

The Oakland Commuter  
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# OAKLAND COMMUTER

## CITY PICNIC OCTOBER 5, 2024!

### Mark Your Calendar

**City Picnic**  
Saturday, October 5  
12-3 p.m. Loewnau

### Other Meeting Dates

**Board of Aldermen-**  
3rd Wednesday of month  
7 p.m. (typically)  
Oakland/Glendale Court  
Room at 424 N.  
Sappington Road. Check  
Oaklandmo.org for  
updates.

**Board of Adjustment-**  
As needed; check  
OaklandMo.org for more  
information and any  
upcoming dates

**Plan Commission-**  
As needed; check  
OaklandMo.org for more  
information and any  
upcoming dates

**Historical Preservation  
Commission-**  
Quarterly  
7p.m.  
check OaklandMo.org for  
more information and any  
upcoming dates

### Mayor's Message

Dear Residents:

Helmut Starr, our longtime City Attorney turned City administrator the last two years has decided to retire effective August 31. Helmut was appointed City Attorney by the late former mayor Bob Schutt in May 1989. Helmut served under seven different mayors and was appointed as City Administrator in July 2022 after he retired from the practice of law. Helmut is appreciated for countless positive contributions to our city over his nearly 40 years of service to Oakland and its citizens. Helmut was known as an expert in the practice of municipal law and Oakland was fortunate to have him for so many years representing our city.

To replace Helmut, the Board has approved the appointment of former Mayor Andrew Stewart as our new City Administrator/City Clerk. Many of you know Andrew who lived in Oakland for 26 years before relocating to the city just north of us in May of 2023. Andrew was appointed interim city administrator for Glendale last fall where he helped guide them through several issues including spearheading their search for a new full-time city administrator. Andrew is a retired public-school

administrator and former teacher, and last year worked in Oakland as a part-time faculty member at Ursuline. To say he knows the city well is an understatement. We welcome him back to Oakland!

The annual Oakland picnic will be Saturday, October 5th in Lowenau Park. Once again, the Board has approved Orlando Catering to provide the food and Oakland's own Keltic Reign will be our entertainment! Join your neighbors between 12pm and 3pm for food, games for kids, and great music!

Sincerely,  
Tom Steuby, Mayor



Keltic Reign will be performing at the annual Oakland Picnic on October 5<sup>th</sup> at noon.

On the inside of *THE OAKLAND COMMUTER*:

- So Long, Farewell, and THANK YOU to...Helmut Starr for more than 35 years of service to Oakland!
- Welcome back to Oakland... Andrew Stewart!
- City Picnic featuring Oakland's own Keltic Rhein on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>
- Welcome to Oakland...new inspector and jack-of-all-duties, Brandon Trusty!
- New Code Enforcement agreement with Glendale
- Map of Oakland (FYI: Ward 1 is west of Sappington & Ward 2 is east of Sappington)

## New Code Official

The Board of Aldermen at its September meeting approved an agreement with the City of Glendale to contract for Ordinance Enforcement services. Retired St. Louis County officer Mike Slaughter will be our new Code Enforcement Officer. He is a part-time code official in Glendale and works out of the Glendale Police Department. His job will be to primarily ensure that city property maintenance, nuisance and other codes are enforced fairly and resolved within a reasonable time frame. Code enforcement in Oakland operates on a “complaint driven” basis where compliance is the primary goal. Any questions or issues please email: [cityhall@oaklandmo.org](mailto:cityhall@oaklandmo.org)

## Refuse Collection

Oakland contracted with Meridian Waste for trash, recycling, and yard waste. If you need to contact them for a missed pickup or for a special bulk pickup, they can be reached at 314-291-3131.

All pickups occur on Fridays unless it's a holiday week when pickups will move to Saturdays. Please visit the city's website for more information during those holiday periods.

## Directory

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**Police & Fire**  
**Non-Emergency**  
**822-5858**  
**Emergency 911**

## Welcome, Brandon Trusty!

The Board of Aldermen approved the hiring of Brandon Trusty in one of the most important positions in Oakland! His position of being the “Oakland Inspector” will encompass a myriad of odd jobs that he will perform on a regular basis including, but not limited to, fence inspections, sewer lateral inspections, street sign installation, trash collection in parks, cold patch pothole repair, brush removal, and helping set up community events such as the annual picnic. Brandon is excited to get started and meet the citizens of Oakland. Please welcome him if you see him!

## Snow Removal

Oakland will contract with Bluegrass Lawn & Snow Management again this winter. They took over the contract last winter. If snow is predicted, please try and park cars in driveways wherever possible to keep the streets clear for plowing.

## Sewer Lateral Repair Program

The City of Oakland offers residents a Sewer Lateral Repair Program. If you think you have a collapsed pipe (not just tree roots), contact a plumber and have the line cabled at your expense. Once you have received the video, contact City Inspector Brandon Trusty. He will review the video 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 the voucher is approved at the next monthly Board of Aldermen meeting.

## Building Permits

A reminder that a permit is required for most building projects. Initial plan review is completed by Oakland and then inspections are completed by St. Louis County. If you happen to live in a floodplain or floodway, additional permits may be required. Please contact [cityhall@oaklandmo.org](mailto:cityhall@oaklandmo.org) with questions.



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