



OAKLAND COMMUTER CITY PICNIC OCTOBER 3!

Mark Your Calendar

Board of Aldermen-

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

Historical Preservation Commission-

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

City Picnic

Saturday, October 3 12 p.m.-3 p.m. Loewnau Park

Ursuline Fall Festival

Sunday, October 4, 12 p.m.- 4 p.m. Ursuline Campus
(all Citizens of Oakland are invited!)

City Picnic October 3!!!

The best part of fall is the Oakland City Picnic!! The City's annual picnic will take place on Saturday, October 3 from noon to 3:00 p.m. at Loewnau Park. There will be great barbeque, music, and activities for the kids. Soda has been generously donated once again this year by our local QuikTrip, so be sure to stop by and say thanks! Back by popular demand will be the giant inflatable challenges for the kids, the face painters, the balloon artists and of course the Kettle Korn!

You will want to welcome back locally based band Keltic Reign! In addition to their Oakland performances, Keltic Rain has performed at The Whitaker Music Festival, The History Museum, Grand Center and The Sheldon. With fiddle, tin-whistle, accordion, mandolin, piano, guitar and bodhran, it's sure to be another great picnic performance!!

The police and fire departments will be on hand for kids to see the equipment! Have a bag of kettle corn made on site!. This is a great way to meet your neighbors, enjoy beautiful Loewnau Park, and celebrate our amazing city! All citizens are invited to participate in this fun festival!



Check out local band Keltic Reign October 3!!!

Remember City Codes!

Fall is an important time to remember City Codes and why they exist. For instance, in order to keep pedestrians safe, it is important for property owners to keep their trees, shrubs, and ground covers from growing over and onto public sidewalks. We should all trim hedges and ground cover next to the sidewalk, make sure tree branches clear the sidewalk by at least eight feet, and plant annuals so they don't spread over the public sidewalk. Fall is also a great time to be outdoors with pets. Please remember to use pet waste bags when in the parks, and also to respect neighbors by not leaving barking dogs outdoors that can create a nuisance. Finally, it's a good time of year to remember that many building projects in the City require a permit and inspections. If you have questions about any city codes, contact our code enforcement officer Greg Hanser at 420-7481. The City would always prefer to answer questions rather than issue citations!

Directory of Public Officials 2015

*Paul Marti
Mayor*

821-1722
105 Minturn Avenue

Tom Steuby
Alderman-Ward 1
305-9089
819 Melshire

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

Mike Godsy
Alderman-Ward 2
715-1328
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

Historic Preservation FAQ

Listed below are some answers to frequently asked questions regarding the City of Oakland's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). This article is not a substitute for the actual HPC ordinance, which may be found in Chapter 420 of the Oakland Code of

Ordinances. If you are interested in having your house designated as "historic" or as a "century house" you may contact Mark and Suzanne Bolten at 822-2736 or mbolten@sbcglobal.net.

What is the Historic Preservation Commission?

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) of the City of Oakland is a group of citizens appointed by the Board of Aldermen to identify structures within the City that have historic, cultural, archeological, architectural or aesthetic importance, interest or value that may make them appropriate candidates for nomination as historic landmarks. The members meet at least quarterly and their meetings are open to the public.

How does the HPC determine which structures are "historic"?

The ordinances of the City set forth criteria for the HPC to consider such as distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type, potential to be returned to historic appearance, identifications with significant people in the community, the identity of the builder or architect, architectural significance, unique location or potential to yield information important to history. The HPC undertakes surveys and research to determine if these criteria are present.

How does a property get nominated?

Properties come to the HPC for possible nomination through submission of a nomination form by the property owner, the HPC or the Board of Aldermen. The HPC is now working on and will continue to maintain a list of properties that it is considering for potential nomination as historic landmarks or districts which upon completion will be posted on the Oakland website at www.oaklandmo.org. Property owners are given notice if their home is being considered for nomination. If interested in being nominated, you may contact the City Administrator/City Clerk at oaklandcityhall@sbcglobal.net for a nomination form.

Do historic landmarks receive any special benefits?

Historic landmarks receive special recognition from the City including a plaque to display and assistance

with researching the history of their home. It has been shown nationally that a landmark home may increase in value.

Will my property taxes automatically increase if my house is landmarked?

No. There is no mechanism in place whereby St. Louis County raises property taxes on a residence as a consequence of landmark designation.

Does nomination limit what a homeowner can do with their home?

Once notice of the nomination or potential nomination has been given, no application for a permit to construct, alter or demolish a structure or other feature of a proposed landmark or district may be approved while the City is considering the designation. There are time limits for the City to act. Once a home is designated as a historic landmark, a certificate of appropriateness must be granted before any demolition, moving of a structure, or new construction including alterations and additions involving the **outward** appearance of the buildings. **Alterations of the interior are not restricted by Oakland's code.**

If a home is nominated, what happens next?

After a property is nominated, the HPC schedules a Public Hearing to determine if the property should be designated based on the criteria set forth in the ordinance. The HPC makes a determination in writing regarding its recommendation for designation, and sends that recommendation to the Board of Aldermen. Upon receipt of the HPC recommendation, the Board schedules a Public Hearing and then makes the final decision about designation. Homeowners receive notice of these hearings

Ursuline Fall Festival!

Ursuline Academy's Fall Festival is Sunday, October 4, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. and Oakland residents of all ages are invited for a day of fun with the local community. Activities include: Carnival Games, washer tournaments, Pizza and BBQ, Snacks & Drinks for Sale, Arts & Craft Show, and a DJ playing music for all ages. Present this newsletter to the concession

stand at Fall Festival and receive a free soda or bottle of water!

Stay Cool at the Library!

Don't forget the Library for staying cool or getting ready for school! The Oak Bend Library is open to all Oakland residents with great computers, lots of new books, and fall book groups and story times to explore:

Oak Bend Library Address

842 S. Holmes Ave.
St. Louis, MO
63122-6507
314-994-3300

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.

Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Advise from Our Police Department

- Lock it and pocket the keys. Nearly 20% of all vehicles stolen had the keys in them. Remember to lock the trunk, the hatchback or the tailgate of a station wagon or sport utility vehicle (SUV)
- Don't leave motor vehicle registration, insurance policies, credit cards, keys or other important items in a vehicle's glove compartment.
- If you use self-service gasoline stations or convenience stores, don't leave the keys in the vehicle when you go inside to pay your bill.
- Don't invite a vehicle break-in by leaving packages or valuables (radar detectors, cellular

phones, compact disc players, etc.) in sight. Take valuables with you, put them under the seat or lock them in the trunk.

- Whenever possible, park in well lighted and busy areas.
- Whenever possible, park in an attended lot. Motor vehicle thieves do not like witnesses and prefer unattended parking lots.
- On cold mornings, never leave your motor vehicle running while it is unattended, in order to warm up.
- Avoid transferring items to the trunk of a vehicle where it is to be parked. A thief may be watching. Checkbooks, credit cards or other credentials which a thief could misuse should not be left in a motor vehicle.
- If you have a garage use it, and keep you garage and vehicle doors locked.

Source: American Crime Prevention Institute