

The Pacer

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Council Meets

More money from county?

At a virtual City Council meeting Sept. 14, Mayor Terry Crow reappointed Brendan O'Brian to the Economic Development Retail Sales Tax commission and Richard Sorkin and Mike Giger to the Land Clearance Re-development Authority. An application for a liquor license from the Family Dollar Store at 7318 Olive drew no public comment. Chief Hampton reported that the Police Department had received certification from the Missouri Police Chiefs Association. The council approved a conditional use permit for a medical marijuana dispensary at 7555 Olive. City Manager Gregory Rose said that amendments to the fiscal year 2020 budget would not require dipping into reserves. He anticipates receiving \$2.3 million from St. Louis County

to address pandemic expenses. The council approved the seven members of the Renaming of Streets and Parks Task Force "to express the values of our community," Crow said. The task force is to complete



Delmar restaurants now have more outdoor dining room.

its work in 120 days. Crow is concerned about mission creep.

News from Lolly's Place

Going online

Lolly's Place at Trinity Presby-

terian Church is continuing to help children through online tutoring. Kindergarten to sixth-grade children work with a tutor once or twice a week via Zoom to strengthen their reading and academic skills. Tutors work on home-

work, time management, organization and study skills, too. Lolly's Place also offers: an online video enrichment library featuring art, yoga, cooking and nature activities; a tutor-on-call, available 3-5 pm at (314) 800-4260 for additional tutoring; and a large group activity on the last Wednesday of the month. Enroll today

at lollysplace.org/enroll or call Robin Ehrlich at 800-4260 for more information. The Parkview Gardens Association sponsors students living

within the Parkview Gardens Neighborhood.

Vote!

If you haven't already

Election Day is Nov. 3. In addition to the presidential race, local voters will choose between Republican incum-

bent Mike Parson and Democratic challenger Nicole Gallo-way for governor, and between Democrat Cori Bush and Re-publican Anthony Roberts for First District Congressional Representative. Mail-in and in-person advance voting have been heavy, but polling places will probably be crowded Nov. 3.

Let's hope long lines will be the worst problem at the polls. But "the prospect of the upcoming election should—and does—inspire dread," said the *New Yorker* Sept. 24. Donald Trump told Fox News in September, "We're going to have everything. We're going to have sheriffs, and we're going to have law enforcement." Trump does not control county sheriffs or city police departments, but he has also urged his supporters to patrol polling places. The State of Missouri guarantees a registered voters' right to vote without interference. Call the County Board of Elections (314) 615-1800 to report attempts at intimidation.

Light in the Morning

Dark in the evening

Daylight Saving Time will end Sunday November 1. Traditionalists, set your clocks and watches back an hour. Cell phones and computers will probably figure it out on their own. Darkness will come earli-

er in the evenings, so this is a good time to check on the lights in public areas of your building. Doors, stairwells, rear areas—if you notice burned out bulbs, notify the building owner. (If it's Quad-rangle Housing, call (314) 935 -9511. If a streetlight has gone out, go to ameren.com and give them the location or pole number. Bicycle commuters, you may be riding home in the

ings, and social distancing sidewalk sales. Latest information on all events will be at VisitTheLoop.com and the Facebook page.

Upcoming Events

Different this year

The 29th Whitaker St. Louis International Film Festival will be all online, and it will be longer, running Nov. 5-22 on the platform Eventive. The movies will be the usual mix of international films, documentaries, American indies and shorts. The full schedule will be posted on cinemastlouis.org.

Halloween will be low-key. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advise against trick or treating, indoor partying and haunted houses. The Central

West End parade will not take place, but there will be a private in-person event, a Halloween Costume Contest. A video of it will be posted on Facebook and You Tube Oct. 29.

The River Des Peres Trash Bash will take place Oct. 24-31. Volunteers are asked to help clean up the rivers and creeks within the River des Peres watershed. Go to greatriversgreenway.org



Drive-In Movie Night, Sept. 19

dark, so check if you need new batteries for your lights

Delmar Events

Lively Loop

The first and second Drive-In Movie nights in the big parking lot were highly successful and the series is expected to continue. Restaurants have more room for customers because they have expanded from the sidewalk into the street. Leland Ave. will be closed on Saturday afternoons this fall to accommodate music, art, food and beverage tast-

Keep Warm

And save money

Tenants and owners can save on their heating bills by taking a few simple steps this winter:

>Change the furnace filter. You may only have to ask the landlord. If not, the filter elements are inexpensive and can be found in most hardware stores. Some filters are washable.

>Don't block the return-air. This is usually a grille set in the wall or floor near the furnace, or on an opposite wall. The furnace can't operate efficiently if it's covered. The same goes for the grille in the floor of the furnace closet.

>Don't store anything in the furnace closet, especially not inflammables.

>Take window air conditioners out of the windows and put them in storage.

>Lower your storm windows. Admittedly, this can be a struggle in an older building. But it pays off in better insulation.

>Turn the thermostat down at night or when you go out. Every degree counts when it comes to your heating bill. Inexpensive timers are available to lower or raise the heat at preset hours. New-model thermostats can be programmed to do this.

From Our Councilmembers

Where to put the police?

Second Ward Councilmember Aleta Klein says in her newsletter that a just-completed study shows that the Police Department, now in temporary quar-

ters, could move to a first-rate headquarters in the Annex, the historic building behind City Hall, where the department was located for decades. The municipal court could be housed in the old library building on Trinity, currently used for storage. An alternative proposal is to build a new police station. But the voters have spoken in favor of preserving the historic buildings, and restoration plus new con-

part of Parkview Gardens in 1920. His design has the apartments on all streets except for Syracuse Avenue facing landscaped medians called "parkways," which would be maintained by city workers.

Keeping the median parkways attractive and shady over the years has required much effort and expense.

During the past decades, the city budget has not stretched

to include replacing removed large trees. The Parkview Gardens Association stepped up to help, undertaking a scheme in 2014 to plant new trees and pay for their maintenance. Forty trees were planted over a period of five years. They are a variety of species proved to do well in this region and of high quality. (Pine Ridge Nursery of Herman, Missouri, propagated them; Terra Scape, Inc., installed them; and

Legacy Gardening, Inc., maintains them. Periodic tree work is done on all median trees, with a partnered effort between the city and neighborhood association winter before last.)

Near the end of September, bikes were seen locked not to bike racks or appropriate metal uprights, but to some new trees in the Heman Avenue median.

Young trees may look sturdy, but their bark hasn't fully developed and is still thin. The tree's vascular system lies directly beneath. Locks and bike frames touching and rub-



Bad for the tree.

struction would be expensive.

The other Second Ward Councilmember, Tim Cusick, announced in his newsletter that the City Council has approved purchase of 80 body cameras to be worn by police officers. The council has also approved more than a quarter-million dollars in street repairs to be carried out in the coming year.

PGA News

Protect our young trees

Henry Wright, landscape architect, designed the western

bing the bark wounds it. Damage ranges from bruising, abrasion and nicks, to loss of large chunks of exterior and deep tissue. Any opening provides access for disease-bearing pests and infection. Some cuts cause permanent problems, including cankers.

Keeping trees alive in public places has and always will be a challenge for many reasons. Landscape architect Wright's view that city life is improved when we live with a view of green space and trees makes that effort worthwhile. Keep on riding your bike and parking it securely, but be mindful that trees are alive, and don't lock your bike to one.

Five holders of the Parkview Gardens Award are currently enrolled in educational institutions, continuing their pursuit of knowledge either online or in-person. The application process for the 2021 Award will begin in January. This \$5,000 award is for higher education, including college and trade school. Applicants must be Parkview Gardens residents and high school seniors.

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