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APRIL 8TH MUNICIPAL ELECTION

On April 8th, voters will go to the polls to elect a Councilman for their respective Wards. This year, you have three people running for office. Two for Councilman of Ward I and one for Councilman of Ward II.

As always, the City cannot provide you with the political views of candidates. However we can provide you with brief introductions to each one for your information.

WARD I COUNCILMAN CANDIDATES



Mark Stief • 8551 Ginger

Mark has been married to his wife Yvonne for 22 years. They have resided in St. John for the past 17 years, where they raised two wonderful children.

Mark graduated high school in 1988 and then moved on to earn a two year degree in Auto Technology and completed a three year apprenticeship

for the Ironworkers. Mark has been a member of the St. Louis Union Ironworkers #396 for the past 25 years.

Mark currently serves on the Planning and Zoning Board for the City of St. John.



David Wieda • 2953 Kincaid

David has been a lifelong resident; over 30 years in St. John. He lives with his wife, Susie. They have one son who lives in Atlanta.

He went to Ritenour High School and after graduating in 1969, went directly into the U.S. Army for 6

years as an M.P. After his discharge, he went to college and has an Associates Degree in Law Enforcement.

He is retired now.

WARD II COUNCILMAN CANDIDATE



Curt Pierce • 3535 Gordon

Curt has been married to his wife Kara since 2003. She has three daughters, Alex, Sam and Megan. They purchased their home on Gordon Avenue from his grandmother in 2005.

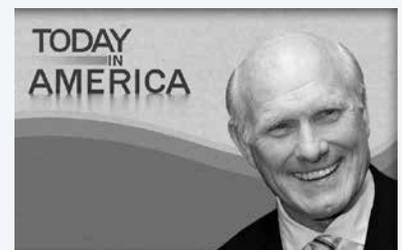
He works for GKN Aerospace in Hazelwood where he is active in his Union and has been a Shop Steward for the last six years.

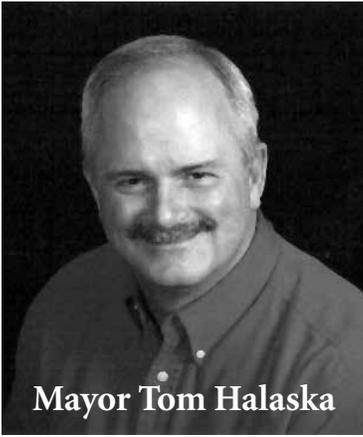
He is a Committeeman for the Airport Township Democratic Club, a member of the North County Labor Club and has also served on the Planning and Zoning Board for St. John. He has served on the City Council since 2013 when he filled the unexpired term of Tom Halaska.

TODAY IN AMERICA WITH TERRY BRADSHAW TO FEATURE THE CITY OF ST. JOHN

The City is pleased to announce that St. John will be featured in an upcoming segment on topics, trends, and issues related to "Best Places to Live, Work, and Play" as part of the show's "Discover America" series.

Today in America with Terry Bradshaw produces video presentations highlighting businesses stories, community development and re-development efforts. The television show is broadcast nationally and regionally on many popular television networks. The video will also be available on our City's web site at www.cityofstjohn.org.





Mayor Tom Halaska

MAYOR'S LETTER

Well it's been over a year since I was elected as your Mayor of St. John. Even though I have been actively involved in City government for nearly twenty years, this past year has truly been an educational experience.

Government in general, and Municipal government

in particular, are in the middle of challenging times. The past recession and current flat economy impacts the ability to provide expected quality service to our residents.

What I have seen first hand this past year is the remarkable spirit, talent, hardwork, and dedication from our City staff. In spite of these tough economic times, limited tax dollars, and limited resources; they continue to deliver professional

quality services. They often-times are required to go above and beyond our normal expectations of city employees. The professional relations established between all departments ultimately benefits our entire community. They work well together, ensuring residents take full advantage of available resources.

I encourage residents to get to know your city staff. Put a name with a face. Learn who to contact when city services are needed. You'll soon learn our dedicated staff consists of knowledgeable professionals, who are properly trained in their positions, and willing to provide their services to you.

St. John provides Law Enforcement, Code Compliance, Street Maintenance, Municipal Court Services, and City Hall support services. The quality of all of these services is dependent upon the people in these positions. With them, the City of St. John will continue to be "A Good Place To Live and Work."

ST. JOHN POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES CERTIFICATION

The St. John Police Department has once again achieved State Certification from the Missouri Police Chiefs Association. This state certification program offers law enforcement agencies an opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to excellence in law enforcement. This certification program provides a process to review and evaluate policies, procedures, and professional standards.

The St. John Police Department was evaluated by several outside law enforcement professionals who determined that our Police Department has met or exceeded over two hundred (200) professional standards. The end result is your St. John Police Department is a proven, professional law enforcement agency who has made great efforts to raise the bar of our professional law enforcement expectations.

NEW EMPLOYEES



Benjamin Fisher

Ben is 25 years old. He joined the Marine Corps Reserves January 8, 2008 at 19 years old as a Intelligence Specialist attached to 3rd BN 24th Marines. He was deployed to Iraq from 2009-2010.



Justin Schaffer

When he returned home he transferred to the Fox Company Anti-Terrorism Battalion and deployed to train foreign military forces in Jordan, Germany and Republic of Georgia. He graduated from the Eastern Missouri Police academy on April 4, 2013 and began working at St. John in September 2013.

Justin graduated from Northwest High School. He attended Eastern Missouri Police Academy and was hired by St. John Police Department in September 2013. Justin enjoys football, baseball, and being outdoors.

WANTED *Old Photographs of St. John*

City staff is beginning a project to highlight the history of St. John. Our intentions are to create a permanent display in City Hall, containing black and white photographs of St. John's past. In particular, we are searching for photos of buildings, streets, street cars, businesses, events, etc. Photographs will be copied and returned. Anyone who has some old St. John photographs to share, please contact City Hall at 427-8700. We will gladly arrange to have the photos picked up, copied, and returned.

Salvageable Materials



Salvageable materials (lumber, bricks, stones, or similar materials) must be evenly piled or stacked on open racks that are elevated not less than twelve (12) inches above ground. All salvageable materials must be removed within thirty (30) days unless there is a building permit in effect.

Unlicensed Vehicles



Please be advised municipal code provides that vehicles within the City of St. John shall be legally licensed, displaying current license plates registered to that vehicle.

No unlicensed vehicle shall be parked or stored on any property unless the vehicle is stored in an enclosed garage with four sides and a roof. Furthermore, no vehicle shall be in a state of disrepair.

SOBRIETY CHECKPOINTS

The St. John Police Department was successful in obtaining a grant from the Missouri Department of Transportation Highway Safety Division to conduct several sobriety checkpoints throughout the year. One weekend each month, St. John Police will be conducting sobriety checkpoints.

Drivers suspected of intoxication will be given a brief field sobriety test. Confirmed drunk drivers will be arrested. While some area motorists may be slightly inconvenienced by these stops, citizen patience and cooperation will assist in this important safety effort.

Just a reminder that the Police Department has "The Club" for sale for \$15 each. Using "The Club" dramatically reduces the risk of your vehicle being stolen.



Bicycle helmets are also available in various sizes and colors for \$8 each.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 11 am

Marvin Elementary School

3510 Woodson Road

(NW corner of St. Charles Rock Road & Woodson Road)

For Resident's children & grandchildren, walking age up to and including 9 years of age.

Tickets are free but must be picked up by 5 pm, Friday, April 11, 2014 at the St. John City Hall.

(Proof of residency is required)

Age groups will run at different times to allow parents to see each group individually.



IN CASE OF RAIN OUT...

The hunt will be held the following weekend,

April 19, 2014, same time, same place.

IF April 19th hunt is a rain out for outdoors, the hunt will be moved indoors to the "C" Level of the St. John Municipal Center and will still start at 11 am.

CITY OF ST. JOHN & ROCK ROAD ANIMAL HOSPITAL 2014 RABIES CLINIC

Join us for the 2014 Annual Rabies Clinic!! Rock Road Animal Hospital veterinarians will be offering vaccinations for dogs and cats at a reduced rate on Saturday, April 12, 2014.

Our Annual Rabies Clinic will be held on the lower level of the Public Works Garage, located at 8920 Bristol Avenue (behind City Hall). Vaccinations will be administered from 1:00 – 2:30 pm. City of St. John Animal Licenses will be available at the clinic for \$2.00 each. Watch our website for upcoming pricing information.

We are unable to accept credit cards at this location but we can accept checks and cash.

As a matter of public safety, all animals are required to be crated or on a very short leash to disallow contact with other individuals or animals.

We hope to see you there!



STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

In the ongoing effort to keep our streets clean and to keep trash from being washed down into storm sewers, we will continue to run the street sweeper through the City once a month. Since we want to avoid trying to sweep around trash cans set out for pick-up by Allied Waste, we need to coordinate our sweeping with their trash pick-up schedule. Allied Waste collects trash from a designated zone of the City every day of the week so we have configured our sweeping zones based on their trash pick-up schedule. The streets in each zone and the day of the week that zone will be swept are as follows:

Zone 1 Will Be Swept On Monday Of The First Full Week Of Each Month.

Zone 1 is comprised of: Hume, Hilleman (off of Hume), Walton, Ridgeway, Kincaid, Endicott, Renz, Melody, Betty Lee, Ramona, Connor, Outerbelt Ct. and Wood.

Zone 2 Will Be Swept On Tuesday Of The First Full Week Of Each Month.

Zone 2 is comprised of: Havenbrook, Belhaven, Belcrest, Hagner, Ardelia, Moran, Hilleman (between North & Ardelia), North Ave. (between McKibbon and Valleywood), Ginger, Loyd, Markdale, Valleywood, Norman, Debbie Ct., Engler, Hilleman (off of Engler), Thomas, Kitchell Ct., Chaney Ct., Rosalind, Madeline, Engler Park Ct.

Zone 3 Will Be Swept On Wednesday Of The First Full Week Of Each Month.

Zone 3 is comprised of: St. Charles Ln., Eminence, Charlack, Roy, Lindscott, Janet Ct., St. Louis Ave., Rosemore, North Ave. (Brown Rd. to Boswell), Patrice, Pallardy, Patrick, Herbert, McNulty (Brown to dead end in cul-de-sac), Killarney Ct. and Bobb (from Brown to Boswell).

Zone 4 Will Be Swept On Thursday Of The First Full Week Of Each Month.

Zone 4 is comprised of: Bristol, Orlando, McKibbon, Crocus, David, Susan, Ezra, Mavis, Marvista, Maryknoll, Marshall, North Ave. (McKibbon to Brown), Winterowd, McNulty (Brown to Marshall), Kitchell (off of McKibbon), Bobb (Marshall to Brown), Harry's Ln., St. Charles Ln., Toddy, John Pl., North & South.

Zone 5 Will Be Swept On Friday Of The First Full Week Of Each Month.

Zone 5 is comprised of: Boswell, Ritenour Ct., Gordon, Jonell Ct., Francis Ct., Frann Lynn Ct., Central, Leenora, North Ave. (Woodson to Edmundson), Bobb (Brown to west City limits), Marvin, Marvin Gardens, Calvert, Dix, Joel Ct., Edmundson, Burdella, Roslan, and Edmund.

Please look carefully at the above schedule and determine which zone you live in and on which day your street will be swept. We ask that you do not park your cars on the street on the day your street is scheduled to be swept.

Finally, if the weather is rainy or otherwise inclement, and if your regular sweeping day falls on a holiday, we will not sweep your street that month.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



GREAT BATTERY ROUNDUP APRIL 21-25, 2014 Sponsored By AAA And Floyd's

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8646 St. Charles Rock Rd.
St. John, MO 63114
(314) 426-2840

*Helping to Keep Members On-the-Go and
Make the Earth a Little Greener at the Same Time*

AAA realizes that the environment is important to you, and it's important to us too! AAA's annual Great Battery Roundup® campaign, held this year from April 21-25 in commemoration of Earth Day, seeks the public's help in corralling the millions of used, lead-acid batteries that have not made their way back to their natural habitat: the recycling plant. The campaign augments the year-round collection efforts of the AAA Battery Service, which is available in select areas and removes used batteries for recycling each time a replacement automotive battery is installed.

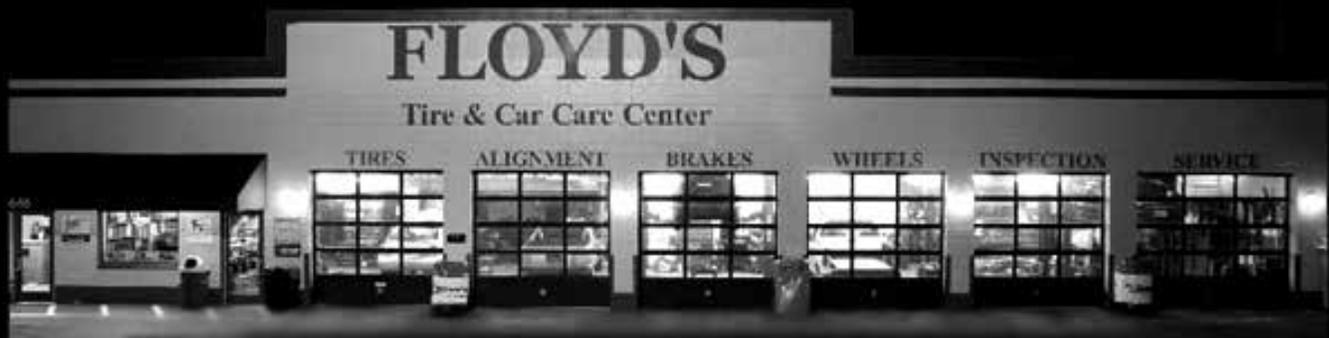
Lead-acid batteries can be dangerous to children and pets and can pollute soil and groundwater. Just one of these batteries contains 21 pounds of lead, three pounds of plastic, and one gallon of sulfuric acid, all of which can be reprocessed into new batteries.

AAA Approved Auto Repair Facility and Floyd's Tire & Car Care are pleased to provide this recycling opportunity to the public in the St John area. Just bring your old car, truck, boat, and motorcycle batteries in for proper recycling.

HOURS
M-F 8-6
Sat. 8-4

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE CITY WIDE...



As a recap on the how this works, each side of town will have two Saturdays in which they can hold their garage sales. If sellers want to sell on only one of the two days or both days, they will be allowed to. If someone elects to sell on the first day and closes due to rain, they can still sell on the second day. If someone elects to sell only on the second day and closes due to rain, they can always get a garage sale permit for another day. All residences are allowed three sales per year with a permit. It will be each seller's prerogative. This will also allow people to sell and shop in their own side of town if they like, as well as the other side of town.

For those that don't know, and a reminder to those that do know, the City is divided into the following two sections for sales:

- East of Brown Road (including homes on the East side of Brown Road) will hold their sales on the first & second Saturdays in June (June 7th and 14th).
- West of Brown Road (including homes on the West side of Brown Road) will hold their sales on the third and fourth Saturdays in June (June 21st and June 28th).

The following lists the standard information for the sale:

1st - The sales will be held on their respective Saturday from 7 am - 3 pm. For these days only, no garage sale permits will be required. If you want to hold a sale on a date other than your respective side of town, you will need to obtain a permit from City Hall (no charge) provided you have not already had three sales for the year.

2nd - Residents are encouraged to sign up at www.cityofstjohn.org, and click on the Garage Sale Tab on the home page. From there you will be able to create an account, enter your sale items and edit or delete them if you need to do so at a later time. Your entry should show up online in approximately 24 hours; 48 hours if entered on a weekend. You may also sign up in person at the Municipal Center or by calling 427-8700, ext. #3.

3rd - Users can print out a list of all sellers for a specific date. This will provide potential buyers the means to print an up to date list of participating addresses at any time instead of having to go up to City Hall for a copy.

SENIOR CITIZEN UTILITY TAX REBATE



Utility tax rebates are being issued now until April 30, 2014 for the year 2013. The rebate is \$30.00 per household. In order to qualify for this rebate, residents must:

- 1) **Have turned sixty-five (65) years of age or older at some point during the year 2013**
- 2) **Currently reside in the City and have previously resided in the City for the entire calendar year of 2013**
- 3) **Apply on forms provided by the City for a rebate on the previous year's taxes.**

Qualified residents need to provide the following documentation to the City Hall in order to collect the rebate:

- 1) **Picture identification**
- 2) **Identification showing current address and date of birth**
- 3) **One utility bill for January 2013 and one bill for December 2013 reflecting the address which they reside at and are requesting the rebate for.**

Questions? Please contact City Hall at 427-8700 #3

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

DRUG TAKE-BACK PROGRAM

On April 26, 2014, from 10:00am – 2:00pm, DEA will coordinate a collaborative effort with state and local Law Enforcement agencies including the City of St. John Police Department for the focus of removing potentially dangerous controlled substances from our Nation's medicine cabinets. This national Take-Back day will provide a unified opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to Law Enforcement Officers for destruction. This one-day effort will bring national focus to the issue of pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse. The program provides an opportunity for Law Enforcement, prevention, treatment and the business communities to collaborate and establish a safe collection site for all Americans, regardless of where they reside.

The City of St. John Police Department will again host its collection site in the lobby of the City Municipal Building

located at 8944 St. Charles Rock Road. This has been very successful during past collections and we anticipate this one to be equally successful. This program is completely anonymous and the public is encouraged to safely dispose all unused and unwanted controlled, non-controlled, and over the counter substances at our site.

Participants may dispose of their medication in its original container being sure that the lids are tightly sealed

NOTE: Used intra-venous (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.

Questions or concerns may be addressed to Sgt. R. Connell, (314) 427-870.

SPRING CLEANUP

This year the clean up week will be April 21-25. During that week Allied Waste has agreed to pick up the extra "stuff" you may want to get rid of during your normal pick up time. Just set it out at the curb in a neat and orderly manner and Allied Waste will pick it up. Now is the time to clean out that basement or garage and get rid of those things you don't want or use anymore.

LIMB CHIPPER SCHEDULE ENDS SOON...

The 2013 fall chipping service will end April 28-30, 2014. The limb chipper currently runs through the City on the following schedule:

East side of town (Marshall to the east City limits) - 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.

West side of town (Marshall to the west City limits) - 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

The chipper only take limbs that are 3" in diameter or smaller. So, please place all limbs of this size at the curb with the fat ends out toward the street. Please do not block sidewalks with limbs, nor put them out in the street. Just lay them out behind the sidewalk if you have one and we will get them picked up for you. Your cooperation is appreciated.



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Sponsored by the City of St. John and MRC Recycling

**Saturday, May 31st ~ 8am-11am
St. John Municipal Center**

8944 St. Charles Rock Rd. (Bristol Ave. parking lot)

Items accepted include computers, small and large appliances, CRT monitors, all metal items, batteries, TV's*, VCRs/DVD players.

If it plugs into a wall or runs off of a battery, we will accept it.

Workers will be on site to unload items for you.

You won't even need to get out of your vehicle!

You do not have to be a resident to participate in this event.



* First CRT TV is free - additional CRT TV's are \$15/each



REPUBLIC SERVICES

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2014

MEMORIAL DAY - Monday May 26, 2014

Monday routes will be picked up on Tuesday, May 27th
Tuesday routes will be picked up on Wednesday, May 28th
Wednesday routes will be picked up on Thursday, May 29th
Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, May 30th
Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, May 31st

FOURTH OF JULY - Friday, July 4, 2014

Monday routes will not be affected
Tuesday routes will not be affected
Wednesday routes will not be affected
Thursday routes will not be affected
Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, July 5th

LABOR DAY - Monday, September 1, 2014

Monday routes will be picked up on Tuesday, September 2nd
Tuesday routes will be picked up on Wednesday, September 3rd
Wednesday routes will be picked up on Thursday, September 4th
Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, September 5th
Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, September 6th

THANKSGIVING - Thursday November 27, 2014

Monday routes will not be affected
Tuesday routes will not be affected
Wednesday routes will not be affected
Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, November 28th
Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, November 29th

CHRISTMAS DAY - Thursday, December 25, 2014

Monday routes will not be affected
Tuesday routes will not be affected
Wednesday routes will not be affected
Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, December 26th
Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, December 27th

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The St. John Neighborhood Watch Program is organized to enable the police and the community to work together to make specific geographical areas more crime resistant to reduce crime. It is a citizen involvement, neighborhood and community-based effort, designed to help citizens and the police department in preventing primarily residential burglaries. In harmony with the philosophy of Community Policing, the St. John Neighborhood Watch encourages strong working relationships between patrol officers and the citizens they serve.

Police departments across the country are learning that community participation in anti-crime programs is essential. One of the most effective ways to promote citizen interaction with police is the sharing of information. Citizen groups determine specific needs or problems and then share this information with local police. The police then act on this information and report back to the group on their progress. This program also works when the police go to public groups and organizations and make them aware of specific criminal activities, or the needs of the police department.

The St. John Police Department encourages residents to be proactive in their community and not reactive, by joining your local neighborhood watch program.

If you would like more information on how to become involved contact Sgt. R. Selby or Officer M. Barthelmass at (314)427-8700, ext. # 5.

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PROJECT C.O.O.R. A Success Story

During these recent cold months, the St. John Police Department implemented Project C.O.O.R- Checking On Our Residents. During extreme weather events, St. John Police Officers call and/or stop by registered residents homes to simply check on their well-being. If the resident cannot be contacted, an Officer will make an emergency contact to a pre-determined family member.

In mid-January of 2014, while checking on our residents, St. John Officers discovered an elderly residents' furnace wasn't working and water pipes beginning to freeze. Several inadequate and dangerous space heaters were the only heating source.

Police, Public Works, Code Enforcement, Public Officials, and local businesses came together to provide solutions for this unfortunate situation. Had this resident not been registered with Project C.O.O.R., this serious housing situation could have become tragic. We encourage our senior residents or residents with special needs to please register for Project C.O.O.R. by contacting the Police Department at 427-8700, ext. #5 for an application.

EXCAVATION SAFETY *What to Know BEFORE You Dig*

Dig with Care: Dig Rite & Call 811



Whether you're an individual or a contractor, if you plan to do an outdoor project that requires some digging, you'll first need to call to find out where gas and other lines are located. Some states provide a one-stop system, where all utility providers are notified after a call, and they come out within two business days to mark lines with flags.

In Missouri, you can call 800-DIG-RITE. Or, you can just dial 811 and you will automatically be connected to the local one-call system for your area. This three-digit, federally-mandated number is sponsored in part by the Common Ground Alliance (www.call811.com/about-us/default.aspx)

Services like these are free - and it's the law to call before you dig. Remember to give your utility companies up to two working days to mark those lines.

Curious what the flags or painted lines stand for?

The Missouri One-Call System has a handy graphic to help you figure out what all those colored lines on your property are about. (<http://www.mo1call.com/markings/codes.php>)

Buried lines are typically within 24 inches of either side of flags or lines. Make sure you, or youth playing in the area, don't remove the flags. If you think they've been moved or removed, call again and have the area surveyed once more. Buried lines that you own won't be marked by crews.

VACANT HOMES

Currently there are approximately 250+ vacant homes in the City of St. John. The problem of vacant homes is not limited to just our community. Foreclosures, unemployment, under employment, and population declines all significantly impact housing trends and the number of vacant homes in our community and region.

While the upkeep and maintenance of vacant homes is technically the responsibility of either the owner or mortgage lender; in reality, local government ends up paying for the costs of basic upkeep and repairs. Cutting grass/weeds, tree removal, trash removal, dumping fees, and securing the premises takes its toll on City services, resources, and tax dollars. The more serious, problematic homes often require demolition. The cost to demolish a home requires permits, outside contractors, dumping fees, and lot upgrades (grading, seeding, and mowing). These fees are usually incurred by local government.

The City of St. John attempts to recover the cost of maintaining vacant/abandoned properties by placing liens on the property. If the property is sold, the City's costs associated with maintaining the property may be recovered. However, seldom are liens recovered. During 2013, the City of St. John incurred nearly \$50,000 in labor, equipment, supplies, and dumping fees for the maintenance of vacant/abandoned properties.

Aside from the costs to maintain these properties, they also create opportunities for crime, squatters, mosquitoes,



rodents and fire hazards. Surrounding property values decline and property tax revenues decrease.

The City of St. John will continue its efforts to ensure vacant properties are safe, secured and maintained. The City will continue its goal of holding property owners or mortgage lenders accountable for the condition of their property. Future

legislation will assist in identifying vacant properties, identifying owners/lenders, establish annual registration requirements/fees, and require property owners to become more responsible for the condition of their property while it is vacant.

Please report any problems or suspicious activities occurring in and around vacant residences to the St. John Police Department via the St. Louis County Dispatcher at 889-2341.



KEEP THE FOG OUT OF YOUR DRAIN!



FOG? FOG in your drain? What's this all about?

Well, in this case FOG stands for Fats, Oils and Grease. FOG is found in common foods and food ingredients such as meat, fish, butter, cooking oil, gravy, sauces, mayonnaise, food scraps, etc. There are also “hidden oils” such as salad dressing, syrup, batter and cheese.

How does FOG affect you?

When FOG is poured down the drain, it sticks to the inside of sewer pipes and restricts the wastewater flow, eventually causing a blockage. Blockages cause costly repairs and cleanup for you or even neighbors downstream. It also can cause sewer overflows that damage the system and pollute the waterways.

How is MSD involved in this?

Some of the sewer's earliest pipes in the St. Louis region date back to the 1850's. In 1954 MSD was created as a Special District under the State Constitution when 79 sewer districts were combined together. It is made up of 6,550 miles of wastewater sewers; 3,028 miles of stormwater sewers; and 7 wastewater treatment plants that serve MSD's customers. MSD currently serves St. Louis City and 90% of St. Louis County, or approximately 1.3 million people every day. On an average they treat 356,000,000 gallons of wastewater every day.

With the thousands of miles of sewers, they are constantly working to reduce the number of blockages in the system. To help facilitate this effort, they have initiated Project Clear. Project Clear is the planning, design and construction of MSD's initiative to improve water quality and alleviate the many wastewater concerns in the St. Louis region. Over the next 23 years MSD will invest \$4.7 billion dollars on this project. One of these projects includes “Project Clear Lids”.

Project Clear Lids

Here's where FOG and YOU come into the picture. With the help of residents like you, the amount of FOG that enters the sewers can be reduced dramatically. It's as easy as:

- Wiping out all visible FOG and food scraps from plates, pots and utensils into the trash for disposal;
- Never pouring FOG down your sink drain, garbage disposal or the sewer system;
- Pour cooled FOG into a container such as empty pet food, vegetable or coffee cans.

Let the material cool. Repeat this process until the can is full. In the meantime you can use one of the Project Clear Lids to cover it. Once it's empty, remove the lid (remember it's already solidified now) and dump into the trash can. Keep the lid to reuse on another can.

Although this seems like such a simple little thing, it can make a huge difference if enough people follow through with it.

Project Clear Lids are available at the City Hall. Feel free to stop by and pick up one or two.

To Learn More About The Ways MSD Project Clear Will Invest In The St. Louis Region go to

<http://www.projectclearstl.org>

MOSQUITO SPRAYING

As many of you know, the City does not provide mosquito spraying itself but contracts out that service to the St. Louis County Health Department. St. Louis County provides a two-phase approach to mosquito control; adulticiding (the fogger that most of you are used to seeing), and larviciding.

Since the active ingredient in most fogger spray has to actually land on a mosquito to kill it, spraying is the least effective means of mosquito control and therefore is used less frequently. The amount of times the fogger will go through the City depends upon how many of the *Culex Pipiens* mosquitoes are found in traps spread throughout the City. *Culex Pipiens* is the mosquito known to carry the West Nile virus, so most spraying efforts are aimed at reducing the numbers of that species of vector.

Larviciding is much more effective because it is focused on eliminating breeding sites and actual mosquito larva.



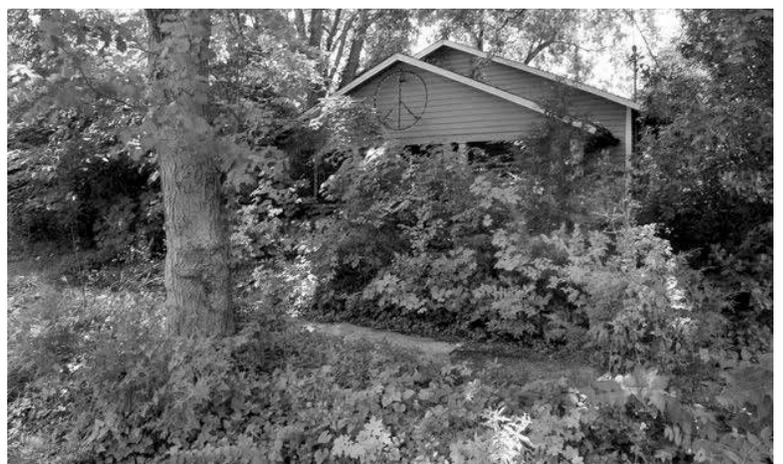
This is much easier to do because control chemicals can be placed directly on standing water which greatly increases the chances of killing mosquito larva. Keep in mind that St. Louis County does not treat private property, only public areas of standing water. Therefore it is critical to our overall mosquito control effort that residents manage the standing water on their property. Do not let water stand in dog dishes, bird baths, gutter drains, etc. for more than seven (7) days. If you let water pond on your property you are inviting mosquitoes to breed there.

Help everyone out and make your experience outdoors this summer more enjoyable by following this bit of advice. Remember, spraying with the fogger is the least effective and most expensive way to manage the mosquito population. Don't expect to see it out very often and do your part to help control this bothersome nuisance.

GRASS, WEEDS AND NOXIOUS GROWTH

As the warm weather approaches please remember the requirement to cut the grass, weeds and other noxious growth on and around your property. The St. John Municipal Code provides that grass and weeds must be mowed or otherwise maintained so that they do not grow more than eight inches (8") in height. Deleterious growth, such as a sapling growing through a fence, must be removed before it can do damage. Other noxious and unhealthful growths such as poison ivy must be destroyed and removed. Please contact City Hall if you have questions or concerns when it comes to property maintenance issues.

There are a large number of vacant properties in town and the City is trying to make sure that the owners of the properties maintain them according to the adopted codes. If you know a premises is vacant and can see the grass is obviously more than 8" high, please call City Hall. Code Enforcement officials follow a specific notification process which may take a little time to achieve correction, but once the process is complete, the City can take action to regularly maintain the grass at abandoned properties. However, if the premises changes ownership, Code Enforcement is required to repeat the notification process. Your assistance in keeping St. John "A Good Place To Live And Work" is most appreciated.



Newsletter in Spanish

If you would like a copy of our newsletter in Spanish, please email me (in Spanish is fine) at thalaska@cityofstjohn.org

Si usted quiere una copia en Español de nuestro boletín de noticias, por favor mándeme un correo electrónico (en español está bien) at thalaska@cityofstjohn.org

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***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*

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