CITY OF LAKESHIRE

FALL/WINTER 2017

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TIM'S THOUGHTS

Friends and Neighbors,

Instead of the usual riveting insight I write in this column, I'm passing along information about a program that has come to my attention.

The St. Louis County Council has established the St. Louis County Clean Energy Development Board and is launching the Missouri Energy Savings Program. This program will provide property owners with access to financing to pay for energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades to their properties.

How it works: property owners can finance these upgrades through a voluntary special assessment on their property. This annual special assessment to repay the financing will be placed on the county tax rolls and can be financed for up to 20 years.

If you would like more information on this program, please call 314-499-8756.

From my family to yours and from the City of Lakeshire, have a wonderful Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

UPDATE ON CDBG PROJECT

The week of November 5th began work on adding handicapped curb cuts to the shoulder of Tesson Ferry at each entrance of Lakeshire. The funds were obtained by unused Community Development Block Grant money from prior years. See the article on page two explaining how the process works to help with major home repairs. If you remain in your home for five years, the funds do not need to be paid back. It is worth looking into this program.

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APRIL 3, 2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Filing for the April 3, 2018 Municipal Election will open at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2017. You may file at City Hall on opening day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Filing will close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. After opening day, you may call the City Clerk at 314-638-4347 between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. to set up an appointment to file. Candidates may file for a two-year term for the following positions: MAYOR, ALDERMAN WARD I, ALDERMAN WARD II and ALDERMAN WARD III.

Candidates must have the following qualifications:

- Must be at least 21 years old to run for Alderman; 25 years old to run for Mayor.
- Must be a registered voter.
- Must be a resident of the City of Lakeshire for one year.
- Must have lived in your Ward for at least 90 days prior to the election, and shall not be in arrears of any city taxes or municipal user fees on the last day to file a Declaration of Candidacy for the Office.

I hope everyone is enjoying this lovely fall weather. Lakeshire is a safe community and to maintain that standard we must continue to take a proactive approach. We are a community-orientated department with a focus on communication and cooperation.

We have exceptionally high standards when hiring out police officers. They must have a college degree, with at least ten (10) years active police experience and be Missouri POST certified. They must have specialty training such as Crime Scene Investigations, Homicide, Sex Crimes, Communications (dispatching), Drugs, DWI. All fields that make us a more rounded Police Department.

As the winter driving conditions approach and extra degree of safety is required. Please remember to allow yourself more time to get to your destination. Braking distances increase when snow and ice are on the streets. Keep plenty of room between you and the car in front of you. This is the number one cause of accidents (following too closely). When snow is predicted, those residents who have a driveway or garage are encouraged to park their cars off the streets. This will prevent possible damage to your vehicle and keep it from being plowed in on the street. When vehicles are off the streets, plows can run at a faster speed and the faster they can run, the more snow they can get off the streets

If you are going to travel during any of the holidays, remember to fill out our vacation check form. It can be obtained outside of city hall or from any officer. We will check your home on every shift.

When shopping, be aware of your surroundings. Watch people – especially the ones who are watching you. Place all your gifts in the trunk of your car to keep them out of sight. When you open gift boxes, break them down to fit in your trash can. It is a dead giveaway to any thief or thug when you put them on the curb for pickup. They will know what you have in your home.

Please report suspicious people, vehicles or activities by calling 911. A Lakeshire Officer will be there within a couple minutes. Our residents are our eyes and ears. You can never make a mistake by calling. We want and expect you to.

Your Lakeshire officers wish you a safe and happy holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City participates in the St. Louis County's Community Development Block Grant Program which is funded through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. After January 1, 2018, \$20,000 will again become available for use by eligible, low to moderate income individuals and/or families. Those who meet the eligibility requirements can apply for funds (not to exceed \$5,000) to be used for major items, such as roof, furnace, air conditioner repairs/replacement, foundation work, etc. The program permits a one-time participation per homeowner.

The CDBG Specialist for the South County area is Alex Durdello at 314-615-8236. The County will determine if you are eligible for participation and she can provide more details about the program and the application process.

A NEW TRASH COMPANY FOR THE CITY AS OF JAN. 1, 2018

The Board of Aldermen has awarded a five-year contract with exclusive rights for providing waste removal services to Waste Connections beginning January 1, 2018. Their rates were, on average, \$5.00 per month cheaper Allied Services. The prices will increase by 2.5% each year for years two through five. They will also offer a 10% discount for senior citizens. Toters for trash and recycling will be provided at no additional cost to residents. Pick up days will be on Tuesdays for trash and recycling and on Fridays for yard waste. The breakdown of monthly rates is as follows:

	<u>TRASH</u>	<u>RECYCLING</u>	YARD WASTE
Single Family & Condos	\$10.75	Included	\$ 7.95
Duplexes	\$21.50	Included	\$15.90
Four Family Apartments	\$43.00	Included	\$31.80
Six Family Apartments	\$58.00	Included	\$47.70
Eight Family Apartments	\$70.00	Included	\$63.60

You must have items at the curb by 6:00 a.m. Please call ahead to schedule an appointment for bulk items and appliances to be picked up. Bulk items are a household item that does not fit in a toter, that is not longer than 4 feet, that is not construction material, tires, batteries, auto parts, white goods and weighs under 60 pounds. There is no additional charge for bulk items. White good appliances will be picked up for \$25.00 each and include washers, dryers, refrigerators, dish washers, microwaves, hot water heaters, stoves, air-conditioners and dehumidifiers. 4 cubic yard dumpsters are \$50.00 per month and will be supplied for six and eight family buildings.

Yard waste (grass, leaves, flowers, plants, tree trimmings and brush) is picked up on Fridays ONLY and must be placed in either trash containers or biodegradable paper bags. Tree trimmings and brush should be tied into bundles of no more than four (4) feet in length and packaged in a manner to allow one person to lift. However, Christmas trees can be set out with the regular waste for the Tuesday pick-up.

Their recycling service includes newspapers, #1 and #2 type plastic, glass, aluminum and tin cans. All recyclable items placed together in those bins should be rinsed, if necessary. The lids from all glass and plastic jars and bottles should be removed.

Our holiday collection schedule operates one day later following a holiday for the remainder of that week. Holidays falling on a Saturday or Sunday DO NOT affect the normal pick-up schedule. Waste Connections observes the following holidays; New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Please contact Waste Connections Customer Service Department at <u>636-321-2100</u> with any questions you might have regarding their services and to set up your senior citizen discount.

Allied Waste will pick up their totes on December 26, 2017 and Waste Connections will deliver all new totes before January 1, 2018.