WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE ON YOUR CITY’S WEBSITE

The City is in the process of overhauling its website. This will take several months to complete. But when we’re done we hope to have a more user friendly site which will provide people with the items and information they are looking for. We have ideas on what we would like to see in a new site but then we asked ourselves, what would our residents and businesses like to see on the site? After all, you’re the ones that will be using it to access City information, forms, events, etc. So now is your chance to participate in this huge undertaking. Send us your ideas on what you would like to see on the site. Maybe you saw something on another website that you thought to yourself “Gee, I wish the City had that on their site” or just saw or thought of something that you felt would be beneficial on the City’s site? Also, any old photos you might have of St. John would be most welcome.

You can give us your thoughts by either completing a survey at: https://cp-salesbase5.civicplus.com/st.johnsurvey OR by sending us your ideas and/or photos to: website@cityofstjohn.org OR you can do both. The more input – the better the product! Please complete the survey and/or send us your comments, photos, etc. no later than Friday, October 28, 2016. Although we can’t promise that we’ll use everything submitted; we will promise you that we are looking for a big change in this site and hope to be able to incorporate as many ideas/suggestions/photos as possible. We thank you in advance for taking the time to help us with this enormous project.

CRITICAL HOME REPAIR ASSISTANCE

Recently the City of St. John and Rebuilding Together - St. Louis have developed a partnership to provide funding opportunities to homeowners for property repairs and improvements.

Rebuilding Together - St. Louis mission is to revitalize neighborhoods by rehabilitating the houses of low income homeowners, particularly the elderly, disabled, and veterans. Their goal is to allow homeowners to live independently in the safety and comfort of their own homes.

They can provide the following repairs: Electrical, Plumbing, Painting, AC/Heating, Flooring, Roof repairs and Handicap accessibility improvements. Skilled and experienced volunteers provide these services at NO COST to the homeowner.

To participate in this program, homeowners are required to complete a Rebuilding Together - St. Louis application and submit documents. Homeowners over the age of 60, U.S. Military Veterans, and individuals with disabilities are priority recipients. Assistance can be provided with the application process.

During the past ten years, Rebuilding Together - St. Louis has completed over 500 home repair projects in the St. Louis area. Our goal is for our residents/neighbors to be Safe, Comfortable, and Independent in their homes and community. So this is a great opportunity to make that happen for our residents in need of assistance. For further information, please contact Jessica Conner at Re-Building Together-St. Louis, (314) 918-9918.

REGISTERING TO VOTE IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY

Registering to vote in St. Louis County is very easy. There are numerous registration sites available throughout the County for those eligible to register to vote. The additional sites are made available in an effort to accommodate individuals who are unable to go directly to the St. Louis County Election Board Offices. These sites include most city halls (including St. John), libraries and schools in addition to Special School District facilities, local branches of the Junior College District, Universities and Colleges, and various businesses, union halls and churches within St. Louis County.

State election laws also provide for registration by mail, at all department of motor vehicle registration offices throughout St. Louis County and state offices providing public assistance while conducting other official business at their establishment.

To register to vote in St. Louis County, a person must:
• Be a U.S. citizen
• Must be 17½ years of age (18 years old by Election Day)
• Be a resident of St. Louis County

Please contact the Election Board for any additional registration information by calling 314-615-1800.
BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

St. John’s Bank
Celebrating 90 Years in Business

In 1926, Calvin Coolidge was president, the cost of a first-class stamp was 2 cents, the Cardinals defeated the Yankees in the World Series, and St. Johns Bank was founded on October 3rd in St. John, MO.

Some 90 years later, St. Johns Bank is still serving local customers and businesses. It is overseen by Chairman and CEO W. Douglas Branneky, the third generation of the Branneky family to run the bank. Numerous other family members are also involved in running the bank. The bank remains headquartered in St. John, MO.

While the same friendly customer service available in 1926 is still the hallmark of St. Johns Bank, customers also have access to the latest trends in banking like a dedicated app for smart phones and tablets as well as the ability to deposit checks through the app.

“We are proud to offer the latest technology to our customers while maintaining our core values of customer and community service,” Branneky said.

St. Johns Bank stays involved in many community activities like the United Way, KidSmart Push for Pencils, food drives for St. Louis Area Foodbank, the Shower of Love for local children’s agencies and many other local fund-raisers and drives throughout the year. Bank employees also volunteer their time to “Teach Children to Save” each year in local school districts.

St. Johns Bank serves small businesses through both lending and banking services tailored to their needs. The bank is continually recognized as a top lender by the Small Business Administration, as well as a Best Bank by Small Business Monthly.

“We take our role in the community seriously and take pride in providing quality banking services in our community to both our personal and business customers,” Branneky said.

The bank will be celebrating its 90th Anniversary on subsequent Fridays at each banking location beginning September 30 at our Main Bank. There will be refreshments and giveaways on celebration Fridays.

St. Johns Bank remains a locally owned, full-service community bank with five locations in St. Louis and St. Charles counties that serve the entire metropolitan St. Louis area. For more information on the bank or their services, please call (314) 428-1000 or visit www.stjohnsbank.com.

AND NOW ONE OF OUR NEWEST BUSINESSES ………

SmartBuy Select Automotive Network LLC

is founded on trust, integrity, and respect. They are proud to offer these values in their sales and business practices so their customers keep coming back. The vehicles on their lot have the best prices and quality in the area.

SmartBuy Select Automotive Network LLC is located at 9601 St Charles Rock Rd, St. John, MO 63114, (314)736-6995. So stop by and welcome them to the community when you have a minute.
YARDS OF THE MONTH

JUNE
1  3480 Valleywood
2  3309 Marshall

JULY
3  8441 Betty Lee
4  #3 Ritenour Court

AUGUST
5  3424 Brown Road

SEPTEMBER
6  8730 David
7  8806 St. Louis Ave.
UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

FALL CLEANUP Oct. 22
The annual fall clean up is scheduled for Saturday, October 22. This is the time when the City will provide dumpsters for residents to dispose of the junk and debris that has been collecting in the garage or the basement (or the back yard).

The dumpsters will be placed on our back parking lot next to the Public Works Garage at 8920 Bristol and will be available between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Public Works staff will be on hand to verify residency (show an ID that has your St. John address on it) and that the items for disposal can be placed in a landfill. Unacceptable items which may not be placed in these dumpsters include electronics (any items which have circuit boards in them), all televisions, paint, batteries, pesticides, fertilizer, railroad ties, tires, oil, gasoline, old appliances and yard waste. Residents are encouraged to come early because once the dumpsters are full they will be removed.

ANNUAL CHILDREN’S HALLOWEEN PARTY Oct 22 featuring Babaloo
The City of St. John will hold its annual Children’s Halloween Party on Saturday, October 22, 2016. The party will take place at the St. John Municipal Center, 8944 St. Charles Rock Road, (C) level, starting promptly at 11 am. Doors open at 10:30 am.

All St. John children and grandchildren, up to nine years old, are invited and COSTUMES ARE DEFINITELY ENCOURAGED. Entertainment, hotdogs, chips & drink will be provided. Tickets are required for admission but are free of charge. Proof of residency is required to pick up tickets. A limited number of tickets are available now. So stop by City Hall to pick some up. But don’t wait too long or you may miss out. For questions call the City Hall at 427-8700, ext. 3.

DEA’S DRUG TAKE BACK INITIATIVE Oct 22
On Saturday, October 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the St. John Police Dept. and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will hold its 12th opportunity in six years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to the first floor lobby in the St. John Municipal Center, at 8944 St. Charles Rock Road. (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last April, Americans turned in 447 tons (over 893,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at almost 5,400 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,200 of its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its 11 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 6.4 million pounds--about 3,200 tons--of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

NOTE: Used intravenous (IV) solutions, injectables, and syringes are not allowed to be dropped off at the collection site due to potential hazards posed by blood-borne pathogens. PLEASE - NO NEEDLES AT ALL. Inhalers and other compressed air cylinders will not be accepted.

Questions or concerns may be addressed to Sgt. Connell, (314) 427-8700, #5

ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA DEC 10
The City of St. John will hold its Annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. SHARP! Doors will open at 9:30 am. Tickets are limited and are only available for children and grandchildren of St. John residents, 9 years of age or younger. Tickets will be available on November 14, 2016. They are free and can be picked up at the St. John Municipal Center, City Hall Office, 8944 St. Charles Rock Road, Suite 100, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Proof of residency is required. Tickets are available until 5 pm, Friday, December 9, 2016 OR until they run out. In order to allow the maximum amount of children to attend, adult tickets are limited to 2 per family.

Don’t Forget To Bring Your Cameras For A Photo With Santa!
UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

ANNUAL CHILDREN’S EASTER EGG HUNT April 1

Saturday, April 1, 2017
at 11 am SHARP!
Marvin Elementary School
3510 Woodson Road
(NW corner of St. Charles Rock Road & Woodson Rd)
(Rain out date April 8th. Check the City’s website (www.cityofstjohn.org) closer to time for the date tickets will be available)

CHIPPER SCHEDULE

The fall limb chipping schedule begins on November 7 and will run through April 24-25, 2017. The Street Department runs the limb chopper through the City on the following schedule:

East side of town (Marshall(East side) to the east City limits) - First and third Monday of each month.

West side of town (Marshall(West side) to the west City limits) - Second and third Monday of each month.

Please remember that the limb chopper can only take limbs that are 3” in diameter or smaller. Place all limbs to be chipped at the curb with the fat ends out toward the street. We ask that you not block sidewalks with your limbs and please don’t put them out in the street. Just lay the limbs out behind the sidewalk if you have one and we will pick them up. Thanks for your cooperation.

Election Filing Dates

The 2017 Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. The following seats will be open:

Councilperson - Ward I (Mark Stief)
Councilperson - Ward II (Curt Pierce)

Filing for this election opens at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 and closes at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2017. Petitions are available at City Hall, located on the first floor of the St. John Municipal Center, 8944 St. Charles Rock Road.

In order to file for office, candidates must:

• Be a current resident of St. John
• Have legally resided in St. John for one year or more
• Be 21 years of age or older
• Currently be a registered voter in St. John
• Be current with payment of all City, County, and State taxes

Candidates meeting the above requirements must file a petition (supplied by City Hall) with the City Clerk containing the signatures of ten (10) registered voters (in indelible ink). Candidates filing for Council must live in the Ward in which they are filing for and all the signatures of their sponsors must be from that same Ward. Nominees are not allowed to sign their own petition. The filing fee is $10 and must accompany the petition at the time of filing. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the City Hall at 427-8700, ext. 3.
Fall is upon us, thus, darkness is falling earlier. All those activities previously done in daylight will now occur in darkness: Going to your vehicle after work, picking up your children from afterschool, activities and sports.

**Vehicle Security**

Everyday law enforcement agencies in the St. Louis area take crime reports from victims of thefts of property from their vehicles as well as stolen vehicle reports. Though nothing can prevent you from ever being a victim of such a crime, there are things you can do to lessen the odds of your being victimized. Many thieves are opportunists and will look for the vehicle that is unlocked or the one that may be locked but has valuables left inside. Even if your vehicle is locked and alarmed, if there are valuables in sight (even covered up) a window may be smashed to gain entry. This all can occur in a matter of seconds.

Here are a few crime prevention tips to make the transition easier. Don’t make it easy for them.

- Never leave the keys inside the vehicle.
- **NEVER LEAVE A VEHICLE RUNNING WHILE UNATTENDED.**
- Make sure that all windows are up all the way before locking your vehicle.
- Lock your vehicle even if you are only going to be away from it a short time.
- Lock your vehicle even if it is parked in your driveway, inside your garage or on the street in front of your residence.
- Make sure your vehicle alarm is activated whenever you exit/lock your vehicle.
- Do not leave valuables, (i.e. purses, wallets, cellular phones, cameras, laptop computers etc.) inside your vehicle, even if it is locked.
- Even if your vehicle is locked and alarmed, do not attempt to “hide” valuables under the seat or under an item of clothing in the vehicle.
- Please report any theft from your vehicle immediately to your local law enforcement agency. It is up to you whether or not you choose to report this to your insurance company.
- If you observe anyone acting suspiciously in the area of your vehicle, report it immediately to law enforcement by dialing 9-1-1 or 636-529-8210.
- Don’t hesitate to contact St. John Police to report suspicious activity or subjects.
GUIDELINES FOR POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGNS

Many people aren’t aware of what the guidelines are in St. John for posting campaign signs. Political campaign signs are allowed without a permit in any zoning district subject to the following:

a. Signs may announce the candidate seeking public office and other pertinent data or issues before the voters and other information pertinent thereto;

b. Signs shall not exceed four (4) square feet in total area for any one (1) sign or five (5) feet in height;

c. The maximum total sign area for all signs combined shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet total for each lot or each dwelling unit. Said signs shall only be placed on private property ten (10) feet or more from the street curb or curb line and only with the consent of the private property owner thereof;

d. Signs shall be removed within three (3) days after the election for which they were made.

In addition, the City does not allow any political campaign signs on their property. That includes the City Hall & Police grounds and the Public Works Grounds. Even though the City Hall is a polling place, no signs are allowed to be posted. The rights-of-way are controlled by the Missouri State Highway Department and they have informed us that they do not allow signs on the rights-of-way as well.
We all know accidents happen. A gate gets blown open in a storm; our dog jumps the fence to chase a rabbit; or our cat slips out the door when we’re carrying groceries in. Whatever the reason may be, the reality is that sometimes our pets get away from us and go missing. Do you know who to contact if this ever happens to you?

If your dog, cat, or other pet go missing the first step is to call City Hall and report your pet missing. You’ll want to leave your name, address, phone number, and a description of the missing pet. This should include any collar, tags, or microchip that the pet may have. Our animal control officer patrols our city regularly and will keep an eye out for missing pets. The City of St. John Public Works Department has a Facebook page where unidentified pets are posted in an attempt to locate an owner. Any pets for which we are unable to locate an owner are transferred to St. Louis County Animal Control. So getting your information to our animal control officer is crucial. If your pet has a microchip you should contact the microchip company to report the pet missing. The microchip company will take a report and contact you if anyone calls them to trace your pet’s microchip number. It is a good idea to keep your pet’s microchip number handy in case you ever need to make such a report. Next you should contact the shelters in the area. There are three main shelters in the area. They are St. Louis County Animal Control in Olivette (615-0650), the Humane Society in Maryland Heights (647-8800), and the APA in Brentwood (645-4610). It is recommended that you visit these shelters in person to view the animals that they have and check to see if yours is there. These shelters take in a large number of animals daily. Some of these animals may look similar to yours, so giving a description over the phone may cause your pet to be overlooked even if he/she is there. These shelters also post the animals they take in on www.stllostpets.org. You can view the animals at the shelters and submit a missing pet report. This website is updated hourly so it is a good idea to check it regularly. One last place to check is a Facebook page called St. Louis Missouri, Lost & Found Paws. People all across the area come together on this page to help lost pets and their owners be reunited. People can post dogs they have found or seen running loose, and owners can post pictures of their missing pets.

We hope these steps help reunite you with your pets should they ever go missing.

**SCOOTER TRAFFIC LAWS**

On May 2, 2106, the City Council of the City of St. John passed Ordinance 1091 regulating the requirements for legally operating scooters, 49cc and under:

1. A helmet must be worn while operating or riding upon a scooter under 49cc. This helmet must conform to Department of Transportation standards.
2. All operators of scooters must conform to all traffic laws.
3. All operators of scooters shall possess at minimum a valid Class F Intermediate operator’s license.
4. Insurance is not required by State Law or Municipal ordinance, but is recommended.
5. License plates are not required on scooters under 49cc’s and under.

If you have further questions please contact the St. John Police Department, Monday thru Friday, 8am - 5 pm, at (314) 427-8700, #5.
MEET VOS  St. John’s K9 Officer DSN #193

Vos was purchased from K9 Unlimited of Tulsa, OK. and was delivered to St. John on Sept. 17, 2010 for a two week bonding period with his new handler, Sgt. Paul Anderson. After completing additional handler training in Tulsa, OK, Vos and Sgt. Anderson began work on the streets in a patrol capacity on Oct. 20, 2010.

Vos was born and bred in the Netherlands and began his training at a young age of approximately 6 weeks old, under the strict guidelines of the European International Police organization (I.P.O.). I.P.O. is intended to demonstrate the dog’s mental stability, endurance, structural efficiencies, ability to scent, willingness to work, courage, and trainability. The dog is consistently evaluated for any deficiencies until reaching a point that he is ready and able to serve as a Police K9.

Vos is a dual purpose K9, trained in obedience, handler protection, criminal apprehension, tracking, article recovery and narcotics detection. He is trained to detect the scent of the most common illegal street drugs consisting of marijuana, cocaine/crack cocaine, meth, heroin and ecstasy. Vos and Officer Anderson continue their training on a daily basis, completing a minimum of 16 hrs. per month in the above areas.

In addition to the monthly training, Vos and Sgt. Anderson are responsible for obtaining a yearly certification as a K9 team through the North American Police Working Dog Assoc. (NAPWDA). The team is tested and certified in narcotics detection, obedience, tracking, criminal apprehension and article recovery.

In his 6 years on the street Vos has been responsible for numerous narcotics detections from vehicles and residences in St. John and surrounding agencies. Vos has tracked and apprehended several suspects responsible for burglaries, narcotics violations, auto theft and fleeing from Officers. In addition he has assisted the department in several physical apprehensions of violent suspects. Vos has proven to be an invaluable resource for the City of St. John and the Police Department.

Born: January 12, 2008
Place: Netherlands
Breed: German Shepherd
Sex: Male
Start Date: Oct. 20, 2010

DID YOU KNOW...

At Least Five St. John Officers Will Receive Mothers Against Drunk Driving Awards In 2016 For Their Efforts/Achievements In Combating And Successfully Prosecuting Drunk Drivers.

The St. John Police Department will be voluntarily participating in their third Certification Process via the Missouri Police Chief’s Association in late 2016 or early 2017. They were only the third police department in the entire State of Missouri to attain this certification back in 2009.
In March of 2016, Linda Elder received her Court Administrator’s Certification. This is a certification that takes considerable time to attain:

1) You have to perform the duties of a Court Clerk, Deputy Clerk or Court Administrator for at least four (4) years;

2) Be a current member of the Missouri Association of Court Administration (MACA) as well as having been a member for 4 consecutive years;

3) Have a recommendation from a Judge or Certified Court Administrator as your sponsor;

4) Must have accumulated 100 or more points in the Education Category.

Your application is then submitted to the MACA Certification Committee at Missouri State University in Springfield for consideration.

Linda has been with the St. John Municipal Court for 18 years and took on the role of Court Administrator in June of 2013. The City is now lucky enough to have two Court Employees with their CCA certification. Roberta Zimmermann, Court Clerk, also received her CCA in 2013.
NEW EMPLOYEES

Mitchell Karnes is the newest member of the St. John Street Department. He comes with a great deal of direct experience in all aspects of work that the Street Department does. For the past two years he was working for Marsala Asphalt and Paving installing driveways and parking lots, and before that he was a twelve year veteran of the Overland Public Works Department. Mitchell is married to his wife Samantha and has lived in St. John for the past twenty-six years. Welcome Mitchell!

The St. John Police Dept. welcomes Officer Anthony "Tony" Thweatt. PO Thweatt started with the City of St. John Police on April 1st after serving over 7 years with the Warrenton Police Department. He is married with one daughter. He enjoys spending time with his family at the pool and working out at the gym on his days off. We encourage you to welcome PO Thweatt to the St. John neighborhood and introduce yourself when you see him.

SNOW PLOWING

Every year the Street Department works very hard to try and get the snow and ice off City streets in a timely manner. And every year we find that cars left parked on the streets during and after a snow event can slow down that process. We ask that residents keep an eye on the forecast and when it says snow is to be expected, please make arrangements to park your car off the street.

This is particularly critical on the narrow streets where the snow plows can barely get past cars parked across from each other. And when the snow is pushed up against the driver's side of a parked car it will be harder for you to get your driver's side door open. So we are asking that residents make arrangements to park their cars off the street when snow is in the forecast.

As always, we apologize in advance for pushing snow onto a driveway approach that has already been cleaned off. It can't be helped and we are sorry for the additional work it may cause you. We appreciate your assistance and understanding as we work to make your streets safe and passable.
City of St. John
8944 Saint Charles Rock Road
Suite 100
St. John, MO 63114-4200

www.cityofstjohn.org

Did you know……?
The City Hall has extended hours on the first & third Wednesday of every month? On those days (unless they fall on a holiday) the City Hall is open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. for City Hall business.

The St. John Police Department and Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. (COPS) are again asking for our citizens to support Project Blue Light. COPS is a national grief support organization comprised of surviving family members of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

What is Project Blue Light? This is a project intended to show support for law enforcement officers who have given their lives in the line of duty. It is also a sign of support for our officers who work in our community 24 hours a day. During the holiday season, residents are asked to put blue lights in their front porch lamps and in their holiday decorations.

The Police Department will provide a free blue light to any resident wishing to participate in Project Blue Light. Simply stop in at the Police Department to receive your light.

Police Administrative Offices
427-8700, #5 (Mon-Fri, 8 am - 5 pm)

Non-emergency Police Dispatcher
636-529-8210 (after office hours)

City Hall Administrative Offices
427-8700, #3 (Mon-Fri, 8 am - 5 pm)

Municipal Court Offices*
427-8700, #6 (Mon-Fri, 8 am - 5 pm)
*Court closes at 3 pm on days night court is held and reopens at 6:30 pm. There is no telephone service during day or night courts. See website for a list of court dates.

Regular council meetings held 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7 pm
2nd Floor Council Chambers

DIAL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES

Newsletter can be interpreted upon request.