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## MAYOR LOWERY APPOINTS THOMAS O'DONNELL AS COUNCILMAN FOR WARD 6



Pictured above from (l-r) Council President Joe Eagan, newly appointed Councilman for Ward 6 Thomas O'Donnell and Mayor Lowery.

At the last city council meeting Mayor Lowery appointed Thomas O'Donnell as councilman for Ward 6 and will represent the people of Ward 6 until the April 2023 election where Thomas will have the opportunity to run for Ward 6 councilman. The position became vacant after Pat Mulcahy stepped down to become the city's new Director of Economic Development.

Thomas is a longtime resident of Old Town Florissant going back to the 1970s. He was a pharmacist for over 40 years and was owner of O'Donnell Pharmacy in Florissant. That business; previously owned by his father and grandfather in Pine Lawn, came to Florissant in 1974. The O'Donnell Pharmacy was unique in that it specialized in medical supplies and durable medical equipment.

Thomas has been an active parishioner at Sacred Heart Parish for 45 years. He has been a part of coordinating things like Marriage Preparation, RCIA, Archdiocesan Development Appeal, the 150th Anniversary Celebration of Sacred Heart Parish and currently involved in planning with the "All

Things New" initiative in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. In 1993 he was named Sacred Heart Man of the Year.

Thomas has also been a member of the Parish Athletic Association for 34 years involved in organizing and fundraising on behalf of youth sports. In 2006 he was awarded the North County CYC Service and Dedication Award.

He retired from Pharmacy in 2017 but felt called to something else. In 2019; after a 1-year apprenticeship and passing the required State Boards, he became a licensed Funeral Director and serves bereaved families at Hutchens Mortuary in Florissant.

Thomas is dedicated to his family, his community and to his faith and will represent the good people of Ward 6 and do what he needs to do to continue to make Florissant a great place to work, play and raise a family.

