

Message from the Mayor



"Bad officials are elected by good citizens who don't vote."

**George Jean Nathan,
American Drama Critic**

St. Louis has 3,000 registered voters, and if past is prologue, at least 1,000 of them won't cast ballots in the presidential election on Tuesday, Nov. 5. I'm writing to them this month.

I respect your right not to vote but don't understand your reasons. Our country is going through a rough time. This may be the most consequential presidential election of our lifetimes. Do you really want to sit on the sidelines? Are you that apathetic? Do you have a pulse?

One lady told me she won't vote because she doesn't like either candidate for president. Okay, fine. Don't vote for president. But there are plenty of candidates seeking other offices. Why not vote for them? But her apathy is strong. My remarks fell on deaf ears. These are the people I'm trying to reach.

Republican Mike Rogers faces Democrat Elissa Slotkin in a Senate race with no incumbent. That could go either way in this state. It might determine which party controls the US Senate. You could be the deciding vote there.

Incumbent Republican Congressman John Moolenaar is challenged by Democrat Michael Lynch.

Incumbent Republican State Representative Jerry Neyer is challenged by Democrat Timothy Odykirk.

Incumbent Republican County Commissioner Jan Bunting is challenged by Democrat Kevin S. Taylor. (Jan beat yours truly by a handful of votes in 2022.)

Those are just a few of this year's candidates.

Like it or not, the winners of these contests help determine the way our government operates. And that affects us all. Can you honestly say you want nothing to do with choosing the people who represent you in government? If so, what does that say about you?

Personally, I've voted in every presidential and mid-term election since 1980. Even when I was in the Navy I voted. Since moving to Gratiot County in 2001 I haven't missed a state or local election either.

You're not wrong when you say your vote probably won't make a difference. But a single vote is all any of us has. Do you think voters are wasting their time? Or are they carrying all the citizens who don't exercise their franchise? Don't be a freeloader on the body politic. Vote.

If you live in St. Louis you can cast your ballot at city hall from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Please get out there and vote like your life depends on it. This year it might be true.

School Board

Unfortunately, no one turned in petitions to to run for two open seats on the school board this year. The positions will still be on your ballot. But you'll need to write in the name of your candidate. The three candidates who emerged are Steven J. Brimmer, 56, Edward LaBlance, 48, and Carla Trevino, 56.

Thank You!

I announced several weeks ago that I would be retiring from my position at the City of St. Louis after 26 years. At this point, I just wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has worked with us here and supported our efforts.

St. Louis has been a wonderful place to work and the results we've gotten over that time have been very rewarding. I believe that St. Louis has changed for the better, and it's because of the work of many, many people.

We have been working on passing along my duties to new people and I'm excited that they'll do a fine job and bring a fresh perspective to things too.

Thanks again to everyone. I will truly miss being here.

Phil Hansen

Veterans Day Ceremony



Each year the St. Louis VFW Post #3055 and American Legion sponsor an event on Veterans Day.

This year's ceremony will take place Monday, November 11, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the War Monument at the point of M-46, Michigan Avenue and Mill Street.

Please stop by and show your support for our Veterans!

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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Christmas Parade December 5

The annual **St. Louis Small Town Family Christmas Parade** and reception with Santa Claus will be Thursday, December 5.

Parade lineup will begin at 5:30 PM at Frosty Cone and stretching west on North Street. The parade will start at 6:00 PM.

The reception will begin right after the parade ends and will be held at the St. Louis High School Cafeteria.



Daylight Savings Time



Clocks go back one hour
Sunday
November 3rd.

City Office Closing



City Offices will be closed Thursday & Friday
November 28th and 29th.

Have a Safe & Happy Thanksgiving!

Brush pickup for the month of November begins November 4, 2024.

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