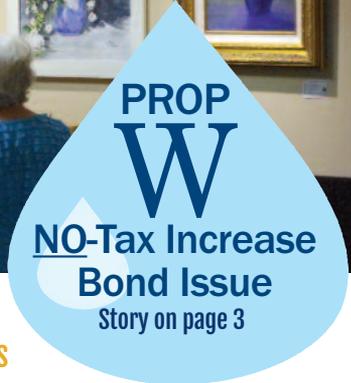


CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!

St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre



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Kite Festival, Family Bike Ride and Health & Wellness Event

Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Enjoy flying kites and riding your bikes at 370 Lakeside Park during this FREE community event sponsored by the City of St. Peters' Ranger Enforcement Division. Plus, visit the St. Peters Community Health and Wellness Advisory Committee booth for information about health and wellness. The event will take place at the marina parking lot at 370 Lakeside Park between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Kite-building kits are available free of charge to the first 200 participants.

Bring your bikes to ride the 4.5-mile trail around the lake. A limited number of adult-sized bikes are available for rent at the park. Gator Island Grill will offer a food special at the event.



NEW! Rangers 370 Lakeside Archery Challenge

Archers, set a bull's eye for April 19 to be part of the first-ever Rangers 370 Lakeside Archery Challenge! The event, sponsored by the St. Peters Rangers Enforcement Division and Mike's Bait, Tackle and Archery, will take place at 8 a.m. at the new archery range at 370 Lakeside Park.

Registration for the event ends April 1. Space is limited, so try to register early to reserve your spot. The entry fee is \$20 per person. There will be three age brackets: 13-19, 20-50, and 51-plus. Registration is available in person at the St. Peters Rec-Plex, 5200 Mexico, by phone at 636-939-2386, ext. 1400, or online at www.stpetersmo.net/rec-connect.



Rangers 370 Lakeside Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 6 • 8:30 a.m.-noon (Check-in begins 7:30 a.m.)
\$5/person entry fee

Show off your fishing prowess at 370 Lakeside Park during the Rangers 370 Lakeside Fishing Derby. Sponsored by the St. Peters Rangers Enforcement Division, this event gives kids and adults alike a chance to fish at our 140-acre lake and win prizes for catching the most fish and largest fish. Two divisions will be available: Children (ages 6-12) and Adults (13 and up). (Children under age 6 may fish with a registered adult, but aren't eligible for prizes.)

The first 100 children who register in advance through the St. Peters Rec-Plex will receive a free Fishing Derby T-shirt at the event. If you register in advance, you will also be entered into a chance for a gift card. Advance registration is available in person at the St. Peters Rec-Plex, 5200 Mexico, by phone at 636-939-2386, ext. 1400, or online using the Rec-Connect registration feature at www.stpetersmo.net/rec-connect. Same-day registration also will be available at the event.



Memorial Day Ceremony Monday, May 25 • 10 a.m.

Memorial Day is a national holiday set aside to remember soldiers who died during military service. The St. Peters Veterans Memorial Commission invites you to come out and honor all those American soldiers who gave their lives in the line of duty.

Proposition W

NO-Tax Increase Bond Issue for Water/Sewer Improvements Tuesday, April 7, Ballot

City of St. Peters voters will decide whether to approve an \$18 million no-tax increase water/sewer bond issue in the April 7 general municipal election. If passed, the bond issue would pay for improvements to the City of St. Peters' water supply treatment plants and infrastructure, including:

- Replacing & restoring aging facilities and collection systems to protect the environment and keep drinking water safe.
- Improvements to continue to meet EPA water quality regulations.

The City of St. Peters has identified nearly 20 projects needed to update our water and wastewater systems. Here are some of the most pressing projects:

- Rehabilitate a trunk sewer line at Brown Road built in the late 1970s that serves about half the City.
- Update the Brown Road wastewater pump station and replace a 1970s-era force main.
- Replace four water wells from the late '70s.
- Replace and upgrade equipment used to treat and purify our water.
- Wastewater treatment plant improvements to meet future water quality requirements.

Over the past several decades, St. Peters voters have approved a number of no-tax increase bond issues that have helped build and maintain the facilities needed to both treat wastewater and provide clean water for our residents and businesses. Bonds are to the government what a home loan is to a homeowner. Your home loan allows you to live in your home now in return for payments. Government bonds allow for essential public improvements now and spreads the cost over the long-term life of the improvements made.

Because the City of St. Peters is in excellent financial shape, the City can borrow money for improvements at the lowest possible cost 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.

While past bond issues helped build up the City of St. Peters' water and sewer system, new funds from Proposition W would help rehabilitate or restore infrastructure built decades ago. By repairing older facilities now, we can actually save money in the long run. The trunk sewer line at Brown Road is a good example: Built in the late '70s, the line serves about half of the City. This reinforced concrete pipe has been exposed to sewer gas (hydrogen sulfide) for 40 years, and the City's last inspection found that the pipe is starting to fail. While rehabilitating that pipe could cost about \$2 million, that's still much cheaper than completely replacing it. Plus, when sewer pipes start to fail, they allow stormwater to get into the pipe, increasing the amount of wastewater we have to treat at the wastewater



plant, which also increases our costs.

Proposition W would provide the bonding capacity for the City to fix these types of aging facilities now and spread out payments over a number of years, helping to keep our costs to water/sewer customers the lowest in the area (see graphic).

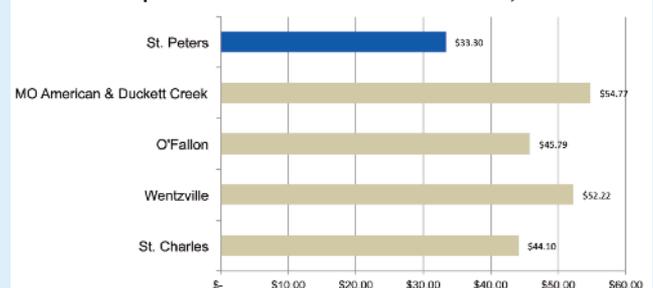
Learn more online at www.stpetersmo.net. Click on the Proposition W link on the left-hand side of the home page.

Please vote on April 7, 2015. It's YOUR decision.

Keeping Rates Low

Updated facilities provide efficient service, which helps the City of St. Peters maintain the lowest water/sewer rates in our area.

Comparison of Water and Sewer Rates* - Oct. 1, 2014



*Cost Per Month as of Oct. 1, 2014, based on average residential yearly usage of 64,800 gallons



The St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre:

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!

It began as a dream by City leaders decades ago, and like the city they envisioned, that dream has turned into a reality.

Walk into the Cultural Arts Centre at St. Peters City Hall, and you may find young children learning how to dance and sing, beautiful artwork on exhibit on gallery walls, aspiring students of all ages taking a class from some of our area's best-known artists and musicians, local actors and musicians on the stage in the 300-plus seat theatre or a local family hosting a reunion in one of the reception halls. The Cultural Arts Centre has become the center of arts and entertainment for "My Hometown" St. Peters! Please join our community in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre and the arts in St. Peters at an open house on Friday, May 1, in the west wing of St. Peters City Hall.

It's been 25 years since the doors opened at the first address for the Cultural Arts Center in St. Peters. When St. Peters City Hall moved into its

current location on April 1, 1990, the building where the old City Hall was housed on Venture Drive was left vacant. On Sept. 30, 1990, in that 8,000-square-foot building on Venture Drive, the City's Cultural Arts Center was born.

Since then, the facility has changed its name and moved twice.

One of the problems with the original building was that it had several levels and additions and there was no way to get to the various levels other than taking the steps. The building needed to be more accessible for everyone. Interest in the arts was also growing in St. Peters, so we needed to expand the Cultural Arts Center to a larger building. That's when the Cultural Arts Center moved into a vacated restaurant on St. Peters-Howell Road.

The Cultural Arts Center became the St. Peters Community & Arts Center when the new building opened in June 2001. This new building was more conducive for the performing arts with a raised stage and seating for up to 150 patrons. There were also classrooms in this building, and the layout allowed for a music studio as well. The ability to offset costs by renting the rooms for banquets and meetings was also appealing to City leaders.

After about a decade, the Community & Arts Center found itself bursting at the seams as interest in the arts continued to grow in St. Peters. About the same time, a new Justice Center was built to house the Police Department, Municipal Court and Board of Aldermen Chamber. Once the



Municipal Court and Board of Aldermen Chamber vacated the location at City Hall, the entire west side of City Hall was available. So, in January 2011, the Community & Arts Center moved to the City Hall west wing and changed its name to the St. Peters

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Plein Aire painting at the Cultural Arts Centre

Cultural Arts Centre, this time taking on the French spelling to match City Centre, where the building is located.

In its current location at City Hall, the Cultural Arts Centre has over 14,000 square feet, including classrooms as well as a very large banquet space for meetings, receptions, etc., with seating for more than 300 people. The former Board of Aldermen Chamber was renovated into a 318-seat capacity theatre with a stage.

With the additional space provided by moving to City Hall, the St. Peters Performing Arts Studio has been able to expand from a piano and voice lab to include guitar and violin lessons.

The increased wall space that the Cultural Arts Centre now has provides area artists many more opportunities to display their work. In addition to themed art shows and competitions, gallery walls and display cases are available for artists to lease to show their collections.

The location at City Hall has also increased the exposure of the arts and the artists at the Cultural Arts Centre. Hundreds of people pass through the Cultural Arts Centre each week while attending events or classes at the Centre or conducting business at City Hall.

Local groups and artist instructors such as the Oak Leaf Artist Guild, Saturday Writers, Jan Groeneman, Shirley Nachtrieb, Laurie Strickland and Jerry Thomas have been with the Cultural Arts Centre for many years.

Children are enjoying the arts as well at the Centre, with some programs geared toward young people such as the Music for Me classes as well as the weekly Art Experience Camps held from June through August each summer.

The St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre has a small staff and dozens of volunteers who have worked hard over the years to make it a success. If you have not visited the Cultural Arts Centre yet, check it out. There is something for everyone, no matter your age or artistic ability.

Mayor Len Pagano, an alderman at the time, was one of the City leaders with the dream of bringing the arts to St. Peters. Mayor Pagano said, "It has been truly amazing to see the arts in St. Peters grow. I'm very proud to have played a part in making that happen."



Cultural Arts Centre
25th
ANNIVERSARY
OPEN HOUSE
May 1, 6-9 p.m.

Musical Performances
Art Demonstration
Meet the Artists & Instructors
Tour the Amenities
Drawings and more...

Watch for details in your Arts Centre e-News, UpFront e-News, on St. Peters TeleVision cable channel and online at www.stpetersmo.net.



Jincy Dunne Strikes Gold with U.S. National Team

Once a captain on the ice at the St. Peters Rec-Plex, local hockey phenom Jincy Dunne has taken her leadership skills and special talent to an international level as captain and star of the U.S. Women's National Under-18 Team's recent championship.

Jincy led the U.S. Women's National Under-18 Team this winter to gold at the 2015 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Women's World Championship in Buffalo, N.Y. Jincy, 17, scored two goals, including the overtime winner, to help beat rival Canada 3-2 in the gold-medal clinching game.

"I am so humbled by all of life's blessings," Jincy said. "Success is a journey and I still have a long way to go but I wouldn't be where I am today without the people I have in my life. I'm truly grateful for the amazing family, friends, teammates, coaches, and teachers I have in my life. God is good."

At age 16, Jincy was the youngest member of the United States' women's hockey team that trained for the 2014 U.S. Winter Olympics (though she did not make the final roster that went to Sochi, Russia).

An O'Fallon resident, Jincy is one of Tammy and Tom Dunne's six kids, who all started out playing hockey with the St. Peters Spirit at the Rec-Plex South facility. Jincy started playing at the Rec-Plex at age 9. By age 13, Jincy was a Spirit team captain.



Try a 'Tri' or a 5K

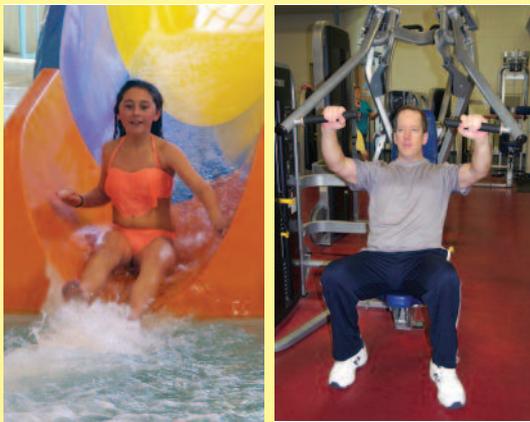
Rec-Plex Spring Triathlon & 'Give It a Tri' 5K Run Sunday, June 21, 6 a.m.

• Challenge yourself and complete the **Rec-Plex Spring Triathlon** (swimming, biking and running endurance event). Individuals and teams are welcome. Compete in overall and age group categories.

• Not ready for a Tri? Start out a little slower and try the **Give It a Tri' 5K Run**. Ages 8 and up may participate (kids ages 8-11 must be accompanied by a registered parent).

• Take the **'Give it a Tri' 5K Challenge** course to get you ready to run the 5K. The 8-week course begins April 29 and meets weekly on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. It's a great way to get yourself and your entire family moving—ages 8 and up welcome! The class is **FREE** to Rec-Plex members (\$40 for the general public). *Come to every class and you get FREE admission to the Give It a Tri' 5K Run!*

Learn more or register for these programs at the St. Peters Rec-Plex, 5200 Mexico Rd., or online at www.stpetersmo.net/rec-connect. Save \$10 on the Triathlon entry fee if you register by June 7.



Find FUN & FITNESS at the ST. PETERS REC-PLEX

We've got something for everyone at the St. Peters Rec-Plex! Both St. Peters residents and non-residents can get great low rates.

Plus, all Rec-Plex annual members get:

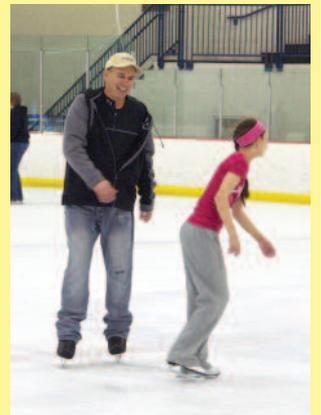
- **FREE** Aerobics classes
- **FREE** use of towels, basketballs and lockers/locks
- **FREE** access to St. Peters' outdoor pools
- Discounts for Tot Drop babysitting services
- Discounts on various Rec-Plex programs
- 10% off golf rates at St. Peters Golf Course

Buy a **GOLD PLUS** membership and choose from select **FREE** classes & programs, including Spinning® and Kettlebell, and get 50% off rates at St. Peters Golf Course, **FREE** Tot Drop babysitting for Family and Grandparent Passes, and **FREE** skate rental.

Summer class registration begins April 27 for members & St. Peters residents and May 2 for the general public.

Remember: We have family locker rooms as well as adults-only locker rooms with steam and sauna.

ST. PETERS REC-PLEX • 5200 MEXICO RD.
www.stpetersmo.net/rec-plex • 636-939-2386





ST. PETERS OUTDOOR POOLS

Can't wait to relax by the pool and swim all day? Warmer weather is almost here! Outdoor pools in St. Peters will open for the summer on Saturday, May 23, in time for Memorial Day weekend.

St. Peters has community pools at Laurel Park, 181 Driftwood Lane, and Golf & Recreation Center, 200 Salt Lick Rd. (at the St. Peters Golf Course). You can buy a pool pass or pay daily admission for St. Peters' outdoor pools. Purchase your pass at St. Peters City Hall, 1 St. Peters Centre Blvd., (open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.) or the St. Peters Rec-Plex, 5200 Mexico Rd. (registration desk open 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday). **Pool passes go on sale April 27.**

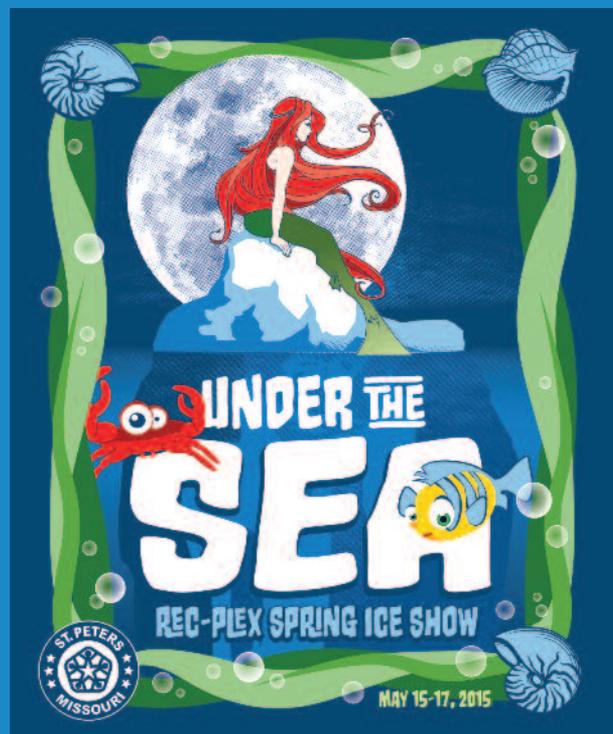
OUTDOOR SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION: Registration begins Saturday, April 18, at the Rec-Plex for swim teams that will compete at St. Peters' outdoor pools this summer. Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net/rec-plex.

RESIDENT PRIVILEGES IN ST. PETERS AND ST. CHARLES: Show your current St. Peters Resident Privilege Card when you sign up for your outdoor pool pass to receive resident rates at St. Peters' outdoor pools. Your Resident Privilege Card also qualifies you for special rates at the City of St. Charles' pools. Thanks to a parks agreement, St. Peters residents with a Resident Privilege Card receive resident rates on a season-long pool pass at City of St. Charles pools (Waplehorst, McNair and Blanchette) and a \$1 discount on daily admission at those pools.

Buy a Rec-Plex Annual Pass & Get Outdoor Pools for FREE!

The many benefits of membership at the St. Peters Rec-Plex now extend to St. Peters' pools! When you purchase an annual Rec-Plex pass, you may also swim at Laurel Park pool and Golf & Recreation Center pool at no extra charge. In order to receive your outdoor pool pass as a Rec-Plex annual member, contact the front desk at the Rec-Plex, 5200 Mexico Rd., before visiting our outdoor pools. (This benefit applies only to annual Rec-Plex passes and does not apply to monthly Rec-Plex passes.)

Learn more about outdoor pool passes and Rec-Plex memberships online at www.stpetersmo.net/rec-plex. Or, call 636-939-2386.



Spring Ice Show 'Under the Sea'

St. Peters Rec-Plex North Ice Rink

Shows: Friday, May 15, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 16, 5 p.m.

Sunday, May 17, 2 p.m.

Join Ariel and her friends for our 21st annual Spring Ice Show! We'll go "Under the Sea" for this on-ice production featuring over 100 skaters from the Rec-Plex skating program. Performances will include solos, duets and group numbers, plus synchronized skating teams, and skaters ranging from age 3 to adult, beginners through advanced levels.

For ticket information, go online to www.stpetersmo.net/rec-plex.



Rec-Plex Options for College Students

Do you know a college student coming home who would like to work out at the St. Peters Rec-Plex this

summer? Keep in mind that the Rec-Plex offers month-to-month memberships that are much more cost-effective than paying daily admission. Plus, if you buy a Rec-Plex Family Pass, you could include your college student—the maximum age limit for children on Family Passes is now 26 years. Learn more about Rec-Plex memberships at www.stpetersmo.net/rec-plex.

St. Peters Summer Camps

Rec-Plex Activities Camps • Art Experience Camps • Soccer • Hockey • Flag Football • Baseball
Basketball • Volleyball • Fencing • Figure Skating • Theatre • Pickleball (New!)



Rec-Plex Summer Camps

Some of our best childhood memories are made during the summertime ... meeting friends, having fun, coming home tired after a great day of adventure.

Memories await your kids this summer at the St. Peters Rec-Plex! Swimming, ice skating, games, fun in beautiful City Centre Park, weekly field trips and more activities will keep Rec-Plex Summer Camps jumping. Campers are matched with kids in their own age groups so they can meet new friends. Our camp leaders oversee all activities for a safe, fun time.

Rec-Plex Activities Camps are for kids ages 6-12. Plus, Rec-Plex Sports Camps are available for kids who also want to spend more time playing their favorite sport. This summer, our Sports Camps are Baseball, Basketball, Flag Football, Pickleball (new!), Soccer, Volleyball, Rink Rats Hockey and Figure Skating. Each camper also receives a T-shirt at no extra cost.

Each camp meets from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. with before and after camps available as early as 7 a.m. and as late as 6 p.m.

The first Rec-Plex Activities Camp begins on May 26. The first Sports Camps are available beginning June 1. Advance registration is required. **Register in person only at the Rec-Plex, 5200 Mexico Rd., beginning March 23.** Activities Camps and before/after camps offer special rates for Rec-Plex members and St. Peters residents with a current Resident Privilege Card.

Be sure to register early to reserve your child's spot! Registration ends by 5 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to each camp.

Learn more online at www.stpetersmo.net/camps or call 636-939-2386, ext. 1400.

Art Experience Camps

Full-Day Art Camp, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (ages 6-9 or 10-12): \$110/St. Peters Residents • \$120/Other (unless otherwise noted)

Half-Day Art Camp, 9 a.m.-noon (ages 6-9): \$65/St. Peters Residents • \$75/Other

(Note: Not all camps are offered as half-day. See www.stpetersmo.net/camps for details.)

St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre's weekly Art Experience Camps will fuel your child's mind this summer.

Before and after camps are available at the Rec-Plex for full-day campers for an additional fee. Children enrolled in before or after camps will be walked between the St. Peters Rec-Plex and the Cultural Arts Centre.

Art Experience Camps will meet at the Cultural Arts Centre located in the west wing of City Hall. **Pre-registration is required in-person ONLY at the St. Peters Rec-Plex, 5200 Mexico Road.** Registration begins March 23. You must present a current Resident Privilege Card to receive resident rates.

For more information about individual camps, visit stpetersmo.net/camps or call 636-397-6903, ext. 1624.

June 1-5 • WILD ABOUT DRAWING

June 8-12 • ART INTERNATIONAL

June 8-12 • THEATRE CAMP (ages 9 - 12)

June 15-19 • SCIENCE MEETS ART

June 22-26 • NO BONES ABOUT IT FISH CAMP!

June 22-26 • IT'S ALL ABOUT CLAY
(limited to 20 registrants, ages 8-12)
\$130/St. Peters Residents - \$140/Others

June 22-26 • THEATRE CAMP (ages 9 - 12)

June 29-July 2 • BLACK AND WHITE CAMP



July 6-10 • FOR THE BIRDS

July 6-10 • IT'S ALL ABOUT CLAY (limited to 20 registrants,
ages 8-12) \$130/St. Peters Residents - \$140/Others

July 6-10 • FENCING 101 & 102 (ages 10-16)

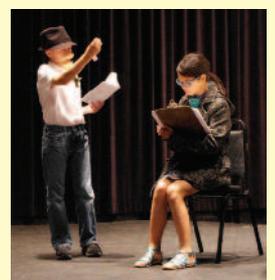
July 13-17 • MOSAICS & SCULPTURE

July 13-17 • FENCING 101 & 102
(ages 10-16)

July 20-24 • WILDLIFE & ANIMAL ART

July 27-31 • JUST PEOPLE

Aug. 3-7 • ART LIKE AN EGYPTIAN



Art Shows and Competitions

March 13–May 4, 2015

About Face All Media Art Show and Competition

March 20–April 1

Picture the Music

Sponsored by the
St. Louis Symphony
Volunteer Association

Picture the Music is an educational activity that invites students in grades Kindergarten through sixth grade to listen to a specific selection of symphonic music and then create their own artistic interpretations through paintings, colorings, or drawings. Learn more about this art show at www.stlsymphony.org/picture.



May 8–July 6, 2015 The Big Bloom All Media Art Show and Competition

Artwork must contain a
flower or flowers.

Receiving: Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Reception: Friday, May 8, 6-8 p.m.



Artists Invited to Exhibit Artwork In Our Galleries!

At St. Peters' Cultural Arts Centre, we're committed to providing opportunities for both professional and amateur artists to display their artwork. Gallery space is available for rent by individuals or groups of individuals to display their work.

Gallery rental fees run from \$20-\$175 per show, based on gallery size.

Display cases are also available to rent for \$35 per exhibit.

Work displayed at the Cultural Arts Centre is viewed by hundreds of people who visit the Cultural Arts Centre and those walking through the Centre to do business at City Hall. You also have an opportunity to sell your work.

For rental information, call ext. 1624 at 636-397-6903 or email cdubois@stpetersmo.net.



Financial assistance for programs at St. Peters' Cultural Arts Centre has been provided by the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency.

Upcoming Day Trips

The Cultural Arts Centre offers a variety of day trips and tours throughout the year. Escorted trips include motorcoach transportation, admission to the scheduled activities and enroute snacks. Meals are sometimes included; check descriptions for information. All tours meet in the west parking lot at City Hall, One St. Peters Centre Blvd.

Following is a list of upcoming tours that the Cultural Arts Centre has scheduled. For more information on current tours, call 636-397-6903, ext. 1624, or visit www.stpetersmo.net/rec-connect and sign up now.

Historic New Harmony, IN

Tuesday, April 14

7 a.m. – 7 p.m. • \$94 (includes transportation, admissions, lunch, gratuities, and guide)

Spend a wonderful day exploring the historic sites and village of New Harmony, site of the 1820's Harmonie religious society's commune. The whole town was sold in 1825 to Robert Owen, who attempted to create an intellectual utopia. Be prepared for a lot of walking on this tour.

Paducah Quilt Tour

Thursday, April 23 • 5:30 a.m.–10:30 p.m. • \$75 (includes transportation, gratuity, program and admission to the show)

Join us for a motorcoach trip to Paducah, KY., to visit the 31st Annual AQS Quilt Show. Be inspired by hundreds of exquisitely crafted traditional and art quilts. Shop until you drop visiting vendors that have the latest quilt-making equipment, supplies, quilts, notions and curiosities. Be prepared for a lot of walking on this tour.

Clydesdale Ranch and Les Bourgeois Winery

Thursday, May 21

7 a.m. – 6 p.m. • \$101 (includes transportation, admissions, lunch, wine tasting, gratuities, and guide)



Join us as we visit the Anheuser-Busch Clydesdales at their breeding farm near Boonville, MO. At Warm Springs Ranch we'll learn all about the horses, and get

close and friendly with the young colts. You can then explore some of the quaint shops in the historic village of Rocheport, MO. Be prepared for a lot of walking, but mostly at your leisure.

Grant's Farm and the Missouri Botanical Gardens

Tuesday, June 16

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. • \$65 (includes transportation, admissions, bus parking, gratuities, and guide)

We'll enjoy the animals, shows and antique carriages and view some of the Anheuser-Busch Clydesdales in the

stables at the Farm. After lunch we'll travel to the world-renowned Missouri Botanical Gardens. At the Gardens, you can take a guided walking sculpture and planting tour, ride the tram, visit the excellent gift shop, and/or sit on the patio and enjoy the pleasant afternoon. Be prepared for a lot of walking on this tour.



MARCH

- 23 Health & Wellness Advisory Committee
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 26 Board of Aldermen
Work Session, 5 p.m., Meeting, 7 p.m.,
Justice Center
- 31 **Emerald Ash Borer Workshop**
9 a.m., City Hall

APRIL

- 1 Planning & Zoning, 6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 6 Veterans Memorial Commission
7 p.m., City Hall
- 7 **Municipal Election**
- 9 Board of Aldermen
Work Session, 5 p.m., Meeting, 7 p.m.,
Justice Center
- 14 **Historic New Harmony, IN Tour**
www.stpetersmo.net
- 14 St. Peters Green Team, 5 p.m.,
HES Building, 135 Ecology Drive
- 17 **City Centre Dance**, 7 p.m., City Hall
- 19 **Rangers 370 Lakeside
Archery Challenge**
8 a.m., 370 Lakeside Park

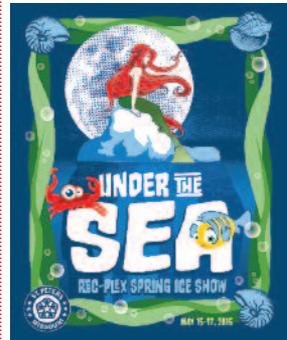


- 23 **Paducah Quilt Tour**
www.stpetersmo.net
- 23 Board of Aldermen
Work Session, 5 p.m., Meeting, 7 p.m.,
Justice Center
- 25 **Clean Streams Day** (See page 11 for details.)
- 27 Health & Wellness Advisory Committee
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre

MAY

- 1 **Cultural Arts Centre's 25th Anniversary
Open House**, 6-9 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 2 **Shred It & Forget It**
9 a.m.-noon, HES Building, 135 Ecology Drive

- 4 Veterans Memorial Commission
7 p.m., City Hall
- 6 Planning & Zoning, 6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 9 **Kite Festival, Family Bike Ride
and Health & Wellness Event**,
10 a.m., 370 Lakeside Park
- 12 St. Peters Green Team, 5 p.m.,
HES Building, 135 Ecology Drive
- 14 Board of Aldermen
Work Session, 5 p.m., Meeting, 7 p.m.,
Justice Center



- 15 **Spring Ice Show**
7 p.m., Rec-Plex Ice Arena
- 15 **City Centre Dance**
7 p.m., City Hall
- 16 **Spring Ice Show**
5 p.m., Rec-Plex Ice Arena
- 17 **Spring Ice Show**
2 p.m., Rec-Plex Ice Arena

- 18 Health & Wellness Advisory Committee
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 19 Parks, Recreation & Arts Advisory Board
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 21 **Clydesdale Ranch &
Les Bourgeois Winery Tour**
www.stpetersmo.net



- 22 **Sunset Friday**
6:30 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park
Sins of the Pioneers (New Orleans Jazz)
- 28 Board of Aldermen
Work Session, 5 p.m., Meeting, 7 p.m.,
Justice Center
- 29 **Sunset Friday**
6:30 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park
Marissa Harms (Pop/Country)

Holiday Hours

	Good Friday-April 3	Easter-April 5	Memorial Day-May 25
City Hall	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Cultural Arts Centre	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Rec-Plex	OPEN	CLOSED	OPEN 1-5 p.m. ¹
Earth Centre	OPEN ²	CLOSED	CLOSED
Recycle City	OPEN ³	CLOSED	CLOSED ⁴
Solid Waste Collection	NORMAL	NA	MOVED ⁵
Animal Control ⁶	ON CALL	ON CALL	ON CALL

- ¹ The Rec-Plex will be open from 1-5 p.m. to include open swimming and skating; however, the registration desk and administrative offices will be closed.
- ² No Earth Centre product sales. Yard waste acceptance only from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- ³ Open for trash acceptance and aluminum buy-back from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; however, the administrative offices will be closed.
- ⁴ Recycle City, including aluminum can buy-back and trash acceptance, will be closed May 25. The Recycle City Drop-Off area will remain open.
- ⁵ For the week of May 25, customers on the Monday/Thursday schedule will have their trash collected on Tuesday/Friday. Customers on the Tuesday/Friday schedule will have their trash collected on Wednesday/Saturday. Monday yard waste collection will occur on Tuesday. Wednesday yard waste collection will be on Thursday.
- ⁶ Animal Control officers can be reached by calling Police Dispatch at 636.278.2222 for emergency calls only.

Clean Streams Day

Want to help the environment? The City of St. Peters is seeking volunteers to pitch in during Clean Streams Day on April 25. Individuals, families and local organizations can help pick up trash from portions of Spencer Creek and tributaries to Dardenne Creek.

Advance registration is required. Register as a volunteer or learn more at www.stpetersmo.net/cleanstream, or call 636-279-8207.

Emerald Ash Borer Workshop

Free to Homeowners and Professionals

The Emerald Ash Borer is continuing to expand its range throughout Missouri. With the most recent find in St. Charles County, now is when you should be thinking about how you plan to manage this insect if Ash trees are part of your property or urban forest.



The City of St. Peters will host a free Emerald Ash Borer workshop led by Rex A. Bastian, Ph.D., of the ISA Board Certified Master Arborist Test Committee. The free workshop will be held at St. Peters City Hall from 9 a.m.-noon on Tuesday, March 31.

There are many options available, but getting the information you need for your site is paramount. What is best for one property is often not appropriate for another. Budget, the number, size, and quality of existing Ash trees, and perceptions all play a role. The topics discussed in this workshop will help you with your decisions.

Based on what we know about the Emerald Ash Borer now, all untreated ash trees will eventually be lost. However, treating all of your trees may not be the best option for your situation.

In this free workshop, Dr. Bastian will give you the valuable information needed to help you make the best decisions for the sites under your care. ISA CEUs will be available for Certified Arborists. Please call 636-477-6600, ext. 1404, to reserve your seat.

Yard Waste Disposal Hours of Operation

(Hours may be affected by holidays.)

March-May

Monday – Saturday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, noon – 3:30 p.m.

Earth Centre may be closed for inclement weather and/or holidays.

For more information call the Recycle City/Earth Centre at 636-970-1456, Monday-Friday, or visit www.stpetersmo.net.

Save a Tree – Plant a Tree

Annual Tree Giveaway at Shred It & Forget It Event
Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m.-noon

SAVE A TREE

St. Peters offers an opportunity to securely destroy unneeded documents on Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m.-noon.

A large mobile shredder will be at the Health and Environmental Operations Building, 135 Ecology Drive, in St. Peters.

Simply place the documents you want to destroy in cardboard boxes and bring them to the Health and Environmental Operations Building. Please make sure that the banker-size boxes are not too heavy to lift. There is a limit of five banker-size boxes per vehicle. All of the shredded material will be recycled, including the cardboard boxes if they are not needed back.

Do not bring computer discs or hanging file rods. If you can tear it, then you can shred it using this service. The documents may contain staples or paper clips.

This service is FREE for St. Peters and Cottleville resident households only. A Resident Privilege Card is required. Resident Privilege Cards can be obtained at City Hall, the Rec-Plex and Recycle City.

There will be a fee of \$5 per box, cash only, for people who do not live in St. Peters or Cottleville. The five-box limit applies.

PLANT A TREE

While you are dropping off your paper for shredding, why not pick up a tree seedling to plant? The City's Parks, Recreation & Arts Advisory Board will once again be participating in this annual Arbor Day activity. This year Dogwood and Redbud seedlings will be available while they last.

The trees will be available for St. Peters residents with a Resident Privilege Card from 9-10 a.m. After 10 a.m., the trees will be given out on a first come, first served basis.



Utility Franchise Tax Refunds

Are you a St. Peters resident age 62 or older or totally disabled? If so, you may be eligible to apply for a refund of your 2014 St. Peters utility franchise tax. This is the amount listed on your 2014 electric and gas bills as "St. Peters tax" and on the cable bills as "franchise fees."

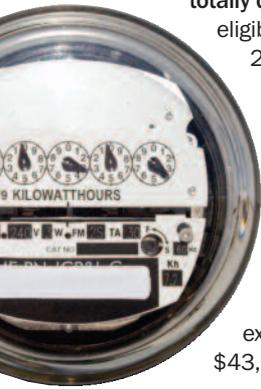
To be eligible, your maximum 2014 adjusted gross income excluding any taxable Social Security income must not exceed \$37,600 if single or \$43,000 if married.

If you meet these conditions, stop by City Hall between April 1 and May 29, 2015, and bring along the following items:

- proof of 2014 income
- proof of age
- 2014 letter of award from Social Security (if disabled)
- 2014 electric, gas and cable bills

You are only eligible for a refund for the months when you were at least 62 years old or considered totally disabled.

For more information, call ext. 1225 at either 636-278-2244 or 636-477-6600.



Pavilion & Athletic Field Rentals

Looking for a fun outdoor venue for your next party? Want to host practice for the team?

The City of St. Peters offers a variety of well-maintained park pavilions and athletic fields for rent. St. Peters residents with a Resident Privilege Card receive discounts on these rentals.

Pavilion permit fees range from \$30-\$75 for St. Peters residents and \$60-\$150 for non-residents, depending on the size of the pavilion. Reservations may be made in person at the St. Peters Rec-Plex or by calling 636-939-2386, ext. 1400, during registration hours from 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday through Friday, or from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday.

Athletic field fees are \$12 per practice for St. Peters residents and \$24 per practice for non-residents. Practices are reserved in 90-minute increments only. Reservations must be made in person at the Rec-Plex during the above registration hours.

You can check the availability of St. Peters' pavilions and athletic fields online at www.stpetersmo.net/rec-connect. Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net/rentals.

Do You Have Your Resident Privilege Card?

Aside from providing our residents with top-notch City services, the City of St. Peters provides our residents a number of resident-only privileges. It's our way of adding a little more to your quality of life and building that "My Hometown" pride in St. Peters.

Resident Privilege Cards are computer-generated photo identification cards that serve as identification for many reduced residential rates or special **Resident Only** privileges. Without this card, residents are charged non-resident rates.

St. Peters Resident Privilege Cards are FREE to St. Peters residents and are available to each resident age 2 and older.

To get your Resident Privilege Card, bring a picture ID and proof of residency such as a recent piece of mail to the Citizen Action Center at City Hall or St. Peters Recycle City during normal business hours. You can also get your card at the Rec-Plex Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. or between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Visit www.stpetersmo.net for more information about resident privileges.



SAVE THE DATE CELEBRATE ST. PETERS

SEPT. 18 & 19, 2015

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RIDES! FIREWORKS!

Would you or your group like to help at the event?

Call 636-279-8207 for volunteer opportunities.

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Jobs for Resident Youth

“Every young person needs the chance to hold a job and learn the skills that are necessary for success. A part-time job with the City of St. Peters could be a step in that direction,” said Mayor Len Pagano. St. Peters has many positions available to youth who live in St. Peters, including labor and office work. Many positions in our Resident Youth program carry 40 hours per week through the summer. Some positions continue on a part-time basis through the entire year. Other positions are for summer help only.

We have laborer jobs for young people ages 18-23 with tasks like assisting with facility and vehicle maintenance, basic cleanup, painting, light manual labor, cleaning of equipment, care of grounds, and more. The pay range starts at \$7.68 per hour.

For those ages 16-23 looking for experience in an office environment, our Clerical Resident Youth assist with office tasks such as filing, copying, answering phones, data entry, mail and customer service. The beginning pay for these jobs is \$7.25 per hour.

For more information or for an application, visit www.stpetersmo.net or stop by the front desk at City Hall.



Nitrogen Tire Station

You can improve your car's fuel efficiency and reduce wear on your car's tires by filling your tires with nitrogen at St. Peters' Nitrogen Tire Station.

St. Peters residents with a Resident Privilege Card may get nitrogen in their tires at no cost from April-September. Non-residents can use the service for a fee of \$30 per vehicle from May-September.

This service is offered by appointment only. St. Peters Residents may schedule appointments either online at www.stpetersmo.net/nitrogen or by calling 636-970-1456. Non-residents can make their appointment by phone only. The \$30 non-resident fee must be paid in advance at 131 Ecology Drive. Normal operating hours are on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and the third Saturday of the month.

Testing Water Backflow Prevention Devices

Did you know that if you have a lawn irrigation system at your home or business, you're required by Missouri state law to 1) have a backflow prevention device, and 2) test the device annually? In St. Peters, backflow prevention devices must be tested annually by a state-certified tester between April 1 and June 1.

Backflow prevention devices help protect you and our community by preventing potentially contaminated water from coming back through the irrigation system and into your home or the public water supply.

Each backflow prevention device test report must be sent to your water supplier to ensure everything is working properly. Remind your irrigation

service contractor to send a copy of the test report to your water provider. The test is required whether or not you plan to use your irrigation system.

A \$10 administrative fee is required for each backflow prevention device test form you submit.

Many businesses must have backflow prevention. Common examples are car washes, medical facilities, laboratories and buildings that have boilers, fire sprinkler systems or irrigation systems.

If you have any questions regarding backflow protection at your business or residence, call the City of St. Peters at ext. 1278 at either 636-278-2244 or 636-477-6600. You can also find more information online at www.stpetersmo.net.

Health & Wellness COMMITTEE

Helping our residents to eat better and improve their health is a goal of the City of St. Peters Health & Wellness Advisory Committee. By showcasing restaurants in our local community that offer healthy food choices and/or healthy eating environments, the committee believes we can help to educate residents on the availability and options for making healthy choices.

According to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), more than one-third of U.S. adults and almost 17% of our youth are obese. Obesity-related conditions include heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes and certain types of cancer which are some of the leading causes of preventable death. Of course, one way to combat obesity is to eat healthy.

Also according to the CDC, smoking is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States. It causes more than 480,000 deaths each year in the United States, or about one in five deaths. Additionally, exposure to secondhand smoke has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system and can cause coronary heart disease and stroke. The CDC advises that secondhand smoke causes nearly 34,000 premature deaths from heart disease each year in the United States among nonsmokers and more than

8,000 deaths from stroke annually.

The Committee recently surveyed local restaurants for their participation in our healthy choices initiative. Participating restaurants have self-designated themselves as offering healthy menu choices, or as a healthy atmosphere, or both. A healthy atmosphere might include being smoke-free or having on-site playground equipment for children.

To access the information on our website, go to www.stpetersmo.net and then click on the Shop St. Peters logo on the left side of the page. Once on the Directory go to the Category drop box and select HEALTHY CHOICES and then click Search.

While only a few restaurants have participated to date, the Committee hopes that more restaurants will respond. We believe that providing our residents with the tools to help them make healthy living choices will benefit our community and benefit your business.



Messages From Our Elected Officials

The comments contained in this section reflect only the writers' opinions.

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Len Pagano
Mayor

Keeping Rates Low

One of the things I'm most proud of as Mayor of St. Peters is that our City does such a great job of running our operations as efficiently as possible that we can offer you great services at great rates. Here are two examples: The City of St. Peters has the lowest rates among St. Charles County municipalities for both water/sewer service as well as trash and recycling.

And, we didn't accomplish this by cutting services. We just made some great investments in our infrastructure and service, hired really good people to manage them, and passed the savings on to our customers.

In some cases, we offer more services than you'd get anywhere else in our area, even though our rates are lower. One example is that we provide twice-a-week trash collection, while most other cities and counties in our area have dropped down to one collection per week.

Efficient service means operating on a lean budget, and that happens by looking ahead and deciding which pieces of equipment or infrastructure we'll need to replace and when we'll need to replace them before they become too expensive to maintain.

Over the years, we've asked residents to approve bond issues to help with this process. Bonds are government loans that allow us to make updates now to help us run efficiently over the long run. Because we're in good financial shape, we can pay back those loans at the lowest possible rates without having to raise taxes. An example of this is Proposition W on the April 7 ballot. If voters approve this no-tax increase bond issue, we'll be able to tackle up to \$18 million in water/sewer system improvements over the coming years. By restoring and replacing aging facilities and collection systems, we can continue to provide efficient water/sewer service, and that helps us maintain the lowest rates in the area.

Please remember to exercise your right to vote on April 7. Visit our website at www.stpetersmo.net and click on the Prop W image on the left side of the home page to learn more about our water/sewer bond issue.

Economic Development Update

We've seen some encouraging signs recently regarding our local economy. This progress includes the addition of a number of new places in St. Peters to live, shop and work. New construction is underway on various homes and businesses, and we've seen some more expansion in our light industrial business parks. Here is an overview of the economic development activity that's underway in St. Peters:

Residential activity:

- The townhouse lots at Queensbrooke Village will be

completed and five additional multiple-family buildings for senior housing have been approved and are in the plan review stage; construction should start later this year.

- Barrington Square—a new subdivision of 55 single-family lots—has been approved. It will be located in the former Emerald Cove location on the south side of Veterans Memorial Parkway, east of Belleau Creek Road.
- Villas at Arden Forest on Dingedine Road (12 single-family lots in Phase 2) and Celtic on North St. Peters Parkway (168 apartment units in 15 buildings) are both under construction. The clubhouse and another building in the Celtic development will open soon.
- Aventura at Mid Rivers, located on South St. Peters Parkway, recently opened with 120 units.
- Aspen Trails—a senior housing project on Salt Lick Road—opened Phase 1 with 48 units.

Commercial/Industrial activity:

- The corner of Mexico Road and Cave Springs Boulevard will continue to develop; two additional lots are available—one is intended for O'Reilly Auto Parts, which has submitted plans.
- A new CVS drugstore will be constructed on the southwest corner of Jungermann Road and Mexico Road on the site of the former Mobil station.
- Dunkin Donuts is nearing completion next to Hatfield and McCoy's on Mexico Road.
- Planet Fitness is under construction on an out lot at Mid Rivers Mall.
- A Marriott hotel is under construction on the site of the former Holiday Inn on Veterans Memorial Parkway. A late summer/early fall opening is planned. A restaurant site is also available adjacent to the hotel.
- A new BJC St. Peters medical building opened with tenants filling the first floor; the build-out and occupancy of the second floor will begin this year.
- Expansion of the Siteman Cancer Center at BJC St. Peters is planned—it will be an additional 15,000 square feet.
- McKelvey Marketplace has been approved for a 23-acre site at Mid Rivers Mall Drive and St. Peters Howell Road. The site will develop with a 41,921-square-foot grocery store with a fuel station/small convenience store as the first phase; a strip shopping center and possible freestanding restaurant are planned for the rest of the development.
- Spencer Creek Shopping Center at Sutters Mill and Jungermann roads will expand with a 41,921-square-foot grocery store. One existing tenant space will be removed but the rest of the center will remain.
- Village Mall, an existing shopping center on Mid Rivers Mall Drive that includes Scooters coffee kiosk, will be modified to include a new freestanding retail building. A 4,000-square-foot section of the existing building will be removed.
- Goddard School on Heritage Landing is approved for a 5,100-square-foot addition to include a multi-purpose room/gym.
- Progressive Balloons, located on the east side of Industrial Park Place West south of Veterans Memorial Parkway, is approved to expand by 20,160 square feet.

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Judy Bateman
Board President

• Reckitt Benckiser, located in Arrowhead Industrial Park, is planning a vertical expansion on part of the building to accommodate a new product line.

It takes a well-planned and well-maintained community to provide the landscape and atmosphere to build a vibrant local economy. I'm proud to be part of this community and to play a part in planning for its success. Our goal moving forward, as always, is to keep St Peters a great place to live, work and play!



Don Aytes
Ward 4

American Sniper

Delores and I went to the movies and watched *American Sniper*. It was good, but I liked *Saving Private Ryan* better; different war. It showed what our soldiers have to do to stay alive.

Mr. Kyle had 160 confirmed kills, maybe more. You have to be a

different person after that. They don't kill for the glory, but they know the world is better off with the enemy dead, as they believe females should not get an education and they are baby factories, each having between six or eight babies. No respect for females.

I served in the Air Force, being discharged in November 1952. I would have joined the Army if I could have been a sniper.

I always was a good shot. Having lived on a farm, my father bought me a 22-gauge rifle when I was 8 years old. I used to sit on our front porch and having put wooden matches in our front yard, I would cut them off in one shot each. I never killed much but poison snakes until it came time to butcher pigs. Then I had to do the shooting as I brought them down in one shot where it took my uncle two to three shots.

CNN had a special on the *American Sniper*. It sure makes you glad the war is in other countries.



Dave Thomas
Ward 1

Liberty and Integrity

What an amazing opportunity it is to live in a democratic society that allows its citizens to vote (individually choose) for representatives who serve the people, who serve with honor. I believe that public service is a sacred responsibility that should

not be not taken lightly.

I was reminded recently of the oath I took when I was 15 years old and earned my Eagle Scout award in the Boy Scouts of America. Before this honor was bestowed upon me, I was given a charge that challenged me "to undertake my citizenship with solemn dedication. Be a leader, but lead only toward the best. Lift up every task

you do, and every office you hold to the high level of service to God and your fellow men. Build America on the sound foundations of clean living, honest work, unselfish citizenship, and reverence for God. Then, whatever others do, you will leave behind you a record of which you may be justly proud." These words may not have been completely understood by me as a young boy, but they are understood fully now. And I strive to live them in everything I do, everywhere I am.

In the spring of 1977, N. Eldon Tanner, a former middle school teacher and later the leader of Trans-Canada Pipelines, Ltd., issued a charge for all individuals seeking public office. He stated, "We need more integrity in government. We need to be governed by men and women who are undivided in honorable purpose, whose votes and decisions are not for sale to the highest bidder. We need as our elected and appointed officials those whose characters are unsullied, whose lives are morally clean and open, who are not devious, selfish, or weak. We need men and women of courage and honest convictions, who will stand always ready to be counted for their integrity and not compromise for expediency, lust for power, or greed; and we need a people who will appreciate and support representatives of this caliber."

I affirm Mr. Tanner's charge! We need elected and appointed officials with FULL AND OPEN integrity. We need leaders who have no special interests, no hidden agendas. Vice-versa, we need citizens in our communities that want these types of individuals to represent them in office, and I hope that you would wish this in me. We need men and women who want to serve the people, for the people, of the people and NOT just for themselves and personal name recognition as many who try to serve, do. Even today.

Our country was formed on the principles and backs (literally) of a people who wanted freedom from religious oppression, governmental tyranny—a land free for all to pursue a free and honest living. This is how and why so many risked and gave their

Summer Board of Aldermen Meetings

Board of Aldermen will meet only once in June and July. In August, meetings will resume twice monthly on the second and fourth Thursday.

The meetings begin with a work session at 5 p.m. The regular meeting follows at 7 p.m. on the following dates:

April 9 & 23 • May 14 & 28 • June 25
July 23 • Aug. 13 & 27

See informational programming on SPTV which airs on Charter Communications Cable channel 992 and on AT&T U-verse Channel 99. Meetings also stream live online at www.stpetersmo.net, and are available "on demand" online after they air. Now you can view SPTV on your mobile device at SPTVNOW.net.

lives to form our government, not perfect, though considered as the best in the world today.

I acknowledge openly, I am not a perfect person. However, I strive daily to make good choices at home, in my employment, with all the affairs of the City, and with each and every one of you. The last eight years serving as your Alderman, I have provided to City staff and the Board of Aldermen, sensible and honest counsel regarding City matters. I have had nothing but the best intentions while serving on the board. I hope to have the opportunity to continue to serve each and every resident of St. Peters, for another term and beyond. And I promise that as decisions we make in the City are reached, that I will continue to be fully open and honest with your request and disclosure for reason and understanding and discussion of the topics we undertake. I know that we, together, have done so thus far.

We have a VERY exciting time before us in our City. The growth and prosperity that lies before us is for us to make. Change in our City is inevitable as people and businesses seek after our location to call home. Economically, we are doing very well due in great part because people continue to shop locally with those sales tax dollars going right back into our City's growth. This, however, does not mean we will be frivolous with our spending, but deliberate in our choices that not only serve the best position for the growth and future success of our City, but to do what serves the absolute importance of giving every resident, our people, a place they can be proud to call home. A home of the people, for the people, that we can all enjoy to work in, to play in, and to rest our heads in.

I'm looking forward to continuing my service with each of you for the next term. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email me at aldermandavethomas@gmail.com, or you may call my personal cell phone at 636-248-5290.



Terri Violet
Ward 3

Reaching Out to Help You!

As an Alderman, I am frequently asked by residents who they should contact at City Hall to report an issue and what City services are available. I would like to make your life a little easier by sharing this information with you today.

The concerns you may have as a resident can range anywhere from a burned out street light to traffic control. Other issues could be public health and safety, illegal dumping or a derelict vehicle. They may all be registered with the City by contacting the Citizen Action Center located in City Hall.

The City of St. Peters prides itself on providing residents with high quality care and a large variety of services available to help you and your family

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live a better quality of life. Whether you have Internet service or are only able to contact them by phone, you can get help through our **Citizen Action Center (CAC)** five days a week (except during holidays.) The **24-hour Concern Line** is available seven days a week to report non-emergency issues, concerns or to pass on a compliment.

There are many services available to residents that CAC staff can help you with such as utility payments, voter registration, public records, employment applications and free notary service. You may also pick up extra blue bags, register for a Resident Privilege Card, an annual pool pass, and receive help finding contact information for non-City organizations. There are many more services offered that can be viewed online.

The Citizen Action Center can be contacted by calling ext. 1225 at either 636-477-6600 or 636-278-2244. You may also submit a concern online by using our e-Resident services. More information and a complete list of services can be found online at: www.stpetersmo.net under "Customer Service & Concerns." (Residents may report water and sewer emergencies by calling 636-477-6600 and selecting option 4.)

In conclusion, to help make your life a little easier, remember to contact your Citizen Action Center for helpful services and to report non-emergency concerns. They are there to help you.

Two-way communication has been and always will be important to me as your Alderman. If you would like to receive my Ward 3 e-newsletter, please contact me at: terrivioletward3@att.net or 636-734-1883. *I am reaching out to you because your concern is my concern!*



Patrick Barclay
Ward 4

McClay & Jungermann

The best part of being an elected official is working together with both residents and staff. Oftentimes, I get a call from someone asking for me to look into something. It could be as small as a pothole or a streetlight is out in their neighborhood. Other times it

might be as big as a storm water problem in their backyard. The next step for me is to go out and visit the area so I can see the problem firsthand. Next, getting some input and help from staff is needed. If it's not a major issue, then it is as simple as placing a concern with the appropriate department in the City. Most can be resolved in less than 72 hours. Bigger and more complex problems might need a little more time to resolve. In the end, all of us together are involved in determining what is wrong and how to resolve it as quickly as possible and in a way to satisfy the resident.

What I just described above happened not too

BREAKING NEWS—Red Light Camera Contract to End

As this edition of *My Hometown* goes to print, Mayor Len Pagano has announced that the City of St. Peters has reached an agreement with Redflex, the red light camera vendor, to permanently terminate the City's contract effective July 1, 2015.

City staff had been negotiating with the company for several weeks to permanently terminate the contract, and the Board of Aldermen had passed a resolution directing staff to negotiate to end the contract and the red light camera program in light of the wishes of voters in the November 2014 election.

The cameras have been turned off since Sept. 1, 2014, and they will stay turned off through July 1, 2015, when the contract ends.

At press time, a signed agreement was not available but is expected to be signed by the end of March. The City of St. Peters is not paying Redflex any money to terminate the agreement. Redflex will be removing their camera equipment from City intersections following the end of the contract July 1. Camera removal is expected to be completed by the end of the summer.

long ago at the corner of McClay Road and Jungermann Road. I started getting calls from both residents and businesses in the area about the bad traffic congestion going east on McClay Road as you approached this intersection. The problem was even greater during the morning rush as well as when local church services let out on Sundays. The first thing I did was take a closer look at the volume of cars traveling this area at different times of the day. Also, seeing what other places in the City had similar problems in the past and what St. Peters was able to do to help the problem.

After gathering some information I approached two staff members and let them know what people have told me and what I have observed firsthand. One was Russ Batzel, who is in charge of the Transportation & Development Services Department. The other was Burt Benesek, who is the Director of Transportation. Together, we went over everything and tried to come up with a plan to resolve the backup of cars on that section of road. The first thing was to get a traffic count of the number of vehicles that drove over there. The overall count wasn't a big surprise since we already knew it was one of the busiest intersections in the City. What came as a big shock was the number of people cutting through the Triad development to avoid the long wait at the light to go southbound onto Jungermann. There were hundreds of cars doing this every morning. The problem is that if you drive eastbound on McClay there was only two lanes. One was used to turn left while the other was used for both going straight as well as turning right.

What the City had done in the past was to add another lane so there would be a dedicated right only lane. At this location, that wasn't going to be a possibility. The problem was that there is a giant electrical pole right next to the side of the road that couldn't be moved. So, between Russ, Burt and I we looked closer and came up with a quick and easy fix. McClay Road was actually wider at the intersection than was on maps. Therefore, we were able to restripe the area and add the new, dedicated right turn lane.

It's been about four months now since we made the change and the results are fantastic. Since the

new lane was added, we haven't seen any major congestion. Working together, the residents, staff members and I identified a problem and worked together to resolve it.

If you have a concern in your neighborhood, please feel free to contact me. My email address is AldermanBarclay@aol.com and my telephone number is 636-795-8255. I am always willing to talk and come out to see if we can help you.



Rocky Reitmeyer
Ward 1

Proud to Be American

Memorial Day has a special purpose and that is to remember and honor those who gave their lives for our country and enjoy the freedoms we have today.

I hope you will join me at the **Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 25, at 10 a.m. at our**

City Centre Memorial. Our Veterans Memorial Commission is planning a very special program, as always.

This is my plea to all the grandparents, parents and anyone who could bring a boy, girl or young adult to this ceremony and talk to a veteran. The stories that a veteran tells are priceless.

Remember to save all your aluminum cans and deposit them in the brown waste can on the west side of City Hall and in the big blue dumpster at Recycle City for our "**Pennies for Patriots**" program. All the money raised from these aluminum cans will go to the USO at Lambert Field. This past year we raised \$2,500 and presented a check to the USO a few months ago. I'm very proud of everyone who has participated in this heartfelt program, and now we are starting over for a new year. So **Please Pitch In!**

Please remember that as your alderman my door is always open. Contact me with any concern you might have. I am proud to be your alderman and value your comments. My phone number is 636-485-5710. My e-mail address is ald_reitmeyer@yahoo.com.



Business Recognition

The City of St. Peters began a Business Recognition Program last year to recognize those businesses serving St. Peters for more than 25 years. Learn more about these businesses online at www.stpetersmo.net under the Businesses pull-down menu. Following is a list of businesses recognized during the past few months.

Domino's Pizza Supply Chain Center 1988	Roy's Garage, LLC 1988
Valvoline Instant Oil Change 1988	Harvester Dairy Queen 1988
Tallman Mid-Rivers Plumbing 1988	Designer Resale Boutique 1989
Developmental Learning Center 1988	Pipe Works Utilities, LLC 1989
St. Peters Academy of Dance 1988	Olive Garden 1989
KFC Jungermann Road 1988	Autco Distributing 1989
Vette's Restaurant and Bar 1988	Office Depot 1989
Subway 1988	Heartland Electronics, Inc. 1989
Bob Evans Restaurant 1988	Imo's Pizza 1989
QuikTrip 1988	Teacher's Billiards 1989
Great Skate Roller Rink 1988	C&B Paving 1989
KMD Linens 1988	Ferrelgas 1989
West of Hunan Chinese Restaurant 1988	Wehrenberg Theater 1989
Harvester Small Engine, LLC 1988	Cecil Whitakers Pizzeria 1989
	Willie's Barber Shop 1989
	Chad Theatrical 1989
	U S Bank 1989
	Paul's Donuts 1989
	River Valley Ordnance 1989



Please help us welcome the following businesses to St. Peters.

More information can be found about these businesses on our business directory at www.stpetersmo.net.

C & R Appliance Restoration 636-244-5544	Banze Flatwork • 636-928-8111
Little Treasures Academy • 314-283-6995	Brabazon Pompe Company, Ltd 314-334-2156
Instant Imprints • 636-441-9202	Ken's Tattoo Alley • 636-278-3003
Favazza & Associates LLC • 636-916-1010	Food For Fitness LLC • 314-324-7939
Allergy & Asthma Consultants, PC 314-569-0510	T-Mobile • 636-922-7566
Boonslick Medical Group • 636-916-8200	Columbia Machine, Inc. • 314-603-0042
Aargon Agency, Inc. • 636-724-0069	Interlab • 636-486-0436
Be Bo-S • 636-447-7400	Pearl Computer Services • 636-949-8850
Johnson Construction Services 636-232-7364	Cardinal Dental • 636-441-7440
Tree's Bushes & Shrubs • 636-578-2366	C-N-O Comfort Zone LLC • 636-578-1777
Mid Rivers Insurance Group Inc. 636-442-4040	Healthy Fit Nutrition • 636-544-0452
Handyvets, Inc. • 314-392-0853	Optima Nutrition • 636-578-5739
OFC Corporation • 818-671-7676	Better Health & Wellness Chiropractic Center 636-279-1620
Elements Massage • 636-875-1972	KW Income Tax Service • 636-484-0371
European Wax Center • 636-447-9299	Weis Design Group • 636-207-0832
Diamond Shoppe • 636-578-8367	Vehicle Services Center • 314-712-4013
	Christen Michel Cosmetics LLC 314-267-2312

SPTV St. Peters TeleVision

St. Peters' Government-Access Channel

Find out what's going on in your hometown with SPTV, your local information channel. Watch for our LIVE weather and news updates featuring a view of westbound & eastbound I-70 traffic every day during a.m. and p.m. rush hour.



The Board of Aldermen work sessions air live on the second and fourth Thursday of most months, at 5 p.m. with the business meeting beginning at 7 p.m. The Planning and Zoning Commission meetings will air live on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Replays of both meetings air throughout the month.

With all the great events planned here in our City, keep watching SPTV for information about our free concerts, our beautiful parks and trails system, special announcements about Sunset Fridays and Celebrate St. Peters 2015 and much, much more. Our newsmagazine show called *UpFront St. Peters* is designed to keep you up-to-date on everything St. Peters.

UpFront St. Peters airs several times a week on SPTV, or you can check it out "on demand" at sptvnow.net. A new episode of *UpFront St. Peters* starts airing Tuesdays at 4:15 p.m.

Watch SPTV live or "on demand" at home or on your mobile device at sptvnow.net, or live on AT&T U-verse Channel 99 and Charter Communications Cable channel 992. A complete program schedule and program descriptions can be found online at sptvnow.net.

Get Texts and/or Emails When Emergencies Strike

When emergencies such as a severe snowstorm or natural disaster strike our area, the City of St. Peters works to keep you updated in several different ways. The quickest way you can receive updates is through our free Nixle email/text message service. To sign up, go to www.stpetersmo.net and click on the "Emergency Notifications Sign Up" link in the left-hand menu. Choose to receive texts, emails or both. The service is free for the City of St. Peters and all other users.

The City of St. Peters uses Nixle to send urgent messages, such as information about public safety emergencies, neighborhood crime alerts, traffic disruptions, boil orders, and last-minute event postponements. We do NOT use this communication tool to announce routine information.



Thanks to Proposition P, a four-tenths of a cent sales tax for parks and stormwater passed by voters in 2012, the City of St. Peters is making many critical improvements to our stormwater management system. To date, we've completed 12 of 16 Proposition P stormwater projects at a cost of \$9.4 million. These projects reconstructed 23 stormwater basins and 10 stream segments impacting 21 subdivisions. The projects are located at: McClay Valley, Henry Street Sewer, Homestead Estates, Pegasus Farm, Willott Square, Englewood, Country Creek, Canyon Creek, Country Lake, Turnberry Bluff/Turnberry Gardens, St. Peters Villas, Country Crossing/Country Crossing Estates, Ohmes Farm, Crescent Hills/Springwood, Applewood, Enwood and Highlands.

Looking ahead, the City has identified the next dozen Prop P stormwater projects valued at more than \$10 million to be completed in the next two years, and nearly \$20 million in projects over the next five years.

Prop P improvements address neighborhood flooding issues and stream bank erosion, and use green infrastructure to improve water quality and create a more sustainable, natural environment in the project areas.

The \$1.3 million Prop P creek restoration effort at Englewood is transforming a number of Dardenne Creek tributaries east of Salt Lick Road, including a stream that cuts through St. Peters Golf Course.

Stream channels in the project, called P-7, parallel Salt Lick Road, extend through the Englewood subdivision in the tributaries that parallel Gateswood Court, Countrywood Drive and Inverness Court, and continue through Dardenne Park and St. Peters Golf Course, where the tributary connects with Dardenne Creek.

Fast-moving stormwater eroded the stream channel over the years, cutting the creek bed and banks deeper and deeper so that the banks



Prop P work on a stream at St. Peters Golf Course

have a steep slope. Invasive plants (honeysuckle) have taken hold along the streams, deterring the growth of native plants and causing more erosion. Native plants are important to stream health—they grow their roots deep along the bank, keeping soil in place while filtering pollutants like fertilizer, household chemicals and pet waste that get washed from our neighborhoods.

The goal with P-7, as it is with all Prop P stormwater projects in St. Peters, is to filter out pollutants with native plantings while slowing down stormwater, spreading it out and letting

the water soak into the ground as much as possible. In St. Peters, we have 47 miles of natural streams running through neighborhoods and parks. Many of these streams are in poor condition due to erosion, much like the Englewood stream channel that's being restored.

The contractor for the P-7 project, Ideal Landscape Group, is following a design by George Butler Associates that includes building a number of rock and wood structures in the stream in order to slow down the flow of stormwater to reduce erosion along the stream. Instead of keeping all of the stormwater within the creek's banks, the project will slow the flow of stormwater through the channel and spread it out so that it comes out of stream banks and into floodplain areas. Some areas of the creek have been widened to provide more capacity to handle a heavy flow from strong storms.

While the entire Prop P project is scheduled for completion in late 2015, major construction at St. Peters Golf Course should be done in March. The P-7 stream channel project cuts across almost half of the course's fairways (from west to east, 11, 10, 13, 14, 16, 15, 6 and 4) before reaching Dardenne Creek. Hole No. 4, nearest to the Dardenne, has changed most dramatically due to the project. Before P-7, two

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Expect Plenty of Road Projects in 2015

The wheels are in motion on a number of road construction projects in St. Peters this year, from a new Executive Centre Loop Road project to bridge replacements to a variety of surface improvements on busy streets.

The \$1.88 million **Executive Centre Loop Road** project underway will improve access to the I-70 outer roads (Veterans Memorial Parkway and the I-70 North Outer Road) as well as to commercial areas and Barnes-Jewish St. Peters Hospital. A new connecting road and two roundabouts (traffic circles) give Executive Centre Parkway a connection with Veterans Memorial Parkway south of I-70 as well as roads in the Barnes-Jewish St. Peters Hospital campus.

On **Burning Leaf Drive** near Jungermann Road, a new bridge has been built over Spencer Creek, replacing a box culvert with a larger drainage structure. The \$334,612 project also will improve road safety as well as bike and pedestrian access.

Willott Road is set to undergo major repairs to its concrete surfaces as well as a bridge replacement this year. A project estimated at \$1.8 million will replace an existing three-lane bridge over Spencer Creek and widen Willott between Jungermann Road and Del-Ray Drive.

Major road surface repair projects are also planned for portions of

Willott (between Jungermann and Mid Rivers Mall Drive, \$1.9 million project), **Mid Rivers Mall Drive** (between Mexico Road and St. Peters-Howell Road, \$1.85 million), **Salt Lick Road** (between Mexico and Veterans Memorial Parkway, \$1.25 million), and **Mexico** (between Belleau Creek Road and West Sunny Hill Boulevard, \$1.6 million). Traffic signals also will be replaced at the intersection of **Suemandy Drive** and the Mid Rivers Plaza entrance on the west side of Mid Rivers Mall (\$210,000 estimate).

Improvements on Willott, Mid Rivers Mall Drive, Salt Lick and Mexico are partially funded through St. Charles County Road Board and Federal Surface Transportation Improvement reimbursement grants administered by the East-West Gateway Council of Governments and Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT).

To learn more about St. Peters' road construction projects, go online to www.stpetersmo.net and choose "Streets" from the "Departments" pull-down menu.



Burning Leaf bridge replacement

NEW! St. Peters Golf Course Offers a PREFERRED PASS

FREE Play on First Day! Great Deal for Frequent Customers!



For only \$50, you can get a Preferred Pass that pays the more you play at St. Peters Golf Course.

In fact, the first day of your pass, you play for FREE—a savings that can almost pay for the pass itself!

Here are the benefits of a Preferred Pass*:

- First greens fee & cart fee are COMPLIMENTARY the day you purchase your pass—a value of up to \$46!
- \$5 off 18-hole greens fee OR \$2.50 off 9-hole greens fee EVERY TIME you play.
- Discount valid with senior and junior rates.

The Preferred Pass is valid 1 year from the date of purchase. Learn more and download a Preferred Pass registration form online at www.stpetersmo.net/golf.

You can also choose to purchase a full membership at St. Peters Golf Course for unlimited access to open play times plus 25% off most merchandise at the Pro Shop.

**Discount does not apply to Twilight, Tournament or League rates.*

Golf Leagues Forming Now!

Register for Women's, Men's and Junior Leagues

The St. Peters Golf Course will begin its 2015 league season in April. Choose from the following leagues:

- **Ladies' Morning Golf League**, Wednesdays, April 1-Sept. 30. Tee times between 8-9 a.m.
- **Ladies' Evening Golf League**, Tuesdays, April 14-Aug. 25. Tee times between 5-5:30 p.m.
- **Men's Golf League**, Thursdays, April 16-Aug. 27. Tee times between 4-5:30 p.m.
- **Junior Golf Leagues**, Wednesdays, May 27-July 29 (10 weeks). Three levels: Cubs for ages 7-10, Tigers for ages 11-17, and Masters (experience required) for ages 11-17.

St. Peters Golf Course also offers Senior Scramble tournaments on a weekly basis, year-round, weather permitting. Learn more about these programs and download registration forms online at www.stpetersmo.net/golf.



St. Peters Golf Course offers an 18-hole course, memberships, leagues, tournament services, banquet facilities, a pro shop and more. Discounts on golf are available to St. Peters residents, Rec-Plex members, active and retired military members, seniors and youth. Learn more at www.stpetermo.net/golf, call 636-397-2227, or visit us at 200 Salt Lick Road, on the east side of Salt Lick, just south of I-70.

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underground pipes carried stormwater under the fairway at No. 4. Now, the pipes are gone, replaced with a newly constructed open creek. Similarly, underground pipes were replaced on Hole 10 near the approach to the green.

The P-7 project includes four new golf cart/pedestrian bridges built over the restored stream. The cart path on No. 4 was relocated to the right side of the fairway and crosses the creek at one of the new bridges. Around a few of these bridges, you can get a good view of some new rock structures called weirs that are designed to slow down stormwater flow. Weirs are built up out of the streambed to create a holding area for stormwater upstream. Excess stormwater flows over weirs and heads toward the Dardenne during heavier storms.

At the golf course, the weirs will create new water hazards. Dan Emrick, Superintendent of St. Peters Golf Course, says the new water hazards from P-7 should provide a fun and challenging new element to the golf course. The new open streams on No. 4 in particular will require some more strategy from golfers. City workers built new tee boxes on No. 4 to

help less advanced golfers navigate the open channel.

Native plantings, rock structures and changes to the creek bank will also improve the visual appeal of the creek—and, as a result, the visual appeal of the golf course.

Emrick also expects that the design of the stormwater project will help reduce the number of instances where water from the stream will cover golf cart paths and disrupt play. This does not mean that the project will stop stormwater from backing out of Dardenne Creek onto St. Peters Golf Course during flood events. P-7 does not address Dardenne Creek's impact on this stream channel.

"It's not going to eliminate flooding, but now that we have bridges, we could have some days where the (P-7) creek is completely full, but we will be able to play because we'll be able to drive carts over the bridge," Emrick says.

You can learn more about St. Peters' Prop P parks and stormwater projects online at www.stpetersmo.net. Click on the Proposition P button on the home page.

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Announcing a Great Lineup for Sunset Fridays

Looking for something fun and affordable to do on Friday nights this summer?
Look no further than 370 Lakeside Park for Sunset Fridays concerts:

May 22	SINS OF THE PIONEERS (New Orleans Jazz)	July 10	DAN TURNBAUGH (Rock)
May 29	MARISSA HARMS (Pop/Country)	July 17	Band to be announced
June 5	SCHOOL OF ROCK (Rock) IRIE SUN (Rock/Pop)	July 24	OH BROTHER (Rock)
June 12	Band to be announced	July 31	ACOUSTIC MUSIC JAM (Acoustic hits)
June 19	BLUES PLUS (Blues/Rock/Country)	Aug. 7	MARISSA HARMS (Pop/Country)
June 26	ACOUSTIK ELEMENT (Spanish & Latin acoustic)	Aug. 14	THE BUCKHANNON BROTHERS (Folk)

Come on out and relax under the brand new Corporate Pavilion at 370 Lakeside Park, where you can watch the sunset with friends and family. You can add dinner or drinks from Gator Island Grill (or bring your own) and we'll throw in complimentary entertainment to make your evening complete.

The Corporate Pavilion seats approximately 300 people. If you prefer to sit on the grass or will be arriving late, please bring a blanket or lawn chairs to sit on.

Gator Island Grill will open with a special Sunset Fridays menu at 6 p.m. on these nights; the music will begin at 6:30 p.m. Coolers are welcome, but we ask that NO GLASS containers are brought into the park.

St. Peters' 370 Lakeside Park is located at 1000 Lakeside Park Drive. From Highway 370, take exit 2 to Lakeside Park Drive. Drive north into the Park.