

SAINT MARY'S GRAPEVINE

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Notice of Meetings

**Board of Alderman
Saint Mary CMA Hall**

Thursday June 4th 6:30 PM

Budget Session for 2009-2010

The Board will present suggestions for cutting the budget. We are not in compliance with the covenants of the Water and Sewer Bonds Series 2002. Citizen input is needed on how your tax dollars are being spent.

Free Missouri

**Sunshine Law Workshop
VFW Hall Ste. Genevieve**

Wednesday June 10th 6:30 PM

The Public and Elected Officials are invited to attend.

Regular Monthly Meeting

**Board of Alderman
Saint Mary City Hall**

Thursday June 11th 6:30 PM

**All Citizen's of St. Mary
are invited to attend**

**The City of St. Mary
Missouri Main Street
Initiative Meeting**

**Tuesday June 16th 7:00 PM
CMA HALL 685 7th Street**

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

THURSDAY MAY 28TH 2009 6:30 P.M.

Immaculate Conception Church Hall
The City of Saint Mary will hold a public hearing to discuss the City's submission of an application for fiscal year 2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The city is interested in obtaining ALL citizens' input on community development needs within the City. As part of the hearing process citizens will be asked to verbally assist in the completion of a Needs Assessment document. The document will detail what residents feel the strengths and weakness of the community. The City needs as much local participation as possible in order to reflect the true desires of the community as a whole, as well as the comments relating to the proposed project application. The State has established a maximum application request for each funding category. Activities that are eligible for funding include the improvement of public works, public facilities and others allowed by law. At least 51% of the funds must be used to benefit low-and-moderate income persons. No displacement of persons will be proposed. The City is proposing constructing City water improvements of a new water storage tank and new distribution lines to connect to the Ste. Genevieve County PWS #1. The City will be requesting \$500,000 in CDBG funds. The project if funded, will benefit 52.7% low/moderate income persons. All citizens are encouraged to attend in order to comment on the proposed activities. ALL PLEASE ATTEND YOUR INPUT NEEDED.

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR BARNETT

Dear Citizen's of St. Mary,

The first week of June marks my second month as your Mayor. The first month your Elected Board of Aldermen met at four special meetings following an agenda I set that reflected your interests of full disclosure. Public reports were made on the Water Project, City Budget and City Dump Site, The 2008-2009 budget is non compliant. The measurement focus: The basis is a comprehensive basis of accounting OTHER than Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. (GAAP)

It is clear the torch has passed to a new City Government and we are beginning to make some progress. As you know I stand for open Government and feel this approach should help us do our best while under your watchful eyes. I am pleased with your attendance at our meetings and thank you for joining us each meeting. If you are not able to attend a City Council meeting we are making copies of the minutes available at the Collectors window at City Hall following every meeting. Please stop by and pick one up. If you don't feel your interests are being served by your Ward Aldermen, I advise you to call them and remind them that they are here to serve you and your community.

On another note a Steering Committee is being formed now that promises to forge ahead with projects for City Beautification & Betterment , Commerce & Growth through the founding of a St.Mary Main Street Initiative Program. I strongly urge you to join this group if you want to take part in making St. Mary a better place to live. My hat is off to the 26 men and women of our City who attended the first Main Street Initiative meeting hosted at the CMA Hall last month for the purpose of organizing this excellent effort.

Together we will Persevere! -- Mayor Ron Barnett.

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