

# Charlack Newsletter

## Message from your Mayor:

April 2006

I apologize for getting this out so late...I have been personally very busy the last few weeks!

I hope all you mom's get this in time as I wish you all a very Happy Mother's Day!

**Alderman Brun:** On Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, I received a resignation letter from Alderman Chris Brun, Ward 1. In that letter, Mr. Brun stated that due to recent conflicts beyond his control, he will no longer be able to serve the residents as their Alderman. He further stated that he thanked the residents for their support. We wish Chris well and thank him for his service to the community!

**Officer of the Month:** Congratulations to Officer Eric Sontheimer for winning the officer of the month for April!

**Citywide Yard Sale:** Our City wide yard sale has been a big hit in Charlack since the onset. It looks like this will become a Charlack tradition! This year, the annual yard sale will be held on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. This is the only time that residents are not required to have a sale permit. We will once again advertise the event in several local newspapers. Please see details on the back of this newsletter.

**Park Stuff:** As previously mentioned, our park is open for use. The Board will be working on finalizing a few items for the park, such as a message board and park rules. We expect to have the details completed this month and the boards to be installed by mid-summer. I attended yet another MSD Board meeting and once again urged them to move forward with the creek project. If I do not hear from them by the end of the month, I intend to discuss this situation with our City Attorney for further action. Enough is enough. We have picnics and parties scheduled at our park and this has gone on long enough. I thank everyone for their patience and we continue to try to get resolution.

**Lackland Plaza:** Finally! The facelift for Lackland Plaza has begun. We have been in touch with the architects and the work has started. This is one of the goals that I had set out to accomplish and I am very happy to see the work in progress!

**Charlack's Summer Events:** I am hopeful that during our next work session on May 22<sup>nd</sup> that we will have final dates for the upcoming summer events. On the menu for this year is the Kids Day, Senior Picnic, Ward Parties and the annual Laborfest. Our Citywide garage sale is already scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>. I will have a list of events and dates in the next newsletter. The turnout for these events has been consistently growing. This is a great way to show that we are a community, not just a City.

**Summertime is coming!:** Chief Palme asked that I remind the residents that with the change in the weather and the near end of the school year that we take extra precautions while driving through our town. Our kids will be excited about the summer vacation and the warmer weather and will be less attentive to their surroundings. Please be careful, slow down a little and help make sure that everyone has a great, safe summer!

**Charlack's Comprehensive Plan:** At the next Work Session, I will be presenting the Board with the company that was chosen to handle our comprehensive plan. I have met with several contractors who do this and will be discussing those meetings and their offers to the Board. This is a very important and exciting time for Charlack. The comprehensive plan encompasses our City as a whole and will allow us to be in the development market as well as allow us to operate as a first class City. It will also allow us to receive grant funding for future projects, such as our City Hall, infrastructure needs and future park renovations. More will follow in the next newsletter.

## How We Voted:

**BILL NO. 06-576** an ordinance adopting and enacting a new Code of Ordinances of the City of Charlack; establishing the same; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein; except as herein expressly provided; providing for the manner of amending such Code of Ordinances; providing penalty for the violation thereof; and providing when this ordinance shall become effective. All Aldermen voted "Aye," motion passed. *Periodically, we update our code books to keep in line with state statutes. This is one of those times.*

**BILL NO. 06-578** an ordinance adopting and enacting the electrical code of Saint Louis County as amended as the electrical code of the City Of Charlack. All Aldermen voted "Aye," motion passed. *This is a situation where an existing ordinance from St. Louis County was changed. Since we use St. Louis County for all of our codes, we followed suit to make sure we are legal.*

**BILL NO. 06-579** an ordinance directing compliance with Section 92.086, RSMO, by promulgating and publishing the rate of taxation for telephone service under Section 605.060 of the City Of Charlack code of ordinances. All Aldermen voted "Aye," motion passed. *This is an ordinance that we were required to pass regarding cell phone taxation. The tax rate for cell phones was set at 5.5%.*

**Annual City of Charlack Pet Clinic:** The pet clinic was once again very successful. Thanks to all who participated and brought their pets up for their shots. This was a fantastic idea that was started several years ago. It is just another example of the benefits of living in a small community!

Fairly short newsletter this month....have you ever had the feeling that you are forgetting something? I sure feel like there is something else that I wanted to share with you, but I sure can't remember what it was! I'm sure it will come to me as soon as I put the last newsletter on the last door!



## *Citywide Garage Sale!!*

*Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006*

*The Citywide Garage Sale will be Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. No permit is required and City Hall will place an ad in the paper. The advertisement will say it starts at 7:00am but you all know, the diehard shoppers will be out before that!*

*This is a great way to start your spring cleaning! Remember, "One man's trash in another man's treasure!"*

*Please be respectful of your neighbors*

Please feel free to call me with any questions, concerns, or complaints. If you do not want to receive this every month, call me, and I will take you off the list. Thanks!

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