

Mayor's Corner

Like all municipalities, Bethalto continues to work through these tough economic times. We are fortunate to continue to grow residentially and we are starting to show some signs of commercial and retail interest in our community.



The closer Illinois-255 gets to Godfrey, the better chance we have to start attracting retail, commercial, and professional facilities. We continue to work through our Master Plan and are trying to be as prepared as possible for this growth.

With the 2010 census just around the corner, it will be interesting to see what the actual growth numbers are for Bethalto. We have granted nearly 400 residential building permits since 2000 which puts us on track for an increase in population of approximately 1,000 new residents. Bethalto continues to attract young families with their roots from Bethalto, as well as families seeking a great school system.

Bethalto has also become a nice retirement community with the likes of Parkside Estates and

Innsbrooke condominium complexes. The expansion of churches and church developments are also a key to our continued growth as a community.

Besides the Illinois-255 project, Bethalto is looking forward to the completion of the West Corbin Extension heading west toward the Cottage Hills area. This current phase should be completed by the end of 2010 and we continue to seek funding for the final phase of the project.

Central Street improvements, from Prairie Street to Moreland Road, will be put out for bid late this spring with a summer and early fall construction time line.

Phase I of improvements to Roosevelt Street will be put out for bid in late 2010 for a 2011 construction period. Phase I will start at Prairie Street heading east to Meadow Drive. Phase II will go out for bid in 2011 with construction in 2012 completing the project out to Moreland Road.

With the new year upon us, our commitment is strong to continue to provide the best services to our community and stay within our budgeted means.

