

What's NEWS in Star City?

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Mark Your Calendar!

- Next Star City Vision & Development Task Force Meeting-Monday April 3, at 7 PM
- **Upcoming Council Meetings:**
 - Tuesday, Mar 14, 7:00 PM
 - Tuesday, Mar 28, 7:00 PM
 - Tuesday, Apr 11, 7:00 PM
 - Tuesday, Apr 25, 7:00 PM
 - Tuesday, May 9, 7:00 Pm
 - Tuesday, May 23, 7:00

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Star City Visioning Is On The MOVE!

Star City Visioning & Development Task Force "Charting the Future"

Nearly a year after the citizen surveys were mailed to folks throughout Star City, the visioning process is making some great strides. The Star City Visioning Committee has been hard at work over the past eleven months, from surveying the citizens and business owners to holding two Town Hall Meetings at the Knights of Columbus facility. The survey and Town Hall Meeting results have given the steering committee a clear understanding of the citizens' desires for the future of their great town.

Three volunteer committees have been formed in order to address the greatest needs within the city. The three committees are: Zoning and Code Enforcement, Community Development, and Economic Development. While these committees are still quite new, volunteers have shown interest in serving on these committees in order to help Star City move into the future. The Zoning Committee has held several meetings and is focusing on reviewing and updating the city's zoning and code laws. This committee is also planning on re-zoning the "overlay" district along the riverfront, which will allow for future favorable development in the area. The Community Development Committee has only met once, but has already discussed some interesting plans for the future, including expanding the Tugboat Depot along the riverfront and improving the city's overall physical appearance by landscaping and painting property. While the Economic Development Committee has not yet met, they are currently recruiting committee members and will be setting a meeting date in the near future.

These three subject areas are broad and encompass various aspects that effect Star City and its future. Planning for these issues is vital, which makes the need for volunteers even more important. We are always looking for citizens and business owners who are interested in preserving the history of and improving the future of Star City. These committee meetings are held in the second floor meeting room in the Star City Municipal Building. Please feel free to contact the Star City Municipal Building if you would like information on committee meeting dates and times. Any interested parties are welcome to attend future committee meetings. Remember, your help is crucial in improving Star City's future.



This prime property, located at the Boyers Avenue/ Monongahela Boulevard intersection, was sold to CJA Properties in December 2005. CJA is owned by Tony Mahdavi, who intends to place a business on the property.

Demolition of the “old” section of the car wash buildings has been completed and wow, is it a big difference! Mr. Mahdavi also had some troublesome trees removed.

He intends to place a building on the property that will house “Tony’s Street Dreamz” and have apartments in the second floor.



Police Notes For Spring

As the spring season approaches, Chief Forbes would like to remind people about the following items:

LEASH LAW: The town has strict rules about dogs on leashes and they will be enforced. If a dog is outside, it must be on a leash at all times, unless it is in a completely fenced-in yard. Also, you are responsible for cleaning up after your dog. We had several complaints last year and anyone not complying will be cited.

ABANDONED VEHICLES:

Please report all abandoned vehicles to this department. Last year 80 abandoned or non-running vehicles were removed, resulting in a much better look for the town.

GRASS AND YARD WASTE: As the weather improves, people get the urge to pretty up their lawn. Please remember that putting grass clippings in the street or sewer system is strictly prohibited. If

caught, you could face a citation and fine. Grass clippings and yard waste may be placed out for garbage pickup, provided it is placed in an appropriate container and is not too heavy. Wet grass is especially heavy, so please keep that in mind when bagging.

Items such as small branches, etc must be neatly bundled and able to be picked up. We cannot pick up scattered branches.

In Memoriam

On Thursday, March 2, 2006 former Mayor of Star City John R. Barill passed away.

John was Mayor of Star City from 1948 to 1958 and also served as a council member for 10 years.

John was very active in the community and will be greatly missed.

Guess Who’s Having A Birthday?

It’s the Town of Star City! The town will be turning ONE HUNDRED years old on May 6, 2007. This is an important milestone for the town and an opportunity to let more people know what a great place Star City can be.

If you’d like to help us make a spectacular centennial celebration, please contact city hall for details!



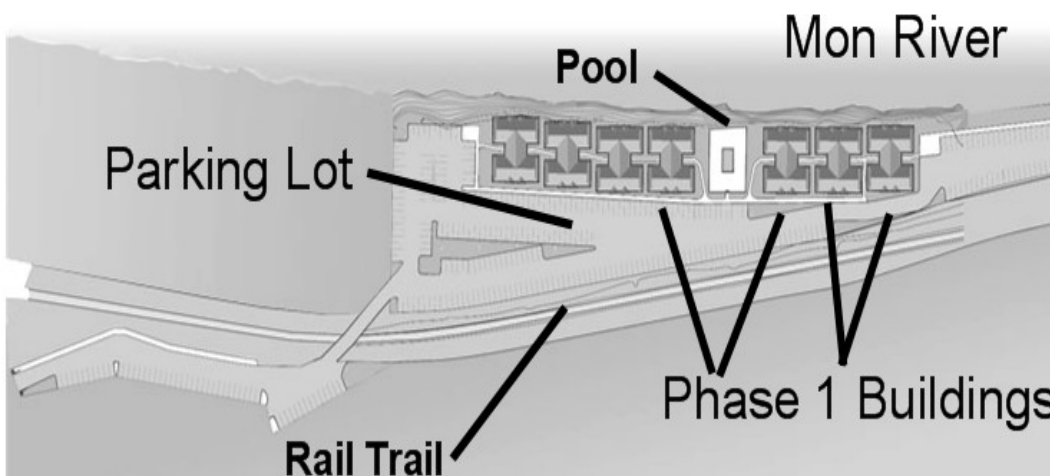
Frontier Avenue location of the proposed Everest Property development prior to demolition of the existing home.



Around Town: Spring Projects

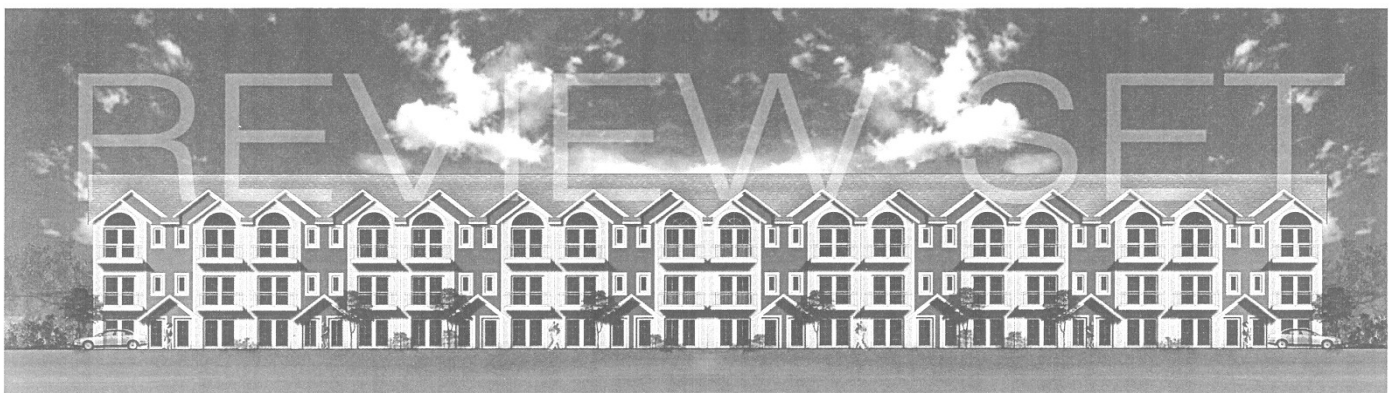


- Work will soon begin on the “Streetscape Improvement” to the sidewalks on one side of University Avenue, 1 side of Leeway Street, and 1 side of Frontier Avenue. This project will complement the sidewalks already completed in 2001 and will feature the same design and lighting. The project was designed by the E. L. Robinson Engineering firm out of Charleston, WV. They were the top choice from bids received on the project. In turn, they advertised for a contractor and the winning bidder was Murphy Consolidated of Beech Bottom, WV. Murphy has already begun the purchase of materials and are just waiting for the weather to break in order to get started. They anticipate beginning the project in mid-March, as long as Mother Nature cooperates. Once construction begins, please be aware the traffic patterns may be affected on the above-named streets so keep an eye out for traffic cones, signs, lights, etc. Although it may be a temporary inconvenience, the results in the long run will be spectacular!
- In the near future, a new feature will be added to the Tugboat Depot and Edith Barill Riverfront Park. Carl Davis, Public Works Director, and his crew will be constructing a picnic pavilion next to the playground. The plan is to make it an open space pavilion with seating and picnic tables. There will be a railing around three sides with the fourth side being open to the playground itself. The design will be similar to the castle structure located within the playground. It will provide a comfortable facility for observing children at play in the popular Tugboat Depot play space as well as being able to accommodate small group events such as birthdays, family gatherings, etc.



To the left is an aerial view artist's rendering of the planned University Commons condominiums that are planned for the riverfront area. Located on the property that was formerly a Pennzoil oil plant, these condos will be a much-needed improvement to the look of the area, which borders the rail trail.

Below is an artist's rendering of a sixteen unit townhome development planned for Frontier Avenue. Owners of the property Chris Lester and Chris Hewitt dba Everest Properties plan to erect these fashionable town homes on the property they acquired in December 2005. Demolition of the existing house on the property (shown previous page) has been completed, with construction soon to follow.





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For information about emergencies such as water main breaks, please listen to radio station **97.9 WKKW**.

**Please consider a donation to the “Tugboat Depot” playground.
Contact information on the front page of this newsletter. THANKS
TO A GREAT COMMUNITY!**



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Help Support Tugboat Depot!

Fence Picket or Brick Paver Order Form

Please make checks payable to:

Community Build Playground, P.O. BOX 4548, Star City, WV 26504-4548

Fence Pickets—\$25.00 17 characters total, including spaces:

Brick Pavers—\$50.00 3 lines, twelve characters per line including spaces
