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And, the rains came. And, the junk. And, Spring Clean Up went on.

Truck loads of unwanted items went into huge trash bins Friday, Saturday and Sunday. A muddier mess you've never seen. City workers just kept helping unload, giving directions, herding traffic and wondering where it was all coming from!?! Granby should be a clean city after all that!

City Superintendent Michael "Rabbit" Reed, wants to thank all that have helped him and his family these past few months while he's battling cancer.

He's grateful that he's allowed to work as he's able, be it half a day, all day, a few hours, whatever. He and his family appreciate the bank account set up at CBT, food brought by the Granby Masons, in short, any and all kindness shown the Reeds during this difficult time.

Heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of Ruby Turner, Donna Walters and Elane Hutchens.

Karen (Fitzgerald) Godrey of Florida has been in the area for a few days visiting family and friends.

We had a good visit yesterday before she left for Kansas City. She spent a couple of nights with Mary Means, visited Jeannie Fitzgerald at Granby House and was returning to Kansas City for a few more days with her son,

Barry Porter.

Add Jackie Camerer to the get-well list. She fell decorating graves and broke her left arm — the second time in two years. We'll hope and

pray for fast healing. Yes.

Last Thursday in Monett an EF1 tornado took out Pizza Hut, damaged Justin Boot, U-Haul, and Big Baldie's.

The blow and heavy rain that came through Granby about 6:45 a.m. was short lived - thankfully. We've had mucho amounts of H2O the last four days.

Enuff is enuff. Save some for July and August, eh?

Kudos to the two reporters that knocked on the closed session door and informed the city council they were in violation of the Sunshine Law.

Evidently, city attorney Jared Thomas agreed as he filed out of the session with the council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carol Sparnicht had called Brandon Hankins, owner of CK Construction Co. of diamond, prior to the council meeting reminding him to be present. Hankins has evidently been paid for work at the Community Building and or Annex II that has never been done or completed.

In simple terms, he was paid up front? Evidently, according to law, Hankins could have been questioned in open session, but, wasn't!?!

Thanks to the council for nixing repair of the wall at Granby House. Tis very questionable if city dollars could be spent on private property.

I'm sure the corporation that owns Granby House, a facility in Sikeston, one in Joplin, and maybe others,

will repair the wall in due time.

A retired mason tells me the wall is repairable and is not dangerous. Perhaps the Police Department will catch the kids who pick at the wall and throw the chunks out into the street.

If and when it quits raining some of us will pick up the sidewalk chunk which have been left for weeks, that will help the looks of things!

Thanks to the council for voting to survey city streets for repair. Mayor Pro-Tem Sparnicht said she was on the streets daily and the city crew had too much to do to work on streets.

Concilman Arnall explained that bids woud be solicited by licensed pavers and that the council had always compled a list to be put out for bidding.

In other business on the 11th, the council okayed a business license for Scott Pogue. He will operate "PC Medik" (web site design and computer repair) at 330 Granby Miner's Road.

Council tabled accepting the budget update through 3/31/10. Said budget is for the fiscal year of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Under FYI council was told the city was awarded \$10,000 from a Region M Recycle grant request. More funding was requested but Region M Funds are short this grant cycle.

Council entered the closed session at 7:43 p.m. — reconvened at 8:37 p.m. with mayor pro-tem Sparnicht saing Brian Barker was named Street Superintendent and Michael Stribling was rehired and that's all that was talked about.

Hometown Horoscope: Taurus (April 21-May 21): Keep it simple.

