



## LETTER FROM MAYOR SPEWAK

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

As I write this, my office window is open and I am enjoying a wonderful smell of barbecue wafting through the air. Musick Construction is hosting a lunch on our parking lot today to show appreciation to our Fire/EMS, Police, Public Works and our administrative team. Later this month, St. Peters Church will host its annual First Responders breakfast. As Mayor, I want to thank all our institutions and residents who recognize the contributions of everyone who works for the City of Ladue.

We have seen first-hand the flood devastation and its effect on our community. We have neighbors who have lost homes and property. The Council and I are touched by their stories and are working with city staff to help all those affected. It is a strong reminder that rules and regulations with respect to storm water are not to be taken lightly and mother nature is unpredictable. We must work to maintain our storm water mitigation standards and continue to work towards solutions for current problems.

Your City Council adopted Ladue's Strategic Plan at the August Council meeting. Thank you to our City Planner, Andrea Sukanek, for her leadership on this plan. The Strategic Plan is a direct result of our updated Comprehensive Plan adopted by Zoning and Planning.

One of the plan's identified priorities is to develop a robust Communication Plan that includes in person meetings, written communication and social media. I certainly missed the ability to meet in person during the pandemic and the connection associated with those interactions. We will be working to enhance our social media reach as well.

Another of the plan's priorities is a review of the City's Zoning Code to ensure that our code is aligned with the Comprehensive Plan. We will also be updating the walk plan for the City as we continue our commitment to physical connections within our town.

I pride myself on being available and accessible to our residents and business owners. To that end, please join me for our newest communication outreach- Coffee with the Mayor at City Hall on September 21st. Our regular coffee dates will be posted on the website as well. I look forward to learning how we can continue to work together to better our community.

As always, please shop our local boutiques and frequent our local grocery and specialty stores. Plan to enjoy our local restaurants as well. Shopping and eating in Ladue is a fun and interactive experience and we benefit from your sales tax dollars. Welcome to Hearth and Soul and to Ladue Taco, our latest hot spots in the Clayton Road Business District. I will see you there!

# FROM THE ARCHIVES...

On December 1, 1936 the City of Ladue was formed as a result of the consolidation of three villages (McKnight Village, Deer Creek Village and the Village of Ladue). The first order of business was to elect a mayor and six city council members (two from each village). The second order of business was to develop a comprehensive plan for the new City of Ladue. World renowned City Planner Harland Bartholomew was selected to develop the City of Ladue comprehensive plan.

Bartholomew, from 1916 – 1920, had developed the City of St. Louis comprehensive plan and in 1928 he had developed the St. Louis County transportation plan. Once the City of Ladue comprehensive plan was developed by Bartholomew and adopted by the Ladue City Council, the next order of business was to select a City Engineer to oversee the design and implementation phases of the comprehensive plan.

Long time Deer Creek Village resident J. Reynolds Medart was appointed Ladue City Engineer, a volunteer position that he held for 41 years. In 1929 Medart and his wife, Josephine, built a house at 45 Overhills Drive on a 4.12 acre lot (in 1967 they moved to 59 Clermont Lane). As the three villages blended together into the new City of Ladue, City Engineer Medart oversaw the project design and implementation, following the City adopted comprehensive plan. The implementation included everything from the initial project design through project execution, in collaboration with Bartholomew, as well as overseeing the consultants and project contractors. The City of Ladue of 2022 is in many ways a product of what J. Reynolds Medart undertook in the 1930's as Ladue City Engineer!



Photo of J. Reynolds Medart provided by his daughter.

Medart, who was deaf as the result of a high fever at a young age, attended the Clarke School for the Deaf in Massachusetts and later attended Notre Dame, where he studied engineering and was the second deaf graduate from the university in the 20th century. He taught mechanical drawing and woodworking, without pay, for many years at the Saint Louis Priory School. He also served for many years on the board of the Central Institute for the Deaf (CID) where today there is the J. Reynolds Medart Endowed Scholarship Fund. J. Reynolds Medart died on April 2, 1981 at the age of 80.

## EMPLOYEE

*highlight*

Please join us in congratulating Ladue City Planner, Andrea Sukanek, for obtaining her AICP certification!

The AICP exam has a pass rate of only 66%. Andrea successfully passed the examination, showing her mastery of skills, knowledge and experience in urban planning.

Andrea has been with the City of Ladue since 2015, and has her Masters Degree in Urban Planning from St. Louis University.

Andrea considers the completion of the 2021 Comprehensive Plan (during a pandemic!) as a highlight of her career here at Ladue.



**ANDREA**  
*city planner*





In the front lobby at Ladue City Hall (photo attached) is a shadowbox rendering of the City of Ladue by street and by home on each street. Taken from public and private records in March, 1938 Medart created this rendering as his gift to future generations of Ladue residents. Each home is identified by building material with small pins (red = brick, dk.. blue = frame, yellow = brick/frame, silver = stucco, lt. blue = stone, orange = stone frame/stone brick).



## Communication Improvements

In many areas of Ladue, traditional internet cables are being replaced with fiber optic cables. Fiber optic cables, often referred to simply as “fiber”, are made of glass fibers that transmit data using light. This means that they can carry a lot of data and deliver it very quickly, enabling a greater amount of data usage at any given time.



Sounds great, right? Yes... but the temporary downside will be some construction in the area for a few months. On roads or other locations where the communications lines are already located underground, the fiber cables will be placed underground by boring under the surface. Where there are aboveground utilities and underground boring would be impractical the fiber cables will be placed above ground.

For more information about where fiber will be installed, please visit the Ladue website at the following link: [Communication Improvements In Ladue | City of Ladue \(cityofladue-mo.gov\)](https://www.cityofladue-mo.gov/communication-improvements) Or you can scan the QR Code.

**COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR**  
Wednesday September 21, 2022  
8-9:30 AM





# PUBLIC WORKS & BUILDING UPDATES



Clayton Road ADA sidewalk improvements between Louwen and McKnight are under construction. These sidewalks will be six-foot wide and constructed of concrete. The next phase of sidewalk replacements will be from McKnight to Lay Road, tentatively scheduled for construction in 2023.

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The City is obtaining the required easements for the Dielman Road sidewalk improvements and pavement rehabilitation. The project, scheduled for construction in 2023, is 80% Federally Funded and includes installation of a sidewalk on the west side of Dielman from Ladue Road to Tamarack.

Design is underway for the Deer Creek Preserve project, the property formerly known as Edie's Mulch Site. The property will be converted into a public open space including a walking trail, benches, and a small parking area.

## JULY 2022 FLOODING EVENTS

Public Works, along with the Police & Fire Departments, responded to three flash flooding events the weeks of July 25th and August 1st. The City escorted FEMA and SEMA through flood impacted areas in early August who were in the process of making a determination for the region regarding a disaster declaration.

For additional information about the City's Public Works Department, please visit the Public Works page of the website at:

<http://www.cityofladue-mo.gov/>  
or call us at (314) 993-5665.







# Solicitation & Canvassing in Ladue

Pursuant to Chapter 70 of the City of Ladue Code of Ordinances, a license is required for any individual wishing to go upon private premises of another in an attempt to make personal contact for the purpose of attempting to sell or offering for sale any good or service, obtaining donating, and distributing handbills or fliers.

Each applicant must undergo an criminal background investigation prior to the issuance of a license, agree to adhere to the provisions of Chapter 70, and acknowledge the receipt of the City of Ladue's "No Visit List".

To be added to the "No Visit List", please email City Clerk, Stacey Mann at [smann@cityofladue-mo.gov](mailto:smann@cityofladue-mo.gov). Please provide your name and complete address.



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*SUGGESTED FOR RESIDENTS WHO LIVE IN AREAS THAT TYPICALLY EXPERIENCE FLOODING.*

# FIRE PROTECTION WEEK

## OCTOBER 9-15, 2022

According to NFPA data, home – the place people feel safest from fire – is actually where they are at greatest risk, with three-quarters (74 percent) of all U.S. fire deaths occurring in homes. When a home fire does occur, it's more likely to be serious; people are more likely to die in a home fire today than they were in 1980.

The Fire Prevention Week 2022 theme, “Fire Won’t Wait. Plan Your Escape,” promotes potentially life-

saving messages that can mean the difference between life and death in a fire. Developing a home escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it regularly ensures that everyone knows what to do when the smoke alarm sounds and uses that time wisely.



Following are key messages behind this year's “Fire Won’t Wait. Plan Your Escape” theme:

- Make sure your home escape plan meets the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows open easily.
- Have an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.
- Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the household, including guests. Practice at least once during the day and at night. Source: [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)

## Fall Collection Schedule

Sections (5B, 3C, 2B)

Week of: October 17, October 31, December 5

Sections (5A, 3B, 5C)

Week of: October 17, November 7, December 12

Sections (4B, 1A, 3A)

Week of: October 17, November 14, December 19

Sections (1B, 4A, 2A)

Week of: October 17, November 21, December 27

## Pick-Up Reminders

- To guarantee pick-up, leaves must be out no later than 7:00 am on Monday of your scheduled week.
- Not all sections will be picked up on Mondays, collection will happen throughout the scheduled week.
- No bagged leaves will be collected.
- No grass, hedge, lawn clippings or sweet gum balls will be collected.
- No need to schedule your pick-up, we will follow the schedule above.
- No brush collection between November and February.
- Leaves should not be placed out for collection more than 10 days in advance.
- You can always find the schedule and collection details on our website [www.cityofladue-mo.gov](http://www.cityofladue-mo.gov)

# ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY WITH TECHNOLOGY

“Little City with Big Time Police Ideas,” was the article headlined in the Post-Dispatch on April 20, 1940. The permanent Ladue police force was established in 1936 and has continued to remain on the cutting edge of technology.

The Ladue Police Department continues to enhance the services we provide to the community by leveraging technology in our day-to-day operations.

In the 1930's, officers patrolled in private cars with no radios, delivering police communication messages by hand to the Saint Louis Country Club before the official Ladue Police Headquarters was established at City Hall. Shortly after, Ladue was the first local agency to use a two-way FM radio system. Throughout history our police radios have been continuously upgraded now providing communication capabilities across the many jurisdictional boundaries in our region. Those improvements to our radio have ensured collaboration between Police, Fire, & Public Works for emergency responses, training, and special events.

The Ladue Police Department's history of deploying technology did not stop with the radios. In the 1940's Ladue was the first department in the area to use vehicular radar in patrol cars, and one-way glass installed in the police department headquarters for interviewing suspects. The radar capabilities in the 21st century now include a mobile speed trailer, handheld radar & laser units along with vehicle equipped bidirectional moving and stationary radar, that also enhance safety for our officers while on traffic stops.



*SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR OUR NEWEST EMPLOYEE, OFFICER DIAZ*

One-way glass has evolved into CCTV in the 1980's-1990s to the most recent upgrade, which include campus wide internet protocol-based video system.

Staying consistent with national trends in policing technology, Ladue continues to use these advances as a force multiplier with the police department. The Ladue Police installed in-car video in 2007 and added body worn cameras 2021. This technology has improved evidence quality, increased officer safety and transparency with the public. Most recently the police department deployed Automated License Plate Reading Technology (ALPR) for real time alerts to our officers for Wanted or Missing persons, AMBER alerts, and stolen vehicles. These technologies also add another tool to our investigative toolbox in assisting our officers with investigations.

The Ladue Police department will continue to maintain our commitment to providing the highest quality of police protection while protecting and enhancing public safety with the responsible use and deployment of technology.

*Brian Dieckmann, Deputy Chief of Police*

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## Elected Officials

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Municipal Court  
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