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## The Friday Page

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### Be an Advocate

The state legislature is in session for the next few months working through the 1,000 or so bills that have been filed. Some of these bills could have a negative impact on local governments and some could bring positive change. Legislators need to hear about how their decisions will impact the citizens that they represent.



This year it is easier to offer testimony about a proposed bill due to online submissions- a positive aspect of COVID. Mayor Welch is reactivating a Legislative Advocacy group formed to encourage citizen input into state legislation. Participation in this group is welcomed. Please send an email to [mayor@webstergroves.org](mailto:mayor@webstergroves.org) to join. There are no group meetings, but members receive periodic emails about legislation, legislator contacts, and testimony so that members can advocate for a position on a bill.

One example of recently proposed legislation is a bill to eliminate April elections and fold everything into a November election, leaving voters with what might be pages of issues and offices regarding the federal government, state elections and issues, school board considerations, and municipal elections, a substantial amount of material that could overwhelm a voter.

## **Brrrrrr**

Over the next week snow and extremely cold temperatures are anticipated. Keeping the streets of Webster Groves passable during this dangerous weather isn't an easy undertaking.



With just snow in 'normal' temperatures, crews can use the City's snow plows to clear streets – a mechanical method of snow removal. With dangerously low temperatures and ice, street clearing becomes more difficult and somewhat scientific. Depending on the predicted temperature, a chemical treatment can work well. This means an application of salt or some other de-icing treatment such as brine is applied before or during the onset of snow and ice. However, at some temperatures, salt or a de-icing compound works while at other temperatures it doesn't – for example brine could freeze when temperatures fall below 18 degrees. Furthermore, the effectiveness of some sprayed liquid occurs only after some vehicles drive over the material that is spread.

We ask for your patience. Webster Groves has always had an outstanding reputation for street clearing in bad weather but the next week will be challenging as the City looks for the best action to clear its streets. Thanks must go to the public works employees who work long hours, often in overnight shifts, to serve the citizens of Webster Groves and make the street passable in bad weather. Please give them a smile and a thumbs up!

## **Good News!**

This week St. Louis County raised COVID-19 capacity limits for most facilities to 50% of normal occupancy, meaning the City is now able to offer more recreation opportunities. Public ice skate and Cosmic Skate sessions have increased from 50 to 75 participants.

[Register Online](#)

There is plenty of room to work out in the Fitness Center. You can try out the center with a free 14-day trial membership. The cardio equipment is spaced for social distancing and staff are extra diligent in cleaning protocols. Call 314-963-5600 for more information about recreation facilities or programs.

## **Webster University's Diversity and Inclusion Conference**

Webster University's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Conference is February 23 - 25, 2021. This virtual conference is free and open to the public. To see a list of sessions and register, visit [www.webster.edu/conversations](http://www.webster.edu/conversations)

## **Spring Forward**

The Webster Groves Arts Commission, Webster Arts, and the Chamber of Commerce are producing Spring Forward, an opportunity for artists and would-be artists to create a public display of hope and new beginnings as we leave a very difficult year.

Visit [www.webster-arts.org/spring-forward](http://www.webster-arts.org/spring-forward) for details about this project including scholarship opportunities and a schedule for plywood pickup and art placement.