



CITY OF WAYNESVILLE

601 Historic Route 66 West, Waynesville, MO 65583

JANUARY 2014



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Farmer's Market Winter Season,
Saturday mornings in the County
Parking Lot on the Square

Filing for Municipal office ends
January 21, 5:00 pm



BELL BLUFF NATIVITY SCENE GETS NEW LIFE

In the 1950's the Lions' Club built a nativity scene and Judge Bell allowed it on his property, overlooking downtown Waynesville. In the 1960's the original wooden scene was replaced with an aluminum display, enhanced by steel supports. Over the years, the land has changed hands, but the Bollinger/Espinoza family has kept the annual tradition alive. The Nativity Scene is lit at the annual Christmas on the Square event.

The past few years the scene had fallen into disrepair and Patti Espinoza, today's host of the scene, was concerned about its survival. After many requests for help, the Rosipal family was contacted and JoAnn and John have led the charge. With the artistic help of Janet Rozmiarek and technical help from the Shrine Club, the scene was installed prior to the annual Lions' Club Christmas Parade. Bales Construction sponsored the supplies and a community betterment project was completed; a community tradition kept alive by community volunteers. The volunteers were given "Good Citizen" awards at the December City Council meeting.



COUNCIL CONTACTS

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Dr. Jerry Brown 774-2040 Diana Stanford 774-2216	Ward 1
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Ed Conley 774-2890 Jim Mathews 774-2757	Ward 3
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PULASKI COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY REMEMBERS

The Pulaski County Museum and Historical Society (PCMHS) was organized in 1969 to preserve the history of our county. Mabel Mottaz was elected president of the Society, along with other officers, George W. Lane, Barney Brown, Nellie Wills, Warren Pritchett and Clara Ichord. The Society operates the museum located in the 1903 Pulaski County Courthouse, which is one of three original courthouses located on Historic Route 66. The Museum opens for the season on the first Saturday in April and runs through the last Saturday in September. Group tours are available year round, by appointment.

In 1982 the first volume of "History Pulaski County Missouri" was published. Volume II followed in 1987 and a third in 2005. These books and other resources are available for purchase at the Museum and online at <http://oldpulaskicountycourthousemuseum.webs.com>. The PCMHS meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Historical Society Building at 415 Historic Rt. 66 in Waynesville. The POC is current President Denise Seevers at 573-855-3644 or pulaskicomo@hotmail.com. (Photo by Anita Dietz.)



"A different world cannot be built by indifferent people." Peter Marshall



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Important Numbers

- City Hall
774-6171
- Police Department (Admin)
774-2414
- Emergencies 911
- Fire Department
774-2479
- Utility Office
774-5217 and
- Emergency After Hours
774-6341
- Airport
329-4216
- Building Department
774-6009
- Municipal Court
774-6158
- Animal Shelter
774-6509

CITY COUNCIL NOTES

- *honored "Good Citizens" for repair and repainting of the Nativity Scene: Janet Rozmiarek, JoAnn Rosipal, John Rosipal, Patti Espinoza, Pulaski County Shrine Club and Bales Construction
- *adopted a \$17.3 budget for 2014, with many infrastructure projects included
- *passed the third electric increase for purchase of electricity
- *approved refinancing our Natural Gas Bonds to take advantage of lower interest rates
- *approved the probationary period be changed to 12 months from 6 months for our police officers
- *passed a resolution supporting a citizen board for hiring of police officers

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- *passed an agreement between the City and 911 for dispatching services
- *passed several necessary ordinances concerning grant projects at the airport
- *passed an ordinance allowing video-conferencing for Council business when needed
- *appointed Councilman Ed Conley to the Pulaski County Growth Alliance Board
- ****GROUNDBREAKING POSTPONED** for Phelps County Regional Medical Clinic, but construction has begun.



WAYNESVILLE TO BE SITE OF NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The National Speleological Society has announced the selection of Waynesville and Pulaski County for its 2015 National Conference. The "cavers" will arrive in July.

With the leadership of the Pulaski County Tourism Bureau, the NSS has partnered with the Waynesville Schools and the Shrine Club to offer seminar space and camping space for the event. The conference is expected to bring 1500-2000 guests to the City, County and Community. Welcome!



THIRD ELECTRIC INCREASE

In 2011, the City lost our electric supplier and in searching for a new one, we selected the lowest increases and joined a consortium of cities, called MoPEP. We received an increase of 37%. The Council decided at that time to phase in this increase over four years, instead of giving a huge increase to our citizens at one time. Over a three year period, we have instituted an 8% and a 4% increase. This April, we will institute an 8% hike in electric rates. We are hopeful we can avoid the 4th increase, but will know more later.

CITY'S RATING UPGRADED

The City's S & P rating was recently upgraded from an A- to an A. This is a wonderful achievement for the City.

AROUND TOWN

Christmas on the Square was hit with a winter storm that created a Winter Wonderland.



The annual Lions' Club Christmas Parade was a hit. Tim Berrier led the parade as Grand Marshal.



KNOW YOUR STAFF

Rita Bomar serves as the Accounts Payable Clerk for the City. She began working with the City in July of 2013. A native of Jefferson City, Rita moved to Crocker in 1991.

Rita has a daughter, Heather, who is attending nursing school in Springfield. She enjoys watching her daughter play fast pitch softball and enjoys traveling. She also loves to float the Ozark rivers and checking out amusement parks. Rita brings a smile to City Hall.

