

CITY OF ST. JOHNS/CITY MANAGER NEWSLETTER  
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**PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET:** The annual City operating budget has been submitted by the City Manager to the City Commission for consideration and approval. As part of the budget ratification process a public hearing must be held so that members of the public have the opportunity to comment on budget issues and expenditures. This hearing will be part of the City Commission's public meeting agenda on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm. The Commission will then deliberate and vote on the budget following the public hearing. A balanced budget has been proposed by the City Manager and his staff. The City Commission thanked staff for their efforts as the City remains fiscally responsible while providing essential services.

**LOCAL ROADWORK UNDERWAY:** Road work funded by the dedicated street millage is now underway. The first round of improvements will take place on sections of Railroad Street, Kibbee Street, Traver Street, Higham Street, Vauconsant Street, and Walker Street. This reconstruction project involves some limited curb and gutter replacement, sidewalk ramp improvements, and asphalt surface replacement. These improvements are anticipated to be completed by early June.

Traffic circulation for residences in the construction zone will be maintained, including access to driveways, except when work is being done directly in front of the driveway. The street can be used for routine deliveries and trips but expect to use more time since it is a construction zone. Trash pick-up and mail delivery will not be affected during construction. Please be mindful of workers in our streets while driving through sections of our city undergoing road construction.

**ORDINANCE REGARDING OFF-STREET PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS:** Residents are reminded that the City regulates the parking of vehicles on residential properties. St. Johns City Code section 155.341 requires that vehicles can be parked out in the open only if they are on a paved driveway or parking area. Not more than three vehicles can be parked on a residential lot unless in a garage-like building. Violators can be cited for a civil infraction with fines starting at \$50.00 per day. Additionally, inoperable and/or unlicensed vehicles cannot be stored in the open on private property within the city per St. Johns City Code 94.02. A violation of this code section is a misdemeanor, which carries up to a \$500 fine plus court costs.

**TORNADO WARNING SYSTEM/TORNADO SEASON:** The City tests its tornado sirens (early warning system) at noon on the first Saturday of each month beginning in April and running through October. These tests will be conducted on this schedule unless there is severe weather in the area. Tornado sirens are located at the City Park, Clinton Memorial Hospital and just east of Federal Mogul.

Families are encouraged to establish a home safety plan for severe weather events. Suggested family safety plans for weather emergencies can be found in brochure form on the internet at: [www.nws.noaa.gov/om/brochures/ttl.pdf](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/brochures/ttl.pdf).

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