

### *Message from the Mayor*



Neighbor Jackie Anderson commended me on the July news-letter piece about accessing council meeting packets from the city web site. So I thought I'd write a bit more about what you can find there.

Y'all probably know the city owns Oak Grove Cemetery on the north side of town. Thousands of people are buried there, and finding a grave in that 40-acre expanse isn't easy if you don't know where to look. City staff and interns have been working to make that job easy.

You can start by going to the city web site and clicking on "HOW DO I" on the top line. When you reach the next page click on "Grave in Oak Grove Cemetery" under the "Find" heading. On the next page click on "Oak Grove Cemetery Records." (It's a yellow tab on the left side of the page.) That takes you to the BS&A site. Look at the forth line down from the top. It should say "Search: Cemetery Management" and "By: address." Click on "address" and change it to "name."

Now type in a full name, or just a surname. I typed in Bebow and came up with a long list of names. I clicked on August Bebow and was taken to his page. Here I found that August died on Feb. 11, 1938 and was buried in Section 17, Block S, Lot 107 and Plot 2. To find where August's grave is I returned to the cemetery page and clicked on "Maps" under the "Maps of Cemetery and Other Documents" heading. East Map (Sub. 17) and found exactly where August's grave is.

Have a look and see what you think!

Please join us in celebrating and thanking these outstanding individuals for their contributions in and out of uniform.

Mayor Ralph Echtenaw served in the United States Navy from October 1977 to December 1983. Mayor Echtenaw attained the rank of Electronics Technician 2<sup>nd</sup> Class. Mayor Echtenaw served on the USS Prairie and finished his career at the Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare Training Center in San Diego, California.

William "Bill" Leonard serves on the St. Louis City Council and works as the county building inspector for Gratiot County. Bill served in the United States Navy from 1965 to 1969. Bill attained the rank of Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class. Bill was stationed at the Naval Auxiliary Air Station in Pensacola, FL., and Naval Air Station Memphis, Memphis, TN, before being assigned to the USS Enterprise, USS Ticonderoga, and the USS Oriskany, respectively.

Tommy Patterson works for the Department of Public Works. Tommy was drafted into the United States Army in 1972. Tommy served in the Army until December 31, 1992, attaining the rank of Sergeant 1<sup>st</sup> Class and retired as a 63D40 Self-Propelled Field Artillery System Mechanic. Tommy spent 13 years between Europe and Germany. Seven years were spent stateside at various Army bases and 6 months in Kuwait and Iraq serving in Operation Desert Storm.

Greg Kolhoff is a member of the St. Louis Police Department. Greg served as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps from 1989 to 1995.

Timothy Kirby works for the St. Louis Police Department. Timothy served from 2015 to 2019 and attained the rank of Sergeant. Timothy deployed multiple times to various foreign countries, including Syria, while attached to the 31<sup>st</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU). Marine Expeditionary Unit is the smallest Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) in the United States Marine Corps. It is a rapid response, forward-deployed force capable of conducting a wide range of military operations, from combat to humanitarian assistance.

### *Honoring Our Heroes This Veterans Day*

This Veterans Day, we proudly recognize and honor the brave men and women among us who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Their dedication, sacrifice, and commitment to protecting our freedoms are deeply appreciated—not just today, but every day.

We are especially proud to highlight members of our own team who have worn the uniform. Their service has shaped their character, leadership, and resilience, and we are grateful for the values they bring to our workplace.

## Veterans Day Ceremony

## Christmas Parade December 4



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

This year's ceremony will take place Tuesday, November 11, 2025 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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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 Cafetorium.

\*The Farmer's Market will be open that day and host vendors throughout the parade in their indoor location with games, activities, and more.



### City Office Closing



City Offices will be closed Thursday & Friday  
November 27th and 28th.

Have a Safe & Happy Thanksgiving!

Brush pickup for the month of November begins November 3, 2025.

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