

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Neighbors and Friends,

When I am asked to describe our city, the first word that comes to my mind is community. Yes, we are a beautiful town with tremendous schools, rolling hills and well maintained roads, charming shopping centers with local shop owners, major grocery stores, and lovely local restaurants. These are all wonderful, defining features, but the people of Ladue make the community. Every day the city fills with residents, students, business owners and visitors who benefit from the services the City of Ladue offers. As your Mayor, one of my highest priorities is to continue to build upon our sense of community.

Our Police, Fire, Public Works, Building, Administration and Finance Departments, and Municipal Court each take pride in providing the highest level of customer service. Whether it is responding to an emergency, keeping our city beautiful, or working through issues with outside entities, our foremost goal is always to advocate on behalf of our citizens. It is important to us that we

not only hear your ideas, but consider them seriously and work to implement them when possible. A strong community should always look for and develop ways to improve.

How can you help me build community? My first suggestion is to simply be sure you know your neighbors and that you work to establish strong relationships. Be involved in your lane or neighborhood. Know your trustees, and please, take time to thank them for the job they do. Consider volunteering to help the trustees with neighborhood projects, serve as one yourself, or organize a neighborhood get together. When a conflict comes along, it is much easier to work through it if you have shared experiences.

Secondly, be sure to access the City's website on a regular basis for important information. Please sign up for our email alerts. Email alerts are our quickest and most direct form of communication and we want

to reach everyone in a timely fashion. If you have a neighbor that is not online, please make sure to inform them of relevant information you may receive.

In addition to our website and email alerts, we are launching our first social media site later this month. We will have a City of Ladue official Facebook page. I hope you will take the time to get to know your City Council Representatives and to reach out to all of us with your thoughts and ideas. Let's continue our culture of looking out for one another.

Our annual Trustee meeting is coming up October 3rd at 6:30pm. If you are a trustee, we hope to see you!

As always, I am in and around City Hall and town every day. I love to hear and to learn from you. And, remember to SHOP LADUE!

Best,
Mayor Nancy Spewak

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Public Works Update

The City completed two construction projects this summer:

- Microsurfacing of Ladue Road from Lindbergh Blvd. to the eastern City limit (east of Hunter Avenue near Gay Avenue) and on N. McKnight Road. Microsurfacing is a latex modified slurry seal and this was the fourth year that the City has been microsurfacing City streets.
- ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Sidewalk Improvements in the Clayton Road Business District between Conway and Dwyer Place. The City replaced sections of sidewalks that were not in compliance with Federal Requirements. Next year, the City will continue sidewalk replacement on Clayton Road west of Warson Road.

We are also underway on two traffic studies:

- Conway & Warson; The City conducted a traffic study for the intersection of Conway and Warson and the surrounding area. The study was conducted in response to the congestion at this intersection which functions at a Level of Service F (the lowest service level) during the morning and afternoon peak hour, as well as during school dismissal time. Two public meetings were held; the first to determine the public concerns about this corridor, and the second to present alternative solutions. The four alternatives are: a signalized intersection with dedicated left turn lanes, a signalized intersection without turn lanes, a round-a-bout, and a mini round-a-bout. The Public Works Committee reviewed the solutions at their August meeting. The solutions that have emerged as the preferred alternatives are either the signalization of the intersection with dedicated turn lanes or the signalization of the intersection without turn lanes. The next step will be to finalize and select the desired alternative, then seek Federal Funds for the design and construction of the improvements.
- McKnight Road; The City of Ladue is working jointly with the City of Brentwood to conduct a traffic study of McKnight Road between Litzsinger and I-64. The study is in response to complaints the City has received with respect to congestion, use of the roadway, and safety concerns. A public meeting was held in May to obtain feedback about the traffic concerns and issues that are important to the residents. Now, the engineering consultant CBB, is

working on developing potential solutions to address those concerns. A 2nd public meeting will be scheduled for this fall to present solutions and obtain additional feedback from the public.

With regard to a potential trail at 9810 S. 40 Drive (Edie's Mulch Site):

- A Municipal Park Planning Grant has been obtained to develop a Master Plan for potential conversion of Edie's Mulch Site into a passive use park. The City held Public Open House meetings in May and June to discuss the project and the draft concepts for the property which include a trail, parking, benches, and a small shelter, while also maintaining the existing Public Works operational space to store collected brush and leaves. Here is an image from the Master Plan:



Public Works crews have been busy working on pot-hole patching, sidewalk replacement, and the monthly citywide brush collection program. Leaf collection will begin the week of October 21, 2019 and will extend into January 2020.

For additional information about the City's Public Works Department, please visit the Public Works page of the website at: <https://www.cityofladue-mo.gov/> or call us at (314) 993-5665.





Fall 2019 Leaf Collection Schedule

Sections 5A, 3B, 5C

Week of: October 21, November 4, December 9

Sections 4B, 1A, 3A

Week of: October 21, November 11, December 16

Sections 1B, 4A, 2A

Week of: October 28, November 18, December 23

Sections 5B, 3C, 2B

Week of: October 28, December 2, January 6

DON'T FORGET...

- To guarantee pick-up, have leaves 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 October 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

Beautify Ladue relies on the generosity of residents' 100% tax-deductible donations to improve landscapes along our city streets. Visit Beautifyladue.org to learn more or to make a donation.



City of Ladue Social Media



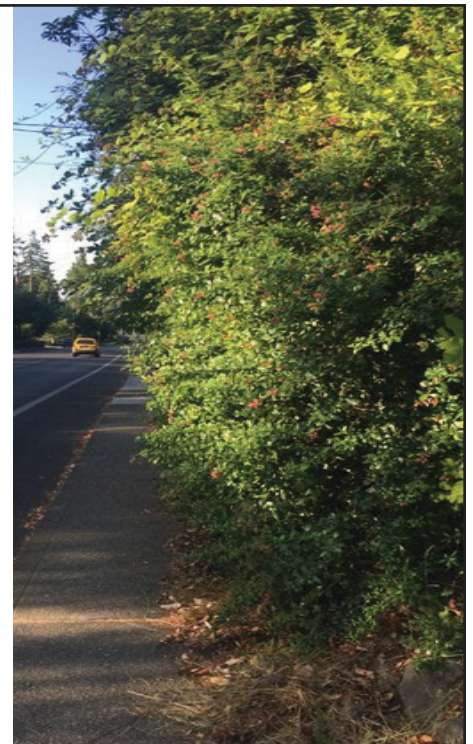
Our City launched a social media component with the initial phase including a Facebook page. If a resident wishes to follow us on Facebook, simply type "City of Ladue, Mo" into the search bar and click the like or follow button.

The City will use social media as a means of conveying information to residents and visitors as well as promoting City programs and services. To request a response from the City or to request services, you must visit the City of Ladue website (<https://www.cityofladue-mo.gov/>) or contact the City at 314-993-3439 or 9345 Clayton Road.

September will be the last month for brush collection for 2019 so please place out any remaining brush that you wish to have hauled away according to the Brush Collection Schedule. The schedule can be found on the City's website at www.cityofladue-mo.gov

Please don't place any brush out after your last scheduled pick-up as the City will be collecting leaves during the months of October through December with the Public Works trucks converted over to leaf collection operation.

Also, just a friendly reminder that if vegetation on your property is overgrowing a public sidewalk or street it is your responsibility to have it cut back. Section 102-2 of the City Code of Ordinances states the following: Tree limbs over sidewalks and streets must be properly maintained to allow pedestrians to walk on sidewalks and vehicles to travel on streets without interference. Shrubs, bushes and other objects shall not project into the sidewalk or street travel area. To ensure safety of motorists and pedestrians, vegetation needs to be maintained to a minimum of eight feet overhanging a sidewalk and 12 feet overhanging the roadway.





Chimney Fires

Fall and winter are approaching fast. It is time to prepare for the cold weather and the use of your fire place. Every year, the Ladue Fire Department responds to 6-10 chimney fires within the City limits and several outside of the City. Now is the time to prepare for the use of your chimney.

Lets first start with how chimney fires occur. During normal use of the fire place, the flue or inner lining of the chimney is designed to direct toxic smoke from the fire to the outside environment. This toxic smoke is due to the incomplete combustion of the material that is burning in the fire box or fire place. The smoke from the incomplete combustion travels through the flue depositing carbon and other chemicals (creosote) on the flue. These chemicals are unburned fuel and are waiting to be heated to the right temperature to combust. This is how a chimney fire starts. As the chemicals build up in the flue and the frequency of use increases over the fall and winter, the more times the unburned fuel is heated. If the right mixture of air, heat, and unburned fuel is right, combustion occurs, and a flue fire begins.

Once this occurs, the flue is super-heated and begins to transfer heat to the surrounding structures. For example, if your flue travels through the attic and is surrounded by combustible materials, the attic will then begin to burn. However, most chimneys are surrounded

by masonry structures that take a while to heat up allowing the fire department time to extinguish the fire.

So, what happens if a flue fire occurs? First, you must recognize the indications of a flue fire. These indications are: loud cracking and popping noises, a lot of dense smoke, and intense hot smell. If these indications are recognized call 911 immediately. However, if the indications are not prevalent but something just doesn't seem right, call 911. The fire department can determine if the flue fire is occurring and mitigate immediately. As the fire department is in route, if the materials in the fire place can be safely removed then do so. By doing this the heat will be reduced to the flue slowing the growth of the fire. Again, only do this if it can be done in a safe manner. If the house is rapidly filling with smoke, evacuate the home. Once the fire department arrives, two things will happen quickly: All material will be removed or extinguished that are in the fire box and the chimney fire will be extinguished as well and a thorough inspection of surrounding structures to insure the heat from the chimney fire has not caused combustion outside of the chimney. In other words, when we ask to get into your attic, this is what we are checking for.

The question now is, how do you prevent chimney fires. The best way to prevent a chimney fire is to have an annual inspection performed by Certified Safety institute of America Chimney Sweep personnel. This inspection and cleaning consist of a thorough cleaning of the flue preventing the build up of creosote as well as inspecting the lining of the flue for cracks. Cracks in the flue can allow deadly smoke to enter your home. Additionally, if you do have a crack in the flue, heat can escape the flue and begin to heat the surrounding structures, potentially heating them to the point of combustion.

In this short article, I hope you have found this information helpful and will consider having your chimney inspected and cleaned annually. I have included the link to the Chimney Safety Institute of American which can provide additional information. The Ladue Fire Department is here 24/7 to assist in any way. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Remember, if you suspect an emergency, call 911.

<https://www.csia.org/chimneyfires.html>

Chief Steven Lynn, MPA, EFO

Recycle Responsibly!



- Plastic bags cannot be recycled in your regular recycling bin. Recycling facilities shut down for hours when plastic bags jam machinery. These malfunctions also put workers at risk. To recycle plastic bags, bring them back to your local grocery or retail store. Plastic bags require different processing equipment than your home recycling. Visit www.PlasticFilmRecycling.org to learn more about plastic bag and plastic film recycling and to find a drop-off location near you! Remember to always bring your reusable bags when shopping!



- If you have hazardous products that cannot be shared, used or recycled, residents can schedule a drop off with Household Hazardous Waste-St. Louis (HHWSTL). This includes paints, pesticides, poisons, fertilizers, aerosols, motor oil and filters, gas, fluorescent tubes, batteries, flammable fluids, and cleaning products. To schedule a drop-off, please visit www.hhwstl.com or call one of the St. Louis locations: Lemay Facility, 291 E. Hoffmeister, St. Louis, MO 63125, 314-615-8958 & North County HHW Facility, 4100 Seven Hills Dr. St. Louis, MO 63033, 314-622-4800.



- If you have household electronics that you need to dispose of, you'll want to make sure that you choose a recycler that uses best management practices. This ensures that recyclers are conforming to a set standard for privacy and environmental compliance. Recycling old electronics is important because many contain precious resources that are wasted in a landfill, such as gold, silver, palladium and copper. Some components are toxic and should be disposed of so as not to contaminate landfills. For a list of licensed electronic recyclers, visit our website information page at <https://www.cityofladue-mo.gov/departments/public-works-department/recycling-294>

For more information about proper recycling in the metro St. Louis area, please visit Recycle Responsibly.org

City of Ladue Comprehensive Plan Update

Ladue has a rare opportunity this year to begin development of an update to our Comprehensive Plan. A comprehensive planning process determines community goals and aspirations—and develops strategies to achieve those goals—over a 15 to 20-year timeframe. Through the planning process we will consider questions including:

- What is the desired community character for Ladue? Do existing land use regulations support it?
- Does Ladue's housing stock support the needs of existing and future residents?
- How can Ladue's business districts compete with online shopping?
- Are the services provided by the City of Ladue meeting expectations?

The outcome of this process is a Comprehensive Plan which guides public policy in terms of transportation, utilities, land use, recreation and housing.

Plans like this are only done about every decade; Ladue's Comprehensive Plan was last updated in 2006. Feedback from residents, businesses, and property owners will be actively sought throughout the process and city leaders hope you will participate. There will be several opportunities beginning with a community survey this fall. All opportunities for input will be advertised widely through the City's website, email distribution lists, newsletter and elsewhere. Stay tuned!

Police Department News

Over the past few months, cities throughout St. Louis County have experienced a significant increase in vehicle thefts. Unfortunately, Ladue has not been immune to the thefts and as of this writing, we have investigated fourteen stolen vehicles. In addition to the vehicle thefts, surveillance footage has revealed that many of the suspects appear to be armed, which increases the danger for both citizens and law enforcement. This information highlights the fact that if a resident hears or observes anything suspicious around their home, please immediately notify the police department for response rather than attempting to investigate it yourself. The thieves have obviously become more brazen in their actions and it is best for law enforcement to respond and investigate.

The suspects committing these crimes travel from neighborhood to neighborhood and community to community searching for unlocked vehicles. All the vehicles targeted have been left unlocked providing easy access to valuables, including vehicle keys, firearms, and garage door openers. Additionally, in all fourteen instances where the vehicles were stolen, the doors were unlocked, and the keys/key fobs were left inside the vehicle. This is a trend throughout the region and has created a target rich environment for this group of criminals.

While police departments throughout the region have consolidated efforts to patrol, investigate, identify and arrest the suspects who are responsible for these thefts, a significant amount of work remains. Citizens can play an essential role in helping prevent further thefts from occurring

by ensuring their vehicles are locked every night and ensuring they have removed their keys, key fobs, and valet keys from inside the vehicle. Remember that if a vehicle is left unlocked with a garage door opener inside, the criminal also has access to your home.

We urge our residents to take the time each evening to locate their key fob and press the lock button. This accomplishes two things: 1) ensures the key fob was not left inside the vehicle and 2) ensures the vehicle is locked. We also encourage everyone to review any surveillance footage that may have captured images during a theft and share this information with our officers as it may assist during our investigations. This series of events also underscores the importance of communication between the Ladue Police Department and the residents. We have improved our communication over the past year regarding recent crime, with the utilization of the City "Crime Alert" emails. We have also created and distributed a Crime Prevention Tip postcard that was sent to every household in Ladue, conducted an interview on Fox2 News educating the public about the recent crimes, and we are in the process of creating a social media component that was recently approved by the Ladue City Council. In addition, our officers have spoken at several neighborhood meetings, our staff has spoken at City Council meetings, and officers canvass

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Crime Prevention Tips

1. LOCK DOORS AND WINDOWS –unlocked doors and windows lead to crimes of opportunity

2. REMOVE KEYS/FOBS FROM VEHICLES – *thieves know it is common practice to leave these in vehicles and they target areas where they've had success*

3. HIDE VALUABLES FROM PLAIN VIEW – *utilize safes, remove valuables from vehicles, think outside the box*

4. SET ALARMS & TIMERS FOR INDOOR AND OUTDOOR LIGHTS – *thieves do not want to be seen, and these attract attention*

5. NOTIFY NEIGHBORS & THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WHEN YOU LEAVE FOR VACATION – *more eyes on your home while you are away, PD will perform random vacation checks*

6. CALL THE POLICE WHENEVER YOU HEAR OR SEE ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS – *we would rather respond to false alarms than miss the opportunity to deter or solve a crime!*

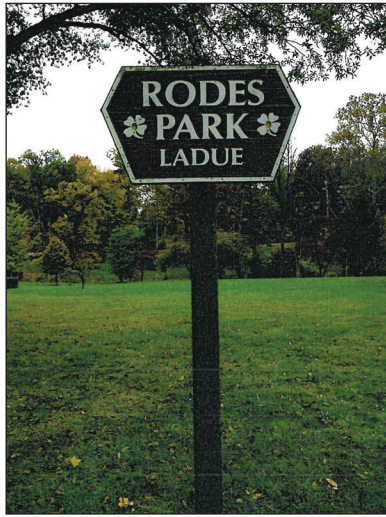


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9345 Clayton Road
Ladue MO 63124

Emergency : 911
24 hour Non-Emergency: 314-993-1214
E-mail: crimetips@cityofladue-mo.gov

RODES PARK

Rodes Park became the first and the only*, City of Ladue owned public park on July 20, 1944. The original Ladue Comprehensive Plan, developed by City Planner Harland Bartholomew and presented to the Ladue City Council in March, 1939, identified the wedge-shaped “low wooded area” at the intersection of Ladue and Warson Roads as an ideal location for a public park. However, it was not until 1944 that his vision for this small slice of land became a reality.



In May, 1944 the City of Ladue began negotiations to purchase this land from Minnie Rubinstein for use as a passive public park. In June, 1944 the City Council approved the purchase of the property for \$2,500. The General Warranty Deed was entered into on July 20, 1944. On February 20, 1945 the City Council formally approved naming the park Rodes Park in memory of Boyle Rodes, the first mayor of the City of Ladue, who had died unexpectedly on February 16, 1945 while serving during his fourth term as the first mayor of the City of Ladue. The park was named Rodes Park by the City Council “as a token, not a measure, of our deep gratitude to the late mayor” (Rodes often referred to the City of Ladue as “The garden spot of the state”).

In 1984 several friends of Harriet Rodes Bakewell (9/21/1904 – 12/11/1987), the widow of Boyle Rodes, came together to donate funds for a fountain to be installed in Rodes Park in honor of her 80th birthday (Harriet Rodes Bakewell was a nationally recognized landscape architect who loved gardening and was a member of the Ladue Civic Improvement Committee). While the funds were never applied to the installation of the fountain, in September of 2015 the City Council authorized that these recently identified funds be committed to the installation of stepping stones in Rodes Park made of Missouri Limestone and inscribed “IT’S MY LITTLE PARK – Harriet Rodes Bakewell”.

Today Rodes Park is maintained by the City of Ladue, in conjunction with the St. Louis Garden Club. Current Ladue mayor Nancy Spewak said recently “Rodes Park is a throwback to the original intent of the rural character of the City of Ladue. It’s a quiet oasis in the heart of our neighborhoods where Ladue residents can find a spot to reflect and enjoy spending some quiet time. The park has also become a City opportunity to educate the community about the importance of respecting and maintaining the environment”.

*: Tilles Park, while within the city limits of the City of Ladue, is owned and maintained by the St. Louis County Parks Department. In 1932 C. Andrew Tilles donated his 68 acre farm to the City of St. Louis for a public park to be named in memory of his mother, Rosalie Peek Tilles. Tilles Park was purchased from the City of St. Louis by St. Louis County in 1957 for \$429,975.

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neighborhoods while investigating each crime to inform the neighbors about the crime and seek any information that may assist in the investigation.

If a resident wishes to receive our email crime alerts, simply go to “www.cityofladue-mo.gov” and click on the “email notification sign-up” link located on the left side of the screen. This will open a second page where one can fill out the appropriate information and check the “Crime Alert” notification box.

If a resident wishes to follow us on Facebook, simply type “City of Ladue, Mo” into the search bar and click the like or follow button.

Please remember to stay vigilant, stay safe, and do not hesitate to notify our department of any suspicious activity around your home.

Ladue Police Department Emergency Number: 911

Ladue Police Department Non-Emergency Number:
(314) 993-1214

Sincerely,
Ken Andreski, Jr.
Chief of Police

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City Council Members

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WARD 2 JOHN FOX AND PATRICK HENSLEY

WARD 3 HAL BURROUGHS AND BILL BRENNAN

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WEBSITE, www.cityofladue-mo.gov)



City Directory

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MUNICIPAL COURT	314-993-3919
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