

CITY of CAPE GIRARDEAU

2017 Activity Notes

Economic Development

The 120,000-square-foot premiere **Cape (Indoor) SportsPlex** facility opened increasing all-season, especially winter, visitor traffic and sporting events.

A **Midamerica Crossings Transportation Development District** was created near the new SportsPlex. It will fund street and stormwater mitigation development and extension of the outer road.

SI03 built their manufacturing facility at the Greater Cape Girardeau Business Park.

The **Marquette/Marriot** development continues, made possible in part by the tax increment financing tool, which reinvests increased tax revenue into the project.

The **Drury Plaza Hotel and Conference Center** opened. Another public-private partnership project funded in part by hotel tax revenue generated from the development.

Jet service starts Dec. 1 in Cape Girardeau connecting passengers to Chicago O'Hare via SkyWest. The Airport's Deputy Manager was also recently credentialed.

Expedited Plan Review has accelerated five projects since September.

A partnership published the **new conceptual Downtown Strategic Plan**.

Entered into a development agreement for 631, 633 and 635 **Good Hope Street**.

The **Main Street Makeover** updated streets, critical infrastructure and lighting in the historic district.

Infrastructure

Completed several **Neighborhood Street Repairs** as part of **Transportation Trust Fund 5** including part of South Sprigg Street.

New roundabout at Gordonville and Independence completed.

MS4 Stormwater Plan updated with the State of Missouri.

LED Street Light upgrade on part of William, Siemers, and Main Street.

Drainage work completed on Ferndale at Nottingham, and Bernice Street.

Southern Expressway and Lynwood Hills **bridges repaired**.

Response/recovery: **May 2017 Flood**.

Veterans Memorial Drive Phase 5 from Scenic to Hopper completed.

LaSalle Water Tank complete and **Gordonville Water Tank No. 1** replaced.

The last of a series of **floodwall projects** with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was completed. The floodwall is over 6,000-feet long.

The long-awaited **South Sprigg Street Bridge** opened. Sinkholes plagued the area compromising infrastructure.

The scenic **Bloomfield Road** was expanded with an added trail to improve both safety and recreational/multi-modal access in the area. (**Transportation Trust Fund 4**)

Updated the **Capital Improvements Plan**.

Public Safety

Adopted **Chronic Nuisance Property** ordinance.

Body cameras funded, tested and vendor selected (implementation 1st quarter of 2018)

Crime analyst position created.

Radio Interoperability Phase I (bidding) will begin soon.

A **new police activity map** will help users better understand local issues.

The **new Police Department complex including the Jail and Municipal Court** will open in March 2018.

The last of the city's quaint, neighborhood fire stations was replaced with a new **Fire Station 4**. Fire station renovations were also completed including a new apparatus-repair annex.

Also funded by the **Fire Sales Tax**, firefighters were equipped with a new fleet of front line fire apparatus, including four pumpers, one aerial ladder truck, and one heavy rescue truck, thus allowing them to update their reserve fleet by replacing 1992 and 1998 pumpers with two 2005 pumpers.

Quality of Life

Launched **South Cape Neighborhood Development Initiative** and **Purpose Built Communities**.

The residents and our partners are engaged and eager to help make a difference.

Recently completed the Fall Alley Sweep, planned for new parks, and worked with Cape Girardeau Public Schools.



Adopted **new ordinances** for fences, shipping containers, dumpsters, and mobile home parks.

Added **parking at the 4-H Building** at Arena Park.

Added capacity, amenities and a fun new attraction to **Cape Splash** including **Pirate Cove**.

Widening completed along **Cape LaCroix Recreation Trail**.

Art students and faculty at the Southeast Missouri State University River Campus collaborated on a **sculpture** installed at the adjacent Fountain Street roundabout.

The City's **website** was upgraded to a responsive platform to work better with a variety of tablets, computers, and smartphones.

New **online utility billing portal** was launched.

Updated utility billing policies to help past-due customers get and stay current.

New welcome signs and additional wayfinding signage was installed to help our City's many visitors.

City Council is anticipated to put the **Parks, Recreation and Stormwater Tax 2** on the **April 2018 ballot** which will also include elections for the Mayor, and Ward 1, 2, and 6 positions.

Friday, Dec. 1 Event Reminders

Inaugural SkyWest Flight Ceremony

Cake & Punch at 11 a.m.

Opening Remarks at 11:45 a.m.

First flight to arrive around noon with a ribbon cutting immediately following

Fire Station Opening Ceremonies

Fire Station 4 Open House at 2:30 p.m.

Presentations/Ceremony at 3 p.m. Immediately followed by Fire Station No. 2 and Annex open house. The Fire Station 2 ceremony should start by 4 p.m.