



# A View from the Hill

January 2021



## A Letter from the Mayor

Dear Residents of Rock Hill,  
Happy New Year!

I appreciate all the resident feedback I have received about our Financial State of the City meetings. The Board of Alderman has voted to place Proposition U and Proposition E on the April 6, 2021 municipal election ballot. Prop U is a use tax proposal that is most often paid when purchases are made from out of state vendors via the internet. Prop E is an Employee Pension Property Tax. The tax will fund the city's Uniformed Employee Pension Fund and the city's LAGERS plan.


*Edward Mahan, Mayor*

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*MARK YOUR CALENDAR*  
Jan. 20, 6 p.m.  
Virtual Coffee with the Mayor  
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Senior Bingo  
Feb. 4  
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Valentine's Yard of Hearts: Sign up today!



**Winter storms and cold temperatures can be dangerous, make sure your vehicle is prepared.**


- ✓ Service the radiator and maintain antifreeze level.
- ✓ Check your tires' tread or, if necessary, replace tires with all-weather or snow tires.
- ✓ Keep the gas tank full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.
- ✓ Use a wintertime formula in your windshield washer.



Virtual Coffee with the Mayor  
Wednesday, Jan. 20  
6 p.m.

Special Guest: Executive Director,  
Julie Erickson of The Center for  
Hearing & Speech





## Congratulations! Winners of the Holiday House Decorating Contest:



# April 6 Ballot Information



## Use Tax

The Use Tax is a tax on goods purchased from out-of-state vendors and shipped to Missouri.

As more and more retail sales shift to out-of-state purchases, Proposition U will help to ensure the City of Rock Hill is able to continue providing municipal services like snowplowing, responding to 911 calls, and patrolling neighborhoods. Many area municipalities like Brentwood, Kirkwood, Glendale and Crestwood have implemented a use tax.



Prop 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.



**I pay a lot in property taxes now. Doesn't the city get most of that money?**

No, the city only receives 3 cents of every tax dollar paid. The average residential property tax bill in Rock Hill is \$2,294.00. The Webster Groves School District receives the majority of the funds — \$1,332.00. The city only receives \$64 to pay for city services.



## Answering YOUR questions!



**Q:** "Will these Propositions be long term or does the City plan to have additional Propositions in the next 5-10 years?"

**A:** While we can't know exactly what the future holds, we have designed these propositions to address the City's needs over the long term.

Have a question you would like answered in the next newsletter? E-mail your question to: [knieman@rockhillmo.net](mailto:knieman@rockhillmo.net)

Click on event image to register:

## VALENTINE'S DAY YARD OF HEARTS

SURPRISE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER WITH A "YARD OF HEARTS" BY FILLING THEIR YARD WITH 24 PAPER HEARTS ON STICKS!

"Yard of Hearts" WILL BE DELIVERED THE WEEK OF  
FEB. 8-12 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 2 AND 5 PM.  
THE RECIPIENT WILL ALSO RECEIVE A GOODY BAG WITH CANDY  
AND A HEART BALLOON AS WELL AS HEARTS/NOTE ON THEIR  
DOOR. A GREAT WAY TO SHARE LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP  
DURING THIS ERA OF COVID!

Cost: \$12

Add on: Goody Bag/Balloon: \$6

One dozen (12) additional paper yard hearts: \$6



REGISTER ONLINE:

[rockhillmo.net/parks-recreation-department/pages/valentines-day-heart-attack](https://rockhillmo.net/parks-recreation-department/pages/valentines-day-heart-attack)

Questions: Katy: [knieman@rockhillmo.net](mailto:knieman@rockhillmo.net), 314-561-4304

### Rock Hill Police Department

#### Winter Security Reminder

With the arrival of winter, please remember to think security instead of comfort when warming up your car before driving or leaving your car unattended and running.

We've all done it — gone out to our car, turned on the engine, and left the car to warm up while we pop back in the house or workplace. Nearly half of motorists - 47 percent - admit to leaving their car unattended on frosty mornings while it warms up. There have been recent thefts in our area where vehicles have been stolen while the vehicle is left running, keys in the ignition, unattended. Criminals do target residential streets and some businesses looking for this exact type of opportunity.

Stay with your vehicle while it warms up and lock it when running into a business, even for a short time. This will ensure that **you** are the one who drives away in your warm car, **not the thief**.

**Winter storms and cold temperatures can be dangerous. Stay safe and healthy by planning ahead and be sure to check on older adults.**

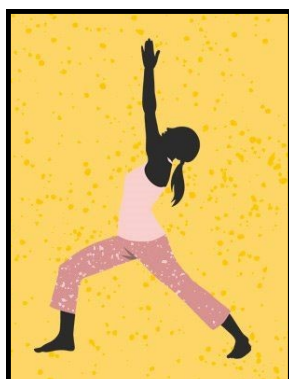
#### Prepare Your Home

- ✓ Winterize your home.
- ✓ Install weather stripping, insulation, and storm windows.
- ✓ Insulate water lines that run along exterior walls.
- ✓ Clean out gutters and repair roof leaks.
- ✓ Have your heating system serviced professionally to make sure that it is clean, working properly, and ventilated to the outside.
- ✓ Inspect and clean fireplaces and chimneys.
- ✓ Have a safe alternate heating source and alternate fuels available.
- ✓ If you do not have a working smoke detector, install one. Test batteries monthly and replace them twice a year. Call the Fire Department for assistance if needed: 314-962-6254.
- ✓ Prevent carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning emergencies by installing a CO detector to alert you to the presence of this deadly, odorless, colorless gas. Check or change the battery when you change your clocks in the fall and spring. Learn the symptoms of CO poisoning: headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion.



## Rock Hill Public Library

Happy New Year from the Rock Hill Public Library! We have extended our curbside hours to Monday-Friday from 12-6 PM and Saturdays from 10 AM-2 PM. Stop by to pick up holds and we'll bring everything right to your car. Still don't want to venture out just yet? Discover thousands of titles on Hoopla and Libby for free with your library card in the comfort of your home. If you're feeling crafty, check out Creativebug to see craft tutorials from award-winning presenters. Learn more about these digital resources and more at [rockhillpubliclibrary.org](http://rockhillpubliclibrary.org).



Need to relax? We have free yoga classes on Zoom that are perfect for newbies and yogis alike. Join us for Rise and Shine Yoga on the first Saturday of the month at 10 AM and Wind Down Wednesday on the last Wednesday of the month at 8 PM—email [patron@rhplmo.org](mailto:patron@rhplmo.org) for your Zoom link.

We have fantastic programs coming up for kids in grades K-5. Our virtual Valentine's Party with special guest King from Duo Dogs is February

11 at 6 PM—there will be trivia, storytime, and more! Email us to sign up and receive your Zoom link. Our littlest patrons will fall in love with the Take and Make Craft available next month and can also see how to make it during our Valentine's Party! Swing by during curbside hours to pick up the adorable Lovebug Headbands.

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