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**To:** <"CIN Community Partners" @stlouis.missouri.org>  
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**Subject:** IMPORTANT CHANGES to stlouis.missouri.org services

Dear community partners,

This email is to communicate important upcoming changes to the City's CIN internet-based services extended to community stakeholders. In this email you will find descriptions of the upcoming changes, important dates, and links to resources.

The most important information is that the City of St. Louis CIN will no longer be able to host community organization/neighborhood websites, provide email accounts, and neighborhood electronic lists after May 1, 2011.

We are asking you to work on migrating all services to other solutions by the May 1, 2011.

Many of you have been involved since the beginning of the CIN services in 1995 and I want to thank you for all you have contributed over the years. Together we embraced the potential offered by the World Wide Web and helped define a best practice adopted nationwide.

You may already had a chance to review the new City website <http://stlouis-mo.gov> that was introduced for public review and comments on December 1. We are excited about the new website and the related consolidation of services, but it does mean the end of CIN community services.

I encourage you to review the site and provide feedback using the form at the bottom of each page. To avoid broken links to your organization/neighborhood website, review and update links to city resources on your website. To learn more about the new website visit <http://stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/information-technology/web-development/news/new-website-is-under-development.cfm>

Please review the information below, and do not hesitate to contact us with questions. For additional assistance you can contact us by email at [cinweb@stlouiscity.com](mailto:cinweb@stlouiscity.com) or by phone (314) 622-3400 ext. 235 or ext. 279.

I apologize in advance for those of you who will receive multiple notifications of these changes.

Let me take this opportunity to also wish you Happy Holidays!

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 Information to assist in planning migration from [stlouis.missouri.org](http://stlouis.missouri.org)

December 1, 2010 - <http://stlouis-mo.gov> new City Website unveiled for public comments and review

1. You should review the site and update links to City resources on your site
2. [stlouis.missouri.org](http://stlouis.missouri.org) will remain active for a few more months as the transition to the new site is completed.

May 1, 2011 -the following services associated with [stlouis.missouri.org](http://stlouis.missouri.org) will end:

1. Website hosting services for neighborhoods and not-for-profit organizations

2. Email service for accounts with YourName@stlouis.missouri.org
3. Electronic mail list service such as shawtalk@missouri.org and tgetalk@missouri.org
4. The City website <http://stlouis.missouri.org> will become inactive

#### Action Items for Migration

1. Secure a new host site and migrate content
2. Secure new email services and notify your contacts of changes
3. Secure new electronic/listserv service and resubscribe users

#### Available Resources

##### a) Web Hosting

We suggest the following host sites as resources:

DreamHost: offers free Web hosting to US-based nonprofits and charitable organizations with proof of non-profit status. The free plan includes unlimited storage, unlimited bandwidth, and an unlimited number of hosted sub-domains. For more information <http://dreamhost.org/>

HostGator: provides a free Business Hosting Plan to US-based 501(c)3 nonprofits and other charities. You must apply for HostGator's Technology Grant Program via this application form. The Business Hosting Plan includes unlimited storage, unlimited bandwidth, and an unlimited number of hosted sub-domains. <http://dreamhost.org/>

Grassroots.org: offers free Web hosting to all registered US-based 501(c)3 nonprofits as well as registered Canadian charitable organizations. The free plan includes 10 GB storage, 1000 GB bandwidth, and up to 10 hosted sub-domains. <http://www.grassroots.org/>

myhosting.com: this Canadian-based company provides free Web hosting to registered US-based 501(c)3 nonprofits and Canadian charities as well as educational and governmental organizations. Unlimited storage, unlimited bandwidth, and unlimited hosted sub-domains. Dreamhost has a free hosting site for 501(c)3 organizations. <http://myhosting.com/>

##### b) Email Services

Free email accounts. All community members can have their own email accounts which can be accessed through any Internet connection! A number of companies offer free email accounts.

GMail (Google) <http://gmail.google.com/>

Bluebottle <http://www.bluebottle.com/>

FastMail.fm <http://www.fastmail.fm>

Hotmail <http://www.hotmail.com>

Yahoo Mail <http://mail.yahoo.com/>

##### c) Electronic lists

We suggest the following electronic lists as resources:

Constant Contact is an easy, affordable way to reach your members with email marketing. <http://www.ConstantContact.com/>

Yahoo Group <http://groups.yahoo.com/>

Google Groups <http://groups.google.com/>

I want to thank you again for your loyalty and the years of collaboration. Please don't hesitate to contact us with questions. I encourage you to visit the new city website, review it, and let us know your thoughts and suggestions. For additional assistance you can contact us by email at [cinweb@stlouiscity.com](mailto:cinweb@stlouiscity.com)

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