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Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Travis Brooks, Park Superintendent with Parks & Recreation, on being named the City of St. Robert's October 2026 Employee of the Month. Travis is recognized for his leadership, dependability, teamwork, and willingness to step up wherever he is needed. From overseeing operations at the St. Robert Municipal Pool to helping plan and execute City and park events, Travis continues to take on responsibilities with dedication and pride. We are grateful for his commitment to serving our residents and the positive impact he continues to make throughout our community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Waynesville High School Pride Night**
  October 2, 2026
- **Board of Aldermen Meeting**
  October 7, 2026
- **Chamber Luncheon**
  October 14, 2026
- **Pulaski County Growth Alliance Monthly Meeting**
  October 21, 2026



Business Showcase of the Month

October Business Showcase of the Month: Paul's Furniture

The City of St. Robert is pleased to recognize Paul's Furniture as its October 2026 Business Showcase of the Month. Located at 100 Country Club Road, this family-owned business opened on August 1, 1992, to meet a need in the area. More than 34 years later, owners Richard Baptiste and Terry Baker continue to offer customers a local destination for name-brand furniture and appliances.

As a full-line Ashley Furniture dealer, Paul's Furniture offers customers a variety of choices for their homes, along with free delivery and multiple financing options. The business also wants first-time visitors to know they are welcome to browse without high-pressure sales tactics. This relaxed approach gives customers time to explore their options and decide what works for them. We encourage residents to stop by and get to know this month's featured business. Congratulations to Richard, Terry, and the Paul's Furniture team, and thank you for your longstanding presence in St. Robert!

Visit Paul's Furniture at 100 Country Club Road, St. Robert, Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 573-336-7255 or visit www.wewontbeundersold.com.

Message from the Mayor

Enjoying the Season and Looking Out for One Another



October is one of my favorite times of the year in St. Robert. The temperatures begin to cool, the leaves start changing, football season is in full swing, and there always seems to be something happening throughout our community. It is a great time to get outside, enjoy our parks, support local events and businesses, and spend time with family, friends, and neighbors.

Of course, October also means Halloween, which happens to be one of my favorite holidays. Every year, I look forward to decorating the house, adding a few more animatronics to the collection, firing up the fog machines, and seeing families and trick-or-treaters making their way through the neighborhood. And despite any rumors you may have heard, unfortunately, I do not hand out full-size candy bars! But I promise there will be plenty of candy and plenty of Halloween decorations to enjoy.

While October is a fun month, it is also a good time to think about safety and those who work every day to protect our community. Fire Prevention Week reminds us that simple steps at home can help prevent tragedy, while National First Responders Day gives us an opportunity to recognize the firefighters, law enforcement officers, dispatchers, emergency medical personnel, and others who answer the call when someone needs help.

Throughout the month, our City employees will also continue working behind the scenes to provide the services our residents depend on and move important projects forward. Their work does not stop with the changing seasons, and I appreciate everything they do for St. Robert.

As we enjoy everything October has to offer, I encourage everyone to get out, enjoy the season, look out for your neighbors, and take pride in the community we call home.
Have a safe and happy Halloween!

James W. Breckinridge
Mayor, City of St. Robert

City Services

Report Issues Quickly with Hometown Grid

St. Robert residents can quickly report city issues by calling or texting Hometown Grid at 833-691-3343. This convenient service can be used for electrical, water, or gas outages, streetlights that are out, damaged stop signs, and other community concerns. Reports are sent directly to city teams for faster response and resolution. Residents are encouraged to save the number in their phone contacts and use it whenever needed. Staying connected in this way helps the city respond efficiently and keep services running smoothly. It is another simple way residents can help keep St. Robert safe, informed, and looking its best.



Community Recognition

St. Robert Officials Recognized for Commitment to Professional Development



The City of St. Robert celebrated a proud moment during the Missouri Municipal League's 92nd Annual Conference as several of our elected officials and City employees were recognized for their commitment to professional development and excellence in municipal service.

During the awards ceremony on September 15, 2026, four members of the St. Robert team were recognized as Certified Municipal Officials: Ward 1 Alderman Keala Bennett, Public Works employee Charles Cochran, Ward 3 Alderman Mike Hanks, and Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk Dana Walker.

St. Robert was also well represented among those achieving the Advanced Certified Municipal Official designation. Ward 1 Alderman Keala Bennett, Finance Director Edna Givens, and Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk Dana Walker were recognized for reaching this advanced level of professional development.

“These accomplishments make me incredibly proud, not only as Mayor, but as someone who has the privilege of serving alongside these individuals,” Mayor James W. Breckinridge said. “Whether they serve as an alderman, in Finance, Public Works, Human Resources, or another area of our City, they have made the personal commitment to become better equipped and more knowledgeable so they can better serve the residents of St. Robert. I am proud to be their Mayor, and I will always be one of their biggest champions and cheerleaders.”

These accomplishments represent hours of learning, training, and continued education focused on municipal government and the responsibilities that come with serving a community. Having so many members of the St. Robert team recognized during the same conference was an especially proud moment for our City and reflects a culture where professional growth and continued learning are valued. Municipal government touches residents' lives every day, from the water they use and the streets they travel to City finances, public services, and decisions made by their elected representatives. Continuing education helps ensure those entrusted with these responsibilities remain informed and prepared to serve effectively.

The City of St. Robert congratulates Keala Bennett, Charles Cochran, Mike Hanks, Dana Walker, and Edna Givens on these outstanding achievements. Their commitment to continued growth is more than a personal accomplishment. It is an investment in the City of St. Robert and the residents we are privileged to serve.

Military Community

Fort Leonard Wood Career Summit Connects Job Seekers with Opportunities



The Hiring Our Heroes U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation Fort Leonard Wood Career Summit will take place Thursday, October 15, at Nutter Field House. The event is designed to connect transitioning service members, veterans, military spouses, and military caregivers with resources, training, and employment opportunities.

Job Seeker Workshops will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., followed by a Hiring Fair from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

The City of St. Robert is proud to support opportunities that help members of our military community prepare for their next chapter and connect their valuable skills and experience with civilian employers.

See the accompanying flyer for registration information and additional details.

Join the City Team!

The City of St. Robert is seeking qualified and motivated individuals to join our team. We offer full-time career opportunities with benefits and the chance to serve our community. Visit cityofstrobert.applicantstack.com/x/openings to view current openings and apply today.

Community Services

Fall Cleanup Scheduled for October 5-6



The City of St. Robert's annual Fall Cleanup is scheduled for Monday, October 5, and Tuesday, October 6, 2026. This program provides residents with a convenient opportunity to dispose of eligible household items that are not typically collected during regular weekly trash service.

Residents should place approved items at the curb on their regular trash collection day. Fall Cleanup is a great opportunity to clear out unwanted items around the home and help keep our neighborhoods clean and looking their best. Residents are encouraged to plan ahead and have their eligible items ready for collection on the appropriate day. Working together, we can continue making St. Robert a community we are proud to call home.

Please review the accompanying flyer for a complete list of accepted and prohibited items. If you have questions about whether an item is eligible for pickup, contact the St. Robert Transfer Station at 573-336-5155 before placing it at the curb.

Community Spotlight

October's Yards of the Month

The City of St. Robert is proud to recognize our October 2026 Yard of the Month winners for their outstanding efforts in maintaining beautiful and welcoming properties throughout the community. Each month during the spring, summer, and fall seasons, one yard from each ward is selected to recognize residents who take pride in helping keep St. Robert looking its best.



This month's winners are:

- Ward 1 - The Bateman Family
- Ward 2 - The Stevenson Family
- Ward 3 - The Moore Family
- Ward 4 - The Kimball Family

Each winning family is also presented with a $25 Lowe's gift card generously donated by the St. Robert Lowe's store. The City would like to thank Ward 1 Alderman Charles Slider, the participating aldermen, and community members who help oversee the program and assist with selecting and recognizing these outstanding properties each month. Their efforts help showcase the pride residents take in our neighborhoods and community.

City Services

Columbus Day Holiday Schedule Announced

Residents are encouraged to plan ahead for temporary service changes during Columbus Day week, October 12-16. There will be no recycling collection in St. Robert or Waynesville during the week.

Monday waste collection routes will move to Tuesday, October 13, and Tuesday routes will move to Wednesday, October 14. There are no changes to the regularly scheduled Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday routes.

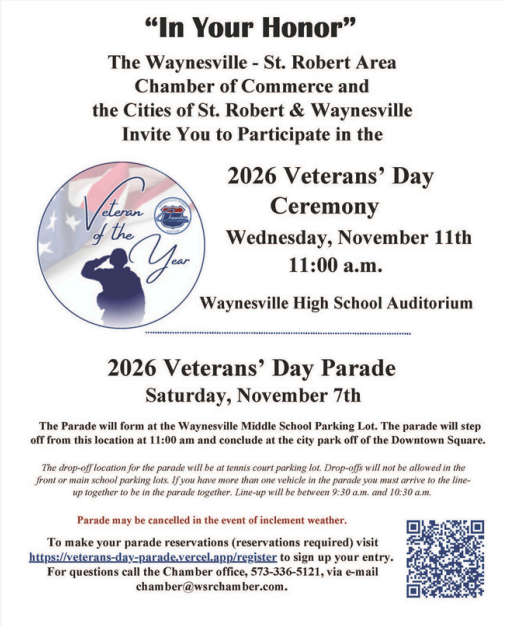
All City of St. Robert offices will be closed Monday, October 12, in observance of Columbus Day, and the St. Robert Transfer Station will close at 1:00 p.m. Residents are encouraged to plan accordingly and review the accompanying holiday schedule for complete details.

The City appreciates everyone's patience and cooperation as our employees observe the holiday.



Community Events

Community Invited to 2026 Veterans' Day Parade & Ceremony



The 2026 Veterans' Day Parade will take place Saturday, November 7, stepping off at 11:00 a.m. from the Waynesville Middle School parking lot and concluding at the city park off the Downtown Square. Organizations, businesses, military units, community groups, and others wishing to participate in the parade are reminded that reservations are required.

The community will gather again on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, at 11:00 a.m. for the 2026 Veterans' Day Ceremony at the Waynesville High School Auditorium. This annual ceremony provides an opportunity for our community to pause, reflect, and express our gratitude to those who have worn our nation's uniform.

As a proud military community, St. Robert understands the importance of honoring those who have served and sacrificed in defense of our country. We encourage residents, families, businesses, and organizations throughout our community to join us as we come together "In Your Honor."
Please see the accompanying flyer for parade registration information and complete event details.

Community Events

Celebrate the Season at the 2nd Annual Christmas Kickoff Spectacular



Mark your calendars and join us as the City of St. Robert welcomes the holiday season with the 2nd Annual Christmas Kickoff Spectacular on Tuesday, December 1, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the St. Robert Municipal Center. Following the tremendous success of last year's inaugural event, we're excited to once again bring our community together for an evening filled with holiday cheer, family fun, and cherished traditions.

The evening's highlight will be the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:00 p.m., followed by visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, who will be available for free photos with children. Families can also enjoy appearances by Frosty the Snowman and the Grinch, along with festive games, free hot dogs, complimentary s'mores, and other holiday activities for all ages. We invite everyone to join us as we kick off the Christmas season together and celebrate the spirit of community that makes St. Robert such a special place to call home.

Public Safety

Fire Prevention Week: A Safer Tomorrow Starts at Home

The City of St. Robert joins communities across the nation in recognizing Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10, 2026, as an opportunity to remind everyone that preventing fires begins with simple steps taken at home.

Fire safety is everyone's responsibility. Checking smoke alarms, developing and practicing a family escape plan, staying attentive while cooking, using electrical equipment safely, and keeping potential fire hazards away from the home can all make a difference when seconds matter.

Fire Prevention Week is also an opportunity to recognize the men and women of St. Robert Fire & Rescue, who work throughout the year not only responding to emergencies, but also training, educating, and preparing to protect our residents, businesses, and visitors.



The City of St. Robert encourages every household to take a few minutes this week to review its fire safety practices and talk about what to do in an emergency. A safer tomorrow starts with what we do today.

Please review the accompanying Fire Prevention Week graphic for important fire safety reminders you can put into practice at home.

This Month in History

On October 4, 1957, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik 1, the world's first artificial satellite, into orbit around Earth. Though small in size, its successful launch marked the beginning of the Space Age and intensified competition between the United States and Soviet Union during the Cold War.

Sputnik prompted the United States to significantly increase its focus on science, mathematics, engineering, research, and space exploration. Less than a year later, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, better known as NASA, officially began operations in 1958.

The years that followed brought extraordinary advances in technology and exploration, eventually leading to American astronauts walking on the Moon in 1969 and helping shape innovations in communications, navigation, weather forecasting, and scientific research that continue to influence our lives today.

Community Events

Show Your Tiger Pride at Community Tiger Pride Night

Get ready to show your Tiger Pride! The Waynesville-St. Robert Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Waynesville R-VI School District, will host the annual Community Tiger Pride Night on Friday, October 2, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Waynesville High School. Held in conjunction with Waynesville High School Homecoming, Community Tiger Pride Night brings local businesses, organizations, families, and community members together for a fun-filled tailgate celebration before the Homecoming football game.

The City of St. Robert will once again be there with our canopy and table, and this year we'll be handing out FREE popcorn! Stop by, grab a bag, meet some of your City staff, visit with the Mayor, and enjoy an evening celebrating our students, schools, and community.

Come out, bring the family, and help us show our support for Waynesville High School and the entire Tiger community. We hope to see you there!

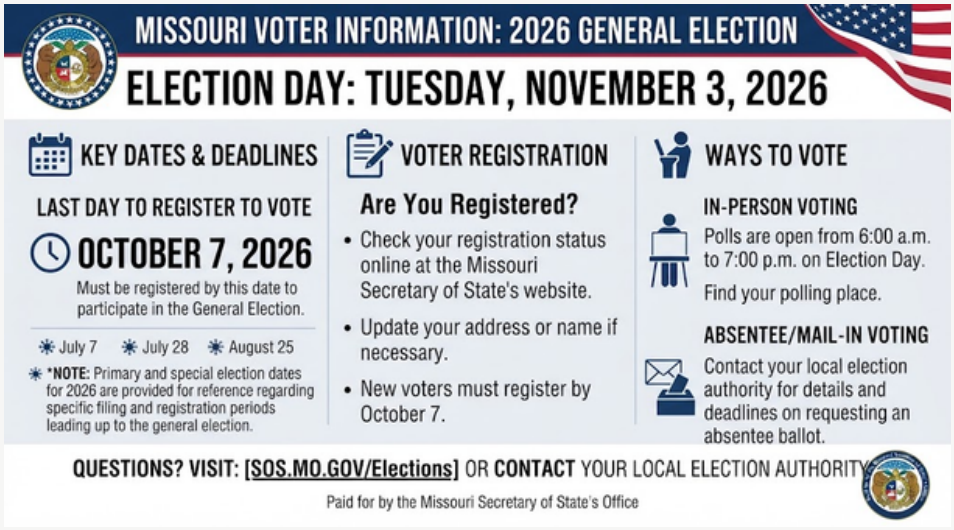
Friday, October 2 | 4:30-6:00 p.m. | Waynesville High School

Go Tigers!

Election Information

2026 General Election: Important Voter Information

The 2026 General Election is Tuesday, November 3, and now is a great time to make sure you're prepared to vote. Review the accompanying voter information for important registration deadlines, voting options, and other helpful details to help you make your plan for Election Day. Taking a few minutes to prepare now can help ensure you're ready when it's time to cast your ballot.



Public Safety

Fire Hydrant Maintenance Helps Keep St. Robert Ready



Even on quieter days, the work of St. Robert Fire & Rescue never stops. Firefighters have recently been touching up hydrants throughout the City with fresh paint while also applying color-coded reflective tape indicating the gallons per minute each hydrant can provide.

The markings allow firefighters to quickly identify available water flow when responding to a structure fire, providing important information when every second counts. It is another example of the routine work happening behind the scenes to keep our equipment maintained, our firefighters prepared, and our community protected.

Community Recognition

Honoring Our First Responders



On October 28, the City of St. Robert proudly recognizes National First Responders Day and the dedicated men and women who answer the call when our residents and visitors need them most.

First responders are often there during some of the most difficult and uncertain moments in a person's life. From firefighters and law enforcement officers to emergency medical personnel and dispatchers, these professionals work around the clock to protect lives, respond to emergencies, and keep our community safe.

Their service extends far beyond the emergencies we see. Behind every response are countless hours of training, preparation, equipment maintenance, public education, and teamwork to ensure they are ready when the call comes.

As a community with strong ties to service, St. Robert understands the importance of recognizing those who dedicate themselves to helping others. On National First Responders Day, we extend our sincere appreciation to St. Robert Fire & Rescue, the St. Robert Police Department, our dispatchers, EMS professionals, and all of our local first responders and emergency partners.

Thank you for your service, your sacrifice, and your commitment to protecting our community every day.

Education

Waynesville Tigers Ready to Roar into Homecoming



Waynesville R-VI will celebrate Homecoming on Friday, October 2, with this year's theme, "Roaring Down Route 66," in recognition of the 100th anniversary of Historic Route 66.

The Homecoming Parade will begin at 2:30 p.m., traveling from Benton Street on the Downtown Waynesville Square along Historic Route 66 to Waynesville Middle School. The celebration continues with the Chamber's Community Tiger Pride Night from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., followed by Homecoming Court Coronation at 6:25 p.m. and the Tigers taking on Ozark at 7:00 p.m.

The City of St. Robert is proud to join our community in supporting Waynesville R-VI students, families, faculty, and staff during this special Homecoming celebration.

Go Tigers!

Community Events

St. Robert Sets Halloween Trick-or-Treating Hours

Get those costumes ready! The City of St. Robert has established trick-or-treating hours for Saturday, October 31, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

With Halloween falling on a Saturday this year, the extended hours will give families greater flexibility to enjoy the evening and provide more opportunities for residents to participate, whether they are heading out with their children or welcoming trick-or-treaters at home.

Halloween is always a fun night in our neighborhoods, with decorated homes, creative costumes, and families making their way throughout the community. Residents welcoming trick-or-treaters are encouraged to turn on their porch or outside lights to identify participating homes.



As families make their way through our neighborhoods, please watch for pedestrians, use extra caution while driving, carry flashlights or reflective items, and make sure younger children are accompanied by a responsible adult.

Have a safe and happy Halloween!

Community Development

New Regional Airport Terminal Set to Open



The Waynesville-St. Robert Regional Airport is preparing to celebrate a major milestone with the opening of its new passenger terminal, representing an approximately $20 million investment in the future of transportation and economic development in our region. The community is invited to attend the official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Wednesday, November 4, at 10:00 a.m.

Located at Fort Leonard Wood's Forney Army Airfield, the Waynesville-St. Robert Regional Airport is a unique joint-use airport serving military personnel, local residents, business travelers, visitors, and families traveling to and from our community. The new terminal is designed to provide a more modern and welcoming experience while positioning the airport for continued growth.

That growth is already happening. More than 11,000 passengers boarded flights at the airport in 2025, marking the third consecutive year the airport surpassed that milestone. Continued growth in passenger traffic can strengthen our regional economy by making St. Robert, Waynesville, Fort Leonard Wood, and Pulaski County more accessible to visitors, businesses, military families, and tourists.

The airport is not just for military-affiliated travelers. Civilian residents can use the Waynesville-St. Robert Regional Airport for commercial air travel. Because the airport is located on Fort Leonard Wood, travelers without installation access must obtain a visitor pass. Fort Leonard Wood allows U.S. citizens to begin the visitor pre-registration process online, with “Airport” specifically listed as a reason for requesting access. Travelers should have the required identification and their flight itinerary available when completing the access process.

The City of St. Robert encourages residents who may not have considered flying locally to learn more about the airport and the travel opportunities available right here in our community. Every passenger who chooses our regional airport helps demonstrate demand for local commercial air service and supports its continued growth.

Join us November 4 as we celebrate this important investment and the opening of a new gateway to the Fort Leonard Wood region.

Scan the QR code to visit Fort Leonard Wood’s Visitor Access and Airport Pass Information webpage for everything you need to know about gaining installation access to use the Waynesville-St. Robert Regional Airport.