

City of St. Louis

News and Views

July, 2025

Message from the Mayor



If you've ever attended a city council meeting you probably noticed that most of us on the dais have an Apple iPad tablet computer in front of us.

Perhaps you've wondered what we're looking at on these devices. I know I always did when I was on the outside looking in.

Well, everyone has the most recent board meeting packet on their screen. This includes itemized spending (everything from payroll to office supplies), meeting minutes from other boards and commissions, monthly reports for each city department head and background information on every agenda item. It generally runs to 100 pages or more. (The June 17 packet was 169 pages.)

Confidential information, right? Nope. Anyone with an internet connection can see everything we see on our tablets.

Our administrators are good at collecting background data on everything before us at each meeting and putting it in this packet.

For example, the packet for the June 17 meeting included reports on code enforcement, cemetery burials, police doings, activity in the Water, Electric and Public Works departments and background for eight agenda items.

If you'd like to see what we see, start at the city web site and use the Government tab at the top to navigate to the city council page. Scroll down when you arrive and look under the Documents heading. The first item will be City Council Packets. Click on that and you'll see a list of documents you can download. The packets for each meeting are usually available on the Friday afternoon before each meeting.

Then you will have all the information that we on city council have in front of us at each meeting. It's a great resource, and I thank city staff and administrators for putting it together. Have a look and see what you think.

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

Enjoy Summer in St. Louis

Summer is here, and there's no better time to enjoy all that our wonderful community has to offer!

Cool off at the W.T. Morris Memorial Pool and make it a day with a sweet treat from the ice cream shop, Frosty Cone, just across the street. Don't forget to explore our beautiful local parks — perfect for picnics, play, or a peaceful walk. This year, Clapp Park features local veterans proudly displayed on the lamp posts throughout the park.

While you're out and about in St. Louis, take a stroll through our charming downtown and support our amazing local shops and businesses this summer season! And, for our art lovers, the Gratiot Downtown Art Expo banners will be up all summer season, so be sure to check them out as you wander downtown and appreciate the hard work of our local artists.

Mark your calendars:

Downtown Cruise-In – July 16, 5–8 PM
Bring out your classic car (any year, make, or model) and enjoy live music from *Black Castle Music*, shop downtown, and enter our raffle for a chance to win great prizes! There is no registration required, just show up and have a good time!

Let's make this summer one to remember — see you around town!

Clapp Park Banner Exhibit

NEW VETERAN BANNER EXHIBIT *Clapp Park*

Get out to Clapp Park and check out the new banners honoring local veterans for their service!

Take a slow stroll through the park and look up!



July 12th Event Schedule

W.T. Morris Swimming Pool



SATURDAY, JULY 12th

Downtown Area Events

Craft Show 10 AM to 5 PM

Motorcycle Cruise-In 10 AM to 2 PM

Dunk Tank

Touch-a-Truck 10AM to 2PM

Farmers Market 10AM-5PM

FREE SWIM AT W.T. MORRIS SWIMMING POOL

1PM-4 PM & 5PM-8 PM

9PM-10:30 PM (night swim ages: 12—18)

City Wide Garage Sales July 10-12

Ice Cream in Clapp Park 10:00AM

CLAPP PARK 3 PM TO 7 PM:

Live Music and Inflatables

Cotton Candy and hot dogs

All Free

Saturday July 12!



Miranda & The M80s will perform on Saturday, July 12 in the south parking lot of St. Louis City Hall!

Be sure to stop down and enjoy some fun, high energy live music from 5:30-9:30 PM .

Thanks so much to Invenergy for their generous donation towards our celebration this year!

Fireworks! Saturday at 10 PM

July Free Swims

July 4th-Mercantile Bank

July 5th-Gemini Capital Management

July 12-Invenergy

July 13th-Tom & Mary Reed

July 19th-Steve Kelly

July 20th-Carrie Knause Second Graders

July 26th-St. Louis Teachers

July 27th-James & Connie Wyman

POOL HOURS

Monday-Friday

1:00-4:00 PM

5:00-800 PM

Saturday

1:00-6:00 PM

Sunday

2:00-6:00 PM

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

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Farmers Market



The Market will be open every Thursday from June through October from 2-6 PM.

Gratiot MI Market is now located at 201 N Mill St. St. Louis.

Please contact Sara Piaskowski at 734- 249-3961 or Lisette Smith at 989-824-0152 or email us at gratiotmimarket@gmail.com with questions or ideas.

Brush pickup for the month of July begins July 7, 2025.

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