

MAY 2021

EAST ST. LOUIS

The latest news and updates from East St. Louis City Hall

WE ARE EAST ST. LOUIS

WELCOME!

Welcome to the We Are East St. Louis newsletter. This newsletter will highlight information about new and existing programs, resources, and upcoming events. Our mission is to strengthen our connection with the community. You can subscribe to this newsletter on our website to stay informed every month. Also, follow us on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram for exciting news and updates.

FEATURE STORY:



On March 6, 2021, the newly formed Rotary Club of East St. Louis donated 1,200 books to District 189's little libraries. The Little Libraries are station at every school campus in the city. For more information on how to join please email: estlrotaryclub@gmail.com

East St. Louis Rotary Club Book Donation March 2021

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MAYOR'S 2ND ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST



Mayoral Prayer Breakfast – Jan. 2021

The City of East St. Louis hosted their 2nd Annual Mayoral Prayer Breakfast with the theme "Finish What You Started." The mayor elaborated on the vision for East St. Louis 2021 and joined several members of the clergy in prayer for the community. The breakfast embodied energy between civic and faith leaders who prayed for spiritual consistency, spiritual obedience, faith, strength, and the birth of a renaissance for our City.

CITY CLEAN UP

The "old nursing home" located behind East St. Louis High School had become an illegal dumping ground in the last few years. The City of East St. Louis and several other volunteers paired together to clean the area before students returned to school in March. The City of East St. Louis hosted its first clean-up of the year at the "Old Nursing Home" at 5050 Summit Avenue in East St. Louis on January 23, 2021.



Old Nursing Home City Clean Up –January 2021



Stakeholder Luncheon March 2021

2021 STAKEHOLDER MEETING

The stakeholder meeting is a strategic event that helped our city officials prepare information for a larger stakeholder meeting with the community in June-July. This meeting also helped us build a collaborative network of supporters from public and private institutions. The discussion focused on aligning our stakeholder organizations' economic and development goals with East St. Louis's 2030 city plan.

NEW CITY INITIATIVES

ADPOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM

The City of East St. Louis is launching a program to allow the public to become personally involved in improving the environment of our community and helping to keep East St. Louis roadsides clean. Anyone interested in participating in this worthwhile program can contact the City of East St. Louis at 618-482-6600 Ext. 1819



RECOGNITION

Adopt-A-Street volunteers are given full credit for their efforts. The City of East St. Louis recognizes them with a certificate of appreciation for outstanding work performed for the City at the beginning of every year.

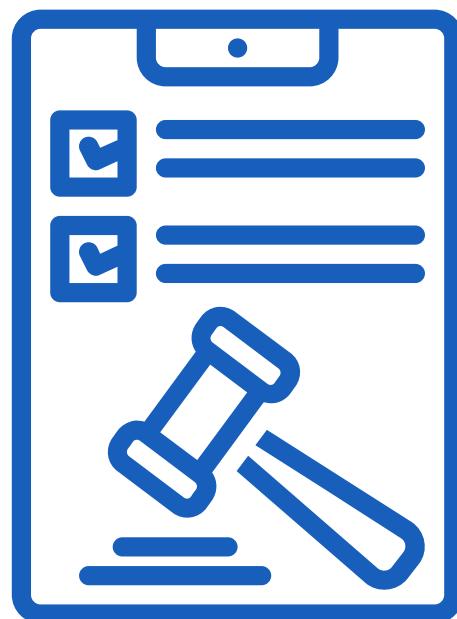
BENEFITS

Our efforts help prevent pollution, promote stewardship in the community and environment, creates awareness for litter prevention, and improve property values. Adopters are also recognized with a sign on each end of their Adopted area.

VOLUNTEER CODE ENFORCEMENT

The City of East St. Louis is proud to announce a Volunteers in Code Enforcement Program. Through this program, residents work together with the City to preserve and improve residential neighborhoods and make East St. Louis a better place to live and work.

Since volunteers are the foundation of this program, concerned citizens will help improve the quality of life in East St. Louis by assisting our code enforcement efforts. In this way, we can better address the needs of all residents. More Information: 618-482-6600 Ext. 1826



MOVING EAST ST. LOUIS FORWARD: UPDATE

FINCANCE DEPARTMENT

- Completed Audits for Fiscal Years 2016, 2017, and 2018. 2019 Audit underway
- GATA compliance completed, City removed from the Stop Pay list after 5 years
- Awarded \$1,114,079 in Local Cures Funding

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Partnered with Illinois State Police to form the Public Safety Enforcement Group (PSEG) to investigate all felony offenses
- Reduced overtime
- Removed over 350 handguns and assault rifles from the streets
- Hired 2 patrol officers
- Partnership with New Community Life Church to assist families of violent crimes

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Purchased an additional fire truck at a reduced rate
- Provided East St. Louis residents with smoke detectors
- Collected fines for non-residents that had major fires in the city limits, including one for \$26,000

REGULATORY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

- Developed and implemented a Code Enforcement Complaint Log to monitor incoming complaints from inception to resolution
- Implemented Trash Service Investigations to check all occupied properties for mandatory trash service
- Developed and implemented a Covid-19 Action Plan Held the first annual East St. Louis Revitalization Project and secured donations from Home Depot, Lowes, and a number of non-profits and local businesses

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- Street lights repaired along State Street
- 8th Street Repaired
- Participated in numerous clean-ups throughout the City

INTRODUCING OUR NEW CITY MANAGER



Carlos Mayfield joined the City of East Saint Louis as City Manager on May 15th, 2021. Mr. Mayfield grew up in Saint Louis but has always had a vision and passion for seeing our region grow. He formerly served as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) for RVC Group in Saint Louis, Missouri. Mr. Mayfield spent 12 years building and managing some of Saint Louis' premiere new construction projects, such as Ballpark village, BJC Campus renewal, Wash U Medical Center, to name a few. Mr. Mayfield worked closely to develop several municipalities and cities, introducing Bonds and developments for firehouses and police departments. He brings a wealth of expertise and economic development, and management knowledge to East Saint Louis. "I'm looking forward to working with the Mayor, City Council, staff, and the great Citizens to continue our efforts to enhance East Saint Louis as the premiere city of Champions.

"These are challenging times that require all of us to look at innovative ways to sustain city government, businesses, non-profits, and community groups, and all of the programs and activities that make East Saint Louis special. While I doubt any one of us alone has the silver bullet to solve all our challenges at once, However, if we can work together as residents, the Administration, the Council, the community, the management team, and the business community, we'll get through this." Because I believe! - Carlos Mayfield

UPCOMING CITIZEN EVENTS IN EAST ST. LOUIS



TO SUBMIT YOUR EVENT FLYER FOR A FEATURE IN OUR NEWS LETTER PLEASE EMAIL:
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BEST YARD OF THE MONTH CONTEST

EVERYONE LOVES A LITTLE FRIENDLY COMPETITION!

FIRST PLACE WINNER
YARD RECOGNITION SIGNAGE
GIFT CARD

SECOND PLACE WINNER
GIFT CARD

THIRD PLACE WINNER
BEST YARD CERTIFICATE

WINNERS ANNOUNCED ON THE 30TH OF EACH MONTH

WINNERS SELECTED BASED ON:

- CREATIVITY
- ORIGINALITY
- BEAUTIFICATION



CONTEST DETAILS:

- MAY 1, 2021 UNTIL AUGUST 31, 2021
- THREE WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED EACH MONTH
- RESIDENTS MAY ONLY WIN FIRST PLACE ONCE A SUMMER

Rotary
Club of East St. Louis

ALL EAST ST. LOUIS RESIDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE



YARD SUBMISSIONS:

- Email submission to: estlrotaryclub@gmail.com
- Tag Rotary Club of East St. Louis on Facebook
- Submissions via email or Facebook are due by the 15th of each month

SUNDAY

JULY
18TH
2-7PM
\$1 ENTRY
(EVERYONE)

The Illinois
Black Woodstock Festival
EST. 2021

8221 State Street (83rd)
East St. Louis, IL 62203
Mask Required



HOSTED BY
SHAD B DA BOSS
& THE REAL KING JAFIE



Vendors Fee \$75 (INVITE ONLY) | Tables-Tent- Promotion provided
618-744-8654 (Courtney)
618-722-0336 (Lauren)
www.tipseytequila.com
Lawn chair/Picnic blankets allowed

Honorary Guest

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