



City of St. John NEWSLETTER

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APRIL 3rd *Municipal Election*



On April 3rd 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



* **Pam Hollenberg**
8401 Madeline

Pam is a lifelong resident of the City of St. John. She and her husband, Mark, have two daughters, both registered nurses, and four grandchildren.

She currently works as a Supplier Analyst in the Technology Division of Elsevier, Inc. She is also a Missouri State Licensed

Funeral Director and a St. Louis County Notary Public. She has been involved in municipal government since the late '90s.

Pam has been actively serving as Councilman for Ward I since April 2011. At that time she was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Council. She was then elected to her seat in 2012. She previously served on the Council from 1997 to 2009. She has been acting Deputy Mayor for 5 years. She has past and current experience on: Budget Committee; Tax Increment Financing Commission; Code Review Committee, Human Rights Commission, Financial Investment Board, Home Improvement Program, Board of Directors North County, Inc. (2 terms), Missouri Municipal League Committee on Natural Resources and Urban Development. She also served three years on the St. Ann of Normandy Parish Council and was a member of the St. Louis Archdiocesan Planning Committee.



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



* **Mary Halaska**
9221 Central

Mary has lived in St. John since 1977. She is married and has two grown children and 6 grandchildren. Mary has been active in Girls Scouts and her church – Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She currently works as an administrative assistant for a human resource consulting firm. She previously worked in the real estate industry for 25+ years both as a

Broker and as an Administrative Assistant.

She has been a member of the Personnel Board, Park Board, Board of Adjustment, Code Review Committee, Budget Committee, Home Improvement Program Committee, Human Rights Commission, Financial Investment Board and Comprehensive Plan Task Force both in 1998 and 2011-2012.

* Denotes Incumbent



A Letter from your Mayor.....

On April 3, 2018 voters of St. John will once again have the opportunity to vote on a proposed Use Tax. Proposition "U" (as in Use Tax) was narrowly defeated in the November 2017 election. Due to the continued rise in operational costs of municipal services and limited

revenue growth; our city must continue seeking additional revenue measures.

The primary source of revenue for our city is sales taxes. These taxes (State, St. Louis County, and Local sales) provide nearly 62% of all operational revenues in our General Fund. These sales taxes are collected on purchases throughout our city, county, and state. Unfortunately sales taxes have become stagnant. Consumer's spending habits have gradually shifted from purchasing at retail outlet stores to on-line internet sales. These increased internet sales have resulted in the loss of much needed sales tax revenues.

Our elected officials and city staff have done a commendable job of keeping operational costs of our city under control.

Unfortunately, several cuts in purchasing and services were necessary in order to provide a balanced budget for FY2018. Some items impacted by budget cuts are: street repairs, sidewalk repairs, Rock Road landscaping, tree removal services, school crossing guard, Easter & Halloween parties, new vehicle purchases, P.W. equipment, and staff travel/training/memberships. Additionally, full-time staff will be replaced by part-time employees when vacancies occur.

When researching a Use Tax option and discovering that over 100 municipalities and 59 counties already have a Use Tax in place; your City Council believed it was time to capture this much needed source of revenue.

This trend of increasing operational costs and limited revenue growth must be addressed. We have all grown dependent and accustomed to quality municipal services. Our goal is to simply continue these services to our community. I urge you to read the article about Use Taxes in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please call me at 314/427-7154.

Let's continue keeping St. John a great place to live, work, and raise a family. I hope to see you all on April 3rd. Thank you.

NEW EMPLOYEES



Malcolm Elzie

On November 4, 2017, the City hired one of it's newest Police Officers, Malcolm Elzie. Malcolm was born in Frankfurt, Germany in 1991, before moving to Missouri in 2011. He enlisted in the Marine Corps Honor Guard while posted in Washington, DC. He transferred to Camp Pendleton in 2013 where he served the remaining 4 years

of his enlistment. He was honorably discharged in 2016. He then enrolled in the Eastern Missouri Law Enforcement Training Center. He graduated on November 11, 2018 and began work as a probationary patrolman for St. John on November 14, 2018. His favorite hobby is competing in Mixed Martial Arts training.



Chad Hembree

After being hired on February 5, 2018, Officer Chad Hembree became the newest full-time member of the St. John Police Department. Chad attended Fort Zumwalt South High School and later served in the Army, being stationed in Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. He served in the Army for 4 years and was deployed

to Afghanistan in 2015, where he received numerous honors, awards, and commendations. He graduated the Eastern Missouri Law Enforcement Training Center in April, 2017. He was hired as a Reserve Officer, before receiving his full time appointment with the St. John Police Department in February, 2018.



For anyone interested in viewing the City's financial statements they can be found on the City's website at www.cityofstjohn.org Click on the documents icon.



RETIREMENTS



Cpl. Kelly Russ

St. John employees. He is enjoying retirement with his grandchildren and still spends as much time as he can at the firing range. Cpl. Russ was an asset to the police department that will not soon be forgotten.

On July 14th, 2017 Corporal Kelly Russ retired from the St. John Police Department after 32+ years of dedicated service. Cpl. Russ served as a Supervisor, Firearms Range Officer, Armorer, Reserve Officer Liaison, Teacher, Mentor, as well as numerous other official and unofficial duties with the St. John Police Department. He was loved by members of the community, as well as

payable, payroll, taxes, group administrator for employee insurance and pension plans, as well as all City liability and comprehensive insurance. She also served as the Executive Director of the St. John Crossings Transportation and Development District and the Treasurer of the St. Charles Rock Road Community Improvement District. Although she's not one that likes to be in the spotlight, she held a key role in the City's overall operations and will be greatly missed.



Donna Davis

Our most recent retirement occurred on December 29th, 2017. Donna Davis retired from the City after 22 years of dedicated service. She held the position of Administrative Clerk and City Clerk. Many of you may recognize her from her smiling face at the City Hall Counter and others from talking with her on the phone.

Some of her duties included phones & counter work; business, liquor, trash and vending licenses. She also assisted the Finance Officer with the daily bank deposits, monthly bank statement reconciliations and weekly check runs. She also maintained the ordinance & meeting minutes files, and various other assignments. She and her husband (also a St. John employee of 21 years and still going) recently moved. She's now pursuing her "then part time job" of Real Estate Broker/Agent with Hidden Treasures Properties. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors.



Marilyn Betkis

preparation, and investment management. She was also responsible for the preparation and processing of accounts

On September 1, 2017, Marilyn Betkis retired from the City after 27+ years of dedicated service to the City. She was the City's Finance Officer, and also served as the Human Resource Officer. Her duties included all the accounting, revenue administration, debt management, revenue collection, assisting with the financial planning & budget

ST. JOHN POLICE RECEIVES STATE CERTIFICATION

The St. John Police Department was again recently recognized for successfully completing and complying with the Missouri Police Chief Association Department Certification Program.

Outside, independent evaluators, conducted a two (2) day comprehensive review and audit of all operations of the Police Department. Rules, regulations, policies, training, equipment, and procedures were just a few of the areas under review.

The St. John Police Department has been an accredited agency since 2010; becoming only the third accredited department in the state at that time. Currently there are 18 Police Departments in St. Louis County that are state accredited law enforcement agencies.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

SENIOR CITIZEN UTILITY TAX REBATES Feb 1



Utility tax rebates for the year 2017 will be issued February 1, 2018 – April 30, 2018. 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 2017;
- 2) Currently reside in the City and have previously resided in the City for the entire calendar year of 2017;

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 2017 and one bill for December 2017 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.

ANNUAL STREAM CLEAN UP April 7

Every year the City of St. John is required to hold or participate in a Clean Stream Event as part of the requirements of its National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) storm water permit. This year we will clean up the storm water ditch that runs between Marvin Garden Apartments and Calvert Ave.

One of the requirements of this event is that we seek community involvement in this effort. If you could see what sorts of things make their way into the storm sewers, realize that the storm sewers empty into our streams and rivers and then think about the fact that we get our drinking water from the area rivers, it may make you more conscious of the need to make sure trash and debris is properly disposed of. Remember, if it gets to the storm sewer it could become part of your drinking water.

Anyone wishing to help clean up this open storm water ditch in St. John should be at the small bridge on Calvert (just south of North Ave.) at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 7th. The City will provide gloves but bring your own rubber boots. Hope to see you then.

SPRING CLEAN UP WEEK April 16-20

The Last Week Of Limb Chipping April 23-24

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 16-20 is Clean-Up Week, so set out all the extra items for Republic Services to pick up on your regular trash day. The drivers of the trucks know that is our clean-up week so they will take the extra items. You still must call for large item and white goods (appliances) pick up.

In addition, keep in mind that Republic will not take car tires or batteries. They will take paint cans IF they are emptied and any residual paint in them is completely dried. The lids must be OFF the cans or they will not be taken. They also won't take construction materials. They will pick up appliances and construction materials by appointment only but

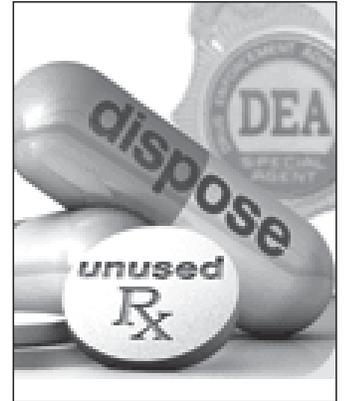
there will be a charge for the construction materials.

On Monday and Tuesday the following week (April 23-24) 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 and make sure you have limbs out by 7:00 am. We will pick up all limbs on the east side of the City (Ward 1) on Monday, April 23, and all the limbs on the west side (Ward 2) on Tuesday, April 24. Once that work is completed, we will put the limb chipper away until the first week of November.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

DRUG TAKE BACK APRIL 28

The next National Drug Take Back Event will be held on Saturday, April 28th from 10:00am-2:00pm at the St. John Municipal Center, 8944 St. Charles Rock Road, City Hall Lobby. This is a collaborative effort with state and local law enforcement agencies focused on 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 and will bring national focus to the issue of pharmaceutical drug abuse. The program provides an opportunity for law enforcement, prevention, treatment and business communities to collaborate and establish a safe collection site for all Americans, regardless of where they reside.



CITY OF ST. JOHN & ROCK ROAD ANIMAL HOSPITAL 2018 RABIES CLINIC April 28

Join us for the 2018 Annual Rabies Clinic!! Rock Road Animal Hospital veterinarians will be offering vaccinations for dogs and cats at a reduced rate on Saturday, April 28, 2018.

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 in a crate or on a very short leash to avoid 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.*

We hope to see you there!



PACKAGE PRICES		INDIVIDUAL PRICING
* \$5 PACKAGE SAVINGS *		
<i>Altered Canine</i>		Rabies Vaccination \$15.00
RV/DHLPP/TAG = \$46.00		DHLPP \$27.00
<i>Non-Altered Canine</i>		FVR/CP \$25.00
RV/DHLPP/TAG = \$54.00		FeLeuk \$20.00
<i>Altered Feline</i>		Altered Rabies Tag \$9.00
RV/DHLPP/TAG = \$44.00		Non-Altered Tag \$17.00
<i>Non-Altered Feline</i>		St. Charles Tag \$6.00
RV/DHLPP/TAG = \$52.00		

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE May 7

The Street Department will once again begin sweeping the streets. We need to coordinate our sweeping with Republic Waste's trash pick-up schedule. Republic 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 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 & 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 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), Williams Country Way (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 Edumndson), 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.

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 2nd and 9th).**
- **West of Brown Road (including homes on the West side of Brown Road) the third and fourth Saturdays in June (June 16th and June 23rd)**

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.

To sign up for this year's sale, you can come into City Hall, starting the week of May 1st, and sign up for your sale; you will also be able to pick up a sign for your yard while you're there. If you don't want a sign for your yard, you can just call City Hall and give them your name, address, phone number, date(s) of sale(s) and any specific items you want to list that might draw people to your sale. Please limit your "draw" items to just a few. This will be what is listed with your address on the printed sheets and website.

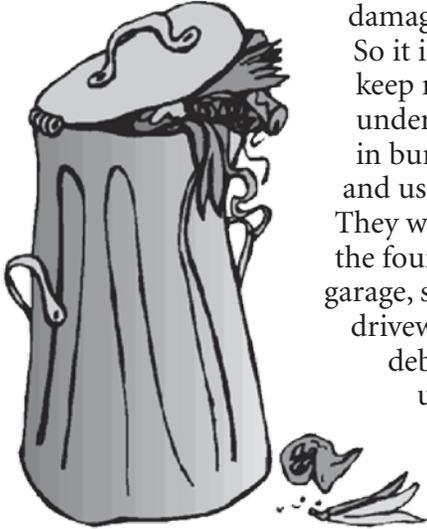
The participant lists for each sale will be cut off at 12:00 noon the Thursday prior to the sale. A printed list of all participants for that week's sale will be created and posted on the City's website on Friday for all to view/print. Printed copies of the lists will also be available at City Hall for anyone to pickup up. Due to budget cuts for 2018, advertising for the sale will be done via the City's website, flyers in City Hall and the City's digital sign board.

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

RODENT CONTROL

Beginning in 2018, St. Louis County is switching to an all or nothing structure for all of their municipal contracts for rodent and vector control. Previously, municipalities were able to choose which services they wanted to include in their contract. St. Louis County has also raised prices and are now charging for rodent services. But there are things we can do to help reduce the rodent population.

The most common type of rodent we may run into in St. John is the Norway Rat. Rats can cause property damage and carry disease. So it is important to keep rat populations under control. Rats live in burrows underground and use sewers to travel. They will burrow along the foundation of a house, garage, shed, under a driveway, or under piles of debris or rubbish. They usually live within 150 feet of their food and water sources. Rats are



scavengers and will eat any source of food available. This includes garbage, pet food, animal feces, and fruit or nuts which fall from fruit or nut bearing trees or plants.

St. Louis County can only treat rat infestations on public property. The most effective way to knock down rodent populations and prevent infestations is to keep our properties maintained by eliminating all sources of food or harborage. Dispose of any junk or debris on the premises that could attract rats. Firewood should be stored a minimum of 12" off the ground. Ensure all trash is picked up and deposited in an appropriate container with a lid. Promptly remove and dispose of pet waste and all fruits or nuts which fall from trees on your premises. Pet food should be stored in containers with tight fitting lids.

*Let's work together
to keep our city
as rodent free as
possible!*



2018 TRASH RATES

The new 2018 rates for Republic Services will take effect April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019. They are as follows:

\$ 50.10/quarter for seniors*
\$100.74 /semi-annually for seniors*

\$ 62.61/quarter for all other customers
\$122.70 /semi-annually all other customers

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.

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

*** You **must** call Republic Services (636-947-5959) no later than 3pm the day before your regular pickup to schedule for that pickup.

* 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

VECTOR CONTROL *What Is It?*



What is “Vector Control”? Vector control is any method to limit or eradicate the mammals, birds, insects or other arthropods (here collectively called “vectors”) which transmit disease pathogens. The most frequent type of vector control is mosquito control using a variety of strategies.

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 and larviciding. Earlier this year our Public Works Director and our Animal Control Officer had the opportunity to attend a meeting put on by the St. Louis County Health Department to learn more about their services and some changes to their vector control program.

We learned that there are over 50 species of mosquitoes but only a few transmit disease to humans, the *Culex Pipens* and the *Aedes Albopictus*. In order for St. Louis County to focus their efforts on these disease carrying mosquitoes they must first set traps to locate these two specific types. The traps are set at night and picked up in the morning. The mosquitoes are then sorted, counted, and tested. The results determine the frequency, location, and type of treatment to be used.

Larviciding is most effective form of mosquito control because it is focused on eliminating breeding sites and mosquito larva.

Larviciding allows vector control chemicals, which can be effective up to 45 days, to be placed directly on standing water where mosquitoes breed. This greatly increases the chances of these chemicals coming into contact with and killing mosquito larva before they have the chance to mature in to the nuisance adults.

Adulticiding is the other form of mosquito control. This is done with the fogger most people are used to seeing. The chemicals used for adulticiding have to actually land on a mosquito to kill it. The chemicals also dissipate rather quickly making adulticiding the less effective form of mosquito control. Because it is less effective, it is not used as frequently as larviciding.

The final and most effective form of mosquito control is “source reduction.” Keep in mind that mosquitoes breed in standing water. Therefore it is critical that residents manage the standing water on their property. Do not let water stand in bird baths, tires, swimming pools, ponds, etc. Water in outdoor dog bowls should be changed daily. Keep gutters cleaned out so that water flows properly. Make sure pools and ponds have a properly functioning filter to keep water clean and moving.

Remember, spraying with the fogger is the least effective and most expensive way to manage the mosquito population, so don’t expect to see it out very often. Please do your part to help control this bothersome nuisance and makes everyone’s outdoor experience a little more enjoyable this summer.

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; even though it is a polling place. This includes the City Hall, Police Department and the Public Works Grounds. The right-of-ways are controlled by the Missouri State Highway Department and they have informed us that they do not allow signs on the right-of-ways as well.





PROPOSITION "U" *What Is It?*

On April 3, 2018 voters of the City of St. John will have the opportunity to vote on a proposed Use Tax.

What is a Use Tax?

A Use Tax is a sales tax imposed on the purchase of goods by Missouri residents from out-of-state vendors. Since 1959 a state Use Tax has been imposed on the storage, use, or consumption of tangible property

in this state. State statutes permit cities in Missouri to "ask its" voters to approve a city Use Tax on out-of-state purchases equal to the city sales tax applicable at local stores." Currently, there are over 100 cities in Missouri who have a local Use Tax.

Is this just another sales tax?

No. Unlike a sales tax, which requires a sale at a retail outlet in Missouri; a Use Tax is imposed directly upon the person/business that uses, or consumes tangible property in Missouri. A Use Tax does not apply if the purchase is from a Missouri retailer and subject to Missouri sales tax.

What would be the rate of this Use Tax?

The local Use Tax rate would be 1.225%. This is the same rate as the current local sales tax.

When would a Use Tax be applied?

Purchases subject to a Use Tax include tangible personal property that is purchased by residents from phone, catalog, or internet vendors from out of state. The Use Tax is simply a local tax applied to purchases made from out of state vendors. A Use Tax is paid predominantly by businesses.

How is this Use Tax collected?

The Missouri Department of Revenue requires out of state vendors having a "direct connection" in Missouri (offices,

warehouse, employees, or delivery by USPS) to collect and remit the Use Tax. If the out of state vendor does not collect the Use Tax, the individual purchaser is then responsible.

How/when to file a Use Tax return?

A purchaser must file a consumers Use Tax return only if the cumulative purchases subject to Use Tax exceed \$2,000 in a calendar year. The due date is April 15th of the year following the purchases subject to Use Tax.

Why the need for a Use Tax and how will the revenue be used?

Consumer's spending habits are changing. While mail/ phone/internet sales are increasing, retail shopping outlets sales are decreasing. As a result, local and county sales taxes are negatively impacted. *Reserve Funds are being over utilized in order to balance the annual budget.* These much needed sales taxes are essential for the City of St. John to continue providing quality professional municipal services and a healthy fund balance. A Use Tax will compensate for the loss of sales taxes from retail outlets.

A Vote For Proposition "U" Is A Vote For:

Continued Quality Municipal Services
Fiscal Responsibility
Maintaining Property Values
Hiring, Training, Retaining Quality Employees

PLEASE VOTE ON APRIL 3, 2018

The Future Of Our Community Is Dependent Upon The Support Of Our Community

PROPERTY FRAUD ALERT

Preventing Property Fraud

The St. Louis County Department of Revenue offers a notification service called "Property Fraud Alert" in an effort to help prevent various forms of property fraud in St. Louis County. This program was developed as a result of a nationwide increase in property fraud crimes which can include the illegal ownership transfer of your home or building.

County property owners that enroll in this free of charge program, will be alerted when documents with their registered name are recorded. To find out more about the property fraud alert system and the links associated with signing up for same, go to:

<https://www.stlouisco.com/YourGovernment/Revenue/RecorderofDeedsDivision/PropertyFraudAlert>

PETS – Leashes, Parks & Waste



Spring is just around the corner! It is the perfect time of year for people to be out walking their dogs and enjoying our city and county

parks; which also makes this the perfect time to remind our residents of the rules and regulations pertaining to pets in the City of St. John.

When outdoors, for their safety and the safety of our residents, all pets, including cats, should be kept inside a fenced area from which they cannot escape or be kept under tethered control. Dogs and cats are not allowed to roam, or to be away from the owner's premises unless restrained by a leash. Pets may be tethered in the front of the premises, but only when accompanied by a person and tethered in a way that they may not reach the public right-of-way.

St. John has four City parks and one County park. Pets should always be properly leashed and never permitted to roam freely in the parks. Three of the four city parks have pet waste stations. These green boxes are located near the entrance of the parks and provide plastic pet waste bags for picking-up and disposing of pet waste deposited in the park.

If your animal defecates on your own premises, the St. John Municipal Code allows 24 hours for removal of the feces. If your

animal defecates anywhere other than the owner's private property, the owner/handler of the animal is required to remove and dispose of the feces prior to leaving the

immediate area. It is always a good idea to carry pet waste bags or other means of waste disposal anytime you are away from home with your pet.

PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL COMMUNITY SHRED EVENT

SATURDAY

APRIL 21, 2018

10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

hosted at

Shepard Funeral Chapel

9255 Natural Bridge Road at I-170
Saint Louis, MO 63134
(314) 426-6000

Suggested donation of \$5 per box

Proceeds Benefit

Youth in our Community

WHAT CAN YOU BRING?

all paper	notepads
file folders	envelopes
hanging files	CDs/DVDs
hard drives	

NO NEED TO REMOVE STAPLES, PAPERCLIPS AND FASTENERS, RUBBER BANDS

DID YOU KNOW... *MSD Has a Sewer Backup Prevention Program?*

For those with a history of building backups as a result of MSD issues, MSD offers a special Sewer Separation Program. Through this program, MSD pays for modifications to a property's plumbing to protect against future backups, and provides on-going maintenance and repair of installed devices.

These modifications might include:

Backflow device / check valve – If a backflow device is installed in your yard to prevent sewage from backing up in your private line, MSD or a private contractor will clean and inspect it periodically to ensure it remains in proper working order.

Grinder Pump – If a grinder pump is installed, MSD or a private contractor will conduct an annual inspection and maintenance check to ensure it remains in proper working order.



Emergency repair services – MSD will provide emergency repair services for customers with a backflow device or grinder pump we have installed.

These customers are asked to contact MSD's Customer Care Center for emergency service, and a service crew will be dispatched to resolve the issue. Customers may be responsible for a \$100 deductible when a crew is dispatched to the property outside of ordinary maintenance inspections. The charge

will be added to the customer's next bill. MSD covers all other costs for repairs we make.

Note: MSD will not pay for repairs that are the result of modifications or discharges of unacceptable waste materials made by the homeowner that affect a device's operation. MSD does not reimburse for services provided by private plumbers or those not initiated by MSD's Customer Care Center.

For more information, call: (314) 768-6260.

An advertisement for St. Johns Bank's mobile banking services. On the left, a smartphone is shown at an angle, displaying the St. Johns Bank logo in a script font, the word "BANK" in a sans-serif font, and the tagline "choose friendly serviceSM" and "Member FDIC". To the right of the phone, the words "MOBILE BANKING" are written in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, the phrase "Bank Whenever, Wherever." is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the advertisement, there is a white bar containing the Member FDIC logo and phone number (314) 428-1000 on the left, the address 8924 St. Charles Rock Road, St. Louis, MO 63114 in the center, and the website www.stjohnsbank.com on the right. A small logo for "Equal Housing Lender" is also present in the bottom right corner of the white bar.

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St. John Public Works Department

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Public Works Director
Julie Vetter • 427-8700 #3
Finance Officer
Linda Elder • 427-8700 #6
Court Supervisor
Bobbie Zimmermann • 427-8700 #211
Municipal Prosecutor's Clerk

DIAL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES

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)

Municipal Prosecutor's Office*

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***Office 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

Newsletter can be interpreted upon request.