

# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Neighbors and Friends,  
There are many reasons to love our town which is why I support and promote programs that allow us opportunities to interact with each other which enhances our community.

We had a successful and very fun new community event-Movie Night at Firehouse! Families came with their blankets and chairs, enjoyed tours of the Firehouse, and climbed into the fire trucks and ambulance before a popular screening of Firehouse Dog 2 in the engine bay. This new event was organized in conjunction with Make a Wish Foundation and K.A.R.E Camps. Movie goers could buy slices of pizza and snacks with the proceeds going to Make A Wish. Many thanks to our Fire/EMS crews who facilitated the evening. It was a wonderful night!

Speaking of community events, the City Events Committee is hard at work planning a "Meet in the Street" night for the end of September. Susan Gausnell is chairing the event with a healthy assist from co-chair Julie Lane. There

will be children's games, school participation, several bands, food samplings from Ladue restaurants and adult beverages! Look for more information soon. Please give us a call if you would like to be involved in the planning. This street festival will take the place of the Dogwood Parade and Festival this spring.

Our Storm Water Initiative Committee continues working toward the Storm Water Master Plan. H.R. Green will present the plan to the Storm Water Committee in the next several months. Once the Storm Water Committee hears the Master Plan, we will begin public engagement. A series of public meetings will be held to review the recommendations. These are tentatively scheduled for late April and early May. Please check our website for exact dates and times. Working towards storm water solutions is an immense undertaking which will require us all working together-homeowners, the City, and MSD.

Please remember that our creeks are privately owned. If you live on a creek, chances are a portion of it is yours! Check regularly for debris blocking the creek and be prompt with removal.

Each of us should be aware that our grading and drainage projects affect more than our own properties and that permits are required. The permitting process protects everyone and insures that projects are compliant with the City and MSD requirements.

The City Council approved my appointment of an ad hoc committee to review our Architectural Design Guidelines in relation to the City's Comprehensive Plan. This committee will identify our guiding principles and review the guidelines that help maintain the character of our community.

My door is open and I welcome your thoughts and opinions.  
Happy Spring!

*Mayor Nancy Spewak*



# Public Works Department Update

## ROADWAY PROJECTS

The City continues to work on the design phase for Lay Road improvements, which will include the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the west side of the street, and overlaying the roadway with two inches of asphalt. The construction phase for the Lay Road project is scheduled for 2018.



In 2016, the surface of Warson Road was sealed with a latex modified slurry seal (otherwise known as micro-sealing), which along with ongoing maintenance treatments such as crack sealing, will prolong the life of the pavement. In 2017, the City plans to apply micro-seal to Woodlawn and Old Warson Road.

## CITYWIDE STORM WATER PROGRAM

In 2015, the City began a three-phased Citywide storm water program. The first phase of the program was the Citywide storm water needs assessment which was completed in November 2015 and involved identifying storm water problems and stream health throughout the City. The executive summary of the needs assessment is available on the Public Works Departmental page on the City's website: <http://www.cityofladue-mo.gov/>

Since that time, the City developed a storm water ordinance which is the guiding document for development of a Storm Water master plan. The Storm Water Master plan is well underway and involves the development of concept engineering solutions for the seventeen neighborhoods with the highest statistical need with regard to severity and concentration of storm water problems. The consultant has updated the hydraulic model that was created for the entire City during the Needs Assessment phase with new information. The updated model will serve as a baseline that all proposed projects will be measured against to ensure that storm water solutions do not create a problem elsewhere in the conveyance system. The Master Plan will be presented to the Storm Water Committee in April 2017 and they will review the

proposed projects, and seek public input. All affected property owners will be invited to the Committee meeting, and any member of the public will be welcome to attend to learn more about the plan. After Master Plan completion, the City will work with the consultant to create a five-year implementation plan, which will outline the specific projects that will be designed and constructed. The five-year implementation plan is projected to be presented in the summer of 2017.

## PUBLIC WORKS CREWS

The Public Works crews have been busy performing maintenance on asphalt pavements throughout the City including sealing cracks and patching potholes. Crews collected 770 Christmas trees in January throughout the City, which is more than the last two years. Leaf crews also remained busy collecting leaves in January due to the late frost in the fall. Monthly brush collection will begin in March with seven monthly brush pick-ups that run until September. The spring leaf collection will take place in April. Please see the published collection schedules included in this newsletter for your pick-up dates and remember that materials cannot be placed curbside more than 10 days prior to the collection date. For more information, visit the City's website at: <http://www.cityofladue-mo.gov/>

## Email Notification Service

We are proud to announce that the City's website now 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

We encourage you to sign up for this service.



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



## Department of Public Works

### DISCONTINUANCE OF THE YARD WASTE COMPOSTING PROGRAM

**\*Please note, the brush and leaf collection program is not impacted by this change\***

The Public Works Department has evaluated the costs associated with the Ladue yard waste leaf and brush composting program which began in 1993. This cost evaluation was completed at this time due to two factors; the upcoming scheduled replacement of the original leaf composting equipment in 2018 at a budgeted cost of \$485,000 and a projected deficit in 2017 in the City's General Fund.

To determine the impacts of the yard waste composting program to the City, the following was estimated and/or considered:

- Annual Operational General Fund costs for composting leaves which totals \$131,600
- Annual amortized Capital Fund costs for the equipment utilized in composting which totals \$31,600
- Cost estimate for the annual haul off of the leaves in lieu of composting, which is estimated to be \$84,000
- The quantity of Ladue households that obtained leaf mulch which in 2016 was 13%

Based upon these estimates, there will be an estimated annual savings of **\$47,650 in the General Fund** with the discontinuance of composting. The **overall savings to the City** when adding in the amortized equipment Capital Fund cost is **\$79,250 annually** with the discontinuance of composting. The amount of savings could fluctuate from year to year as it depends on the quantity of leaves collected.

This information was compiled in a detailed memorandum that was submitted to the City Council along with the recommendation to discontinue composting. This recommendation was based on the costs savings to the City and the low percentage of residents that obtain the leaf mulch product. This information was formally presented to City Council at their February 21, 2017 meeting and the City Council voted unanimously to discontinue the yard waste composting program. There is still leaf mulch available at this time until late March.

**Please note, the brush and leaf collection program is not impacted by this change.**

For questions or for additional information about this topic, please contact the Public Works Department at (314) 993-5665.

## Building Department



### TREE REMOVAL

As spring arrives please be on the lookout for diseased, dead or hazardous trees. These trees can pose a danger to your property or those around you during severe storms. Dead trees are required to be removed, and the removal of any live tree over 6" in caliper requires a permit.

### REQUIRED PERMITS

Did you know many outdoor projects require building permits? Fences, patios, retaining walls, and play-sets are just a few examples of small projects that require permits. A simple phone call in advance of your project can answer any questions you may have regarding zoning requirements and whether or not a permit will be required.

Inside your residence, the removal of plaster or drywall requires a permit. Obtaining permits will ensure your project is done right and help protect your investment. Call 997-6308 today to discuss your spring project or visit the city's website at <http://www.cityofladue-mo.gov/departments/building-department-189>

### Attention Trustees

Are you a Trustee for your neighborhood association? Does the City have your current contact information? Please contact Shelly Benson at City Hall with updated information at 314-993-3439 or [sbenson@cityofladue-mo.gov](mailto:sbenson@cityofladue-mo.gov).

## Fire Department

### The Need for Community Risk Reduction Programs Part 2: 2015 Code Adoption

In the last Ladue Newsletter publication, the concept of community risk reductions was presented. In this article the City of Ladue would like to explain the need for building and fire codes and the need to be on the most current code cycle.

However, let's take a minute to review the concept of community risk reduction and how it affects the safety of citizens. Community Risk Reduction (CRR) is the identification and prioritization of risks that present within the City of Ladue. Within the fire service context, this means that fire departments exist not only to respond to emergencies after the fact, but to prevent or reduce the effects of their occurrence in the first place. It assumes that the fire service will act proactively as a risk reduction entity for their community. By being proactive i.e. fire resistant products, proper installation of mechanical features that produce fire risk, and proper construction to help prevent the spread of fires, citizens risk of personal injury or property loss will be tremendously reduced.

This leads us to part 2 of the community risk reduction: 2015 code adoption. The International Code Council (ICC) is an organization that is dedicated to developing model codes and standards used in the design, build and compliance process to construct safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient structures. ([www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org)) In laymen's terms this is an organization that protects against unsafe construction and practices that increase financial (insurance rates) or health risk to citizens. The ICC has developed individual code books that specifically address areas of construction and more. The City of Ladue currently uses and enforces the 2006 version of the following code books:

- International Building Code (IBC)
- International Fire Code (IFC)
- International Plumbing Code (IPC)
- International Mechanical Code (IMC)

The ICC publishes new versions every three years as product and construction designs continue to evolve. In late 2016, the Ladue Fire Department (LFD) and the Building Department began the journey of reviewing the 2015 codes and developing ordinances that protect and preserve the fundamental lifestyles of Ladue citizens.

Fire Marshal Jeff Johnson and Building Department

Official William Penny III have been working diligently to develop a comprehensive code adoption ordinance that is thorough and will set forth a plan to maintain current code status for years to come. It is anticipated that the adoption ordinance will be ready later this year and will be presented to the public for a 90-day review process as required by law. During this 90-day comment period citizens will be allowed to review the code books, amendments, and ordinance at City Hall and voice their concerns or approval. The official dates of the comment period will be published on the City of Ladue Website as soon as they are determined.

The City of Ladue Fire Department and Building Department wish to maintain and improve the safety of the citizens of Ladue as well as maintain the prestigious lifestyle and communities that the city was founded on. We, LFD and Building Department, strongly feel that moving toward the 2015 code adoption will achieve the above stated and continue fulfilling the goals of community risk reduction. Please feel free to contact the Fire Marshal or Building official with any questions.

Personal Note: I, Chief Lynn, would like to personally thank Building Official Will Penny III and Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal Jeff Johnson for their determination to complete this monumental task that has been thrust upon them. These two individuals continue to maintain normal duties while reviewing, revising and developing codes for the betterment of the City of Ladue. Thank you gentlemen for your hard work!

Chief Steven Lynn

## Construction Update of the City of Ladue Fire Department House #1



*The members of the Ladue Fire Department would like to thank Mayor Nancy Spewak, the Police and Fire Board, City Council, Construction Oversight Committee, and the Citizens of Ladue for supporting the reconstruction of the Ladue Fire Department Fire Houses!*



In 2015 the planning began to reconstruct fire house #1 located at Price and Clayton Road. This planning began shortly after the completion of reconstructing fire house #2 located at 9911 Clayton Road. In June of 2016 the process began first by relocating the crews of fire house #1 to 9345 Clayton Rd (City Hall) where we set up a temporary Trailer for the crews to reside in. The Department of Public Works was gracious enough to allow us to use one of their bays to house the fire truck. Once the crews had vacated the fire house demolition began quickly. Within several days the historical fire house was no more. Although many of the firemen, city officials and citizens adored the 1950 fire house, it had reached its lifespan and needed to be replaced.

### It is ALIVE!!!

Now six months later the new fire house is taking shape. As you can see in the above picture this will be a two engine bay fire house with administration offices located on the west side. Although it is hard to see, the main entrance is located just west of the engine bays. Once inside the entrance doors you will be greeted by Christy (the one who really runs the fire department). Past Christy's desk begins administration offices beginning with the Chiefs office, Assistant Chief office, Captains office, and finally the Medical Officers office. Currently the walls have been framed and are awaiting the roof completion to begin dry walling.



### Engine Bay

This picture is a panoramic view of the engine bay showing the two bays as well as the mezzanine which will be used for storage. On the right hand of the picture you may notice a large opening next to a door. The large opening is a break room that is located directly behind the fire truck. This break room is a continuation from the original fire house as this is a place that members of the fire department would congregate after dinner to discuss various things. But most importantly this is a place that firefighters bond and share stories. The culture of this fire department is on family values. Firefighters spend one-third of every year living in this fire house, locations such as this break room may appear trivial to most but are invaluable to firefighters.



Please like us on Facebook as we routinely post construction updates.

## Stormwater Next Steps Meetings

You are invited to share your opinion at one of seven meetings the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) is hosting to discuss options for next steps in stormwater services for flooding and erosion.

In April 2016, area voters approved Proposition S, which equalized stormwater operation and maintenance for all customers in MSD's service area.

While the passage of Proposition S was a significant milestone, it did not address future capital projects covering flood and erosion issues. Accordingly, MSD is starting the process of developing a proposal that will address these District-wide stormwater issues.

Each meeting will cover the same material, and will include a presentation followed by a question and answer period. Attendees will also have the opportunity to express their opinions on addressing these issues via a survey. Meetings will take place at:

- Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., YMCA Carondelet Park Rec Complex, 930 Holly Hills Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63111.
- Wednesday, March 22, 2017, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Center of Clayton, 50 Gay Avenue, Clayton, MO 63105.
- Tuesday, March 28, 2017, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Washington Middle School, 5165 Amb's Road, St. Louis, MO 63128.
- Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., MSD Administrative Offices, 2350 Market Street, Room 109, St. Louis, MO 63103.
- Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., The Pointe at Ballwin Commons, #1 Ballwin Commons Circle, Ballwin, MO 63021.

Please plan to attend and share your opinions. For more information, visit: <http://www.stlmsd.com/nextstepsstormwaterservices>

## City of Ladue Archives

Charlie Hiemenz - Archives Committee Chairman

The City of Ladue maintains three display cases filled with fun and interesting historical Ladue memorabilia. Most of the items displayed have been donated to the City of Ladue by residents and/or families of current or former residents. When you are in the area of the City Hall campus, please stop by and take a look at what's in one of more of these display cases.

One display case is located just inside the main entrance to City Hall. Currently on exhibit in this display case is:

- Memorabilia from the former Busch's Grove Restaurant
- Old Ladue Auxiliary Police Unit memorabilia
- Old Ladue Civil Defense memorabilia

A second display case is located in the Ladue Building Department, located on the western end of City Hall and contains:

- Early Ladue zoning and building ordinance books
- A vintage Ladue Public Works Department vehicle license plate
- A hand signed letter dated 7/25/1938 from long time Ladue resident Oliver Parks (who lived on McKnight Lane) on parks College letterhead
- A hand carved wooden map of Ladue depicting the topography of the City of Ladue on a 1 : 19,200 scale and a 1" to 1,600 Ft. elevation. The map is made from a combination of East Indian Rose wood, Cherry wood and African Mahogany.

A third display case is located in the Ladue Police station, located just to the east of City Hall, and contains:

- A vintage Ladue Police Department vehicle license plate
- An invitation and flyer from the 10/6/2001 dedication of the police building
- A St. Louis Post Dispatch article dated 4/21/1940 (four years after the incorporation of the City of Ladue as a 4th class city) related to the Ladue Police Department
- Four hand signed letters by J. Edgar Hoover, former Director of the FBI, on his personal FBI letterhead

The mission of the Ladue Archives Committee is to acquire, preserve and exhibit historical Ladue memorabilia items for current and future generations to enjoy. If you, or a family member, have Ladue items of historical interest that you would like to donate to the City of Ladue archives collection, please contact Ladue

Archives Committee chairman Charlie Hiemenz at 314-991-9176 or via Email at [achiemenz@aol.com](mailto:achiemenz@aol.com).

### LADUE TRIVIA:

When the City of Ladue was incorporated in 1936 one of the first tasks of the new city was to establish a code of ordinances. In ordinance order, the first 10 ordinances were:

1. Provides for a Seal of the City
2. Filing of the City of Ladue plat
3. Creates the Board of Police Commissioners
4. Creates the position of Chief of Police
5. Establishes the duties and indemnity for the Ladue City Marshall
6. Establishes the duties and powers of the Ladue City Treasurer
7. Issuance of Ladue automobile and drivers licenses
8. Establishes the duties for the Ladue Collector
9. Establishes the powers, duties and term of office for the Ladue City Mayor
10. Establishes the duties and term of office of the Ladue City Clerk



## Police Department

News from the Ladue Police Department is good. Residential burglaries and larcenies were down in 2016. Residential burglaries totaled 14 for the year down 39% from 2015. Eight of the fourteen burglaries were committed entering an unlocked door into a home without an alarm system turned on.

As well, larceny (stealing) was down 18% from 2015. The 71 thefts in 2016 comprised four types: 16 retail theft (shoplifting); 28 from unlocked parked vehicles; 18 from buildings; and 9 from other locations. Theft was the number one crime of our community.

Theft from vehicles continues to be the predictable crime for thieves and those looking for a money making opportunity. Many of our neighborhoods are prime targets due to the number of homes, the number of cars parked outside over night, and the proximity to major thoroughfares. In many cases, this re-occurring crime is highly preventable. If it is predictable it is preventable; therefore, the good news is these incidents are preventable by following some simple rules.

Lock your vehicle – (yes, even in your driveway); Remove valuables from inside your car; and Remove your keys from the vehicle.

Residential burglary is also a preventable crime. In previous newsletters I have given four simple tips to help make you less of a target for those who enter or break into homes.

### SO PLEASE:

Lock all your doors – (yes, even when you are home); Use your alarm system; Store valuable jewelry, currency, checks, credit cards in a safe or locked container; and Limit or control who has unrestricted access to your home.

The Ladue Police department police officers and communications officers are committed to your safety. We patrol your neighborhoods and do our best to deter crime and identify the perpetrators.

I ask you to please help us by following the above simple tips and help reduce the incidence of crime in your neighborhood.

If you need more information on crime prevention or would like to have your home evaluated to see how you can improve your home's security, please feel free to contact me at the police department to schedule a visit.

Chief Rich Wooten  
993-8344

### City of Ladue Brush Pick-up Schedule 2017

<b>SECTION 1</b>		<b>2B, 4A, 4B</b>	
March 6 July 3	April 3 Aug. 7	May 1 Sept. 5	June 5
<b>SECTION 2</b>		<b>1B, 3B, 3C</b>	
March 13 July 10	April 10 Aug. 14	May 8 Sept. 11	June 12
<b>SECTION 3</b>		<b>1A, 2A, 3A</b>	
March 20 July 17	April 17 Aug. 21	May 15 Sept. 18	June 19
<b>SECTION 4</b>		<b>5A, 5B, 5C</b>	
March 27 July 24	April 24 Aug. 28	May 22 Sept. 25	June 26

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All brush and leaves should be set out by 7 A.M. Monday morning of the scheduled week.

### APRIL 2017 LEAF PICK-UP

#### Week of April

03	Section	5B	3C	2B
03	Section	5A	3B	5C
10	Section	4B	1A	3A
10	Section	1B	4A	2A

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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

(CONTACT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE CITY  
WEBSITE, [www.cityofladue-mo.gov](http://www.cityofladue-mo.gov))



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BUILDING	314-997-6308
MUNICIPAL COURT	314-993-3919
PUBLIC WORKS	314-993-5665
PUBLIC WORKS – FAX	314-994-3195
POLICE (non-emergency)	314-993-1214
FIRE (non-emergency)	314-993-0181
FIRE – FAX	314-993-0412
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