

Message from the Mayor



You may notice something new outside the main entrance to city hall when you drop by in the future.

This is a community food pantry cabinet where folks can drop off and/or pick up non-perishable items such as canned goods, boxed food items, toothpaste, etc.

Similar cabinets exist in other communities and have been successful. For those who are able, please drop off items and those in need can pick up items.

The St. Louis edition is a collective project of a few city staffers who asked not to be named in this report. “We prefer to make it about the purpose of pantry versus who was involved,” wrote one city employee.

The project began with a repurposed hutch found online and quickly became a group effort. Staffers pitched in with funds, materials, time and creativity. A volunteer built a custom roof, giving the pantry a cottage-style charm, while others painted the structure.

City council members Kevin Palmer, Ferris Azzam, Robin Hart, Bill Leonard and myself voted unanimously to approve hosting a site for the free food pantry at the Nov. 4 meeting.

The concept is straightforward:

- **Give when you can.** Drop off non-perishable food, hygiene items, or small household necessities at any time.
- **Take what you need.** Anyone facing a difficult week, an unexpected expense, or simply in need of a little help is welcome to take what’s useful.

There are no sign-ups, no limits and no judgment — just trust and generosity. The pantry operates on community participation. City staff will help maintain it, but its true success depends on everyone who contributes a can, a box, or even a simple note of encouragement.

This small structure represents something much larger: The compassion and resilience of a community that looks out for one another. Whether you’re donating, taking, or just stopping by to see it, the pantry serves as a visible

reminder that kindness is alive and well in St. Louis.

So the next time you visit city hall, consider bringing along a little something for the pantry — because even the smallest gesture can make a big difference .



Please “Like” our Facebook Page **Little Free Pantry in St. Louis** to stay in touch with us.

Support St. Louis Businesses

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

City Office Closing



City Offices will be closed December 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st and January 1st and 2nd.

*Have a Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!*

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/>

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 4.

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 Cafeterium.



Power Outages



In case of after-hours power outages, residents are to call the Central Dispatch non-emergency number at 989-875-7505 and the on-call Electric Department employee will be dispatched.

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Please eat, shop and relax in Beautiful Downtown St. Louis this Holiday Season



City Council Meetings are the first and third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m.

Brush pickup for the month of December begins December 1, 2025.

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