

City of St. Louis

News and Views

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Message from the Mayor



If you have any interest in serving on city council, there's still time to register as a write-in candidate for the Nov. 3 election.

Your options are to challenge me for a two-year term (I'm currently unopposed), or declare for a four-year council term.

Incumbent Councilwoman Robin Hart and yours truly are the only names you'll see on the ballot. 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 at least one council seat in November.

So far there are four official write-in candidates for council and none for mayor: Heather Castillo of 318 West Tyrell, Ben March of 419 East Saginaw, Kevin Taylor of 114 South Clinton and Mary Kubin of 8 Parkwood.

That said, you can't just write in your name and ask others to follow suit if you want to be on city council. 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.

St. Louis Zoning Survey

The City of St. Louis is working with ROWE Professional Services to update its Zoning Ordinance. This update includes a public survey, which will be available until November 1, 2026.

The Zoning Ordinance is a core document for the city. It outlines parking requirements, setbacks, allowable uses, and many others. Permit applications will also be reviewed to ensure ease of use.

We want your opinions! Please complete the quick zoning survey using the QR code or link below. Your personal information will not be shared publicly.



<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/byt9rnzr1d>

Superfund Citizen Task Force

Have you ever wondered what is going on at the former Michigan/Velsicol Chemical plant site? You know, the 52 acres along the Pine River enclosed by a chain-link fence? Maybe you've wondered about the new sheet pile wall in the river? Or maybe you're curious about the cleanup activity happening at the burn pit across the river? Perhaps you've wondered about the health research? Good news: The Pine River Superfund Citizen Task Force (or CAG) has answers. Our meetings are free and open to the public, intended to engage, inform, and empower you, St. Louis residents. Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Look for updates in City newsletters or visit our website: www.pinerivercag.org.

Downtown-Trick or-Treat

St. Louis Downtown Trick-or-Treat
Thursday, October 29th from 3:00PM-5:00PM

Join us in Downtown St. Louis where local businesses and organizations have come together to hand out candy to all of the little ghosts and goblins that make their way to **North Mill Street**. Bring your children on out to enjoy good old fashioned community trick-or-treating!

If you have a local business or organization interested in participating, please contact eburton@stlouismi.com.



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.

Trick-or-Treat



The City of St. Louis will hold Trick-or-Treating this year on
Saturday, October 31st
5:30-7:30 PM

Have a safe and happy Halloween!

Oak Grove Cemetery



Summer decorations and flowers must be removed from grave sites by **October 14th**. Clean up will begin **October 15th**!

Winter decorations and flowers can not be placed on grave sites until **November 20th**. This allows City crews time for clean up at the cemetery.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Book Sale



The Friends of Cutler Memorial Library will host a used book and video sale Oct. 21st through Oct. 24th 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. All remaining items are half-price on Saturday. The sale will feature a large selection of adult fiction and nonfiction and children's books, plus some cookbooks, teen books, DVDs, puzzles, and CDs. Purchases can be made with cash or check only (no credit/debit cards or virtual transactions).

Items in good or better condition may be donated for the sale during normal hours of operation through Friday, October 16th. Call the library at 989-681-5141 with any questions or for details on acceptable and unacceptable items. All proceeds benefit the library. We appreciate everyone who shops at, donates to, and helps spread the word about our used book sale. Thank you!

Brush pickup for the month of October begins October 5, 2026.

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