

Mayor's Minute- Sept. 11, 2025

Fall Fest is this weekend! Make sure you mark your calendars and come on out to support our local businesses. Fall Fest is sponsored by our local Chamber of Commerce and our own business owners work very hard to bring this highly successful and enjoyable event for us to enjoy. As best as you are able, support our local businesses. Buy what you can in town and together we can make a difference.

The Red Cross had another successful blood drive and we appreciate having them here. Some upcoming events to remember are the Sam's Ride Fundraiser and the Movie in the Park Night. Sam's Ride will be an all-day affair on Sept. 27 at Red's and Sage House. All of the proceeds for this fundraiser go to fighting childhood cancer. The Movie in the Park Night will be held out at the Resi on Oct. 18. Beginning at 5:00, come and bring your picnic, costumes, S'mores stuff and sticks, and your chairs. At 6:00, we will have a costume parade and judging in multiple categories for young and older alike. At 7:00, we will show the movie that our little ones chose-*A Nightmare Before Christmas*-and should have everyone on their way home by 9:00. The high school kids will be helping with collecting donations at the gate and selling popcorn and cold drinks with the movie. Our own Speed Demons will be providing the movie for the night. If you have questions or want to support the event with a sponsorship or donate gift cards as prizes, please call Cherie Mortland at 618-795-9128. You will be seeing flyers and more information around town and in the paper.

I sure have been enjoying the fall like weather we have been having and getting a chance to catch up on the yard work since it has been a bit dryer and cooler. We have a pretty little town and everyone that contributes by keeping their property looking good makes others a little more inclined to call Bunker Hill home. I want to thank Pat Hurley for all he does to renovate and put our older homes back on the market to welcome new families. There are so many other people who work in the background and rarely receive recognition for how they contribute. There are people who pull weeds or plant flowers, people who bend over to pick up that bit of trash blowing around, or the ones that go to the extra effort to decorate for holidays or special events. Taking pride in our individual property makes it so much easier to create pride in our town. We all enjoy seeing neat, clean homes. Thank you, all.

The Ladies Auxiliary had another installment of the Quilts of Valor this past week. These ladies have undertaken the huge task of honoring each and every Bunker Hill veteran from the Vietnam Conflict back to WW1 and recognize them with a hand-crafted quilt to honor them for their service. They will have given out about two hundred quilts this year. I thank you for your tremendous effort to recognize our Hometown Heros. The new round of street banners to honor our vets just came in and we hope to get them up as soon as possible. We are still waiting on hardware for the light poles, but we will get them up as soon as we can.

I am looking forward to a great weekend with you all.

John Chapman, Mayor