

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Neighbors and Friends,
Summer is such a beautiful time in Ladue and our weather this year gave us one of the best in recent memory. Our public spaces and city planters have never looked better and for that, we owe a big thanks to our Public Works Department for their contributions this summer. Larry Johnson and Steve Gauer have been designing and tending our summer flowers for many years. In fact, they are responsible for our signature "Ladue Pink" petunias. Last year, the Ladue Garden Club spearheaded adding the planters at Clayton and Warson Roads and, this year, our department took over their care as well. We will continue to implement our planting guidelines and beautification plan as the budget permits.

Public works, police, and fire/EMS crews work in tandem when storms hit. This year we have seen an increase in dead trees (perhaps due to the extreme winter) and that means danger when they come down in storms, often bringing electric lines with them. Our crews work quickly to clear the roads, assist homeowners and ensure the public safety. Ameren will be in our area trimming trees over the next few months in an effort to clear and protect the lines. If you have a dead tree in your yard, please remove it in a timely manner. Check our planting guidelines for a list of trees that do well in our area.

Fire Station Number 2 is nearing completion and it is a beautiful addition to our City. We are anticipating moving our fire/EMS crews in some time in October. Watch our website for a grand opening celebration which will allow residents to tour the house. While great care has been taken to design a building residents can be proud of, even greater care was taken to guarantee a quality and cost effective state of the art fire/EMS operation. Chief John Bailot and Assistant Chief Jeff Johnson have spent countless hours working through the details and watching the budget. I am attending weekly construction meetings and can attest to their thoroughness and their respect for taxpayer dollars. This has been a collaborative effort and we are enjoying seeing it come to fruition.

Ladue Police Chief Rich Wooten and Chief Bailot worked together to implement our new early warning system, CodeRED. We will use this service when quick and reliable communication is warranted. Please visit our website-cityofladue-mo.gov and click on the link to sign up for the service. You may select which warnings you wish to receive. There is an opt out option as well. For the first time, we have a city wide communications system to reach residents and businesses. Speaking of websites, we are very

close to the launch of our new, user friendly website. Once it is up and running, I hope to hear your feedback so that we can provide you with the best service possible. Fall brings an end to our carefree summer days. For the City of Ladue fall means beginning the budget process and preparing for winter. Public Works Director, Anne Lamitola is securing our salt and winter road treatments so that we can continue to enjoy our reputation of having the best cleared streets in St. Louis!

In closing, I remember our long term City Council President, Walter Stern who passed away last month. Walt was elected to the Council in 1996 and served as our president from 1999 until his death. Walt was known for his sharp instincts, his attention to detail and his genuine love for the City of Ladue. He was a friend to all who knew him. Our City will benefit from Walt's influence for many years. We are lucky he chose to serve our community.

I have appointed Ward 2 resident, Patrick Hensley, longtime chair of the Public Works Committee, to complete Walt's term.

As always, remember your local shopkeepers and shop Ladue! Your feedback and ideas are always welcome. I can be reached in my office at City Hall anytime.



Mayor Nancy Spewak

Drug Drop Off

The Ladue Police Department has partnered with the Missouri Prescription Pill and Drug Disposal (Missouri P2D2), a nonprofit organization, to provide an environmentally safe alternative to disposing of medications in the landfill or sewer systems that may later negatively effect the environment.

This program encourages citizens to remove their un-needed medications from their homes. This reduces access to dangerous medications for accidental or intentional misuse by children in the home.

Citizens can bring their unused prescription drugs and over-the-counter medicines to our department's collection box at our police station. Missouri P2D2 collects and disposes of these drugs responsibly. The program is safe, free, and anonymous.

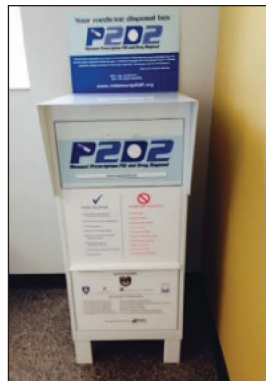
The collection box is located in the lobby of the Ladue Police Department station located at 9345 Clayton Road. The collection box is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Items accepted for disposal are:

- Prescription medications, including controlled substances
- All over-the-counter medications
- Pet medications
- Vitamins and supplements
- Medicated ointments, lotions, creams and oils
- Liquid medications in leak-proof containers
- Homeopathic and herbal remedies

Items that we are unable to accept include:

- Illegal drugs
- Needles/sharps
- Syringes with needles
- Thermometers
- IV bags and tubing
- Bloody or infectious waste
- Personal care products
- Empty containers
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Aerosol cans and inhalers



For more information on the program, its sponsors, and a list of other drop off locations please visit: <http://www.missourip2d2.org/index.php>

Theft From Cars

Although thefts from vehicles in 2014 are down significantly, over the past several years many cities (ours included) have seen thefts of personal property from inside vehicles.

Most of these offenses occur from unlocked vehicles.

With this information in mind, here are a few tips and changes you can make to reduce the chances of being a victim of this type of crime.



Take valuables with you. If possible, do not leave any items of value, such as electronics, cash and jewelry in the car at all.

If you must leave valuables inside the car hide them before reaching your destination.

Do not leave them in obvious hiding places, either, such as covering a valuable with clothes, towels, blankets etc...

Store items under car seats, in the trunk, in the glove box or anywhere a thief can't see the item at a glance. Most importantly, again, hide these items before you leave. You do not want to park at your destination and hide items at that time because a thief could watch you.

When possible, park your car inside a closed and locked garage. If not possible, park near good lighting and leave outdoor lighting on near your driveway.

Most importantly, lock all of the doors at all time. Yes even if you intend to "run into" a place for a few moments. Theft occurs even when you walk away for only a few moments.

And as always, if you see any suspicious activity or person(s) in your neighborhood or in a commercial parking lot call the police as soon as possible.

Thank You,
Chief Rich Wooten

Emergency Notification

The City of Ladue has contracted with CodeRED for emergency notification services and will be working with CodeRED for both emergency notifications and weather alerts.



USES

The CodeRED~ system will be used to send critical communications, from evacuation notices to missing child alerts and occasionally for informational messages.

CALLER ID

When you see 866-419-5000 displayed, you will know the call is from us. If you would like to hear the last message delivered to your phone, simply dial the number back.

JOIN OUR DATABASE

To make sure you receive notifications:

YOU MAY ALSO SIGN UP FOR:



STAYSAFE The CodeRED Weather Warning™ alerts citizens in the path of severe weather.

ALERT TYPES

Moments after a severe thunderstorm, flash flood or tornado warning has been issued by the National Weather Service, telephone messages will be sent to affected (registered) citizens.

CALLER ID

You'll know the call is from CodeRED Weather Warning when you see 800-566-9780. If you'd like to hear the last message delivered to your phone, simply dial the number back.

PRIVACY

Your contact information remains private. It will only be used for severe weather alerts, and in areas that have CodeRED for community notification, you will also receive messages delivered through that system.

For any questions, contact Police Chief Rich Wooten at 314-993-1214 or Fire Chief John Bailot at 314-993-0181.

To make sure you receive notifications make sure that you sign up!

City of Ladue Public Works Update

The Public Works Department has been busy this summer with numerous maintenance activities including concrete pavement patching on Hunter Avenue, brush collection, mowing and trimming of right-of-ways, asphalt patching, and bridge masonry repairs.

It's hard to believe that leaf collection is just around the corner! There will be a monthly leaf collection for every resident in October, November, and December. As a reminder, there will be no brush collection October through February. Below is the leaf schedule by section. The leaf map has also been included in this newsletter for your reference. You may also visit the Public Works page on the City's website to enter your address to determine your leaf collection dates: www.cityofladue-mo.gov A few friendly reminders about the City's leaf collection:

- The program is free to all Ladue residents!!
- Bagged leaves, grass clippings, and sweet gum balls are NOT accepted
- Leaves should be placed parallel to the road & the back edge of the pile should be no farther than 10 ft. from the road and no closer than 10 ft. from adjacent property.
- Please no mixing of leaves & brush as each of these requires a different piece of equipment for collection.

2014 Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

October				
06	Section	4B	1A	3A
13	Section	1B	4A	2A
20	Section	5B	3C	2B
27	Section	5A	3B	5C
November				
03	Section	4B	1A	3A
10	Section	1B	4A	2A
17	Section	5B	3C	2B
24	Section	5A	3B	5C
December				
08	Section	4B	1A	3A
15	Section	1B	4A	2A
22	Section	5B	3C	2B
29	Section	5A	3B	5C

Project Updates

Pavement rehabilitation and storm water improvements are nearly complete at Edie's Mulch Site located off South Outer 40. The deteriorated asphalt pavement was replaced with a concrete surface and a second detention basin was installed at the site to handle the storm water runoff.

The traffic signal replacement at Ladue Road and I-170 in conjunction with the realignment of the Summers Compton Wells entrance onto Ladue Road is nearing completion. The traffic signal timing will be updated and hopefully improved at this intersection.

The McKnight Road improvement project spanning from Clayton Road to Ladue Road began on September 2, 2014. There are two bridges that will be replaced as well as the installation of sidewalk on the east side of the road and rehabilitation of the roadway surface. Because of the scope of work involved in this project, construction will extend into spring 2015. Additional information about the project is available on the City's website: www.cityofladue-mo.gov

Please call the Public Works Department if you have any questions about the leaf and brush collection program, project, or to report a concern regarding an issue in the public right-of-way at (314) 993-5665.

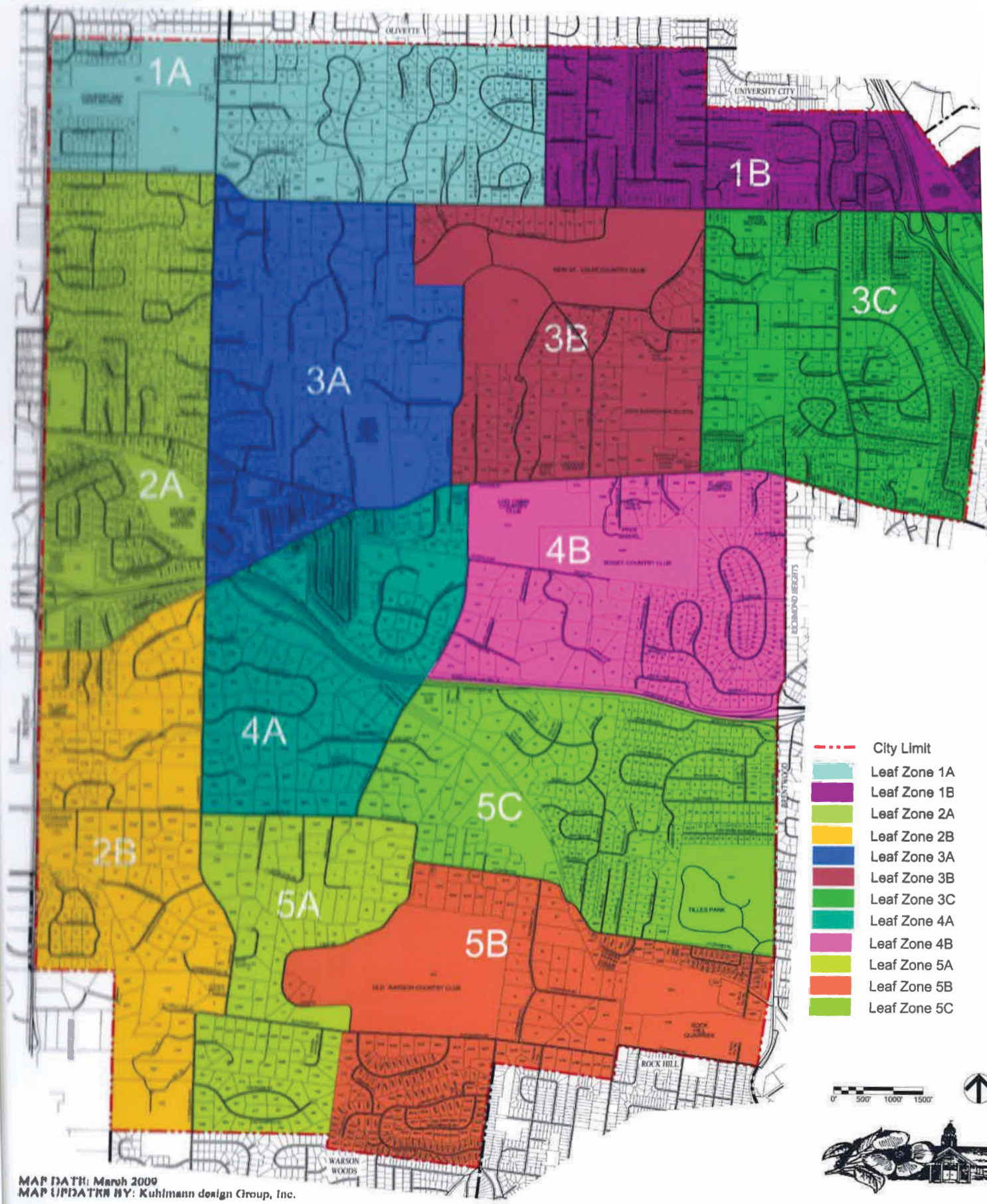
Yours very truly,
Anne C. Lamitola, P.E.
Director of Public Works

Dead Tree Removal

It is a good idea to review the trees on your property to see if any are diseased or dying before the fall when the trees can become difficult to identify. Unfortunately as a result of the recent storms and severe weather many of the mature trees in the area have died or have become susceptible to disease.



Dead and diseased trees pose a risk to public safety and have the potential to cause significant property damage. The Building Department will continue to identify dead trees in the area and notify property owners accordingly, but you can assist us by reviewing the trees on your property or contacting us at 997-6308 if you see a dead tree which needs to be removed.



Fire Department Construction Update

The finishing touches are taking place to complete the construction of the new Ladue Fire Station #2 at 9911 Clayton Road. It has been gratifying to watch the new building rise from the ground that held the previous fire station since 1950. The new building was designed and built to stand for this community for decades; and to accommodate the changes in technology and meet the needs of our citizens.

The new building has a larger apparatus bay to accommodate current day fire apparatus and will allow for maintenance to be done on the fire truck inside the building (the cab of the truck has to tilt upward to access the engine) opposed to outside in the elements. Along with the apparatus bay on the first floor is the shift supervisor's office, a training room that holds up to 25 people and a service area to meet the daily operational needs of the firefighters to effectively serve the community.

As you may, or may not know, the firefighters live in the fire station for a 48-hour shift. Therefore, "living" quarters are necessary and are on the second floor. The living area includes a kitchen with eating area, a dayroom for use after daily work hours, sleeping rooms, restrooms, a small office, and a small laundry area. The new living area is designed to accommodate both male and female firefighters, so we have moved away from the dormitory (open) style large sleeping room without any privacy, to smaller individual rooms that accommodate one firefighter at a time.

A new traffic signal replaces the 1950 vintage red light that used to hang over Clayton. The signal will be controlled by the firefighters leaving the station to stop traffic on Clayton Road.

I am pleased to announce that the Fire Station #2 re-construction project is on track for your firefighters to move into the newly constructed building in October. Please watch the City website for the announcement of the actual opening date and the dedication ceremony.

Show Your Civic Pride

Support the Ladue community and its heritage. Proudly display the Ladue city flag at your home or business. City flags (3'x4') are available at Ladue City Hall for \$50.00 each.



October 5-11, 2014 is Fire Protection Week.

This year's theme is:

**"Working smoke alarms save lives –
test yours every month".**

Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. Roughly 2 out of 3 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or the alarms are not working. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.



Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.

Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.

It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds they all sound.

Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.

There are two kinds of alarms. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use both types of alarms in the home.

A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet from the stove.

People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.

Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old

Source: www.nfpa.org

Historical Archives

The City of Ladue formed the Ladue Archives Committee in early 2011 as the City approached the 75th anniversary of being incorporated in 1936. Since being formed, the City has received numerous gifts and donations from Ladue businesses, current Ladue residents, and families of former Ladue residents. These “treasures” help the City preserve the rich history of Ladue.

The Ladue Archives Committee is actively seeking items related to Ladue’s history, including:

- Papers of former Ladue public officials and private citizens
- Subdivision records and documents
- Building plans
- Old letters
- Newspaper articles and/or periodicals
- Maps
- Works of art related to Ladue
- Plat cards
- Photographs

If you, or someone you know, has an item that they would be willing to donate to the City of Ladue archives collection, please contact Ladue Councilman/City Archivist Charlie Hiemenz @ 991-9176 or achiemenz@aol.com

LADUE TRIVIA: The Ladue Police Department was organized on July 1, 1931. The officers provided their own uniforms and equipment and used their personal cars for patrol duty. Police headquarters was located at the St. Louis Country Club. Residents needing the police had to telephone the Country Club.



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