

Message from Mayor Hatfield



While the last several months have been consumed by a pandemic, an economic downturn and racial unrest that has affected our community and the nation, there are also signs of hope, resilience, and success in Frontenac.

Since assuming office a year ago, I thought it an important time to share some good work that has been done for the people of Frontenac by the staff and elected officials you have trusted to represent you, and to look forward to the next year.

Our focus for the upcoming fiscal year will be to continue to promote responsible development, ensure exemplary services, and represent you with transparency and responsiveness.

We made many updates to the communication plan, including this hard copy newsletter, the E-News, updates to the website with copies of minutes and descriptions of Boards, commissions and members, and updates to the processes for public notices. Communicating effectively is an ongoing opportunity. We will continue to listen to residents and businesses and make changes to improve transparency, responsiveness, and the relevance of communications to meet the varied needs of the residents and businesses the City serves.

With input from the community, we completed the development of a comprehensive City Strategic Plan, which is the road map the City will use to deliver its mission and achieve its vision. Many people worked on revised mission and vision statements, City values, and five strategic priorities that were defined and unanimously approved by the Board of Aldermen. The next step is to refine action plans, establish routine measures, and report progress toward achievement of the strategic priorities. The Strategic Plan can be viewed on the city's website at www.cityoffrontenac.org/strategicplan. Look to future E-News and newsletters with updates on our progress.

As many know, the City reached a settlement with St. Louis County Library (Library) concerning their proposed development at the intersection of Clayton and Spoede. There were two distinct issues in this case that forced the City into legal action. First, the library refused to meet with City officials and engage in meaningful conversation regarding concerns with the building and public safety issues. Second, the St. Louis County Library took the position that they are legally exempt from the same codes and ordinances that other builders and residents must follow. Unfortunately, under the law, no governmental body has oversight of the library, so the court system was our only avenue to represent our citizen's and the City's concerns.

The settlement includes no public use of this site, a reduction in the size of the proposed building, no left turns out of the site or use of Clayton Road

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City Takes Steps to Address Unpredictable Tax Revenues

Frontenac's Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 ended June 30, 2020. While we won't have final results (including revenue data for May and June) until later in 2020, we project that the City will have a \$322,000 net deficit for this year. As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic forced the closure of our retailers and restaurants for most of the period March through June of this year and delayed the opening of other businesses, which created a sharp reduction in sales tax and other related revenues. The pandemic's financial impact highlights the risk to cities like Frontenac that rely heavily on retail sales tax and related revenue. Retail sales taxes and related other revenue are currently and have been about half of the City's total revenues, with Plaza Frontenac accounting for 78% of the retail tax revenue.

Starting in March 2020, city officials took a number of steps to reduce and control expenditures to help counter this substantial loss of revenue in FY 2019-20. Those steps included: cutting travel, conferences, and training; and postponing significant purchases such as police vehicle replacements and the update of the City's comprehensive land-use plan and associated ordinances. The City also continues to evaluate opportunities to improve efficiencies and reduce expenses through consolidation and other opportunities.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 BUDGET

Revenues

We anticipate the COVID-19 pandemic will continue to impact and suppress non-essential retail and restaurant traffic, with a slow recovery through the summer and at least into the fall and possibly into 2021. The Ways and Means Committee projects that retail sales taxes for FY 2020-21 will be down 25% from those in the FY 2019-20 budget. In addition, we anticipate that the business license fees, many of which are dependent on retail sales, and investment

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within Frontenac's boundaries by bookmobiles and other commercial traffic, a requirement to follow building codes, and added screening with an enhanced landscape plan and tree preservation (replacement) plan to screen the building. The City and the library have dismissed remaining legal action, with completion of a consent decree in the Circuit Court. The library is in the process of building code review. To help assure a review process without a conflict of interest, the International Code Council (ICC) was contracted by the City to complete this.

While the COVID-19 pandemic is not over, many businesses in Frontenac and the surrounding communities continue to navigate through the re-opening phases. Fortunately, as I'm writing this, the St. Louis Pandemic Taskforce continues to report good news, with a declining 7-day average number of hospitalizations in the county. To help keep the numbers trending in the right direction, please wear a mask, practice social distancing and wash your hands often. Also, with families spending more time at home, please try to be especially aware of nuisance noise this summer, and avoid mowing and blowing and other activities that could be perceived as nuisance levels of noise for your neighbors during dinner hours on weekend evenings. The City has received complaints that we are hopeful can be resolved with increased awareness.

Something you may not know is how the COVID pandemic impacts Frontenac's ability to collect sales taxes, which are the City's primary source of revenue. Although online sales appear to be robust during the pandemic, Frontenac, like other municipalities, cannot collect sales taxes from out-of-state online purchases at this time. Frontenac is dependent on sales tax revenues for about 50% of its revenue. The vast majority of this comes from sales at Plaza Frontenac, which was closed from mid March into June, and will remain impacted for an unknown duration.

Fortunately, the City of Frontenac has a history of good financial stewardship, including establishing financial reserves on which the City can rely during events such as this pandemic. While no one can predict the future with absolute certainty, we are relying on information from experts, including the State of MO and the St. Louis Pandemic Taskforce, for planning and ensuring Frontenac's fiscal health both now and well into the future. Short-term actions, including postponing the replacement of a 10-year old ambulance and a salary freeze have been enacted. Long-term planning including steps to address over dependence on sales tax revenue, are in process to ensure Frontenac's fiscal integrity. With these changes, we anticipate

that significant revenue from the financial reserves will still be needed to cover expenses and maintain services in the coming year. There is more information about this in the update from Ways & Means.

Since the protests started across the country, there have been questions about police policies and anti-racism initiatives in Frontenac and other communities. Let me be clear that racism has no place in the City of Frontenac, particularly among people who represent or work for the City. Community input is an essential part of our commitment to fair and equitable treatment.

We are proud to say that Frontenac's police policies and procedures address the eight questions raised by Campaign Zero's "8cantwait" movement. Additionally, the Frontenac Police Department is in compliance with Missouri Police Chiefs Association Accreditation standards.

We are committed to a court system where parties experience a fair system managed in a timely and impartial manner. Police, Fire/EMS, and other staff also maintain compliance with accreditation standards, a code of conduct, and annual continuing education related to racism and interpersonal perspectives. Frontenac is committed to continuously assessing for and then addressing behaviors and systems identified that promote inequitable treatment.

I want to say a special thanks to our Police and Fire Chiefs and the City staff for the time, effort, and energy that went into collaborating with residents and surrounding communities to assure public safety during the student-led protest that marched through Frontenac recently. Our top priority was to ensure public safety, and there were no incidents or medical issues reported. This reflects the excellent skills and ability of our police to communicate and collaborate with others to achieve superior results. Thank you!

I want to thank all of the residents who have donated their time and talents to City committees, commissions, and boards over the last year. Active participation of residents in our City's work, in addition to open communications, helps to assure transparency and accountability. If you have an interest in joining a committee, commission, or board, please let us know.

Stay healthy, be safe, and stay tuned for information about the fall festival!

Sincerely,

Kate

Communities of Excellence 2026

Communities of Excellence 2026 was initiated in 2018 with just two communities, one is San Diego and one in Northwest MO. This initiative has grown to a national collaborative effort, with communities representing a cross-section of rural, suburban, and urban communities throughout the country working together with an ultimate goal of improving the overall health status, educational attainment and economic vitality of communities for residents. Frontenac has joined a recently initiated team in St. Louis County, with an initial focus on the impact of the pandemic on the

community and moving the work of the Ferguson Commission forward. Communities of Excellence 2026 is organized around the national Malcolm Baldrige framework, to help strengthen communities by working together in a positive and engaging learning environment to find and implement solutions to grand challenges we all face. To learn more about the national Malcolm Baldrige program go to www.NIST.gov/Baldrige. For more details about the Communities of Excellence 2026 St. Louis County go to: <https://communitiesofexcellence2026.org/what-we-do/learning-collaborative/communities/st-louis-county-missouri.html>

Frontenac Fire Department ISO Rating in Top 4% of Country

What is ISO and why should I care? The Insurance Services Office (ISO) is an independent company that rates every community in the United States for fire & emergency readiness. The ISO rating is then used to determine the insurance rates for the community that the fire department is responsible for. The fire department is the holder of this rating, and by lowering their ISO ratings every fire department can in turn lower the cost of property insurance for their community.

The following components of the ISO rating are all indicators as to whether the community they are evaluating is in a progressive or recessive mode:

- Water supply,
- Communications,
- Fire service personnel and training,
- Age and condition of apparatus,
- Automatic and mutual aid agreements, and
- Community risk reduction, etc.

ISO conducts evaluations of selected features of Fire Prevention Enforcement, Fire Investigations, Public Fire Safety Education, and Construction Code Enforcement.

The rating reflects the community's emergency communications capabilities, including 911 telephone systems, adequacy of telephone lines, operator supervision and staffing, and dispatching

systems. The rating also reflects the quality of the fire department, including adequacy of equipment, sufficiency of staffing, level of training and the geographic distribution of fire companies. Evaluation of the water supply is an essential component of the ISO rating. This evaluation looks at the condition and maintenance of hydrants, existence of alternative water sources, and the amount of available water, both in terms of volume and pressure, compared with the amount needed to suppress fires.

Essentially, the fire service exists not only to respond to emergency incidents, but also to proactively prevent or mitigate the impact of such incidents within their communities. Community Risk Reduction (CRR) provides a more focused approach to reducing specific risks. In addition, a comprehensive CRR program involving community partners, firefighters, and other staff, can result in an organizational culture that recognizes the importance of reducing risks within a community.

Fire departments are rated on a scale of 1 through 10 with 1 being the best and 10 having little or no protection. **The City is proud to announce that ISO awarded the Frontenac Fire Department a Class 2 rating, a significant improvement from the previous Class 4 rating.** This is exciting news for property owners, as the improvement could translate into lower insurance rates for residences and businesses. This places Frontenac Fire Department into the top 4% in the nation. The achievement is a direct reflection of the service and dedication of our Fire Department, and the excellent work they do to protect the City of Frontenac.

Attracting and Retaining First Responders

The City's primary purpose is to provide police, fire, and emergency medical services (EMS). Like other cities, Frontenac allocates the majority (87%) of its General Fund budget to personnel. Police, Fire, and EMS personnel make up 79% of the City's total personnel expenditures. In 2019, employee pay was increased to near the median among comparable municipalities. Over the years, Frontenac, like other cities, has cut or reduced General Fund expenditures by outsourcing certain positions where appropriate and reducing certain benefits, largely as a result of changes in the economy. In Frontenac, unlike other Cities, a staff reduction was not imposed during the current pandemic. However, delays in purchasing equipment, the salary freeze, and other steps to reduce costs have been imposed. Not maintaining competitive pay and benefits negatively impacts Frontenac's ability to attract and retain the best-experienced staff.

It has been particularly challenging in recent years to attract and retain firefighters and paramedics, which creates challenges in Frontenac now and in the future. In the next three years, the Fire Department anticipates the retirement of up to six senior members, including the Fire Chief and all three Captains, making staff retention for succession planning more critical than ever.

Since the beginning of 2018, Frontenac's 20-member fire department has lost nine firefighters (who are also paramedics) related mostly to pay and benefits, to neighboring fire districts and departments. When turnover is high, effects such as increased costs associated with recruiting, selecting, and training replacements can be measured. What is more difficult to assess and address are effects such as declines in achieving goals for response times, save rates (lives saved), and efficiency, that translate into poor outcomes and decreased satisfaction for those needing emergency services.

Decreasing reliance on sales tax revenue is one way to increase the stability of wages and benefits, improve the ability to provide staff with necessary state-of-the-art personal protective and other equipment, and to assure residents of the best trained, highest quality police, fire and paramedic services from a team that is also highly efficient.



Salute to Korean War Veterans

Frontenac and neighboring fire departments visited with eight Korean War veterans living throughout St. Louis County on Sunday, May 24, to salute them for their service, including Mr. Seymour Krout of Marvilla Lane in Frontenac. Unfortunately, the honor flights for these veteran were canceled due to the pandemic. Patriot guard and members of the fire and police departments of Frontenac and neighboring departments conducted the salute. Several neighbors on Marvilla also came out in show of their support and appreciation of Mr. Krout's service in the Korean War.

income will be down. These estimates are consistent with projections we had at the time the budget was approved from the state, institutional financial advisors, and other municipalities.

Expenditures

In the FY 2020-21 budget, the City will continue to reduce and control expenditures as described above. In addition, the City froze all employee salaries and postponed the replacement of its 10-year old ambulance and two police vehicles, originally scheduled for replacement in FY 2020-21.

Fund Balance

Although we will continue to aggressively control costs and capital expenditures, a revenue decline of this magnitude means the budget for FY 2020-21 will have a deficit of \$1,112,000. The good news is Frontenac has built a healthy total General Fund and Capital Fund balance (Fund Balance) at FY 2019-20 year-end, amounting to \$6,737,000. The planned fund balance at FY 2020-21 year-end (next June) will be \$5,625,000.

To the question of how large the fund balance should be going forward; the Ways and Means Committee confirmed a minimum unrestricted fund balance reserve level, the goal of which is to

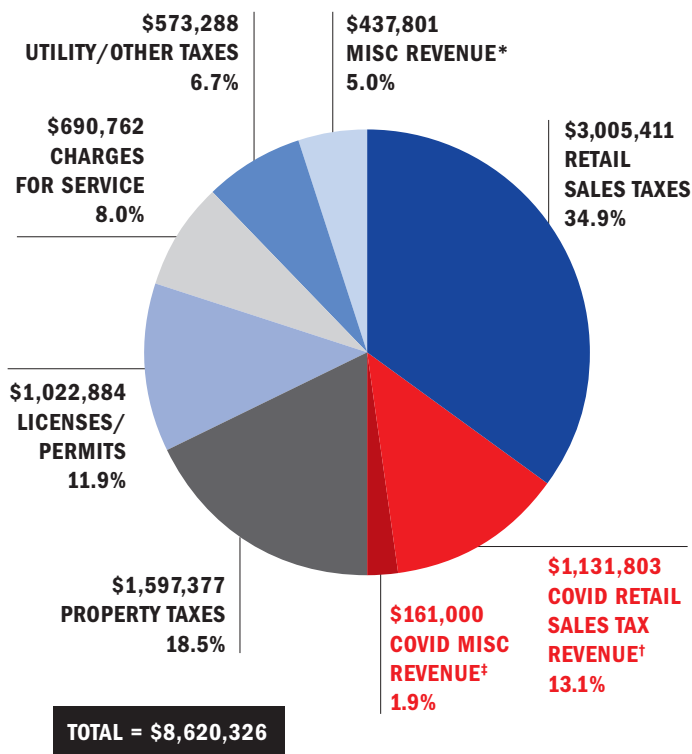
continue prudent long-term stewardship to ensure a stable tax rate, adequate funds to protect city service levels while mitigating revenue risks or unanticipated costs. After reviewing Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recommendations, the Ways and Means Committee confirmed the goal for the Adjusted Fund Balance (which is the Fund Balance minus two years of debt service) to be above 50% of the total General Fund and Capital Fund operating expenditures. The Adjusted Fund Balance in June 2020 is estimated to be 76% of annual expenditures and is budgeted to be 58% by the end of FY 2020-21.

Adjusted FY 2020-21 Revenue and Expenditures

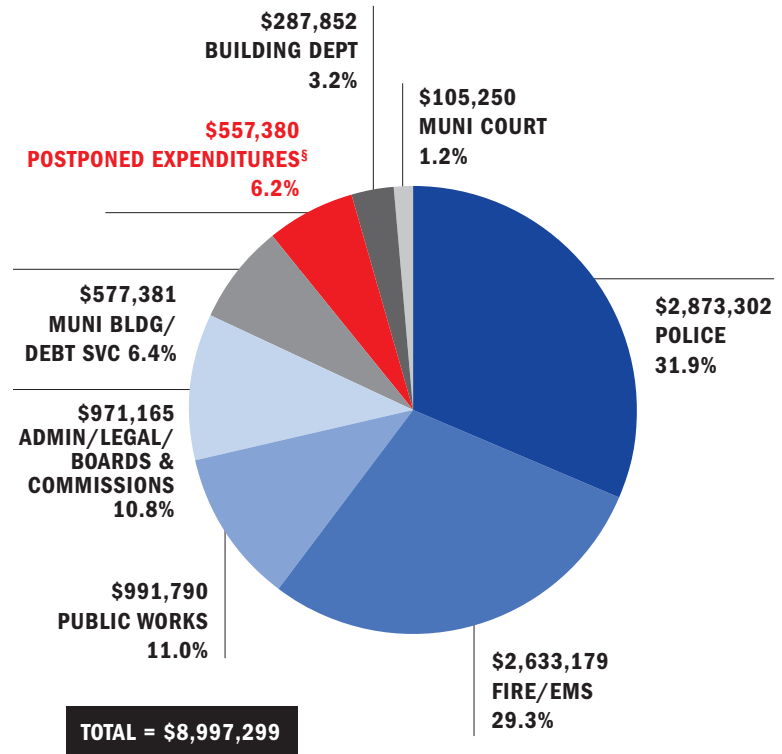
The tables and charts below illustrate the impact of the “reduced” revenue and postponed expenditures for FY 2020-21 due to the impact of the COVID pandemic.

Without the COVID pandemic, retail sales tax and miscellaneous revenue tied to retail sales tax revenue for FY 2020-21 would have been about 50% of the City’s budgeted revenue. This varies with the amount of revenue received from payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT). However, given the impact of the current pandemic, city retail sales tax revenue is estimated to be down 25%. The total negative impact

General/Capital Adjusted Revenue Budget 20-21



General/Capital Expense Budget 20-21



* Misc Revenue is miscellaneous revenue, such as grant revenue and interest income

† COVID Retail Sales Tax Revenue is showing the negative impact of COVID on anticipated sales tax revenue

‡ COVID Misc Revenue is showing the negative impact of COVID on interest income and business license fees

§ Postponed expenditures includes expenses cut from the budget and delayed capital purchases

of COVID on City revenue is estimated to be about 15% of all sources of revenue the City receives.

The vast majority of the City's expenditures fund public services, with 87% of the General Fund expenditures going to personnel costs, including police and fire/EMS. The Ways and Means Committee was able to cut only 6.2% of the expenditures for FY 2020-21 without cutting city jobs. All other expenditures are vital for the City to maintain its high-quality services, including public safety efforts.

If the revenue and expenditures for FY 2020-21 had been as shown in these tables and charts, there would have been an expected fiscal year deficit of \$376,973, of which \$315,000 was for the new ambulance. The "postponed" expenditures include expenses cut, such as the salary freeze, and expenses postponed, such as the ambulance, police vehicles, and expenses that would have been partially or entirely funded with money previously set aside in the Fund Balance.

Budget Review

The uncertainty of the pandemic and its impact on virtually every part of life right now creates a serious challenge to financial planning today and for at least the next several months. Right now, we anticipate the FY 2020-21 retail sales tax will be 25% lower than FY 2019-20 budget estimates. The Ways and Means Committee reviews the City's actual financial results monthly and will revisit the budget in detail in the second quarter of FY 2020-21 to see how actual experience compares to those estimates.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION GOING FORWARD

Revenue Recovery Efforts

We will continue to attack costs creatively and generate revenue through analytics and process re-engineering. An example of this work is efforts to ensure the City is receiving all of the tax and fee revenue it is due. The City has retained a vendor who specializes in revenue recovery from utility providers, such as electric, gas, cable, and telecommunications. The vendor uses proprietary software and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) from St. Louis County to locate addresses within the City that should be generating revenue. The street addresses are compared to the utility provider's records. Any potential bill coding errors may result in additional revenue to the City, as has been the case with many other cities. In addition, there may be additional revenue recaptured historically for several years as a one-time event. The vendor works on a contingency-fee-basis, so there is no out-of-pocket cost to the City.

Consolidating Services with Other Cities

The City will continue to look at structural ways to reduce costs by means such as consolidating services with other cities, as we did with our IT services this year to improve the quality and provide a greater scope of service without incurring additional expenses. As indicated in the February 2020 newsletter, the City is exploring the possibility of consolidating municipal court services with neighboring cities. Previous proposals related to outsourcing or partnering with other cities for building inspections, fire, and EMS were reviewed and not recommended.

Expenditure Postponements

Most of the reductions in expenditures the City implemented for FYs 2019-20 and 2020-21 are not sustainable in the long term. For example, postponement of capital expenditures, such as police vehicles and ambulance replacement can cost more in the long term

because of maintenance and out-of-service costs. In addition, there may be harm to the quality of service delivery when using vehicles past their useful length of service.

The City froze all salaries, effective July 1, 2020. Making long-term and meaningful reductions in operating expenditures require reducing or freezing salaries and benefits or eliminating personnel. However, this negatively impacts the ability to attract and retain the best employees, which is key to providing high-quality services to the community. Retaining younger members of the Fire Department is particularly important for succession planning as the Fire Department anticipates losing up to six senior members to retirement, including the Fire Chief and all three Captains, in the next three years.

Broadening the Revenue Base

As part of its recently completed Strategic Plan, the City will focus on broadening its revenue base and establishing new activities to support existing commercial businesses and attract new businesses within Frontenac's high-end retail areas.

The Ways and Means Committee will continue to review and discuss ways to improve the diversity and stability of the City's revenue sources. About 50% of the City's total revenue, historically, has come from retail sales tax and related other revenue. Frontenac does not have grocery stores, pharmacies, or other essential businesses, and its retail sales taxes are very skewed to high-end retail, whose sales taxes can be more volatile, as we have seen in the last few months. Utility, property, and use taxes tend to be less volatile than retail sales taxes.

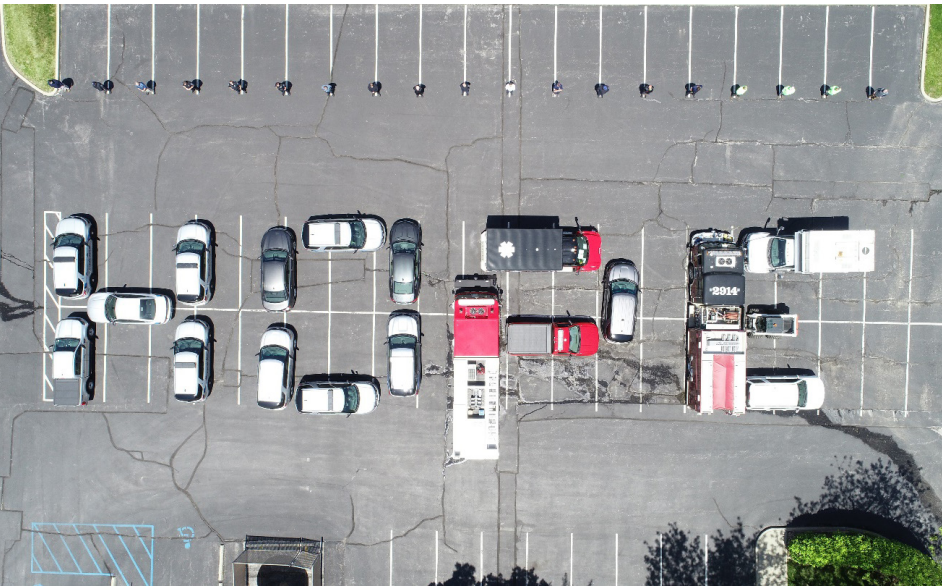
Property taxes are the primary source of revenue for many municipalities, other political subdivisions, and county boards. Given that Frontenac's property tax rate is well below those in many surrounding municipalities and this tax has not been increased since 1992, the Ways and Means Committee will examine the need for potential tax increases, in conjunction with other efforts to stabilize and strengthen the City's revenue base both in the short term and for the long term.

CONCLUSION

We are committed to providing high-quality services in the most efficient manner possible, consistent with the core values in the recently adopted Strategic Plan. Core values adopted include 1) *efficiency* to leverage the human and financial resources of the City in the most efficient and effective manner to find the best solution for the City and its residents; and 2) *superior service delivery* to operate the City in a way that is highly efficient and focused on ensuring public satisfaction.

The City will continue to explore and be open to different ways of doing things, including consolidating and controlling expenditures and strengthening the revenue base. We welcome input from citizens and will continue to provide information to you as we study the City's evolving financial situation.

As always, please feel free to attend our monthly Board of Aldermen and Ways and Means Committee meetings to learn more and to express your ideas and ask questions. You may also directly contact the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Ways and Means Committee members or the City Administrator to ask questions.



HOPE “We stand together as one...”

First responders from Frontenac Police, Fire/EMS, and Public Works teamed up to offer this message: We stand together as one community during this time of challenge and uncertainty. We will surely conquer this pandemic, and after we do, may we continue to press forward in the brightness of hope that communities, businesses, families, and individuals will prosper and become even stronger.

Thank you to Alderman O’Brien for suggesting this positive message. Thanks also to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for accommodating the staging of vehicles in its parking lot and the Creve Coeur Police Department for the use of its drone to take the pictures.

Sign Up for e-News

The City emails e-news updates a few times per month. E-news topics include updates on community events, construction, public meeting notices, and other pertinent community information. To subscribe to e-news, please email a request to Leesa Ross at lross@cityoffrontenac.org.

Student Advisory Group

The City of Frontenac is pleased to announce the initiation of a Frontenac Student Advisory Group, led by Arya Bhushan, a Ladue High School student. The purpose of the group is to support the City through the development of, exposure to and participation in activities that serve the community. The goal of student participation is to enhance the overall experience of students in the community. Student groups help support a community of mutual respect, where students can learn and discover how the City functions and its benefits to the residents the City serves. Students who participate have an opportunity to identify and address issues pertinent to students, allowing them an opportunity to be at the center of decisions that affect them, which supports learning to lead organizing efforts and helps forge relationships with school(s) and City leaders, as well as others in the community. All students who are residents of Frontenac are welcome to participate. If you have an interest in the Student Advisory Group, please contact Arya or the Mayor through City hall.

Recycle Responsibly

Gateway Disposal has reported seeing an increase in contamination within the recycling stream, particularly with cans of paint and plastic bags, neither of which are accepted by single-stream recycling facilities. In fact, recycling facilities often end up rejecting an entire load of otherwise clean recyclables if they identify paint contamination or if they spot plastic bags, which can get tangled in the recycling sorting machinery. Other items that should NOT be placed in the recycle container include Styrofoam and packing peanuts, food-contaminated or soiled paper, napkins and tissues, light bulbs, window glass, ceramics and dinnerware. A 64-gallon mobile cart is furnished to each resident for the storage and collection of single-stream recyclables. The guide below details the type of acceptable recyclables.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Additionally, hazardous waste such as oil, pesticides, insecticides, paint, or batteries are not acceptable in the normal waste stream and therefore should NOT be placed in either the recycling container or trash container. Instead, please visit the St. Louis Household Hazardous Waste website at www.hhwstl.com for instructions on how and where to responsibly dispose of these types of materials.

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FLATTENED CARDBOARD

PLASTIC BOTTLES AND CONTAINERS

GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS

METAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE CANS

FOOD AND BEVERAGE CARTONS

RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY

STICK WITH THE 6

NOT ON THE LIST? NOT IN THE BIN!

Putting the wrong items in your recycling bin does more harm than good.

Find out where to recycle or donate other items at RecycleResponsibly.org

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING RESPONSIBLY!
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Keep items loose (not in plastic bags), clean and dry.

First Responders

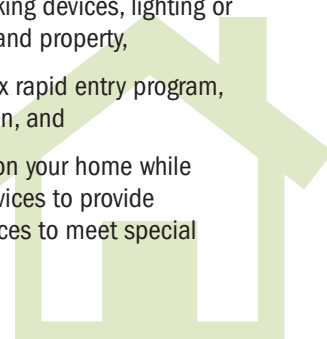
As the weather warms up and many are looking forward to increasing social activities and time outdoors, hopefully with fewer worries about COVID-19, now may be a good time to check some safety issues that will help first responders and to remind you of some of the many services available through Frontenac's first responders.

A COUPLE SAFETY ISSUES:

- Fire hydrants need to be visible and the roads clear to allow emergency vehicles access. Please watch as trees, shrubs and plants grow during the summer months, that overhanging limbs and brush are kept trimmed back from the road and kept away from fire hydrants to allow emergency vehicles access and to prevent delays when they are responding to emergencies.
- Double-check that the doors and windows of your vehicles and your home are locked, and that if a security alarm system is available, it is turned on each night.
- Avoid announcing on social media that you are leaving, have left or how long you will be away from home.

The Frontenac Police Department and/or Fire Department, upon request will:

- attend your subdivision meeting to provide answers to questions on state and local ordinances and discuss any neighborhood, individual or community concerns,
- complete a Residential Security Survey to assess and report to you any opportunities identified to improve locking devices, lighting or other issues to help safeguard your home and property,
- complete fire inspections, provide Knox-Box rapid entry program, and provide public fire prevention education, and
- provide vacation watch services, to check on your home while you are away and other directed patrol services to provide increased subdivision patrol, or other services to meet special needs identified.



Geyer Road Improvement Project Update

As you may have heard, the City of Frontenac has been awarded federal funding matching dollars for Phase I of the Geyer Road improvement project. The project limits for Phase I run north of Steeplechase Lane to Clayton Road and along Clayton Road from Geyer Road to 350 feet west of Spoede Road. The improvements consist of resurfacing of the existing pavement, adding sidewalks on one side of the road, incorporating curbs and gutters, and realigning the roadway as best as possible utilizing the existing right-of-way limits. The complete length of Geyer Road in Frontenac will be improved over three (3) phases.

The preliminary plans for Phase I are currently under review by MoDOT for commentary. These preliminary plans indicate that the west side of Geyer Road appears to be better suited for sidewalks through Phase I due to the numerous utility lines, both above and below ground, on the east side of the street. Public meetings will follow shortly after MoDOT's review of the preliminary plans so that residents are allowed an opportunity to provide input and ask questions. Public meetings and direct individual contact with affected residents is currently anticipated to begin in September. Additionally, some minor easement acquisitions are expected, which would include required ADA accessibility areas along with necessary stormwater drainage facilities. The estimated construction schedule will run between May and September of 2021 if everything goes according to plan.

Additionally, the City prepared and submitted an application for federal funding for the Geyer Road Phase II improvements at the beginning of this year and subsequently received news that the application has been recommended for approval. Formal approval of Phase II grant funding is anticipated later this summer. The project limits for Phase II are from Steeplechase Lane south to Geyer Wood Lane. The estimated construction schedule will run between May and September of 2022; however, the City is exploring the possibility of delaying construction on Phase II until Phase III (Geyer Wood Lane to the southern city limit) is ready, thereby potentially allowing construction of Phase II and III to take place in the same year. This appears to be a viable alternative, which will be further considered if the City is successful in obtaining federal funding for Phase III.

Storm Water Master Plan Update

Thank you to all of the residents who completed the stormwater questionnaire from February's newsletter. Over 55 questionnaires were turned in, which assisted the City in identifying new areas of concern as part of the 2020 update to the Stormwater Master Plan. An additional 11 self-reported structural flooding issues were identified as well as four safety issues (e.g. icing, steep erosion, and risk of sewage release) and two cases of structures threatened by erosion.

The City's stormwater engineering consultant, EDM, has prioritized the structural flooding issues to be addressed. Stormwater channel projects are recommended to be placed at the bottom of the list unless there is a potential for structural damage due to flooding or erosion or health and safety issues. The updated master plan will not affect projects that are already in the planning and preconstruction phases such as this summer's Conway to Gold Dust project or the Timber Trail and Countryside projects that are currently in planning and design.

The updated stormwater master plan proposes approximately 50 independent projects between 2020 and 2056 with a total projected cost of \$33 million. Projects in the master plan are funded by the existing 1/2 cent sales tax and MSD.

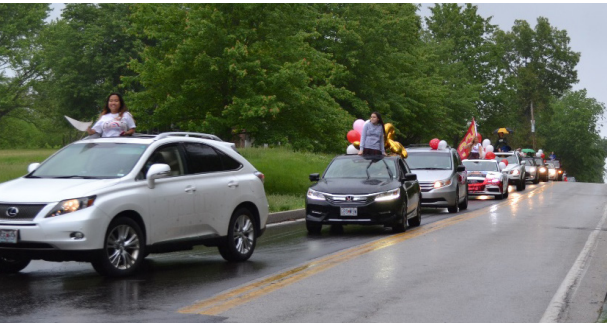
The stormwater master plan can be viewed on the city's website at www.cityoffrontenac.org/stormwater.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020 GRADUATING

SENIORS of Visitation Academy. Parents and students organized a parade from Plaza Frontenac to the Mercy Center on Geyer Road on May 22nd where they waived goodbye to their sisters at Catherine's Place at Mercy Center.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALDERWOMAN NALINI MAHADEVAN on her recognition as one of 26 selected for the class of 2020 Business Journal's Most Influential Business Women!

Thanks to our Volunteers

Many thanks to Jane Rubin for her service to the City. Jane has donated her significant financial experience and expertise on the Ways & Means Committee. Jane was initially appointed to the Ways & Means Committee in 2006 and has continuously volunteered her time and talents since then.

Many thanks to Joe Stergios for his service on the Ways & Means Committee. We'd like to send a wish for happiness and safety to Joe and his family as they begin a new adventure in Chicago.

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