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News from around the Lake.....

More name changes for Highway 54/Expressway

There are more name changes ahead for the new Expressway and related highways, according to the City of Osage Beach.

State Hwy 54 Expressway, west of the Grand Glaize Bridge, is scheduled to be open by the end of this year. MoDOT will name the Expressway "State Highway 54", a continuance of the existing east portion now open. The existing State Highway 54, west of the Grand Glaize bridge, will then be renamed "Osage Beach Parkway," which also continues the name from the east portion.

On Jan. 1, the "Osage Beach Parkway" street name will be effective for all addresses west of the Grand Glaize Bridge on the existing Highway 54. Please note, the change will not affect the number designation of existing addresses/facilities, only the street name.

The City of Osage Beach has sent notices to all addresses to be affected by this change requesting the businesses convert all addresses and printed material to "Osage Beach Parkway" by the Jan. 1 deadline.

If you're still confused, contact Bob Chatham at Osage Beach City Hall at 302-2000 or by email: bchatham@osagebeach.org. Oct 5, 2011. Lakenevsonline.com

Bill could save more than 1,000 lake area homes

The freshman congresswoman for the lake area is introducing legislation that mirrors an effort by Missouri's two senators, aimed at protecting the rights of thousands of homeowners and lakefront property owners whose homes and other structures could be subject to removal under a rule issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler (MO-4) will introduce bipartisan legislation to protect the property rights of Lake of the Ozarks landowners who are threatened by the dispute involving the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and electric utility Ameren Missouri.

The Hartzler bill follows a September letter to FERC, signed by all nine members of Missouri's congressional delegation. The bill is identical to the Landowner Protection Act, bipartisan legislation introduced by Missouri Senators Roy Blunt and Claire McCaskill. Both bills would prohibit FERC from issuing any plan that requires the tearing down of structures along the lake. In a press release issued on Monday, Hartzler referred to the harmful effects the dispute with FERC is having on the lake's already-fragile real estate and construction market. The bill is co-sponsored by the other eight members of Missouri's congressional delegation.

Under a shoreline management plan issued as part of Ameren Missouri's license to operate the Osage Hydroelectric Project at the lake, thousands of homes and other structures within the project boundary would have to be removed. Hartzler has taken the lead on the issue, not waiting for FERC to schedule a re-hearing. "FERC's ruling defies common sense," said Hartzler as she prepared to file the bill. "Its action was not supported by any good reasoning or evidence showing why it was needed or how it would help. FERC's ruling tramples on private property rights and ignores recorded deeds and easements."

"We realize this matter is still under appeal," continued Hartzler. "But since this ruling is causing so much harm to the already-fragile real estate and construction markets at the lake, we feel we cannot wait for a long, drawn-out court battle to solve the problem. This action on the part of FERC is causing the whole lake community to suffer, economically. This economic downturn will lead to delays in much-needed infrastructure repairs and will hurt schools which depend on property taxes to provide our children with the quality education they deserve. This is a prime example of an out-of-control federal government agency making decisions without regard for citizens." The Hartzler bill follows a September letter to FERC, signed by all nine members of Missouri's congressional delegation. Hartzler was elected to Congress, representing Missouri's Fourth Congressional District, in 2011.

The Fourth District includes areas in and around Lake of the Ozarks. The move by Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler (MO-4) is expected to be a hot topic of conversation on Thursday, Oct. 27, at the Camdenton High School Little Theater. The meeting is being hosted by the Lake Area Conservative Club from 7 to 9 p.m. The meeting is to gather together a grassroots effort to persuade the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to change the rules. The rules that have caught the public's fury are included in the Shoreline Management Plan approved by FERC in July. The plan was submitted more than three years ago by Ameren Missouri as part of its relicensing.

At the heart of the issue is the license granted to Ameren Missouri to operate the Bagnell Dam hydroelectric project under FERC rules. It allows them the authority to grant permits for construction of certain types of facilities on project lands. Those include such things as boat docks, landings, retaining walls and other similar structures for erosion control to protect the shoreline and it allows for residential or unpermitted structures on land within the project boundaries. Many of those at risk were built before the permitting programs were in place. The plan also prevents Ameren Missouri from issuing certain types of permits in the future. Ameren has submitted a proposal to FERC to relinquish lands that are not really needed for project purposes. Ameren believes the best solution would be to adjust the project boundary so as many structures as possible that are identified as encroachments under the existing boundary are no longer encroachments. Oct 25, 2011. *Lakenewsonline.com*

2011 shootout matches 2010 fundraising

The 23rd Lake of the Ozarks Shootout boat race managed to match last year's charity fundraising totals, netting \$70,570 for a total of 20 organizations. An estimated crowd of 100,000 took part in the various Shootout events leading up to a weekend of fast runs on the Osage Arm.

A total of 493 volunteers and Shootout Committee members helped put on the event at Captain Ron's in Sunrise Beach on Aug. 27-28. The West Side began hosting the race in 2008. It began in 1988 as a fundraiser for Lake of the Ozarks fire departments to purchase water rescue equipment.

Total charity donations for the race have climbed in recent years. In 2010, the race generated \$70,000. In 2009, total donations were \$50,877, and in 2008 the race brought in \$41,000.

This year, Canadian Bill Tomlinson in My Way tied Dave Scott and NautiMarine's course record of 208 mph. The fastest Shootout run ever still belongs to Dave Callan and John Cosker in Miss Longlite, who ran 209 mph in 2007 in the final Shootout held at Shooter's 21 in Osage Beach. Oct. 26, 2011. *Lakenewsonline.com*

Forces gather against FERC

A grassroots effort to rally opposition to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's recent shoreline ruling is taking hold. Plans are being rolled out for two town hall meetings aimed at bringing together homeowners and lakefront property owners at risk of losing their land with others in the same boat.

The town hall meetings are the first public gatherings to protest FERC's recent rule that could cost thousands of lakefront property owners to lose their homes, land and shoreline structures. There has been a massive campaign to generate comments, letters and signatures for a petition. Those efforts have garnered support from not only lakefront property owners and local chamber organizations but also elected officials from the local to the state and federal level. Now, local residents are taking the lead and organizing meetings to gather opposition into a unified force.

At the center of the controversy are an estimated 1,200 homes and thousands of other structures on the shoreline that are defined as nonconforming structures. Those structures are at risk of demolition if the recent rules handed down by FERC are not amended. Patsy Riley of Camdenton is one of those homeowners who is in limbo until FERC makes some kind of move. Riley says her home in Normac Estates has gone from being worth more than \$400,000 to virtually nothing.

"After 35 years of paying taxes, this property doesn't belong to me?" she asked. "I don't think we can voice our opinion loud enough or mean enough right now." In a recent conversation with FERC, Riley said she was told the re-hearing FERC has agreed to hold isn't even scheduled until May of 2012. "I am tired of waiting and I think most people who are in this same position are too," she said.

Riley is organizing a meeting for noon on Saturday, Nov. 19, in the meeting room at the new First National Bank facility on 54 Highway in Camdenton. Riley said she hopes to have congressional leaders, state representatives and others attend the meeting to answer questions and hear what the local people who are impacted by the issue have to say. A similar meeting is being hosted by the Lake Area Conservative Club from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, at the Camdenton High School Little Theater.

"This is extremely crucial," LACC member Cliff Luber said. "In my view the existing conveyance from 1932 has sufficed for 79 years."

The rules that have caught the public's fury are included in the Shoreline Management Plan approved by FERC in July. The plan was submitted more than three years ago by Ameren Missouri as part of its relicensing. At the heart of the issue is the license granted to Ameren Missouri to operate the Bagnell Dam hydroelectric project under FERC rules. It allows them the authority to grant permits for construction of certain types of facilities on project lands. Those include such things as boat docks, landings, retaining walls and other similar structures for erosion control to protect the shoreline and it allows for residential or unpermitted structures on land within the project boundaries. Many of those at risk were built before the permitting programs were in place. The plan also prevents Ameren Missouri from issuing certain types of permits in the future.

Ameren has submitted a proposal to FERC to relinquish lands that are not really needed for project purposes. Ameren believes the best solution would be to adjust the project boundary so as many structures as possible that are identified as encroachments under the existing boundary are no longer encroachments. If FERC agrees, then Ameren would work to resolve the remaining situations on a case-by-case basis in a manner that balances the interests of everyone involved. Ameren almost always has at least easement rights to 662 and owns as high as 674 in some places.

SMP Highlights

- Ordered policy on encroaching dwellings
- Ordered policy on nonconforming structures including existing and permitted decks, patios, gazebos, boat houses, etc.
- Ordered policy not specifically grandfathering any pre-existing and/or permitted structures
- The strong recommendation that these structures be removed from project lands
- The future prohibition of decks patios and gazebos
- The inadequate amount of time (May of 2012) given to inventory, evaluate and present information to FERC on these matters

About the plan

Ameren Missouri is responsible for certain shoreline management activities at Lake of the Ozarks under provisions of its license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the operation of Bagnell Dam and the Osage Power Plant. Ameren Missouri filed a new plan for FERC review on March 28, 2008. FERC approved the plan, with certain modifications, on July 26, 2011.

The SMP is considered the blue print for future growth and development around the lake.

Oct 21, 2011. *Lakenewsonline.com*

Plans advancing for new pedestrian bridge in Camdenton

Plans to construct a pedestrian bridge in Camdenton are moving forward nicely, City Administrator Brenda Colter said. Bids are expected to come back in early December with construction starting shortly thereafter. With fingers crossed, Colter said the pedestrian bridge should be finished by Memorial Day 2012.

About the Project

The city was awarded \$460,000 in Transportation Enhancement Funds to add on a pedestrian bridge on the south side of the Highway 54 bridge where it crosses over Route 5. Plans also call for the city to extend its sidewalk from Great Southern Bank to Elm Tree Lane, about 2,400 feet.

Because of project costs, the city may have to cut short its original plans and only extend the sidewalk up to the American Center. The pedestrian bridge is the main focus in the project. Currently, the only way for pedestrians and bicyclists to reach businesses and homes on either side is by using the bridge's shoulder. It's a dangerous situation, city officials said. Colter said state officials got the true impact of the project when Economic Development Director Mike Nichols, who is in a wheelchair, attempted to use the shoulder. The city included pictures of Nichols crossing the bridge in their application.

Transportation Enhancement funds

The federal money is being provided through the use of Transportation Enhancement funds. Administered through Missouri Department of Transportation, very specific guidelines have to be met in order to qualify for the funding, including type of project, local administration and the project's accessibility to the community. Most projects are reimbursed up to 80 percent with the remaining costs covered by the project's sponsor. The city of Camdenton received \$460,000 in TE funds and will pay about \$90,000.

Other Projects

The city of Osage Beach also received TE funds during the same funding cycle. Osage Beach will use its \$250,000 to assist with the second phase of the Highway 54 Sidewalk Improvement Project. In the second phase, the city will continue to expand the amount of sidewalks per the city's transportation master plan. The city has been constructing sidewalks along major roadways for nearly two years after residents ranked the need for sidewalks a top priority on a public survey. Oct 21, 2011. Deanna Wheeler. lakenewsonline.com

Camdenton company marks 60th year

A Camdenton company celebrated its 60th year in business this month. Electrovert got its start in Canada in 1951 and started its operation in Camdenton in 1973.

Electrovert began in Montreal, Quebec manufacturing wave soldering, reflow soldering and precision cleaning equipment used in the printed circuit board assembly and semiconductor industries. The company has issued more than 400 patented designs, many of which are recognized worldwide by the globe's largest circuit board manufacturers. Electrovert's Camdenton location became the company's headquarters in 1993.

All of Electrovert's products are designed and built in Camdenton under the Speedline Technologies product portfolio. Speedline, headquartered in Massachusetts, markets MPM and Camalot brand products in addition to marketing Electrovert. Oct 26, 2011.

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Ribbon cutting: Airlake Aviation

Airlake Aviation was welcomed into the Lake West Chamber with a ribbon cutting event. You have probably seen them in the air pulling advertising banners across the Lake. Corey Leuwerke is the owner of this company which offers Scenic Flights, Photo Shoots and Flight Instruction as well as Banner Towing. They are conveniently located at the Camdenton Airport. Call 573-346-0300 or go to airlakeaviation.com to find out more! Oct 25, 2011. Lakenewsonline.com

Rt. 242 connector paving completed

Paving is underway for the new Rt. 242 at Horseshoe Bend Parkway. The connector to Rt. MM was recently completed, and asphalt paving of the main stretch of Rt. 242 that connects with Highway 54 northeast of the Osage River Bridge is expected to begin in the next couple of weeks. The project, estimated at \$8.3 million is a cooperative effort between MoDOT and the Missouri Department of Economic Development. It should be open to traffic by the end of the year. Bloomsdale Excavating Co., Inc., of Bloomsdale, Mo., is the contractor. Oct 5, 2011. Lakenewsonline.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

| EVENT | DATE | LOCATION | CONTACT INFO |
|--|------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Biennial Holiday Wishes Dinner & Silent Auction | Nov 4 | Camdenton, MO | 573-346-0660 |
| Captain Ron's 5th Anniversary Party | Nov 5 | Sunrise Beach, MO | 573-374-5852 |
| Christmas Craft Market | Dec 18 - 19 | Linn Creek, MO | 573-346-7191 |
| Enchanted Village of Lights Laurie | To Jan 1 | Laurie, MO | 573-374-8776 |
| Deck your Dock help raise money for Dogwood Animal Shelter | Nov 25 to Dec 31 | Laurie, MO | 573-374-7855 |
| St Patrick's Festival of Lights | Nov 25 to Dec 31 | Laurie, MO | 573-374-7855 |
| Lake West Chamber Lighted Christmas Parade | Nov 26 | Laurie, MO | 573-374-5500 |
| Versailles Unity Circle of Lights | Nov 26 to Dec 31 | Versailles, MO | 800-386-5253 |
| Christmas on the Square | Dec 3 | Camdenton, MO | 573-346-6329 |
| Christmas Dance Party | Dec 3 | Linn Creek, MO | 573-346-7191 |
| Lake Ozark 27th Annual Christmas Parade | Dec 10 | Lake Ozark, MO | 573-964-1008 |
| Blues Brothers Christmas Gig at Capt Ron's | Dec 17 | Sunrise Beach, MO | 573-374-5852 |
| So something different.: A lake Cruise | Dec 31 | Osage Beach, MO | 573-480-3212 |
| 6th Annual New Years Eve Party at Captain Rons | Dec 31 | Sunrise Beach, MO | 573-374-5852 |

Local Brewery gains funds through Internet

One of the more unique new businesses to be crafted from the ground up at the Lake of the Ozarks is using an even more creative way to raise capital. Chris and Carrie Case of Horseshoe Bend are owners of Horseshoe Bend Brewing Company, which currently is operated from their house. The demand for their German-style beer is so great that they need to expand and start their own micro-brewery. But they need your help.

A kickoff party for their venture will be held from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at Bootleggers in Osage Beach. (To attend or for more event details visit www.facebook.com/hbbrewco) They are using a fundraising platform called www.IndieGoGo.com. It is a "crowd-funding" website that seeks donations (as small as \$10) to help fund artistic projects or businesses. In return, Horseshoe Bend Brewing Co. will offer perks such as logo stickers, beer, an apprenticeship with the brewmaster, etc. They also will be playing a video to explain the concept and what they are seeking.

About HBBC

Chris Case, brewmaster of Horseshoe Bend Brewing Company, has vast culinary experience that spills over into what he considers "perfect" beer. Graduating from the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) in Hyde Park, N.Y., he has been in the industry professionally since 1994. As a certified Chef and currently employed at The Duck, he has worked around the world, giving him the opportunity to taste various international and regional beers – his second passion. After living and working in Germany, he discovered the native wheat beer, Hefeweizen (Hefe meaning yeast), and wanted to create his own version.

Mission

Horseshoe Bend Brewing Company uses traditional brewing methods along with new techniques to produce distinct full flavored beers. Case says classic international beer styles are combined with original American style beers to create unique brews for the discerning palate. Flavor will not be compromised, as premium ingredients are used, he explained. "We are committed to perfection in every step of the brewing process," he commented. Their products include Howling Hef (Hefeweizen), Ugly Dunkling (Dunkelweizen), Kove'N Out (Kolsh), Black Gold (Porter), Roots (English Barleywine). For more information, call 573-281-8683 email hbbrewing@live.com. Oct 24, 2011. lakenewsonline.com

LOCOLG applies for highway grant

If successful, a grant application by the Lake of the Ozarks Council of Local Governments could become part of the statewide transportation plan for an \$11 million highway realignment project on the west side of Lake of the Ozarks. The realignment project would be part of the 242 extension linking Lake of the Ozarks Community Bridge in Lake Ozark to the west side. Specifically the \$11 million would be used to realign Routes MM, TT and F, roads that carry the load of traffic coming to and from the Lake of the Ozarks Community Bridge.

According to LOCOLG regional planner Mac McNally, the grant is available through the US Department of Transportation. McNally said the members of the community bridge corporation approached the council of governments about the possible funding source. The project was presented to the council's transportation committee and approved.

McNally said the application is being handled by a team of bridge corporation members, county officials, engineers and planners from the Missouri Department of Transportation. The grant application is due at the end of the month. In 2010, there was a move to form a Transportation Development District to purchase the toll bridge and partner with the MoDOT to bring needed improvements to Routes MM, TT and F. The road improvements have been talked about since the bridge was first proposed. MoDOT and the TDD would share the costs of the \$22 million project.

By improving the roads, bridge officials believed they could increase the number of toll bridge users. That would provide the revenue stream needed to pay for the projects and the obligation on the remaining bridge bonds. The project fell through due to a lack of funding.

The bridge corporation formed more than a decade ago to construct and operate the Community Bridge that connects Lake Ozark with Shawnee Bend. Construction was financed through the sale of bonds, which are being paid for by tolls collected from motorists. The bridge, which provides a direct route to the west side of the lake, was completed in 1998. Oct 26, 2011. *lakewebonline.com*

New Hurricane Deck Bridge will stay in same location

Estimated cost \$22.7 million

Time frame Exact construction dates in 2012 have yet to be determined

The details

The Missouri State Transportation Improvement Plan was amended in 2010 to include replacement of the Hurricane Deck Bridge, rather than just the \$6 million rehab. Finished in 1936, the Highway 5 bridge, which crosses the Osage Arm of Lake of the Ozarks at the 35 mile-marker, had a major rehab in 1985 and a minor deck rehab in 2006. Because of its outdated design, poor superstructure (truss and beams) condition and narrow width, the historic bridge is considered structurally deficient though safe to use for the time being. The new bridge will be 38 feet wide with two 12-foot travel lanes and two 7-foot shoulders, and will include the ability for the future addition of bicycle/pedestrian access. The width could at some point accommodate striping for three travel lanes.

The progress

After hearings and an open public comment period earlier in 2011, the Missouri Department of Transportation recently finalized the environmental assessment on the proposed replacement and found no significant impact for the preferred alternative to replace the bridge at its current location.

The new superstructure of the bridge will be built downstream and then moved onto the existing piers, leaving the crossing in the same location. According to the decision report from MoDOT, the pier caps on the existing piers will be reconstructed and a delta truss structural system will be used to support the bridge deck. The inverted triangular shape of this type of truss allows for a longer span, a necessity to re-use the existing piers without constructing additional piers.

MoDOT is anticipating only short-term traffic interruptions, two to seven days, to establish roadway tie-ins and to move the newly constructed bridge into place. The detour will utilize the Lake of the Ozarks Community toll bridge and Highway 54.

Oct 24, 2011. *lakewebonline.com*

