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Dixon City Council announces City-Wide Cleanup April 12-16, electronics and appliance collection May 8 at meeting Monday *City Council approves annexation of property into city limits, sale of real estate*

By Haley Blackburn

The Monday, April 5 Dixon City Council meeting was brief but important as the council members discussed the City of Dixon Spring Cleanup Week April 12-16, MRPC Special Waste Collection at DHS May 8, Ordinance #587, and Ordinance #588. (Details to follow.)

At the roll call to open the meeting, council members present were Anthony Campbell, Trevor Warnol, Mary Wiles, Barbara Thomas, and Mayor Mike Null. Absent was Alderwoman Diane Schultz.

Special Waste Collection May 8

For Dixon residents wanting to dispose of electronics, appliances, metals and tires, MRPC and Dixon High School will be offering a special collection of residential items only on May 8 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at DHS, 300 E. High School Drive. There you may dispose of any unwanted electronics, appliances, metals and tire collections. The eligible counties allowed to bring in their recycled items are: Crawford, Dent, Gasconade, Maries, Phelps, Pulaski, and Washington. The City of Dixon would like to insist that you remain in your vehicles and helpers present will be there to assist.

These items will be collected free of charge: stoves, washers, dryers, hot water heaters, computer components, keyboards, hair dryers, VCR/DVD players, cell phones, hair dryers, or anything operating on a battery or a cord; and garden equipment (oil and gas tanks must be removed from tanks of items prior to recycling).

Items that will NOT be accepted include: CDs, DVDs, VHS & Data tapes, floppy discs, capacitors, transformers or ballasts that are not clearly marked as, saying "NO PCBs," smoke detectors, thermostats, medical waste, gas containers, anything leaking oil or acid, broken ink or toner cartridges, alkaline batteries, light bulbs & fluorescent tubes, broken CRTs, TVs, or monitors.

(SEE RELATED MRPC STORY ON FRONT PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS.)

Dixon City-Wide Cleanup Week April 12-16

The City of Dixon will conduct their annual city-wide spring cleanup April 12-16. Citizens of Dixon may bring yard debris to the curbside and the city will come by to pick it up. If you need furniture disposed of, please contact the city and they will have someone come by to help remove it. Call Dixon City Hall at 573-917-4501. There will be another mass announcement posted on the City of Dixon Facebook page.

Ordinance for Sale of Real Estate

Next on the agenda was the matter of Ordinance #587. This ordinance

authorizes a contract for the sale of real estate at 213 Country Club Road. The City of Dixon owns a partial interest in the real estate located at this address. Since the real estate has not provided any benefit and has only cost the City of Dixon tax money, the City has accepted an offer received to purchase the real estate. The ordinance was passed by the Board of Alderman of the City of Dixon, Missouri and approved on March 24, 2021.

Ordinance for Annexation

The final item was, Ordinance #588, which refers to the annexation

of certain parcels of land into the city limits of Dixon. As discussed in last month's council meeting, the City of Dixon received petitions for annexation of various parcels of real estate requesting annexation into the city limits of Dixon. The parcels of real estate sought to be annexed are contiguous and compact to the current corporate limits of the City of Dixon. The public hearing was held regarding the proposed annexation on the April 5th and no objection has been filed regarding the proposed annexation.

Furthermore, this annexation is rea-

sonable and necessary to the proper development of the City; and will allow the City to furnish normal municipal services in the area being annexed.

Both ordinances were officially approved April 5th during the City Council meeting.

A special meeting of the City Council will be announced to swear in officials elected in the April 6 Municipal Election.

The next regular meeting of the Dixon City Council is scheduled for Monday, May 3 at Dixon City Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Candidates spend long day outside Dixon Precinct



Dixon candidates and supporters spent a long day Tuesday outside the Dixon Precinct seeking votes in the Dixon Municipal and School Board Election. Pilot photo

Phelps Health COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics Moving Back to Parking Lot by Hospital

ROLLA, MO – Beginning Monday, April 5, 2021, COVID-19 vaccination clinics at Phelps Health will move from the Rolla Church of Christ back to the Phelps Health/Missouri S&T parking lot on 10th Street, across from the Emergency Department.

If you are scheduled to receive a COVID-19 vaccine on or after April 5, please visit the drive-through clinic at the Phelps Health/Missouri S&T parking lot on 10th Street.

If you have not already, sign up for MyChart at <https://mychart.phelpshealth.org/> to join the COVID-19 vaccine waitlist. Once there is availability, you will be contacted to register for your vaccination.

Visit phelpshealth.org to learn more about COVID-19 vaccinations.

About Phelps Health

Phelps Health is one of Missouri's leading regional referral centers, serving over 200,000 residents in south-central Missouri. Phelps

Health is county-owned, non-tax supported and is overseen by a five-member elected board. Phelps Health employs more than 1,900 people, including 100-plus providers. Phelps Health, which includes a hospital licensed for 242 patient beds, serves a six-county area, with its main campus and several clinics located in Rolla, Missouri. Phelps Health also has clinics in Salem, St. James, Vienna and Waynesville, Missouri. For more information, visit phelpshealth.org.

Oak Hills CC annual membership meeting planned for April 18th

Oak Hills Country Club in Dixon is planning their annual membership meeting on Sunday, April 18 at 1:00 p.m. in the Oak Hills clubhouse. New and old business will be discussed and board seats open for the upcoming year will be filled. Oak Hills would also like to remind current members, and prospective new members that annual dues are now due.

See ad on page 12 for further details.

Governor Parson Announces State-Supported Mega Vaccination Site in Springfield

Jefferson City, MO – Today, Governor Mike Parson announced that the state will host a Mega Vaccination Site in Springfield with the potential to fully vaccinate up to 10,000 Missourians. The event will be held at Hammons Student Center at Missouri State University (MSU) on Thursday, April 8 and Friday, April 9, 2021 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

"Just as we have done in Kansas City and St. Louis, our state-supported teams will establish a Mega Vaccination Site in Springfield to help meet the increased vaccine demand of our urban populations," Governor Parson said. "Our vaccination teams will be on the ground to support the Greene County Health Department and Missouri State University in administering 10,000 doses of the J&J vaccine provided by the state."

"We are excited to partner on this vaccination event. It will be a great opportunity for our students and the broader community to get vaccinated," Missouri State University President Cliff Smart said. "We greatly appreciate Governor Parson's leadership in bringing this important opportunity to Springfield and to our campus."

State vaccination teams are partnering with MSU and the Springfield-Greene County Health Department for the indoor event. Ten thousand doses of the Janssen vaccine have been allocated by the state for the event, which means individuals vaccinated will not need to return for a booster dose.

Advance registration is required and available through the Missouri Vaccine Navigator. Missourians who need assistance with the Vaccine Navigator can call the state's COVID-19 hotline at (877) 435-8411 Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Once registered, individuals will receive an email from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) to schedule an appointment.

The Springfield-Greene County Health Department can also assist those who need help registering for the event. The department's COVID-19 call center can be reached at (417) 874-1211 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Those registering to be vaccinated on April 8 must meet Missouri's current eligibility requirements under Phase 1 and Phase 2. Phases are outlined at covidvaccine.mo.gov/priority/. On April 9, all adult Missourians are eligible to be vaccinated, meaning that any Missourian over age 18 will be eligible to receive the Janssen vaccine.

"Earlier this month, we witnessed the success of these mega sites in Kansas City and St. Louis with nearly 14,000 Missourians vaccinated between these two events alone," Governor Parson said. "Thanks to increasing vaccine supply and expert coordination among our Missouri National Guard, SEMA, DHSS, and local partners, this event has the potential to be the largest two-day vaccination event in the state so far."

Electronics, appliance, tire collection May 8 in Dixon

DIXON—A special waste collection for residential and farm electronics, appliances, metals and tires will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon on May 8 at the Dixon High School, 300 E. High School Drive.

The Dixon High School and Meramec Regional Planning Commission (MRPC), with funding through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District (ORSWMD), are offering the May 8 collection.

The collection is for residential items only – no materials from businesses will be accepted and is open to residents from Crawford, Dent, Gasconade, Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Washington counties. To minimize personal contact, those bringing items to the collection are asked to stay inside their vehicles and assistants will unload items.

Stoves, washers, dryers, hot water heaters, and other appliances will be collected free of charge. Free electronics also include computer components, laptop computers, keyboards, hair dryers, VCR/DVD players, cell phones or anything that runs on a cord or battery. Oil and gas must be removed from tanks of any items such as push mowers, weed eaters, etc. Please note the following items will NOT be accepted: CDs, DVDs, VHS and data tapes; floppy disks; transformers, capacitors or ballasts not clearly marked "No PCBs"; smoke detectors; thermostats; medical waste; gas containers such as

propane, oxygen, nitrous oxide; anything leaking oil or acid, such as batteries; broken ink or toner cartridges; alkaline batteries; light bulbs and fluorescent tubes; broken CRTs, TVs or monitors.

Fees on certain items will be collected as follows: \$25 for CRT TVs over 27 inches and wood console TVs, \$20 for CRT TVs under 26 inches, \$15 for flat screen TVs, \$10 for all computer monitors and refrigerated appliances with Freon. Fees for tires are as follows: \$2 each for passenger tires, \$7.50 each for semi-truck tires and \$35 each for tractor tires.

For more information on items accepted or the fee structure, please contact Jill Hollowell at MRPC at 573-265-2993 Ext. 109 or at jhollowell@meramecregion.org.

The collection is open to any household in the Ozark Rivers District, including Crawford, Dent, Gasconade, Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Washington counties. The solid waste district is tasked with reducing the amount of waste that ends up in a landfill by 40 percent.

For those unable to participate in the Dixon collection, mark your calendars for collections on June 12 at Brewer Science, October 2 at South Central Regional Stockyards in Vienna, and October 9 at the St. Robert Aquatic Center.

The Ozark Rivers District includes Crawford, Dent, Gasconade, Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Washington counties and their respective cities with populations of 500 or more. The district's

strategy for solid waste reduction, which has been individually adopted by all member governments and approved by Missouri Department of Natural Resources involves education and to reduce solid waste in member counties and cities. MRPC provides administration of the district and assists with a variety of implementation projects.

For more information about ORSWMD or waste reduction and recycling opportunities in the Ozark Rivers area, contact Tammy Snodgrass, MRPC environmental programs manager, at 573-265-2993 or by email at tsnodgrass@meramecregion.org. Additional information can be found at www.ozarkrivers.org or <http://www.facebook.com/ORSWMD>.

Formed in 1969, MRPC is a voluntary council of governments serving Crawford, Dent, Gasconade, Maries, Osage, Phelps, Pulaski and Washington counties and their respective cities. Gasconade County Presiding Commissioner Larry Miskel serves as chairman of the board. A professional staff of 34 offers technical assistance and services, such as grant preparation and administration, housing assistance, transportation planning, environmental planning, ordinance codification, business loans and other services to member communities.

To keep up with the latest MRPC news and events, visit the website at www.meramecregion.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/meramecregion/.