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When cruising down Main Street in Warsaw, Missouri, you will quickly notice that the street lamps replicate street lamps of the early 1900's. Additionally, the sidewalks and crosswalks have been resurfaced to resemble cobblestone.

The renovated storefronts and lush landscaping serve as border and backdrop to the picturesque charm of Main Street. As a result of these efforts, the City of Warsaw won a State of Missouri Main Street Award for Façade Restoration in 1999, and in 2002, the State of Missouri Excellence in Redevelopment Award for Public Improvements. Attention to detail doesn't stop there.

In 2009, Summit Natural Gas moved to Warsaw. This new service enabled residents to have an affordable alternative for heating and cooking at an affordable rate year round, regardless of the weather. This was a great improvement to the quality of life for many of their residents.

As a result of a 2.9 million dollar American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant, in 2010, the City replaced many of the wastewater mains and manholes and slip lined or rehabbed others, installed a new ultra violet disinfection system at the wastewater treatment facility, and made improvements to the utility maintenance building. Similarly, the City was awarded a \$ 1.8 million State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan/grant; this project will begin midsummer 2012. These funds will allow the City to make much needed improvements to the City's water mains, fire hydrants and valves as well as upgrade the water distribution system. The City is very fortunate to have Randy Pogue as City Planner and Public Works Director, Mike O'Donnell; they are continuously looking for ways to improve the quality of life for the residents of Warsaw. Randy's aggressive grant writing and Mike's knowledge of code enforcement have made these projects successful.

The City of Warsaw's Water and Wastewater Department employs five men that are always on the move. Dean Bauman oversees the operation and directs the workflow of operators Mark Swearingin, Rex



Reynolds and Tim "Nugget" Reider. With the assistance of the wastewater plant mascot Shitz the Cat, Paul Fuelling mans the wastewater facility, also under the direction of Dean. Administrative assistance is provided by the ladies at City Hall, City Clerk Tina Lomax, Utility Clerk Teresa Flores, Accounts Payable Clerk Sabrina Brown, and Assistants Betty Holt and Marian Miller. These ladies keep the work flowing smoothly. This group is responsible for the well-

being of roughly 2,025 residents and maintains 23.8 miles of water mains that includes three wells, a 500,000 gallon standpipe,



Left to Right: Teresa, Betty, Sabrina, Marian

a 250,000 gallon elevated tower, all in addition to all that we have already mentioned. The wastewater side of the operation consists of 24.7 miles of wastewater mains, four lift stations, a Sequential Batch Reactor and wastewater treatment facility with ultraviolet light disinfection.

Warsaw is very unique in the fact that whether it is the City's Parks, Streets or Police Department there is one common goal, to do what is best for the community and residents of Warsaw. Needless to say, the City has a very active Mayor and Board of Aldermen who work in

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conjunction with staff members, various advisory boards and community groups to make this community a great place.

There is so much to do in and around Warsaw, which is apparent by many of the slogans locals have associated with Warsaw i.e. "COME FOR A WEEKEND AND STAY FOR A LIFETIME" or "FEEL FREE TO HAVE FUN". Activities in the area are so broad in range you may find yourself extending your visit or making numerous trips to this little "PARADISE AT THE LAKE". Whether you are young in age or young at heart, there is plenty to do indoors and out. Warsaw is the point where three bodies of water meet. The Harry S Truman Dam and Reservoir, spill into the Osage River which connects to the Lake of the Ozarks. Drake Harbor features walking paths that connect to many of the City's trails, playgrounds and the newly completed Steamboat Landing Boardwalk. If you are an extreme sports enthusiast you will enjoy Truman Lake Mountain Bike Park and Hiking Trails which you can bike or hike. Warsaw is also home to one of the few remaining swinging bridges in the area. The Joe Dice Swinging Bridge

has been restored as a walking bridge and is suspended across the Osage River which provides a majestic view of the water way. Shawnee Bend Golf Course is another attraction that the City is very proud to promote. In a joint effort with the Corp. of Engineers, staff members and community volunteers have re-cultivated the grounds to provide a relaxed and aesthetic playing course. A quiet day of fishing or youth exploration can be found at the Lost Valley Fish Hatchery where they cater to the inquiring minds. As you can see, the opportunities are plentiful and too numerous to list. There are far too many events to mention, as the City hosts several annual events such as Heritage Days and several fishing tournaments throughout the year. Additionally, Warsaw is host to many festivals throughout the year.

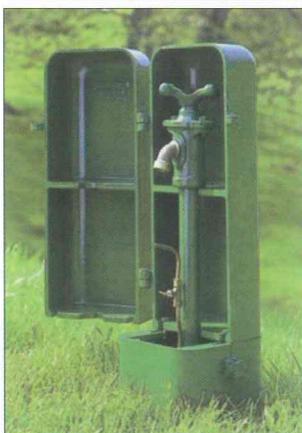


Randy Pouge and Tina Lomax

So, the next time you are looking for a weekend of fun or you are in the area stop by and visit all the interesting sites and events. Who knows? You may end up staying a lifetime!!

For more Information you can visit the City of Warsaw's website www.welcometowarsaw.com for event dates and times.

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