

# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Neighbors and Friends,

As I write this letter, the Better Together Plan has been withdrawn from consideration in its current form. While it would be difficult to disagree with the premise that we should all be working towards the success of the greater St. Louis region, as your Mayor, I along with the City Council, am responsible for the success of the City of Ladue.

Since 1936, Ladue has been a carefully planned and well run municipality of which we should all be proud. The withdrawn plan to consolidate the region would have abolished our Ladue Police Department, removed all local control of Ladue owned roads, and subordinated Ladue's zoning authority and financial independence to the new metro government. Ladue would have ceased to exist in its current form.

Now, the opportunity presents itself for Ladue and all municipalities to demand a seat at the table with any group studying the region. Ladue works cooperatively with other municipalities, public utilities, St. Louis County agencies and state agencies every day of the week through our police, fire and public works departments. We are always open to opportunities to collaborate which results in better services and sometimes cost savings.

I believe in the power and effectiveness of local government and I intend for that to continue for the citizens of Ladue for many years to come. As more develops, we will keep you informed and look to our citizens for input. Our mission continues to provide you with the highest quality services at the best value.

The City of Ladue has been awarded a federal grant to upgrade Dielmann Road which includes adding a sidewalk. We are very excited and also grateful to our Public Works Director, Anne Lamitola, for her efforts in securing this funding. Watch our website for more information on the project timeline.

Ladue celebrated its first Arbor Day with many thanks to The BOSTA committee for planning the day. Congratulations to our 3rd grade art contest winners from Conway, Reed and Spoeede Elementary Schools.

We continue to work towards funding for a walking and biking trail through parts of Ladue. Additionally, Edie's Mulch Site provides us with an opportunity to create a lovely public space in the form of a park. As we explore park grant opportunities, we are seeking input from residents through public meetings and website feedback. We

are very interested in your thoughts and ideas.

Now that the weather is turning, keep an eye out for our Ladue Police Department Bike Patrol and feel free to drop in on Fire House 1 to take a look at our brand new fire truck!

Lastly, I am proud to announce creation of a City of Ladue Youth Council. Their mission is to connect Ladue's youth to the arm of local government, promote communication with elected officials, further understanding of local issues and create initiatives to enhance their involvement and sense of community. Many thanks to Elizabeth Clarke, Giuseppe DiCera, Trey Fruend, Andrew Hunt and Katie Xu.

I could not be more impressed with the ideas and input from this group of individuals. Applications are available at Ladue High School, John Burroughs and MICDS for students in 9th thru 12th grade. Please contact Lori Wrobel at [lwrobel@cityofladue-mo.gov](mailto:lwrobel@cityofladue-mo.gov) for more information.

As always, if you're new to town or a long time resident, my door is open and I look forward to you stopping in to say hi at City Hall.



*Mayor Nancy Spewak*

## Public Works Update

The City's Beautification Open Space, & Tree Advisory (BOSTA) Committee, formed in 2018, has been busy working on several projects and initiatives:

- **Arbor Day** was celebrated on Saturday April 6 at Ladue Municipal Campus. Activities included display of the 3rd grade Art Contest themed 'Trees Are Terrific', reading of the Arbor Day proclamation by Mayor Spewak, Ask the Arborist booth with City Arborist Sean Seed, children's activities, and tree sapling giveaways. Thanks to the BOSTA committee and staff for planning this fun event.
- **Municipal Park Planning Grant** has been obtained for potential conversion of **Edie's Mulch Site** into a passive use park. The City held a Public Open House on May 14th to discuss the project and the draft concepts for the property. The City's consultant assisting with this project is S.W.T.
- **Mary Stacey Tree Inventory** is the committee's next initiative and will involve learning more about the trees within City right-of-way and City property.
- **Honeysuckle Hack** was held in **Rodes Park** in November 2018. Volunteers removed six truck loads of honeysuckle brush from the park, mainly along the stream bank. City staff will be planting native species along the banks obtained from Forest Releaf.

The Public Works Department is busy working on numerous projects and studies. The following are brief summaries of those projects that are in the works:



### 2019 Microsurfacing

Microsurfacing, a latex modified slurry seal, was applied to Ladue Road from Lindbergh Blvd. to the eastern City limits, east of Hunter Avenue and to N. McKnight Road. This will be the fourth year that the City has been microsurfacing the City streets.

### Traffic Study – McKnight Road between I-64 and Litzsinger

The Cities of Ladue and Brentwood have begun work on a traffic study of McKnight Road between Litzsinger and I-64. The City's consultant assisting with this study is CBB. The study is in response to complaints the City has received with respect to congestion, use of the roadway, and safety concerns. The study will include obtaining traffic counts for this corridor, determining the public's issues and concerns about this corridor, analyzing the data and public feedback, and making recommendations for potential improvements. A public meeting to get feedback will be scheduled for later this spring. If you are interested, please check the City's website for the meeting date or sign-up on the City's website for notifications about a variety of topics: [www.cityofladue-mo.gov](http://www.cityofladue-mo.gov)

### Traffic Study – Conway and Warson

The City is conducting a traffic study for the intersection of Conway and Warson and the surrounding area. A public meeting was held in March to determine the public concerns about this corridor which does experience congestion during morning and afternoon rush hour as well as school drop-off and dismissal times. Another public meeting will take place where the City's consultant will present recommendations for potential improvements.

### ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan

Bids are due in April for the first ADA implementation project which involves sidewalk replacement on Clayton Road in the Clayton Road business district; between Conway and Dwyer Place.

### Storm Water five-year implementation plan update

Work on the Storm Water Implementation Plan continues. The design phase is well under way for all five of the highest-ranking projects in the Storm Water Master Plan. The engineering consultants working on these projects are preparing the plans, specifications, and cost estimates for these projects. Meetings with the impacted property owners have been taking place to ensure stakeholder input is being obtained and incorporated into the projects. After the design phase is refined, then easements will be acquired from property owners. More information about these projects are on the City's website at [www.cityofladue-mo.gov](http://www.cityofladue-mo.gov)

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## Park Grant

The City of Ladue has received a planning grant from the Municipal Park Grant Commission to create a master plan vision for the development of a city park at the Edie's Mulch Site. To develop a master plan that embodies the vision of the Ladue community we are holding the first of two public meetings on Tuesday, May 14 from 4:30 – 6:00 pm at City of Ladue City Hall. This meeting is an opportunity to learn about the planning process and for the community to discuss the future park with representatives from the city and the planning team from SWT Design, while providing input on goals, opportunities and your vision for this future park. If you are unable to attend or would like to provide additional feedback an online input opportunity will be provided following the meeting. A link to this online feedback form will be posted on the city website.



A second meeting will be held in late June to review the master plan design for the future park and discuss priorities and schedule for implementation. If you have any questions about this meeting or the planning process, please contact Anne Lamitola, Director of Public Works at 314-993-5665.

## MSD Plans Construction Along Deer Creek to Alleviate Sewer Backups

This fall, MSD will begin a five-year construction project in Ladue along Deer Creek to alleviate basement backups and eliminate sewer overflows into the creek. MSD will replace approximately 3.5 miles of pipe, stretching from Overbrook Drive to Ladue High School. Construction will not affect sewer service, and most of the work will not affect traffic. Public roads should remain open throughout the project.

This project is required as part of MSD's consent decree with the Environmental Protection Agency to improve water quality and alleviate wastewater concerns. This work will increase the capacity of the wastewater sewers, reducing the likelihood of basement backups and sewer overflows when it rains.

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The storm water projects in the design phase are:

- Willow Hill – Reroute Along Road (infrastructure)
- Robin Hill Lane/McKnight Lane Bank Stabilization (stream bank stabilization)
- Deerfield/Wakefield storm sewer improvements
- South Tealbrook Drive storm sewer improvements
- Babler Lane storm sewer improvements

### Small Project Storm Water Grant Program

The owners of any property located within the City of Ladue may apply for a grant from the storm water account fund to cover up to 50% of the property owner's eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$25,000 per project, to design, review, install, and inspect a City-approved storm water project. The minimum project cost is \$5000 with a City match of \$2500. Each fiscal year a maximum of up to \$50,000 may be allocated to the fund.

Prior to project approval, the applicant shall submit a formal and complete engineering plan prepared by a licensed Missouri professional civil engineer or landscape architect with the necessary scope and design requirements for review. Upon approval of a formal application, eligible applicants shall obtain and submit a minimum of three comparable bids from contractors which are fully capable of completing the proposed work in compliance with the scope of work and applicable law and regulations. Reimbursement will be made by the City upon completion of the work and submittal of paid receipts or invoices, executed lien waivers, and written verification from the owner that the project was completed per the project plans and requirements. The contact person for this program is Mark Koester, Storm Water Project Engineer, [mkoester@cityofladue-mo.gov](mailto:mkoester@cityofladue-mo.gov), (314) 993-5665

### Public Works In-house Maintenance Programs

Public Works crews are busy working on crack sealing of asphalt pavements throughout the City, the monthly brush program which runs March through September, and grounds & parks spring clean-up and maintenance activities.

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.

## Mosquito Spraying

St. Louis County Department of Public Health sprays for mosquitos within Ladue under contract. If you would like your property to be placed on the 'Do Not Spray' list, please contact St. Louis County Vector Control at (314) 615-0680.

For additional information about the program, please visit their website at: <https://www.stlouisco.com/HealthandWellness/MosquitoControl>



The City contracts with CodeRED for emergency notification

service. Participants have the choice of registering for one or all categories which include emergency alerts, general alerts and weather warnings.

To learn more about the service and register use the following link

<https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BF69D855F643>

The City's website offers "Email Notification" service. This service allows you to receive an email for the following categories:

1. City Council and Committee/Commission Meeting Agendas
2. Crime Alerts
3. Ladue Current Events

**The sign up bar is located at the bottom right side of the homepage at [www.cityofladue-mo.gov](http://www.cityofladue-mo.gov).**

## General Smart Energy Plan Message

Ameren Missouri is executing its customer-focused Smart Energy Plan to enhance reliability and provide smarter energy infrastructure and cleaner energy, all while keeping rates stable and predictable. The plan includes more than 2,000 electric projects over the next five years throughout the state that will help reduce or eliminate outages and offer new tools to help customers manage their energy usage. The plan also increases potential for business growth and job creation. The plan supports Ameren Missouri's mission to power the quality of life for Missouri families and businesses, making our state an even better place to live and do business.

### Details-Warson-Fox Project

The Warson-Fox project is among the first of the 2,000+ electrical projects that Ameren Missouri plans to execute across the state to enhance reliability and provide smarter energy infrastructure to Missouri families and businesses. As part of Ameren Missouri's Smart Energy Plan, this project is designed to help reduce or eliminate outages for nearly 6000 customers in the Frontenac, Ladue, Rock Hill and Brentwood communities.

- The project includes replacement of insulators, installation of smart, automated equipment and 60 new utility poles, some fortified with composite materials for storm hardening, and installation of fiber-optic wires. Construction will begin in April and completed in October.
- Vegetation and tree clearing along the project route is nearly complete.
- The route is on existing right of way and runs from Lindbergh Blvd. near Conway Rd. and crosses Hwy 64/40 toward McKnight Rd. The route continues south and crosses Manchester Rd. and stops at Brentwood Blvd.
- The cost of the Warson-Fox project is over \$2 million to rebuild over 4 miles of double circuit 34,500 volt sub-transmission.

### Overall Benefits of the Smart Energy Plan

These upgrades are among the 2,000+ infrastructure upgrades that will offer the following benefits:

- New smart grid sensors, switches and self-healing equipment will more rapidly detect and isolate outages—reducing the number of outages and speeding power restoration when service interruptions occur.
- An expanded secure wireless footprint with fiber-enabled cell sites will allow Ameren Missouri to respond to some outages without having to send a crew.
- A stronger, more secure energy backbone will better withstand severe weather.
- New and modernized equipment will reduce or eliminate service interruptions.
- Smarter, automated equipment and 12,000 new utility poles for storm hardening, many fortified with composite materials, are designed to better withstand severe weather.
- Smarter equipment will also reduce the need for Ameren Missouri crews to respond to some outages, in turn reducing operational costs and saving customers money.

## 2019 Brush Collection Schedule

To find your collection section please visit the Public Works Page on our website!

<https://www.cityofladue-mo.gov/departments/public-works-department-214>

<b>Section 1:</b> <b>2B, 4A, 4B</b> week of	<b>Section 2:</b> <b>1B, 3B, 3C</b> week of	<b>Section 3:</b> <b>1A, 2A, 3A</b> week of	<b>Section 4:</b> <b>5A, 5B, 5C</b> week of
<b>March 4</b>	<b>March 11</b>	<b>March 18</b>	<b>March 25</b>
<b>April 1</b>	<b>April 8</b>	<b>April 15</b>	<b>April 22</b>
<b>May 6</b>	<b>May 13</b>	<b>May 20</b>	<b>May 27</b>
<b>June 3</b>	<b>June 10</b>	<b>June 17</b>	<b>June 24</b>
<b>July 1</b>	<b>July 8</b>	<b>July 15</b>	<b>July 22</b>
<b>Aug. 5</b>	<b>Aug. 12</b>	<b>Aug. 19</b>	<b>Aug. 26</b>
<b>Sept. 2</b>	<b>Sept. 9</b>	<b>Sept. 16</b>	<b>Sept. 23</b>

- To guarantee pick-up, have brush out no later than 7:00 am on Monday of your scheduled week.
- Not all sections will be picked up on Monday, collection will happen throughout your scheduled week.
- Brush may be up to 10" in diameter and 10' in length. Larger diameter wood must be a minimum of 6' in length (no firewood lengths).
- Hedge trimmings, stumps, roots and dirt balls are not accepted.
- Brush should be stacked parallel to the road and back edge of pile should be no further than 3' from road.
- Please do not mix leaves and brush together. Items mixed together will not be picked up until they are separated.

### Mayor's Youth Council

The City of Ladue is pleased to announce the success of our Mayor's Youth Council. The Council is made up of five students from Horton Watkins and John Burroughs. Members include Elizabeth Clarke, Giuseppe DiCera, Trey Fruend, Andrew Hunt and Katie Xu. At the April meeting the Council collaborated on the following mission statement: To connect Ladue's youth to the arm of local government, promote communication with elected officials, further understanding of local issues and create initiatives to enhance our involvement and sense of community. It is a joy to work with this inspirational group. As we bid farewell to our College bound members, we look to replace and expand membership. Interested students please email Lori Wrobel (Lwrobel@cityofladue-mo.gov) Ladue residency is required.

## Police Department News

Crime statistic reporting, and how the criminal justice system defines certain types of crimes are topics that are often asked about and without proper explanation, are easily misunderstood. In addition, while on-line data bases regarding crime statistics have become more prevalent; the information they provide can at times be misleading without a complete definition or understanding of how crime statistics are accounted for. In this month's newsletter, we will attempt to clarify the definition of several crimes, as well as explain how crime statistics are reported, and who they are reported to.

According to Chapter 43, Section 43.505, of the Missouri Revised State Statutes, "Every law enforcement agency in the state shall: (1) Submit crime incident reports to the department of public safety on forms or in the format prescribed by the department; and (2) Submit any other crime incident information which may be required by the department of public safety." This process is known as Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) and works in conjunction with the system operated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The Ladue Police Department submits our crime statistics through the UCR program to the Missouri Highway Patrol, who ultimately shares the information with the FBI.

Our crime statistics are compiled in a monthly report that is submitted to the Missouri State Highway Patrol and is shared with our City Council and Mayor, as well as an annual report, which is shared on our City's website. These statistics offer insight into crime patterns, crime fluctuations, and are used in part to help determine staffing levels and patrol patterns. More importantly, UCR statistics provide a detailed and regimented process for police departments to accurately track and report the various crimes occurring in their community.

The FBI has administered the UCR program since the 1930s while maintaining the primary objective of generating reliable information for use in law enforcement administration, operation, and management. However, the data collected has also been used by criminologists, sociologists, legislatures, municipal planners, the media, and other criminal justice professionals to track social indicators and for a variety of research and planning purposes. The UCR

system has obviously undergone changes and adaptations over the years, but the primary objectives have remained intact.

The UCR program divides criminal offenses into two categories, Part I offenses and Part II offenses, and defines the offenses within each. Part I crimes garner much of the focus and these offenses include Criminal Homicide, Forcible Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson. Each crime includes a specific definition that is outlined in the UCR manual, which must be strictly adhered to when reporting the offense. The terms robbery, burglary, and larceny are often applied to crimes incorrectly by the general public because they are all used to describe the loss of property in some way. For law enforcement and UCR purposes their definitions are very particular and are highlighted below:

**Robbery** – the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by **force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear**. An example of a robbery: During a purse-snatching, a thief shoved a woman to the ground and took her purse. The force causes this offense to be classified as a robbery.

**Burglary** – the **unlawful entry of a structure** to commit a felony or a theft (Includes attempts). An example of a burglary: During the night, someone stole a bicycle out of an unlocked garage that is attached to the victim's house.

**Larceny** – the **unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property** from the possession or constructive possession of another (Does not include motor vehicle theft). An example of a larceny: Someone entered an unlocked and unoccupied vehicle, stealing change and other items from inside.

Accurate crime reporting is of the utmost importance for not only law enforcement, but also for the citizens they serve. We encourage you to contact our department if you have any questions or concerns about activity in your neighborhood, and most importantly if you believe you are the victim of a crime.

Sincerely,  
Ken Andreski, Jr.  
Chief of Police



## Fire Department News

With the spring season and warmer weather just around the corner, now is a great time to remind our residents of several issues the Fire Department runs into during the warmer weather.

- If there is a fire hydrant located near your residence, please remember that it needs to be visible with a 3-foot circumference clear space around the hydrant. Please try to keep shrubs, tree limbs and plants trimmed so that the fire hydrants can be located in an emergency and we can access it without delay. Never stack limbs or yard waste in front of a fire hydrant.
- With spring here, the trees and bushes will be blooming and growing. If you live down a long driveway, street or lane, make sure the brush, trees and tree limbs are trimmed back to allow access for emergency vehicles. Remember, our fire trucks are wide and tall and require clear roads and lanes to prevent delays when responding to an emergency.
- Please remember to remind your landscapers and lawn care services that emergency vehicles need to be able to access the streets for emergencies. Many times, we find that their vehicles/trailers are parked on the street in a manner that can delay the response of our emergency vehicles.

As the weather warms up our emergency personnel will be out inspecting all of the fire hydrants within the City. This is very important as it not only familiarizes our personnel with the various locations but it also ensures that they are visible and in in good working order. Our personnel always try to limit washing away mulched areas and new plantings however water does need to be flowed from the hydrant to flush out rocks, dirt and debris. Every year the Fire Department finds fire hydrants that are in need of some sort of repair or need limbs trimmed back. Please remember that this benefits our residents so that we can be assured that the fire hydrants are ready when needed.

As always, please feel free to stop by either of your fire stations to meet the professional Firefighters/Paramedics of Ladue. We are always happy to answer questions, give a tour or show any of the emergency equipment that we carry.

Assistant Chief Johnson

## Arbor Day 2019

On April 6, 2019 staff, committee members and residents gathered at City Hall to celebrate the first annual Arbor Day. The City of Ladue is fortunate to have an abundance of trees in our community and to ensure that is carried into the future, City staff applied

to be recognized as a Tree City USA in the fall of 2018. One of the requirements to be a Tree City is to celebrate an annual Arbor Day. Events at the celebration included the reading of the Arbor Day proclamation by Mayor Nancy Spewak, display



and award of 3rd grade art submittals for the “Trees are Terrific” poster contest, “Ask the Arborist” with City Arborist, Sean Seed and Mo. Dept. of Conservation Community Forester, Danny Moncheski. There were also children’s activities and tree sapling giveaways. Mayor Nancy Spewak, City Council President John Fox and Councilman Bill Brennan assisted with planting a Dogwood tree in the yard fronting the Public Works Department. It was a beautiful Saturday morning to commemorate the hard work that the Beautification, Open Space and Tree Advisory Committee (BOSTA) has put into their efforts since their formation in August of 2018. For more details and photos of the days events visit the Public Works Department page at <https://www.cityofladue-mo.gov/departments/public-works-department-214>



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WARD 2 JOHN FOX AND PATRICK HENSLEY

WARD 3 HAL BURROUGHS AND BILL BRENNAN

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