

From the desk of Mayor Gary W. Manier



IDOT will be opening bids in late January for the widening and reconstruction of Illinois Route 8 between Summit and McClugage. The project will be similar in design to the recently completed Route 8 segment east of Summit: five driving lanes with curb and gutter, storm sewers and public sidewalks. Importantly, the project will also alleviate intermittent flooding that has historically occurred in parts of Rolling Meadows North. If all goes as planned, construction will begin in the Spring of 2012 and conclude in the Fall of 2013. Washington's share of this \$15 million project is estimated to be about

\$350,000.

Phase I façade improvements to Sunnyland Plaza are well underway. This investment insures the viability of this important commercial property and enhances the west entrance into Washington's corporate limits. Watch for other exciting Plaza renovations this coming summer!

Speaking of commercial development, the city's financial well-being relies on a successful retail and service sector. Washington commercial establishments deserve an opportunity to earn your business. It's a win/win/win: the customer benefits from quality merchandise and service, the business and its employees gain from the infusion of consumer dollars, and the city realizes revenues that are essential to sustain its services to the public. The city and the Chamber continue to cooperate in fostering a targeted economic development program intended to fill unmet gaps in consumer retail and service needs.

Work on the city's budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2012 is underway. The staff and City Council are currently focusing on planned capital projects, many of which take several years from preliminary planning to completion. In addition to its routine street and utility maintenance program, the city hopes to extend the N. Cummings Recreation Trail to and across Boyd Parkway and link the recently completed Dallas Road Recreation Trail to Westminster and into the Devonshire Subdivision in the coming year.

My sincere condolences are extended to the Bob Hett, Al Swinehart, and Mahlon Blumenshine families. All three men served on the Washington City Council. We should be forever mindful that present day Washington is largely a product of the efforts, vision and dedication of citizens like Bob, Al and Mahlon.

The passing of Brian Wisner is also a deep loss for family and the WCHS community. Coach Wisner's dedication and commitment to WCHS students was unrivaled. Lastly, my brother, Don, and I mourn the loss of our mother who passed away this past Christmas. Her kindness is our most fond and lasting memory.

Together we can...together we will!



God Bless Washington,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary W. Manier".

Gary W. Manier
Mayor

WASHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS. . .



We hope all of you had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and wish you a happy and prosperous New Year! There were many exciting things happening within our community and the Police Department since our last newsletter. At the end of October Phase 1 of the police station renovation was completed and the Communications Center and Administrative Staff moved upstairs into a 21st Century, state of the art facility! Phase 2 of the project is well under way and we anticipate its completion at the end of January. The entire project is projected to be complete by the end of April 2012. We are forever grateful to Interim City Administrator Bob Morris, Mayor Manier and the Washington City Council for making this renovation project a reality. We also are very appreciative to our community for the continued support of our Police Department. We know that this new facility will greatly enhance our ability to deliver law enforcement services to our community. Once this project is complete we are planning to hold an "open house" so residents can stop by and see the new facility. In the meantime, we welcome anyone to stop by and take a look at what is going on.

Officer Jim Fussner is gearing up to begin our 16th session of the Washington Police Department's Citizen Police Academy. To date, over 250 residents have attended and graduated from this 12-week long program designed to familiarize our residents with what their Police Department does to maintain the quality of life our residents so richly deserve. If you are interested in participating in our next class please contact Officer Jim Fussner at 444-2313. We would love to have you! Upon graduation you can stay connected to the Department by becoming a member of the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association. Our C.P.A.A. is a very active group of highly motivated residents!

Last October, Sergeant Rosalie Gerkin retired from the Police Department after honorably serving our community for over 27 years. We wish her the very best!

Community oriented policing continues to be our policing philosophy. We ask all our residents to engage our Police Officers and our Police Officers to engage our residents to continue to forge strong community partnerships. We will take nothing for granted and we collectively realize that our reputation, as an agency, is on the line every minute of every day. All the members of the Washington Police Department understand that 'public trust' is a fragile commodity and we want to keep it! The men and women of the Washington Police Department continue to be honored to serve our community while constantly putting "*People First.*"

If you have any question, comments or concerns we encourage you to contact myself or Deputy Chief of Police Don Volk at the Washington Police Department.

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ELECTRICITY COST SAVINGS

The City of Washington plans to offer residents a way to save on electricity costs. Washington has partnered with area cities, towns and counties throughout central Illinois in retaining Good Energy, an energy consultant, to offer a lower cost electricity option. **A referendum will be on the March 20, 2012 ballot regarding this cost-saving benefit.** Please note the following:



- Residents wanting to realize the full benefits of the Washington/Good Energy cost saving program are cautioned against enrolling with other alternate energy suppliers currently soliciting customers in the area.
- Each customer will ultimately decide who to designate as their electricity supplier.
- *Watch for mailings from Good Energy regarding the March 20th referendum.*

For further information call the "Good Energy CSI" Hotline: 309-245-4566 or visit the website at www.goodenergy.com/csi.

DEVELOPMENT HAPPENINGS



The building staff issued 33 new residential building permits in 2011 with an estimated construction value of nearly \$10 million. Of the residential permits issued, 25 were for single-family dwellings and eight were for two-family dwellings. Staff issued seven commercial/industrial permits for a construction value of \$470,200. Both the residential and commercial/industrial permits have decreased over the past year.

The City of Washington and Washington Community Bank recently announced a joint financial incentive to encourage the construction of new single-family and duplex homes within the city. Under this proposal, the City of Washington will discount its building permit and utility connection fees by up to \$3,000 per each residential dwelling unit. Washington Community Bank has pledged \$100,000 to the city to reimburse the full cost of the discounts.

The discount incentive will be available for all new construction single-family and duplex building permits issued after January 4, 2012, regardless of Washington Community Bank's involvement in the building project. The discount will remain in force until the \$100,000 pledge is exhausted. Interested persons seeking further information regarding the building permit discount incentive are encouraged to contact the Washington Building and Zoning Office at 444-1122.

We encourage you to check out all of the great Washington businesses and to shop local!

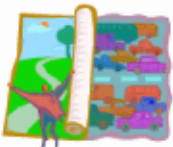
RECENTLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES. . .



- ◆ Granting Landmark Designation status to 105 Zinser Place
- ◆ Vacation – part of E. Adams Street located directly behind the Calvary Evangelical Mennonite Church on E. Jefferson Street
- ◆ Changing the street name of the most westerly portion of E. Adams St. to Calvary Way
- ◆ Amending code - adding a new Chapter entitled “Wind Energy Code”
- ◆ Designating Wellington Dr. and W. Cruger Rd. as a stop intersection with W. Cruger Rd. as through street
- ◆ Authorizing agreement with GoodEnergy, L.P. for consulting services regarding Municipal Electric Aggregation
- ◆ Authorizing agreement with IDOT regarding improvements to IL Rte 8 between Summit Dr. & Legion Rd.
- ◆ Redistricting the Wards in the City of Washington

CITY WARD REDISTRICTING IS OFFICIAL

The City of Washington is broken into four aldermanic wards that remain in effect for ten years. Each ward has two aldermen that represent each of those residents. Following the release of new US Census population counts every ten years, Illinois state statute requires that all cities must redraw their aldermanic boundaries to reflect the change in population. This is done to ensure that each ward is substantially equal.



The city's population increased from 10,841 in 2000 to 15,134 in 2010. A disproportionate share of the growth in the last decade occurred in Ward IV, or the area generally west of Dallas Road and north of Illinois Route 8. Therefore, this ward needed to be reduced in size so that its population would be consistent with the other three wards.

The City Council approved an ordinance in December approving the new wards. Particular attention was paid to primary geographic boundaries, the location of the existing aldermen, and the configuration of voting precincts. Ward IV previously had approximately 37 percent of the city's population. Following the redistricting approval, all wards have nearly the same population. The city met its desired goal of keeping each ward within a 1-2 percent population deviation. The boundaries of each ward are noted on the back page of this newsletter.

CITY WARD ALDERMEN AND BOUNDARIES

Ward I – *Bob Brucks and Jim Newman*, boundaries are corporate limits east of the centerline of Nofsinger Rd., north of the centerline of Cruger Rd., east of the centerline of Dallas Rd., south of the centerline of Mitchell St., east of the centerline of Anne St., south of the centerline of Kingsbury Rd., east of the centerline of Grandyle Dr., south and east of the centerline of Gillman Ave., north of the centerline of Business U.S. Route 24, west of the centerline of Tiezzi Ln., north of the centerline of W. Jefferson St., west of the centerline of Lincoln Ave., north of the centerline of Madison St., west of the centerline of N. Wood St., north of the centerline of Monroe St., and west of the centerline of N. Main St.

Ward II – *Todd Clanin and Carol Moss*, boundaries are corporate limits on the east of the centerline of N. Main St., south of the centerline of Monroe St., east of the centerline of N. Wood St., south of the centerline of Madison St., east of the centerline of Lincoln Ave., south of the centerline of W. Jefferson St., east of the centerline of Tiezzi Ln., north of the centerline of Business U.S. Route 24, east and south of the centerline of Spring St., east of the centerline of Fall St., south of the centerline of Morris St., east of the centerline of Court Dr. extended south to the TP&W Railroad tracks.

Ward III – *Dave Dingledine and Al Howerter*, boundaries are corporate limits on the east of the centerline of School Street, south of the centerline of Business U.S. Route 24 and Illinois Route 8, west and north of the centerline of Spring St., west of the centerline of Fall St., north of the centerline of Morris St., west of the centerline of Court St. extended south to the TP&W Railroad tracks.

Ward IV – *Jim Gee, Jr. and Gene Schneider*, boundaries are corporate limits on the west of the centerline of Nofsinger Rd., south of the centerline of Cruger Rd., west of the centerline of Dallas Rd., north of the centerline of Mitchell St., west of the centerline of Anne St., north of the centerline of Kingsbury Rd., west of the centerline of Grandyle Dr., north and west of the centerline of Gillman Ave., north of the centerline of Business U.S. Route 24 and Illinois Route 8, and west of the centerline of School St.

CITY MEETING SCHEDULES 2012

All meetings are held in the Library meeting room at Five Points Washington, unless otherwise noted.

- ◆ City Council – *first and third Monday* of each month at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Standing Committees – *second Monday* of each month, Committee of the Whole at 6:30 p.m.; Public Services at 5:00 p.m. City Hall conference room; Public Safety at 5:30 p.m. Police Chief’s office; Finance & Personnel *first Monday* of each month 5:00 p.m. City Hall conference room. *Note – times may vary for Public Services, Public Safety, and Finance & Personnel meetings depending on their agenda items.
- ◆ Planning Commission – *first Wednesday* of each month at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Zoning Board of Appeals – *fourth Wednesday* of each month at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Historic Preservation Commission – *fourth Thursday* of each month at 6:30 p.m. City Hall conference room.

Reach us by phone at 444-3196 or Website at www.washington-illinois.org

Mayor
Gary Manier

Aldermen

Robert Brucks, <i>Ward I</i>	Alan Howerter, <i>Ward III</i>
Jim Newman, <i>Ward I</i>	Dave Dingledine, <i>Ward III</i>
Carol Moss, <i>Ward II</i>	James Gee, Jr., <i>Ward IV</i>
Todd Clanin, <i>Ward II</i>	Gene Schneider, <i>Ward IV</i>

City Officials

Bob Morris, *Interim City Administrator*
Pat Brown, *City Clerk*
Ellen Dingledine, *City Treasurer*

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