

City of St. Louis

News and Views

March 1, 2024

Message from the Mayor



As many of you know, the Republican and Democrat presidential primaries were held on February 27. I'd like to thank St. Louis election workers Don Burch, Robin Hart, Tina Redes, Terry Root, Sue Whitford, Juanita "Janie" Hunt and city employees Payton Kuhn, Ashley Bullard and Jamie Long for processing voters on election day.

Burch has served the longest, getting his start at least 18 years ago. He works the last station before the tabulator, giving final instructions and keeping track of the totals. If the machine jams or shows an error message, he fixes it. "He is a wealth of knowledge to me," said Clerk Jamie Long.

Whitford got her start as an election worker circa 2007. She typically works giving ballot marking instructions but fills in on other stations, too. "She is great at keeping things in order and moving smoothly," Long said.

Redes started in 2018 and works the poll book and helps with verifying and running absentee ballots when she's not filling in for others on lunch/dinner breaks.

Hunt, Hart and Root got their start in the presidential election of 2020. Hunt gives ballot marking instructions and "does an amazing job because she is very patient, takes her time and gives clear instructions," Long said.

Hart works at the check-in table and compares your i.d. to the list of registered voters. "She is always very helpful and friendly when our voters walk in the door," Long said.

Root works at the check-in table and helps process absentee ballots. "She has been a part of this community for many years and knows many of our voters on a first name basis," Long said.

Kuhn is the newest election worker. In fact, this primary was her first election. "She was a co-op student last year and has been able to stay on working for the city through college," Long said.

Deputy Clerk Bullard worked her second election in February.

She handles the poll book on election day in addition to many pre-election tasks. "I really couldn't do all of this without her help!" Long said.

These people perform a near thankless, but essential, job and deserve a shout-out for their efforts.

If you're interested in becoming an election worker, contact Long by calling 989-261-1435. Election workers get \$19/hour and work 14-15 hours on election days. The next time they will be needed is for the August 6 state primary election.

Joe Scholtz Fishing Derby

The St. Louis City Council, on February 20, approved the continuing of the Joe Scholtz Memorial Free Fishing Derby here in St. Louis, to be held this year on Saturday, June 8.

Recently there have been concerns over the water quality in areas of the Pine River in and around St. Louis and Alma. While the Council takes these concerns seriously, they feel that members of the public should have appropriate information available to them and make their own decisions regarding participation.

The Council also supports any messaging and/or signage required by the Michigan Department of Health or the Mid-Michigan District Health Department should they issue anything regarding recreational uses of the Pine River.

Please Continue to Spend Locally

The City website has a Business Directory that lists businesses by category and also includes their addresses and contact information. This is a great way to be reminded to spend as much as you can here in St. Louis to support our local businesses! The address is:

www.stlouismi.com/local

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 11, 2024

9:00 am-3:00 pm

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

3:00 pm-9:00 pm

There will also be an organizational meeting on
March 5, 2024
at 1:00 pm

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.

Good Friday

City Offices will be closed
Friday, March 29th
in observance of Good Friday.



Easter Egg Hunt



No Parking On City Streets



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

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

Daylight Savings Time



Daylight Savings is
Sunday, March 10th
Happy Spring!

Brush pickup for the month of March
begins March 4, 2024

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