

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2018

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

As your Mayor, I am committed to working with your City Council members, committee chairs and members and you, our residents, to consistently advance the City of Ladue to ensure we remain a premier community.

I am happy to report that the Public Works Department is engaging engineers to begin the design process for the first projects of the Ladue Storm Water Management Program. This effort is being led by Pete Merten, the City's Storm Water Engineering Manager, and Anne Lamitola, Director of Public Works. We look forward to beginning to bring positive change for so many of us with regard to water runoff and flooding concerns.

Police Chief Andreski continues to prioritize community policing. You will see Ladue Police Officers in well-marked police cars patrolling our neighborhoods and local businesses. Ladue Police can conduct vacation checks when you are away from home. And, can provide a complete home security assessment. Ladue Fire/EMS personnel will help if you

are having trouble installing a car seat or simply would like it checked for your peace mind. Our intent is to offer helpful services to our residents.

Last week a large tree fell across Lay Road, completely blocking access. Thankfully, no one was hurt. Within minutes, our Ladue Public Works crews and Fire/EMS crews were working to clear the road. Ladue Public Works now has a certified arborist on staff, Sean Seed. Sean has been with Public Works for five years and worked to obtain certification so that he can check on the health of our trees in the right of way and city property.

The Lay Road sidewalk project from Clayton Road to Godwin Lane begins this month. Please be patient as we work to completion. We will do everything in our power to keep this project on deadline and minimize disruption and traffic related problems.

I was fortunate to have the opportunity to meet with three members of Girl Scout Troop

#2693 from Ladue Middle School. Lucia Berglund, Katie Marks and Ginger Schulte asked thought provoking questions which resulted in a productive discussion about the need to treat everyone equally and to maintain transparency in our city communications and daily operations.

City Council placed Proposition A, *to continue collecting out of state motor vehicle tax, on the ballot for the April 3, 2018 election*. Ladue receives approximately \$143,000 each year through sales tax from vehicles that are purchased from non-Missouri licensed dealers. The Missouri Legislature acknowledges that rejection of this measure will result in a reduction of local revenue to provide for vital services for residents of the City of Ladue. Approval of Proposition A retains the existing tax. It is not a new tax. Please see the article in this newsletter for an explanation of the facts and the date for informational meetings to educate you on Proposition A.

Best,
Mayor Nancy Spewak
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Fire Department News

Technology in the Fire Service, how it is benefiting the City of Ladue.

In this day and age, we are inundated with electronic devices and technology. Have you ever wondered how this technology is being used in emergency services? This article will explain the use of technology and how it benefits the citizens of Ladue.

Let's start with dispatching. The City of Ladue contracts with Central County Emergency 911 Dispatch services (CCE911) which is located in Ellisville, MO. CCE911 handles all emergency medical Services (EMS), fires, rescues, and fire service related emergencies. When you dial 911 a Ladue Police Dispatcher will answer the call. Once it is determined this is a fire service call, he or she will transfer the call to CCCE911. At this point the dispatcher will collect the necessary information and enter it into the computer as the radio operator is alerting the appropriate resources to stand by for a call. When

enough information is obtained, i.e. address and nature of emergency, the computer will determine the closest appropriate vehicle by Global Positioning System (GPS) and dispatch those units to the call.

A redundancy notification system is used that activates at the same time as the primary notification system. The redundancy notification system uses an app called Active911. This app will give the nature of the call, units to respond, and the quickest route.

Once notification is made and appropriate personal protective equipment is donned, the trucks begin to roll. The officer on the truck no longer announces on the radio "we are in route", they press a button on the screen notifying dispatch. Dispatch can track the movement of each vehicle alerting the traveling unit of obstructed traffic routes or unforeseen delays.

Once on scene, units communicate via handheld radio's that operate through a robust system utilizing 800 MHz frequencies. The dispatching center continuously monitors all radio traffic and assists the commanding officer in any manner necessary. Each portable radio has an emergency button. Once activated, a signal is sent to dispatch at which time the dispatcher can see what radio is alarming. Each radio has a specific location indicating a truck and seat within the truck, ultimately identifying the firefighter.

The latest technology the Ladue Fire Department has obtained is Team Talk. Team Talk is a product that is part of the new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) recently purchased. Team Talk is a device that is located within the SCBA mask and allows team members inside a fire to communicate via radio. It can also Bluetooth with the portable radios allowing much clearer communications with command and dispatch.

So, what does all this mean for you the citizen? Most importantly it drastically improves communication in all aspects which reduces the time for appropriate resources to arrive on scene and to manage a scene. The Ladue Fire Department strives to stay on the cutting edge of technology, tactics, and strategies of the fire service. Rest assured that we are leading the way!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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Building Department

The Ladue Building Department had a very busy year in 2017 making positive changes to aid with effectively guiding projects through the City's review process. Please check out the Building Department's page on the City's website at <http://www.cityofladue-mo.gov/departments/building-department-189>.

Some of these changes include a requirement for a separate Architectural Review Board application & submittal, establishment of Landscape Guidelines for new single-family homes, and an updated Tree Removal Application. Numerous Ordinances have been created or updated as well. Specifically, take time to read Ordinances 2163, 2165, and 2169 which can be found on the City's website. Building applications can be found on our website as well, and you may sign up for email alerts regarding various meetings including the Zoning and Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and Architectural Review Board.

TIP: Please help maintain our beautiful city by addressing all of your home and yard maintenance items. We know it is cold outside, but pool season will be here soon enough. Please inspect your barriers and pool equipment for a safe and enjoyable season.

PROPOSITION A

Did you know...

- Each year, Ladue receives approximately \$143,000 through sales tax from vehicles that are purchased out of state to help fund vital services like street maintenance and police and fire protection.
- For years, Ladue residents have paid city sales tax and Missouri highway use tax (equal to state sales tax) on vehicles purchased out of state when the vehicles are licensed.
- Such tax is paid in Missouri, not in the state where the vehicle is purchased.
- A law enacted in 2013 requires a vote to continue the local sales tax.
- The question, in substantially the form of Proposition A, will appear on the ballot at the April 3rd general municipal election.

PROPOSITION A

“Shall the City of Ladue, Missouri, continue applying and collecting the local sales tax on the titling of motor vehicles, trailers, boats, and outboard motors that were purchased from a source other than a licensed Missouri dealer?”

- Approval of this measure will retain the revenue source – it does not add a new tax.
- The Missouri Legislature acknowledges that rejection of this measure will result in a reduction of local revenue to provide for vital services for the City of Ladue and it will place Missouri dealers of motor vehicles, outboard motors, boats, and trailers at a competitive disadvantage to non-Missouri dealers.

REMEMBER TO VOTE AT THE APRIL 3RD ELECTION

**Informational meetings will be held on Thursday, March 29th
at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.**

Public Works Update

STORM WATER PROGRAM

The City is working on the Storm Water Implementation Plan. Although the Storm Water Master Plan identified \$114 Million in projects, the City's Storm Water funding is limited to approximately \$12M over the next five years which will allow for the design and construction of solutions to the highest-ranking storm water projects in the City.

Since approval of the Storm Water Implementation plan in July 2017 by City Council, the City has conducted three public meetings targeting the top eight priority projects. The City Council and Storm Water Committee determined that prior to commitment of City funding for the design of projects, we must first obtain a 'Letter of Intent', similar to a preliminary letter of commitment, from impacted property owners. There are 139 Letters of Intent required for the top eight projects, and thus far 61% have been executed.

The City held informational meetings for the top eight projects in the fall, where 76 members of the public attended. In general, concerns heard most about deal with curbing, road width, tree preservation and replacement, restoration, the incorporation of green infrastructure, and large equipment working in the neighborhoods. An interesting phenomenon that has occurred is the emergence of citizen advocates for each of the projects. They are organizing, getting the word out, and expediting the dissemination and procurement of LOI's at the City's behalf. Their interest and zeal has saved us a lot of "leg work". The Public Works Department wants to thank these citizen advocates for their hard work! The City will continue to reach out to impacted property owners to follow up on submission of the Letters of Intent so that the design phase can begin as soon as possible.

LAY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

In 2018, the City will be making improvements to Lay Road which includes the installation of sidewalk on the west side of the road and milling and overlaying the asphalt pavement. Concrete vertical curb will be installed as well as block walls where warranted and tree and shrub installation. These improvements are scheduled to be completed by Fall 2018.

For additional information about the City's Public Works Department including the Storm Water Program, please visit the Public Works page of the website at: <http://www.cityofladue-mo.gov/>

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Spring Leaf Collection Schedule

Week of Apr. 2	1B	4A	2A
Week of Apr. 2	5B	3C	2B
Week of Apr. 9	5A	3B	5C
Week of Apr. 9	4B	1A	3A

Brush Collection Schedule

Section 1: 2B, 4A, 4B	Section 2: 1B, 3B, 3C	Section 3: 1A, 2A, 3A	Section 4: 5A, 5B, 5C
March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23
May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23
Aug. 6	Aug. 13	Aug. 20	Aug. 27
Sept. 3	Sept. 10	Sept. 17	Sept. 24

-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.

Police Department

As promised in the Fall 2017 Ladue Newsletter, I will continue to describe the Police Department's organizational structure in this edition. We previously explained the various roles and responsibilities of our Patrol Division, which is comprised of the Patrol Unit, Traffic Unit, and the School Resource Officer. While patrol incorporates the largest group of officers in our Department, we also have several support units that round out the Department and are key to the success of our overall mission.

The Communications Division is the second largest group in our Department as we have six civilian employees assigned to this unit. The Communications Division is supervised by the Communications Supervisor / Coordinator for Administration and has five Communications Officers. This unit is what is known as the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) because they are the ones answering every telephone call, every 911 emergency call, and all police radio traffic in the City. These officers are truly the lifeline for the rest of the Department, as well as anyone needing assistance within the City, as their ability to communicate is essential in dispatching the right emergency personnel and equipment. In fact, in early 2017, one of our Communications Officers received a Letter of Commendation for his efforts during a 911 emergency call that played a vital role in saving the life of a critically injured person. Our Communications Officers not only provide emergency services, but they are also on-duty twenty-four hours per day to schedule vacation checks, respond to report requests, and provide exceptional customer service to our community.

Another indispensable unit within the Police Department is the Detective Bureau. We currently have two Detectives and one Detective Sergeant, who supervises the bureau. This group of officers are tasked with investigating all crimes that are forwarded to them from our Patrol Officers and they have received specialized training in the areas of interviewing, crime scene processing, and forensic evidence. Members of this unit do not usually wear the traditional police uniform during their tour of duty as their investigations often require them to blend in with the public; however, they will always identify themselves and display our Department issued badge or I.D. if they contact you for any reason. In addition to their everyday responsibilities managing their investigative case load, our Detective Bureau is available to share their knowledge with neighborhood groups or individual

residents in the areas of security surveys, security recommendations, as well as crime prevention.

Finally, the remaining members of the Police Department are considered administrative staff which includes the Administrative Lieutenant, the Captain, and the Chief. Our Department has three Lieutenants, with two of them leading the Patrol Division, and the Administrative Lieutenant focused on accreditation, records management, and developing policy and procedures. The Captain has command and supervisory responsibilities over subordinate members of the Department, monitors purchases within the Department's budget, as well as provides leadership to ensure effective teamwork within the Department. The Chief of Police oversees all operations of the Police Department and is responsible for performing a variety of administrative, supervisory, and professional work in planning, coordinating, and directing the activities of the Department needed for the efficient performance and effective accomplishment of the Department's objectives.

On behalf of the men and women of the City of Ladue Police Department, I thank you for your support and interest in our role in the community. Our highly-trained officers are here to provide unparalleled service to our community and we encourage open communication between officers and citizens to build and sustain community partnerships and trust. Please feel free to contact me by phone, email, or in person anytime with a question, comment or concern.

Sincerely,
Ken Andreski, Jr.
Chief of Police

Ladue Garden Club

We invite you to visit the city's website at <http://www.cityofladue-mo.gov/residents/garden-club-314>

for conservation news and tips provided by the Ladue Garden Club.



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