



# OAKLAND COMMUTER

## CITY PICNIC OCTOBER 18, 2008

### Mark Your Calendar

**PUBLIC FORUM FOR  
PARK DESIGN GRANT  
CITIZEN INPUT NEEDED**  
Monday, October 13  
7:30 p.m. Webster Groves  
Christian Church

**PUBLIC FORUM ON  
HOLMES  
RECONSTRUCTION**  
Tuesday, October 21  
6:00 p.m. Kirkwood  
Community Center

**City Picnic**  
Saturday, October 18  
12-4 p.m. Loewnau

### Other Meeting Dates

**Board of Aldermen-**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of month  
7 p.m. (7:30 on 10/13)  
Webster Groves Christian  
Church

**Board of Adjustment-**  
1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of  
month 7 p.m. (as needed)  
Henry Hough School

**Plan Commission-**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month  
7 p.m. (as needed)  
Henry Hough School

**Historical Preservation Commission-**  
4<sup>th</sup> Monday of month  
7p.m.  
Henry Hough School

**Tree & Landscape Committee-**  
Bi-annually (as needed)

### Mayor's Message

Dear Resident:

The date for the City's annual fall picnic has been changed to October 18 at Loewnau Park. The park is at Oakland Avenue and Sappington Road, and the time is noon to 4:00 p.m. All Oakland residents are invited for a barbeque lunch, complete with cookies, live music and balloons. There will be face painters and inflatable challenges for the kids. We hope to see you all there!

Many of you have gotten to know Kathy Yahl, our City Administrator, over the past few years. I am sorry to inform you that Kathy has resigned to accept another civic position in the St. Louis area. As your mayor, I have greatly benefited from Kathy's aggressive, knowledgeable, and always cheerful help. She was instrumental in putting together many of the required and

special projects that Oakland has accomplished.

We are pleased to introduce you to our interim City Administrator, Deborah LeMoine. Deborah has been Oakland's Prosecuting Attorney for some time now, so she is very familiar with the way our city operates. She has spent several days reviewing City operations with Kathy Yahl and is enthusiastic about running the many day to day operations of the City. I'm sure that you will find her receptive to the needs of Oakland residents. She may be reached at the City's existing phone number (416-0026), fax number (416-0027) or at: [oaklandcityhall@sbcglobal.net](mailto:oaklandcityhall@sbcglobal.net).

The Mayor and Board of Alderman join you in wishing Kathy our deepest thanks and best wishes in her new position.

Sincerely,  
Paul Marti, Mayor

### Invitation to Public Forums

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Oakland will hold a Public Forum on Monday, October 13, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Webster Groves Christian Church, 1320 Lockwood Blvd, Oakland, MO 63122 to

allow citizen input in the review of final master plan recommendations for park areas and green spaces, as well as sketch concepts and cost opinions designed to help the City plan for how grant and budget funds will be used in the future to improve park areas and green spaces. This work has been done as part of a planning grant from the St. Louis County Park Grant Commission.

The Cities of Oakland and Kirkwood will hold a joint Public Forum on Tuesday, October 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the Kirkwood Community Center to review plans for the reconstruction of Holmes Avenue. The proposed improvements to Holmes Avenue consist of reconstruction of the roadway and sidewalks along with the installation of concrete curb and storm sewers as necessary. Design plans will be available for citizen review and the project engineer will be available to answer questions and receive citizen input. This work is being done with the assistance of a federal grant alongside funds from both the Cities of Oakland and Kirkwood.

### Refuse Collection

To arrange for bulk or appliance pickups, call IESI directly at 636-321-2100.

## Directory

*Paul Marti*  
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**

## Important Websites

For information on Oakland, please check out our website at:

[www.oaklandmo.org](http://www.oaklandmo.org)

To find out about surrounding businesses see the Chamber of Commerce website at:

[www.thechamber.us](http://www.thechamber.us)

## Appointed Commission Members

If you are interested in becoming a member of a Board or Commission, please contact Mayor Paul Marti at 822-7460. Our current appointees are as follows:

### Board of Adjustment

Mike Burke, 918 Woodleigh Cove

Bob Pugh, 4 Westwood Forest  
Mike Godsey, 1005 Oakland  
David Hauck, 6 Harwood Lane  
Kevin Weber, 7 Schultz  
Jon Benedicktus, 842 Westwood Place

### Planning & Zoning

George Hensley, 9 Hawthorne Court  
Barbara Ruck, 705 Liggett  
Jim Hensley, 835 Westwood Place  
Ray Schwegmann, 105 N. Sappington  
Bill Heuer, 111 Minturn  
Bill Sheridan, 1011 Oakland

### Historic Preservation

Mark & Sue Bolten, 809 E. Monroe  
Tim Staed, 832 Westwood Place  
Jean Ann Funk, 3 Harwood Lane  
Tom Monsees, 920 Singlepath Lane  
Sharon Schertel, 801 S. Berry Road

### Long Range Plan Committee

Larry Wilfong, 410 Lennore  
Jim Hensley, 835 Westwood Place  
Todd Thrasher, 1023 W. Frisco  
Joel Shaw, 917 Trellis  
Chuck Betz, 15 Westwood Forest  
Mayor Paul Marti  
Alderman Andrew Stewart  
Alderman Craig Bach

## Fall Festivals

There are a number of fall festivals for residents to enjoy this season. The Oakland City Picnic will take place on October 18 at Loewnau Park from noon to four and will feature a huge inflatable obstacle course for the kids, a bouncer for toddlers, and great food and live music for all ages. There will be balloon sculpting clowns and face painters throughout the event. We will also celebrate Arbor Day. We hope to see you there! Ursuline Academy will celebrate their 160<sup>th</sup> year with a Fall Festival and Arts and Crafts Show on Sunday October 5, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Enjoy arts and crafts, roast beef, chicken kabobs and other great food along with a pumpkin patch, entertainment and more! More fun is available at the North Glendale Elementary School PTO Fun Fair on Saturday, October 11 from 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Enjoy!

## Flood Damage?

St. Louis County is developing a list of all homes and businesses that sustained damage in the heavy rains following Ike the weekend of September 14. If you had damage to the actual structure and/or contents of your home (not your yard) please send your name, address, phone number, and brief description of the damage sustained to [oaklandcityhall@sbcglobe.net](mailto:oaklandcityhall@sbcglobe.net) or leave a message at 416-0026. Some state and/or federal Emergency Assistance funds may ultimately be available.

### **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 the voucher is approved at the next monthly Board of Aldermen meeting.

### **Invitation from the Library**

The Kirkwood Public Library invites Oakland residents to visit. Food and drink are allowed throughout the building. The collection includes multiple copies of best-sellers; the largest selection of foreign films in the St. Louis area; a large collection of DVDs and music CDs; books on tape in all formats—and of course plenty of books. Additional services include: wireless access to the Internet, public access computers and classes, voter registration, used book recycling and more! Of course, remember to visit our own Oak Bend branch as well.