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What's happening in Foristell...

This is the start of periodic updates that we will send out to keep you informed on current events and pertinent information as it relates to our City and our residents.

Housing Developments – Several developments are in various stages at this time as summarized below

- Liberty subdivision (next to the Post Office) – Initially started in 2000, this development restarted last year and has now been approved to build 207 homes. At this time over 10 basements have been dug and some foundations poured. From what we understand, the first phase is essentially sold out.
- Foristell Land Development (located on the East side of Cotton Rd, about a ½ mile North of Hwy 70) – Again, initially started some time ago (around 2006), this development has now been approved to build 382 homes.
- Stone Canyon subdivision (located slightly north and a bit northwest of the nearly completed Hawthorne Ridge subdivision on Hwy W) – 148 homes under review for final approval.
- Reithi Homes (located on the North service road West of Hwy W) – 72 homes under review for approval.
- Foristell Woods – (Karrenbrock property located West of the Liberty development and accessible via S. Stringtown Rd.) – under review for approval of 41 homes on large lots.
- Schaper Homes (located off Schaper road) – Approved to build 58 homes on large lots.

Additional Businesses in the area

Beef Processing Facility – This is a Warren County initiative that was announced a couple months ago. After it is completed in 2024, in addition to employee traffic, there will also be significant truck traffic in and out of the facility which will have a significant impact on our City and our overpass. At full employment, we are being told that approximately 1,300 employees will work there.

Wholesale Plumbing – Planning and Zoning has approved the site layout of their business, located just East of Boehmer Brothers off Schaper Road.

Infrastructure projects – We are working with St. Charles County and MoDot in an effort to accommodate the expected increase in traffic as a result of the above developments. Specifically, the current plan is to extend Interstate Drive from the David Hoekel overpass area (South of Hwy 70) to Hwy T (directly across from the Liberty subdivision). That will help alleviate the additional traffic resulting

from that development. Planning for this extension is still in work so no timeframe for completion is available yet. In addition, and more importantly, St. Charles County is leading an initiative (with our input) to study options related to our existing outdated two-lane overpass. They will be looking at viable options which might include erecting a new overpass either slightly east or west of the current one or replacing our existing overpass to accommodate much more traffic. This study is expected to be completed early next year. Thanks to St. Charles County Voters Prop R was approved to reauthorize the County's 1/2 cent Transportation Sales Tax for another 10 years. Foristell can apply for funding to improve the overpass and Interstate Drive once those projects have been approved.

Gateway Fiber – You may have noticed Gateway Fiber's subcontractor pulling fiber optic cable around the Foristell area. At this time, Hickory Grove is the only subdivision that is currently slated to get high speed internet in the near future. At this time, other areas are expected to get it around mid 2023 with the newest subdivisions scheduled first. If you haven't done so already, please go out to their website (www.gatewayfiber.com) and input your address. The more interest identified, the more likely your area will be prioritized on their installation schedule.

County Park – St. Charles County recently purchased 199 acres just east of Hwy W off W. Meyer Rd with the intent of developing it into a park for all St. Charles County residents. The park is scheduled to open this summer with shelters, natural surface and paved trails and a playground. Douglass School, a 1920 one room school house will be moved from Foristell to the park. The schoolhouse will be disassembled, and all pieces labeled and cataloged to be reconstructed on the site. The 15' X 30" building will be open for public viewing.

City Recognition - An Outstanding Citizen Award was issued to Steven V. Appleton, manager of Foristell Storage for exceptional service to the community and to the citizens of Foristell for helping to foil and capture a wanted fugitive who had stolen numerous items from various locations, leading to an arrest.

Board of Alderman Meetings – As a reminder, we meet every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm. These are public meetings so I encourage you to attend if you want to know real-time what is going on in our City.

Finally, if you have anything you would like to see in future updates, please call City Hall at 636-463-2123 and we will do our best to incorporate any ideas into the next newsletter.

Mayor, Board of Aldermen, and City Staff.