



# OAKLAND COMMUTER

## Election Dates

**Election Day**  
Tuesday, April 7

## Garage Sale Dates

**Deadline to Register**  
Wednesday, May 6

**Annual City Sale Date**  
Saturday, May 16

## Refuse Dates

**Yard Waste/Refuse/  
Recycling Pick-Up**  
Year Round - Tuesdays

## Street Sweeping

**Street Sweeping Date**  
Wednesday, April 8

**Alternate Rain Date**  
Thursday, April 9

## Other Meeting Dates

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

**Board of Adjustment-**  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of  
month  
7 p.m. (as needed)  
Henry Hough School

**Plan Commission-**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of  
month  
7p.m. (as needed)  
Henry Hough School

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

## Remember to Vote April 7!

General Municipal Elections are on April 7 this year. If you are curious about the boundaries for the City's wards, a map is attached.

## Spring Landscape Tips

The City is pleased to have a new flower bed maintenance contract to help beautify our parks and public spaces. Cozy Bailey of Cozy by Nature will be doing the work and we look forward to seeing things come into bloom as the weather continues to warm. As homeowners prepare for spring, Cozy has lots of great tips for healthy flower beds at home too such as: layer mulch three inches deep in the spring but never pile mulch around tree trunks. In order to avoid burning plants, use only enough mulch to hide the soil within five inches of plants and shrubs. Digging a small trench around flower beds will help to contain that new mulch, and putting preen on the beds before mulching can help to prevent new weeds. Its also time to cut down ornamental grasses and trim burning bushes. Cozy says, "anyone seeing me around the City can feel free to ask questions and get helpful hints!" Thanks Cozy!

## Car Accident Safety Tips

Our Police Department reports that there has been a rise in "bump and run" motor vehicle thefts in the St Louis area recently. Suspects use the ruse of a motor vehicle accident to distract a

driver in order to steal a vehicle. Below are some general guidelines that could help to prevent someone from having their vehicle stolen if an accident occurs.

-If involved in an accident and there are no injuries move your vehicle to the right of the road out of traffic. If possible pull over to a well-lit area such as a gas station, grocery store or shopping plaza.

-Notify police of the accident location immediately. This will help police and emergency vehicles provide you with whatever assistance is needed. Do not exit your vehicle unless safe to do so. This includes danger due to other traffic in the area.

-If possible try to gather whatever information you can immediately after the incident: How is the other driver behaving? Did the driver exit their vehicle or was it a passenger? What does the driver/occupants of the other vehicle(s) look like?

-Remember the make and model of the other vehicle(s) involved and a license plate if possible.

In a number of incidents the victims stated that they did not feel right before they became a victim of a crime. Wait for police to arrive before taking any actions concerning the accident. The damage, if any, does not need to be inspected and cannot be corrected at the scene. It will still be there when police arrive.

## Directory

*Paul Marti, Mayor*  
822-7460  
105 Minturn Avenue

*Jim Hensley*  
Alderman-Ward 1  
835-0660  
835 Westwood Pl.

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

*Mike Godsy*  
Alderman-Ward 2  
221-7073  
1005 Oakland

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

*Deborah LeMoine*  
City Administrator  
416-0026

*Donna Tharp*  
Court Clerk  
842-0778

*Greg Hanser*  
Code Official  
Building Inspector  
420-7481

*Waste Management*  
314-506-4700

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

## Yard Waste , Refuse and Trash Collection

Remember that there is more to be recycled than just glass bottles! Paper, cardboard and other recyclable materials can be combined in your recycling bin. Yard Waste pick up will continue year round this year on Tuesdays as well. Questions about waste services, special services or missed pick-ups may be directed to the customer service center at Waste Management at 314-506-4700

## 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.

## City Garage Sale

Clean out your closets and get ready for the Annual City Garage Sale on May 16 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The City will advertise in the local papers and City bulletin boards. If you want your address listed as participating, let us know by May 6. Residents are also encouraged to draw attention to sales with signs or balloons on the day of the sale. To be added to the list of homes participating in the sale, just contact [oaklandcityhall@sbcglobal.net](mailto:oaklandcityhall@sbcglobal.net).

## Permits Required in Oakland

Just a spring reminder to all residents in Oakland, the City requires permits to be issued for projects in the City and our own City staff review the permit applications and perform inspections. You can go to our website at [www.oaklandmo.org](http://www.oaklandmo.org), or call our Code Enforcement Officer Greg Hanser at 420-7481 for information. Failing to obtain a permit before the project starts may lead to fines and penalties. Repeat offenses may lead to even higher fines and penalties. We are trying to assure that all projects within the city limits of Oakland meet code and will keep our community housing up to the highest values.

## City Street Sweeping

Our spring street sweeping is scheduled for April 8, please remember to keep cars off the street that day. Signs will be posted as a reminder. Please also remember not to blow or rake leaves or yard waste into the street, as equipment is not designed for leaf pick-up. Yard waste is picked up by Waste Management each Tuesday.

## Interested in Historic Preservation?

The Oakland Historic Perseveration Committee is looking for new members. Oakland has a rich architectural history and contains some of the most beautiful, intriguing and unusual homes in St. Louis. The Historic Preservation Committee is commissioned by the City of Oakland to identify, landmark and preserve the amazing array of homes in Oakland. To learn more about The Oakland Historic Preservation Committee or to join the group, contact either Mark Bolton ([mbolten@sbcglobal.com](mailto:mbolten@sbcglobal.com)) or Tim Staed ([tjstaed@msn.com](mailto:tjstaed@msn.com)).