



OAKLAND COMMUTER

CITY PICNIC OCTOBER 24, 2009!

Mark Your Calendar

CITY PICNIC

Saturday, October 24
Noon to 4:00 p.m.
Loewnau Park

STREET SWEEPING

Tuesday, October 20
Rain Date:
Wednesday, October 21

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 Residents:

Voters countywide will face Proposition E911 on the November 3 ballot. Proposition E911 would provide funding to improve emergency communications throughout St. Louis County through a one-tenth of one cent sales tax. Similar measures have been passed by voters in St. Charles and Jefferson counties as public safety agencies work to meet new FCC requirements for emergency communications.

St. Louis County's Proposition E911 focuses directly on improving the most critical emergency communications that affect citizens. There are 65 police departments and 43 fire agencies in St. Louis County, plus St. Louis County Police. These emergency response agencies cannot now effectively communicate with one another. While each entity could invest local taxpayer dollars in new radios to meet the FCC requirements, such systems would still be incompatible, they still would not be able to trace emergency cell phone calls and the county siren system would still be unreliable. The Emergency Communication Commission has indicated that by working countywide and buying radio systems on a countywide basis, the

result would be a more cost-effective system that is fully compatible, facilitating the coordination of mutual aid and emergency services in times of need.

Cordially,
Paul Marti,
Mayor, City of Oakland

Recycling Carts Coming Soon!

Thanks to a grant from the St. Louis County Department of Health, new recycling carts should be arriving in Oakland late in October or November. The green carts with an Oakland logo will hold 64 gallons of recycling and will be delivered to residents by Waste Management. Recycling collected in the new containers will continue to be picked up as a part of routine city service.

Some tips for effective recycling include: rinse containers; include caps, lids and labels with containers; don't include containers for motor oil, insecticide, herbicide or other hazardous chemicals; don't include plastic bags (return these to the grocery store when you can); no #6 plastics which are typically found in Styrofoam or polystyrene are allowed; no paper towels, tissues or wipes can be recycled. Items that can be recycled include: plastic containers, buckets, bottles

and milk jugs; steel and tin cans; glass bottles and jars of any color; milk and juice cartons along with their caps and lids; newspapers; cardboard; brown paper bags; computer paper; junk mail (even with plastic windows); carrier stock (such as drink carrying cases); boxes for foods such as cereal or cake mix; paperback books, magazines, catalogs and telephone books.

A plastic bottle can remain in a landfill for 100 to 1,000 years, but for every ton of plastic that is recycled, we save the equivalent of two people's energy use for one year, the amount of water used by one person in two month's time, and almost two thousand pounds of oil! The City encourages residents to take advantage of the ease of the new carts and recycle whenever possible for a cleaner city and a greener planet! See the enclosed flyer for reminders about what to recycle each week.

Directory

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Mayor
822-7460
105 Minturn Avenue

Maureen Graves
Alderman-Ward 1
965-1767
75 Fortune Lane

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

Chris Graville
Alderman-Ward 2
636-359-4126 (cell)
103 N. Sappington

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. For questions about refuse collection or to report a missed pick-up of refuse, yard waste or recycling, call Waste Management at 506-4700.

Holmes Avenue Improvements

Thanks to a federal grant received by the Cities of Oakland and Kirkwood, Holmes Avenue is slated for major improvements in 2010. The scope of the project will include the replacement (but not the widening) of the existing street with new curbs and gutters, new four-foot wide sidewalks, crosswalks, chicanes (small traffic islands) to slow traffic, some new drainage features and pedestrian street lighting. The scope of the project does not include widening the street or installing a bike path. The street right of way will remain at its current width. The cities are working with an engineering firm and MODOT on the details of the project, and it is hoped that construction might begin in the spring of 2010. While Homes is under construction one lane of traffic will remain open for vehicles, and

residents along Holmes Avenue will have advance notice when work is being done on or near their driveways. The Holmes project will greatly enhance our entire community when completed, and will benefit all the residents of the City. We look forward to working with residents, MODOT and the City's engineers and contractors to make the construction as easy as possible for everyone involved!

OAKLAND CITY PICNIC!!

The City's annual picnic will take place on Saturday, October 24 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at Loewnau Park. There will be great barbeque, music, and activities for the kids. Back by popular demand will be the giant inflatable obstacle course, the face painters and the balloon artists! There will be kettle corn made on site for all residents, and visits from our local police and fire departments. We will also have information from our local library and a celebration of Arbor Day in the City. All citizens are invited to participate in this fun outdoor festival!

Fight the Flu!

The St. Louis County Department of Health has advised residents that they may protect themselves from the flu with these simple steps: get a seasonal flu shot each year; wash hands frequently with soap and water; use anti-bacterial hand sanitizers if soap and water are not available; stay home if you have a fever; cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or the crook of your arm; throw away used tissues and wash your hands after coughing or sneezing; don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth; and clean common surfaces like doorknobs, phones and shopping cart handles. The City wants you to stay healthy this winter!

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.

Request for Old Photographs

The Oakland Historic Preservation Commission is interested in any old photographs of Oakland houses, stores, streets, families, etc. We will scan the items of interest and return them to the owners. We have been asked for photographs of particular residences and couldn't be of help. It would be nice to have such a resource on file. If you are willing to make photographs available, please contact the City at oaklandcityhall@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!

Congratulations to Mayor Marti!

On October 3, Mayor Marti was inducted into the Webster School District Wall of Fame for his many accomplishments as an architect and community servant. On September 14, the Missouri House of

Representatives issued a proclamation congratulating him on this award. Congratulations Mayor Marti!