



City of Bridgeton
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Ask the Mayor

A monthly impromptu column

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Events:

Bridgeton's Christmas Parade: Sunday November 29th at 2pm starting at West Ave. School and proceeding down W. Commerce Street for more information call Bridgeton Main Street at 856-451-8130

Bridgeton's Festival of Lights: Friday & Saturday December 4th & 5th from 4-8 pm. For more information link to <http://www.cityofbridgeton.com/index.html>

Bridgeton's Christmas House Tour: Saturday December 5th from 1 pm to 7pm. For ticket information please visit the web site www.bridgetonhousetour.com

There's been this myth about the No Parking signs that state between the hours of 7 am and 12 pm you can not park on this side of the street on a certain week day. (Please see picture) Everyone has seen the signs and everyone knows it for the street sweeper to sweep your street, RIGHT.... WRONG!!!! The main purpose of the signs is to make sure that all vehicles that are on the street are functional. It happens everywhere instead of parking an inoperable vehicle in your driveway taking up your space park it in the street in front of your house and work on it from time to time. Now multiply that by just 10% of the people living here and you have a serious problem. It's not safe to have a car jacked up with the tires off working on breaks and leave it that street just overnight. We have all seen it

and it accident waiting to happen. Public streets have to be maintained, and yes the street sweeper does run down that side of the street that is designated no parking that day, but not every week and not at a certain hour of that day will the street sweeper sweep that street. The city needs the six hours of that one-day per week to help maintain your street. I don't think moving your car once a week is asking too much do you?

I'm writing about this because a resident recently got a parking ticket and wrote into the paper about the sweeper not running when she received the ticket we all feel that way when it happens to us and every situation is different. If you feel that the ticket is unwarranted please come to our new court house at 330 Fayette Street and speak with the municipal prosecutor to see if something can be worked out. No Parking is easy to avoid, Bridgeton is a small enough city that a legal parking space is just a few more feet away.