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Welcome to the City of Cottleville's Updated Website

Welcome to the upgraded official website of the City of Cottleville—and to my blog. I have proudly called Cottleville home for 23 years and am currently serving my second term as Alderman for Ward 1. My first term was nearly 20 years ago, and I was honored to be re-elected last year. Many have asked about the gap between my terms. Simply put, life brought other priorities, including raising my children, supporting animal rescue efforts, and managing business responsibilities. Over that time, I've seen Cottleville grow and evolve in many ways, which inspired me to return to public service and contribute my experience to our community. Thank you for your trust and support.

One of the most common concerns I hear from residents is traffic. At a recent work session, the Board of Aldermen and Mayor discussed needed improvements to Lohmar Lane and began exploring grant opportunities to support those efforts. As one of the remaining roads in the city without key safety features such as sidewalks and shoulders, Lohmar Lane is an important focus area. While discussions are still in the early stages, I look forward to working collaboratively with city staff and fellow board members to identify the best path forward. Meanwhile, in the short-term I'm pleased to report that the City will pursue some limited sidewalk and pedestrian crossing improvements at the intersection of Lohmar Ln and Madison Park Dr. Additionally, we continue to require traffic impact studies for new developments expected to generate significant traffic.

At our most recent meeting, I reintroduced a previously tabled bill related to a utility easement request from Spire on city park property. After reviewing the proposed location, I worked with city staff to explore an alternative alignment that would place the easement within an existing utility corridor under the Ameren power lines. This approach helps preserve usable park space while still meeting infrastructure needs. I'm pleased that Spire agreed to this adjustment and that the bill was ultimately approved.

I have also been in communication with residents of the Cottleville Trails subdivision to better understand their concerns. While some issues fall outside the City's authority or were established prior to my current term, I remain committed to listening and working with residents, city staff, and developers to pursue practical solutions wherever possible.

Thank you for taking the time to read, and I look forward to sharing future updates.

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