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## A Message from the Mayor of Dardenne Prairie *Happy Holidays!*

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. The whole day revolves around family and friends spending time together, eating those wonderful homemade dishes that we have every year. Most of us participate in some type of family tradition such as going outside for a family game of football, drawing names for Christmas gifting, or simply being together reminiscing about Thanksgivings past. For me, the best thing about Thanksgiving is that it is the one day that I always take the time to really think about the past year and realize how much I have to be thankful for. We all go through ups and downs throughout the year and I, for one, often find myself dwelling on the "downs". Even when things are going pretty good in life, it is very easy to just accept things and not take the time to consider how fortunate we are. Thanksgiving is a wonderful time for us all to take that moment and not only realize how truly blessed we are, but consider what we can do to lighten the load of someone less fortunate.

Right here in St. Charles County there are people who do not have enough to eat, people who have no place to take a warm bath or lay their head down and rest, children that will not know the joy of opening a gift at Christmas. If everyone did just one thing to help, imagine what a difference we could make!

The City of Dardenne Prairie would like to help you help others. We will be collecting

for various charities this holiday season. We are participating in the annual Tri-City Food Drive with our neighboring cities of Cottleville and Weldon Spring and we will be collecting unwrapped toys and clothing for children and personal care items for families, seniors and others in need; for the Salvation Army. We encourage you to drop by City Hall during regular business hours Monday through Friday, 8:00 until 5:00, and do what you can. Some of you may be fortunate enough to bring enough toys and clothes to make a whole family's Christmas special. Others may only be able to buy an extra canned good each week when grocery shopping. Maybe you can put together a beautiful basket of personal care items that will make a difference in someone's life or maybe you have an extra bottle of shampoo you can donate. The wonderful thing about giving is that it doesn't really matter how much you can afford to give, every little bit makes a difference. Please visit us at City Hall often and bring what you can. If the weather is nice, bring your kids to our wonderful new park and have them drop off a canned good. What a great way to teach your children the joy that comes from generosity! And this good will does not need to end with the holidays. Keep the spirit of giving alive all year. Next Thanksgiving think how good it will feel to be thankful for all you were able to share throughout the year.

Pam Fogarty



## A Moment With...

Sharon West  
Alderman, Ward 3

Sharon West has lived in Dardenne Prairie since 1995. When Dardenne Prairie became a fourth class city in April, 2000, Sharon became one of the first elected officials for the City. In April 2003 she was reelected for a second term as Alderman for Ward 3 and she has remained in that position. Not only is Sharon a resident and City Official, she is also a Dardenne Prairie business owner. Sharon's love for animals led her to open WestInn Kennels in 1997. Sharon started her business as a dog training school and quickly saw a need for a place that people could leave their dogs and feel they were safe and well cared for. In 2001 Sharon built the kennel which is at the corner of Henning and Weldon Spring Rd.

Sharon loves all dogs but is partial to golden retrievers. She saw a golden retriever at a competition and knew that she wanted to train goldens. She asked for a golden puppy and for Christmas got her first golden retriever, and named her Holly.

Sharon has been involved with training dogs for the past 30 years. She currently is working with a golden retriever named Vegas. Sharon had planned a trip to Las Vegas, but at the last minute she got a puppy and had to cancel her trip. And that is how Vegas got her name! (Her registered name is Westinn's High Roller) That is one trip Sharon is happy to have missed! Sharon and Vegas are well on their way to an Obedience Trial Championship. Sharon's dogs have earned many Obedience and Hunt titles and when not doing obedience trials they are visiting nursing homes and schools where they do dog bite prevention programs.

**• How long have you lived in Dardenne Prairie? What made you move here?**

I have lived in Dardenne Prairie for 16 years. We moved here to get away from the big city. This was such a nice quiet little town and the people were so friendly, we immediately knew we were HOME.

**• Why did you decide to run for Alderman?**

I decided to run for Alderman to promote communication and understanding with the people of Dardenne Prairie.

**• What has been your most rewarding moment since you became Alderman?**

I think the opening of our new City Park has been one of the most rewarding and satisfying experiences I have had as an Alderman. It is a wonderful place to bring the community and families together.

**• What is your most cherished childhood memory.**

One of my favorite memories from my childhood is of my father cooking. He enjoyed making chili for everyone and would invite all of the neighborhood kids in for a chili supper.

**• If you couldn't live in Dardenne Prairie, where would you live?**

If I could not live in DP I would want to live in the country on a farm.

**• If you had it to do over again, what profession would you choose and why?**

If I had it to do over again I would be a veterinarian. I love animals and would love to have the skills and knowledge needed to make a difference to animals who are sick or hurt.

**• What is your favorite Thanksgiving dish? (or desert!)**

My favorite Thanksgiving food is Turkey it always smells so good when it is cooking that you can hardly wait to eat it.

## The City of Dardenne Prairie Continues Free Safety Program For Citizens Well-Being

The City of Dardenne Prairie will be continuing a free safety program for the well-being of its citizens. The **Emergency Beacon Program** is a means for having the capacity to turn on a flashing front light of a home to better notify emergency responders to the location of need for a more expedient response time.

City Hall is the point of distribution for interested residents to receive one of two free devices: a special light switch or a special light bulb adapter. The only requirement at the time of pick-up is for the resident to leave their address as to the location of the device installation for

tracking of this growing St. Charles County program.

The special switch replaces the regular light switch of a front house light. This switch has three positions: Off; Flash; On. This device application allows one to use any light bulb as their front porch or front window light.

The other option is an adapter that screws into one's front porch or front window light socket. This device allows them to use a regular light bulb with their regular switch and it will flash when turned on two times repetitively.

Essentially, this Emergency Beacon Program

device is an every-day front porch or front window light that becomes a FLASHING BEACON to help emergency responders find those in need FAST!

In the event of an emergency, DIAL 911. Tell the operator your emergency and tell them to look for the FLASHING LIGHT then activate the flashing light.

The time saved in finding the location of the emergency due to the use of this BEACON could be a lifesaver!

Other requirements to participate in this free program are for the immediate installation of

the device and maintain the strict compliance for the appropriate use of this tool as it is not a toy.

The City of Dardenne Prairie has established a working model display in the lobby of their City Hall for information as to the ease of the installation and further clarity of the program.

Donations to support this initiative are welcomed as the City of Dardenne Prairie strives to reach their goal of having every household equipped with an Emergency Beacon Program device.

## Our sincere appreciation to the following businesses for your support and contributions to Prairie Day and to our new Park:

BaratHaven Alzheimer's Center  
Baue Funeral Home  
Caregivers Inn

Dewitt Insurance  
First Bank  
Hazelwood and Weber

Kadean Construction  
Kehoe Engineering  
Postal Plus

Progress West HealthCare Center  
SSM St. Joseph Hospital West  
WestInn Kennels, Inc

We couldn't do it without you! Thank you.

(Opportunities are still available for Park Sponsorship. Please contact City Hall for details.)

### MEETING TIMES

Board Workshop: 5:30 PM  
1st & 3rd Wed. of the month

Board of Aldermen: 7:00 PM  
1st & 3rd Wed. of the month

Planning & Zoning 7:00 PM  
2nd Wednesday of the month

All meetings will be held at  
Dardenne Prairie City Hall

**Luncheon & Bingo**  
Date: Friday, Dec. 2nd  
Time: 11:00 a.m.  
The City of Dardenne Prairie Parks & Recreation Commission will host a FREE Luncheon/Bingo Social for our Active Older Adults at Dardenne Prairie City Hall located at 2032 Hanley Road.  
Please register by calling 636-755-5308 by November 28th. Space is limited to 75 residents of Dardenne Prairie.  
Come dressed in your holiday attire. If you would like to participate in a white elephant gift exchange please bring a gift valued at no more than \$5.

**THE STAFF OF DARDENNE PRAIRIE NEEDS YOUR HELP!**  
THE CITIES OF DARDENNE PRAIRIE, COTTLEVILLE AND WELDON SPRING ARE IN A FIERCE COMPETITION. THE WINNER WILL BE THE CITY HALL THAT COLLECTS THE MOST CANNED GOODS BY JANUARY 5, 2012. SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR YOUR CITY AND HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS BY DROPPING OFF CANNED OR NON-PERISHABLE GOODS TO CITY HALL DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.

**NOTICE OF FILING DATE FOR GENERAL ELECTION**  
Pursuant to § 115.127, NOTICE OF FILING DATE FOR GENERAL ELECTION  
The City of Dardenne Prairie, Missouri gives notice that the opening filing date for the general election to be held on the 3rd day of April 2012 shall be on December 13, 2011. The offices to be filled are one (1) Alderman for each of the three (3) wards. Filings shall be received by the City Clerk, during regular office hours, at City Hall 2032 Hanley Road in the City of Dardenne Prairie commencing at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2011. The closing date and time for filing shall be 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2012.  
Kimberlie Clark, City Clerk  
City of Dardenne Prairie, Missouri

*As you do your shopping for this season, please consider all of the fine businesses here in Dardenne Prairie. Not only do we have the "big name" retail stores, such as Target and Penney's, but there are many small stores and restaurants that offer wonderful gift ideas and yummy food to add to your celebrations. Check our website under "Business Directory" for a complete list of local businesses.*

**DUMPING INTO STORM DRAINS IS ILLEGAL**  
Waste water that flows down the drains inside your home flows through a sanitary sewer to a treatment facility, but storm water flows into the storm drain system. The storm drain system is completely separate from the sanitary sewer. The storm drain system is comprised of the drains at the edge of our streets and the ditches alongside our roads. Water in the storm drain system receives no treatment or filtering. This means that any pollution that gets washed into the storm drain system go directly to our creeks and rivers. Examples of common storm water pollution are construction debris, automobile fluids, lawn clippings, soil erosion, paint, pesticides, litter and any other household material. So be sure to keep all work areas clean and pick up litter and debris. Cover storage and stockpile areas and clean them regularly to avoid leaks. It is illegal to dump or discharge waste or pollution into storm drains. So do the right thing and help keep our creeks and rivers clean!