

Message from the Mayor



Well, yours truly has been mayor for two years now and is up for re-election in November. It's been a great experience, and I intend to run again. Two other city council positions will be on the ballot, too.

If you'd like to challenge any of us here's how to do it.

First of all, you must be a US citizen and resident of St. Louis. Having a St. Louis mailing address isn't enough. Your primary residence must be inside the city limits.

Your first step is to get an affidavit of identity form, statement of organization form and nominating petitions from City Clerk Jamie Long. Fill out the forms and turn them in to Jamie. Then you start asking people to sign your petition. The Charter of the City of St. Louis requires that petitions contain signatures from no fewer than 1 percent and no more than 4 percent of the city's 3030 registered electors. You need at least 31 signatures to get on the ballot. But to be safe you should get a few more in case any of them turn out to be unregistered or don't live in the city.

The deadline to submit completed petitions is 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 21. Once your petitions have been checked and approved you're officially on the ballot.

Why should you run?

First of all, if elected, you'll be among the best-informed residents in the city and have a say in what actions the administration takes in various issues and circumstances. You'll even be privy to privileged information that you can't share with others.

The pay isn't anything you can live on, but it's much higher than it was since the Compensation Commission approved a raise for city council members last year. Council members get \$1,040/year in four installments and \$50 for each meeting attended. The mayor gets the same amount per meeting but a greater lump sum of \$1,675. We're paid quarterly by direct deposit.

The mayor is paid more because more is expected of him or her. The city charter requires the mayor to be on the Board of Review, which meets four times a year, and the planning commission. Board of Review members get \$218 for each of two six-hour meetings in March and \$108 for one or two shorter meetings.

The mayor's term is two years, while council members get four year terms.

So if you want to help us provide oversight for the administration and help steer the city though the next few years, I welcome you to the campaign. Even if you want my job.

Child Library Day



Children of all ages and parents or caregivers are invited to join us at the T.A. Cutler Memorial Library (312 Michigan Avenue) on Saturday, February 7, between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. for international Take Your Child to the Library Day!

While the kids color their own bookmark and complete a craft project, it's a great time for parents and caregivers to learn about our children's collections, programming, and services.

We'll be giving away themed stickers, bookmarks and bookbags, and it's the perfect time to sign children ages 5+ up for their first library card! Please be aware, a parent or legal guardian must cosign a child's library card application and present proof of address. This event is free and open to all ages. Children under the age of seven must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult, but older children are welcome to participate on their own.

To learn more about this event or find other participating libraries, please visit <https://takeyourchildtothelibrary.org>. To learn more about the library and its services, call 989-681-5141.

Property Tax Information

IMPORTANT **ANNOUNCEMENT**



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

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.



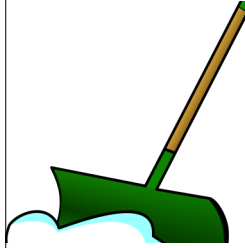
Interested citizens can contact the City Clerk at 989-681-2137 ext. 1050 for more information.



City offices will be closed Monday, February 16, 2026 for Presidents' Day.

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.

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 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 February begins February 2, 2026

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