Please keep an eye on the City website for more information.

We were recently approved through MODOT for two important sidewalk projects in the City. The first will extend the sidewalk on the south side of Highway 54 from the American Center all the way to Wal-Mart and will include 3 crosswalk sites – crossing Laker Pride Blvd, crossing Hwy 54 @ Laker Pride Blvd and crossing Cecil St @ Wal-Mart. The second project will connect all sidewalks on the north side of Highway 54 from the square to the overpass over Highway 5. This is a two year project and will be an important improvement to our sidewalk system.

We will begin construction on the resurfacing of the tennis courts this spring. A second project will also include some new fencing and landscape work at the courts. We are also working to improve fencing and lighting at all of the ball fields in the Park. Finally, I would like to thank Gary Braman and his group for their work at the Disc Golf Course. The final 3 holes have been completed and we now have a full 18 hole course.

We have also been working on new animal control ordinances. I would like to thank City Attorney Phil Morgan and all the other City employees who have contributed to this project. It has taken some time but I think the new ordinances are a step forward in animal control.

Finally, City council is moving forward on a raise in Water and Sewer rates. This increase is about 5.5 %. I know this may not be popular but it is necessary to keep up with costs. Our rates are still the lowest in the lake area.

As always, let me remind you that I am always happy to listen to your concerns and it is an honor to serve as Mayor of our City. The employees at the City are here to serve the public.

Thank you,

Mayor John McNabb

BULLETIN BOARD



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 16..... *President’s Day
- March 8..... Daylight Savings Time
- April 5..... Easter Sunday
- April 7..... Election Day
- April 16-18..... Dogwood Festival
- May 25..... *Memorial Day
- June 5 & 6..... City Wide Garage Sale
- June 8-9..... City Wide Residential Clean Up

**Indicates City Hall Closed*

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

Our most recent council actions and the complete City code are available on the City's web page. The newest ordinances are available after the council meeting in which they are passed. Just go to www.camdentoncity.com, click on "City Government", click on "New Ordinances", then click on the ordinance in which you are interested. For the complete City code, click on "City Government" then click on "Municipal Ordinances".

CITY OF CAMDENTON
437 W US HWY 54
CAMDENTON, MO 65020

MAYOR JOHN MCNABB

Ward I	Aldermen	Ward III
Gerry Rector	Ward II	Gary Shepherd
Dan Hagedorn	Sandy Gentry	Sandy Osborn
	Steve Eden	

City Administrator – J. Jeff Hancock
 City Clerk – Renee Kingston
 Police Chief – Laura Wright
 Fire Chief – Drew Stark

Public Works Director – Bill Jeffries
 Building Director – Dennis Croxton
 Parks Director/Assistant to the City Administrator – Larry Bennett
 City Attorney – Phil Morgan
 Municipal Judge – Gene Hilton

CAMDENTON MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Last Day to Register to Vote – March 11, 2015
Election Day – April 7, 2015

Mayor:	John McNabb*
Ward I Candidates:	Dan Hagedorn*
Ward II Candidates:	Steve Eden*
Ward III Candidates:	Rick Kraemer
	Sandy Osborn*

**Denotes incumbent candidate*

Welcome New Businesses!

- * *Jewell’s ETC*.....318 E US Hwy 54
- * *New Smoke Vapor Shop*.....10 Camden Court Unit 1C
- * *Aqueous Vapor LLC*..... 2 Camden Ct SE
- * *Mr. McCheezy*.....749 N Business Rt 5
- * *Fort Knox Alarm & Security*.....46 E US Hwy 54
- * *The Funky Buffalo*.....498 W US Hwy 54
- * *Colour Splash 5*.....51 McCrory Drive

For all your shopping needs

TRY CAMDENTON FIRST!

“The Drafting Table”

Thoughts from the Building Department

Gas appliances, such as water heaters and furnaces need plenty of air to operate safely. Otherwise they will produce excessive, deadly carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is odorless, colorless and toxic, which means you can’t see, taste or smell it. It causes headaches, dizziness, disorientation, nausea and fatigue. Carbon monoxide can kill, so be sure to maintain your fuel-gas appliances.

Safely Operate Your Gas-fired Appliances:

- 1) Schedule an annual appliance inspection, cleaning and tune-up by a qualified specialist.
- 2) Have vents and chimneys inspected by a qualified expert at least once a year.
- 3) Have a technician check the combustion air provisions for your appliances.
- 4) Store combustibles and flammables far away from fuel-gas appliances.

Building safety codes require specific venting sizes and combustion air provisions for gas appliances to ensure safe operation. Contact your local gas company (propane or natural gas) or building safety department for more information.

If you home has fuel-gas appliances, it is highly recommended that you purchase and install carbon monoxide detector(s).

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www.camdentoncity.com

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Police Dept: policedep@camdentoncity.com
Fire Dept: cfdmo@camdentoncity.com

Understanding Mental Illness

Missouri State Governor Nixon issued an initiative in 2014 to encourage law enforcement to improve their response to persons with mental illness. As Chief of Police, I evaluated the issue locally and found this was an area our department could improve on. We have had professionals in the mental health field speak to our officers. We learned a lot in 2014 and I wanted to share a few of the main points:

TALK ABOUT IT: There seems to be a taboo associated with mental illness and the first step is to open up and talk about it. We found many officers had dealt with someone in our community struggling with a mental illness and found it difficult to assist them. Do you know someone with a mental illness?

IT IS AN ILLNESS: We call it mental illness but many do not look at it that way. Ask yourself, Do I look at someone with Bi Polar condition differently than you do someone with a heart condition? Consider this: Both are a medical condition. Both can require help from a doctor. Both can require medication and treatment. Both may have times when it doesn't cause them much trouble and times when the symptoms flare up. Understanding this and changing the way we look at it is KEY to helping someone with a mental illness.

RECOGNIZE SIGNS & SYMPTOMS: As we began looking at the signs and symptoms of certain mental illnesses, we found that standard police practices are sometimes not the best approach. By learning about the illnesses, officers can recognize the cause and adjust their response to the situation.

WORK WITH COMMUNITY RESOURCES: We have improved our working relationship with local resources and the Mental Health Liaison for our area appointed by the governor. Working together, we hope to help persons with mental illness better access the services available to them.

EDUCATE YOURSELF: We would encourage citizens to be aware of mental health issues and educate yourself on the topic. Many young people with Autism are attracted to water but also don't readily recognize dangers like other people; this combination often results in drowning if the missing children are not located quickly. Sixty percent of persons with Alzheimer's will "wander" sometime as their disease progresses and if not located within 24 hours, half will suffer serious injury or death. It could be your family member, neighbor or friend that needs help in the future.

LOOKING FORWARD: Mental illness impacts our community and will increase over time. The population with Alzheimer's is expected to quadruple by 2050 to 16 million? We want to be prepared to respond appropriately to persons suffering with mental illness in order to make our community safer for everyone. We plan to continue our goal in 2015 to **Improve our Response to Persons with Mental Illness.**

City Wide Garage Sale and Residential Clean Up

The City of Camdenton is planning for the 5TH Annual City Wide Garage Sale. The event is tentatively planned for Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6, 2015 with the annual Residential Clean Up the following week on your regular trash pickup date.

If any resident wishes to participate in this event they simply need to call City Hall at 346-3600 and request that their address is added to the map which will be made available to the public. The City will be waiving the garage sale permit requirement for those days only.

This is a great way to pass on those "previously loved items" in addition to cleaning up the residential areas of our town. For this to be successful the City is counting on you, our citizens!

Additional information will be made available in the next newsletter in May and on the City website: www.camdentoncity.com.

~ Employment Opportunities ~

We are currently accepting applications for summer positions.

Positions available are: Assistant Pool Manager
Lifeguards
Seasonal Park Laborer
Airport Seasonal Laborer

Applications are available:

- ✓ Online at www.camdentoncity.com/ "I want to" and click on City Employment Application
- ✓ In person at 437 W US Hwy 54, Camdenton, Missouri

For more information contact City Hall at 346-3600.

National Police Week – May 11th – 17th



Officers go above and beyond to protect the citizens of our community every day. However, each year Officers continued to be killed or injured in the line of duty. In 2014, there were 118 Officers killed in the line of duty in the United States. To acknowledge the sacrifice of these fallen heroes, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation on October 1, 1962, designating the week containing May 15 as National Police Week to honor fallen Officers

Police Holidays/Events:

*President's Day – Offices Closed	February 16
*Occupant Protection Enforcement Day	February 20
*DWI Enforcement	March 14-17
*Youth Seat Belt Enforcement	March 15-31
*Occupant Protection Enforcement Day	April 14
* DWI Enforcement	May 1-12
*National Police Week	May 11-17
*National Peace Officers Memorial Day	May 15



LAKE OF THE OZARKS 65TH ANNUAL DOGWOOD FESTIVAL

April 16-18, 2015
“Catch A Wave”

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday, March 27th</u></p> <p>Miss Dogwood Pageant-7PM Camden High School*</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Saturday, March 28th</u></p> <p>Little Miss/Mr., Junior, Teen Contest 3 PM-Camden High School*</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Saturday, April 11th</u></p> <p>Dogwood Walk into Awareness 5-K – 7:30 AM – Linn Creek Baby Contest 3 PM – Camden Middle School Little Theater*</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday, April 16th</u></p> <p>Fine Art Display [begins 4/13] 9AM-4 PM – First National Bank* Senior [65+] King & Queen Contest, Noon – Quails Nest Motel* Lk Area Woodworker’s Display, 5:30 PM – Camden Co. Museum Carnival, 5-10 PM – Middle School Parking Lot, S. Bus. Hwy 5 <i>[\$20 Wrist Band from 5 – 9 PM]</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday Evening, April 17th</u></p> <p>Garage Sale, 7 AM-4 PM – St. Anthony Ch, N. Bus.Hwy 5* Garage Sale, 9 AM-5 PM – Our Savior Lutheran Ch., 422 E Hwy 54* Fine Art Display, 9 AM-4 PM – First National Bank* Lions Club Fish Fry – 4:00-7:00 PM – Middle School Commons Area Shoe Box Float Displays, 5:30 PM – Camden Co. Museum* Dinner Theater-5:30 PM; Melodrama-7 PM – Camden Co Museum Lk Area Woodworker’s Display, 5:30 PM – Camden Co Museum* DECA Craft Show, 5:30-8 PM – Middle School Gym* Food & Craft Booths 5:30 PM-9 PM- Middle School, S. Bus. Hwy 5* Education Foundation Elegant Evening, 6-8:30 PM – High School Live Entertainment 6:30-9:00 PM – Middle School Parking Lot* Carnival, 5-10 PM – Middle School Parking Lot, S. Bus. Hwy 5 <i>[\$20 Wrist Band from 5 –9 PM]</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Saturday, April 18th</u></p> <p>Pancake Brkfst, 6:30-9:30 AM – United Methodist Ch. W. Hwy 54 Fine Art Display, 9 AM – 4 PM – First National Bank* Garage Sale, 8 AM-Noon– Our Saviors Lutheran Ch, E. Hwy 54* Garage Sale, 7 AM-1 PM – St. Anthony Church, N. Bus. Hwy 5* DECA Craft Show, 9 AM-4 PM – Middle School Gym* Food and Crafts, 10 AM-6 PM – Middle School Parking Lot* Dogwood Festival Parade, 10 AM – Downtown Camden* High School Fine Art Gallery [K-12] 12:00 – 3:00 PM – High School* Young Eagles Flights Noon-3:30 PM Camden Airport, S. Bus.Hwy 5* Dog Contest [cutest, ugliest, etc.], 3 PM -Middle School Pk Lot* Live Entertainment, Noon – 6:30 PM – Middle School Parking Lot * Dinner Theater 5:30 PM – Melodrama 7 PM – Camden Co Museum Shoe Box Float Displays 5:30 PM – Camden Co. Museum* Lk Area Woodworker’s Display 10 AM-5:30 PM – Camden Co Museum* Carnival, 10 AM-10 PM – Middle School Parking Lot, S. Bus. Hwy 5 <i>[\$20 Wrist Band from 5 –9 PM]</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">For further information, call the <i>Camden Area Chamber of Commerce at 573-346-2227.</i> www.camdentonchamber.com/dogwood-festival.asp</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">*Free Admission Schedule subject to change</p>

With colder weather in February & March, you may find yourself indoors more than usual. You may find yourself surfing the web to pass the time on a blistery winter day. With on-going advances in technology (cell phones, tablets, etc), you can pretty much be online anywhere! With easy internet access comes many dangers, especially for children. Here are just a few internet safety suggestions:

- **Guidelines** - Set guidelines for computer use and/or cell phone use. Limit the amount of time spent online or the number of text messages they are allowed each month.
- **Monitor** - Place the computer somewhere you can monitor your child’s online activity, such as a family room. If they know you are watching they are less likely to look at inappropriate material.
- **Communicate** - Communication with your child is vital. Talk with them about cyber bullying, strangers and sexting. They are more likely to report instances to you if they feel they can talk with you openly.
- **NEVER Give Out Personal Information** - Explain to your children they should **NEVER** give out personal information such as their address or phone number online. Predator’s look for status updates on social media sites that say “I’m home alone for the evening” or “I’m going out for the night” to plan their vicious attacks (such as burglary, rape, kidnapping, etc). The less personal information you reveal online, the better protected you are!
- **Stranger Danger** – Many people think of stranger danger as meeting a person face-to-face, but with easy access to the internet your children need to be aware that “stranger danger” applies online as well. If they don’t personally know the person then they should not add them as a friend on social media sites!

Visit <http://www.netSMART.org> for more internet safety tips



CITY OF CAMDENTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN NEWSLETTER #1

MANY FORCES ARE HELPING TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF CAMDENTON: YOU CAN HELP!

The City of Camdenton has recently undertaken the task of updating its comprehensive plan to address changes in the community since the last plan was developed in 1987. The purpose of the plan is to examine all factors: quality of life, economic development and infrastructure to unite the community around a vision for Camdenton. Where do we want our community to be in the next 20 years?

A good community planning process gives community members the chance to look at their city carefully and collaboratively, arriving at a shared concept of its future. It provides a way for people to identify and act on those things that are most important to their city's growth and prosperity. And it establishes an environment in which people of different generations, perspectives, and backgrounds work together for their common benefit.

DESIRED OUTCOMES OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

To develop a cohesive Comprehensive Plan that will be the foundation for decisions on land use, development and infrastructure investment, the following outcomes will need to occur:

- Coordinate the Comprehensive Plan with other community planning efforts, such as the airport planning.
- Consider and incorporate input received so far on the potential for a community center.
- Develop a plan that includes elements related to land use, transportation, public facilities, public utilities and services, economic development, neighborhoods and housing, historic preservation, growth and annexation, parks, recreation, community center and open space, and a comprehensive downtown plan and/or direction.
- Define a future vision, land use, and preliminary revised zoning and subdivision ordinances revisions to implement the plan.
- Provide a specific implementation plan which identifies actions and steps to be carried out to apply the Camdenton Comprehensive Plan.



Photo courtesy of J. Stephen Conn

WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

Planning is the ability and the will to take a step-back, evaluate the existing, and then develop a strategic guide for what Camdenton wants to become in 15-25 years. A comprehensive plan is the process of establishing a collective vision for the future and then outlining a path to get there.

Imagine Camdenton 20 years from now... What will it be like? How did it fulfill its potential and overcome its challenges? How has the community evolved and how do younger generations feel about the place they live?

STEERING COMMITTEE

The comprehensive planning effort is being guided by a Steering Committee that will be the heart of the process. This group, representing a broad range of interests and perspectives, will meet on a regular basis throughout the planning process. From this large group, a smaller technical committee will also meet to provide more specific information about downtown elements and planning features.



Photos courtesy of J. Stephen Conn

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community visioning can only succeed if citizens work together, so we need your input. Over the next few months there will be several opportunities for the citizens and business owners of Camdenton to get engaged in the planning process and provide input.

Once the planning process officially kicks off in February, there will be several ways to get involved:

- Visit the plan website at www.rdgusa.com/camdentonplan to keep up-to-date on the project's progress.
- **Take a survey!** In February, a survey will be posted online for citizens and business owners to take. Visit the website above for a link to the survey.
- **Get artsy!** Draw a picture of what you'd like Camdenton to look like in 20 years. Or take pictures around town of things that you like or don't like about the City. Mail or email the drawing to Renee (see contact information on right). Your artwork may be included in our plan!
- **Come and participate in the public meetings!** There will be several opportunities for public input through the attendance of public meetings. Currently public meetings are scheduled for March, April, July, and January 2016.

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GENERAL SCHEDULE

