

# OAKLAND COMMUTER

## Election Dates

### Election Day

Tuesday, April 2

## Garage Sale Dates

### Deadline to Register

Wednesday, May 8

### Annual City Sale Date

Saturday, May 18

## Refuse Dates

### Yard Waste Pick-Up

Resumed March 5

## Street Sweeping

### Street Sweeping Date

Wednesday, April 15

### Alternate Rain Date

Thursday, April 17

## Other Meeting Dates

### Board of Aldermen-

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of month

7p.m.

Webster Groves Christian Church

### Board of Adjustment-

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month

7 p.m. (as needed)

Henry Hough School

### Plan Commission-

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month

7p.m. (as needed)

Henry Hough School

### Historical Preservation

#### Commission-

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of month

7p.m.

Henry Hough School

## INFORMATION

This April, the voters of St. Louis City and County will be asked to increase funding to protect natural areas and wildlife habitat, improve local parks and trails, as well as increase safety and accessibility at the Gateway Arch. The Safe and Accessible Arch and Public Parks Initiative on the April 2, 2013 ballot asks voters to consider increasing the sales tax by 3/16 of one cent. This is less than 2 cents on a \$10 purchase with exemptions for food and prescription drugs.

The funds from the measure would be used to: Provide more funds for municipal and county park improvements, maintenance and safety; preserve natural areas and improve local trails for walking, jogging and biking; increase safety and security across the Gateway Arch grounds; and increase accessibility allowing visitors with disabilities, families with young children and the elderly easier and safer access to the Arch grounds and the Mississippi riverfront.

If approved, each year, a total of \$31.4 million of additional revenue will be available for parks, trails, and improvement of the Arch grounds. In St. Louis County, an additional \$6 million would be available annually for county park improvements and an additional \$4 million would be available to improve municipal parks.

Since 2000, the City of Oakland has received more than \$150,089 in funding for park projects from the existing regional park and trail improvement program. Municipal parks in St. Louis

County have already received \$33.2 million since the existing program was approved by the voters in 2000. If the Safe and Accessible Arch and Public Parks Initiative is approved by voters, municipalities like Oakland can expect future funding for city parks.

If approved by the voters in April, it is estimated by Development Strategies, a local economic impact consultant, that the initiative will create 530 construction jobs across the region each year for three years, in addition to 4,400 permanent jobs for each year thereafter.

The initiative mandates accountability measures to ensure that funds are used as intended by the initiative. There will be full public disclosure of how the funds are spent through an independent annual audit. These funds are restricted and can only be used for park purposes. A capital improvements plan has been adopted by Great Rivers Greenway that spells out in detail exactly how funds will be used for the Arch grounds and park and trail improvements. The tax increase would not be permanent and would only be in effect for 20 years unless voters agreed to reauthorize it.

## Directory

*Paul Marti*

*Mayor*

*822-7460*

*105 Minturn Avenue*

*Jim Hensley*

*Alderman-Ward 1*

*835-0660*

## PROPOSITION P

835 Westwood Pl.

Tom Steuby  
Alderman-Ward 1  
822-4642  
819 Melshire

Mike Godsy  
Alderman-Ward 2  
221-7073  
1005 Oakland

Andrew Stewart  
Alderman-Ward 2  
821-8927  
901 Woodleigh Cove

Deborah LeMoine  
City Administrator  
416-0026

Donna Tharp  
Court Clerk  
842-0778

Greg Hanser  
Building Inspector  
Code Compliance  
Official  
420-7481

Waste Management  
314-506-4700

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

#### **Yard Waste, Refuse and Trash Collection**

Remember that there is more to be recycled than just glass bottles! Paper, cardboard and

other recyclable materials can be combined in your recycling bin. Remember that yard waste pick up also resumed again this month. Questions about waste services, special services or missed pick-ups may be directed to the customer service center at Waste Management at 314-506-4700

#### **Food Drive for Military Families**

Oakland residents are invited to participate in a food drive (peanut butter and jelly, cereal, pasta, mac and cheese, etc.) to assist military families. The drive, sponsored by the Jefferson Barracks Food Pantry, will take place Saturday, April 6 from 9a.m.-2p.m. at the Alpine Shop parking lot at 440 N. Kirkwood Road. Please avoid glass containers and remember baby items, cleaning supplies and paper products are also needed.

#### **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.

#### **City Garage Sale**

Clean out your closets and get ready for the Annual City Garage Sale on May 18 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The City will advertise in the local papers and City bulletin boards. If you want your address listed as participating, let us know by May 8. Residents are also encouraged to draw attention to sales with signs or balloons on the day of the sale. To be added to the list of homes participating in the sale, just contact [oaklandcityhall@sbcglobal.net](mailto:oaklandcityhall@sbcglobal.net).

#### **Permits Required in Oakland**

Just a spring reminder to all residents in Oakland, the City requires permits to be issued for projects in the City and our own City staff review the permit applications and perform inspections. You can go to our website at [www.oaklandmo.org](http://www.oaklandmo.org) or call our Code Enforcement Officer Greg Hanser at 420-7481 for information. Failing to obtain a permit before the project starts may lead to fines and penalties. Repeat offenses may lead to even higher fines and penalties. We are trying to assure that all projects within the city limits of Oakland meet code and will keep our community housing up to the highest values.

#### **City Street Sweeping**

Our spring street sweeping is scheduled for April 15, please remember to keep cars off the street that day. Signs will be posted as a reminder. Please also remember not to blow or rake leaves or yard waste into the street, as equipment is not designed for leaf pick-up. Yard waste is picked up by Waste Management as a part of City trash service.



## ***KITCHEN FIRE SAFETY ALERT***

Your Kirkwood/Oakland Fire Department wants you to know that the kitchen can be one of the most hazardous rooms in the house if you don't practice safe cooking behaviors. In the past several months the fire department has responded to several cooking fires that resulted in serious injuries. Cooking equipment, most often a range or stovetop, is the leading cause of reported home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Due to these recent incidents involving residents suffering burns in cooking fires, the fire department would like to remind you of some Kitchen Safety Rules.

### **Safe Cooking Behaviors**

- ☐ The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- ☐ If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.
- ☐ Keep anything that can catch fire - potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, towels, or curtains - away from your stovetop.
- ☐ Wear short, close-fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. ***Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and catch fire if it comes into contact with a gas flame or electric burner.***

### **If You Do Have a Cooking Fire**

- ❖ In case of an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to prevent flames from burning you or your clothing. Call 9-1-1 after you leave the residence.
- ❖ If you have a fire in your microwave oven, turn it off immediately and keep the door closed. Never open the door until the fire is completely out. Unplug the appliance if you can safely reach the outlet. Call 9-1-1 after you leave the residence.
- ❖ When in doubt, just get out. When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire. Call 9-1-1 after you leave the residence.
- ❖ If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop and roll. Stop, drop to the ground and cover your face with your hands. Roll over and over or back and forth to put out the fire. Immediately cool the burn with cool water for 3 to 5 minutes and cover with a clean, dry cloth. Don't apply creams, ointments, sprays or other home remedies. Call 9-1-1.

***Please call the Kirkwood/Oakland Fire Department at 314-822-5883 If you have any questions or concerns***

## **SUMMER SWIM SEASON INFORMATION!**

**The Kirkwood Recreation Station Aquatic Center** is open to Oakland Residents and offers a host of activities for swimmers of all ages! For information on scholarships, rentals, classes, special events or swim and dive teams call 822-5856 or see [www.kirkwoodmo.org/content/1855/aquatic-center.aspx](http://www.kirkwoodmo.org/content/1855/aquatic-center.aspx)

**Hours: Sat. 5/25-Mon. 8/19 Weekdays Noon-7:30 p.m.; Weekends 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Holidays 10 a.m.-6 p.m.**

**Special Hours: Tue. 8/20-Mon. 9/2 Weekdays 4-7:30 p.m. (Lap Pool, Family Pool & Slides Open)**

**Weekends 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Labor Day 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (All Pools Open)**

<b>Daily Admission:</b>	Youth (4-17)*	Adult (18 & Up)	Sr Citizen (65+)
Resident	\$4	\$5	\$4
Guest of Resident	\$6	\$7	\$

<b>Season Passes:</b>	(4-17)	(18-64)	Family of 3	Add'l Family Member	Sr Cit (65+)	Nanny Pass
Resident	\$80	\$95	\$210	\$20	\$80	\$75

**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. ID cards are \$5 each, both for originals and replacements, and are good for up to three years. In order to obtain an ID card, each purchaser, 16 and over, must present a valid and current Missouri Driver's License (or State of Missouri ID card), showing resident address and a current utility bill (gas, water, electric, or phone), 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 above. 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.