

# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Neighbors and Friends,

Your City Council members and I continue our work to maintain and enhance the level of services provided to you by your local government. We are very proud of every City of Ladue employee, from our first responders to our administrative staff and our department managers. Each person in the City's employ has performed their job duties along with additional responsibilities that have come with Covid 19. They are the reason that we have been able to continue operating with minimal disruptions. There have been schedule changes, remote working to social distance, closures and shortages. On everyone's behalf, I thank our valuable employees for their service.

We continue with our Comprehensive Plan review. The draft plan is almost ready for Zoning and Planning Review. Please take some time to review the draft by visiting our website [www.laduecompplan.com](http://www.laduecompplan.com). We continue to welcome your input. The Zoning and Planning review process will include public input as well.

One of the greatest issues for our residents and businesses is

cell service. I am pleased to announce that the City Council has approved my recommendation to create the Ladue Cellular Service Advisory Committee. Charlie Hiemenz accepted the charge to chair this important committee.

Their mission is to complete a thorough review and evaluation of the current level of cellular service in Ladue; identify current and future needs; establish relationships with cellular service providers to work cooperatively to upgrade performance and reliability. The committee shall make recommendations to the Mayor and the Council based upon the findings of their review and evaluation.

Thank you to the committee members for their willingness to help us improve the quality of life in Ladue with regard to cell service. I look forward to their progress.

Please frequent our local stores and restaurants. The City of Ladue is making every effort to assist our local merchants during this time of limited capacity and closures.

Remember that just about any of our Ladue shops will help you shop remotely and bring packages out to your car. They are an important component of our community and are often the first people we ask for help for fundraisers and other community projects. We must support them.

As we approach the end of 2020, I am taking time to reflect on how grateful I am to be a part of this community and to have the opportunity to represent each of you as your Mayor. Ladue is home to people who have different religious beliefs, different political views, and different perspectives on life in general, but we ALL belong to the community of Ladue. Common ground is not so difficult to find when we listen to each other. Let's take a moment to be thankful for our community.

As always, I can be reached at City Hall and I welcome your thoughts and opinions.

*Mayor Nancy Spewak*





## ***Fall 2020 Leaf Collection Schedule***

**Sections 5B, 3C, 2B**

**Week of: October 19, November 2, December 7**

**Sections 5A, 3B, 5C**

**Week of: October 19, November 9, December 14**

**Sections 4B, 1A, 3A**

**Week of: October 19, November 16, December 28**

**Sections 1B, 4A, 2A**

**Week of: October 19, November 30, January 4**

### ***DON'T FORGET...***

- 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)

## Public Works Department

During the Summer/Fall of 2020, the Public Works Department completed two projects:

- Microsurfacing of Clayton Road from Lindbergh to just west of Lay Road. Microsurfacing is a latex modified slurry seal and this was the fifth year of the program. The Public Works staff thanks you for your patience during the inconvenience of construction!
- South Tealbrook Storm sewer improvements. This is the first project of five completed as part of the City's Stormwater Implementation Plan. We'll be under construction with two additional stormwater projects in 2021.

We continue to design the Dielman Road Improvements project to add sidewalks on the west side of the road as well as rehabilitate the pavement. Dielman Improvements are 80% Federally Funded. The 3rd Phase of ADA sidewalk improvements on Clayton Road design is nearing completion and sidewalks will be replaced from Eversdale to Lindbergh in 2021.

Public Works Crews are in full swing with the annual Fall Leaf Collection. Please take the time to say a quick hello to our hardworking and dedicated Public Works Laborers who continue to provide the highest level of service to the residents of Ladue.

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.

Anne Lamitola, P.E.  
Director of Public Works

# PEOPLE PROFILE

*The Fall edition of the newsletter is the first to include a new feature "People Profile". The featured profile was submitted by the Ladue BOSTA Committee. We plan to profile other notable citizens in future editions.*

## John Milton Have Truck Will Water...

If you have been driving west along Highway 40 between McKnight and Warson, and noticed a man watering tubes of trees on the north outer road, you have seen John Milton, a resident of Ladue for 35 years. John has always been a "tree guy" and his goal in retirement is to plant 1000 Oaks...his favorite tree. John

not only plants the trees, he nurtures them. He places plastic tubes around the saplings to protect them from deer and mowers and then he keeps the saplings watered while they are getting "established".

About 5 years ago, John attended a fundraising event at Forest ReLeaf, a not for profit group based in Creve Coeur that grows native trees and shrubs. Some of the plants that are grown at this nursery can be purchased and some are given freely if used to restore and sustain the urban forest in a community. John found a good fit with this organization and he took his natural interest in trees in his own yard and expanded it to the broader community. He works with Anne Lamitola, Director of Public Works for Ladue, and with loyal assistance from family, friends and occasionally some Eagle Scouts, he has planted over 275 trees. John's commitment to this project led him to provide most of the funding to purchase a truck to haul the watering tank and hoses. He visits the planting sites regularly and waters when Mother Nature is taking a break.

John Milton recognizes the environmental value of trees and he also believes in their comforting presence. He has become involved with a non profit group in north St Louis, Better Family Lives, that plants trees in parks as memorials for families who have lost loved ones to gun violence. John firmly believes that trees make a difference. So, if you are driving around Ladue and see John and his truck out watering young trees, please give him a "Thumbs Up" or a friendly honk of the horn in appreciation for his efforts to plant and nurture the trees that enrich our community.





# Fire Department News

## The Uncharted Path – Ladue Fire Department

In 1931, the Village of Ladue hired its first Fire Chief to develop the Ladue Fire Department. Oscar Kortkamp, retired Fire Chief from University City, was hired and resided in the original fire house located at 9345 Clayton Road which is still standing today. In 1936, the Villages of Ladue, Deer Creek, and McKnight merged to give birth to the City of Ladue. Over the next 84 years, the City of Ladue witnessed many changes such as the size of homes, the construction of interstates, and the need for emergency services.

In 1975, City Officials expanded the Fire Department service to include Emergency Medical Service (EMS). Throughout the next several years, current and new firefighters obtained paramedic training to offer citizens Advanced Life Support (ALS). Today, all thirty-two firefighters are also paramedics. With the expansion of services offered to the citizens of Ladue, call volume has increased from 562 calls in 1975 to 1877 calls in 2019.

So, the question is, where are we going from here. Today's fire departments are expected to mitigate any emergencies that arise. These emergencies include hazardous material leaks, water rescues, Ice Rescue, high/low angle rescue, trench rescue, animal rescues, etc. The Ladue Fire Department Administration has recognized three areas of technical rescue that are critical to the service offered to the Ladue Residents based on incidents in Ladue over the past several years. The three areas of focus will be Water Rescue, Hazardous Material, and High/Low Angle Rescue. The Goal of the Ladue Fire Department will be to obtain the appropriate training, equipment, and achieve proficiency in these areas of discipline.

Modern day fire departments are not just fire suppression departments, they are now "all hazard" departments. With the diversity of training and qualification to perform "all hazard" activities, the Ladue Fire Department will be taking a thorough look at current staffing, training, equipment, and procedures. While traveling down this Uncharted Path, the Ladue Fire Department Administration will keep the most important thing first, citizens. It is our goal to be able to mitigate safely "all hazards" when citizens are in need.

Chief Steven Lynn, MPA, EFO







# Cooking Safety

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

## "COOK WITH CAUTION"

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

## If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

## If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.



## Cooking and Kids

Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

## FACTS

- ! The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- ! Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.



**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards



## Police Department News

The Ladue Police Department understands the need to both serve and educate the community regarding crime prevention, information sharing, and criminal investigations. The Department accepts the responsibility to establish and maintain proactive programs to assist the citizens we serve.

We realize that individuals, businesses, schools, and subdivisions may have unique needs. We look forward to providing and maintaining several effective programs for you. Simply put, we hope to be available for any purpose that you may need.

Upon request, the Ladue Police Department will provide the following crime prevention programs to any Ladue resident, business, or subdivision. These programs are designed to involve citizens in crime prevention.

### **Subdivision/Trustee Meetings:**

Upon invitation, an officer will attend your subdivision meeting to provide a report of criminal activity in your

area. The officer will answer questions on state and local ordinances and discuss any individual, neighborhood, or community concern identified by residents.

### **Residential Security Surveys:**

Surveys will address proper locking devices, lighting, personal security, the use of alarm systems and how this will make your home more secure.

### **Radar Trailer Program:**

Citizens and businesses can request the speed trailer to help reduce speeding and motor vehicle accidents in the community.

### **Vacation Watch:**

Whether away from home for a weekend, a week, or an extended period, please notify the police department and an officer will physically check your home while you are away.

### **Directed Patrol:**

When requested, directed patrol will provide increased and specialized patrol of your subdivision to address any special needs that may require this attention.

## 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**

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24 hour Non-Emergency: 314-993-1214  
E-mail: [crimetips@cityofladue-mo.gov](mailto:crimetips@cityofladue-mo.gov)



# BOSTA

(Beautification, Open Space, and Tree Advisory)  
Committee updates and helpful tips

## Annual Honeysuckle Hack

By the time you receive this newsletter our third Annual Honeysuckle Hack will have taken place on November 7th at Edie's Mulch Site. This is the second year we have removed this invasive species at Edie's Mulch Site; our first year was held at Rodes Park. All residents are always invited to join us and we hope you will come next year.

## Fall Yard Tips

- Fall is the perfect time to remove bush honeysuckle in your own yard as it holds its leaves two to three weeks longer than other plants making it easy to identify. Honeysuckle destroys the soil for native plants, can cause soil erosion, provide dangerous cover for deer and their tick-borne illnesses, and harm songbirds. So sharpen up your tools and let's get going!
- When mowing your yard in the Fall, try setting your mower to mulch. Leaves on the grass have many nutrients that will benefit your soil, so mulch them with your mower and see your lawn improve in the Spring.
- Consider leaving a little foliage on the ground in order to sustain your garden, protect its insects and spare yourself some raking.
- And lastly, please remember to keep leaves and gumballs out of the storm sewer drains so the sewers can work more efficiently when we have heavy rains.



*Invasive honeysuckle before removal.*



## *Native plant replacement after.*

**Cardinal flower** (red flower)

**Amsonia**...bushy plant on the right

**Sea Oats grass**...clump of tall grass w/seed heads

**Rose Mallow**...tall, big leaf plant in middle

**Blue Flag Iris**...low, spiky plant in front

**Common Milkweed**...single, paddle shaped leaf front left.

## Attention Trustees

Are you a Trustee for your neighborhood association?  
Does the City have your current contact information?

Please contact Lori Wrobel at City Hall with updated information at 314-993-3439 or [lwrobel@cityofladue-mo.gov](mailto:lwrobel@cityofladue-mo.gov).

## Email Notification Service

We encourage you to subscribe to the City's "Email Notification" service. This service allows you to receive an email notification for the following categories:

- City Council and Committee/Commission Meeting Agendas
- Crime Alerts
- Ladue Current Events
- Lane Trustee Notifications

The sign-up bar is located on the home page at the center left and lower right side at [www.cityofladue-mo.gov](http://www.cityofladue-mo.gov).

## Poor Cell Service?

Poor Cell Service at your Home? Try this...

Did you know you can use Wi-Fi Calling on your phone while at home, even if you have little or no Cell Service?

The call goes through your home cable company's system – call your provider to see if you can enable it!

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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](http://www.cityofladue-mo.gov))



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MAYOR	314-993-3439 ext. 245
ADMINISTRATION	314-993-3439
BUILDING	314-997-6308
MUNICIPAL COURT	314-993-3919
PUBLIC WORKS	314-993-5665
PUBLIC WORKS – FAX	314-994-3195
EMERGENCY	911
POLICE (non-emergency)	314-993-1214
FIRE (non-emergency)	314-993-0181
FIRE – FAX	314-993-0412
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