



OAKLAND COMMUTER

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April - August, 2008

STREET SWEEPING

Thursday, April 17

CITY GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 10

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 26

CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK

Saturday, May 31

Other Meeting Dates

Board of Aldermen-

2nd Monday of month
7p.m.

Webster Groves Christian Church

Board of Adjustment-

1st Tuesday of month
6:30 p.m. (as needed)
Henry Hough School

Plan Commission-

3rd Wednesday of month
6:30 p.m. (as needed)
Henry Hough School

Historical Preservation

Commission-

4th Monday of month
7p.m.
Henry Hough School

Tree & Landscape

Committee-

(As needed)

**CITY HALL OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, MAY 26
IN OBSERVANCE OF
MEMORIAL DAY**

Mayor's Message

Dear Resident:



I don't know about you, but I am ready for Spring. This is an exciting time for our City. The Board and City Staff have been working diligently on arranging some new programs within the City that I know you will be excited about. As brought to your attention in previous newsletters, the City Administrator has been working on several grants to allow otherwise expensive projects to become affordable for our City. We have received a grant from the St. Louis County Municipal Parks Grant Comm. which will allow us to study our green areas and what improvements would be beneficial to our community. In the fall, there will be another grant process, to make these ideas become realities. The suggestions the consultants will be reviewing include, better City signage in the parks and entryways of the City, playground equipment at Loewnau Park, more green space/sitting areas within the City and more aesthetically pleasing landscape areas within the City. Also, a new Street Inventory has been completed which gives us a history of what work has been done on each City Street, when it was completed and any storm water or other issues pertaining to that particular street.

10 years ago, a Community Master Plan was created. We are now forming a new "Long Range Master Plan Committee made up of residents, Board members and City staff to review what was completed from this plan and to assess the current needs of the City. Please contact me or City Administrator Yahl if you are interested in becoming a member of this committee, which will have a strong voice in deciding the future needs of our community.

On the lighter side, a new City event for a Classic Movie Night in Loewnau Park has been scheduled for May 31 and our city-wide Garage Sale is scheduled for May 10 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. Details on both events can be found further in this newsletter. Lastly, although a date has not been set, we are also working on a

dedication ceremony for Backstoppers Park, at which time we will unveil a special memorial to our fallen officers. We will keep you posted on this event.

I hope all of you have a wonderful spring season.

Sincerely,

Paul Marti
Mayor

City-Wide Garage Sale

A city-wide Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 10 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. By the requests of our citizens, the Board of Aldermen moved the event to the Spring last year and set the annual date for the 2nd Saturday in May. If you are on our resident e-mail list, you have received notice of this event already, but signs will be placed around the City next week, so start pulling out those items you feel you can part with and allow someone the excitement of finding a new treasure. Please call our City Administrator, Kathy Yahl at 416-0026 with your address/phone number if you know you will be participating in the sale. Let's all get busy and do some spring cleaning in preparation for this event.

Classic Movie Night in the Park

The City of Oakland will host a free "Classic Movie Night" in Loewnau Park, beginning at 8:00 pm on Saturday, May 31. The main feature is entitled "Mr. Blandings Builds his Dream House" (1948) starring Myrna Loy and Cary Grant. Bring your blanket or lawn chair, drinks and snacks and come join us for a relaxing night of watching this classic under the stars.

**Get on the Resident E-mail list.
Just send an e-mail request to
oaklandcityhall@sbcglobal.net.**

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416-0026

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842-0778

Greg Hanser
Code Compliance Official
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420-7481

Police & Fire
Non-Emergency
822-5858
Emergency 911

Important Websites

For information on Oakland's policies, permits, procedures and programs, please check out our new website at www.oaklandmo.org.

To find out about surrounding businesses to include the areas of Oakland, Des Peres, Kirkwood, Glendale and Warson Woods see the Chamber of Commerce website at: www.thechamber.us

Help Us Help You

For those wanting to join our Emergency Contact List for use by the Police if an emergency arises for you or at your home so that you or family members can be contacted in case of an emergency, please mail the following information back to the City of Oakland, P. O. Box 220511, St. Louis, MO 63122. **This information will not be given out to the public.**

Names:

Address:

Home/Work/Cell Phone for All:

Names of children under 12:

Names of adults over 65:

Any Illnesses:

Any Allergies:

Names/Type of Pets:

Emergency Contact:

Name/Address/All Phone Numbers

Keep Monies in Oakland

When you purchase a new or used vehicle, please remember to tell the License Bureau that you are an Oakland, Missouri resident. This will keep the taxes from going to the 63122 zip code (or the whole of Kirkwood).

Newly Approved Ordinances

#753 An ordinance amending Section 215.110 "Debris on Property-Effect of failure to remove Nuisance-Penalties" to prohibit the presence of firewood not stacked six inches off the ground:

#752 An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract in partnership with the City of Kirkwood dated January 1, 2008 to utilize engineering design services with Weis Design Group for the reconstruction of Holmes Avenue and appropriating funds for such:

#749, #750 & #751 Ordinances approving a settlement agreement and binding unilateral agreement with AT&T Mobility, Sprint and US Cellular relating to business license taxes:

#748 An ordinance accepting the dedication of Lamertin Lane as a public street:

#747 An ordinance approving a condominium plat for the property located at 600 S. Holmes:

#746 An ordinance amending section 215.100 "debris on property-effect of failure to remove nuisance-penalties" by adding the words "or firewood" after the word "lumber".

Do Oakland Residents need the Home Improvement Program?

The City of Oakland is allocated funds every year (\$20,000 this year) to be used in various ways by each community. The Board of Aldermen has continued to earmark these funds to help our residents with the Home Improvement Program (HIP), which may be able to help you with repairs or replacement of asphalt, concrete, tuckpointing, roof, electric, plumbing, furnace, central air, water heater or fence AT NO COST TO YOU!

The income guidelines for this confidential program are as follows: Family of 1-less than \$36,900; Family of 2-less than \$42,200; Family of 3-less than \$47,450; Family of 4-less than \$52,700; and Family of 5-less than \$56,950.

The HIP is a federally funded program that operates through St. Louis County Government's Department of Planning in conjunction with the City of Oakland. For more information, please contact Rose at 615-4025 or Tim at 615-4029. TTY 615-4001. For the last 2 years, these funds were not entirely distributed and therefore the City loses the remainder of funds. The Board has discussed the option of utilizing the funds in another way to help with infrastructure within the community. If you are interested in this program, please make the call just to see if this program could help you with maintenance of your home. As long as we have residents using this program, the Board will most likely continue to allocate these funds to the Home Improvement Program.

Spring Street Sweeping Scheduled

The City of Oakland has scheduled a Spring Street Sweeping for Thursday, April 17. Per new Board of Aldermen policy, reminder signs will be placed throughout the City for this event. We ask that you please keep all vehicles off the streets on this date from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon so that a thorough job can be accomplished. Other months that the City will schedule street sweeping are June, September and December.

Police & Fire Contract Extension

The City's contract for Police and Fire Services expires on June 30, 2008. Due to the untimely event on Feb 7 in Kirkwood, the Board of Aldermen approved an extension of the Police and Fire contract with the City of Kirkwood through December 31, 2008.

Refuse Contract

As you know, the Board of Aldermen approved a contract extension for refuse service with IESI until December 31, 2008. But, did you know.....

*You can rent a 12-yard roll off dumpster for construction projects from IESI. Just call 636-321-2100 for rental rates.

*You can rent trash receptacles from IESI for \$3.50 per month, billed to you quarterly.

*You can have an appliance picked up by calling IESI 48 hours prior to your regularly scheduled pickup day to schedule a pickup. The fee, which will be billed to you separately, is \$25.00.

*You can have a bulk item picked up from IESI by calling them 48 hours prior to your regularly scheduled pickup day to schedule a pickup. The fee, which will be billed to you separately, is \$15.00 per item.

*Yard Waste is only picked up from March 1 through January 10.

Customer Service

IESI's Customer Service Hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. Just call 636-321-2100 to speak to a representative or e-mail missouri.service@iesi.com with any questions you may have. If at any time your refuse is not picked up, call 416-0026 and we will arrange for IESI to go back to your home.

Refuse Collection Reminders

Oakland is one of the few municipalities in St. Louis County that pays the entire fee for refuse service. This will stay the goal of the Board of Aldermen as long as revenue allows it. In order to help things run smoothly on our designated pickup day of Wednesday, please have all receptacles out to the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. Residents are allowed 3-30 gallon cans for trash with a 60 pound weight limit per can. (One person must be able to lift the can over his head.)

Yard Waste Collection

No plastic bags may be used for yard waste. Yard waste can be in brown paper bags, loose in cans or bundled with twine. Bundles must be less than 4 feet in length, no more than 18 inches in diameter and under 60 pounds.

Recycling Collection

IESI has issued 1-18 gallon green recycling container to every household free of charge. If you need additional or replacement containers, also free of charge, please contact 416-0026 and we will have them delivered to your residence. IESI picks up more items than any other past City refuse carrier.

Items to be included: Plastic bags, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, cardboard, paper bags, paperboard boxes (milk cartons, crackers, etc.), white, colored and computer paper, junk mail to include ad slicks, envelopes, clear, amber and green glass containers, aluminum beverage cans, aluminum foil and trays, steel and tin cans and lids, plastic containers to include #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7; telephone books, scrap steel, aluminum, copper and brass.

Items not to be included: Lead-acid, automotive and household batteries, tires, used oil, aerosol cans, railroad ties, pesticides and other hazardous products.

Holidays for IESI

The only holidays recognized by IESI are as follows: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. All other holidays are considered regular refuse days. When one of the above holidays falls during the week, your pickup schedule will fall one day later for that week. In other words, during a holiday week, your refuse will be picked up on Thursday.

Memorial Day Refuse Schedule

Please note the next holiday acknowledged by our refuse contractor, IESI is the week of May 26, Memorial Day. Oakland yard waste, refuse and recycling will be picked up on Thursday, May 29 for that week only.

How to Dispose of Old Electronics

Did you know that just about any type of electronic product can be recycled at the "E-Cycle St. Louis" sites to include the following:

TVs and VCRs
Computers and all parts
Printers
Cell Phones
Hand-held Devices

Most items are recycled at no charge, but some require fees to cover the cost of proper recycling. Examples include the dismantling of a copy machine or the handling of a cathode ray tube in a computer or television, which can contain up to 4 lbs. of lead. For a complete list by location of what is accepted, the fees involved (if any) and maps visit www.ecyclestlouis.org. The closest e-cycle location to Oakland is DCAL Services, 292 E. Ave, Webster Groves, MO 63119 (918-8833).

Say "No" to Mosquitoes

As the warmer temperatures come our way, so do the mosquitoes. St. Louis County's Department of Health larvicides as needed, but most breeding is caused from simple things in our own backyard. As West Nile Virus was detected in Oakland last year, we encourage our residents to prevent mosquitoes by alleviating any standing water on your property by following these tips:

- *Clean rain gutters and down spouts.
- *Empty flower pots, tin cans, buckets or any containers that might collect water.
- *Store wheelbarrows, canoes, boats and birdbaths upside down.
- *Repair leaky outside faucets.
- *Secure swimming pool covers tightly.
- *Keep grass cut and bushes trimmed.

We will again contract with the City of Glendale to do weekly spraying on Wednesdays from 8-10pm beginning mid-May and continuing through the end of August.

CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE
SAT., MAY 10, 2008

Aquatic Center Special Events

The diving boards will close at 2:30 p.m. and the lap pool will close at 3 p.m. for home swim/dive meets. The remainder of the aquatic facility will remain open. Extended hours for the following events:

Family Night-Friday, July 11, 8:30-10:00 p.m. Bring the whole family!

Back to School Night-Friday, August 15, 8:30-10:00 p.m., for youth entering middle school in the fall.

(Normal admission policies and prices will apply for these extended hours)

Dog Pool Party-Tuesday, September 2, 5:00-7:00 p.m. \$10 per dog/human, \$3 add. person. Sponsored by The Missouri Alliance for Animal Legislation, Pool Paws for Humane Laws. Current shot records MUST be provided for entry.

River Walk Club

The River Walk Club gives participants the chance to walk against the current in the Lazy River. The club will meet Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9-10 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8-9 p.m. and Saturday from 8:45-9:45 a.m. Session is June 2-August 9. Fees are R\$45 NR\$68 or purchase a 10 admission card for this activity for R\$20/NR\$30.

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF SWIM PROGRAMS AVAILABLE!
www.oaklandmo.org

ID Cards

Individual ID cards for recreation facilities users will be issued at the Community Center during regular office hours. ID cards are \$4 each, both for originals and replacements and are good for up to three years. In order to obtain an ID card, each purchaser over age 15 must present a valid and current Missouri Driver's License showing resident address and a current utility (gas, water, electric or phone) bill, bank statement or voter ID card, issued to their home address. Purchasers age 15 and under must be accompanied by a person at the same address who can present the documents listed above.

Hours of Operation

Opening Day- Saturday, May 24

Memorial Day Weekend

Sat., May 24 and Sun., May 25

10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Mon., May 26 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tues., May 27 - Thur., May 29 4 to 8 p.m.

Fri., May 30 through Mon., August 18

Weekdays Noon to 8 p.m.

Weekends 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Holidays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tue., August 19 through Mon., September 1

Weekends 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Holidays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Weekdays (Competitive Pool,

Family Pool, Slides only) 4 to 8 p.m.

Admission Policies

This facility will be available only to residents of Glendale, Kirkwood and Oakland. For entry into the pool, you will need to present a Kirkwood Parks and Recreation issued ID card. **No other form of ID will be accepted to gain admittance into the facility.** See the section on ID cards above to find out how to obtain your card. Each ID card holder will be allowed up to 4 guests per day, with a maximum allowance of 16 guests per family each day. All guests will pay non-resident daily admission fees.

Pool Rental

All or parts of the Aquatic Center are available for rental. Rental times are available after public session hours and lesson activities until 11 p.m. Prices based on size of group and facilities reserved. Also available are birthday party programs for pre-school kids. This program offers preschoolers the opportunity to celebrate their birthday at the Aquatic Center on Saturday mornings. For \$130 a preschooler and 11 friends

can swim in the Family Play Pool for an hour and then enjoy cake and soda from the Boxcar Concession Stand. Call 314-822-5859.

Oakland Permit/Inspection Program

Almost 2 years ago, Oakland began an "in-house" permit and inspection program for the convenience of our residents and for us to have first-hand knowledge of the work being done within our community.

All commercial development should be referred to our Fire Marshall, John Bailot at 984-6970. Once he has given his approval to the plans, the City Administrator will be contacted and the proper paperwork will be faxed to St. Louis County, who has been contracted to handle all commercial reviews, permits and inspections for the City.

All residential building plans, permit applications and fees will be processed through the City Administrator and should be sent to P.O. Box 220511, St. Louis, MO 63122. Greg Hanser, handles all code compliance issues, plan reviews and inspections for all permits.

All the new permits and the directions of what is needed for each can be found on our website under the drop down "Permit Forms" at www.oaklandmo.org. The schedule of fees is as follows:

Type	Permit Fee	Inspection Fee
Plan Review/		
Building	\$100.00	\$30.00 each
Demolition	\$100.00	\$30.00 each
Dumpster	\$ 50.00	
Temp. Storage	\$ 50.00	
Electrical	\$ 30.00	\$30.00 each
Excavation	\$ 35.00	\$30.00 each
Fence	\$ 50.00*	
Floodplain Dev.	\$ 50.00	
Mechanical	\$ 30.00	\$30.00 each
Plumbing	\$ 30.00	\$30.00 each
Sign	\$100.00	\$30.00 each
Tree Preservation	\$ 75.00	\$30.00 each

*This fee includes up to 2 inspections. Any additional inspections, if needed, will cost \$30.00 each. This permit is required for new installations, repairs or replacement of an entire or partial part of fence.

Please contact Kathy Yahl at 416-0026 with any questions about future projects you may be doing to your home. For questions regarding Zoning and Plan Review, please contact Greg Hanser at 420-7481.