April 4th, 2017 Municipal Election

On April 4th voters will go to the polls to elect a Councilman for their respective Ward. 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 25 years. They have resided in St. John for the past 20 years, where they raised two wonderful children. Mark graduated high school in 1988 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 St. Louis Union Ironworkers #396 for the past 28 years. Mark has served on the City Council for the last 3 years.

David Wieda
2953 Kincaid

David has been a resident for 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 US 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 now retired.

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. *denotes encumbant

Officer Toney Yates Retires

The St. John Police Department would like to say a final farewell to Patrolman Toney Yates, who is retiring from the St. John PD after 25 years of service. Officer Yates served as a Patrolman, DARE officer, School Resource Officer, and Detective during his tour of duty. Toney was well-liked and served the St. John PD with honor.
BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Now Open for Business in St. John!

Hi-5 Mart • 3624 Woodson Road • 314-325-5519

Hi-5 Mart is currently a liquor store that also sells snacks, soda, chips, smokes and lottery tickets. Owned and operated by brothers Shak & Jason Daher, who are originally from California. When they moved to Missouri they opened in North St. Louis City and served that area for the last 10 years. Recently they decided to branch out and during their search they found St. John. They picked their new location for several reasons: they like the area as the location provided good street frontage for vehicle and foot traffic; and working with St. John they received warm welcomes from City staff and residents alike. They are hoping for future expansion of their business to more of a convenience store. They would like to add items such as milk, bread and various foods. They currently accept special orders for alcoholic products not normally stocked. These products are normally available within a few days. They are open Monday thru Saturday from 8 am to 1 pm, and on Sundays from 8 am to midnight.

Avalon Yoga Centre • 8814 St. Charles Rock Rd. • 314-307-4293

Avalon is committed to providing health and mental wellness, a sense of happiness and tranquillity, through a variety of yoga, in a safe, welcoming community. Classes are tailored to accommodate all skill levels. No matter your style of practice their space will let you perform at your best. Let their instructors take you on a journey that will unlock all of your inner potential.

Visit their website at avalonyogacentre.com

NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT TEAM (N.E.T)

The St. John Police Department and your St. John Elected Officials have joined together to form the New Neighborhood Enhancement Team (N.E.T.).

The purpose of this team of staff and officials is to help out residents that are struggling to maintain their properties. Senior Citizen homeowners and/or homeowners with physical disabilities often-times lack the ability to care for their homes. Locating or affording a “handy man” for minor clean-up and repairs can be a challenge.

The Neighborhood Enhancement Team will show up in mass, armed with shovels, chainsaws, lawn mowers, and large dumpsters. Within a few hours, a noticeable improvement to the residence will be noticed. Our goal is to encourage and improve “Curb Appeal” throughout our community. Volunteers are needed. Civic organizations, church groups, scouts and students needing community service hours are encouraged to participate. If you can donate your time, tools, and talent, please contact thalaska@cityofstjohn.org or jmorris@cityofstjohn.org.
NEW EMPLOYEES

Officer Thweatt has been serving the St. John Police Department since April 1, 2016. He grew up in South St. Louis (on “The Hill”). After high school, Officer Thweatt moved to south St. Louis where he attended St Louis Community College at both Meramec and Forest Park. At 25, Officer Thweatt married and settled in with his wife, Tara, in St. Charles County. That same year Officer Thweatt was accepted to the Eastern Missouri Police Academy. He graduated in April of 2008 and has been in law enforcement for almost nine years. He worked for the City of Cottleville straight out of the academy and then moved on to the City of Warrenton as a Patrolman before coming to the City of St. John. Officer Thweatt and his wife have a very talkative 6 year old daughter named Briley who keeps them very busy.

The St. John Police Department would like to welcome our newest member, Chaplain Ivy Campbell. He will serve as the volunteer Chaplain for the St. John Police Department. He graduated the Bible Missionary Institute in 1994 and has served as a Pastor for over 20 years in Springfield, MO, Riverton WY, Monmouth, IL and Newton, IA. He is currently serving the congregation at the Bible Missionary Church located at 8111 St. Charles Rock Rd. He can usually be found riding with St. John officers several nights a week. We are looking forward to having Pastor Campbell on the force for a long time to come.

NEW 2017 TRASH RATES

The new 2017 rates for Republic Services will take effect April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018. They are as follows:

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These rates include once a week trash, recycling and yard waste pickup along with a trash and recycling cart, weekly bulky item pickup** and monthly appliance pickup**.

Optional Services Available At Additional Cost:
Additional Trash/Yardwaste Carts are $10.50/each/quarter

Construction Material Pickups*** – This is based on the quantity and type of items. There is a $50 minimum pickup fee.

TVs & Monitors*** – There is a $75 trip charge for first item and $25/for each additional item.

* In order to qualify for the senior rate:
  • You must be 65 years of age or older
  • You must live at a St. John residence and the account must be in your name (not a landlord’s name)

** You must notify Republic Services of your qualifications by mailing a clear, legible copy of your Drivers’ License or State ID to:
Republic Services
12976 St. Charles Rock Road
Bridgeton, MO 63044
Attn: Customer Service

*** Limit two (2) free items per week (every Monday) You must call Republic Services (636-947-5959) no later than 3pm the day before your regular pickup to schedule for that pickup.

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

CITY OF ST. JOHN & ROCK ROAD ANIMAL HOSPITAL’S 2017 RABIES CLINIC  April 8

Join us for the 2017 Annual Rabies Clinic!! Rock Road Animal Hospital veterinarians will be offering vaccinations for dogs and cats at a reduced rate on Saturday, April 8, 2017.

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 for spayed/neutered animals and $20.00 for unaltered animals. As a reminder licenses are due by May 1st and must be renewed annually for all pets 6 months of age and older.

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. If your dog has a tendency to bite, be sure to muzzle them before entering the premises.

Please remember, bringing your pet to a strange place with a lot of other dogs, cats and people they do not know can be very stressful for them. Although your dog/cat may normally be very friendly, the stress of this type of situation can sometimes change that.

So PLEASE keep your dog/cat on a very short leash/crated and a good distance from others while at the clinic. We want this to be a good experience for everyone.

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SPRING CLEAN UP WEEK AND THE LAST WEEK OF LIMB CHIPPING  April 17-21

Every year we try to coordinate the last run of the limb chipper through the City with the week of Spring Clean Up. This year the week of April 17-21 is Clean Up Week so set out all the extra items for Republic Services to pick up. They already know about it, so just put the items at the curb and they will be picked up on your regular trash day.

On Monday and Tuesday the following week (April 24-25) the Street Department will run the limb chipper through the City one last time. Please gather all your limbs and branches that are 3” in diameter or smaller and set them out at the curb with the fat ends pointed toward the street. Remember not to block the sidewalk or set the limbs in the street. We will pick up all limbs on the east side of the City (Ward 1) on Monday, April 24, and all the limbs on the west side (Ward 2) on Tuesday, April 25. Once that work is completed, we will put the limb chipper away until the first week of November.
UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

2017 STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

On May 1st, the Street Department will once again begin sweeping the streets. We coordinate our sweeping with Republic Services trash pick-up schedule. Republic collects trash from a designated zone of the City every day of the week so our sweeping zones are based on their trash pick-up schedule.

Zone 1 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 Tuesday
Of The First Full Week Of Each Month
Zone 2 is comprised of: Havenbrook, Belhaven, Belcrest, Hagner, Ardelia, Moran, Hilleman (between North & Ardlelia), 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 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 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 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. Please do not park your cars on the street on the day your street is scheduled to be swept. Also please remember that we are not a yard waste pick-up service, so please don’t rake leaves or grass into the street. You could be cited for illegal dumping if you deposit yard waste in the street.

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

THE ANNUAL CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES

The dates for this year’s sales are:

- East of Brown Road (including homes on the East side of Brown Road) the first & second Saturdays in June (June 3rd and 10th).
- West of Brown Road (including homes on the West side of Brown Road) the third and fourth Saturdays in June (June 17th and June 24th)

The following lists the standard information for the sale:

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 unless:

1) You want to hold your sale earlier than 7 am or later than 3pm on the sale date(s); or
2) You want to hold a sale on a date other than those already set for your respective side of town.

Then, you will need to obtain a permit from City Hall provided you have not already had three sales for the year. There is no charge for the permit.

Since the City is currently in the process of developing a new website, the exact instructions for signing up for the sales is still unknown. Please watch our website and digital reader board for further information as soon as it is available.

Should you have ANY questions, please do not hesitate to contact City Hall at 427-8700, #3.

St John’s Next Drug Take Back Initiative
April 29, 2017 • 10am - 2pm
St. John Municipal Center Lobby
AAA realizes that the environment is important to you, and it’s important to them too! AAA’s Annual Great Battery Roundup® campaign is being held this year from April 17th to the 21st in commemoration of Earth Day. The purpose of this event is to seek 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’s 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.

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

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**GREAT BATTERY ROUNDUP**

**April 17-21**

*Sponsored By*

**AAA AND Floyd’s Tire & Car Care**

8646 St Charles Rock Rd.

St. John, MO 63114

(314) 427-2840

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**SENIOR CITIZEN UTILITY TAX REBATES** Feb 1 – April 30

Utility tax rebates for the year 2016 will be issued February 1, 2017 – April 30, 2017. 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 2016;
2) Currently reside in the City and have previously resided in the City for the entire calendar year of 2016;
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 2016 and one bill for December 2016 reflecting the address which they reside at and are requesting the rebate for.

*If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 427-8700, ext. 3.*
RATS AND VECTOR CONTROL

Every year at the beginning of the mosquito season we try to advise residents on what you can do on help keep the mosquito populations in check. Mosquitoes need standing water in which to breed, so take a look around your yard and look for places where water stands. Some possible places are bird baths, pet water dishes, low spots in the yard and so on. If the water stands for a week or more, you’ve probably been breeding mosquitoes. Keep the water cycled in bird baths and pet watering dishes, and use mosquito larvicide on other places where water may stand. You can buy a DEET based larvicide at a local hardware store and it will work fine.

Remember that the mosquito fogger only runs through town based on the types of mosquitoes that St. Louis County traps in the area. They are looking for the mosquitoes that breed disease (Culex pipens) and will not spray unless they find an accumulation of that particular species of mosquito. Spraying (or fogging) is the least effective means of mosquito control, and the most effective is the little things you will do to remove the breeding sites off of your property.

Rats are another disease vector that good property management will help eliminate. Rats need three things to live, thrive, and survive; water, food, and harborage. You are feeding the area rat population if you allow your pet’s outdoor food bowl to overflow, or if you allow your garbage cans to overflow. Also, pet waste is a good rat food source. Harborage (a place to burrow and nest) is usually found around firewood placed directly on the ground, or brush piled up but not removed, or salvageable materials left on the ground. This is why we have ordinances that require firewood to be stacked 12” off the ground, yard waste to be kept cleaned up, and salvageable materials be kept under roof and not left on the yard.
NOT IN THE STORM SEWER!

Too often people think of a storm sewer inlet along the street as a “catch all dump site” in which they can sweep, pour, or deposit any unwanted liquids, debris or materials. This practice is detrimental to our environment and especially to water quality.

Since everything that enters the storm sewers will eventually enter our water supply, depositing foreign materials in a storm sewer can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs.

Even something that might seem as harmless as grass clippings, leaves, or dirt can have a very detrimental effect on water quality. When organic materials decompose they remove oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms cannot exist in water with low oxygen levels.

Sediment from mud or dirt swept into a storm sewer can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow.

Paint, motor oil, and other hazardous liquids should never be poured in a storm sewer.

Please help keep our water supply safe and our environment clean by not placing any foreign materials down a storm sewer.

NEW ORDINANCES IN 2016

The following is a list of various Ordinances that were passed in 2016 which may be of interest to you:

**English Gardens** – These types of yard landscaping can be a problem if not properly designed and maintained. Therefore, this type of landscaping is only permitted if the owner of the property submits a plan of the garden design to the Public Works Director for approval. This type of garden must be maintained in compliance with the design submitted and be kept free of weeds and noxious growth at all times.

**Accessibility to Residential Homes** – The Public Works Director may now grant a temporary variance to the setback requirement to allow for the construction of a temporary handicap, wheelchair accessibility ramp in the front yard. The decision to grant a variance will be on a case-by-case basis where a determination has been made that no other reasonable options are available to provide handicap, wheelchair accessibility and provided that the property owner agrees to remove the ramp when the ramp is no longer needed for persons actually residing in the residence.

**Motorized Scooters** – Any person who operates or rides as a passenger on any motorcycle, motorized bicycle or scooter, as defined in Section 300.020 of the Municipal Code, shall wear protected headgear at all times said vehicle is in motion. The protective headgear shall meet the standards and specifications established by the Director of Revenue of the State of Missouri.

**Boarding up of Properties** – No owner or occupier of any commercial or residential structure within the City of St. John shall board up, or allow to be boarded up, any window, door or other opening or the glass contained therein, on a commercial or residential building for a period of more than five (5) days. Residential structures may be boarded up for periods exceeding five (5) days if and only if a special permit is issued by the Director of Public Works on an application submitted for that purpose. Under no circumstances shall any structure be boarded up for more than ninety (90) days.

**Circulated Printed Material** – No owner or occupier of any commercial or residential structure within the City of St. John shall allow more than five (5) pieces of circulated written material to accumulate at any one time outside of and on the premises of any said structure. The additional accumulation of each said piece of circulated printed material beyond the five (5) piece limit previously stated shall be deemed a separate violation.

For more information on any of the above Ordinances, please contact the City Hall at 427-8700, #3.
Pruning trees at the right time of year in St. Louis ensures a beautiful landscape and healthy trees. Here are some guidelines that will help you avoid some common problems when it comes to pruning your trees.

What is Tree Pruning?
Tree pruning refers to the practice of carefully removing selected branches to add to the stability or appearance of the tree. Tree pruning can be challenging, especially when it comes to maintaining large shade trees.

Why Prune a Tree?
Pruning trees benefits the overall health and appearance of a tree. There is a multitude of reasons to prune a tree, including:

Deadwood Removal: Deadwood occurs when a tree lacks sufficient sunlight, has suffered damage due to pests or disease or has damaged roots. Eventually, deadwood becomes weak and brittle increasing their potential to fall. The most important reason to prune deadwood from a tree is to ensure the safety of people, pets, and property in the vicinity of the tree.

Shaping: Effective pruning will also enhance the overall appearance of a tree. Many trees on the larger end of the size spectrum tend to grow as wide as they are tall, causing their branches to overtake the surrounding environment. Depending on the species of a tree, shaping is vital for the health of a tree to ensure enough sunlight reaches all the foliage. Effective tree pruning will help eliminate any extra bulk that a tree may be carrying thereby improving its health and appearance.

Thinning: This method of pruning attempts to thin out the branches of a tree, lowering its wind resistance. By allowing wind to freely pass through branches the risk of any unnecessary breakage of limbs is decreased.

The Best Time to Prune a Tree
The best time of year to prune a tree depends on the size and species. The best time is during a tree’s dormant season which is the time of year that a tree is not growing. The ultimate goal of tree pruning is to reduce stress on a tree, and pruning it during its downtime causes a lot less stress than when the tree is attempting to grow.

For most big shade trees in the St. Louis area such as maple or birch trees, pruning should be done during the late spring and early summer months. Oak trees are a bit different and should be pruned during the dormant season since they are quite susceptible to pests and disease.

If you have a tree with colorful leaves try to prune it during the late fall and early spring months. Pruning during this time will help ensure the tree is receiving the sunlight necessary to keep leaves healthy.

Flowering trees, such as dogwood or crabapple, should be pruned in late spring once all of the flowers have fallen off. Pruning the trees too early will result in fewer flowers developing throughout the blossoming season.

Tree pruning is hard work and often requires extensive knowledge of each specific tree in an environment, as well as knowledge of specialized tools and equipment. There are many local professional tree services to consult with who would be pleased to advise you on the best pruning methods for your trees.
Spring is upon us and soon we will see more people out walking their dogs, which makes this a perfect time to remind pet owners of the rules and regulations for pets in St. John. For your pet’s safety and for the safety of the neighborhood, all dogs and cats left outside should be kept inside a fenced area from which they cannot escape or kept under tethered control. Dogs and cats are not allowed to run at large, roam freely, or to be away from the owner’s premises unless restrained by a leash. Dogs may not be unattended in the front of the premises or tethered in a way that they may reach the right-of-way even when accompanied by a person.

Dogs and cats are allowed in all City parks, but at no time should be allowed to run freely. All parks have pet waste stations. These green boxes located near the entrance of the park which provides plastic bags for picking-up and disposing of animal waste.

Animal waste deposited on public right-of-way, public parks, or on anyone else’s property is required to be removed and disposed of immediately. So be a good neighbor and when walking your pet always carry a plastic bag or other means to ensure immediate removal of your animal’s waste. If your animal defecates on your own property, St. John Municipal Code allows 24 hours to remove it. Remember, pet waste is also rat food. So, in order to keep rats away, don’t feed them by leaving your pet’s waste out.
City of St. John
8944 Saint Charles Rock Road
Suite 100
St. John, MO 63114-4200

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.