

City of St. Louis

News and Views

June 1, 2025

Message from the Mayor



In today's digital age, print newspapers face significant challenges. Still, they continue to provide a valuable service by covering stories that impact our communities here in St. Louis, Alma, Ithaca, and beyond. For many residents, especially those who don't rely on social media, local papers remain a trusted source of information.

As someone with a background in newspaper reporting, I understand the unique challenges journalists face—especially at the local level. It's not always easy to balance the demands of covering complex issues with limited resources, but our local reporters continue to do so with professionalism and persistence.

While they may not attend every council meeting, their coverage of major topics—like our recent discussions on backyard chickens—helps inform the broader public about the decisions made right here at City Hall.

Despite reduced staff and tight budgets, both *The Herald* and *The Morning Sun* have remained committed to covering Gratiot County. That dedication deserves recognition. Editors Michael MacDonald and Rick Mills, along with their reporting teams, play an important role in supporting local democracy.

We appreciate their efforts and always welcome their presence at St. Louis City Council meetings.

-Ralph Echtenaw

Consumers Gas Main Replacement

Consumers Energy is continuing their gas main replacement project.

As part of their project, Consumers Energy has contracted with Dependable Sewers to televise and locate the sanitary sewers and individual sewer service lines. As the majority of the work by Consumers Energy will involve directional boring of new gas mains, it is necessary to locate these sewer lines so the potential for conflicts when boring the new pipe is reduced. In preparation for this televising, Dependable Sewers will be cleaning the sewers.

Visit www.stlouismi.com/consumers-energy-gas-main-replacement-project/ for complete details and maps.

City Wide Construction



Pardon Our Progress: Living With Construction Season

If it feels like the whole town is under construction you're not imagining things! Between Consumers Energy upgrading gas lines and the City working hard to replace aging water mains, there's a lot happening beneath our streets right now.

We know the detours, noise, and torn-up roads can be frustrating. But these temporary inconveniences are bringing long-term benefits: safer infrastructure, more reliable utilities, and better service for years to come.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as these critical improvements take place. Crews are working as quickly and safely as possible, and we'll continue to keep residents informed as the projects progress.

The following streets are part of the city wide water main project:

- East Washington Ave (M-46)
- Jerome
- Essex-(Devon to York)
- South & North Delaware
- North Main to Center
- East State
- South & North Franklin
- South Clinton (railroad to dead end)
- South East Street (Butternut to State)
- Butternut
- Euclid
- Hebron-(Fairway to Olive)
- West Prospect (Corinth to Teman)
- Tamarack
- Berea
- Wells

Thank you for bearing with us—we're building a better future together.

Joe Scholtz Memorial Fishing Derby



Saturday, June 7, 2025

Participants must check in at Leppien Park prior to 9:00 a.m.

Fishing is 9:00 a.m. to noon. Registration forms are available at stlouismi.com or can be picked up at City Hall.

COLOR OUR WORLD™

Children ages 3-18 are invited to register for, participate in, and win prizes from a free series of events, activities, and challenges at the library.

Weekly events for children ages 3-12 are Thursday at 2:00 p.m. from June 12 through July 31st (excluding July 3).

A weekly mystery board challenge earns the child entry in a drawing for a small soft-serve ice cream cone.

All registrants are challenged to read (or listen to reading) 15-minutes-per-day for thirty days between the date they sign up and August 15th. Those who meet the reading challenge receive a certificate of completion, a prize, and entry in the grand prize drawing.

Teens (ages 13-18) have separate activities and their own reading challenge with prize drawing.

Children and teens can register in person at the library or online <https://tacml.readsquared.com/> between June 2 and July 11. Registration is encouraged but not required to participate in the events and weekly puzzle challenges; attendance at events is encouraged but not required to complete the reading challenge.

For more information, stop in the library (312 Michigan Avenue), call us at 989-681-5141, email us at cutlerlibrary@live.com, or check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/100072059363195>.

W.T. Morris Swimming Pool



**Opening Day is June 9th
(Weather Permitting)**

POOL HOURS

Monday-Friday

1:00-4:00 PM & 5:00-8:00 PM

Saturday

1:00-6:00PM

Sunday

2:00-6:00PM

All Sessions are **\$3.00** per person, unless otherwise posted.

<https://www.facebook.com/stlouismipool>

June/July Free Swims

-June 9th-Invenergy

-June 14th- TS Nurnberger Middle School Student Council

-June 15th- James Vyskocil

-June 21st- Invenergy

-June 22nd-Tom and Mary Reed

-June 28th- Frosty Cone

-June 29th- Powell Fabrication and Manufacturing

-July 12th-Invenergy

-July 13th- Tom and Mary Reed

-July 19th- Steve and Sheri Kelly



Flag Day Ceremony



June 14, 2025

7:00 p.m.

City Hall back deck.

Please bring a lawn chair.

**Brush pickup for the month of June
begins June 2, 2025**

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and employer.**