



OAKLAND COMMUTER



CITY PICNIC OCTOBER 5!

**Welcome local
band Keltic
Reign
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There is no better way to spend a fall afternoon than at the Oakland City Picnic! This year, the City's annual picnic will take place on Saturday, October 5 from noon to 3:00 p.m. at Loewnau Park. There will

be great barbeque, music, and activities for all citizens. 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!

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! This is a great way to meet your neighbors, enjoy beautiful Loewnau Park, and celebrate our amazing city!

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!

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.

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
Alderwoman- Ward 2
479-6052
428 South 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

Water Main Improvements Near Completion

On Sappington Road

Many residents have been impacted by road closures along Sappington Road this summer as Missouri American Water has been working to improve the water main in the City by replacing the line under Sappington Road. The City does not have direct control over this project or its timing, which has been funded and managed by Missouri American Water.

The replacement of the water main is now nearing completion and final repairs to Sappington will be made this fall. The City Engineer will be working with the contractors retained by the Water Company to review the street repairs and the City will be funding additional improvements to the street, curbs and sidewalks along Sappington while the contractors are on site. Many thanks to all our residents who have been patient during this construction project and who have driven with extra caution to keep everyone in the area safe this summer!

Be Ready for Winter Street Clearing When Snow is in the Forecast

With the snow season fast approaching we would like to remind all residents that have driveways to move all parked vehicles from the roadways and park them in their driveways prior to and during snowy weather. Trucks will often be out 2-4 hours before the snow begins to fall, pre-salting all secondary streets. It can be very difficult to successfully maneuver an 8' or 10' snow plow around parked cars. Parking cars in driveways will eliminate the chance of salt spreaders slinging salt into your car's grill, into the wheel's break area, or chipping the paint on your cars. It also keeps the mirrors from being damaged.

So, to ensure a quicker response from snow plows, and eliminate the chance of your street not being plowed, please move all parked cars off city streets during snow removal operations.

Important Information about Salt Usage from MSD

MSD has asked residents to remember that road salt which contains chloride does more than melt snow and ice; it can negatively impact local lakes and rivers as well. As snow and ice melt, they drain into landscaped areas or storm sewers, and then to natural bodies of water. **What can we do to help?**

- ☐ Shovel (or use a snow blower) before you use any product; never put a deicing product on top of snow.
- ☐ Adopt the "Just Enough" principle, putting down just enough product to keep high traffic areas clear of ice.

- ☐ Sweep up un-dissolved product after a storm is over for reuse.
- ☐ Consider switching to a non-chloride deicer.
- ☐ Support changes by your municipality to minimize salt usage.
- ☐ Talk with your neighbors about appropriate salt usage.

City of Oakland Public Notice of Municipal Election and Candidate Filing Dates

Notice is given that a general nonpartisan election shall be held in the City of Oakland, MO, on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, for the duly qualified electors of the City to select two Aldermen, one from each ward, for two-year terms of office each. Filing for said offices shall open at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 17, 2019 and Declarations of Candidacy shall be received by the St. Louis County Board of Elections at 725 Northwest Plaza Drive, St. Louis, MO 63074 on a first come, first served basis, until filing closes at 5:00 p.m., January 21, 2020. Names of candidates shall be listed on the ballot in the order in which they are filed, except that for the first day of filing a lottery will be conducted to determine ballot placement.

Qualifications: For the Office of Alderman, persons shall be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the City for 1 year preceding the election, and a resident of the ward from which elected at the time of filing. A Ward Map showing current Ward boundaries is on the City website for your convenience.

Meeting Dates

Board of Aldermen-

2nd Monday of month

7p.m.

Webster Groves Christian Church

Historical Preservation Commission-

4th Monday of month

7p.m.

Henry Hough School

Board of Adjustment-

As Needed

Plan Commission-

As Needed

Please contact the City if you are interested in serving on any of these Boards or Commissions!

Recycle Often and Recycle Right!

Through advances in recycling technology, you have more options than ever. And it's a good thing because we need to conserve as much of our resources as possible.

Do you think of your empty soda cans and food cans as a natural resource? They are! Americans currently discard about 2.7 million tons of aluminum each year. Of that, about 50 percent is recycled. Apart from the economic impact, the environmental savings of recycling metal are enormous. Recycling steel and tin cans, for example, saves 74% of the energy used to produce them.

On average, Americans drink one beverage from an aluminum can every day. But we recycle just over 49% of the cans we use. Since the cans are 100% recyclable, we could drastically reduce the energy needed to produce brand new cans simply by recycling our empties. An aluminum can is able to be returned to the shelf, as a new can, as quickly as 60 days after it's put into your recycling container.

Recycling aluminum cans is just one example. Recycling just one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a television for three hours. How does it work? Check out the lifecycle of a Recycled Can from our friends at Waste Management:

A Day in the Life of a Recycled Can:

- 1) Customer puts a clean can into a recycling bin.
- 2) The can is transported to a processing facility.
- 3) A giant magnet lifts out cans that are made of metals such as steel. Since aluminum cans aren't magnetic, they drop down to a conveyor belt and are gathered.
- 4) The aluminum is shredded, washed and turned into aluminum chips.
- 5) The chips are melted in a large furnace.
- 6) The melted aluminum is poured into molds called "ingots."
- 7) The ingots are taken to a factory where they're melted into rolls of thin, flat sheets.
- 8) From the sheets, manufacturers make new products, including new beverage cans, pie pans, license plate frames, and aluminum foil.

- 9) Beverage companies fill the cans and deliver them to grocery stores for customers to purchase.
- 10) Customers take used cans to a recycling center and the process starts all over again.

Waste Management encourages all residents to Recycle Often and Recycle Right by following three key rules:

Recycle all empty bottles, cans, cardboard and paper.

Keep foods and liquids out of recycling.

Never put plastic bags or bagged recyclables in the recycling bins.

*For more information on how to
Recycle Right, visit
RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com
or the City website
OaklandMo.org
for more information!*