



A View from the Hill

February 2021



A Letter from the Mayor

Dear Residents of Rock Hill,
I hope everyone is keeping safe and warm. Stay warm inside and watch our recent recording of Coffee with the Mayor. I get an update from the Police and Fire Chiefs, as well as the City Manager. I also have the opportunity to answer questions from residents.

The April 6 Election will be here in a couple months. We have included answers to questions about Prop U and Prop E in this newsletter, but feel free to reach out to me or City Hall with additional questions.

Edward Mahan, Mayor

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Answering YOUR questions!

Q: What is going in the old Lucky's location?

A: The developer has plans for another grocer to go into that location and hopes to announce plans in the next 60-90 days.

*Have a question you would like answered in the next newsletter?
E-mail your question to: knieman@rockhillmo.net*

Rock Hill Shamrock Hunt

Gather the family and go on a four leaf clover hunt! Five Stained glass shamrocks have been hidden in each of Rock Hill's parks. If you have the luck of the Irish and find a glass shamrock, it's yours to keep. (One per family) Follow our Facebook event page or email: knieman@rockhillmo.net to get a notification of when the hunt will begin. Be sure to let us know which park shamrock you found.



Parks: Turner Park, Hensley Park, Oakhaven Park, Stroup Field, Whitfield Park

Bonus Hunt! We have also hidden 20 small shamrock cabochons, if you find one, it's yours to keep!



Virtual Coffee with the Mayor

Monthly: The third Wed. of each month

Check out the February episode on the City of Rock Hill Facebook page.



April 6 Ballot Information

Answering your questions:



Q: What is Prop U?

A: Rock Hill residents will have an opportunity to vote on Proposition U on the April 6 ballot. Prop U would approve a “Use Tax” on the purchase of goods from out-of-state vendors.

Q: What is the difference between sales tax and the proposed Use Tax?

A: Local sales tax is collected from brick and mortar retail stores. If passed, the use tax will be applied to purchases made from out-of-state vendors that ship to Rock Hill customers. Currently, out-of-state and online businesses do not collect local sales tax.

Q: Does any other city have the Use Tax?

A: Yes! Over 200 cities in the state have a local use tax including Brentwood, Clayton, Glendale, and Kirkwood. Webster Groves and Warson Woods are also asking their residents to vote on a use tax on April 6.

Q: So I will have to pay a double tax on items I purchase online?

A: No. The use tax will not increase the sales tax. Purchasers will not pay a double tax. It’s either sales tax or use tax-never both.

Q: Who benefits from the Use Tax?

A: The increase in revenue from the tax will allow Rock Hill to maintain the level of public safety and public works services. With the decline of the telecommunications tax (landline telephones) over the past ten years, the City has seen a steady decline in tax revenue.

The use tax will also help small businesses, putting them on an equal playing field when internet purchases will be charging the same amount in taxes as the brick and mortar small businesses.

Q: What is the second Proposition on the ballot?

A: Proposition E will fund the city’s Uniformed Employee Pension Fund and the city’s LAGERS plan. The Uniformed Pension Fund is for police officers and firefighters hired before 2003. The LAGERS plan is for current city employees in all departments including police and fire.

Q: How much will I pay if the property tax is passed?

A: The City is asking for \$0.23 for a dedicated property tax for pensions. Example: For a house appraised at \$150,000 the property tax fee would be \$5.46 a month.



Where does your property tax go?



Webster Groves School District **\$0.38**

Special School District **\$0.14**

Rock Hill Debt Service **\$0.08**

St. Louis County **\$0.06**

Metro Zoo Museum District **\$0.03**

Rock Hill Library **\$0.03**

Rock Hill General Fund **\$0.03**

St. Louis County Community College **\$0.02**

MSD, Productive Living, Deer Creek, & State **\$0.03**

Based on 2020 Residential Property Tax Rates



Click on the image for additional information or to sign up:

FRONT YARD EGG HUNT

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE 12 EGGS AND A GOODY BAG. EGGS PLACED IN FRONT YARD:

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 2

RESIDENTS OF ROCK HILL: \$10; NON-RESIDENTS: \$13

REGISTER ONLINE

QUESTIONS: 314-561-4304, KNIEMAN@ROCKHILLMO.NET



Egglow in the Dark Front Yard Hunt

Sign up to receive 12 Glow in the dark eggs and a glow goody bag.

Eggs placed in front yard:

Friday, April 2 between 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Residents of Rock Hill: \$12

Register online

Questions: 314-561-4304, knieman@rockhillmo.net

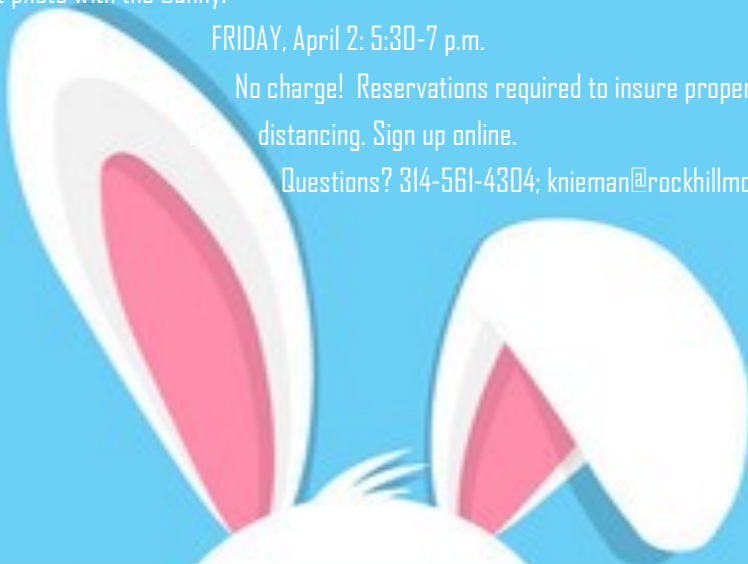
Photos with The Easter Bunny

Stop by Rock Hill City Hall to get a photo with the Easter Bunny! The Bunny will be on the fire truck while kids stand in front. Parents, don't forget your camera for this socially distant photo with the Bunny.

FRIDAY, April 2: 5:30-7 p.m.

No charge! Reservations required to insure proper social distancing. Sign up online.

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Rock Hill Public Library

"Do you miss the library? Stop by for curbside service Monday-Friday 12-6 PM and Saturdays 10 AM-2 PM! Give us a call when you're in the parking lot and we'll bring books, disposable masks, and other materials out to your car. Want to walk or bike to the library? We'll leave materials in a designated spot for contactless pickup.



Happy Black History Month! While we can't celebrate in person this year, the library has a new blog post every week in February honoring amazing Black authors who have made the literary world great. Visit rockhillpubliclibrary.blogspot.com to see our posts.

Looking for a way to read all your favorite magazines? RBDigital's magazine collection has moved to OverDrive and is completely free for patrons! Download OverDrive's convenient Libby app to see our selection. Want even more digital content? Libby also has thousands of e-books and audiobooks for checkout, and be sure to download the Hoopla app for instant access to e-books, audiobooks, movies, and music.

Need to relax? Join us for Wind Down Wednesday on Zoom February 24 at 8 PM! During this chill one-hour session, our facilitator Alicia will guide you through a simple series of poses and breathing techniques to help you unwind after a stressful day and get ready for a restful night. To register for this event, email patron@rhplmo.org or call 314-962-4723. Can't attend our live program? We have prerecorded mat yoga, chair yoga, and guided meditation videos available 24/7 at rockhillpubliclibrary.org.

Kids in grades K-5 can look forward to our monthly Take and Make Craft kits available for pickup during curbside hours. We have more programs in the works, so visit our website or Facebook page to stay up to date on the latest library news and events!"