



OAKLAND COMMUTER

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Board of Aldermen

Monday, May 13

Monday, June 10

July TBD

7 p.m. Webster Groves Christian Church

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 18

PUBLIC FORUM ON USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

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INCLUDING 2019-2020 BUDGET HEARING

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City Garage Sale May 18

Clean out your closets and get ready for the Annual City Garage Sale on May 18 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 as participating, please let us know by May 10. A final list of participating homes will 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.

2020 Census Information

Preparations are already underway for the 2020 Census and the Census Bureau wants to make sure everyone is counted! There will be jobs available in the area to help with the Census and information is available at 2020Census.gov/jobs or by calling 1-855-562-2020.

Information from FEMA regarding Oakland's

Flood Plain Maps

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) works with communities across the country to identify flood hazards and promote ways to reduce the impact of those and other hazards. Flood maps are used for floodplain management, flood insurance rating, and to determine flood insurance requirements. Flood maps generally show a community's flood zones, floodplain boundaries, and Base Flood Elevation; together they show the risk of flooding. No matter where you live or work, some risk of flooding exists. To find Oakland's flood map, visit <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search> then type in your address and search. You may view, print and download flood maps, open an interactive flood map (if available), and view all products related to your community.

Flood hazards change over time. How water flows and drains can change due to new land use and community development or by natural forces such as changing weather, terrain changes, or wildfires. To better reflect the current flood risk conditions, FEMA uses the latest technology to update and issue new flood maps nationwide to aid communities, property owners, businesses, and other stakeholders in taking steps to address flood risks. FEMA has pending or preliminary map changes underway that are likely to impact some Oakland properties. Proposed changes may be seen by visiting <https://www.fema.gov/view-your-communitys-preliminary-flood-hazard-data> When your community's flood map is updated to reflect the current risks where you live, requirements for flood insurance coverage and the costs of your policy can also change. Want to receive an alert when your community's flood map changes? You may sign up with FEMA to receive email notifications when products are updated.

It's important to know your flood risk. During a map change, your property may experience one of the following flood risk changes:

- **An increase in flood risk.** If you're experiencing an increase in flood risk – moving from the moderate- to low-risk flood area to the high-risk flood area – **flood insurance is required if you have a federally backed mortgage.** Contact your insurance agent to find the lowest cost option for your home. Depending on your situation, you may be eligible for cost-savings. You must have a policy in place within 12 months of the new map effective date to take advantage of this option.
- **A decrease in flood risk.** If you're experiencing a decrease in flood risk – moving from the high-risk flood area to the moderate- to low-risk flood area – **flood insurance is now optional but strongly recommended.** Remember that more than 20% of all flood claims happen in moderate- to low-risk areas. Protect the life you've built with a lower-cost Preferred Risk Policy starting at less than \$325 a year.
- **High-risk changing to a higher-risk.** Flood insurance costs are higher for higher-risk areas. However, there is a way to save money. If you purchase and maintain coverage before the map change takes effect, you'll lock in your current lower-risk zone for future rating.
- **Flood risk stays the same.** If there is no change in your flood risk, talk to your insurance agent to ensure your home and possessions are properly covered. Note that most homeowners insurance policies do not cover damage due to flooding. If you don't have coverage, it's critical that you learn about your flood risk and take steps now to protect yourself. Be sure to learn more about your flood risk and secure the insurance protection you need.

FEMA plans to send representatives to Oakland later this year to answer questions about changes to the flood maps, and that date will be advertised in advance. Until then, if you have questions about the proposed map changes or would like to comment

about the proposed changes you may contact Greg Hanser at 420-7481.

Community Development Block Grant Hearing

The City of Oakland will hold a public hearing to discuss the estimated allocation of \$20,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds which will become available after January 1, 2020. The Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on June 10, 2019 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. Additionally, if you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may provide written comments regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program to the following municipal official: 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 7, 2019. 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 2019

Andrew Stewart
Mayor
821-8927
901 Woodleigh Cove

James Hensley
Alderman-Ward 1
971-7654
835 Westwood Place

Tom Steuby
Alderman-Ward 1
305-9089
819 Melshire

Mike Godsy
Alderman-Ward 2
715-1328
1005 Oakland

Susan Lueker
Aldermoman-Ward 2
479-6052
428 S. Sappington

Deborah LeMoine
City Administrator/Clerk
416-0026

Cassy Kollmeyer
Court Clerk
909-3003

Greg Hanser
Building Inspector
Code Compliance Official
420-7481

Police & Fire
Non-Emergency
822-5858
Emergency 911

Waste Management
506-4700

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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!

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 420-7481 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

As summer yard work season begins, remember 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.

Water Main Replacement on Sappington Road

Residents will want to know that Missouri American Water will be replacing the water main that runs underneath Sappington Road this summer. Work is scheduled to begin after school finishes for the year. Residents directly impacted by the work will receive notice from Missouri American Water regarding access to driveways and any temporary water outages during the project. All residents should be alert for potential lane closings and workers in the area this summer. Drive Safely!

No Cost Home Improvement for Qualified Homeowners

St Louis County Government's Home Improvement Program is offering up to \$5,000 worth of home repairs for eligible Oakland homeowners, at NO COST. Eligible items would include roofing; electrical; plumbing; heating; air-conditioning; hot water heater; tuck-pointing; hand rail installation; concrete, asphalt, masonry; tree trimming or removal; foundation work, etc.

You must own and live in the home, your property taxes have to be current, you cannot have participated in the program previously, and your total household's income must be within the following Income Limits (Adjusted Gross Income):

Family of 1 – less than \$41,750

Family of 2 – less than \$47,700

Family of 3 – less than \$53,650

Family of 4 – less than \$59,600

Family of 5 – less than \$64,400

Senior Citizens - Please Note: For Senior Citizens, many times some portion of your Social Security income is not included in the *Adjusted Gross Income* figures listed on your Federal U.S. Income Tax Return (and therefore would not be counted in the figures listed above).

The Home Improvement Program is federally funded and operates through St. Louis County Government's Dept. of Planning, Office of Community Development in conjunction with the City of Oakland. To apply, call St. Louis County at 314-615-4025 (TTY 1-800-735-2966).