



For the last few years I've been eating lunch twice weekly at the Commission on Aging's Food With Friends sites in Alma (Mondays) and Ithaca (Wednesdays).

The price of \$2.50 per meal is reasonable. The food is good and the company is pleasant. I've made new friends and look forward to seeing them every week. If I wasn't still working I'd eat lunch at one FWF site or another Monday through Friday.

I'd like to invite St. Louis residents age 60 and up to join my friends and I at these lunches. Your social circle will expand, and your happiness will grow.

Just call 989-875-5332 a day before your planned visit to make a reservation. (They need to know how much food to prepare and deliver.)

The Alma site is located at The Filling Station (415 Park Avenue) across the street from J&J/Giles Tire on the west side of town. The Ithaca site is at 1011 East North Street. There are other FWF sites in Fulton and Wheeler.

Lunch is served at the Ithaca site Monday through Friday. At the other sites it's Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The Ithaca site is like a clubhouse where several activities are planned each month. When you call the number above be sure to give your address and ask to receive the Commission on Aging's monthly newsletter. It will tell you what's on the menu each day and what the activities are.

Ralph

Keeping St. Louis Clean and Safe: Understanding Blight Enforcement

One of the ways the City of St. Louis works to keep our neighborhoods safe and welcoming is through enforcement of the City's **blight ordinance**. Blight refers to property conditions that negatively affect our community's appearance, safety, and property values.

What is considered blight?

- Inoperable or unlicensed vehicles stored outside for more than 30 days

- Outdoor storage of junk, trash, or refuse
- Accumulation of building materials without an active building permit
- Multiple recreational vehicles stored in prohibited areas.

How Enforcement works?

1. The Code Enforcement Officer responds to complaints and also conducts routine inspections.
2. First Notice: A letter is sent to the property owner explaining the violation, with 7 days to comply.
3. Second Notice: If not resolved, a second letter is issued with another 7-day deadline.
4. Civil Infraction: Continued non-compliance may result in a municipal civil infraction, beginning at \$50. Repeat violations increase to \$100 and then \$250, and can be issued weekly until compliance is achieved.
5. Court Action: In cases where fines are unpaid or violations remain unresolved, the matter may be referred to District Court.

Working with Residents

We recognize that sometimes circumstances—such as illness, storm damage, or financial hardship—can delay compliance. In those cases, the Code Enforcement Officer may grant extensions when good faith efforts are being made. Our goal is not punishment, but **partnership** in keeping St. Louis a community we can all be proud of.

How you can help

- Maintain your property to prevent blight conditions.
- Dispose of trash and unwanted items properly.
- Contact City Hall if you receive a notice and need help understanding what's required.
- Report blight to dfoster@stlouismi.com. Be sure to include address and timestamped photos.

Together, we can keep St. Louis clean, safe, and thriving!

Downtown-Trick or-Treat

Oak Grove Cemetery



Leaf Pickup



Loose leaves will be picked up
October 1 through December 1

Please rake leaves to the curb.
Sticks and other solid waste must
be kept separate.

Leaves can not be burned within the City Limits.

Beginning December 1st, leaves must be placed in
biodegradable bags for pick up.

Trick-or-Treat



The City of St. Louis will hold
Trick-or-Treating this year on
Friday, October 31st
5:30-7:30 PM

Have a safe and happy
Halloween!



Summer decorations and flowers
must be removed from grave
sites by **October 15th.**

Winter decorations and flowers
can not be placed on grave sites until **November 20th.** This allows City crews time for clean up at
the cemetery.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Book Sale



The Friends of Cutler Memorial Library will host a used
book and video sale Oct. 22nd
through Oct. 25th in the library
meeting room located at 312
Michigan Avenue.

The sale starts at 10:00 each morning
(when the library opens) and runs until 6:00
p.m. on Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 p.m. on
Thursday, and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Adult and young adult hardcover books,
DVDs, and CD's are \$1.00; adult and young
adult softcover books, and juvenile hardcover
books are \$.50; slim paperback romances and
juvenile soft cover books are \$.25. Saturday,
Oct. 25 all remaining items are half-price. Items
in good or better condition may be donated for
the sale during normal hours of operation
through Saturday, October 18th.

Call the library at 989-681-5141 for ques-
tions about the sale or details on accepted and
unacceptable items. All proceeds benefit the li-
brary. We appreciate everyone who shops at,
donates to, and helps spread the word about
our used book sales. Thank you!

**Brush pickup for the month of October
begins October 6, 2025.**

**This institution is an equal opportunity
provider and employer.**