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GREAT CITY OF ST. CLAIR, MISSOURI

Waste Hauling Agreement Changes

The great City of St. Clair recently extended our agreement with IESI to provide solid waste collections within the City limits of St. Clair. This agreement included a few modifications that may affect your weekly experience. First and foremost, in an effort to reduce costs to you, we have reduced our curb-side recycling program from once a week to once every other week. In addition, the pick up of yard waste was also reduced from once every week to once per month for December, January, February, and March; every other week during the months of July, August, and September; and weekly during April, May, June, October, and November. There is a calendar available at

City Hall, if a resident would like a calendar illustrating these services dates.

The City is also proud to announce that we will be adding a one week fall clean-up beginning this fall. This request was recognized during the creation of the City's comprehensive plan entitled Envision 20/20.

This new agreement reduced our residential bills to a rate of \$11.13 for seniors for 2010 and \$12.71 for the regular rate in 2010. The City was very pleased with being able to reduce these rates of services while still providing a quality service to the citizens of St. Clair.



2010 Waste Hauling Changes

Spring Clean Up May 3rd through May 7th

This year's Spring Clean-up will be held during the week of May 3rd. On Monday morning May 3rd and continuing through Friday afternoon May 7th the City will make available large dumpsters for City residents to utilize

for the disposal of large items. This service will be made available during the hours of 7:30 a.m.—4 p.m. only. Please do not bring items to the site after these hours or on the weekend.

As always, tires, batteries, paint, and chemicals will not be ac-

cepted. These items are considered hazardous.

The City is proud to offer this community service and we encourage all of our residents to participate.

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Municipal Services:

- Large Item Trash Pick Up - IESI will pick up one large item free of additional charge to you once a month, if you call 629-2400 prior to that date.
- Brush Site— Brush and only brush may be dropped off in an area located behind the Street Maintenance Building at 510 Park Street across from the St. Clair Pool during normal business hours.
- Utility Bills— are due monthly on the 15th of the month. Delinquent accounts will be disconnected on the 25th of the month



Mayor
Ron Blum

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The Mayor’s Desk

It is apparent now that the Homeowner’s Rehabilitation Grant is going to be a huge success. This program allows homeowners to make repairs to their homes without the use of taxpayer funds. Thank you FMB, the Federal Home

Loan Bank, the great City of St. Clair and especially City Administrator Jim Arndt and City Building Inspector Joe Davis.

The Hwy 44-47 project is underway and in the design phase. This project is vital for our great

City as it opens the door to retail development. With the relocation of the north outer road and the addition of traffic signals at the 44-47 overpass we will see growth. Our vision of a prosperous St. Clair will become a reality.

Freedom Festival 2010

This year’s Freedom Festival will be held on **Saturday June 26th, 2010** in Orchard Park. The City is excited about this year’s festival and we are expecting another large turnout. Last year’s event was well attended in spite of the extremely hot temperatures.

The City has budgeted \$4,000 for this year’s fireworks display. The display will be fired after dusk. The City will be

conducting a fund raising drive to help cover the expense of this year’s display. Anyone interested in donating may make their check payable to the City of St. Clair.

This year the festival is looking forward to offering a car show or a softball tournament throughout the day prior to the fireworks display in an effort to bring more people out to the festival during the

day.

The festival will continue to offer family fun events and activities for adults and children free of charge. This will include the traditional contests such as the annual hot-dog eating contest, watermelon eating and watermelon seed spitting contest. This year’s event will also include a visit from Ronald McDonald.

New Aquatic Center/Recreation Center?



New Pool Anyone?

The City of St. Clair Bond Committee has been discussing our future city needs. The overwhelming need identified was a new pool for the children within our community, a place for young adults and children to exercise, a place for community meetings, and a place for our senior citizens to meet and exercise.

This need was also identified during the formation of our comprehensive plan for the City and during a recent question and answer session with High School Students during the St. Clair High School Career Day.

The bond committee is now considering the construction of a new indoor

and outdoor pool along with a new indoor basketball court, walking path, exercise/weight room, meeting rooms, and a new room for the St. Clair Senior Citizen Center.

The City is seeking your feedback about this potential new project. Does the construction of this type of facility sound like it is worth our tax payer’s dollars?

St. Clair Business of the Month Recipients

Since the beginning of this program, the City has successfully recognized 26 businesses within our great City and we have 14 more businesses that have been nominated for this award.

Every business that is within the City limits of St. Clair that receives a nomination will be issued the award, if they desire to participate in this recognition program. The award is provided to only

one business each month.

There are still many of our businesses that are deserving, but have not yet been nominated. Please contact Jim Arndt at 629-0333 to get your favorite business added to the list.

The City is proud to announce the following businesses were recognized since the last edition of the St. Clairian:

Oct—Farmers & Merchants Bank

Nov—Russell Colonial Funeral Home

Dec—American Family Insurance

Jan—St. Clair Ambulance District

Feb—St. Clair RXIII School District

March—Jerron’s Cakes and Catering

April—Firehouse Signs



Nominate your favorite business.

Homeowner Rehabilitation Grant

St. Clair home owners, have you applied for your share of the \$500,000 grant yet?

Through a partnership with Farmers & Merchants Bank and the Federal Home Loan Bank the great City of St. Clair is proud to offer 100 \$5,000 grant awards that homeowners who reside within their own home within the City limits of St. Clair can

utilize to fix up their homes.

Applicants must meet the following income guidelines: If there is 1 to 2 occupants in the household, the total household income has to be less than \$33,950 per year. If there are three or more occupants in the home, the total household income has to be less than \$39,040 per year.

If you believe that you qualify to participate in this program, applications are available on line at www.stclairmo.com, at City Hall located at #1 Paul Parks Drive, at Farmers & Merchants Bank, at the St. Clair Chamber of Commerce located in the Plaza, and at the St. Clair Community/Senior Center located at 310 park Street.

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Branding St. Clair—Your opinion please.

The St. Clair Growth Committee meets once every other month to discuss growth and planning related issues for our great City. During these meetings the committee has expressed an interest related to the branding of St. Clair.

The committee has evaluated a new brand for St.

Clair in an effort to adopt a brand that organizations throughout St. Clair would be interested in incorporating into their organization’s marketing materials.

This is not a City brand, but a community-wide brand. The brand contains a new community motto that the St. Clair

Growth Committee believe captures the spirit of St. Clair.

The City is asking for your feedback concerning this revised brand. Please let Jim Arndt or Mayor Ron Blum know your opinion by calling 629-0333.



"WE'RE OPEN FOR BUSINESS!"

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The City hopes you have enjoyed this issue of The St. Clairian. The Board of Alderman believes it is very important for all of our residents to be informed about current issues and upcoming events. If you would like certain subjects covered, please feel free to contact Jim Arndt at 629-0333 (6).

2010 Planned Capital Improvement Projects

Due to a continuous decline in City tax revenue the City had to decrease our planned Capital Improvements for 2010. Despite the state of the economy, the City still intends to do all that we can afford to improve the quality of living for the citizens we serve.

This year we have budgeted \$69,680 for street resurfacing projects. We hope to resurface one or two streets with an asphalt overlay, project cost permitting, and then utilize the remainder of these funds to resurface streets with chip and seal.

The City will continue the relining of our sanitary sewer collection system in areas of town that we have a considerable amount of

storm water inflow and infiltration. We were able to budget \$50,000 for this project. The project area completed in 2009 was a complete success. We are hoping for continued success as we progress with this project on an annual basis.

There will be two substantial repairs made to our waste water treatment plant. These will include repairs to clarifiers and the purchase of mixers for our digester tanks. Both of these repairs will enhance the operation of our waste water treatment plant.

The Park will see the addition of a new light at the Elks Pavilion in Evergreen Park and repairs to our restroom facilities within the

parks.

Compared to 2008 and 2009, the amount of improvement projects will be decreased, but we are still striving to make St. Clair a great place to live, work, and play.



**Paving and Sewer Line
Projects Planned in 2010!**