

# City of St. Louis

## News and Views

August, 2024

### *Message from the Mayor*

### *Back to School*



If history is any guide to the Aug. 6 primary election this month, less than half of the city's 2,900 registered voters will cast ballots. Perhaps I can convince a few more of you to turn out.

Perhaps the most important nomination up for grabs this year is the Republican nomination for county sheriff. With Current Sheriff Mike Morris retiring, three Republicans are on the ballot to replace him. Gratiot Democrats have not nominated a sheriff candidate, so our new sheriff will be elected Aug. 6. November will be a formality for whoever it is. Get out and vote if you want to have a say in whether Brett Baublitz, Tom Clark, or Joe Vozar get the nomination.

There are more choices for candidates vying to replace retiring Sen. Debbie Stabenow. Hill Harper and Elissa Slotkin are looking for the Democrat nomination. Justin Amash, Sherry O'Donnell, Sandy Pensler and Mike Rogers seek the Republican nomination.

Republicans Marty Gibson, Aaron VanHorn Sr. and John Wilson are the candidates for one county road commission seat. No Democrats are seeking that job.

Below the candidates on your August ballot will be three ballot proposals.

One is to renew a modest millage for the St. Louis Ithaca Pine River Transit Authority, which allows the Alma Transit Authority to serve St. Louis residents with dial-a-ride buses.

The ATC operates 11 buses and three vans that carried 72,316 passengers, including 11,306 from St. Louis, in the most recent fiscal year.

Another ballot proposal asks voters to renew for six years a millage levy of 0.4486 to support the sheriff's office.

The third ballot proposal asks for a 0.6 mill levy over six years to "provide essential technology and operations of the Gratiot County Central Dispatch 9-1-1 Center," according to the proposal. If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$1,194,935 over six years.

A small portion of the millages for the sheriff's office and Central Dispatch is captured by the St. Louis Downtown Development Authority, so a vote for the millage supports the DDA as well.

Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> is the first day of school. I want to remind everyone to please SLOW DOWN and PAY ATTENTION to the sudden increase in pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular traffic that comes with the start of school.

Parents, please take a few moments of your day to discuss safety when walking to and from school with your child/children. Please discuss the importance of using crosswalks and remind your children to look in all directions multiple times before crossing the street. Stress the importance of putting electronic devices away and paying attention while walking. I am dumbfounded by the number of kids I see walking aimlessly while focusing on their digital devices, not their surroundings.

Discuss Stranger Safety with your children. Have you planned who your children can go to in the event of an emergency or a problem? Do your children know who they can contact if they need help? Do your children know how to contact you or where you work?

Teen drivers must focus on driving, not the radio, phones, or friends. Parents are positive role models for your teen driver. If you're doing it, good or bad, your children will follow your lead. Pay attention to reduced speed school zones and school buses. The fines for traffic violations in school zones are doubled. Be extra cautious in the parking lots. You just never know when an excited child is going to run out in front of you.

Photograph and note valuable items that your child may have. Photograph or record the serial numbers for valuable items such as laptops, tablets, and headphones. Cellular phones have an IMEI number. The IMEI number needs to be recorded for cell phones. If they are lost or stolen, the police will need this information. Activate or add tracking apps to these devices. There are many free tracking apps available for almost all devices now.

Please be safe out there and do your part to make this school year as secure as possible.

-Chief Ramereiz

*Old US 27 Motor Tour**W.T. Morris Swimming Pool*

Thursday, August 22, 2024  
3:15 to 5:00 PM



Stop by to take a look at some great Classic Cars, meet new people, shop and enjoy the afternoon in *Downtown St. Louis!*

See you in St. Louis!



LIVE Music at Black Castle Music  
217 North Mill Street, St. Louis  
[blackcastlemusic5150@gmail.com](mailto:blackcastlemusic5150@gmail.com)



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**POOL HOURS**  
Monday-Friday  
1:00-4:00 PM  
5:00-8:00 PM

Saturday  
1:00-6:00 PM

Sunday  
2:00-6:00 PM

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

\*\*\*Free Swim August 3rd-Sponsored by the St. Louis Campground.\*\*\*

Please note that as our pool staff returns to school and sports activities we will be adjusting pool hours. Please follow our facebook page to keep up with the schedule changes.

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

*Community Tailgate*

There will be a community tailgate on

Thursday, August 29, 2024.  
5:30-7:00

Free Hot dogs, Chips and Pop!

Come and support our St. Louis Sharks for their first home football game of the season! Go Sharks!

*State Primary Election*

August 6, 2024 is the Michigan State Primary Election. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If you are unsure if you are registered, contact your City Clerk at 989-681-2137 ext. 1050.

*Farmers Market*

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

Please contact Sara with any questions or ideas at **734-249-3961** or [stlouisfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:stlouisfarmersmarket@gmail.com)

Find the Market on Facebook too at <https://www.facebook.com/stlouisfm>

Brush pickup for the month of August begins August 5, 2024.

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