

City of St. Louis

News and Views

March 1, 2025

Message from the Mayor



Last month city council approved a \$14 million water main replacement project, though the final commitment hasn't been made.

This job supplements an \$18 million water main project that began last year. That one is paid almost in full by the federal government and should be completed next year. No water rate increase was necessary to pay for it because the feds pick up the tab.

But the bite of the \$14-million project on homeowners is mitigated only by \$5 million of "principal forgiveness" (also from the feds) and easy loan terms of 1 percent over 40 years.

That would result in the average residential water bill rising from \$52 to \$57 per month later this year, a 9 percent increase.

However, residents have a chance to stop it with a petition. If you get 10 percent of the city's 2,900 registered voters to sign a petition by March 30 the bond issue will have to be voted on by y'all.

If that doesn't happen, the city expects to solicit construction bids this summer. City council would then say yea or nay depending on what the bids are. If approved, the project should begin next year and be completed in 2027.

Residents guaranteed to get new water lines in Phase One live on Hebron between Olive and Fairway, Prospect between Teman and Corinth, all of Tamarack, Berea between Tamarack and Prospect, Delaware between North and Crawford, Main Street between M-46 and Center, Mill Street between Hazel and State, Franklin Street between State and Saginaw, E. State Street, East Street between State and Butternut, Butternut Street, Euclid Street and along M-46 between Clinton and Hubbard.

In Phase Two mains would be replaced on Corinth between Olive and Tamarack Prospect between Main and the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Mill Street between M-46 and Crawford Street right-of-way, Crawford Street right-of-way between Mill and Michigan and along Main Street between M-46 and State Street.

There are also valve replacements planned at 15 intersections throughout the system.

Hooray for snow plows!

Thanks to DPW snow plow operators Shawn Felker, Chad Pratt, Ryan Roehrs, Chip Volz, Chase Kral and Water Department workers Brian Henderson and Gregg Austin who kept the streets clear during and after the mid February snow storms. Overtime pay for these seven employees in the week ending Feb. 9 was 74 hours. The same bunch accrued 87.5 overtime hours the following week. Although there were some water system repairs, too, most of the overtime hours were attributable to snow removal.

On behalf of everyone in St. Louis who needs to drive, thanks again, guys! If I had a Bud it would be for you.

VITA Scan & Go at the Library



The T.A. Cutler Memorial Library is partnering with United Way and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program to provide free tax return preparation services between February 3 and April 1, 2025, to qualified filers. Most households earning \$67,000 or less qualify for the program.

Call the Library at 989-681-5141 for more information or to schedule an appointment.



City Council Meetings are the first and third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m.

Board of Review



The Board of Review will be in session to hear your appeals at St. Louis City Hall on the following dates:

Monday, March 10, 2025

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

There will also be an organizational meeting on
March 4, 2025
At 1:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Cemetery Information

All winter decorations must be removed from grave sites by **April 1st.**

Spring/Summer decorations may not be placed on grave sites until **May 1st.**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!
Contact Jamie Long at 989-681-2137 ext. 1050
with Cemetery questions.

Daylight Savings Time



Daylight Savings is Sunday, March 9th
Happy Spring!

Spirit of St. Louis



The Spirit of St. Louis award nominations are officially open. This award is given annually to a community member who exemplifies drive and passion for the betterment of St. Louis. There are few people who can balance work and community participation, but this community member does it with honor. If you know someone who stands out as a leader with aspirational qualities, take a few minutes to nominate them.

You can fill out the form on the City Hall website OR visit City Hall to pick up a form. Submissions are due March 14th at 4:00 PM and can be delivered to City Hall or emailed to eburton@stlouismi.com. The winner of the Spirit of St. Louis award will be honored May 1st.

No Parking on City Streets



There is no parking on City Streets from
2:00a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
November 1 to May 1.

It is also a violation to park in any manner which creates a hazard or impedes snow removal.

Brush pickup for the month of March
begins March 3, 2025

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