

# Olivette *Life*

*...in the center of it all*

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## April 7, 2009 General Municipal Election

The City of Olivette, Missouri, will hold an election on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, for one (1) City Council Member position, to serve for a three-year term. Qualifications and platform statements have been supplied by the candidates as noted below.

### Qualifications for Council

Name: .....Jean O. Antoine  
Address: .....7 Kingsbrook Lane  
Age: .....63  
Marital Status: .....Married  
Number of Children: .....4  
Length of Residence in Olivette: .....21 years  
Occupation: .....Application Engineer

### Platform Statement:

Having served three years on the Council, and as the current Mayor, there is unfinished business to complete; and I want to continue serving Olivette. Everyone may not agree with me on every issue, but I will continue to put the interests of Olivette above any single concern; always listening to our residents and businesses. I, along with the citizens and busi-

nesses of Olivette, want safe neighborhoods, a healthy life style, and “controlled growth”. Olivette needs to fulfill its goals as a great place to live, work, shop and play. After all, we’re in the center of it all!

### Qualifications for Office:

Current Mayor of Olivette  
Current City Council Member  
Previously appointed to the City Council to fill a vacant seat  
Former City Clerk  
Former Member of PCDC  
Former Member of TIF Commission  
Former OAA Board Member and Vice President  
Former OAA Coach



### Qualifications for Council

Name: .....Morton M. Bertish  
Address: .....8829 Chisholm Court  
Age: .....58  
Marital Status: .....Married  
Number of Children: .....2  
Length of Residence in Olivette: .....36 years  
Occupation: .....Insurance Broker

### Platform Statement:

I think we need to revive our city economic engine to draw more business to Olivette. We must be willing to take new approaches to bring business to the city. We will build a new community spirit in Olivette to bring all our citizens together. We must market our city as a place where our citizens can work, play and live. I would like to improve our parks system to make more accessible to everybody. I would like to build new residential construction in Olivette to bring more people.

### Qualifications for Office:

I served 10 years Community Affairs Commission.  
I served 2 years Parks & Beautification Commission.  
I served on a commission to appoint a new City Manager.  
I proposed the ½ sales tax for Parks & Sewer System, to improve our park system.  
I proposed a ½ sales tax to keep our Firefighters and Police our own.  
I worked on passing the Neighborhood Improvement District for the streets.  
I proposed the winterization of Stacy Park Restroom so our children could use them in the winter time.



CITY OF OLIVETTE

CITY COUNCIL

- Jean Antoine, Mayor
Missy Waldman, Mayor Pro-tem
Richmond "Skip" Coburn, Council Member
Jim Baer, Council Member
Ruth Springer, Council Member

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- Emergency... 911
Non-Emergency Numbers
Fire... 993-0408
Police... 645-3000
City Hall... 993-0444
City Hall Fax... 993-8135
Building and Public Works Dept... 993-0252
Community Center... 991-1249
Municipal Court... 991-6047

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS

- Mike McDowell, City Manager
Rick Knox, Chief of Police
John Bailot, Fire Chief
Mike Gartenberg, Public Services Director
Jeff Wade, Parks and Recreation Director
Jeffrey J. Steiner, Finance Director
Paul E. Martin, City Attorney
Burton J. Wilner, City Treasurer
Myra G. Bennett, City Clerk
Crystal Brower, Court Administrator/Clerk
Steve Fluhr, Prosecuting Attorney
Paul D'Agrosa, Municipal Judge
Stanley Goldstein, Provisional Judge

COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

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Message From the Mayor



MAYOR JEAN ANTOINE

My fellow residents, I have quite a bit to report in this article, so let's get started.

Metrolink - Most of you know of Metrolink's budget constraints. They are serious enough to start reducing service to the farther reaches of the county. As a result, it will have a major impact on families and businesses.

For businesses, it is a double whammy! An unplanned loss of employees compounded with a potential loss of revenue due to declining productivity...

County Executive Dooley and the County Council recognize the disastrous potential and will attempt to get another Metrolink Sales Tax initiative on the ballot as soon as possible.

My purpose in mentioning this is to inform you of the importance of this ballot item. Jobs, family income, and business productivity can depend on a healthy mass transit system.

MERS/Goodwill - Goodwill had planned to move from the old U-City store and into the site previously occupied by Pier One Imports.

CVS Pharmacy - This project was approved by the City Council for the former Beckman Brothers Nursery Site. It constitutes developing a new CVS Pharmacy on two acres with a 13,000 square foot store.

Olivette - I've mentioned in an earlier article that our government center no longer meets our needs. We will be asking for your approval, by ballot, to develop an upgraded facility to accommodate government services for the foreseeable future.

The current City Hall sits on prime real estate and right in the heart of our city. That wouldn't be bad if we were a big city that had many more streets that could support businesses and drive revenue.

Olivette's Fire Department also sits in an antiquated building. It's too small to house the appropriate fire fighting vehicles and emergency equipment.

Not having the ability to house appropriate equipment can, and does, affect the ISO (Insurance Service Office) fire rating (a survey and inspection bureau that rates the efficacy of Fire and Emergency Departments across the country).

Olivette Police, housed in the same building, also have inadequate and cramped facilities. This has serious consequences if criminal evidence can't be secured and uncompromised.

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## Message From the Mayor continued

Our Municipal Court is so crowded at times, defendants have to be ushered in, in waves, having to wait in the parking lot until it's time for their hearing. That's not a good image for a city on the rise!

Government services are spread in separate building and locations; offices are cramped, and meeting rooms are far too small for an active community.

For a city that's "in the center of it all", we have to do better and we will. We are working to move City Hall to a site that improves government services and promotes a positive image that city residents can be proud to visit. You can expect to see more information on how we can positively impact safety, service, and revenues in the coming weeks.

**Home Foreclosures** – We are very fortunate that Olivette residents have not experienced the number of foreclosures that have impacted other cities. However, if you or any of our neighbors are going through this ordeal, have them call City Hall. There may be something we can do... no guarantees, but we're here to help if possible.

**Trash Pick up** – A very important announcement on trash services within Olivette is featured in this edition. This was a painful decision for your elected officials; we had to do it to maintain financial stability; and, it saves more than \$210,000.00 in the upcoming budget year. That was money we just didn't have.

But on the bright side, this new program allows us to continue to maximize our strong recycling efforts. It will provide each household with 90 gallon, uniform, and animal-resistant receptacles at no charge; and more than anything, no increase in cost to the city or your property taxes.

**Energy Efficiency Incentives** – I'd like to share some of the comments offered by County Council Member Barbara Fraser. She offers the following:

*For anyone planning energy efficient improvements in your home, the Department of Health recently shared the below ideas with me concerning possible incentives to help with these upgrades. Good luck!*

*Low Income Weatherization Assistance Program through the Community Action Agency of St. Louis County (314/863-0015) – federal funds that are passed through the State to local community action agencies.*

*New state tax deduction – for details see*

<http://www.dnr.mo.gov/energy/residential/homeenergyaudits.htm>

*Business customers throughout AmerenUE's service territory now have \$24 million in incentives available to them to help them save electricity—and money. UE's new Business Energy Efficiency Program gives any non-residential customer planning to purchase and install qualifying energy efficiency upgrades incentives to cover the cost of making those improvements. Incentive levels are subject to program guidelines. Customers may get current program information, including incentive forms, by calling 866-941-7299 or by visiting [www.ameren.com/BIZefficiency](http://www.ameren.com/BIZefficiency).*

*Check [www.energytaxincentives.org](http://www.energytaxincentives.org)*

*Check <http://www.dsireusa.org/>*

*Sometime in April, there will be a state tax incentive for the purchase of certain Energy Star appliances. Check with the State's Energy Center (800-361-4827 or 573-751-3443) for details.*

Respectfully,

Jean Antoine

Olivette Mayor

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## CAMPAIGN SIGNS

**A**s the local April elections near, it is important to remind residents of the City's Campaign and Political Sign regulations. The City Council recently adopted new regulations regarding political and noncommercial cause signs.

The following regulations apply to the size and location of all political and noncommercial cause signs:

- Signs are limited to 4-square feet;
- Signs cannot exceed an overall height of three (3) feet in height from the ground placed on;
- All signs must be placed at least 10-feet from the roadway curb;
- Any sign on private property requires the consent of the property owner;
- In no case is a sign in a residential district allowed to be illuminated; and
- All signs must be removed within 90 days from the date they are placed.

The new changes adopted by the City Council allow for up to eight (8) political and noncommercial signs to be placed on a lot. The City is no longer regulating how many signs can reference a political candidate or ballot issue.

The City of Olivette urges all candidates and residents to promptly remove campaign and political sign information after the election is over. In extreme cases, if a temporary sign is not removed within a reasonable amount of time, the City will notify property owners of the need for removal or replacement.

For additional information regarding the City of Olivette's sign regulations, contact the Department of Public Services at (314) 993-0252.

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## ELECTION SCHEDULE

### March 11, 2009

Last day to register to vote in the April 7, 2009 Election

### March 27, 2009

Last day to file as a write in candidate with the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners (Note: Write in candidates should submit nominating petitions to the Olivette City Hall no later than 5:00 PM on March 13, 2009.)

### April 1, 2009

Last day absentee applications will be accepted through the mail or in person from a guardian or relative of the applicant for the April 7, 2009 Election

### April 6, 2009

Last day for voting an absentee ballot in person at the Election Board office

### April 7, 2009

Election Day–Polls open from 6:00 AM until 7:00 PM

## Police Chief's Corner

### Citizens Police Academy

The 11th class of the Olivette, Creve Coeur, Town & Country and Frontenac Citizens Police Academy is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, April 7th, 2009.

The Citizen Police Academy is an educational citizen-involved activity designed by the Olivette, Creve Coeur, Frontenac, and Town & Country Police Departments. The goal of this academy is promote understanding between the residents and its police officers regarding their respective needs and problems. By promoting this relationship, it is hoped that citizens and police can work together to make the entire community a safer place to live.

The Citizen Police Academy is a unique opportunity to educate the public about the criminal justice system and provide insight into everyday police work. The Citizen Academy is designed to give residents of Olivette, Creve Coeur, Frontenac, and Town & Country a chance to observe and understand law enforcement through a hands-on approach. Entrance into this program is by application only. A background investigation and record check will be completed on each applicant.

Several areas of police training will be covered during the 9-week Academy. Some of these topics will include Constitutional and criminal law, the use of force, investigations, traf-

fic safety and active shooter demonstrations. Role-playing scenarios will be used to reinforce the learning process and give recruits a chance to experience some "real life" police situations. Finally, applicants will be afforded the opportunity to ride along with police officers to observe firsthand the daily challenges faced by police officers.

Community involvement is the key to a successful Academy program. Citizen Academy graduates will not become police officers, however they will have a greater understanding of law enforcement and a community partnership will be established.

Academy classes usually meet on Tuesday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and continue for 9 weeks. If you would like to enroll in the Citizen Police Academy, please contact the Olivette Police Department Officers Madison Coates 314-983-5238, [mcoates@olivettemo.com](mailto:mcoates@olivettemo.com) or Mike Wayt 314-983-5246 [mwayt@olivettemo.com](mailto:mwayt@olivettemo.com)



**CHIEF OF POLICE  
RICK KNOX**

*Rick Knox  
Chief of Police*

### Emergency Contact Information

The Olivette Police Department has established an emergency database to help maintain the lines of communication with residents in case of emergency. In order to participate, residents must provide contact information to the Olivette Police Department. This information will only be used by the Olivette Police Department.

Residents are encouraged to provide the Olivette Police Department with their names, addresses, home and cell phone numbers as well as their e-mail addresses. To participate in this new service, please supply contact information to Sergeant Craig Schneider at 983-5218, or via e-mail at [OlivetteCrimeWatch.com](mailto:OlivetteCrimeWatch.com).

### Reminder

If you have signed up for the Olivette Crime Watch informational system, it is very important to notify my office of any changes. These changes could be a new telephone number, whether a cell or home, e-mail address or address within the city. Recently, I have sent out informational e-mails, with several being returned as incorrect e-mail addresses.

If you sign on to [OlivetteCrimeWatch.com](http://OlivetteCrimeWatch.com) and fill out the application, it will come directly to my office, and your information will be updated. Please be sure to inform your neighbors about this very important service provided by the Olivette Police Department.

Craig Schneider  
Sergeant

# OlivetteCrimeWatch.com

## Fire Chief's Corner Focus on Fire Safety: Cooking Fires

**F**ires resulting from cooking continue to be the most common type of fire experience by U.S. households. Cooking fires are also the leading cause of civilian fire injuries in residences. These fires are preventable by simply being more attentive to the use of cooking materials and equipment.

Don't become a cooking fire casualty. Learn the facts about cooking fire safety today!

### The Facts

- Cooking equipment was involved in 31 percent of home structure fires reported in 2003.
- Males face a disproportionate risk of cooking fire injury relative to the amount of cooking they do.
- Young children and older adults face a higher risk of death from cooking fires than do other age groups.
- Young children are at high risk from non-fire cooking-related burns.
- Unattended cooking is the single leading factor contributing to cooking fires.
- Many other cooking fires begin because combustibles are too close to cooking heat sources.
- Frying is the cooking method posing the highest risk.
- More than half of home cooking injuries occur when people try to fight the fire themselves.
- Educational effectiveness may be enhanced by linking burn prevention and fire prevention.
- Technology may be the best long-term solution to dealing with the cooking fire problem.

### Safe Cooking Tips

The kitchen can be one of the most hazardous rooms in the home if you don't practice safe cooking behaviors. Here are some safety tips to help:

- Never leave boiling, frying, or broiling food unattended. Stay in the kitchen! If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Check food that is cooking regularly; use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire – oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, or curtains – away from your stovetop.
- Keep the stovetop, burners, and oven clean.
- Wear short, close-fitting, or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and can catch fire if it comes in contact with a gas flame or electric burner.
- Have a “kid-free zone” of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
- Always use cooking equipment that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions and code requirements when



installing, cleaning, and operating cooking equipment.

- Plug microwave ovens or other cooking appliances directly into an outlet. Never use an extension cord for cooking appliances as it can overload the circuit and cause a fire.
- Check electrical cords for cracks, breaks, or damage.



**FIRE CHIEF  
JOHN BAILOT**

### If You Have a Cooking Fire

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number after you leave.
- If you do try to fight the fire, be sure others are already getting out and you have a clear path to the exit.
- Always keep a lid nearby when you're cooking. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan. Turn off the burner. Do not move the pan. To keep the fire from restarting, leave the lid on until the pan is completely cool.
- In case of an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed. After a fire, the oven should be checked and/or serviced before being used again.

### Nuisance Smoke Alarms

If a smoke alarm sounds during normal cooking, you may need to move it farther away from the kitchen (according to manufacturer's instructions) and/or install a smoke alarm with a pause button.

If your alarm already has a pause button, push the pause button, open the door or window, and fan the area around the alarm with a towel to get the air moving. **Do not disable the smoke alarm or take the batteries out!**

Treat every smoke alarm activation as a likely fire and react quickly and safely to the alarm.

### Charcoal Grills

- Purchase the proper starter fluid and store it out of reach of children and away from heat sources.
- Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited, and never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid to get the fire going.

### Propane Grills

- Check the propane cylinder hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year.
- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.
- All propane cylinders manufactured after April 2002 must have overfill protection devices (OPD). OPD devices are easily identified by their triangular-shaped hand wheel.

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## Spring Break Camp

Need a fun place for the kids to go during Spring Break? Bring them to the Olivette Community Center for games, crafts, and other fun activities. Pre-registration is required. Contact Tiffany Hawes at 994-2402.

**When:** March 23 – March 27;

**Time:** Camp 9am – 3pm  
Early Care 8am – 9am  
Late Care 3pm - 4pm

**Cost:** Camp \$55 Resident \$65 Non-Resident  
Early Care \$11 Resident \$13.50 Non-Resident  
Late Care \$11 Resident \$13.50 Non-Resident

## Adult Softball

Enjoy The Company Of Good Friends And Sneak In Some Exercise While You Play Softball In Our Spring And Summer Leagues. Each League Offers Five Weeks Of Doubleheader Games (10 Games In All). Officials Will Be Provided By The Olivette Parks & Recreation Department. We Offer Both Men's And Co-Ed Leagues With Games Being Played At Either Stacy Park Or The Olivette Community Center Fields.



### Registration Ends:

Spring League	Friday, April 10, 2009
Summer League	Friday, June 12, 2009

### Games Start:

Spring League	Monday, April 20, 2009
Summer League	Monday, June 29, 2009

### Games Start Times:

6:15pm / 7:15 pm (Hour Long Games)

### Leagues And Days:

Men's League	Mondays Or Wednesdays
Co-Ed League	Tuesdays Or Thursdays

**Fees:** \$300.00 Per Resident Team / Per Session  
\$400.00 Per Non-Resident Team / Per Session  
\$550.00 Per Resident Team / Both Spring & Summer Sessions\*  
\$750.00 Per Non-Resident Team / Both Spring & Summer Sessions\*

\*Dual Session Fee Must Be Paid Before Spring Session!

## Olivette Trivia Night

Come join us for a night of Trivia! Our very own Olivette resident, Dan Dillon, author of So, Where'd You Go To High School?, will be the MC of the evening. All of the proceeds will go towards Olivette's youth sport scholarship program.

**When:** Saturday, April 18th @ 7pm

**Where:** The Olivette Community Center located at:  
9723 Grandview Drive  
Olivette, MO 63132

**Cost:** \$150/table

Tables can be reserved for 8-10 people.

Don't forget to tell all of your friends about this event! Snacks and soft drinks will be provided, but all are welcome to bring your own. You will be permitted to bring your own alcohol. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Registration forms are available on our website at [www.olivettemo.com](http://www.olivettemo.com).

## Over Due Theater Company

In Conjunction With the Olivette Parks and Recreation Department Proudly Presents

## Hello Dolly!

Production Dates at the Olivette Community Center  
**March 13, 14, 20 and 21, 2009 at 8:00 pm**  
**March 15 and 22, 2009 at 2 pm**  
For ticket information, please call 636-328-6546.



# Planning And Community Design Commission Updates

The City of Olivette's Planning and Community Design Commission oversees many of the City's redevelopment regulations pertaining to both residential and commercial/industrial development. The Commission provides recommendations to the City Council, with the City Council ultimately determining which regulations will be adopted and enforced.

The Commission is currently working on revising many of the City's zoning regulations. In regards to ordinances regulating residential development, the Commission is in the process of recommending that residential additions and exterior modifications require Site Plan review. Site Plan review is a procedure that before you can submit for and application for a building permit, a the Planning and Community Design Commission are required to review the development plans and provide conditions or recommendations that the Commission see as necessary to minimize any adverse impact to the lot or surrounding neighbors. These conditions and recommendations could impact the design, layout, exterior appearance or lot placement and/or grading.

Under the current ordinance regulations, only new homes are required to

be brought before the Commission for review before building permits are issued. The Commission is considering that the same review requirements be applied to sizable additions and major exterior alterations of existing homes. The Commission is developing the parameters that would put in place, such as determining the size an addition would have to be before triggering a review and what would constitute an a "major" exterior change. The Commission's recommendations will be forwarded to the City Council. The City Council then would hold a public hearing to take citizen comments before any formal action is taken.

The Commission is also working to revise the City's two current commercial and industrial zoning districts to better reflect the goals and objectives of the Olivette Strategic Plan: Dynamic Sense of Place. Said changes would apply to developments along the Olive Boulevard corridor and in the City's three industrial parks (Dielman Industrial/North Price, Dielman Industrial Rock Island, and Baur Blvd.). The goal is to ensure that any development, redevelopment, or additions and alterations in these two districts better reflect the visions articulated in the strategic plan, including encouraging mix use developments, bringing

buildings closer to the street, promoting more pedestrian and street activity, and enhancing architecture and street appeal. The Commission is also considering the creation of a new zoning district which would solely be used to encourage lot assemblage and mix use development scenarios as shown in the strategic plan.

The Commission is also reviewing the permitted land uses allowed in the City's commercial district. Note, this is separate from that of the goals and objectives of the City's strategic plan. The City is required to allow a wide variety of land uses, and to establish parameters and regulations that ensure said uses are compatible and have minimal adverse impact on its surroundings. The City is limited, however, from discriminating among users of a specific use group. This is the challenge the Commission faces, and is working diligently to ensure that the City's regulations are flexible enough to encourage all the uses our citizens have encouraged, like a grocery store, but not overly restrictive that business and commercial uses will overlook Olivette.

Commission agenda's and updates are posted in the City's website at [www.olivettemo.com](http://www.olivettemo.com). A copy of the City's strategic plan is also accessible via the City's home page.

## New Businesses in Olivette

Center for Immigrant HealthCare Justice  
9369 Olive Blvd. Suite 14  
(314) 591-0439  
Non-Profit Organization  
January-09

Advanced Packaging Integration, LLC  
9322 Dielman Industrial Drive  
(314) 395-5516  
Integration of Packaging & Production Lines  
January-09

Lincare  
9463 Dielman Rock Island Ind. Drive  
(314) 963-9091  
Retail Sales of Medical Oxygen and Durable  
Medical Equipment  
January-09

Professional Freight Services, Inc.  
9611 Dielman Rock Island Drive  
(314) 429-1277  
Office for Storage of records for laborers  
January-09

OEM Logistics  
9378 Olive Blvd  
Suite 120  
(314) 537-1698  
Office  
January-09

E. Sunrise Health, LLC  
9441 B. Olive Blvd Suite "B"  
(314) 993-0517  
Women's Day Spa  
January-09

Kone, Inc.  
9324 Dielman Industrial Drive  
(314) 991-1158  
Elevator Company  
January-09

## Cooking Fires continued

- Use only equipment bearing the mark of a recognized testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories. Follow the manufacturer's instructions on how to set up the grill and maintain it.

Never store propane cylinders in buildings or garages. If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside.

### Barbecue Grills

Stovetop and oven fires are not the only types of cooking fires. As the weather gets warmer, more people will begin to use barbecue grills. While many of the safety tips are similar to indoor cooking, there are special concerns with barbecue grills.

- Position the grill well away from siding and deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas, and foot traffic.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area by declaring a 3-foot "kid-free zone" around the grill.
- Put out several long-handled grilling

tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when cooking food.

- Periodically remove grease and fat buildup in trays below the grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.
- **Use only outdoors!** If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces such as tents, barbecue grills pose both fire and carbon monoxide hazards.

### Burns and Scalds

In 2006, hospital emergency rooms treated around 29,850 thermal burns and 8,460 burns caused by cooking equipment. Ranges accounted for 62% of these thermal burns and grills 28%. Microwaves accounted for 41% of the scald burns. (Source: NFPA)

Because microwaves are the leading cause of scald burns, be extra careful when opening a heated food container. Heat food in containers that are marked 'microwave safe.' Since foods heat unevenly in the microwave, make sure you stir and test the food before eating.

Protecting Children from Scalds and Burns

As the statistics suggest, young chil-

dren are at a high risk of being burned by hot food and liquid. You can help prevent these injuries by following a few basic tips:

- Keep children at least 3 feet away from where food and drink are being prepared or carried.
- Keep hot foods and liquids away from the table or counter edges.
- Use the stove's back burners if you have young children in the home.
- Never hold a child while cooking, drinking, or carrying hot foods or liquids.

**Also, teach children that hot things burn!**



## This Month's "Green" Tips

Make your household more "green" and help save the "green" in your wallet too! We are approaching spring, but we aren't quite there yet. Energy and gas prices are not going down. Here are 3 "green" tips to keep in mind for the rest of the winter and into the summer months.

**1. Service your systems.** Clean or replace your furnace and air-conditioner filters monthly, and have your complete system checked and serviced annually. A clean and well-maintained unit is safer, more efficient and less expensive.

**2. Thermostat tips.** Turn down your thermostat down while you are at work, away from home, and at night when you are asleep. You can even install a set-back programmable thermostat to control your heating and air-conditioning automatically. Calculate an estimate of how much energy and money you can save by lowering your temperature in the winter and increasing the temperature in the summer: <http://www.energyguide.com/ha/calcSATCHomeBasics.asp?referrerid=174&sid=222>

**3. Weatherize your home.** Energy Star estimates that the average home spends about \$1,900 annually on energy bills.

Heating and cooling accounts for as much as half of a home's energy use. Insulating walls, ducts, ceilings, and weather-stripping windows will reduce the amount of energy you use. Short-term investments in efficiency can have long-term savings.

### Tips modified from:

- Energy Star: [http://www.energystar.gov/ia/products/heat\\_cool/GUIDE\\_2COLOR.pdf](http://www.energystar.gov/ia/products/heat_cool/GUIDE_2COLOR.pdf)
- Pacific Gas and Electric Company: <http://www.pge.com/includes/docs/pdfs/shared/saveenergymoney/rebates/weatherization.pdf>
- AmerenUE: [http://www.ameren.com/Residential/ADC\\_CalculateYourEnergySavings.asp](http://www.ameren.com/Residential/ADC_CalculateYourEnergySavings.asp)

## 28th Annual Olivette Art Show

It's time once again for the Annual Olivette Art Show. The show will be held from April 10th to April 15th, 2009 at the Olivette Community Center. There are three levels of entry: Elementary School (Kindergarten – 2nd Grade & 3rd grade - 5th Grades), Middle School (6th to 8th Grades), and High School (9th to 12th Grades). All public, private, and parochial schools in the St. Louis city and county are eligible to participate for the show. Submission deadline is April 8th at 5pm.

## 23rd Annual Olivette Photo Show

It's time once again for the Annual Olivette Photo Show. The show will be held from April 22nd to April 27th, 2009 at the Olivette Community Center. There are two levels of entry: High School (9th to 12th Grades) and Adult (amateur photographers). Three categories will be offered: Color, Black & White, and Experimental. All public, private, and parochial high schools and amateur photographers in the St. Louis city and county are eligible to participate for the show. Submission deadline is April 20th at 5pm.

For more information on deadlines or rules, call (314) 991-1249 or [www.olivettemo.com](http://www.olivettemo.com).

## Art and Photo Show Awards Ceremony is April 28th, 2009

### Dividing Perennials – When And How



As our gardens come to life this spring, one of the necessary tasks will be to divide perennials. Early spring, when the perennial foliage is about 2-3 inches tall, is the best time of the year for dividing most perennials. Cooler temperatures and spring rains will help the divisions get established and you obtain an entire season of plant growth and adequate root systems before the next winter. Perennials with fleshy roots, such as peony and

oriental poppy are not suitable for spring division. September is the best time to divide this type of perennial. Bearded iris, which grow from tubers are best divided in August when the plant is dormant.

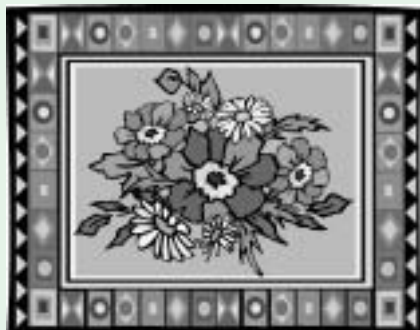
Signs that tell you your perennials need dividing are 1) number of flowers are reduced or smaller, 2) stems and branches are growing all tangled together, 3) the center of the clump is dying out, 4) plant has less vigor, 5) perennial plant is flopping over more than in its prime, and 6) you want more plants or want to share with a friend.

Lift plant from the ground using a spade inserted about 1 foot away from the clump. Use a sharp knife or spade to cut clump into pieces that have 2-5 healthy growth buds each. Plant at the same soil depth as that of the original plant. Cut off any dead or damaged roots or growth. This is a good time to add compost or other organic matter. Newly planted divisions need to be kept moist and shaded. Do not fertilize at this time, the roots could be



burned. After a few weeks, the plants would benefit from fertilizer that is low in nitrogen but higher in phosphorus (N-P-K) to encourage root growth.

Olivette in Bloom is a non-profit community volunteer organization with a mission to promote the natural beauty and harmony in Olivette by designing, planting, and maintaining garden sites. OIB needs you in our gardens. Check our web site [www.olivetteinbloom.org](http://www.olivetteinbloom.org) for work-day dates and other volunteer possibilities.



# Grandview Elementary School 1962-1972 Reunion

Plans have begun for a Grandview Elementary School Reunion in Olivette this summer! The response from teachers, students and parents has been overwhelming.

Grandview, is a former Ladue grade school situated in Olivette, and was only open for eleven years. There were about 100 students in the school during any given year. Students at Grandview received an abundance of personal attention and there was closeness between the staff, the students and parents that is indescribable.

The reunion will take place at the Olivette Community Center, which was the former Grandview Elementary School, built in 1962.

Please check the website at <http://www.grandviewreunion.com>

for updates and the final date of the event. If you had any connection to Grandview as a teacher, student or family member, please contact Judy L. Merrims at [jlmerrims@charter.net](mailto:jlmerri@charter.net) or 314.448.8818.

The website contains class lists, and an alphabetical list of teachers and students, old photos and new comments from former students. Please feel free

to add any photographs related to Grandview and its students during that time.

We are still looking for former students and teachers, if you see someone missing please let us know.



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## Trash Pick Up Service

With the large success of curbside recycling pick-up, Olivette officials have negotiated a new contract with Allied Waste for curbside trash pick-up. Under this new agreement, beginning April 6, 2009, residents will now take their trash to the curb in City-provided roll-out containers. This measure will ensure that the City's trash costs will not be raised, and in fact, will be slightly reduced from the current rate. Backyard pickup will no longer be available under the negotiated contract.

In addition, beginning the week of April 6th, residents of Olivette will no longer have to use their own trash cans. As part of the City's new trash agreement, Allied Waste will provide

one 90-gallon, heavy duty easy roll trash tote free of charge for use at each single family residence in Olivette. The new totes will be delivered during the last two weeks of March and the first week of April.

The City Council is committed to maintaining a high quality of service for its residents, while maintaining stable costs. The city would have faced a substantial contract increase to continue backyard trash service, resulting in additional unbudgeted costs in excess of \$210,000.00 for 2009. During these difficult economic times, the new contract, which includes rolling trash containers with curbside pick-up, is a fiscally responsible solution.

The pickup schedule will not change, and as an added benefit, trash pickup



service will be more efficient, meaning that trash trucks will spend less time in the City. Additional information from Allied Waste will be sent to each residence, and is available on the City website at [www.olivettemo.com](http://www.olivettemo.com). For questions or concerns, please contact Olivette City Hall at 314-993-0444.

# City Council Actions Taken:

## JANUARY 13, 2009

Boards, Commissions and Committees – Appointment of Jan Fitzgerald, Carol Kaplan-Lyss, Marilyn Merritt, Susan Schwartz and Rick Millner to the Community and Cultural Events Commission

## JANUARY 29, 2008

Bill #2612 – An Ordinance Authorizing a Special Permit Use for CVS Pharmacy and Approving a Corresponding Record Plat and Site Plan – Adopted as Ordinance 2394

Bill #2613 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 70 Excavations and Grading of the Olivette Municipal Code, Article III Grading Regarding Conditions in Which the Issuance of a Grading Permit is Prohibited – Adopted as Ordinance 2395

Bill #2614 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 225 Signs and Advertising Devices of the Olivette Municipal Code, Article IV Permitted Signs in Residential Districts, Section 225.300.B.5 and Section 225.300.B.6 Regarding Campaign and Noncommercial/Cause Signs – Adopted as Ordinance 2396

Consideration of Proposal to Extend Solid Waste Removal and Disposal Contract – Approved

Authorization to Renew Membership in the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce for 2009 – Approved

Authorization for Participation by the City of Olivette in a Professional Third Party Study and Analysis of Fire and Emergency Medical Services with Four Other Adjoining Communities – Approved

## FEBRUARY 10, 2009

Consideration of Application for Liquor License for Carr Markets, LLC, DBA Mockingbird Market, addressed as 9200 Olive Boulevard, Suite 108 – Approved

Award of Contracts for Medical Insurance Coverage and Dental Insurance Coverage for City of Olivette Employees for Policy Year 2009-10, effective March 1, 2009 – Approved

Declaration of Surplus City Property and Authorization to Dispose – Approved

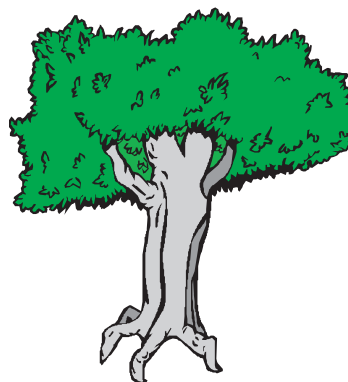
For more information on any of the items noted above, please refer to the City website at [www.olivettemo.com](http://www.olivettemo.com). Background information and summary of items are available for each City Council meeting. This information can be located by clicking on the "Agendas & Minutes" bullet on the home page. Click on the "Council Packets" link under City Council, and choose the date the item was discussed.

## Yard Maintenance Along the Street

All trees, bushes, or vegetation located on private property which overhang a street or sidewalk are to be kept properly trimmed to avoid obstruction of the view of traffic and pedestrians. If you have trees or shrubs within 5-feet of the street curb, at a street intersection, or adjacent to a sidewalk, you are responsible for their maintenance and trimming.

All landscaping and plantings shall at all times be maintained in good condition. All dead or damaged plant materials shall be promptly removed.

It is prohibited to maintain debris such as weed cuttings, cut and fallen trees and shrubs, or overgrown vegetation and noxious weeds which are seven (7) inches or more in height on any public or private property or premises which may endanger public safety or any material which is unhealthy or unsafe.



## Bulk Item Pickup Scheduled For Third Week of April

Allied Waste will be providing its' annual spring bulk item and house hold pickup on the third week of April (April 20th through the 25th). Permitted bulky and household items include household equipment, furniture, rugs, etc.

The following items are specifically excluded from pick up: construction materials, automobile parts and components,

batteries, hazardous materials, clothes washers and dryers, ranges, stoves, ovens, refrigerators, freezers, microwave ovens, air conditioners, hot water heaters, dish washers, and household trash compactors. These items are collected at the curbside on an "on call" basis at an additional charge and must be scheduled for collection through Allied Waste Customer Service at (636) 947-5959.

## Spring Leaf Pickup Scheduled For First Week of April

Leaf pickup begins the week of March 30, 2009. Leaf pick up service is provided to the City by a private hauler. The contract with the private hauler during spring is for one pass through each residential street in the City.

Leaves should be kept near the street curb, and should not be placed into the street. It is a violation to have any lawn debris restricting full access along any pedestrian sidewalk or into the street. Limbs or brush should not be piled with the leaves, as limbs and brush do clog up and can harm the vacuum hoses used for pick up. Leaf piles containing tree limbs or brush will not be vacuumed and will be the responsibility of the homeowner to dispose.

Leaves piled or stored within the street or restricting access on a pedestrian sidewalk are a violation of the City's Municipal Code. Please refrain from storing or piling leaves on a sidewalk, within the street, or obstructing any opening of storm sewer inlets.

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## New Firefighter/Paramedic

Benjamin Oris is the newest employee to join the Fire Department. Ben joins the Department after Battalion Chiefs Harold Cash and Dwight Stevens retired on December 31, 2008. Ben is a licensed Paramedic and worked for Gateway Ambulance before joining our team on March 2, 2009.



*Firefighter/Paramedic Benjamin Oris, Mayor Jean Antoine*

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