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APRIL 2nd MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Here Are This Year's Candidates For Your City Council



*Penny Degardin
3414 Ginger*

WARD I

Mrs. Degardin was a Councilmember for the City of St. John from 2002 – 2014. Her service ended due to term limits. As a Councilmember she was active in many committees, including: budget, code review, human rights commission, park board, tax increment financing and planning & zoning. Mrs. Degardin has been active in the Ritenour School District and community for many years. She served three years on Ritenour's calendar committee and was a member of the inaugural Operation Graduation Committee at Ritenour High School from 1991-1995. She is serving her fourth term on the Ritenour Board of Education. A 1969 Ritenour High School graduate and lifelong resident. She is a retired secretary, having worked for 24 years for Stewart, Schaber and Turner Architects.

WARD II

Time in St John - Moved to St John in 2011
Family - Son Paxton
Education - BS Civil Engineering from University of Missouri - Columbia
Employment - Green Son Improvements
Public service – Current Chairman of St. John's Planning and Zoning Board



*Brian Toler
3323 Marshall*

Brian grew up in Jefferson City and graduated from Jefferson City High School. He graduated from the University of Missouri - Columbia in 2004 and moved to St. Louis to do commercial land development design for a local engineering firm. Brian left engineering to pursue various endeavors before returning to St. Louis in 2009 to start Green Son Improvements contracting. Brian currently purchases "as is" properties and restores them. In his sparetime Brian enjoys spending time with his son and working around his shop.

THE CITY OF ST. JOHN'S SENIOR PROGRAM IS STARTING BACK UP

The City Council would like to start the Senior Citizen Program back up and make it bigger & better with a "Meet & Greet".

Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month. This program is for St. John residents 60 and older. In order to make this work for everyone, we'd like for people to start thinking about what they'd like in a senior program and bring your input to the first breakfast meeting. It was originally going to be held on March 13, 2024 but due to a conflict, it will now be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 10:00 am in the cafeteria level of the St. John Municipal Center. The main entrance is on the back side of the building off the parking lot. Not able to be at the first meeting? That's ok. You can e-mail Mayor Halaska at thalaska@cityofstjohn.org with your thoughts and then to the next meeting. An RSVP would be appreciated if you plan on attending so that we know how many to plan for. To sign up, please call The City of St. John at (314) 427-8700, #3 on the greeting menu.

We Hope To See You There!!

REGISTERING TO VOTE IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY

Registering to vote in St. Louis County is very easy. There are numerous registration sites available throughout St. Louis County for those eligible to register to vote. The additional sites are made available in an effort to accommodate individuals who are unable to go directly to the St. Louis County Election Board Offices. These sites include some city halls, libraries and schools in addition to Special School District facilities, local branches of the Junior College District, Universities and Colleges, and various businesses, union halls and churches within St. Louis County.

State election laws also provide for registration by mail, at all State Department of Motor Vehicle Registration Offices and State Offices providing public assistance while conducting other official business at their establishment.

To register to vote in St. Louis County, a person must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Must be 17 ½ years of age (18 years old by Election Day)
- Be a resident of St. Louis County

Please contact the Election Board for any additional registration information by calling 314-615-1800

A Reminder About Political Campaign Signs

Since there is a mid-term election in November this is a good time to remind residents about the guidelines regarding political campaign signs. This type of sign does not require a permit but there are some rules regarding its placement

1. Political campaign signs may announce the candidate for office or the issues on the ballot or other pertinent matters.
2. This type of sign may not exceed four (4) square feet in total area and may not be over five feet in height.
3. The total number of signs each residence or business may place cannot exceed sixteen (16) square feet. That means if you would set out a typical sized campaign sign (1 ½' x 2' or 3 square feet) you could set out five of them.
4. Political campaign signs may be placed on private property with the property owner's permission only, and they must be placed at least ten (10) feet from the street. Remember: you cannot place signs in the public right-of-way. Signs placed on the Rock Road, Woodson Road, in the public parks, etc. will be removed.
5. Finally, all political campaign signs must be removed within three (3) days after the election.

The challenge for City Staff is election day because that is when everyone wants to place their signs around the polling places (the Baptist Church, City Hall, and Marvin Elementary). We routinely patrol these polling places on election day to make sure that there are no campaign signs too close to the polling place or in the right-of-way.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



SENIOR CITIZEN UTILITY TAX REBATE FOR 2023 February 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024

Utility tax rebates for the year 2023 will be issued February 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024. The rebate is \$30.00 per household.

In order to qualify for this rebate, residents must:

- 1) Have turned sixty-five (65) years of age or older at some point during the year 2023;
- 2) Currently reside in the City and have previously resided in the City for the entire calendar year of 2023;
- 3) Apply at the City for a rebate on 2023's taxes.

Qualified residents need to provide the following documentation to the City Hall in order to collect the rebate:

- 1) Picture identification;
- 2) Identification showing current address and date of birth;
- 3) One utility bill for January 2023 and one bill for December 2023 reflecting the address which they reside at and are requesting the rebate for.

If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 427-8700, ext. #3.

SPRING CLEAN UP April 22nd through the 26th

This year the week of April 22nd through the 26th is designated Spring Clean-Up Week. Republic Service's drivers know that in addition to the pick-up of your regular trash, they are to pick up the extra items you may want to set out on your regular pick up day. You do not have to call for the bulky items; you can just put them out. Here are the guidelines for the items you may set out during Spring Cleanup:

Acceptable Items:

- Furniture
- Couches, chairs, dressers, tables, bookshelves, desks, headboards, etc.
- Mattress sets
- Large carpets (cut into bundles no longer than 4ft in length and not to exceed 50lbs. Must be tied with string/twine)
- Glass portions of doors, windows, etc. NOTE: These must be broken down and placed into a small box marked "glass"
- All nails/staples or anything sharp that is exposed must be removed to prevent injury to you and the collector

Items not included in Spring Cleanup:

- Construction debris of any kind
- Shingles, drywall, vinyl siding, molding/trim, fencing, kitchen cabinets, etc.
- Loose trash
- Concrete
- Tires
- Lead/oil-based paint, varnish
- Batteries
- Yard waste
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Any other items identified as hazardous waste
- Electronic Waste – Televisions, computer monitors/accessories, DVD/VCR players, etc. Contact customer service at (636) 947-5959 to schedule and pre-pay for an electronic waste removal or visit stlouisco.com for a list of e-waste drives and licensed electronic recyclers.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

The City of St. John's Annual Rabies Clinic

Veterinarians from Rock Road Animal Hospital will be offering vaccinations for dogs and cats at a reduced rate on Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm.



The Clinic will be held on the lower level of the Public Works Garage, located at 8920 Bristol Avenue (behind City Hall). St. John Animal Licenses will also be available at the clinic for \$2.00 each for spayed/neutered animals and \$20.00 for unaltered animals. Cash or Checks are acceptable. No credit cards. As a reminder licenses are due by May 1st and must be renewed annually for all pets 6 months of age and older. Here is this year's pricing:

DOGS

Rabies Vaccination - \$18.00
DHLPP - \$ 35.00
Altered County Tag - \$ 9.00
Non-altered County Tag - \$17.00
St. Charles Tag - \$ 6.00

CATS

Rabies Vaccination - \$18.00
FVRCP - \$25.00
Feline Leukemia - \$ 22.00
Altered County Tag - \$ 9.00
Non-altered County Tag - \$17.00
St. Charles Tag - \$ 6.00

National Drug Take Back Saturday, April 27, 2024



The next National Drug Take Back Event will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 10:00am – 2:00pm at the St. John Municipal Center, 8944 St. Charles Rock Road, City Hall Lobby.

This is a collaborative effort with state and local law enforcement agencies focused on removing potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation's medicine cabinets. This national take-back day will provide a unified opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction and will bring national focus to the issue of pharmaceutical drug abuse.

These DEA Take Back Days are about educating people about the importance of a safe way to dispose any unwanted, unused or expired prescription medications in their home.

The program provides an opportunity for law enforcement, prevention, treatment and business communities to collaborate and establish a safe collection site for all Americans, regardless of where they reside.

ITEMS THAT WE CANNOT TAKE INCLUDE:

NEEDLES
INHALERS
LIQUIDS

If you are unable to attend this event, but have items you wish to dispose of, you can bring them up to the police department during normal business hours of 8 am to 5 pm, Monday thru Friday (excluding holidays).

Did You Know...

For your safety, building permits are required for any construction on residential and commercial properties. If you're considering any new additions, renovations, repairs, etc., please contact City Hall and talk to the building inspector before you start the project. He will be able to tell you if a permit is required for the project you are intending to do. Not getting a permit for a project that does require a permit can be very costly in the long run.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE May 6 ANNUAL CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES

Schedule is configured around Republic Services' trash pick up times and are based on zones.

Zone 1

MONDAY OF THE FIRST FULL WEEK OF EACH MONTH

Hume, Hilleman (off of Hume), Walton, Ridgeway, Kincaid, Endicott, Renz, Melody, Betty Lee, Ramona, Connor, Outerbelt Ct, and Wood.

Zone 2

TUESDAY OF THE FIRST FULL WEEK OF EACH MONTH

Havenbrook, Belhaven, Belcrest, Hagner, Ardelia, Moran, Hilleman (between North & Ardelia), North Ave (between McKibbon and Valleywood), Ginger, Loyd, Markdale, Valleywood, Norman, Debbie Ct, Engler, Hilleman (off of Engler), Thomas, Kitchell Ct, Chaney Ct, Rosalind, Madeline, and Engler Park Ct.

Zone 3

WILL BE SWEPT ON WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST FULL WEEK OF EACH MONTH.

Zone 3 is comprised of of: St. Charles Ln., Eminence, Charlack, Roy, Lindscott, Janet Ct., St. Louis Ave., Rosemore, North Ave. (Brown Rd to Boswell). Patrice, Pallardy, Patrick, Herbert, McNulty (Brown to dead end in cul-de-sac), Killarney Ct. and Bobb (from Brown to Boswell).

Zone 4

THURSDAY OF THE FIRST FULL WEEK OF EACH MONTH

Bristol, Orlando, McKibbon, Crocus, David, Susan, Ezra, Mavis, Marvista, Maryknoll, Marshall, North Ave. (McKibbon to Brown), Winterowd, McNulty (Brown to Marshall), Williams Country Way, Bobb (Marshall to Brown), Harry's Ln., St. Charles Ln., Toddy, John Pl., North & South.

Zone 5

FRIDAY OF THE FIRST FULL WEEK OF EACH MONTH.

Boswell, Ritenour Ct., Gordon, Jonell Ct., Francis Ct., Frannlynn Ct., Central, Leenora, North Ave. (Woodson to Edumndson), Bobb (Brown to west City limits), Marvin, Marvin Gardens, Calvert, Dix, Joel Ct., Edmundson, Burdella, Roslan, and Edmund.

Please determine which zone you live in and on which day your street will be swept. Do not park your cars on the street on the day your street is scheduled to be swept. Do not rake leaves or grass into the street. You could be cited for illegal dumping if you deposit yard waste in the street. Street sweeping will not be completed if scheduled date falls on a holiday or inclement weather.

The dates for this year's sales are:

- East of Brown Road (including homes on the East side of Brown Road) the first & second Saturdays in June (June 1st and 8th).
- West of Brown Road (including homes on the West side of Brown Road) the third and fourth Saturdays in June (June 15th and June 22nd).

The following lists the standard information for the sale: The sales will be held on their respective Saturday from 7am - 3pm. For these days only, no garage sale permits will be required unless:

- 1) You want to hold your sale earlier than 7am or later than 3pm on the sale date(s); or
- 2) You want to hold a sale on a date other than those already set for your respective side of town.

Then, you will need to obtain a permit from City Hall provided you have not already had three sales for the year. There is no charge for the permit.

To sign up for this year's sale, you can come into City Hall, starting the week of May 1st, and sign up for your sale; you will also be able to pick up a sign for your yard while you're there if you'd like one. If you don't want a sign for your yard, you can just call City Hall and give them your name, address, phone number, date(s) of sale(s) and any specific items you want to list that might draw people to your sale. Please limit your "draw" items to just a few. This will be what is listed with your address on the printed sheets and website.

The participant lists for each sale will be cut off at 12:00 noon the Thursday prior to the sale. A printed list of all participants for that week's sale will be created and posted on the City's website on Friday for all to view/print. Printed copies of the lists will also be available at City Hall for anyone to pickup up. Advertising for the sale will be done via the City's website and flyers in City Hall. Should you have ANY questions, please do not hesitate to contact City Hall at 427-8700, #3.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

COMMUNITY E-CYCLE AND PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

The City of St. John, St. Louis County Public Health and Midwest Recycling Center PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL COMMUNITY E-CYCLE AND PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, June 15th, 2024 - 9:00 am to 12:00 noon (RAIN OR SHINE) 8920 BRISTOL AVENUE (BEHIND THE ST. JOHN MUNICIPAL CENTER) WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE AS THE DATE GETS CLOSER

LIMB CHIPPING SCHEDULE

The Limb Chipping Service will continue to run every Monday through April 22, 2024.

This service is provided to residents who need to dispose of limbs and shrubs that have been removed from their property.

LIMB CHIPPING SCHEDULE:

East Side of Town (Marshall to east City limits):

1st & 3rd Monday

West Side of Town (Marshall to west City limits): 2nd & 4th Monday

2024-2025

Holiday Schedule for Residential Routes

NEW YEAR'S DAY – MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024

Monday routes will be picked up on Tuesday, January 2
Tuesday routes will be picked up on Wednesday, January 3
Wednesday routes will be picked up on Thursday, January 4
Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, January 5
Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, January 6

MEMORIAL DAY – MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024

Monday routes will be picked up on Tuesday, May 28
Tuesday routes will be picked up on Wednesday, May 29
Wednesday routes will be picked up on Thursday, May 30
Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, May 31
Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, June 1

INDEPENDENCE DAY – THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2024

Monday routes will not be affected
Tuesday routes will not be affected
Wednesday routes will not be affected
Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, July 5
Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, July 6

LABOR DAY – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2024

Monday routes will be picked up on Tuesday, September 3
Tuesday routes will be picked up on Wednesday, September 4
Wednesday routes will be picked up on Thursday, September 5
Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, September 6
Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, September 7

THANKSGIVING DAY - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2024

Monday routes will not be affected
Tuesday routes will not be affected
Wednesday routes will not be affected
Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, November 29
Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, November 30

CHRISTMAS DAY – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2024

Monday routes will not be affected
Tuesday routes will not be affected
Wednesday routes will be picked up on Thursday, December 26
Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, December 27
Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, December 28

NEW YEAR'S DAY – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025

Monday routes will not be affected
Tuesday routes will not be affected
Wednesday routes will be picked up on Thursday, January 2
Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, January 3
Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, January 4



RECYCLE

EMPTY AND RINSE ALL CONTAINERS. DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES. DO NOT FLATTEN CONTAINERS.



PLASTICS



CARTONS



METAL



GLASS



NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINES AND BOOKS



PAPERBOARD



OFFICE PAPER AND MAIL



FLATTENED CARDBOARD

Learn more at RecyclingSimplified.com

Additional Items You DO NOT RECYCLE

- Shredded paper or other smalls items
- Flattened bottles or cans
- #7 Plastic
- Caps or lids on glass bottles or cans
- Window glass or mirrors
- Rope-like items
- Diapers or Bio-hazardous waste

For more information you can also view St. Louis County's Website at: www.recyclesaintlouis.com

The following link is to a short video explaining why the recycling industry is changing:

www.today.com/video/why-recycling-may-be-going-to-waste-in-the-us-1311532611642



"We'll handle it from here."

Keep These Out

Free Medical Waste and Needle Disposal programs are available. Never flush down the drain or throw in trash.

Single Use Items & All Styrofoam
Berry & To-Go Containers, Plastic & Paper Tableware, Wrappers, Napkins & Straws

Ceramics, Porcelain & Baking Glass
Gently used items can be donated.

Toys, Clothes & Shoes
Gently used items can be donated.

Rubber & Metal
Check for alternative recycling.

Waste & Wood
Diapers, Food, Pet & Yard Waste

Hazardous Materials
Take to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

Electronics, Batteries & Bulbs
Take to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

ST. JOHN, MO PAW FINDER

SPONSORED BY:
ST. JOHN, MO POLICE DEPARTMENT



As pet owners, we all know the heart-wrenching feeling of a beloved furry friend getting loose. It's a nightmare that we hope never happens, but unfortunately, it does. The good news is that there's a new Facebook page in our community that aims to reunite lost pets with their owners.

The St. John Police Department has sponsored a Facebook page that's dedicated to helping pet owners in the area find their lost pets. The page is called "St. John, MO Paw Finders" and it's a place where pet owners can post information about their lost pets, including pictures and descriptions.

One of the best things about this Facebook page is that it's free to use. There's no need to pay for expensive ads or flyers. You can simply post a picture and a description of your lost pet and wait for someone to respond. The page is also monitored by the Police Department and Animal Control and who will help you with your search.

The Facebook page is not just for lost pets, but also for found pets. If you find a lost pet in your neighborhood, you can post a picture and a description of the pet on the page. This will help the pet's owner to find their furry friend quickly. The "St. John, MO Paw Finders" Facebook page is an excellent resource for pet owners in the area. It provides a centralized location for lost and found pets, making it easier for owners to find their pets. The page is also a great way to connect with other pet owners in the community and to share information about lost or found pets.

If you're a pet owner in the area, I highly recommend that you check out the "St. John, MO Paw Finders" Facebook page. It's a great resource that could help you to find your lost pet quickly. Remember, time is of the essence when it comes to finding lost pets, so don't hesitate to post on the page if your furry friend goes missing.

In addition to the Facebook page, there are also several things that you can do to increase the chances of finding your lost pet. First, make sure that your pet has a collar with identification tags that include your name and phone number. Microchipping your pet is another great way to ensure that they can be identified if they become lost.

You should also search your neighborhood and surrounding areas for your lost pet. Ask your neighbors if they've seen your pet and check with local animal shelters and veterinary clinics.

In conclusion, losing a pet is a stressful and emotional experience, but the "St. John, MO Paw Finders" Facebook page is a great resource that can help you to find your lost pet quickly. Remember to take all necessary precautions to prevent your pet from becoming lost in the first place, but if the worst does happen, know that there is help available. Check out the "St. John, MO Paw Finders" Facebook page and let's work together to reunite lost pets with their owners in our community.

RESIDENTIAL RECREATIONAL FIRES IN FIRE PITS

Information provided by the Community Fire Protection District - Office of the Fire Marshal

Geoff Fish - Fire Marshal &
Eric Gratza - Assistant Fire Marshal

Please follow these guidelines for Recreational Fires:

- Only seasoned wood is permitted for recreational fires.
- Yard waste, construction material, treated lumber, rubber, plastics, or any other type trash is prohibited.
- Fires must be in an approved container not less than 15 feet from any structure.
- Approved containers are the Portable Fire Pits that can be purchased at Lowes, Home Depot, or other retail establishment. (example below)
- These pits must also be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- The area must be free of any other combustibles.
- Fire pits shall be clear of overhangs, such as tree branches, utility lines and structures.
- A means of extinguishment shall be available at all times.
- Fires shall not be allowed to cause smoke/odors which would constitute a public nuisance.
- Please, take into consideration your surroundings when burning, especially your neighbors.
- Fires shall be supervised at all times by a person at least 18 years of age.



Permanent Fire Pits

Permanent Pits such as the one pictured below are also allowed, and can be constructed as long as a building permit is obtained through the Fire District and your City.

**IN ST. JOHN,
YOU MUST HAVE
A FIREPROOF
SCREEN
COVERING
THE BURN PIT
ANYTIME. FIRES
ARE PRESENT.**



WORKING AS AN ELECTION JUDGE

Want To Work As A St. Louis County Election Judge?
"Serve Your Community – By Working As A St. Louis County Election Judge"



Play a big part in the upcoming April 2nd St. Louis County General Municipal Election by becoming a St Louis County Election Judge! The St. Louis County Election Board needs to staff more than 200 polling places throughout the county, and you can help.

Bi-partisan teams of Election Judges at each poll are vital to citizens exercising their right to vote. Election Judges are responsible for essential tasks such as setting up and operating voting equipment, managing the voting process by checking in voters, and securing ballots for collection at the Election Board. High school students are also needed to assist official Election Judges at the polls. Students shadow experienced judges through an innovative Student Election Judge program. Students will learn how the electoral process works and the importance of public service beginning at a young age.

Election Judges can earn at least \$250 for their service. Students can earn \$170 or 16 community service hours that many schools require for graduation.

If you do work for the upcoming April 2nd election and like it, you might want to work at the August 6th Missouri Primary and the November 5th General elections as well.

For more information contact Jim McHugh of the St. Louis County Election Board to learn more about these programs and the opportunity to serve your community and nation. Call Jim at (314) 615-1858 or email him at jmchugh@stlouiscountymo.gov.

NEW TRASH RATES TAKE EFFECT ON APRIL 1, 2023

TRASH-RECYCLE-YARD WASTE

REGULAR RATES..... \$24.88/MONTH

SENIOR RATES*..... \$17.42/MONTH

Two Bulky Items And Appliances Also Picked Up In Weekly Service.

Must Schedule With Customer Service Prior To Service Day.

*Senior Rates – Must Be 65 Or Older And Submit Proof Of Age To Republic Services. Can Also Request A 95 Gal Yard Waste Cart At No Charge.

Contact Republic Services For More Info At (636) 947-5959

POLICE DEPARTMENT TORCH RUN



TORCH RUN T-SHIRTS

SHORT SLEEVE
S-XXL: \$15.00
3X-6X: \$20.00

LONG SLEEVE
\$20.00

Special Olympics Missouri

AVAILABLE AT THE ST. JOHN POLICE DEPT

Did You Know...

In Missouri, all new/used purchased vehicles are required by law to be registered with the MO Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) within 30 days of the sale. Any vehicle in MO that is not registered after being purchased is not legally your vehicle in the State's eyes as the title has not been updated to the new owner. The seller's name still appears in the State's records until the registration is completed.

If your vehicle breaks down and is towed by a police department, you will not be able to retrieve it from impound until you get it registered. This could cause you additional days at the impound yard, which means a higher fee.

Also, if you have not registered the vehicle, you cannot purchase your state license plates and you could be ticketed for no plates or for expired temporary tags. So be sure you get your vehicles registered so you don't have any problems.

ROLL-OFF DUMPSTERS

If you need to rent a roll off dumpster for renovations, cleaning out a home, garage, basement, etc., be sure to contact City Hall BEFORE you order it. You will need to obtain a permit from City Hall for the dumpster and the dumpster itself must be placed in your driveway and not the street. If you are unable to put it in your driveway, please contact our Public Works Director, David Campbell, (314-427-8700, #3 on greeting menu) for possible options.

Any roll-off load weighing over 10 tons is over the legal weight limit. To prevent this from occurring, the City's hauler provider, Republic Services, has recommended the following tips below:

- **CONTENTS:** If it is full of concrete, excessive dirt, large tree waste or heavy material;
- **WEATHER:** If there has been recent rain that hasn't drained, or contents stay extremely wet;
- **TIME:** If the container sits in place for a long time, it is likely you will forget about the contents and how much has been put in it. Contents also settle over time. Hauling more often can reduce the chance of having an overweight roll-off.
- Please call for service when the roll-off is only ½ or ¾ full if any of the above criteria apply. If the driver deems the roll-off is too heavy to haul, they can refuse to service it until it has been off-loaded and brought within weight compliance. They would rather haul a lighter load twice than an overweight load once. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Republic Services at (636) 947-5959.

RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING AND WASTE CART PLACEMENT TIPS



To ensure that you receive prompt and consistent recycling and waste collection service, please follow these easy container set-out guidelines.

Residential customers

- Carts must be set out for service by 6:00 am on your designated collection day.
- Although your driver may have a consistent time of arrival at your address, various occurrences can lead to a driver showing up earlier or later than what you are accustomed to.
- Place your containers at least (5) five feet from any object, such as a tree, pole, fire hydrant, mailbox, electrical box, cable box, etc. and at least (5) five feet away from cars.
- Please have this same distance of 5 (five) between trash, recycle and yard waste containers. This allows for the truck to safely service both carts without disrupting the contents of the other cart.
- Do not lean anything against the containers. This is a friendly reminder that weekly collection of trash and recycle is limited to the cart only and bags/material lying outside of cart will not be collected. Residents needing additional storage can lease additional carts.
- Place the arrows on the lid of the cart toward the street and the handle toward your house, with the lid closed.
- For the safety of you and those around you, please do not allow children to play in or around containers.



LOCK IT OR LOOSE IT

The St. John Police Department wants to remind everyone to lock their vehicles while unattended. Thieves can take advantage of any small opportunity and take your car or valuables inside. Remember to lock that car when you get out of it and don't leave any valuables inside or in plain sight. Report any suspicious activity.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The St. John Police Department would like your participation for forming Neighborhood Watch Groups. Young or old, at home, or away with work. You can help keep our neighborhoods safe and secure. Please contact Lt. Heimann for more information on getting started with crime prevention and the Neighborhood Watch Program. You can email or call Lieutenant Heimann at 314-427-8700, #5 on greeting menu. Or, email him at heimann@cityofstjohn.org

SANITARY SEWER LATERAL PROGRAM

In April 1999, St. Louis County residents voted to pass the Sewer Lateral Program hereby a fund is created from a \$28.00 per household annual assessment which is dedicated to the repairs of clay tile sewer laterals. The St. John City Council has approved the administration of this fund according to guidelines as set out.

Please note, the sewer lateral fund will not reimburse for cleaning, rodding, or auguring out blockages created by waste materials, tree roots, etc. Tree roots growing through the bells and joints of a pipe are not considered to cause the line to be defective. Removal of roots is considered normal, routine maintenance.

If you would like more information regarding this program, please go to our website at www.cityofstjohn.org . Once you're on the home page, scroll down to where you see the image below.

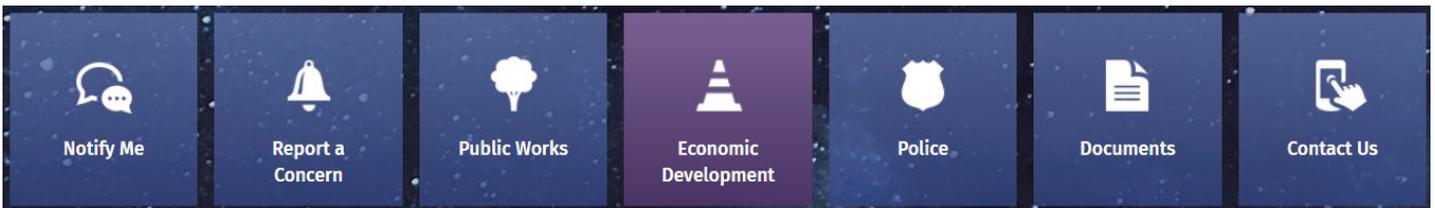
CHICKENS AS PETS

Over the past few years, many cities have started allowing residents to raise chickens for their eggs. This soon caught on and now numerous cities throughout the county have created regulation which allow residents to raise them.

Last year St. John also started looking at this as several residents have stepped forward inquiring as to the likelihood of this happening in their city. After reviewing other cities regulations for these types of pets, St. John also added themselves to the growing trend.

On May 1, 2023 the City of St. John passed an Ordinance regulating private ownership of chickens and their accessory structures for keeping chickens. The City developed a "Backyard Chicken Permit Application". A copy of the Application and Ordinance which outlines the regulations are available on our website. You can get to it by going to www.cityofstjohn.org.

Once you're on the home page, scroll down to where you see the image below.



Click on the "Documents" block, then scroll down to Public Works, then to the right hand you will see the link for the New Sewer Lateral Program Guidelines & Application. Click on the link. This will provide you with the permit application and the Guidelines.

If you have any questions please feel free to e-mail or call PW Director, David Campbell (dcampbell@cityofstjohn.org), (314) 427-8700.

Click on the "Documents" block, then scroll down to Public Works, right below you will see the Backyard Chicken Permit Application, click on it, then to the right hand you will see the link for the Application. This will provide you with the permit application and the Ordinance outlining the regulations for keeping them.

If you have any questions please feel free to e-mail or call: PW Director, David Campbell (dcampbell@cityofstjohn.org), or Our Animal Control Officer, Shari Pijut (spijut@cityofstjohn.org) at (314) 427-8700, #3.

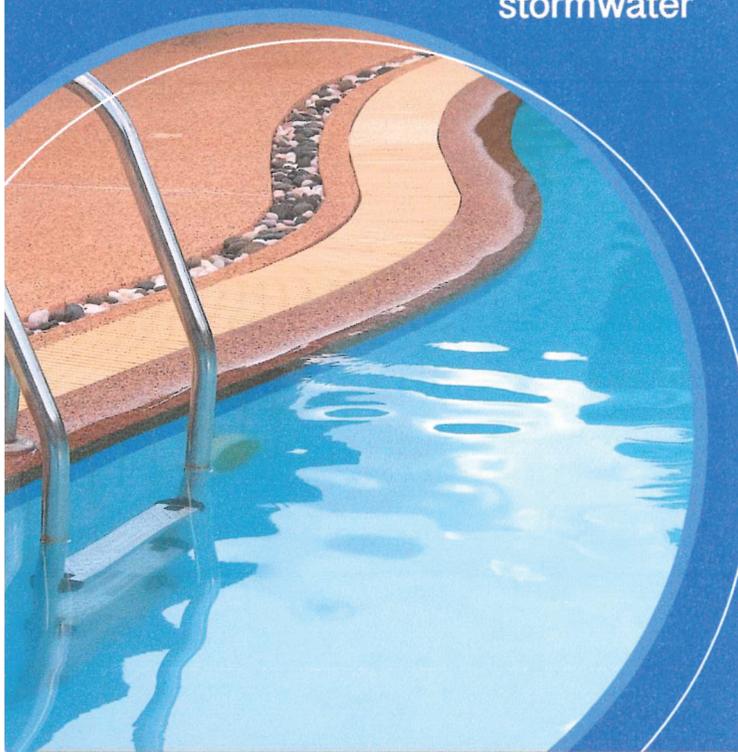
Keep It Green: Yard Waste Removal

Understanding what is recyclable and what isn't in our community is the number one way to be a better, more effective recycler. But no matter where you live, some items are not recyclable – for example, yard waste. What is yard waste? Yard waste includes grass clippings and trimmings from trees, flowers, shrubs, and other vegetation. There are many ways to sustainably manage yard waste that do not include putting the clipping into the recycling or waste carts. If you're looking to implement more sustainable habits into your yard or lawn maintenance routine, here are a few tips:

- Don't trash it. Avoid putting your lawn clippings or other yard waste in the trash or recycling carts. Yard waste needs to be processed differently than recyclable materials or trash.
 - Let it be. Leaving clippings on your lawn will not damage the grass. If you mow your lawn so that the grass clippings are never more than two or three inches tall and leave the clippings where they fall, they will help enrich the soil. And did you know that you can also leave leaves on your lawn? According to Consumer Reports, leaves create a natural layer on any soil or grass and help foster and support a local ecosystem.
 - Compost it. If you compost at home, yard trimmings may be added to an outdoor compost pile. According to the EPA, if all yard clippings were composted, we could keep about 33 million pounds of organic waste out of landfills each year. Composting is not the same process as recycling cans, paper and plastic, so never put organic waste in your curbside recycling cart.
- If you need Republic Services to remove it from your household, please ensure the material is in the appropriate containers and placed curbside by 6am on your service day:**
- o Personal containers, up to 32-gallon capacity, marked with an "x"
 - o Paper/biodegradable bags
 - o Branches/twigs no longer than 4 feet in length and 24" in diameter. These materials need to be bundled and tied with rope/twine
 - o Leased yard waste containers from Republic Services
 - o Maximum weight of each container cannot exceed 50 lbs.



The advertisement features a smartphone on the left displaying the St. Johns Bank logo and the text "choose friendly servicesm Member FDIC". To the right, the words "MOBILE BANKING" are written in large, bold, white letters. Below this, the slogan "Bank Whenever, Wherever." is written in a smaller white font. At the bottom of the ad, there is a white bar containing the Member FDIC logo and phone number (314) 428-1000 on the left, the address 8924 St. Charles Rock Road, St. Louis, MO 63114 in the center, and the website www.stjohnsbank.com on the right, accompanied by a small icon of a house with a dollar sign and the text "Equal Housing LENDER".



DRAINING HOUSEHOLD POOLS SAFELY

MSD Project Clear (MSDPC) partners with St. Louis County and 59 local municipalities to comply with the Phase II Stormwater Regulations. Together, we actively work to reduce pollutants picked up and carried by stormwater to local bodies of water through the St. Louis region.

www.MSDProjectClear.org

THE PROBLEM

Chemicals used in maintaining pools and spas can be a health threat to certain aquatic life. Because storm sewers drain directly into our waterways without treatment, it is important that pools and spas are safely drained to keep our creeks and streams healthy.

Swimming Pool Pollutants

- *Chlorinated water:* Discharges even in low concentrations can be a health threat in our waterways.
- *Filter backwash wastewater:* Chlorine, bromine, algaecides, biocides, water conditioners, stabilizers, and other chemicals can persist in the environment for a long time which can be a health threat in our waterways.

THE SOLUTION

Water may be emptied to the storm water system if:

- The chlorine content is low and free of other chemicals
- The pH level of the water is 5.5-11.5.
- The water is not cloudy or discolored and must be free of algae and contaminates.
- Water may be drained on the owner's property - provided it goes to a storm drain inlet and not cause a nuisance or municipal code violation.

LEARN MORE

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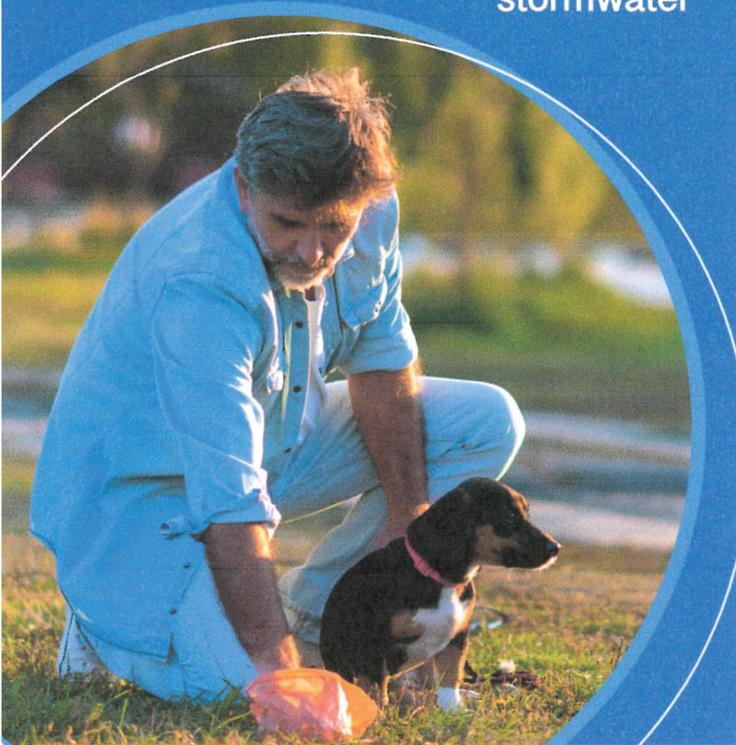
Did You Know...

It is unlawful to keep, maintain or care for more than five (5) dogs and/or cats on any residence or commercial establishment within the City of St. John.

Of the maximum number of five (5) dogs and/or cats allowed, no residence or commercial establishment may have more than three (3) of either species at any one time.



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PROPER PET WASTE DISPOSAL

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THE PROBLEM

Pet waste left on the ground mixes with stormwater runoff every time it rains or when it snow melts. The stormwater runoff then becomes contaminated from contact with pet waste and carries pollutants into the storm sewer system. The storm sewers drain the water directly to our area creeks and streams without treatment.

Dogs are major contributors to pet waste in our environment. However, all pets can contribute to the problem.

Pet Waste Pollutants

- *Bacteria:* Pet waste contains E. Coli bacteria and other pathogens which are a health threat in our waterways.
- *Oxygen demand:* As pet waste decays, it uses up oxygen in our waterways that fish need.
- *Nutrients:* Ammonia and nitrogen in pet waste promotes unhealthy algae growth in our waterways.

THE SOLUTION

- Put pet waste in a sealed bag and place in the trash
- Flush down the toilet (Do not flush plastic bags or cat litter)
- Bury waste in the soil at least 6 inches deep (Do not bury in a garden)
- Comply with city ordinances that require the clean-up of pet waste

LEARN MORE

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Did You Know...

In St. John, a permit is required prior to the construction or placement of any swimming pools (including kiddie pools), hot tubs or spas which can hold 24" of water or more. Check our website for more info or call City Hall.

Did You Know...

In St. John the owner of a home must have it inspected and the occupants must get their Occupancy Permit before they move any furniture or themselves into the home. If your realtor or landlord don't tell you about this, be sure you call City Hall for what you need to do.



Senior Utility Tax Rebates – Page #3
February 1st - April 30th

Spring Cleanup – Page #3
Week of April 22nd on your normal trash day

Rabies Clinic – Page #4
April 27th, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Drug Take Back Initiative – Page #4
April 27th, 10am – 2:00 pm

Chipper Ends – Page #6
East Side of Town - Last Day is April 22nd
West Side of Town – Last Day is April 23rd

Street Sweeping – Page #5
Starts May 1st, See Article For Your Zone

City Wide Garage Sales – Page #5
June 1st & 8th – East Side of Town – 7 am - 3 pm
June 15th & 22nd – West Side of Town – 7 am - 3 pm

Electronic Recycling/Shredding Event – Page #6
Saturday, June 15th, 9 am – Noon
Rain or Shine

Limb Chipping Starts – Page #6
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City of St. John MO
City of St. John Police Department

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Non-emergency Police Dispatcher
636-529-8210 (after office hours)

When your call is answered ask for "Dispatch".
This will ensure that your call goes straight to
the St. Louis County Dispatcher.

Police Administrative Offices
427-8700, #5 (Mon-Fri, 8 am - 5 pm)

DIAL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES

City Hall Administrative Offices
427-8700, #3 (Mon-Fri, 8 am - 5 pm)

Municipal Court Offices*
427-8700, #6 (Mon-Fri, 8 am - 5 pm)

Municipal Prosecutor's Office*
427-8700, #211 (Mon-Fri, 8 am - 5 pm)

*Office closes at 3 pm on days night court is
held and reopens at 6:30 pm. There is no tele-
phone service during court. See website for a
list of court dates.

Regular council meetings held 1st and 3rd Mon-
days at 7 pm, 2nd Floor Council Chambers

Newsletter can be interpreted upon request.