

*Fall 2014*  
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## Dates to Remember

### **Tuesday, November 4**

General Election - 7 am-8 pm,  
City Hall

### **Tuesday, November 11**

Veteran's Day Holiday  
City Hall Closed

### **Thurs-Fri, Nov 27-28**

Thanksgiving Holidays  
City Hall Closed

### **Thursday, December 25**

Christmas Holiday

City Hall Closed

### **Thursday, January 1 2014**

New Year's Holiday  
City Hall Closed

Please Drive Carefully  
This Winter!

### ***City Facebook Page***

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### **City Building Inspector:**

Steve Hagman  
Call 252-6556

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*City of St. Augusta*

## **Information of the Referendum Vote to Extend the ½ Cent Sales Tax**

On November 4, 2014, St. Augusta residents will have an opportunity to vote on whether or not to extend a regional ½ cent sales tax to help fund various regional projects.

**The residents of St. Augusta, Sartell, St. Joseph, St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids and Waite Park currently collect a ½ cent sales and use tax which will expire on December 31, 2018.**

The State Legislature has authorized the extension of the existing ½ percent sales tax for the aforementioned cities through 2038, subject to voter approval in each city.

If St. Augusta voters approve the extension, the first \$900,000 collected annually by all of the cities combined will be used to fund – Improvements to the Regional Airport (\$200,000 annually); Interconnection of regional trail system (\$500,000 annually) and Regional community/aquatics center (\$200,000 annually.)

The bulk of the collected dollars would then be distributed to the area cities to fund projects in each community with regional significance. For St. Augusta that could mean funds for transportation improvements (50%) and funds for our local parks and trails (50 %.)

A yes vote continues the collection for regional projects, a no vote will cease all sales tax collections in St. Augusta after 2018.

If not approved, St. Augusta residents will still pay the tax in the other communities that pass it. For example, if St. Cloud, Sartell and Waite Park voters approve the tax, St. Augusta residents will still pay the tax on taxable purchases at Crossroads Mall, Mills Fleet Farm, Menards, Wal Mart and Sam's Club, but none of the sales tax dollars will come back to St. Augusta to help with regional road projects or park and trail improvements. Those dollars will specifically go to the cities that approve the tax extension.

**More Information on the General  
Election in this newsletter.**

**Vote November 4th!**



## From the Mayor's Desk: *Bob Kroll*

**Safe Routes to Schools** – the City has been awarded an approximate \$90,000 grant to construct a sidewalk along the north side of 245th Street from 17th Avenue to the St. Mary Help of Christians School. The project should be constructed in the summer of 2015 and be completed by time school starts next fall.

**Street Signs** – the City has been updating street signs throughout the City and another major section was replaced this past summer. Please contact City Hall if you see any signs in poor shape or reflectivity.

**Brush Cutting** – We will be cutting brush along our road ditches this winter weather permitting.

**Parks** – both Kiffmeyer Park and Hidden Lake Park will close for the season once it gets a little cooler. The Hidden Lake Park disc course will remain open so long as disc golfers want to battle the elements. Hidden Lake Park also had a large extension to the paved trail this fall and we are looking at building a maintenance shed somewhere in the park in the near future.

### Staying Healthy!

- Clean your hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand cleaner.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick, if possible.
- Get vaccinated! Influenza (flu) and pneumococcal (pneumonia) vaccines can prevent some serious respiratory illnesses.

### City Officials

Mayor Bob Kroll , 22731 43rd Ave., (320) 259-8610, [bjkroll@midconetwork.com](mailto:bjkroll@midconetwork.com)

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## St. Augusta Fire Department

Fire Hall: 23415 43rd Ave.

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For more information, check out the website:

[staugustafd.org](http://staugustafd.org)

*Always dial 911 in an emergency situation!*

## 2014 General Election

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Polls will be open from 7am until 8pm and the only precinct within the City of St. Augusta votes at City Hall, 1914 250th Street, St. Augusta, MN 56301. Absentee ballots are available from the Stearns County Auditor's office, 705 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud, MN 56303. The phone number for the Auditor's office is 320-656-3900.

Municipal items to be included on the ballot include the Mayor's race, Bob Kroll is the only filed candidate; the City Council race (vote for up to 2), Mike Zenzen, Jim Diehl and Jimbo Brannan are the candidates who filed for that office; and Ballot Question #1, asking voters to extend the sales tax collected within the City of St. Augusta. The ballot will also feature federal races (US Senator and US Representative); state races (state representative, governor, attorney, auditor and secretary of state); county races (sheriff, auditor, recorder, attorney and soil and water conservations districts); school board races and judge races.

### St. Augusta Snow Removal Policy

With snow likely to be appearing before much longer, please take a moment to review the city's snow removal policies:

**Snow Removal Policy:** Our goal is to have a bare track on all through roads within 24 hours after a snowfall ends. You can help speed snow removal by not parking on roads or dumping snow on the roads.

**Parking on Roads:** Our ordinance specifically reads – “No vehicles shall be parked or left standing unattended between the hours of one o'clock (1:00) a.m. and seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. of any day in November, December, January, February, or March of each year on any street, avenue, or thoroughfare within the corporate limits of the city.” We also strongly suggest you don't park on the street until the road has been plowed, it makes it much easier and go more quickly if the plow trucks do not have to go around vehicles parked on the street.

**Don't Dump Snow on the Road:** Please don't shovel, push, or dump snow onto any street. State law advises that shoveling or placing snow onto public roads is illegal, and may be punished as a misdemeanor.

**Sidewalks:** In neighborhoods that have sidewalks, it is the property owners responsibility to be sure the sidewalks are cleared of snow.

**Clear out Fire Hydrants:** If you have fire hydrant on you property, please clear out an area around the hydrant to make it easily assessable to our fire fighters. You and your neighbors will be glad this is done, should you require their services.

