



OAKLAND COMMUTER

CITY GARAGE SALE JUNE 6, 2009!

Mark Your Calendar

BACKSTOPPERS MEMORIAL DEDICATION

Saturday, May 30
11 a.m. Backstoppers
Park

CITY GARAGE SALE

Saturday, June 6
8 a.m. -noon

PUBLIC FORUM ON 2009-10 BUDGET

Monday, June 8
7:00 p.m. Webster Groves
Christian Church

PUBLIC FORUM ON USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Monday, July 13
7:00 p.m. Webster Groves
Christian Church

Other Meeting Dates

Board of Aldermen-

2nd Monday of month
7 p.m. Webster Groves
Christian Church

Board of Adjustment-

1st or 3rd Wednesday of
month 7 p.m. (as needed)
Henry Hough School

Plan Commission-

3rd Wednesday of month
7 p.m. (as needed)
Henry Hough School

Historical Preservation Commission-

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

Mayor's Message

Dear Resident:

This past year Oakland formed a "Long Range Planning Committee" in order to study various proposed major projects in the City. The committee met at least monthly, even mounting their bikes one Saturday to visit each site and get a real feeling for the work that would be done. They considered the capital improvements of our infrastructure and what would be feasible, affordable and enhancing for all our citizens. Their careful recommendations are shaping the Board's work in planning future infrastructure projects. Let me congratulate and offer sincere appreciation to the good folks that volunteered considerable time and thought as members of this committee: Craig Bach, Chuck Betz, Jim Hensley, Elmer McNulty, Alan Schertel, Jean Shaw, Andrew Stewart, Todd Thrasher and Larry Wilfong. Thank you!

As most everyone knows, it has been over a year since the terrible shooting tragedy at the Kirkwood City Hall. Both of the police officers that were killed had been the liaison officers to the City of Oakland and as such had been to our Board meetings, picnics and other events. So that their great sacrifice would not soon be forgotten, the City of Oakland commissioned the construction of a granite memorial in our Backstoppers Park. We invite any of our residents who would like to come and share in the dedication of this memorial on Saturday, May 30 at 11 a.m. to be there.

Sincerely,
Paul Marti, Mayor

Mosquito Season

This year, Oakland will be contracting with St. Louis County for both larvaciding and adultciding (spraying) services. This means that the County will be setting traps in the area to monitor both the volume and the type of mosquitoes each week. They will also test mosquitoes for West Nile and other diseases. When spraying is needed to control the mosquito population, it will be done on Thursday evening. If you would like to know if your area will be sprayed on a particular day, you can call the hotline at 615-4BUG around 5p.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. Spraying is, however, fairly ineffective in controlling the day time mosquitoes most of us have come to hate as well. These mosquitoes are primarily “container breeders” meaning they breed in small amounts of water around the house. Their flying range is very small so if we see them, they are probably breeding nearby. In order to control mosquitoes around the house, clean rain gutters and downspouts, discard old tires, empty flower pots or buckets that hold water, store wheelbarrows and other equipment inside, empty/clean/refill birdbaths and wading pools weekly, stock ornamental ponds with fish that eat mosquito larvae, repair leaky outdoor faucets, secure swimming pool covers tightly, and keep grass and bushes trimmed. For more information about mosquito related issues in the area, see www.stlouisco.com/doh. To report mosquito problems and request spraying (or to be placed on the no spray list) call 727-3097.

Directory

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Maureen Graves
Alderman-Ward 1

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75 Fortune Lane

Craig Bach
Alderman-Ward 1
822-3668
723 E. Madison Avenue

Chris Graville
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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

Holiday Refuse Collection

When holidays such as Memorial Day and Labor Day fall on a Monday, our trash service will be on Tuesday that week. This year that means pick-up after those holidays will be on May 27 and September 9. Since the Fourth of July is on a Saturday this year, there is no change in schedule.

Summer Pool Information

Oakland residents have the wonderful opportunity to enjoy the Kirkwood Recreation Station Aquatic Center during the hot summer months. The Kirkwood Recreation Station Aquatic Center offers a host of activities for swimmers of all ages.

Hours of Operation

Opening Day - Saturday, May 23

Memorial Day Weekend
Sat., May 23 and Sun., May 24
10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Mon., May 25 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tues., May 26 - Thur., May 28
4 to 7:30 p.m.

Fri., May 29 - Mon., August 17

Weekdays Noon to 7:30 p.m.
Weekends 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Holidays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tue., August 18 - Mon., September 7

Weekdays 4 to 7:30 p.m.
(Competitive Pool & Family Pool only
Weekdays)
Weekends 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Holidays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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 within the last three months. Purchasers age 15 and under must be accompanied by a person at the same address who can present the documents listed.

Admission Policies

The Aquatic Center is only available 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.** 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. Check your ID card's expiration date-cards expiring in **2008** will need to be renewed this year.

Daily Admission

Daily admission rates (resident rate with ID card only) will be as follows:

Youth(4-17)*	Adult (18 & Up)	(65+)
Resident \$4	\$5	\$4
Nonresident \$6	\$7	\$7
Res10 Card** \$36	\$45	\$36

Season Passes

Passes are sold to residents at the community center office during office hours. Season passes include picture ID cards for each pass holder.
Youth (4-17)* \$75
Adult (18-64) \$90
Family of 3 \$195
Add'l Family Member \$20
Sr Cit (65+) \$75

**Children 3 & under free when accompanied by a paying adult.*

*Swimmers under the age of 12 must be accompanied at the pool by a responsible person age 15 or over. Half Price Daily Admission begins 2 hours before the scheduled closing time. ** Cards good for 10 admissions of one category of admission to pool for the price of 9.*

Special Activities

Classes and special events this season include tot times, river walking groups, water fitness, swim and dive teams, lessons, family and back-to-school nights with music and more. For times and details call **314-984-6971** or stop by the Aquatic Center for a brochure.

2010 Census Begins Now

Census workers may be in the area this summer to verify addresses in anticipation of the 2010 census. Census workers may knock on doors to verify addresses and inquire about additional living quarters on some properties. All information collected, including addresses, is kept confidential and is protected by law. Census workers will not be in uniform but will have government identification with them and will use hand held computers equipped with GPS to aid the process.

Backstoppers Memorial

The City of Oakland honors police and firemen and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our safety at the dedication of the Backstoppers Memorial on Saturday, May 30 at 11am at Backstoppers Park. A beautiful drawing of the memorial done by our own Mayor Marti can be seen on the back of this newsletter. All are welcome to attend.

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.

Culvert Safety

City Officials and the Kirkwood Police Department want to remind all citizens, especially families with children and teenagers, that culverts are no place to play! Accidents in other areas have reminded us of the need to stay out of culverts at all times, not just when it is raining. Culverts along Gravois Creek are going to be marked with new "Danger-Do Not Enter" signs this spring and we ask that all residents heed this warning! If you notice anyone in the culverts near your home, don't hesitate to call Kirkwood Police to investigate.

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, 2010. The Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on July 13, 2009 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 July 1, 2009. For more information call 314-416-0026, 1-800-735-2466 RELAY MISSOURI. **Equal Opportunity Employer**

Clean Out Your Closets and Join the Annual City-Wide Garage Sale

The City-Wide Garage Sale is back! This year the sale will be on June 6, from 8 a.m.-noon and the City will once again be paying for advertising in the local papers. This is a great opportunity to clean out your closets and toy chests, and shop for some great bargains! A list of participating homes and City maps will be available at Loewnau Park the morning of the sale. If you would like to have your address listed as participating in the sale, just e-mail the City by June 4 at oaklandcityhall@sbcglobal.net or call 416-0026.

Scout Thank You!

If you notice the beautiful annual flowers planted around the city, be sure to thank a Scout. Local scouts planted the flowers on May 9 and Eagle Scouts have been working on City Park improvements like the new bike racks at Backstoppers. The Scouts will also participate in the Backstoppers Memorial Dedication color guard and lay the memorial wreath at the monument during the ceremony. We appreciate Scouts in our community. Thank you Scouts!