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A NOTE FROM MAYOR HAGEDORN

Dear Fellow Citizens of Washington,

One of my most important jobs as your Mayor is establishing and maintaining a culture of service in our city government.

For me, that culture starts with a simple idea: we are here to serve, not to be served. Every resident who contacts the City deserves to be treated with respect and listened to. The same applies inside City Hall. Whether someone works in public works, police, fire, parks, finance or administration, we are all working for the same customer —the citizens of Washington. I want our employees to take ownership, communicate with one another and look for ways to solve problems rather than simply pass them down the line.

Culture starts at the top, and leadership is more about what you do than what you say. If we expect accountability, we have to demonstrate it. If we expect respect, we have to show it. If we want employees to take initiative, we have to give them the trust and responsibility to do their jobs. And when we make a mistake, we should admit it, learn from it and move forward.

Finally, good city government is only one part of a good community. Washington is fortunate to have so many people who volunteer, serve on boards, support local organizations, coach our kids, run businesses and simply look out for their neighbors. We can't—and shouldn't—try to do everything from City Hall. Our job is to provide leadership, bring people together and help create an environment where our community can continue to thrive. We won't always agree on every issue, and that's okay. But if we listen to one another, treat people with respect, make decisions based on facts and keep Washington's long-term interests in mind, we can build something pretty important: a culture of trust, service and pride in the community we all call home.



Doug Hagedorn

SEASONAL CURBSIDE LEAF VACUUM SERVICE

The City will conduct two rounds of leaf pickup for residents this fall.

Round 1: November 9
Round 2: November 30

For both rounds, the City will begin on the east side of town and work west until collection is complete.

Please follow these guidelines:

- **Rake leaves to the curb, but keep them out of the street, gutters and sidewalks.**
- **Keep vehicles away from leaf piles so crews can safely and efficiently collect the leaves.**

Questions?
Call 636.390.1032

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Over the past several weeks, I have had the opportunity to learn more about the City of Washington, our staff, and the many projects currently underway. I appreciate the warm welcome I have received from the community, Mayor Hagedorn, and the City Council.

One of my first impressions has been the professionalism and dedication of our employees. Washington is a well organized community with staff members who take pride in providing quality services. My initial focus has been listening and learning how our systems operate.

One recent service change affects nearly every household. Beginning September 1, residential trash collection moved to Tuesday citywide. Recycling and one bulk item are now collected every other Tuesday according to each residence's assigned section. We understand that changes to a familiar schedule require an adjustment, and we appreciate residents' patience as the City and Waste Connections work through the transition.

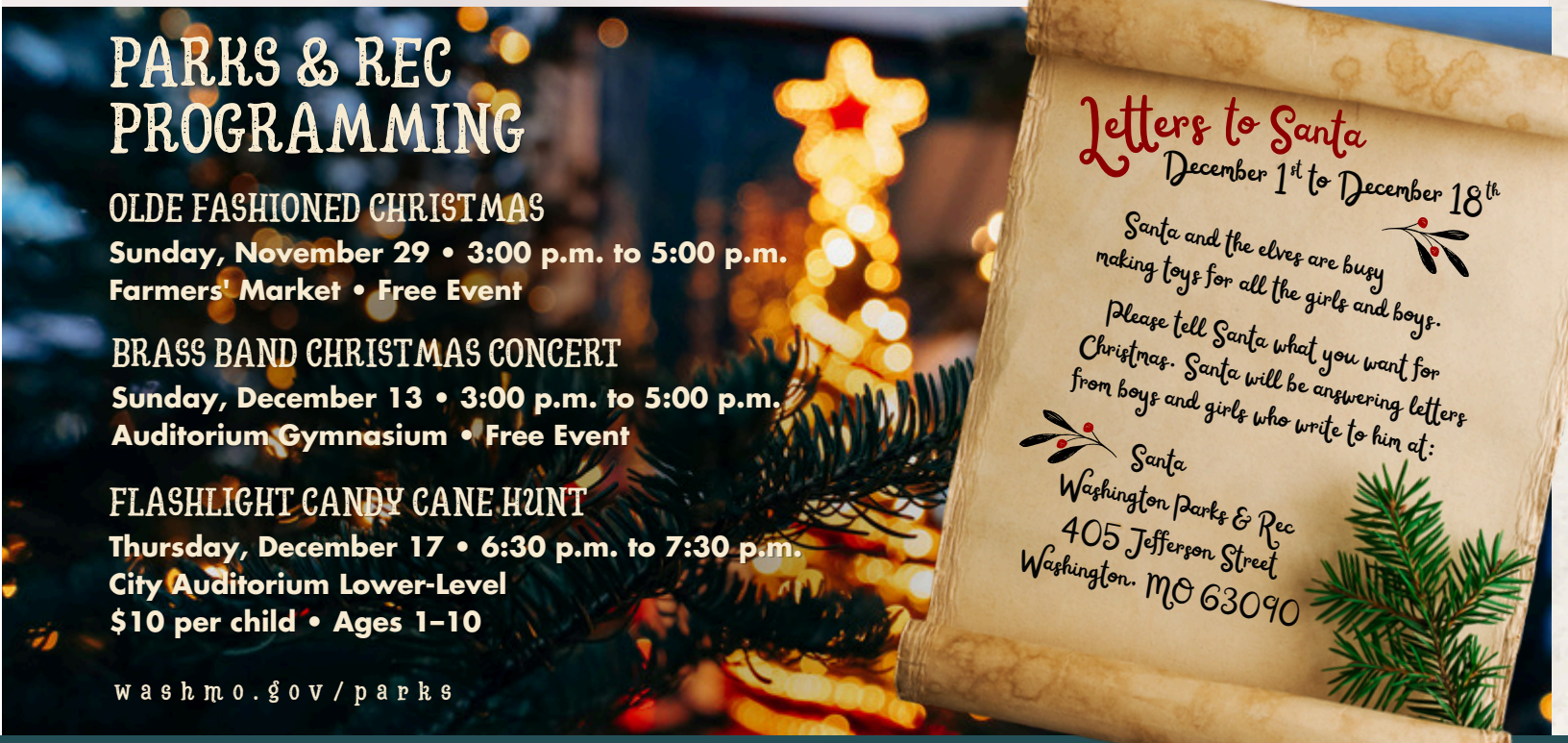
The City is also continuing to invest in infrastructure. Council recently approved the purchase of an odor control system for the West End Lift Station following a successful trial that significantly reduced wastewater odors near Front Street. The system is expected to have a useful life of 20 to 25 years.

Engineering work is also moving forward on several transportation projects, including High Street reconstruction and ADA improvements, Front Street ADA improvements, and Planning for the HWY 47 Cost Share Project with MoDot. The Highway 47 project will widen approximately 4,000 feet of the highway to improve traffic flow and safety. These projects require careful planning and coordination with our state and federal partners, but they are important investments in safety, accessibility, and the long term condition of our infrastructure.

Staff and Council are also evaluating the future of the City's transfer station operations and the Bluff Road property. The goal is to maintain reliable solidwaste service while responsibly addressing the financial obligations associated with the eventual closure of the landfill. Several options are being reviewed before any long term recommendation is made.

As we move into a new fiscal year, my goal is to build on what is already working while helping the City prepare for future needs. That includes responsible financial planning, thoughtful growth, strong infrastructure, and clear communication with residents and the City Council.

I look forward to continuing to learn about Washington and working with our employees, elected officials, community organizations, businesses, and residents. Thank you for your patience, involvement, and continued support of the City of Washington.



PUBLIC LIBRARY



Tween Lock-In *Children*

Friday, November 6 • 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Our annual action-packed, after-hours event. Registration starts Monday, October 26. Teens volunteering also need to register. Ages 9-12 or Ages 13-17 to volunteer



Turkey Bingo *Family*

Wednesday, November 25 • 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
or 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Kids, gobble up great prizes! Two sessions, please attend one session only.



Grinch Games *Family*

Tuesday, December 22 • 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Celebrate Grinchmas with festivities in our meeting room. Our seasonal games will make your heart grow three sizes.

Countdown to Noon with Jasper Rabbit



Thursday, December 31 • 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Go bravely into the new year with the star of the "Creepy Tales" picture book series. Help us ring in 2027! Storytime! Balloon Drop! Photo op with Jasper himself!

Family



Friends of the Library Programs

Tuesday, October 20 • 6:30 p.m *Adults*

Friends Speaker: Stori Smith from the Missouri River Bird Observatory



Thursday, November 12 • 6:30 p.m.

Friends Author: Molly Butterworth
Author talk and book signing *Adults*

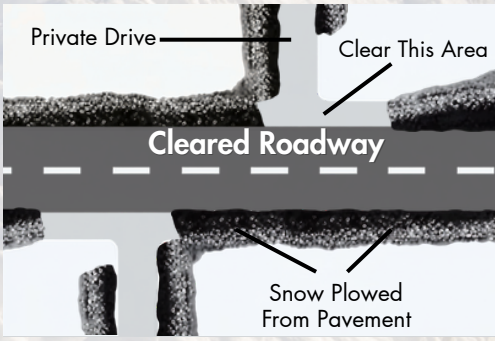
Check out our other programming + events at:

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WINTER SNOW REMOVAL

Winter Storm Tips

The City of Washington strives for quick and safe snow removal from the city streets in minimal time. Streets are managed by giving priority to providing access for emergency vehicles in the following order: Major thoroughfares and collector streets, minor collector streets and longer residential streets, shorter residential streets and cul de sacs. After completion, the crews will work to "widen out" and clear all streets.



How can I help?

Always shovel to the right side rather than into the street.

Try to shovel beyond the curb. Clear an area 2 feet past the end of your driveway.

Shovel an area 2x15 up the street from your driveway (direction plow truck will be coming from).

Keep your mailbox clear to ensure mail delivery. City crews must keep a few feet away from the mailboxes to avoid damaging them. Start clearing snow early! Fresh snow weighs less than old snow that compacts and becomes wet and difficult to shovel.

Reminder

Wrapping Paper should NOT be recycled.

Most wrapping papers contain non-recyclable additives such as glitter, plastic and foil which renders it non-recyclable. If included in the recycling bin with other paper products, it can make an entire load unrecyclable.

How can I help?

Please do NOT place any wrapping paper, bows, or ribbons in your recycling bin.



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LEAF & LIMB PICKUP



WARD 1
November 2
December 7
January 4

WARD 2
November 9
December 14
January 11

WARD 3
October 19
November 16
December 21
January 18

WARD 4
October 26
November 23
December 28
January 25

All leaves are to be placed on the curb by 5am on your scheduled collection day, or the night before. Leaves should be in biodegradable paper bags or in a small container that can easily be collected by one person. No grass clippings.

TRASH EVERY TUESDAY CITYWIDE

RECYCLING + 1 BULK ITEM PICKUP

SECTION A
West *of Highway 47*

- October 20
- November 3
- November 17
- December 1
- December 15
- December 29



ADDRESS LOOKUP

SECTION B
East of Highway 47

- October 13
- October 27
- November 10
- November 24
- December 8
- December 22

Serviced by a dumpster? Visit the City website for your twice-yearly pickup dates.

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CITY HALL
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NON-EMERGENCY
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LEAF & LIMB
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WASTE CONNECTIONS
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STREET
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PARKS & REC
636.390.1080



BUILDING PERMITS
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UTILITIES
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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council Meetings are held on the first and third Monday of the month at City Hall at 7:00 p.m. Residents can attend in person or watch on our YouTube Channel

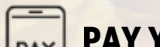
youtube.com/cityofwashington

Meetings are held 1st & 3rd Monday of the Month

October 19	December 21
November 2	January 4, 2027
November 16	January 19, 2027*
December 7	February 1, 2027

*** Asterisk indicates change from regularly scheduled meeting date**

Access our YouTube channel from your smartphone!





PAY YOUR UTILITY BILLS ONLINE
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