

City of St. Louis

News and Views

June 1, 2026

Message from the Mayor



If you have any interest in serving on city council, this is the election year for you.

Two four-year terms are up for grabs on Nov. 3 with only one declared candidate (incumbent Councilwoman Robin Hart).

Hart should be elected for the first time following her appointment last summer. Incumbent Councilman Kevin Palmer, appointed in late 2023 to replace retiring George Kubin, does not seek reelection.

That means a write-in candidate is guaranteed to win a council seat in November. There was an identical situation in 2023 when Councilman Ferris Azzam won as a write-in with just 33 votes.

I ran unopposed for mayor that year and I am unopposed again this year. (Either I am popular, or no one else wants the job.) A write-in candidate could still knock me off, but it's unlikely.

That said, you can't just write in your name and ask others to follow suit. You must register as an official write-in candidate by 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23. Fortunately, that's easy. Just ask Clerk Jamie Long for a Declaration of Intent form, fill it out, turn it in, and, voila, you're an official candidate. You could potentially win with a single vote.

As a council member you'll be expected to attend two city council meetings per month. We meet at 6 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. A typical meeting is an hour long.

Your pay will be \$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.

So get registered and start telling friends and family to write in your name. Chances are, the person with the most friends and family will win.

T.A. Cutler Memorial Library



Children ages 3-18 are invited to register for, participate in, and win prizes from a free series of events, activities, and challenges at the library.

Weekly events for children ages 3-12 are Thursday at 2:00 p.m. from June 11th through July 23rd.

A weekly mystery board challenge earns the child entry in a drawing for a small soft-serve ice cream cone.

All registrants are challenged to read (or listen to reading) 15-minutes-per-day for thirty days between the date they sign up and August 14th. Those who meet the reading challenge receive a certificate of completion, a prize, and entry in the grand prize drawing.

Teens (ages 13-18) have separate activities and their own reading challenge with prize drawing.

Children and teens can register in person at the library or online at <https://tacml.readsquared.com/> between June 1 and July 10. Registration is encouraged but not required to participate in the events and weekly puzzle challenges; attendance at events is encouraged but not required to complete the reading challenge.

For more information, stop in the library (312 Michigan Avenue), call us at 989-681-5141, email us at cutlerlibrary@live.com, or check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/100072059363195>.

City Website

Scan the QR Code to explore our website and stay up to date on everything happening in the City!



Joe Scholtz Memorial Fishing Derby

W.T. Morris Swimming Pool



Saturday, June 13, 2026

New this year– participants must check in at **Clapp Park** prior to 9:00 a.m.

Fishing is 9:00 a.m. to noon. Registration forms are available at stlouismi.com or may be picked up at City Hall.

Farmers Market



The Market is open every Thursday year round from 2-6 PM.

Gratiot MI Market is now located at 201 N Mill St. St. Louis.

Please contact Sara Piaskowski at 734- 249-3961 or Lisette Smith at 989-824-0152 or email us at gratiotmimarket@gmail.com with questions or ideas.

Flag Day Ceremony



June 15, 2026

7:00 p.m.

City Hall back deck.

Please bring a lawn chair.



**Opening Day is June 8th
(Weather Permitting)**

Free Swim!

POOL HOURS

Monday-Friday

1:00-4:00 PM & 5:00-8:00 PM

Saturday

Sunday

1:00-6:00PM

2:00-6:00PM

All Sessions are **\$3.00** per person, unless otherwise posted.

<https://www.facebook.com/stlouismipool>

June/July Free Swims



June 8th

June 12th

July 3rd

July 11th

****All Sponsored by Invenergy**

****To sponsor a free swim day contact Payton at w.t.morris300@gmail.com
Or call 989-681-2137**

Brush pickup for the month of June begins June 1, 2026

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