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The Friday Page

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Notice of Proposed Water Rate Increases

Missouri American Water has filed a request with the Missouri Public Service Commission to increase water rates as well as make other changes in its funding structure. The proposal increases residential rates from approximately 21 – 24 percent, depending on monthly usage. Details about the proposed rates can be found at missouriamwater.com.

There are several opportunities to provide public input concerning the proposed increases. Among others, **virtual** public hearings will be held on Monday, January 25 in Maryland Heights at noon and in Ferguson at 6 pm. Participation in the question/answer segment or making a public comment requires advance registration. For additional information on registration, viewing a public hearing, or calling in, visit the [Public Service Commission online](#).



Written comments can be submitted to the Missouri Public Service Commission at P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 or electronically at https://psc.mo.gov/General/Submit_Comments, referencing File No. WR-2020-0344.

Use Tax

The City Council unanimously passed an ordinance to put a Use Tax proposal on the April ballot for an election that will be held on Tuesday, April 6. This proposal allows for the collection of sales tax on out-of-state items purchased online.

Missouri is only one of two states that does not provide for the ability to fully collect online sales taxes. There is a positive movement in the state legislature to pass legislation, called Wayfair, this spring that would allow for this collection. Attached to that legislation is the requirement that government entities must have a use tax in place to participate in the collection and receive sales tax from online purchases.

Look for detailed information about this ballot proposal over the next month.

Show Your Love

February is just around the corner, bringing Valentine's Day (February 14), and a focus on showing love to the special people in our lives.

Let's show our love for the businesses in the community by purchasing gifts for those special people in the many retail stores that dot our business districts in Webster Groves. There are plentiful unique items to be had – jewelry, flowers, candy, candles, clothing, books, artwork, and so much more. Friendly business owners are always glad to help a shopper find the perfect gift.



Let's also show our love for our food establishments by dining in or by using the curbside option for a delicious meal or treat. Webster Groves is known for its excellent restaurants and amazing food opportunities. During this public health crisis, our eateries have gone out of their way to make curbside pickup easy, outside dining warm, and create careful indoor settings. Our support is appreciated and essential.

Vaccine Update

At this time, the COVID Vaccine is being distributed to Missouri residents in phases. St. Louis County is accepting registration applications from the public regardless of phase/tier and will follow up as the vaccine is available.

Additionally, BJC Healthcare is offering registration at <https://www.bjc.org/coronavirus/Covid-19-Vaccines>, Mercy Hospital at <https://www.mercy.net/forms/vaccinations/>, SSM Health at <https://mychart.ssmhc.com/mychart/Authentication/Login?>, and St. Luke's at <https://lukesvaccine.com/>

