

THE DESLOGE SUN

THE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF
THE CITY OF DESLOGE

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Desloge Waterworks - Open for Business

On September 21, 2007 the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR) issued their Permit to Dispense to the City's Municipal Water System marking an important milestone in the City's quest to provide newer and safer water service to residents of Desloge. The permit enabled the city to start dispensing water immediately to customers who are in Phase I of the system. Phase I is generally in the area along Hawthorne and Highley Lane, including the Riverwoods and Stonecrest subdivisions, and the Eagle's Landing and Highley Hill apartments.

"I'm ecstatic, this puts the icing on the cake," said Mayor David Kater. "We finally are getting things moving and we will be able to start seeing some money come back in."

Desloge was required to submit water bacteria samples to the MoDNR in August with the results coming back negative. On Sept. 6 the MoDNR sent an environmental engineer to Desloge to conduct a field inspection of the new water system. The inspection was the final requirement needed to receive certification to dispense water.

Since the approval, Chief Water Operator Roger Phibbs and Public Works Superintendent Gary Momot and City Crews have been working on making service connections to customers. Typically, this involves the placement of a new meter pit and meter, and then connecting the service line to the meter.

One change that will come with the new system is that tests have shown the water is significantly softer than that which was previously provided. Customers who use some form of water softening may need to adjust accordingly. The Desloge Waterworks water hardness is 20 gpg (grains per gallon).

Additionally, with a recent Wastewater Billing agreement between the cities of Desloge and Park Hills, water customers will still receive just one bill for water and sewer service. The only change being that they will be making payment to the City of Desloge.

Information on the Desloge Waterworks including billing, rates, and service contracts can be found on the City's website at www.desloge.com, just click on Water Department.

Helpful information about The City of Desloge — Log on to: www.desloge.com

CITY OF DESLOGE

300 NORTH LINCOLN STREET

Mayor	David Kater
Alderman, Ward I	Bob Hulsey
Alderman, Ward I	Jim Jones
Alderman, Ward II	J.D. Hodge
Alderman, Ward II	Chris Gremminger
Alderman, Ward III	Jerry Hulsey
Alderman, Ward III	Bill Young

City Hall	(573) 431-3700
City Administrator	Greg Camp
City Clerk	Linda Moore
Building Inspector	Bryan Cato

Library	(573) 431-5506
Librarian	Jill Kaufman

Court	(573) 431-5560
Court Clerk	Linda Simino

Police Department	(573) 431-1463
Police Chief	James Bullock

Public Works Depart.	(573) 431-1094
Superintendent	Gary Momot

Volunteer Fire Dept.	(573) 431-4487
Fire Chief	Larry Gremminger

**CALL 911 FOR FIRE AND
POLICE EMERGENCIES**

CITY CALENDAR

The Planning and Zoning Commission meets the first Monday of each Month at 7:00 p.m.

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The Library Board meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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The Board of Aldermen meets the second and Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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The Municipal Court is held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

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The Parks and Recreation Committee meets the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

SHARE YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS

Contact City Administrator Greg Camp by fax at 431-7062 or phone 431-3700 if you have a community news item to include in a future issue of The Desloge Sun.

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS

The Honorable Kevin Engler, State Senator
State Capital Building
Room 428
Jefferson City, MO 65101
(573) 751-3455

The Honorable Brad Robinson, State Representative
201 West Capital Avenue
Room 109A
Jefferson City, MO 65101
(573) 751-2317

Water System Moves Forward

Now that Phase I of the Desloge Waterworks is up and running, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen are wasting no time in moving forward with Phase II.

Early design plans identified Phase II as the construction of a main line running from Well House #2 on the eastern side of Highway 67 to the proposed elevated tank storage near Brightwell Park.

The greater concern over upgrading existing infrastructure and providing service to more residents has produced the current plans which are essentially a combination of phases, accelerating the timetable for completion of the entire system.

Originally it was anticipated that the new waterworks system would be built in 8 consecutive phases, however with an expanded Phase II, and the subsequent expansion of the remain phases, the entire system can be built to completion faster.

Customers included in the design approved by the Board of Aldermen live in an area that is bordered Desloge Drive to the north, Roosevelt Street to the east, Grant Street to the west and Locust Street to the south and will provide service to approximately 170 more water customers as well as constructing the elevated tank storage at Brightwell Park.

Bid documents are being prepared by Metropolitan Engineering and Surveying and will go out for bid, with construction work scheduled to begin early in 2008. Design and cost estimates for Phase II are approximately \$2.6 million. By the end of Phase II, the City of Desloge will have invested approximately \$5.2 million dollars in improving infrastructure for residents and businesses in Desloge. Coupled with storm water and transportation improvements, the City will have invested in better than \$6.6 million in the previous and current fiscal years in infrastructure.

The construction timetable for Phase II will be similar to the one that was used for Phase I with a 120-day schedule from the time that work begins.

Residents located in Phase II will also have a similar contract deadline as the customers located in Phase I. Once construction is completed, residents will have 30 days to complete a water service contract with the city in order to take advantage of a free tap, otherwise they would have to pay the required \$750 tap fee to get connected to the system. Water service contracts are available at Desloge City Hall, on the City's website a www.desloge.com and included with this issue of the Desloge Sun.

Mineral Area College

Mineral Area College (MAC) is open to all high school graduates and non-graduates who are 16 years or older. MAC maintains an open door policy, which provides opportunities for higher education to everyone who can benefit from its courses and programs.

Contact the Admissions Office at 573-518-2152 for more information.



The Fisher House in St. Louis is a non-profit organization established to collect funds for construction of a Fisher House at the St. Louis VA Medical Center. Target date for construction is 2008.

The St. Louis VA Medical Center has been designated as a "Polytrauma Center" for treating Veterans wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. To provide treatment for Veterans suffering from single or multiple traumas, specialized care is provided for: traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, advanced prosthetics, and mental health.

The largest number of Veterans visiting our medical facility will continue to be Veterans from past conflicts and service.

As these Veterans age, specific programs are available in: open heart surgery, general surgery, radiation therapy, intensive care, nursing home, and hospice care. For ALL Veterans undergoing extensive treatment or rehabilitation --- family support is essential to the healing process.

This is the role of a Fisher House. It provides warm, caring, comfortable, and convenient lodging for family members --- at no charge. This allows the families constant access to their Veteran to help in the healing process. The St. Louis Fisher House will be constructed on the Jefferson Barracks VA Medical Center campus in south St. Louis.

The \$5 million cost of construction will be shared by the national Fisher House Foundation and the local Fisher House in St. Louis corporation. The Fisher House Foundation will administer all contracts for constructing and furnishing the building. Once constructed, the Fisher House Foundation will then donate the building to the VA. From that point forward, the VA will staff and maintain the Fisher House for patient's families. To make this home a reality, the Fisher House in St. Louis must raise one-half of the \$5 million construction cost --- or \$2½ million dollars. The remainder will be provided by the Fisher House Foundation.

We ask for your monetary support. You can mail your donation to:

FISHER HOUSE FOUNDATION
%VOLUNTARY SERVICE
VA MEDICAL CENTER
1 JEFFERSON BARRACKS ROAD
ST. LOUIS MO 63125

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX-EXEMPT

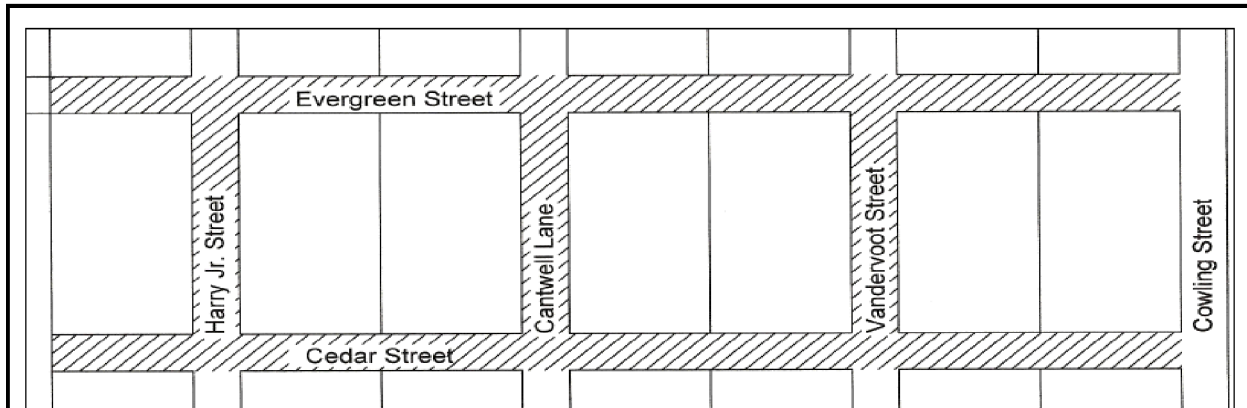
**CITY OF DESLOGE (“CITY”)
APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT FOR WATER SERVICES**

1. The undersigned (“Applicant”) hereby makes application and enters into this Agreement for the supply of water service at _____ (“Property”) and in accordance therewith, states:
 - a) The Applicant hereby represents that all persons, corporations or legal entities having any ownership interest in the title to the Property have joined in this application and agreement and their signatures appear below. (All those with any ownership interest must sign these documents before service in the City can be established for the first time.)
 - b) Applicant requests that: residential, commercial, or industrial water service be supplied at the referenced address;
 - c) Applicant hereby authorizes the City to install, at no cost to the applicant, the City’s Waterworks System water service line from the main to the meter, meter pit, meter and necessary interconnections so as to provide water service to the Applicant’s Property;
 - d) Applicant hereby agrees to pay and shall pay to the City Clerk before the work is completed, a service connection fee to set the meter for the Property connection to the Waterworks System for the first time, of \$750.00, or the cost of labor and materials incurred by the City to establish the service connection for the Property, whichever is greater. This service connection fee may be waived by the City Clerk in the initial phasing of the City’s Waterworks System provided the contract is received by the city prior to the Applicant’s Property respective construction phase deadline as set and published by the City; and
 - e) The Applicant, as the Owner of the Property, and all heirs, successors and assigns thereof, grant and convey to the City a permanent easement and rights of ingress and egress over all streets, roads, sidewalks, driveways and portions of the Property that Applicant owns or has an interest in, extending ten (10) feet on all sides of the water service line and meter pit to be installed. Applicant further does hereby agree to execute, if requested, an easement deed in the form attached hereto, in order to grant and convey to the City that permanent easement ten (10) feet in all directions from the water service line and meter pit to be installed on the Property, for the purpose of installing, laying, maintaining and moving said water service line, meter pit, meter, interconnections, and all other water service equipment necessary for the supply of water service to the Property, together with the right of the City for ingress and egress to the above-described easement. The Applicant, as the undersigned Owner and all heirs, successors and assigns, do hereby acknowledge that they do not have, nor will they make any claim of ownership to any water system improvements installed on the Property. All such lines, meters, meter pits, interconnections, and facilities shall remain the assets of the City; and
 - f) The Applicant hereby agrees to and does pay \$50.00 to the City Clerk as a deposit for water service, in accordance with the ordinance of the City.
2. Upon completion of the construction of the Waterworks System and acceptance of this application and agreement, and in consideration of the water facilities and water furnished to the Applicant in accordance herewith, the Applicant agrees to pay for the water supplied by the City at the rates now in effect pursuant to ordinance or which may be established here-

Cantwell Project moves forward

The City of Desloge in conjunction with Metropolitan Engineering and Surveying and Unnerstall Contracting have been busy with Phase I of the Cantwell Road and Stormwater Project, but the improvements won't stop there as the Board of Aldermen authorized in November for the City to move forward into the next phase of this extensive project.

The first phase of the project involves work primarily along Cedar Street where it intersects with Harry Junior Street, Cantwell Lane, Vandervoot Street and Cowling Street. The next



The proposed Cantwell Neighborhood street and stormwater improvement project area includes those portions of Cedar Street and Evergreen Street located in the Cantwell Neighborhood as well as those portions of Cantwell Lane, Harry Jr. Street and Vandervoot Street located between Cedar Street and Evergreen Street

phase shifts to the north and continues similar work along Evergreen Street.

Both phases of the Cantwell Road and Stormwater project include a new road base and asphalt surface, concrete curbs and necessary storm drains.

Cantwell Neighborhood Connector Trail

The City of Desloge was recently awarded a grant for the construction of the Cantwell Neighborhood Corridor Trail. With a project estimate of \$144,000, the City will only have to provide matching funding of \$30,000, the balance will be paid by the grant.

This Transportation Enhancement funding comes from the federal government and is managed by the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). Federal legislation requires that 10 percent of MoDOT's budget must be spent for projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

The Cantwell Neighborhood Corridor Trail will be a non-motorized trail that extends from the North County Middle School to the Cantwell neighborhood and south to Brightwell Park. The concrete trail will be eight feet in width. The trail will be approximately 2,900 feet long and include a 12-foot bridge crossing. The City anticipates awarding construction contracts after the first of the year, with construction lasting approximately 6 months.

Adopt a Family for the Holidays

Each Christmas The Southeast Missouri Family Violence Council asks the community to help the families whose lives have been impacted by domestic violence.

Past years have been a tremendous success with the Adopt a Family program. People in the community are invited to "adopt" a family for Christmas. Sometimes the families have several children, and sometimes it is just a single woman struggling to make ends meet. Last year, The Southeast Missouri Family Violence Council was able to give Christmas to every woman and child they had served since July, and hope to be able to provide Christmas to even more families this year.

If you are interested in adopting a family, please call The Southeast Missouri Family Violence Council at (573)358-3913. They also have a great need for wrapping paper, tape, and bows. There is no donation too small. All donations are tax deductible and donations in excess of \$100 can qualify for the Missouri State Tax Credit Program for a 50% tax credit.

Helpful information about The City of Desloge

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