# Oakland Commuter

## City Picnic October 7!

## Welcome local band Keltic Reign October 7!!!

There is no better way to spend a fall afternoon than at the Oakland City Picnic! This year, the City's annual picnic will take place on Saturday, October 7 from noon to 3:00 p.m. at Loewnau Park. There will be great barbeque, music, and activities for the kids. Soda has been generously donated once again this year by our local QuikTrip, so be sure to stop by and say thanks! Back by popular demand will be the giant inflatable challenges for the kids, the face painters, the balloon artists and of course the Kettle Korn!

You will want to welcome back locally based band Keltic Reign! In addition to their Oakland performances, Keltic Rain has performed at The Whitaker Music Festival, The History Museum, Grand Center and The Sheldon. With fiddle, tin-

whistle, accordion, mandolin, piano, guitar and bodhran, it's sure to be another great picnic performance!!

The police and fire departments will be on hand for kids to see the equipment! Have a bag of kettle corn made on site!. This is a great way to meet your neighbors, enjoy beautiful Loewnau Park, and celebrate our amazing city! All citizens are invited to participate in this fun festival!

## Remember City Codes!

Fall is an important time to remember City Codes and why they exist. For instance, in order to keep pedestrians safe, it is important for property owners to keep their trees, shrubs, and ground covers from growing over and onto public sidewalks. We should all trim hedges and ground cover next to the sidewalk, make sure tree branches clear the sidewalk by at least eight feet, and plant annuals so they don't spread over the public sidewalk. Fall is also a great time to be outdoors with pets. Please remember to use pet waste bags when in the parks, and also to respect neighbors by not leaving barking dogs outdoors that can create a nuisance. Finally, its a good time of year to remember that many building projects in the City require a permit and inspections. If you have questions about any city codes, contact our code enforcement officer Greg Hanser at 420-7481. The City would always prefer to answer questions rather than issue citations!

## Sewer Lateral Repair Program

The City of Oakland offers residents a Sewer Lateral Repair Program. If you think you have a collapsed pipe, contact a plumber and have the line cabled at your expense. Once you have received the tape, contact City Building Inspector Greg Hanser. He will review the tape to verify your eligibility. If eligible, the resident decides on a contractor to do the repair and then pays for the repair in full. Copies of the actual bill and receipt of payment can be sent to P. O. Box 220511, St. Louis, MO 63122 and reimbursement (up to $2500) will be sent to you after approved at the next Board meeting.

## Directory of Public Officials 2017

*Paul Marti*
*Mayor*
*821-1722*
*105 Minturn Avenue*

*Tom Steuby*
*Alderman-Ward 1*
*305-9089*
*819 Melshire*

*James Hensley*
*Alderman-Ward 1*
*835-0660*
*835 Westwood Place*

*Mike Godsy*
*Alderman-Ward 2*
*715-1328*
*1005 Oakland*

*Andrew Stewart*
*Alderman-Ward 2*
*821-8927*
*901 Woodleigh Cove*

*Deborah LeMoine*
*City Administrator/Clerk*
*416-0026*

*Donna Tharp*
*Court Clerk*
*842-0778*

*Greg Hanser*
*Building Inspector*
*Code Compliance Official*
*420-7481*

***Police & Fire***
***Non-Emergency***
***822-5858***
***Emergency 911***

***Waste Management***
***506-4700***

## Tax Hearing Notice

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Oakland will hold a public hearing in the Fellowship Hall of Webster Groves Christian Church, 1320 West Lockwood, Oakland, Missouri 63122, on Monday, September 11, at 7:00 P.M. to allow citizen comments to be heard regarding the proposed 2017 Real Estate, Commercial and Personal Property Tax rates for the City of Oakland, Missouri. The tax rates shall be set to produce the budgeted revenues required for the Real Estate, Commercial and Personal Property Tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017. The proposed tax rate for the 2017 assessed valuations for Residential Property and for Commercial Property shall be discussed.

The preliminary estimated assessed valuations are $35,298,350 for residential property; $2,576,632 for commercial property; and $2,930,080 for personal property. The estimated tax rates proposed to be set are as follows:
$.1490 Residential Property; $.2580 Commercial Property; and $.2370 Personal Property. These proposed numbers are only tentative.

Citizens are invited to submit written comments or appear in person at the Public Hearing to comment upon the proposed subject matter. Any individual wishing to attend the meeting who has special needs (e.g. hearing impaired or other disability) that must be accommodated, please contact the City Administrator/Clerk at 314-416-0026. Copies of relevant materials will be accessible for examination by interested persons by calling the City Clerk.

## Be Ready for Winter Street Clearing When Snow is in the Forecast

With the snow season fast approaching we would like to remind all residents that have driveways to move all parked vehicles from the roadways and park them in their driveways prior to and during snowy weather.

Trucks will often be out 2-4 hours before the snow begins to fall, pre-salting all secondary streets. It can be very difficult to successfully maneuver an 8' or 10' snow plow around parked cars. Parking cars in driveways will eliminate the chance of salt spreaders slinging salt into your car's grill, into the wheel's break area, or chipping the paint on your cars. It also keeps the mirrors from being damaged.

So, to ensure a quicker response from snow plows, and eliminate the chance of your street not being plowed, please move all parked cars off city streets during snow removal operations.

## Important Information about Salt Usage from MSD

MSD has asked all residents in the area to remember that road salt which contains chloride does more than melt snow and ice; it can negatively impact local lakes and rivers as well. As snow and ice melt, they drain into landscaped areas or storm sewers, and then to natural bodies of water.

**What can we do to help?**

- Shovel (or use a snow blower) before you use any product; never put a deicing product on top of snow.
- Adopt the "Just Enough" principle, putting down just enough product to keep high traffic areas clear of ice.
- Sweep up un-dissolved product after a storm is over for reuse.
- Consider switching to a non-chloride deicer.
- Support changes by your municipality to minimize salt usage.
- Talk with your neighbors about appropriate salt usage.

## City of Oakland Public Notice of Municipal Election and Candidate Filing Dates

In accordance with state law and ordinances of the City of Oakland, notice is given that a general nonpartisan election shall be held in the City of Oakland, MO, on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, for the duly qualified electors of the City to select two Aldermen, one from each ward, for two-year terms of office each.

Filing for said offices shall open at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 12, 2017 and Declarations of Candidacy shall be received by the St. Louis County Board of Elections at 725 Northwest Plaza Drive, St. Louis, MO 63074 on a first come, first served basis, until filing closes at 5:00 p.m., January 23, 2018. Names of candidates shall be listed on the ballot in the order in which they are filed, except that for the first day of filing a lottery will be conducted to determine ballot placement.

Qualifications: For the Office of Alderman, persons shall be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the City for 1 year preceding the election, and a resident of the ward from which elected at the time of filing.

A Ward Map showing current Ward boundaries is on the City website for your convenience.

## Meeting Dates

**Board of Aldermen**-
2nd Monday of month
7p.m.
Webster Groves Christian Church

**Historical Preservation Commission**-
4th Monday of month
7p.m.
Henry Hough School

**Board of Adjustment**-
as needed

**Plan Commission**-
as needed

*Please contact the City if you are interested in serving on any of these Boards or Commissions!*