

City of St. Louis

News and Views

September, 2024

Message from the Mayor

Charter Amendment



We're back, baby!

City council and the St. Louis school board had their first joint meeting last month after a four year layoff that began during the Covid pandemic.

School board members Don Kelley, Kelly Bebow, Billy Bosquez, Carrie Salladay and Superintendent Jennifer McKittrick met with city council plus City Manager Kurt Giles, Public Services Director Keith Risdon, Finance Director Bobbie Marr, Clerk Jamie Long and DDA Director Phil Hansen on Aug. 20.

The meetings are more than just a show of solidarity in the community. They allow council members and school board members to discuss issues that affect the city and the schools. We look forward to continuing the tradition next year.

Upton moving away

Council Member Liz Upton announced Aug. 20 that she and husband Adam have listed their house and will move to Kentucky when it sells. Upton was elected to city council in 2021. Her term expires in December 2026, so we will have to appoint someone to complete the term. If you would like to be considered for the appointment, contact Clerk Jamie Long at 989-681-2137 ext. 1050. Council members are paid \$700 per year and \$35 per meeting.

Thanks to election workers

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 Peyton Kuhn, Ashley Bullard and Jamie Long for making the Aug. 6 state primary election a success.

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 989-681-2137 ext. 1050. Election workers get \$19/hour and work 14-15 hours on election days. .

Earlier this year, on recommendation from City staff, the City Council adopted a resolution to change City Council terms and elections dates from odd to even years. This was adopted under the provisions of Public Act 523 and was recommended to eliminate the time and expense involved in holding odd-year elections that often included only the election of the mayor and two Council members. A City Charter amendment was also strongly recommended so that the language in the Charter would be consistent with the new schedule for election of local officials. Accordingly, a subsequent resolution was adopted to amend the Charter language. The proposed Charter amendment received approval from the State Attorney General and Governor's office to be included on the November 5th general election ballot. Approval of the Charter amendment on the November 5th ballot would authorize modifying the Charter so that it's language would be consistent with the new local election schedule.

New Business Downtown

My Friends Boutique is the newest business in Downtown St. Louis! They're located at 321 North Mill Street, right across from City Hall, and carry quality clothing, home goods, vintage, painted furniture, home décor and more. Please stop and welcome Sheila & Geri to our community and support their business.



Thank You!



Also, thank you to the **St. Louis Garden Club** for preparing, planting and maintaining the beautiful flowers downtown. We appreciate the continued support to make our community a great place to live!

St. Louis High School Homecoming



Friday, September 13, 2024
 St. Louis High School's Homecoming parade is Friday at 5:30 p.m. followed by the football game at 7:00 p.m. The Homecoming dance is on Saturday night. Visit the schools webpage for more details at stlouisschools.net

Property Tax Information

Remember!

Property Taxes are due
 September 16, 2024 by 4 p.m.

Contact the Treasurer's Office at 989-681-2137 with any questions.

Hello Harvest Market



Clapp Memorial Park October 5th from 10am-2pm

A unique shopping experience with a variety of local vendors offering items from handmade crafts to autumn treats.

This community event will feature live music, festive decorations, and activities for children and adults.

Donations accepted at the entrance, which will go directly to support the Athletic Department at St. Louis High School.

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

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

Brush pickup for the month of September begins September 9, 2024.

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