



OAKLAND COMMUTER

Mark Your Calendar

Board of Aldermen
INCLUDING MINTURN PARK GRANT IMPROVEMENT
INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Monday, May 8
 7 p.m. Webster Groves Christian Church

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE
 Saturday, May 20

PUBLIC FORUM ON USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Monday, June 12
 7 p.m. Webster Groves Christian Church

Board of Aldermen
INCLUDING 2016-2017 BUDGET HEARING

Monday, June 12
 7 p.m. Webster Groves Christian Church

City Garage Sale May 20

Clean out your closets and get ready for the Annual City Garage Sale on May 20 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The City will advertise in the local papers and City bulletin boards. Toys, clothes, furniture and more! If you would like your address listed in the newspaper as participating, please let us know by May 11. A final list of participating homes will also be posted on the notice boards at Loewnau and Backstoppers Parks the day of the sale. 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.

Park Avenue Construction

The City has been working with MSD to engineer storm water and street improvements on Park Avenue, which are being completed this spring. Please be mindful of construction workers when driving on or near Park Avenue and look forward to enjoying this beautiful new street project.

Community Development Block Grant Hearing

The City of Oakland will hold a public hearing to discuss the allocation of \$20,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds which will become available after January 1, 2018. The Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on June 12, 2017 at the Webster Groves Christian Church, 1320 Lockwood Blvd., Oakland MO 63122. To further its commitment to fair and equitable treatment of all citizens, the City of Oakland has enacted and or enforces the following: *A Fair Housing Ordinance* prohibiting unlawful discrimination against any person because of race, sex, color, religion, disability, familial status or national origin; *A Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability* in the admission or access to, or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities; *A Policy of Equal Opportunity to Participate in Municipal Programs and Services* regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, familial status, national origin, or political affiliation; *A Requirement for bidding on CDBG activities that promotes employment opportunities created by HUD funding* and that these opportunities be afforded low-income community residents and businesses. If you would like information regarding the above policies or if you believe you have been unlawfully discriminated against, contact the following municipal official or employee who has been designated to coordinate compliance with equal employment opportunity requirements referenced above: City Administrator/ Clerk Deborah LeMoine, P. O. Box 220511, St. Louis, MO 63122, 314-416-0026. If you are a person with a disability or have special needs in order to participate in this public hearing, please contact the City Administrator no later than June 9, 2017. For more information call 314-416-0026, 1-800-735-2466 RELAY MISSOURI VOICE or 1-800-735-2966 RELAY MISSOURI TDD.

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Directory of Public Officials 2017

Paul Marti
Mayor
822-7460
105 Minturn Avenue

Tom Steuby
Alderman-Ward 1
822-4642
819 Melshire

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

Mike Godsy
Alderman-Ward 2
221-7073
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

Pool and Tennis Passes

Remember that the Kirkwood Pool and Tennis Courts are available to Oakland Residents all summer! In order to take advantage simply go to the Community Center to obtain an ID Card. The same card is used for the pool and the tennis courts. You then use that ID card when purchasing pool or tennis passes, camps, lessons, etc. These are amazing resources for Oakland families to enjoy throughout the summer, and we celebrate our partnership with the City of Kirkwood! There are also lots of classes and special events at the pool this summer, so be sure to take advantage of those great opportunities in our community as well!

OAKLAND LOSES WORLD RENOWNED RESIDENT

Egon Schwartz passed away on February 14, 2017. Egon escaped from Vienna with his parents after the 1938 Anschluss at the age of 16. After a harrowing trip through Nazi territory they traveled by boat to South America, finally ending up in America. Becoming a renowned scholar, he was a Harvard professor for 7 years before moving to St. Louis to be chair of the German Language Department at Washington University, a position he held for 32 years. Among his 20 published works as author or editor is his book "Refuge: Chronicle of a Flight from Hitler." He is further known for hundreds of articles and book reviews. He and his wife Dorothea and their three children befriended architect Harris Armstrong and commissioned him to design their 1961 home at 1036 Oakland Avenue. The St. Louis Post Dispatch featured the home in a March 2012 Home and Garden article with numerous interior photographs. After Dorothea's passing, Egon remarried and he and his wife, Irene, remained in the Oakland home and could be seen often as they walked together. Egon was 94 years old, and although his sight diminished in his later years, his wit, intelligence and gentle charm remained for all who knew him to enjoy.

SEWER LATERAL REPAIRS

In 1999, the citizens of Oakland voted to approve paying \$28.00 annually to establish a sewer lateral repair program within the community. The Sewer Lateral Repair Program began officially on September 29, 1999 and is designed to pay **up to a maximum of \$2,500 towards** repairing broken residential sewer laterals from the sewer main to the house. The fees, which generate about \$14,000 per year, are collected through your St. Louis County Property Tax Bill. This fee is used entirely for the Sewer Lateral Repair Program and cannot be used for any other purpose.

The Sewer Lateral Repair Program pays for point-of-break repairs, which means that only the portion of the pipe that is defective is repaired. It will be the responsibility of the property owner to restore landscaping and ground covers, including grass in whatever manner they choose.

The sewer lateral fund will pay for diagnostics and repair charges up to a maximum of \$2,500 per repair of a sewer lateral. All other charges for a single repair are the responsibility of the resident or homeowner of the covered sewer lateral repair.

If a blockage in your lateral occurs that cannot be removed by a plumber or sewer cleaning service or a sinkhole is observed, you may have a broken sewer lateral. If such a condition exists, you should contact the City at 416-0026 and fill out an application for the program. The Sewer Lateral Repair Program will not pay for the cost of sewer cleaning to remove tree roots or buildups, rather this is the responsibility of the resident or homeowner.

The procedure for sewer lateral repairs begins when 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

\$2,500) will be sent to you after approved at the next Board meeting.

Mosquito Season

The County will be monitoring mosquitoes each week this summer. If you would like to know if your area will be sprayed on a particular day, you can call the hotline at 615-4BUG. The hotline is updated daily between 4 and 6 p.m.

Spraying is just one of many tools the County utilizes to control the types of mosquitoes which are active at night and most likely to carry disease. The best way to eliminate daytime mosquitoes, which are container breeders, is to eliminate sources of standing water around your home. Fountains, fish ponds, watering cans, flower pots, children's pools and any other containers which can hold water can lead to mosquitoes and should be kept empty and dry when not in use.

YARD WASTE REMOVAL YEAR ROUND

Residents will be happy to know that Oakland's most recent contract with Waste Management includes year round yard waste pick-up. Yard waste collection is on Tuesday along with waste and recycling. If you need new or additional rolling bins for waste, recycling or yard waste simply contact Waste Management at 506-4700.

CITY RECEIVES PARK GRANT FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN MINTURN PARK

The City has been awarded \$264,700 in Municipal Park Grant funds for improvements to be made in Minturn Park. SWT Design has been retained to assist in the planning of the improvements which will likely include accessible walkways, landscaping, a sculptural play piece (not a playground) and small gazebo or pavilion for observing the wonderful natural environment of the park. Interested residents are welcome to attend Board meetings this spring to view schematics of the design and discuss the project. Schematics will also be available on the City website: oaklandmo.org.