

City of St. Louis

News and Views

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Message from the Mayor



If you subscribe to my online newspaper, the St. Louis Sentinel, you saw a Brian Buysse article about loud vehicles last month. Brian has been to three city council meetings with the same issue. Many motorcycles are too loud. Search for Brian's name on the Sentinel site to find a 2023 article about him. I sympathize with Brian. He's a great guy. But there's only so much the city can do.

I have a similar situation with loose dogs. As an avid walker I have been barked at in a threatening manner by unchained and unfenced dogs at least twice a year for the last five years. It's scary and unsettling. I know one couple who stopped walking in my neighborhood because of the dogs. How many more like them are out there?

I now carry a golf club or a baseball bat on walks to protect myself. I haven't had to use it and hope I never will, as I'm sure the dog would get a few licks in, too.

My problem is not with dogs but with owners who are careless enough or thoughtless enough to let dogs run loose. Maybe they don't bite. But walkers don't know that. Like Brian Buysse who feels he has a right to peace and quiet, I have the crazy idea that I should be able to walk around any neighborhood in St. Louis and not be in danger of dog attack.

If you're a dog owner please keep your pooch on a leash or a chain, unless you have a fenced yard. Walkers will appreciate the courtesy.

Vacancies

As I wrote last month, we have an impending vacancy on city council with current council member Liz Upton announcing Aug. 20 that she and her family will move to Kentucky as soon as their house sells.

If you're interested in that appointment, please contact Clerk Jamie Long at 989-681-2137 ext. 1050, or email her at jloug@stlouismi.com. Council members are paid \$700 per year and \$35 per meeting.

However, we also have vacancies on Board of Review, Cemetery Committee, and Parks and Recreation Committee.

Additionally, there will likely be five vacancies on the five-member Compensation Committee next year as we revive that moribund body and ask members to consider raising the compensation for council members. The last time council pay was raised was 2011, and it's high time to look at it again.

Please contact Jamie Long at 989-681-2137 ext. 1050 or email her at jloug@stlouismi.com, to express interest in any of those open positions.

Book Sale



The Friends of the Cutler Memorial Library will host a used book and video sale Oct. 23rd through Oct. 26th 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 music CD's are \$1.00; adult and young adult softcover books, juvenile hardcover books, and jigsaw puzzles are \$.50; slim paperback romances and juvenile soft cover books are \$.25. All items remaining on Saturday will be half-price. If you have questions, please call the library at 989-681-5141. If you would like to donate books, DVDs, or puzzles for the sale (in good or better condition), they may be dropped off at the library during normal hours of operation through Saturday, October 19th. All proceeds from the sale benefit the library. We appreciate everyone who shops at, donates to, and helps spread the word about our used book sales. Thank you!

November 5th General Election



Tuesday, November 5

Registered voters of the City of St. Louis will be voting in the City Hall Community Room located at 300 North Mill Street.

The Poll opens at 7:00 a.m. and closes at 8:00 p.m.

To inquire if you are registered to vote, or if you have questions about the election, contact the City Clerk at 681-2137 ext. 1050.

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.

No Parking on City Streets



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

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

City Hall Office Hours:

Monday through Friday

8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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Oak Grove Cemetery



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!

Trick-or-Treat



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

Have a safe and happy Halloween!

Farmers Market



The last day to visit the Farmers Market for the season is

Thursday, October 31st.

This will also be Downtown Trick-or-Treat from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Brush pickup for the month of October begins October 7, 2024.

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