# City of St. Louis

## News and Views

January 1,2026

## *Energy Waste Reduction Programs*

### St. Louis to Work with MPPA and Franklin Energy Again in 2026

**Michigan Public Act 295 of 2008 established the state's framework for renewable energy and energy waste reduction, and its regulatory scope has steadily evolved to strengthen efficiency goals and broaden clean energy adoption.**

Along with 17 other municipal electric utilities in Michigan, St. Louis will continue offering energy waste reduction programs to its customers in 2026, and beyond. In response to the most recent energy waste reduction (EWR) goals, the Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA) and its participating members have developed the Retail Energy Improvement Program Project. As in previous years, Franklin Energy will serve as the program's trusted energy efficiency partner. 2026 will bring new challenges and continuing opportunities for customers to reduce energy consumption and receive incentive payments to offset their investments. In recent years, eligible EWR measures for residential customers have included:

- High-efficiency A/Cs, furnaces and water heaters
- ENERGY STAR® fridges, washers and dryers
- Smart thermostats and air purifiers
- Insulation, windows and certified doors
- EV chargers and appliance recycling

Program details and promotional literature are currently being finalized for 2026.

There will be a variety of incentive opportunities for commercial and industrial (C&I) customers too. After January 6th, St. Louis electric customers can visit www.mienergysmart.com, then choose St. Louis, to learn more and download applications for Residential, Income-Qualified and Commercial/Industrial projects.

Happy New Year

## *Board Vacancies*

The City has the following Board and Commission Vacancies: Board of Review, Cemetery Committee, Housing Commission, Library Board of Trustees, Parks & Recreation Committee, Planning Commission and Building Code of Appeals.

Interested citizens can contact the City Clerk at 989-681-2137 ext. 1050 for more information.

## *Support St. Louis Business*

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

## Be a Friend of the Library

Friends of Cutler Memorial Library helps support special library programs by raising funds from used book sales, membership dues and other promotions. Come and join "Friends" and support your library and help children and adults become readers and leaders. Individual-$10; Senior-$5; and family-$15.

Friends of the Cutler Memorial Library meet at 1:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month in the library's conference room. Applications for membership are available at the library.

## Property Tax Information

Winter Property Taxes are due
**February 17, 2026**
Without Penalty

All winter and summer taxes not paid by
**February 27, 2026**
Will be turned over to the county on
**March 1, 2026**

## 2026 Events

To stay up to date on all the great things happening in our community, be sure to visit our website or follow the link below and check out our full calendar of events!
https://www.stlouismi.com/residents/events/

## Snow Removal

With winter in mind, please remember to keep fire hydrants and drains clear of snow.

It is illegal to plow snow from your driveway or walks into or across the street as this can hinder snow removal by City crews.

To view the City's Snow Removal Program visit https//www.stlouismi.com/government/public-works-and-utilities/dpw/

## 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 9, 2026**
9 :00 am-3:00 pm

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026**
3:00 pm - 9:00 pm

There will also be an organizational meeting on
March 3, 2026
At 1:30 pm

## 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.

**Brush pickup for the month of January begins January 5, 2026**

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