

### Message from the Mayor



The annual adventure of the Board of Review meetings is over now. I don't know how many of you followed my directions on how to appeal your assessment, but we were busy. Some people got a modicum of tax relief. Other claims were rejected for legally justifiable reasons.

Kudos to Assessor Kathy Roslund, who works twice as hard during Board of Review season, as she also takes care of Alma's assessing needs. Kathy knew we wouldn't have time to send out for lunch during the 9-3 meeting and brought plenty for us to eat.

Another shoutout to Board of Review colleagues Sue Whitford, Diandra Messer and Peggy Slavens. They were still going strong at 9:45 p.m. when I was flagging.

Diandra was our chairperson for the second straight year, and the role suits her. She's also the only one of us who isn't a senior citizen.

That said, we have a Board of Review vacancy, and applicants are welcome.

City Council raised Board of Review pay in 2024, so members now get \$216 for each of two six-hour meetings in March and \$108 for shorter meeting. For this year Sue, Diandra, Peggy and I get \$540 each for March alone. You can't live on it, obviously, but it's a great way to get some spending money and do a service to your community at the same time. A win/win if you ask me.

If you'd like to fill the Board of Review vacancy, call City Clerk Jamie Long at 989-681-2137. Or email her at [jlong@stlouismi.com](mailto: jlong@stlouismi.com).

If you'd rather go for the "big" money instead there's still time to run for city council or mayor. I covered that in the February newsletter and won't belabor it now, but you have until 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, to turn in petitions with signatures of 30 registered voters who live inside the city limits.

As a council member you'll 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.

-Ralph Echtenaw

### Trash & Recycling Tips



\*Bag all trash before placing in your cart to keep your cart clean and keeps items from flying away on windy days.

\*Place your cart within three feet of the road, allow a minimum of two feet of clearance around the cart. The wheels on the cart and the handle should be away from the road to allow for the automated side load.

\*Trash will only be collected from your Granger trash cart. Granger will not collect any trash bags or other items outside of the cart.

\*Carts with the yellow lids are for recycling only.

\*For a list of acceptable recycling please visit [Recycling Schedule & Guidelines | Granger Recycling Services \(grangerwasteservices.com\)](https://www.grangerwasteservices.com/recycling-schedule-guidelines)

\*Tips for cleaning your cart

- Empty your cart
- Squirt some dish soap into the bottom of the cart
- Fill the bottom of the cart with some water
- Use a broom, long-handled scrub brush or mop to scrub the inside walls of the cart.
- Rinse the cart
- Leave the lid open and allow to dry before placing any trash inside

If the cart smells, wait for the cart to dry, then spray the inside of the cart with some diluted bleach or a disinfectant spray.

\*Collection of one large item (furniture, appliances, etc.) each week is included with your service. Bulk collection will take place on Thursdays. Residents must contact Granger 48 hours in advance of the bulk service day to schedule by using the following link <https://www.grangerwasteservices.com/customer-support/bulk-pickup-request/> or by calling 888-947-2643.

## Book Sale



The Friends of the Cutler Memorial Library will host a used book and video sale April 22nd through April 25th 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, large jigsaw puzzles, and music CD's are \$1.00; adult and young adult softcover books, juvenile hardcover books, and small jigsaw puzzles are \$.50 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, April 17th. All proceeds from the sale benefit the library.

## Oak Grove Cemetery Information

Winter Cleanup will begin **April 1st**. All winter decorations must be removed from grave sites before April 1st.

Spring/Summer decorations may not be placed on grave sites until after **May 1st**.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!  
Contact Jamie Long at 989-681-2137 ext. 1050 with Cemetery questions.

## Good Friday

City Offices will be closed  
**Friday, April 3rd**



## Community Development Grant



### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Applications are now open for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Residents who own a single-family home within city limits may be eligible for up to \$8,000 for home rehabilitation projects. Initial applications can be picked up at City Hall or found at [www.stlouismi.com/government/public-notices-and-news](http://www.stlouismi.com/government/public-notices-and-news).

Please call (989) 261-1434 or email [jlep-pien@stlouismi.com](mailto:jlep-pien@stlouismi.com) with any questions. Applications will be open until funds are spent.

#### Income Limits for Eligibility:

- 1 Person: \$45,850
- 2 Person: \$52,400
- 3 Person: \$58,950
- 4 Person: \$65,500
- 5 Person: \$70,750
- 6 Person: \$76,000
- 7 Person: \$81,250
- 8 Person: \$86,500

## No Parking on City Streets



There is no parking on City Streets from 2:00a.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 April begins April 6, 2026

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