

Ask the Mayor February 2007

Now that the Superbowl is over, we can start to think about seed catalogues, the Philadelphia Garden Show and doing some spring-cleaning in our hometown. This month we are beginning a citywide anti-litter campaign. Ordinances already on the books make home and business owners responsible for keeping their yards and the walks and street in front of their properties clean. Beginning this month, these ordinances will be strictly enforced. It will take each of us only a few minutes a week at most and the result will be a cleaner Bridgeton that we can all be proud of.

This Saturday, February 10, weather permitting, we are going to canvas the city to distribute fliers letting everyone know about the new policy of strict enforcement of these laws and I am going to need volunteers to help to get the word out. Please join me at 10 a.m. at City Hall and we will divide into groups to try to reach every neighborhood in town.

It's time for all dog and cat owners to renew their licenses. Remember that you must have an up-to-date certificate of rabies vaccination in order to renew. Check the Bridgeton News for the dates of the rabies clinics.

If you are going to put out trash that will not fit in the new container, you must purchase a sticker to place on the bag or item. The stickers are available at city hall and also at the Bridgeton Library.

If you go to the library to buy a trash sticker, take note of how busy it is. Every time I stop by I see kids doing homework or working on the computers, adults checking out books and DVDs, or catching up with the large collection of newspapers and magazines. We have a wonderful group of smart, dedicated people working there. They make every visitor feel welcome and they can answer any question you can come up with. If you'd like to do something for the town, consider joining the Friends of the Bridgeton Library and supporting this wonderful institution.

I'm always looking for new faces and new ideas at City Council Meeting. If something is bugging you about the city, come and let your elected officials know! Maybe you have an idea for solving a problem that has the rest of us stymied. The next meeting will be February 20 – public session starts at 6:30. Hope to see you there!