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APRIL 4th MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Here Are This Year's Candidates For Your City Council



Sarah Anderson
8429 Rosalind Ct.

WARD I

- Ritenour Graduate - Class of 1993
- Certified Medical Assistant Carnegie Institute, Troy MI 1997
- UMSL graduate Cum Laude Sociology/Criminology 2007
- Worked in St. John 13 years with Fredman Brothers Furniture Company until changing jobs in 2022
- Worked in Hazelwood with Spartan Logistics receiving & Shipping customer service representative.
- Board of Director St. Louis Worlds Fare Heritage Festival
- 2022 inductee Archrival Roller Derby ARCH Hall of fame honoring over 10 years of officiating & volunteering
- Missouri Mycological Society MOMS members



James Hess
3526 Boswell

WARD II

Jim Hess was re-appointed to the City Council on Monday, February 1, 2021 to fill the unexpired term of Curt Pierce, Ward II Councilman. He currently sits as Deputy Mayor.

Jim and his wife Mary, have been married and have lived in St. John for over 50 years. Jim has a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering from West Virginia University. He is a retired aerospace engineer with McDonnell-Douglas/Boeing. He also worked part time at the PGA Tour Golf Shops at Lambert-St. Louis International

Airport. They have two children and three grandchildren. He and his wife have been members of Marvin Park United Methodist Church since 1974.

Jim previously served 12 years as Councilman of Ward II. He also served as the Chairman of the St. John Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Commission. In addition he has served on the City's Planning & Zoning Board, Budget Committees, Code Review Committees, as well as many other Committees during his terms on the Council.

A Reminder About Political Campaign Signs

Since there is a mid-term election in November this is a good time to remind residents about the guidelines regarding political campaign signs. This type of sign does not require a permit but there are some rules regarding its placement.

1. Political campaign signs may announce the candidate for office or the issues on the ballot or other pertinent matters.
2. This type of sign may not exceed four (4) square feet in total area and may not be over five feet in height.
3. The total number of signs each

residence or business may place cannot exceed sixteen (16) square feet. That means if you would set out a typical sized campaign sign (1 ½' x 2' or 3 square feet) you could set out five of them.

4. Political campaign signs may be placed on private property with the property owner's permission only, and they must be placed at least ten (10) feet from the street. Remember: you cannot place signs in the public right-of-way. Signs placed on the Rock Road, Woodson Road, in the public parks, etc. will be removed.

5. Finally, all political campaign signs must be removed within three (3) days after the election.

The challenge for City Staff is election day because that is when everyone wants to place their signs around the polling places (the Baptist Church, City Hall, and Marvin Elementary). We routinely patrol these polling places on election day to make sure that there are no campaign signs too close to the polling place or in the right-of-way.



A Message from Mary Halaska Councilperson, Ward 2

We have received numerous complaints from you, the residents, regarding properties that cause concern about being able to keep our city “A Good Place to Live”. In order to help those who may not know about some of the ordinances/ rules, I thought it would be helpful to place some of them in our newsletter. Below is a list of some Do’s and Don’ts.

Don’t

- Park vehicles in the front yard
- Have un-licensed/derelict vehicles parked on our streets
- Cover your vehicle with a tarp
- Park going the wrong way on the street
- Have indoor furniture on your front porch
- Allow trash and debris to accumulate on your property
- Have grass taller than 8”
- Leave trash cans out at the curb after trash day
- Let your pets run loose
- Have unvaccinated pets
- Use a cart from a local store and abandon

Do

- Report any suspicious activity to the police (636-529-8210)
- Get to know your neighbors-join our Neighborhood Watch
- Wave and talk to our Police Officers
- Enjoy our two Little Free Libraries
- Enjoy our 4 parks
- Reserve a plot in our Community Garden
- Bring your Children or Grandchildren to our 3 Holiday Parties
- Get involved in our City-ask how you can help
- Check our website for the annual Rabies Clinic, shredding & electronic recycling event, spring clean-up & drug take-back program

St. John Residents to be Given the Opportunity to Increase the Council’s Compensation After 20 years

This coming April 4th the City of St. John is asking for support to increase the monthly compensation for its elected officials after going twenty years without a pay raise.

In 1974, the Village of St. John became a third class City by a vote of the people. A Charter was developed by which the City was governed. This Charter set the compensation for elected officials at a flat rate of \$25 per month. This amount was in place for nearly thirty years until April, 2003 when the St. John residents approved, by vote, a pay raise to \$150 per month for the Mayor and Council members. For the past twenty years this rate has been the monthly compensation for our elected officials.

The City and our elected officials are asking for an increase to \$400 per month which is closely related to the pay rates for other elected officials in the St. Louis Metro area. The below chart depicts elected official salaries from nearby municipalities and some others from around the St. Louis Metro area for comparison.

ELECTED OFFICIAL 2023 SALARY (SORTED BY MAYORAL SALARY)

MUNICIPALITY	POPULATION	MAYOR'S MONTHLY SALARY	COUNCIL'S MONTHLY SALARY
Vinita Park	1,997	\$2,250	\$670
WoodsonTerrace	3,917	\$1,980	\$500
Shrewsbury	6,091	\$1,750	\$417
Wellston	2,285	\$1,400	\$600
Brentwood	7,966	\$1,250	\$625
Overland	15,775	\$1,000	\$500
Richmond Heights	8,801	\$980	\$480
Edmundson	829	\$800	\$400
Ellisville	9,942	\$767	\$583
Northwoods	4,076	\$750	\$600
Pine Lawn	2,729	\$700	\$450
Dellwood	4,881	\$700	\$350
Sunset Hills	9,099	\$500	\$267
Charlack	1,304	\$600	\$400
Normandy	4,204	\$375	\$308
Cool Valley	1,130	\$300	\$200
Bel Ridge	2,116	\$200	\$200
St. John	6,682	\$150	\$150

Gustave “Gus” Degardin

December 3, 1936 - July 16, 2022



Gus, also known as “Mr. Mayor” to those old enough to remember him, was a member of the St. John City Council for more than twelve years,

Mayor of St. John from 1989 to 2001. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Gustave Dominic Edmond Degardin, known to family and friends as “Gus,” age 85, passed peacefully from this life on July 16, 2022. Gus was born December 3, 1936 in Wilsonville, IL, to Gustave Degardin and Mary Degardin (née Paglia). The youngest of three children and the only boy, Gus, was lovingly called “Junior” by his older sisters Marie Vitali (d. 1955), and Elsie Garavaglia. until his passing.

After graduating from Gillespie High School in Gillespie, Illinois, he was granted a scholarship for a two-year program at the University of Illinois for Civil Engineering. Deciding that Civil Engineering was too much math for him, Gus went on to St. Ambrose College (now St. Ambrose University) in Davenport, Iowa, then transferred to Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, where he graduated with a BS in Architecture in 1960. Gus joined the Coast Guard Reserve and attained the rank of Boatswain’s Mate, 2nd Class. After his time in the Coast Guard, and armed with his B.S. in Architecture, Gus began working at the office of Earl A. Fey, Architect. It was there that he met the love of his life, Penny A. Degardin (née Staehle). In 1979, he was recruited to the Design-Build company HBE/Hospital Designers. After 30 years at HBE, Gus retired in 2010 at the age of 73.

For fifty years, Gus and Penny were each other’s partners in every sense of the word. Together they participated in the municipal advancement and maintenance of City of St. John for over four decades, campaigned for various Propositions to improve the Ritenour school district, but most importantly to Gus, they made life-long friends and raised their children and grandchildren together.

Gus, also affectionately known as “Mr. Mayor” to those of us old enough to remember, was a member of the St. John City Council for more than twelve years, Mayor of St. John from 1989 to 2001, and was a certified Jack Daniels Tennessee Squire. During his illustrious stint as Mayor, he served as the President of the St. Louis County Municipal League. As for which year, the writers couldn’t say—ironically, were he around to be asked, Gus would likely be able to recall down to the hour of the day the length of his term.

Throughout his lifetime, Gus held many jobs—farmhand, coal miner, steel mill worker, Boatswain, and architect—but by far, the jobs he took the most seriously were “Husband,” “Dad” and “Pawpaw.” He loved working along with Penny in their cherished garden, adding plants to promote the survival of butterflies, bees, and the many birds that they fed. Gus could often be found drinking lukewarm coffee, watching “NASCAR,” making waffles on the weekends, at his barbecue grill making the best pork steaks for miles around, begrudgingly snuggling with the cats he claimed to hate, and wearing knee-high black socks with loafers, even in the summertime. To his daughter’s friends, and

even his granddaughter’s friends, he was the consummate Father Figure, always ready with a hug and a groan-inducing punny joke.

Gus is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, the aforementioned Penny A. Degardin, and their daughters, Victoria “Tori” Degardin, Christina “Christi” Green (Marc), and their AFS Exchange daughter from Brazil, Juliana Scombatti-Martins; their granddaughters Kelsey (and her wife Keeley, his “Texas granddaughter”) Degardin, Kaitlynn Degardin, Kameryn Degardin, Stella Green, and Helena Martins-Grolla. Also his sister Elsie Garavaglia, age 93, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

To try to capture the life of such a well-loved man in a couple hundred words is a difficult undertaking, but the least we can do for someone who impacted us as much as Gus did.

Services: As a final act of generosity, and in the name of medical advancement, Gus made the decision to donate his body to the medical school at Washington University in St. Louis.

*Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die.*

— “Immortality,” Clare Harner

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



SENIOR CITIZEN UTILITY TAX REBATE Feb 1 - April 30, 2023

Utility tax rebates for the year 2022 will be issued February 1, 2023 – April 30, 2023. 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 2022;
- 2) Currently reside in the City and have previously resided in the City for the entire calendar year of 2022;
- 3) Apply for rebate on 2022'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 2022 and one bill for December 2022 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.

SPRING CLEAN UP April 17, 2023

This year the week of April 17 through 21 is designated Spring Clean-Up Week. Republic Service's drivers know, that in addition to the pick-up of your regular trash, they are to pick up the extra items you may want to set out on your regular pick up day. You do not have to call for the bulky items; you can just put them out. Here are the guidelines for the items you may set out during Spring Cleanup:

Items included in Spring Cleanup:

- Furniture
- Couches, chairs, dressers, tables, bookshelves, desks, headboards, etc.
- Mattress sets
- Large carpets (cut into bundles no longer than 4ft in length and not to exceed 50lbs. Must be tied with string/twine)
- Glass portions of doors, windows, etc. NOTE: These must be broken and placed into a small box marked "glass"
- All nails/staples or anything sharp that is exposed must be removed to prevent injury to you and the collector
- ***As always appliances are included with the Spring cleanup, however, you must schedule in advance of collection by contacting Customer Service at (636) 947-5959.***

Items not included in Spring Cleanup:

- Construction debris of any kind
- Shingles, drywall, vinyl siding, molding/trim, fencing, kitchen cabinets, etc.
- Loose trash
- Concrete
- Tires
- Lead/oil-based paint, varnish
- Batteries
- Yard waste
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Any other items identified as hazardous waste
- Electronic Waste –Televisions, computer monitors/accessories, DVD/VCR players, etc. Contact customer service at (636) 947-5959 to schedule and prepay for an electronic waste removal or visit stlouisco.com for a list of e-waste drives and licensed electronic recyclers.

Did You Know...

For your safety, building permits are required for any construction on residential and commercial properties. If you're considering any new additions, renovations, repairs, etc., please contact City Hall and talk to the building inspector before you start the project. He will be able to tell you if a permit is required for the project you are intending to do. Not getting a permit for a project that does require a permit can be very costly in the long run.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

CITY OF ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL RABIES CLINIC April 22, 2023

Veterinarians from Rock Road Animal Hospital will be offering vaccinations for dogs and cats at a reduced rate on **Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

The Clinic will be held on the lower level of the Public Works Garage, located at **8920 Bristol Avenue** (behind City Hall). St. John Animal Licenses will also 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 OR CRATED AND A GOOD DISTANCE FROM OTHERS WHILE AT THE CLINIC. (This includes while you're waiting in line as well). We want this to be a good experience for everyone.



We hope to see you there!

PACKAGE PRICES

\$5 PACKAGE SAVINGS

Altered Canine

RV/DHLPP/TAG = \$50.00

Non-Altered Canine

RV/DHLPP/TAG = \$58.00

Altered Feline

FRV/CP/RV/TAG = \$48.00

Non-Altered Feline

FRV/CP/RV/TAG = \$56.00

INDIVIDUAL PRICING

Rabies Vaccination \$17.00

DHLPP \$29.00

FVR/CP \$27.00

FeLeuk \$21.00

Altered Rabies Tag \$9.00

Non-Altered Tag \$17.00

St. Charles Tag \$6.00

Only St. Louis County & St. Charles County Rabies Tags Will Be Available At The Clinic

DEA DRUG TAKE BACK INITIATIVE April 22, 2023



The next National Drug Take Back Event will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023 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.

These DEA Take Back Days are about educating people about the importance of a safe way to dispose any unwanted, unused or expired prescription medications in their home.

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.

ITEMS THAT WE CANNOT TAKE INCLUDE: NEEDLES • INHALERS • LIQUIDS

If you are unable to attend this event, but have items you wish to dispose of, you can bring them up to the police department during the week between the hours of 8 am to 5 pm.

Did You Know...

It is unlawful to keep, maintain or care for more than five (5) dogs and/or cats on any residence or commercial establishment within the City of St. John.

Of the maximum number of five (5) dogs and/or cats allowed, no residence or commercial establishment may have more than three (3) of either species at any one time.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE May 1

On May 1, the Street Department will once again begin running the street sweeper through the City. Since Republic Services collects trash from a designated zone of the City every day of the week, 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, and 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), Williams Country Way, 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., Frannlynn 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. 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 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 7am - 3pm. For these days only, no garage sale permits will be required unless:

- 1) You want to hold your sale earlier than 7am 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'd like one. 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 pick up. Advertising for the sale will be done via the City's website and flyers in City Hall.

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

LAWN CARE SEASON

It May Not Seem Like It Now, But Soon It Will Be

Let's all continue to keep up with our property during the year by cutting our grass, removing all grass clippings, removing the weeds and growth (the maximum height for grass/weeds is 8"). Keeping all trash, junk and debris from accumulating on the exterior of our properties will also show we care about our community. Remember, nothing but storm water in the storm sewer so do not blow grass clippings and leaves into the street. They will be washed down the storm sewer, which then causes back up of water when the rains come down and can also pollute the streams.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



COMMUNITY E-CYCLE & PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, June 17th, 2023 • 9 a.m. to 12 Noon

RAIN OR SHINE!

8920 BRISTOL AVENUE (Behind The St. John Municipal Center)

Presented by: The City of St. John, in Partnership with St. Louis County Public Health & Midwest Recycling Center



ACCEPTABLE ITEMS (WORKING OR NOT): Basically Anything That Has A Cord or Battery

Computers, Monitors, CRT's, Printers, Keyboards, Laptops, Hard Drives, Cell Phones, Pagers, Radios, Scanners, Speakers, VCR, DVD, Fax Machines, Answering Machines, Televisions, Stereos, Furnaces, Water Heaters, Air Conditioners*, Microwaves, Power Tools, Kitchen Appliances*, Lawn and Garden Equipment**, etc.

* Appliances/Containers designed to hold Freon (or like substance) will incur a \$10 fee

** Gas & Oil MUST be removed from equipment

EXCEPTIONS: NO SMOKE DETECTORS, ALKALINE BATTERIES, LIGHT BULBS, FLUORESCENT TUBES, VHS TAPES, CD'S & DVD'S

MONITORS & CRT'S COSTS ARE FUNDED BY A GRANT FROM ST. LOUIS COUNTY DEPT. OF HEALTH UTILIZING COUNTY LANDFILL SURCHARGE FUNDS. ALL ACCEPTABLE ITEMS WILL NOT INCUR CHARGES UNTIL WE REACH OUR GRANT MAXIMUM EXCEPT AS NOTED ABOVE*

THIS EVENT IS A COMMUNITY WIDE EVENT

WHAT YOU CAN BRING

Paper

If you can rip it, they will take it!

Including:
File Folders
Envelopes

No need to remove staples, paper clips, or rubber bands

NO CDs, DVDs OR HARD DRIVES

EVENT ACCESS ROUTE

The route to enter into the e-cycle/shredder event will be the same as last year.

At the corner of Orlando & St. Charles Rock Road, you will see a banner on the east side of the schools fence directing you down Orlando avenue (southbound).

Drive down to Bristol avenue and turn left (east) on Bristol. There will be signage and people along the route to guide you into the event location.

Please note: You will not be able to access the event from Brown Road or Charlack Avenue. These streets will be blocked off. You must use the Orlando route!!

If You Have Any Question Please Call City Hall, (314) 427-8700 press #3 on Greeting Menu, for help.

Did You Know...

In Missouri, all new/used purchased vehicles are required by law to be registered with the MO Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) within 30 days of the sale. Any vehicle in MO that is not registered after being purchased is not legally your vehicle in the State's eyes as the title has not been updated to the new owner. The seller's name still appears in the State's records until the registration is completed.

If your vehicle breaks down and is towed by a police department, you will not be able to retrieve it from impound until you get it registered. This could cause you additional days at the impound yard, which means a higher fee.

Also, if you have not registered the vehicle, you cannot purchase your state license plates and you could be ticketed for no plates or for expired temporary tags.

So be sure you get your vehicles registered so you don't have any problems.

Recycling Simplified

Another Tip from...



REMOVE THE BATTERIES FROM ELECTRONIC GREETING CARDS BEFORE YOU TOSS THE CARDS.

THEN RECYCLE THE BATTERIES

VISIT RepublicServices.com to learn more about battery recycling.

RECYCLE

EMPTY AND RINSE ALL CONTAINERS. DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES. DO NOT FLATTEN CONTAINERS.



PLASTICS



CARTONS



METAL



GLASS



NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINES AND BOOKS



PAPERBOARD



OFFICE PAPER AND MAIL



FLATTENED CARDBOARD

Learn more at RecyclingSimplified.com

Additional Items You DO NOT RECYCLE

- Shredded paper or other smalls items
- Flattened bottles or cans
- #7 Plastic
- Caps or lids on glass bottles or cans
- Window glass or mirrors
- Rope-like items
- Diapers or Bio-hazardous waste

For more information you can also view St. Louis County's Website at: www.recyclesaintlouis.com

The following link is to a short video explaining why the recycling industry is changing:

www.today.com/video/why-recycling-may-be-going-to-waste-in-the-us-1311532611642



"We'll handle it from here."

Keep These Out

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Free Medical Waste and Needle Disposal programs are available. Never flush down the drain or throw in trash.

Single Use Items & All Styrofoam
Berry & To-Go Containers, Plastic & Paper Tableware, Wrappers, Napkins & Straws

Ceramics, Porcelain & Baking Glass
Gently used items can be donated.

Toys, Clothes & Shoes
Gently used items can be donated.

Rubber & Metal
Check for alternative recycling.

Waste & Wood
Diapers, Food, Pet & Yard Waste

Hazardous Materials
Take to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

Electronics, Batteries & Bulbs
Take to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

RESIDENTIAL RECREATIONAL FIRES IN FIRE PITS

Information provided by the Community Fire Protection District - Office of the Fire Marshal

Geoff Fish - Fire Marshal &
Eric Gratza - Assistant Fire Marshal

Please follow these guidelines for Recreational Fires:

- Only seasoned wood is permitted for recreational fires.
- Yard waste, construction material, treated lumber, rubber, plastics, or any other type trash is prohibited.
- Fires must be in an approved container not less than 15 feet from any structure.
- Approved containers are the Portable Fire Pits that can be purchased at Lowes, Home Depot, or other retail establishment. (example below)
- These pits must also be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- The area must be free of any other combustibles.
- Fire pits shall be clear of overhangs, such as tree branches, utility lines and structures.
- A means of extinguishment shall be available at all times.
- Fires shall not be allowed to cause smoke/odors which would constitute a public nuisance.
- Please, take into consideration your surroundings when burning, especially your neighbors.
- Fires shall be supervised at all times by a person at least 18 years of age.



Permanent Fire Pits

Permanent Pits such as the one pictured below are also allowed, and can be constructed as long as a building permit is obtained through the Fire District and your City.

**IN ST. JOHN,
YOU MUST HAVE
A FIREPROOF
SCREEN
COVERING
THE BURN PIT
ANYTIME. FIRES
ARE PRESENT.**



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2023-2024

NEW YEAR'S DAY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

No residential routes will be affected

MEMORIAL DAY – MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023

Monday routes will be picked up on Tuesday, May 30
Tuesday routes will be picked up on Wednesday, May 31
Wednesday routes will be picked up on Thursday, June 1
Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, June 2
Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, June 3

INDEPENDENCE DAY – TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023

Monday routes will not be affected
Tuesday routes will be picked up on Wednesday, July 5
Wednesday routes will be picked up on Thursday, July 6
Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, July 7
Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, July 8

LABOR DAY – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

Monday routes will be picked up on Tuesday, September 5
Tuesday routes will be picked up on Wednesday, September 6
Wednesday routes will be picked up on Thursday, September 7
Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, September 8
Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, September 9

THANKSGIVING DAY - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2023

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 24
Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, November 25

CHRISTMAS DAY – MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023

Monday routes will be picked up on Tuesday, December 26
Tuesday routes will be picked up on Wednesday, December 27
Wednesday routes will be picked up on Thursday, December 28
Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, December 29
Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, December 30

NEW YEAR'S DAY – MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024

Monday routes will be picked up on Tuesday, January 2
Tuesday routes will be picked up on Wednesday, January 3
Wednesday routes will be picked up on Thursday, January 4
Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, January 5
Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, January 6

NEW RATES TAKE EFFECT ON APRIL 1, 2023

TRASH-RECYCLE-YARD WASTE

REGULAR RATES \$23.92/MONTH

SENIOR RATES* \$16.75/MONTH

Two Bulky Items And Appliances Also Picked Up In Weekly Service.

Must Schedule With Customer Service Prior To Service Day.

*Senior Rates – Must Be 65 Or Older And Submit Proof Of Age To Republic Services. Can Also Request A 95 Gal Yard Waste Cart At No Charge.

Contact Republic Services For More Info At (636) 947-5959

POLICE DEPARTMENT TORCH RUN



It's more than a run; the Torch Run is a campaign to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics. The mission of the LETR is to raise both dollars and awareness for Special Olympics. Nearly 133 agencies and 3,500 officers work year-round in Missouri to accomplish this goal; they are some of our greatest volunteers. All funds raised go toward supporting Special Olympics Missouri's year-round sports training and athletic competition program for athletes across the state.



LONG SLEEVE
S-3XL - \$20

SHORT SLEEVE
S-2XL - \$15
3XL - 6XL - \$20

AVAILABLE AT THE ST. JOHN POLICE DEPT

LIMB CHIPPING SCHEDULE

The fall limb chipping schedule began on November 7, 2022 and will run through April 24-25, 2023. This is a service the city provides to its residents who may need to trim tree limbs or large shrubs from their property. The street department runs the limb chopper through the city on the following schedule:

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

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

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

ROLL-OFF DUMPSTERS

If you need to rent a roll off dumpster for renovations, cleaning out a home, garage, basement, etc., be sure to contact City Hall BEFORE you order it. You will need to obtain a permit from City Hall for the dumpster and the dumpster itself must be placed in your driveway and not the street. If you are unable to put it in your driveway, please contact our Public Works Director, David Campbell, (314-427-8700, #3 on greeting menu) for possible options.

Any roll-off load weighing over 10 tons is over the legal weight limit. To prevent this from occurring, the City's hauler provider, Republic Services, has recommended the following tips below:

- **CONTENTS:** If it is full of concrete, excessive dirt, large tree waste or heavy material;
- **WEATHER:** If there has been recent rain that hasn't drained, or contents stay extremely wet;
- **TIME:** If the container sits in place for a long time, it is likely you will forget about the contents and how much has been put in it. Contents also settle over time. Hauling more often can reduce the chance of having an overweight roll-off.
- Please call for service when the roll-off is only ½ or ¾ full if any of the above criteria apply. If the driver deems the roll-off is too heavy to haul, they can refuse to service it until it has been off-loaded and brought within weight compliance. They would rather haul a lighter load twice than an overweight load once. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Republic Services at (636) 947-5959.

HOME SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY AIDS LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATIONS...AND PROMOTES SAFER COMMUNITIES

With the constant rapid advancements in home surveillance technology, costs for in-home security camera systems have drastically declined. What was once only an option for growing, major businesses and government institutions, is now available at an average cost of approximately \$200.00 for home owners to purchase. According to Freedonia, a Cleveland based industry research firm, home security systems are expected to hit \$4.8 billion by the year 2025. Due to this, it seems that more and more residents and businesses within the City of St. John are installing digital cameras for added safety benefits. And...they are right. Studies show that criminals are less likely to strike when and where they know cameras could capture their every move and possibly even their identity. There is no doubt that video surveillance systems are a deterrent to criminals.



produce images of the alleged suspects, but it also gave a better timeline of the criminal events and the routes taken.

In an effort to resolve criminal activity quicker and strengthen community partnerships in our City, we are asking for residents and businesses that have security cameras to register them with the Police Department. The registration is completely voluntary and even after registration; the residents

are not under any obligation to share their video footage with the police. The registration list, as well as provided video, will be kept confidential except as required by law or court order. This registration program is an excellent way for the community to get involved with Law Enforcement efforts to maintain a safe environment and peace of mind.

Security cameras have become more common and can be very resourceful for deterring crime. The St. John Police Department encourages residents to be vigilant and not hesitate to call in suspicious activity. If the activity is just occurring, call 911. Officers will respond. If after the fact, you find your camera has video of suspicious activity, this too can be very helpful. The most effective way to help deter crime in our neighborhoods is to simply email the video to the Neighborhood Watch and Crime Prevention Officers (Det. Josh Muratori; jmuratori@cityofstjohn.org or Lt. Tim Heimann; heimann@cityofstjohn.org) This information will be kept confidential except as required by law or court order.

The St. John Police Department, along with several other local Law Enforcement agencies, have recognized the home security camera system trend and have also discovered an untapped criminal investigation tool right in our own communities. In the recent past, St. John Police Officers have partnered with home owners and businesses who possess security cameras in areas where crimes have occurred so that video of the alleged suspects could be viewed. This video footage proved to be a valuable resource for the investigating officers. Not only did the video



LOCK IT OR LOOSE IT

The St. John Police Department wants to remind everyone to lock their vehicles while unattended. Thieves can take advantage of any small opportunity and take your car or valuables inside. Remember to lock that car when you get

out of it and don't leave any valuables inside or in plain sight. Report any suspicious activity.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The St. John Police Department would like your participation for forming Neighborhood Watch Groups. Young or old, at home, or away with work. You can help keep our neighborhoods safe and secure. Please contact Lt. Heimann for more information on getting started with crime prevention and

the Neighborhood Watch Program. You can email or call Lieutenant Heimann at 314-427-8700, #5 on greeting menu. Or, email him at heimann@cityofstjohn.org

Did You Know...

In St. John, a permit is required prior to the construction or placement of any swimming pools (including kiddie pools), hot tubs or spas which can hold 24" of water or more. Check our website for more info or call City Hall.

Did You Know...

In St. John the owner of a home must have it inspected and the occupants must get their Occupancy Permit before they move any furniture or themselves into the home. If your realtor or landlord don't tell you about this, be sure you call City Hall for what you need to do.

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SAVE THE DATES!

Senior Utility Tax Rebates – Page 4

February 1st - April 30th

Spring Cleanup – Page 4

Week of April 17th on your normal trash day

Drug Take Back Initiative – Page 5

April 22nd, 10am – 2:00 pm

Rabies Clinic – Page 5

April 22, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Street Sweeping – Page 6

Starts May 1st – See Article For Your Zone

City Wide Garage Sales – Page 6

June 3rd & 10th – East Side of Town – 7 am - 3 pm
June 17th & 24th – West Side of Town – 7 am - 3 pm

Electronic Recycling/Shredding Event – Page 7

Saturday, June 17th, 9 am – Noon
Rain or Shine

Limb Chipping Starts – Page 10

November 1st - See Article For Your Side of Town



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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Shana Johnson • 314.427-8700 #6
Court Administrator

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*

427-8700, #211 (Mon-Fri, 8 am - 5 pm)

*Office closes at 3 pm on days night court is held and reopens at 6:30 pm. There is no telephone service during court. 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.