



City of Bridgeton
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Ask the Mayor a monthly impromptu column

What a 4th of July celebration, the food, rides and the fireworks were a great success. Please if you can take a moment and thank our recreation dept. for all their planning and hours of hard work pulling off a fantastic 4th of July celebration. Please be sure to visit our web site to learn about more summer activities or visit recreation dept. down in the park near the Zoo. There are exciting times planned for July and August like the theater in the park, the movie nights.

In June another class of young adults graduated from Bridgeton High School. As family and friends cheering them on from the stadium I was fortunate enough to be invited. Graduating high school is the closing the door on adolescents and opening the door to adulthood. In the weeks ahead I hope everyone enjoys themselves and never forgets a moment, because that is all it is, a moment. Before the summer is over there are a couple of important decisions the class of 2008 has to make, what's next? Do you join the work force right out of high school, do you learn a trade, or do you attend a college and put off the world for another couple of years. What ever choice you make please focus on being the best at what ever you choose.

If you join the work force you need to dedicate your self to the job and be the best at it. Make sure you show up on time, work hard and never quit a job unless you have secured another job already. Starting work right out of high school is a lot harder today than it was 30 years ago.

My hope is that every one of you will stay in school graduate from college and go on to get your master. This higher education will allow you to experience life for a few more years as well as prepare you for a better opportunity in the work force. Please don't be in a hurry to join the work force full time. If you need help figuring out what is next reach out to an adult you trust and ask them for advice. My point is be prepared for what comes next, the days of decisions being made for you are over, you are an adult responsible for your actions.

I wish you well class of 2008 please remember us when you are taking care of us.