



# OAKLAND COMMUTER MAYOR MARTI ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

## A Letter from Mayor Marti

To the Board of  
Aldermen and  
People of Oakland:

I regret to inform you that my health no longer allows me to regularly attend Board meetings and I feel, as a result, that I must resign my position as Mayor of the City of Oakland. As you know, my wife Audie and I raised our family and built our home in Oakland, and it has been one of the great honors of my life to serve the City I love to the best of my ability.

I must say that in all my years of public service, I have never worked with a more congenial group of people than this current Board, and I am comforted to know that your good work will continue.

It brings me great joy to know that the parks and monuments, roads and sidewalks, trees and flower beds we have designed, built and planted over the years will continue as a testament to our time together and bring joy to future generations of Oakland residents.



I remain committed to the well being of the City and trust that you will call upon me if I can be of assistance in any way.

Sincerely yours, Paul Marti (pictured above during the construction of the Minturn Park bridge he designed alongside Architect Jay Wohlschlager and Code Enforcement Officer Greg Hanser)

*Board President Andrew Stewart has been nominated and approved by the Board to serve as Mayor until the next general election. The Board will be planning a celebration of Mayor Marti's career and many achievements in the near future.*

*Andrew Stewart*  
*Mayor*  
*821-8927*  
*901 Woodleigh Cove*

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

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

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

*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***

*A new Ward 2 Alderman will be appointed this spring to serve until the next election.*

**For additional information visit:**  
***[oaklandmo.org](http://oaklandmo.org)***

Paul Marti, a professional architect, and his beloved (late) wife Audrey bought a plot of ground adjacent to Gravois Creek on Minturn in the late 1960s with an intention to build a house with expansive views of the wildlife and creek. Their 2,000 square foot modern home fit neatly on the 50-foot wide lot and was featured in *House Beautiful* in the early 1970s. Paul and Audie raised two children in the home who both attended Henry Hough grade school. Paul's other work in Oakland includes the Love Chapel addition at Webster Groves Christian Church and the Oak Bend Library. Paul also designed numerous additions to homes in Oakland, and such well known St. Louis landmarks as the original St. Louis Zoo bear pits.

Paul was first elected an alderman in Ward 1 in 1988. In 2001, he was elected mayor and served up until his retirement on April 9, 2018. Mayor Marti's legacy is numerous. He designed the city logo featuring the colorful Oak tree as well as the blue street signs. He was very instrumental in the planting of flowering street trees on our thru-streets, such as Monroe. The new pavilion in Minturn park was designed by Paul to match the style of bridge. Even Minturn Park was expanded because a small lot owned by the Martis was donated to the city several years ago.

When Oakland was awarded grant money to improve accessibility over the creek in Minturn Park, Mayor Marti convinced the Board that he could design and have built a more interesting and aesthetically-pleasing bridge than those pre-fabricated and found in catalogs. The Board accepted his challenge, approved the design, and the bridge was built and installed under budget.

Paul served as President of the St. Louis County Municipal League and was active in the Small Cities Conference of Mayors of St. Louis County. Several years ago, Paul was voted into the Webster Groves High School Hall of Fame for his contributions to his profession as an architect as well as to the citizens of Oakland.

## 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, 2019. The Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on June 11, 2018 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 8, 2018. 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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## Local Citizens Honored by Police

Mark and Liana Gallyoun were recently awarded Citizen Service Citations for their actions during a

fire in the City. Their rapid response helped save lives and property, and all of us in Oakland are grateful for their sense of civic responsibility and concern for the well being of strangers. We join the Kirkwood Police and Fire Departments in thanking them for their good work!

## City Wide Garage Sale

Clean out your closets and get ready for the Annual City Garage Sale on May 19 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The City will advertise in the local papers and City bulletin boards. 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. To be added to the list of homes participating in the sale, just contact oaklandcityhall@sbcglobal.net.

## Construction Hours

The City of Oakland recently updated ordinances regarding the hours construction work may take place in the City. Construction work shall commence no earlier than 7:00 a.m. and end by 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and 10:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. on Sundays and holidays. In case of an emergency outside of these hours, please contact the City's Code Enforcement Officer.

## Mark Your Calendar

### Board of Aldermen

Monday, May 14

7 p.m. Webster Groves Christian Church

### CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 19

### PUBLIC FORUM ON USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Monday, June 11

7 p.m. Webster Groves Christian Church

### Board of Aldermen

### INCLUDING 2018-19 BUDGET HEARING

Monday, June 11

7 p.m. Webster Groves Christian Church

## **Argonne Pedestrian Improvements**

The City is currently accepting bids for sidewalk improvements to be made along Argonne Drive. These sidewalks will make walking throughout the City safer and more attractive for adults, children and our four legged friends. The plans include widening and raising the existing sidewalk and installing new sidewalks on the south side of the street, along with improving lighting along the street. A map which shows the detailed sidewalk plan can be found on the City's website: [oaklandmo.org](http://oaklandmo.org). Once a bid is awarded, work is expected to begin early this summer and, weather permitting, be completed before school starts in the fall. Please be aware of construction workers and additional traffic signs when driving in this area.

## **Proposition P Funds at Work**

Last year voters across St. Louis County approved Proposition P, a half-cent sales tax increase intended to increase public safety by providing additional resources for local police departments. Oakland has begun receiving Prop P funds, and in consultation with our Chief of Police has put those funds to work to address concerns about speed on residential streets. The City has purchased a new radar board and multiple sets of brackets so the board may be placed at locations throughout the City to make residents more aware of their speed when driving. The board will operate between 5 a.m. and 10 p.m. and display speeds up to 40 miles per hour. Warm weather brings out more pedestrians, please be aware of your speed and drive safely!