



# The Washington CURRENT

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## A NOTE FROM OUR MAYOR...

*Happy Fall Everyone!*

The City of Washington just recently received great news when the City Council passed our annual Budget for the coming year. Our total revenues of \$74 million exceeded expenditures of \$60 million. That means for the coming year we will have a positive balance of \$14 million!

Infrastructure improvements, maintenance, a new water tower, downtown improvements, a 3% Cost of Living adjustment and 2% merit increase for city employees will take up the lion's share of our expenditures. The \$14 million surplus will go to future infrastructure and large expenditure projects.

We are very fortunate to be able to be in such a good financial situation because of our long history of steady growth and wise management of taxpayer dollars. We will continue to strive to be stewards of the resources we are blessed with.

Enjoy the beautiful Fall weather while it lasts!

*Doug Hagedorn*



## Autumn Leaf Pick Up

The City will conduct two rounds of leaf pickup for residents.

*1<sup>st</sup> Round: November 6<sup>th</sup>*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Round: November 27<sup>th</sup>*

In both rounds, the City will work from the east side of town and proceed west until complete.

Please follow the below guidelines....

- Residents are asked to rake their leaves to the curb, but not place them in the streets, gutters or on sidewalks.
- Please keep vehicles away from leaf piles to ensure the leaves are accessible for pickup.

**Questions?**

**Call 636.390.1032**

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*Happy Fall Fellow Washingtonians!*

As you can see as you drive around town, local construction projects continue to be in full swing. As much as we love to see your guesses posted on Facebook, I can confirm a few projects here. The old Aldi building will indeed become the (world's largest) Dirt Cheap.

Cheap Cheap Fun Fun! Dunkin Donuts plans have been approved on Don Avenue next to Casey's and will be breaking ground this Fall. We have two very impressive industrial projects making their way to completion. AZZ Precoat Metals is out of the ground and continuing work in the Oldenburg Industrial Park. and the City & MODOT will begin the highway widening project in this location around December. Texwrap also is approaching completion on their addition on Vossbrink Drive. We want to thank these companies for choosing to invest in Washington.

Housing construction continues to move forward as well. The Washington Terrace Apartments behind Casey's will be breaking ground on their first phase this Fall and grading work for ELS Properties' new apartment complex on East 5<sup>th</sup> street should also begin in October. Lastly, you will notice that the first leg of the East West Parkway has begun construction off Bieker Road. This outer road has been in the City's plans since the early 90's and we are thrilled to see it come to fruition and allow for additional single family residential development. Have a great season!

## Parks & Recreation *programming*

**NOVEMBER 26** **OLDE FASHIONED  
CHRISTMAS**  
3pm-5pm

**DECEMBER 10** *Washington Brass  
Band Concert*  
3pm-5pm

**DECEMBER 7** **Flashlight  
Candy Cane Hunt**  
6:30pm-7:30pm

Questions?  
Call Parks & Rec  
636.390.1080



*Please note that space is limited and  
advance ticket purchase may be  
required for select events!*

## LETTERS TO SANTA Greetings from the North Pole!

Santa and the elves are busy making toys for all the girls and boys. Please tell Santa what you want for Christmas. Santa will be answering letters from boys and girls who write to him at:

**Santa**  
**Washington Parks & Recreation**  
**405 Jefferson Street**  
**Washington, MO 63090**



You may also drop off your letter at the Library in the Santa Mailbox. Letters must include a stamp self-addressed envelope.



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636.390.1000

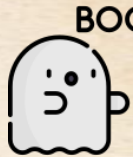
# WashMO LIBRARY

## SPOOKY STUFFED ANIMAL STORYTIME

Friday, October 20 from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Children

Bring your bravest animal to be a special silly spooky bedtime storytime and leave it overnight at the library. Find out about the animals nighttime adventures when you pick it up Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Wear your pajamas or favorite costume, please!



## WANDERLUST CHOCOLATE PRESENTS: THE ART OF CHOCOLATE

All Ages

Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a chocolate making demonstration and tasting by Wanderlust Chocolate.



## HAUNTED HOUSE SCAVENGER HUNT

All Ages

Friday, October 27th from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Dress up in your favorite costume for a Halloween Haunted House Hunt. Pick up an entry form at the lower circulation desk on Friday, October 27th. Find all the haunted houses in the children's section to win a festive treat.



## FRIENDS AUTHOR: KATE SCHEIT "STOP THE KILLING"

Thursday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Teen/Adult

Author presentation and book signing. Brought to you by Friends of the Library and Neighborhood Reads.

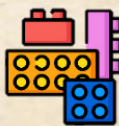


## TURKEY BINGO

All Ages

Wednesday, November 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Kids, come play BINGO at the library. Win turkey-tastic prizes!



Check out the library website for programming!

# WASHMOLIB.ORG

## SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

### Acceptable Items for Recycling



Flattened Cardboard



Paper



Plastic Bottles & Containers



Metal Food & Beverage Cans



Glass Bottles & Jars



Food & Beverage Cartons

Only items mentioned above are accepted in your Recycle toter. No bags, please – items should be loose in the container. Recyclables should be clean, dry and free of food waste. Please place toter on curb with metal arm facing out and lid fully closed and try to make it easily accessible for collection.

*Please note:* Plastic bags, plastic film, styrofoam and yard waste are not acceptable items for recycling.

### Myth or Fact?



#### MYTH!

You should bag your recyclables before placing them into your toter.

#### FACT!

You should NOT bag your recyclables before placing them in your toter.



### Fact Notes...

Bags tangle in recycle sorter equipment. Recyclables should be placed loose in your recycling bin.



**Waste Connections  
Customer Care**  
573.678.2492

**City of Washington  
Yard Waste & Recycling**  
636.390.1032



## LEAF & LIMB PICK UP



**WARD 1** November 6  
December 4  
**WARD 2** November 13  
December 11

**WARD 3** October 16  
November 20  
December 18  
**WARD 4** October 23  
November 27  
\*December 26

\* Asterisk indicates a change from your regularly scheduled pickup

## RECYCLING PICK UP

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
October 16	October 17	October 18	October 19	October 20
November 6	November 7	November 1	November 2	November 3
November 20	November 21	November 15	November 16	November 17
December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7	December 1
December 18	December 19	December 20	December 21	December 15

## MONTHLY BULK PICK UP (2 ITEMS)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
October 30	October 31	October 25	October 26	October 27
November 27	November 28	November 29	November 30	*November 25
*December 26	*December 27	*December 28	*December 29	*December 30

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

### MAYOR

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## Who to call in WashMO



**LIBRARY**  
636.390.1070



**CITY HALL**  
636.390.1000



**NON-EMERGENCY**  
636.390.1050



**TRASH COLLECTION**  
636.390.1032



**RECYCLING**  
636.390.1032



**STREETS**  
636.390.1032



**BUILDING PERMITS**  
636.390.1010



**PARKS & REC**  
636.390.1080



**UTILITIES**  
636.390.1045

## CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council Meetings are held on the first and third Monday of the month at City Hall. Citizens can attend in person or watch on our YouTube Channel.

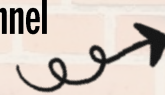
[www.youtube.com/CityOfWashington](http://www.youtube.com/CityOfWashington)

### Meetings are held 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month

October 16	November 6	December 4	*January 2
	November 20	December 18	*January 16

\*Asterisk indicates change due to holiday

Access our YouTube channel from your smart phone!



## DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN PAY YOUR UTILITIES ONLINE?



[www.municipalpaymentsonline/washingtonmo](http://www.municipalpaymentsonline/washingtonmo)  
or call us at 636.390.1090 for assistance