

Webster Groves Named One Of 10 "Best Towns For Families"

Webster Groves has made the national spotlight in the August issue of Family Circle magazine, which selected Webster Groves among its "10 Best Towns for Families: 2008."

The feature is the result of the second annual in-depth investigation to identify the best communities across the country that are perfect places to live and raise kids. This year's winners offer more than affordable homes, great schools and good neighbors - plus they're also making smart moves to save the planet.

"We are so excited to be included in the 10 best towns to raise a family. Now the almost four million readers of this magazine will know what we know: Webster Groves is the best place to call home." said Mayor Gerry Welch.

Family Circle sought out small cities and vibrant, off-the-radar, communities. The ten towns selected all have top-rated schools, affordable housing and good jobs - along with a slower, easier pace of life and a lot less stress. Also noted in the article was the City's effort toward recycling with implementation of its single



stream curbside recycling program.

To execute the study, Family Circle partnered with On Board, a New York City research firm providing real estate and demographic data, to assemble a list of 1,850 places with populations between 15,000 and 150,000 and a high concentration of households with an average income of \$65,000.

From that, 800 localities were selected based on family-friendly criteria, including cost of living, jobs and schools. Family Circle also looked for "green" communities with good environmental policies and a high percentage of residents who recycle. Family Circle assessed which towns best met those standards and ranked them according to state. The winners were selected from the highest-rated towns in the top 10 states

nationwide. The 10 Best Towns for Families are: Ankeny, Iowa; Broken Arrow, Okla.; Brunswick, Ohio; Oro Valley, Ariz.; Rocklin, Calif.; Royal Palm Beach, Fla.; Shoreview, Minn.; South Burlington, Vt.; Webster Groves, Mo.; Wheeling, Ill.

and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The purpose of the award is to recognize individual governments who demonstrate a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial reports.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association that serves approximately 16,000 government finance professionals throughout North America.

applying lime and chipsealing over the gummy binder, all of which failed. At its expense, Missouri Petroleum finally indicated that they would mill the faulty product off and resurface the streets. That decision was welcome, but has come with its own challenges too voluminous to detail here. We continue to work with Missouri Petroleum to conclude this effort, but rain, other demands on the company, and our scrutiny of their effort has made it slow going. The inconvenience to those traveling these streets and especially to those living on them has been enormous and we truly apologize for the inconvenience. Please bear with us just a while longer.

—Steve Wylie, City Manager



City Receives Prestigious Award For The Third Year In A Row

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) once again presented the City of Webster Groves with the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report for the year ended June 30, 2007.

This award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting,

Street Resurfacing Project Update

During the summer of 2006, a number of asphalt streets, primarily in southern Webster Groves, received a surface treatment as part of the City's annual street maintenance program. Approximately one year later, the asphalt binder on several of these streets failed during the hotter summer months. Missouri Petroleum, the City's contractor for street resurfacing, purchased the faulty product from a third party and they had never before experienced a similar failure.

Missouri Petroleum is a reputable company that has a long and successful relationship with our City and many others in the region and they recommended and executed several efforts to stabilize the troubled streets, including

WGFD Captain Amenn Promoted To Battalion Chief

Fire Chief Mike Capriglione recently announced that Captain Chris Amenn has been promoted to the position of Battalion Chief. Battalion Chief Amenn has been a firefighter/paramedic with Webster Groves since 1996 and was promoted to Captain in 2001. He has a Bachelors Degree in Fire Service Management and is certified as a Fire Officer and Fire Service Instructor. Amenn was also recently selected to attend The National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program.

Nominations Accepted For Awards Of Excellence

Nominations for the 2008 Awards of Excellence are being accepted now through September 2. The Awards of Excellence are annual



awards sponsored by the City of Webster Groves, select Boards and Commissions and the Webster Groves Historical Society. The award identifies projects in the city that exemplify excellent design in the areas of architecture, historic preservation, landscape architecture, and craftsmanship. An application and detailed information is available at Webster Groves City Hall by calling 314-963-5319 or online at www.webstergroves.org/awardsofexcellence.

Boards & Commissions

The Webster Groves City Council is seeking applicants for the following Boards/Commissions:

- Board of Adjustment (*Alternate Member*)
- Business Development Commission (*Seeking business owners or representatives located in Old Orchard, Old Webster, Crossroads, Yorkshire or Owen Development.*)
- Green Space Advisory Commission
- Health & Environmental Services Advisory Board
- Library Board
- Traffic Advisory Commission (*Alternate Member*)

Applications are available at City Hall on the bulletin board or at www.webstergroves.org. Please direct questions to the City Clerk at 314-963-5318.

Application deadline: August 12

August 5 City Council Meeting CANCELLED

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Meetings & Activities

For meeting times and locations, please call 314-963-5319 or visit www.webstergroves.org

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| 8/4 | Green Space Advisory Commission |
| 8/4 | Plan Commission |
| 8/5 | City Council Meeting CANCELLED |
| 8/6 | Architectural Review Board |
| 8/6 | Municipal Court |
| 8/11 | Health & Environmental Services |
| 8/12 | Arts Commission |
| 8/12 | Old Orchard Advisory Board |
| 8/19 | City Council Meeting |
| 8/20 | Architectural Review Board |
| 8/20 | Historic Preservation Commission |
| 8/20 | Webster Groves Library Board |
| 8/25 | Board of Adjustment |
| 8/26 | Old Webster Advisory Board |
| 8/28 | Parks and Recreation Commission |