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PROQ

Q for Quality of Life Aug. 2 Bond Issue with NO Tax Increase

Here's a question for you: What are some of your favorite things about living in St. Peters?

Low-cost services like water/sewer and trash? St. Peters has the lowest in the region. Beautiful parks? We have 25 of them with nearly 1,300 acres. Maybe you like taking a hike along our 20 miles of paved trails ... or testing your skills at the archery range, or fishing in the ponds and lakes, or playing golf at St. Peters Golf Course—the only municipally owned golf course in St. Charles County. Or, maybe you enjoy visiting the world-class St. Peters Rec-Plex.

Or, it could be a combination of these special things that make up the quality of life we enjoy in St. Peters.

On Aug. 2, St. Peters voters will have their choice on a ballot

proposition to further enhance the quality of life in St. Peters. Proposition Q, for Quality of Life, proposes a St. Peters outdoor aquatic center and reconstruction of a clubhouse and a new banquet/community center at St. Peters Golf Course.

If passed, these projects would be paid for by a \$12 million bond issue with **NO tax increase**.

OUTDOOR AQUATIC CENTER

The St. Peters outdoor aquatic center would be an exciting destination for the whole family. The aquatic center would be located right next to Rec-Plex South (along the existing park trail).

The new aquatic center would be a place where anyone could learn to swim or enjoy floating down the lazy river. Other features include deck slides, a “zero entry” beach, shade structures, changing areas and “spraygrounds.” An eight-lane competition pool will be available for people who want to swim laps and for kids’ swim teams. A party pavilion could host birthday parties and other events.

The outdoor aquatic center would be a “community center without walls” with features and activities for all ages.

You could even walk against the lazy river’s current for a fun, unique workout experience—perfect for many active older adults, beginners easing into a workout routine or anyone who has problems with mobility.

Another project that would be funded by Proposition Q would be a road from the Rec-Plex South and aquatic center area that would extend Indacom Drive off of Boone Hills Drive for





a new way to easily get to and from the Rec-Plex.

Over the past few years, the City of St. Peters had to close two “neighborhood” style pools that were 40 years old or older. Those pools needed major repairs and were very expensive to maintain. Now, St. Peters has just one outdoor municipal pool—Laurel Park Pool—available for our 56,000 residents. And, that pool does not have the features that would be included at the proposed aquatic center.

GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE AND NEW BANQUET/COMMUNITY CENTER

Proposition Q would also fund reconstruction of the clubhouse and a new banquet/community center at St. Peters Golf Course on Salt Lick Road. The current clubhouse facility is more than 40 years old and needs significant annual maintenance and repairs. Besides that, the facility isn’t big enough to host many charity golf tournaments and special events like wedding receptions, reunions and anniversary parties.

The proposed St. Peters clubhouse and banquet/community center at the golf course would include event and meeting facilities with seating for as many as 350 people, plus new event space for outdoor tournaments, weddings and other events.

A large parking lot is also planned as part of the proposed project.

Located on the shore of the scenic lake at the golf course, the proposed new clubhouse and banquet/community center would be a beautiful setting for making special memories on a wedding day, celebrating a special anniversary, or catching up with high school classmates.

Local charities also could have a great new place to host a golf tournament, a trivia night or other event to raise money for their work in the community.

BOND ISSUE WITH NO TAX INCREASE

If Prop Q passes, there will NOT be a tax increase. How is that possible? The short answer is that the City is in sound financial shape, which allows us to borrow the money through government bonds at a low rate so that we don’t have to increase taxes.

Another way to look at it is that bonds are to the government as a home loan is to a homeowner. Your home loan allows you to live in your home now in return for long-term payments. Government bonds allow for public improvements now in return for future long-term payments. Because the City of St. Peters has an excellent credit rating, we can borrow money for these projects at the lowest possible cost. This allows us to repay these bonds with no new taxes and repay loans without having to increase taxes. This is the same concept as if you bought a house you can afford without having to find any extra income for payments.

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BALLOT LANGUAGE

PROPOSITION Q

Shall the City of St. Peters, Missouri, issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000) for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, renovating, installing, improving and equipping park and recreational facility improvements within the City including a new municipal aquatic park, a new municipal golf course clubhouse with banquet/community center, other park and recreational improvements within the City and related access, site improvements and land acquisition?

Proposition Q will be on the Aug. 2 ballot.

Please remember to vote!

