



## City takes steps to save giant Cottonwood tree

If you love trees, you will be encouraged to know that the City of Rolla Public Works Department took steps recently to ensure the protection and preservation of what may be the city's largest Cottonwood.

Standing over 80-feet-tall, 5 ½ feet in diameter and 16 feet, 1 ½ inches in circumference, the giant Cottonwood, between 90 and 100 years-old, is living a healthy, undisturbed life on 11th Street between Spring and Poole Avenues, across from the Lutheran School. The Cottonwood is one of the oldest native trees in Missouri, and grows in large numbers in various areas throughout the state – especially in low-lying ones where water is plentiful.

The large roots of the Cottonwood were discovered encroaching on a city sidewalk over five years ago while the City's Right-of-Way Inspector, Bill Doyle was conducting an inspection of the City's 80 miles of sidewalks. As part of the City's annual sidewalk inspection program, Bill came across the Cottonwood and took steps to save it by ramping the sidewalk over the roots, and maintaining a healthy growing space. Recently Bill, together with the help of the City's Concrete Crew members, Jeff Grisham and Chris Palmer, recently saw-cut the sidewalk next to the tree, took steps to

ensure the roots of the tree would not be damaged by the sidewalk, nor the sidewalk damaged by the roots of the tree.

This fine balance between nature and man is a delicate one, but a very important part of the City's sidewalk protection program that is intended to identify safety/trip hazards that will impede pedestrian traffic, and possibly jeopardize safety for disabled or handicapped individuals. By saw-cutting the sidewalk, individuals can still safely travel on the sidewalk next to the giant Cottonwood.

While the giant Cottonwood is certainly a treasure, you can be assured that all of the city's sidewalks are being inspected annually by Bill Doyle for trip and safety hazards such as over-grown brush, roots and tree limbs, and are being addressed and rectified.

I would like to extend my thanks to Bill Doyle and the members of the Concrete Crew. I would also like to extend my thanks to Mike Fleischhauer, Resource Forester with the Missouri Department of Conservation. **Mike is pictured in the photo below at left with Bill Doyle.**

Sincerely,  
**Bill Jenks, III**  
Mayor



## Upcoming Events

### July 2010

- 1-4 - Rolla Lions Club Carnival; Lions Club Park, Hwy. 63 South
- 5 - Independence Day Observed; City Hall closed
- 7 - City Council Mtg. (6:30 p.m.)
- 10 - Veterans Memorial Park Fun Show (9 a.m.-3 p.m.); Southview Drive, off Hwy. 72
- 19 - City Council Mtg. (6:30 p.m.)
- 20 - Candidates Forum (7-9 p.m.); Phelps County Courthouse, Multi-Purpose Room
- 21-24 - Phelps County Fair; Phelps County Fairgrounds

### August 2010

- 2 - City Council Mtg. (6:30 p.m.)
- 16 - City Council Mtg. (6:30 p.m.)
- 17 - Rolla Public Schools First Day of School
- 27 - RHS Bulldog Pride Nite Kick-off (6 p.m.); game at 7 p.m.

### September 2010

- 6 - City Hall closed for Labor Day Holiday
- 8 - City Council Mtg. (6:30 p.m.)
- 20 - City Council Mtg. (6:30 p.m.)

### October 2010

- 2 - City-wide Fall Clean-up (for info, call 364-6693)
- 2 - 32nd Annual Fall Arts and Crafts Festival (9 a.m.-4 p.m.); downtown Rolla
- 4 - City Council Mtg. (6:30 p.m.)
- 9 - Celebration of Nations (11 a.m.); parade begins at Havener Center on Missouri S&T campus and ends at Downtown Bandshell
- 18 - City Council Mtg. (6:30 p.m.)

For more events, please visit [www.rollacity.org/events](http://www.rollacity.org/events).

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# Did your house get counted in the 2010 Census?

It's still not too late to make sure you've been counted in the 2010 U.S. Census. The Census Bureau's Telephone Questionnaire Assistance line will remain open until July 10, 2010. Anyone who has not received a form or a visit from a Census enumerator should call **866-872-6868**. For Spanish-language operators, call 866-928-2010.

"For the past few months, we've communicated with all residents about how

## 2010 Census

**For assistance, please call today at:**

**866-872-6868**

important, easy and safe it is to get counted," said Kelvin Simmons,

Commissioner of the Office of Administration.

Estimates are that the state receives up to \$1,300 for every person included in the count. Those dollars go for services such as road and other infrastructure maintenance and repair as well as schools, support for senior citizens and many other items that residents use every day.

## Rolla Recycling Center accepting E-Waste

Throwing your broken or outdated electronics in the landfill is no longer necessary. The City of Rolla Recycling Center, located at 2141 Old St. James Road, collects electronic waste all year long and encourages you to bring your e-waste to them.

Some of the items they accept include microwaves, televisions, VCRs, tapes, DVDs, CDs, copiers, fax machines,

power tools, keyboards, monitors, cables, speakers, paper shredders, solar lights, blenders, and much, much more.

So before you throw e-waste away to be buried in a landfill, please consider calling the Rolla Recycling Center at 364-6693. There is a very good chance that it can be recycled free of charge.

For a complete list of important dates regarding the holiday schedule, special

**Environmental Services  
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pick-ups, and the Spring and Fall City-wide pick up schedules, please visit [www.rollacity.org/waste](http://www.rollacity.org/waste).

## Celebrations of Nations set for Oct. 9 in Rolla

Area residents are invited to join students from Missouri S&T to celebrate the vibrant cultural diversity that makes Rolla unique to the Ozarks.

A Parade of Nations will kick off the inaugural event on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 11 a.m. The parade will begin at the Havener Center, (located on the Missouri University of Science and Technology campus), go through the downtown area, and end at the Downtown Bandshell (9th and Oak Streets). Colorful flags representing all the countries of origin of the residents of this region will be carried in the parade. Community groups, marching bands and area school children are encouraged to participate.

Following the parade, there will be a festival featuring international arts,

crafts and food. There also will be an "International Idol" talent competition. The competition is open to all, but contestants must preregister. For more information about the International Idol

pants must demonstrate traditional representations of culture.

Sponsors of the Celebrations of Nations include the City of Rolla; Rolla Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center; Missouri S&T's student chapter of Engineers Without Borders; Missouri S&T's Economics department; International Affairs office; Leadership and Cultural programs; Provost's office and Student Life department.

For more information about the event, please contact Stephane Menand at [menands@mst.edu](mailto:menands@mst.edu) or at 573.341.6237.

This FREE event is open to the entire Rolla community and Meramec Valley Region. We hope to see you there!

**Sat., Oct. 9**

**Starts: 11 a.m.**

**Missouri S&T Havener  
Center and ends at  
Downtown Bandshell**

**573-341-6237**

competition, or if your school would like to participate in the Celebration of Nations, please contact Erin Hood at [hoodel@mst.edu](mailto:hoodel@mst.edu).

All parade entries and festival partici-

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