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Rockaway Beach Applies for \$ 500,000 Road Grant with State of Missouri

In April of 2020, the City of Rockaway Beach will be applying for a road Grant for road improvements from the state of Missouri. The Community Development Block Grant is for many things, however we believe that the most urgent items we need assistance with, **are our roads**

While it is **not a guaranteed** conclusion that we will receive the grant, your mayor, city staff and board of alderman are applying for this grant that should be able to provide up to \$500,000 to improve our roads.

Here's how it works. The grant is a grant for \$ 500,000. The city is going to do our best to provide \$ 25,000 of our own budget. Your **Taney county commissioners** have graciously agreed to provide \$ 25,000

from their budget, The total grant would be for up to \$500,000 if our budget contributions allow and **if we win the CDBG Grant.**

SO WHAT DOES THAT MEAN TO YOU!

Your city government is working to improve our beautiful city!

Last month your City Alderman voted to engage the service of **Toth Engineering** to assist us with this project. They have proven themselves to be a valued partner as they have been the engineering firm that directed the nearly \$2,000,000 update of the waste water program. They completed the project on time and within the set budget and so your Alderman trust that they will provide great guidance as we seek to improve our infrastructure.



CATCH ME IF YOU CAN!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

No, we don't need you to come with your picks and shovel to complete the roads, however, we do need **your understanding.**

We believe that \$500,000, while a great deal of money...it's only one half of what it would take to repair all of our roads and infrastructure. It would most likely take well over a million dollars to complete that task

So right off the bat, we are going to make half the city mad!

So as your city alderman and staff, we are making a decision that we believe will take care of some of the worst roads, yet beautify and repair most of the city that will be seen by visitors and tourist that come to the city.

We consider that to be the areas around and above what we would call the main part of the city. In addition to that

area, we will be repairing Zachary, W. Wallace, Cedar, and Holly street. If there is more money available we will do more roads.

Believe us when we say, we want every street and road to be usable and beautiful, we can only do about onw half of this if we receive the Grant. Hope that makes sense.

We believe this will help draw investors, developers and tourists.



NEWS FROM ROCKAWAY BEACH...



April 7th

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING Feb 24th at 6:30 pm Purpose to discuss the CBDG ROAD GRANT PLAN

“We are in compliance with DNR in our wastewater plant” Jann Clark City Clerk

Waste water plant project completed and in compliance!

As Most of you know, the city was awarded nearly 2 million dollars. As a result of that the city was able to make much needed improvements to our facility.

This two million dollars was wisely and graciously provided by our Taney County Commissioners.

This brought the city into compliance with the Dept of Natural

Resources and greatly improved the operation of this facility.

Why is this important that this action was taken? It’s because there was a time when the city was “out” of compliance with DNR.

This happened as a result of past mistakes in design, fraudulent oversight by contractors and inadequate local lead-

ership. So the good news, updates have been made, compliances have been reinstated, and current leadership has made this a priority.

Special thanks to Alderman Russell Anderson for his oversight and to City Clerk Jann Clark for her commitment to fiscal responsibility in city finances

Wastewater treatment plan receives an additional \$1,000,000 for expansion.

As you may be able to imagine, the “up keep” of our wastewater treatment plant is among the city’s highest priority. It provides necessary revenue that allows us to continue as a city.

It serves not only our community, but also, Merriam Woods, Bull Creek, and soon the community of Venice on the Beach.

So again we have more good news. The county commissioners have agreed that is a priority for Taney County as well. So there are more funds coming our way.

We have already been approved for an additional \$ 100,000 as an extension of the current project.

Then in 2021 we have another

million dollars coming our way .



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*Remembering the Past, looking
forward to the Future.*



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

City Council Meeting

Second Monday of each month

“discussion of Usage Tax coming on April Ballot.”

April 7th 2020

City Wide Vote:

City Alderman,, Ward 1 & Ward 2

Usage tax: 2 % usage tax on internet purchases. Estimated to provide 30,000 -50, 000 for the City Budget.



Please Consider This

At the January meeting, the Board of Aldermen approved submitting a 2% Use Tax to the voters of Rockaway Beach. Voters will have the opportunity to vote yes or no on this tax in the April election.

The Use Tax --which is the same percentage value as our sales tax-- will apply to items ordered over the internet, such as a purchase from [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or other site, where the location of the business is outside of the state of Missouri. While the State of Missouri already collects Use Tax for the state, only the voters of Rockaway Beach can approve it for collection here in our city.

The Board of Aldermen ask for the voters to approve this tax for our city.

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