Rec Center Rates Discussed

In about six months, the new community recreation center will be bustling with activity. However, a lot of work still must be done before the doors swing open for the first time. That includes determining fees for using the facility.

During the Sept. 8 Fulton City Council meeting, a list of possible rates were presented, along with a rate comparison of similar facilities in mid-Missouri.

Monthly adult rates ranged from $25 to $45. The City of Fulton’s monthly rate is expected to cost between $25 and $30. There will also be separate rates for youths, couples, families, and seniors. Daily passes will be available for those whose schedule does not permit enough use to need a monthly or annual membership.

Meanwhile, at the building site, it is

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Time to Prepare for Fall Cleanup

Temperatures will soon begin to drop and so too will leaves from trees. These typical signs of autumn also let Fulton residents know that the annual Fall Cleanup is getting closer.

Between Oct. 19-23, residents, on their regularly scheduled solid waste collection day, can set items at the curb that typically require a special pickup and an additional fee. Such items that will be picked up include sofas, chairs, mattresses, shelving units and microwaves. Items that will not be picked up include tires and paint.

Contact the Solid Waste Department at 592-3176 with questions regarding specific items.

This year there is a new event as part of Fall Cleanup. There will be a free yard waste bag pickup on Tuesday, Oct. 20. Stop by Memorial Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and pick up a maximum of ten bags to be used for leaves and grass clippings.

On Saturday, Oct. 24, Fall Cleanup Week concludes with the final household hazardous and electronic waste drop off day of the season. City residents can drop off potentially harmful chemicals and unused electronic items at no cost. It runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tennyson Road Fire Station. Reservations must be made by calling 592-3150.

Example of items that can be disposed of during Fall Cleanup.
Meeting Schedule

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NOTE - Due to the ever-changing events surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings can be cancelled or added at short notice.

CC - Council Chambers; ECR - Executive Conference Room

Holiday Schedule

City Hall will be closed and the solid waste collection schedule is changed.

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NOTE - Due to the listed holiday, there will be no recycling or yard waste collection Nov. 9-13 and Nov. 23-27.

HHW and E-Waste Collection

Dispose of potentially harmful household chemicals or unused electronic equipment at the City of Fulton Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection Center. A reservation is required and can be made by calling 592-3150.

Upcoming Collection Dates

- Saturday, Oct. 10: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fire Station No. 1, 151 W. Tennyson Rd.
- Saturday, Oct. 24: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Invasive Bush Honeysuckle

When walking or riding on the Stinson Creek Trail during early spring, it might be difficult to miss the fragrant-rich white blooms of bush honeysuckle. However, their looks are deceiving as this honeysuckle is actually a pesty plant.

Bush honeysuckle is considered an invasive species. This means they can take over areas, particularly along stream banks, and prevent native plants from flourishing. So it is the Stream Team’s goal to remove these plants from the trail.

Volunteers are being sought to get rid of the existing bush honeysuckle. If you would like to assist, contact the Stream Team at 592-3111 or streamteam@fultonmo.org.

From the Mayor’s Desk

Dear Citizens of Fulton,

As I’m writing this, it’s hard to believe that fall is here. With all that we’ve dealt with in 2020, I, for one, am ready to get this year behind us. We do, however, have a lot to look forward to and I hope we can all do our best to enjoy this season with family.

Over the past few months, the City has had a lot of work taking place. The biggest project going right now is the new recreation center. Our staff is working closely with contractors to see that construction goes as smoothly as possible. We are also in the midst of working on next year’s budget. Department heads have a tough job deciding what will be required to provide for the City’s needs while staying within the budget.

So far this year we have reported tax revenues that are in line with our original forecast. That’s a big deal considering we were expecting much lower revenues due to the pandemic. I think it shows that people feel more comfortable shopping local instead of going out of town. We have also reported the best financial year in the history of Tanglewood Golf Course. It’s a true asset for Fulton and our clubhouse manager Jamey Martin and his crew are continually making it a welcoming place.

When I was running for mayor, I made a promise to get down and dirty with our employees to see what they go through each day. Recently, I spent a day with the Street Department laying cobblestone bricks. Let me tell you, it’s not a fun job. The old bricks are part of Fulton’s heritage and those guys are committed to doing their best to retain that history. I was also able to attend a training session with the Police Department. It was a required active shooter drill that puts officers in a virtual shooter event in which you have to make life and death decisions. It was extremely stressful in a controlled environment. I can’t imagine being in a real life situation like that. Thank you to our men and women in blue for all you do.

In closing I would like to briefly touch on COVID-19. As we have gone through this, we have seen some positives. There has been utility bill relief, as well as mitigation funding and small business grants provided through CARES Act money that Callaway County had received. Money is still available for individuals and businesses until the end of the year. As schools have returned to session, we are seeing more COVID-19 positives, but the colleges and public schools have gone to great lengths to keep the kids and the public safe. We have to all keep our guard up and do what we can to protect each other.

Proudly Serving You,

Lowe Cannell
Mayor
Rec Center Interior Taking Shape

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bustling with activity inside with various subcontractors installing and finishing drywall, hanging light fixtures, and inserting windows. On the outside, roof and wall panels are in place, as are the air conditioning units.

During October, major work will take place in the gymnasium and field house. Basketball and volleyball standards will be installed, flooring will be put down and scoreboards will be hung. Construction is expected to wrap up before the year ends.

Sewer Lining Project Underway

Sanitary Sewers are not a topic that gets brought up in many households. Still, they play an important role by effectively removing waste from homes. In order to ensure the City’s sewer pipe integrity, rehabilitation of some lines is currently underway.

Contractors are installing a lining, which when it hardens, adds an additional layer to pipes that currently suffer from cracking or could in the future. The process is designed to give as much as 50 years additional life to the lines before they need to be replaced.

The impacted lines are in an area on the south side of Fulton and bounded by Business 54 to the west, Second Street to the north, Ravine Street to the east and Collier Lane to the south. Work could reduce road access at times due to a manhole’s location. The project is expected to last through the end of 2020.

Light Display Growing Larger

Thanksgiving will be here before long. Then five days after many have been stuffed with turkey and pumpkin pie, it will be time to flip the switch on the Fulton Festival of Lights.

This year’s lighting ceremony will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 5:30 p.m. in Veterans Park. Those who plan on attending should wear a face covering if social distancing is not possible.

Some of the new displays include a snowman warming himself up near a campfire while an elf roasts marshmallows, a toy soldier standing at attention and a large custom display donated by Callaway Electric Cooperative that must be seen in person.

The Parks and Recreation Department is expecting another record number of trees in the Field of Joy. Last year, nearly 100 encircled Murphy Field. A tree can be reserved by businesses for $50 and individuals, churches and non-profit organizations for $25.

Participants must provide their own tree, which can be real or artificial. Money from the Field of Joy supports the Callaway County Salvation Army.

Donations are always being sought to enhance the park display. It doesn’t matter if it is in the form of cash, lights or displays. Contributions of $500 or more include additional benefits based on the amount.

The Festival of Lights is free to all visitors and will be open nightly through Jan. 3.

JBF Award Event Cancelled

Since 2014, the Jane Bierdeman-Fike Humanitarian Award has been presented to women in Fulton and Callaway County who make a difference in the community. But due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this year’s award presentation has been cancelled.

The award is co-sponsored by the City of Fulton Human Rights Commission, whose mission is to enforce and support the Missouri Commission on Human Rights, which prohibits discrimination in housing, employment and places of public accommodation. It is also charged with establishing educational campaigns and programs that teach the need for eliminating discrimination.

Made up of six members and a city council liaison, the commission meets when there is a fifth Monday of a month at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend the meetings. If interested in joining the commission when there is a future opening, call 592-3111.
Mayor’s Cup Raises 4K

It was a picture perfect day for the ninth annual Mayor’s Cup golf tournament at Tanglewood Golf Course on Aug. 21. The great weather allowed for a packed field of golfers and a significant amount of money raised for a good cause.

After all of the dollars were added up, $4,400 had been raised for Fulton Special Olympics. The local chapter was founded in 2005 to provide athletic programs, such as track and field and basketball, for youths with intellectual disabilities.

Since the Mayor’s Cup began in 2012, more than $40,000 has been raised for local non-profit organizations and projects. If anyone knows of an organization or project that could be a future Mayor’s Cup beneficiary, email mayor@fultonmo.org.

Pumpkins to Light up Park

COVID-19 might alter Halloween plans for many families in Fulton, but no changes have been made to Pumpkins in the Park in Memorial Park. This year’s Jack-o’-lantern display, which is the tenth annual, will begin on Friday, Oct. 30.

At 4:30 p.m., participants can drop off their pumpkins near the gazebo in Memorial Park. A special lighting ceremony takes place at 6:30 p.m. The pumpkins will remain on display through Halloween. Anyone wanting to retrieve their pumpkin will have until noon on Nov. 2 or they will be thrown away.

Trophies will be awarded for the biggest, scariest and most original pumpkin. Participants will have to provide their own pumpkins.