

# Village of St Anne

## President's Report

September 13, 2010

1. Village of St. Anne Economic Committee – We will be having a meeting on Wednesday at 3:30 at Village Hall. We will be going over the questioner results and planning for our next project.
2. Grants – Again I want to be sure that everyone knows that we are currently seeking 3 grants for work that we need in the Village. The grants are:
  - a. Eastern Illinois Ave Grant
    - i. We had word that Pat Ramirez is working on finalizing the paperwork for approval.
  - b. ITIP Grant
    - i. This grant is to do new sidewalks, lighting and asphalt overlay for the blocks of Station Street from 2nd Street to Chicago Ave.
    - ii. The Village match would be roughly \$43,000
  - c. General infrastructure HD 110062
    - i. This is a \$100,000 grant for general improvements
    - ii. We applied for this last year for street repairs.
    - iii. We can use \$43,000 of this grant to fund the ITIP grant.
3. The Finally Mary's building – I was able to discuss this building with a Jim Harrel and a Jonathon Parker from Pacific Union Railroad. Jim is our main contact on the building. He told me that UPR is not opposed to renting the building again. He just needed to check with his superiors before he could proceed with renting the building again. He's supposed to get back to me. Jim also told me that our current rent on the Civic Center is locked in until 2013. This Jonathon Parking is the property manager. We spoke about the condition of the weeds around the building. I told him that we knocked them down this time, but that he needs to keep a better eye on the property in the future.
4. I attended a meeting at the K3 Library on Friday. This meeting discussed Brownfield areas in our county. The meeting covered a grant opportunity for the county that could be as much as \$200,000. The money would be used to identify vacant land or properties, which may be reused, but are complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutants or other contaminants. I'm not sure if we have any such areas, but the county has more than a few. I'll let you know if anything happens with this project.

5. City Park Improvements – I’ve reached out to the group ladies called the “Park Fundraisers” that raised the money a few years ago for the playground equipment that we have in the park. I was asking them if they had any money in the bank that could be used to purchase more playground mulch. To my surprise, they still have money in the bank and would be willing to help improve the park. They are currently, seeking new members and they have a meeting scheduled for Sunday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>. I will meet with them and see what they have in mind and what we can do to help them. I’ll keep you posted.
  
6. Village Hall – I would like to thank Bill Jennings for his donation of the decorative rock that we put down this past weekend. I’ve gotten more than a few comments about how the new rock looks much better than the old bushes that used to be there. Thanks again, Bill for your donation.