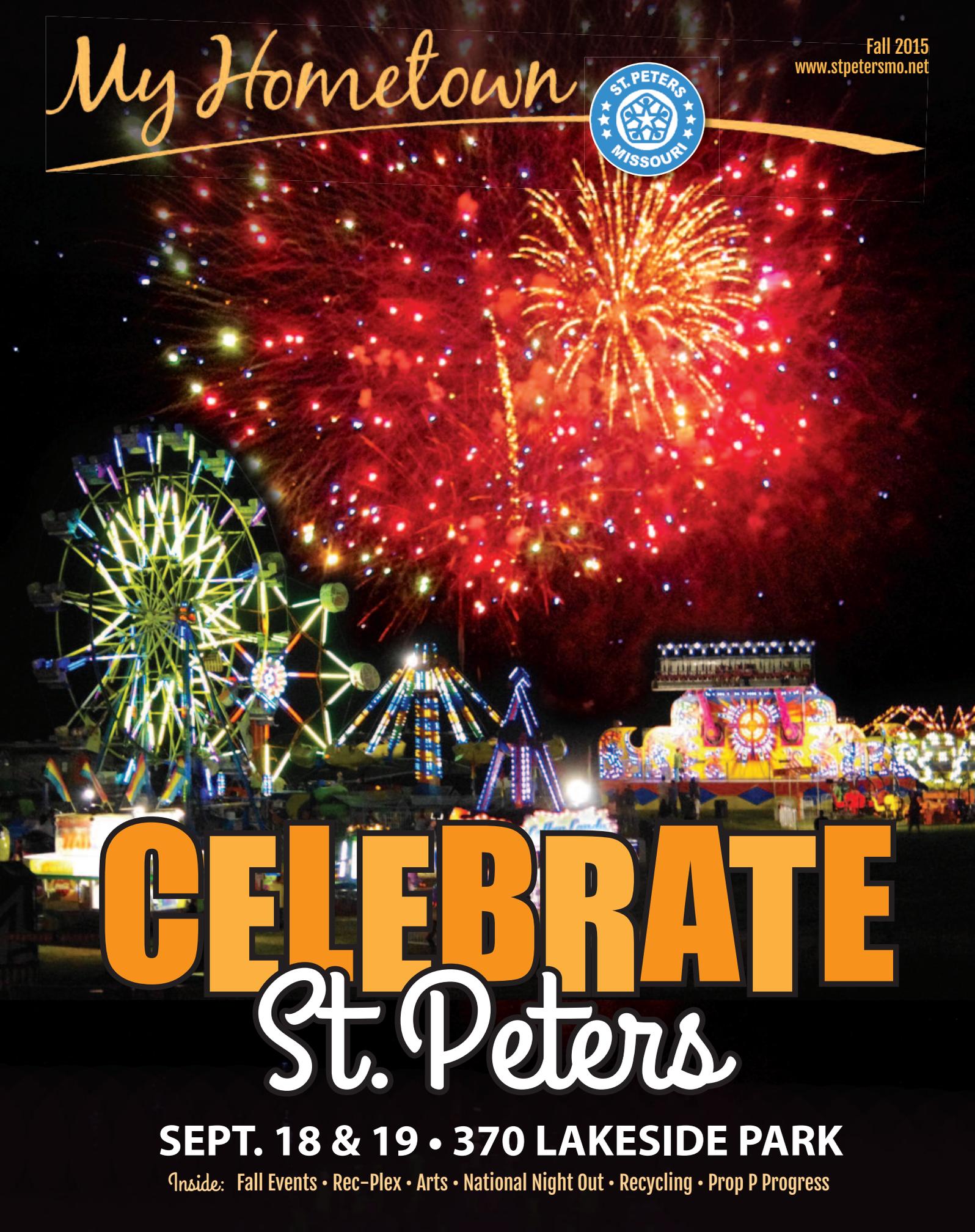


My Hometown



Fall 2015
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A vibrant night scene at a fairground. The sky is filled with a massive display of colorful fireworks in shades of red, orange, and yellow. In the foreground, a large Ferris wheel is illuminated with bright lights. To the right, there are various other fair structures, including a carousel and a building with a large, brightly lit sign. The overall atmosphere is festive and celebratory.

CELEBRATE
St. Peters

SEPT. 18 & 19 • 370 LAKESIDE PARK

Inside: Fall Events • Rec-Plex • Arts • National Night Out • Recycling • Prop P Progress



CELEBRATE St. Peters

Annual Party at the Lake

Sept. 18 & 19 • 370 Lakeside Park

FREE ENTERTAINMENT on THREE STAGES

FIREWORKS • RIDES • FREE KIDS' ACTIVITIES

**More than 60 Booths with GREAT FOOD, BEVERAGES,
CRAFTS, ACTIVITIES and More!**

FREE PARKING/FREE SHUTTLES

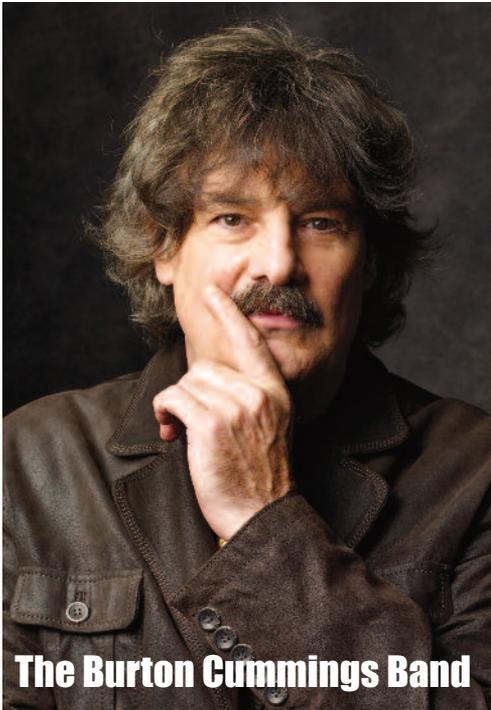
Be sure to save the date and come out to Celebrate St. Peters 2015 for plenty of music, food and fun. All events will take place along the lake at 370 Lakeside Park, located off Highway 370 at 1000 Lakeside Park Drive.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE at Celebrate St. Peters 2015!



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ENTERTAINMENT LineUp



The Burton Cummings Band

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO CELEBRATE ST. PETERS?

Take a step back in time at this year's Celebrate St. Peters.

Baby Boomers will relive their early years, as

K-SHE 95

presents

Burton Cummings,

the former lead singer of the Canadian band The Guess Who, headlining the event along with his band on Saturday night. Among Cummings' The Guess Who hits were "American Woman," "These Eyes," "Share The Land," "Laughing, No Time" and "Hang On To Your Life."



Rogers & Nienhaus

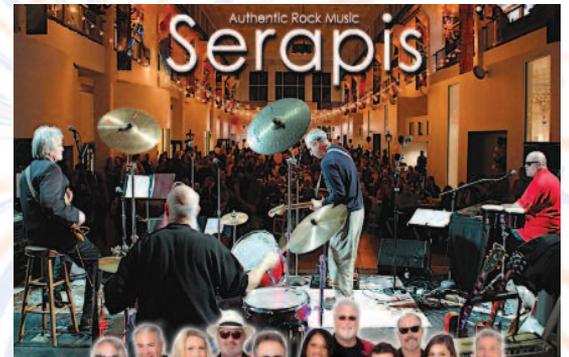
On Friday night, **Terry Jones Rogers** and **Scott Nienhaus** will bring their beautiful harmonies to the Main Stage. These two talented singer-songwriters boast long careers including stints with The Byrds, Firefall and Nicolette Larson. Rogers and Nienhaus will open for Southern Country Rock band Poco.

Poco wowed fans at Celebrate St. Peters in 2012 and is sure to repeat that excitement this year. Get ready for an enjoyable and entertaining evening as Poco performs hits like "Rose of Cimarron," "Heart of the Night" and "Crazy Love."



Firefall

The 1970s rock band **Firefall** will open for The Burton Cummings Band on Saturday night. "You are the Woman," "Strange Way" and "Just Remember I Love You" are just a few of the hits you'll remember from this band.



Authentic Rock Music
Serapis



Butch Wax and the Hollywoods



Theo Peoples

In addition to these Main Stage acts, the Celebrate Stage will be rocking on Saturday afternoon with local favorites **Serapis** and **Butch Wax and the Hollywoods** with **Theo Peoples**. The Celebrate Stage is located this year under the new Corporate Pavilion.

All of the entertainment is FREE. Bring lawn chairs to sit on. Check out the Schedule of Events on page 4 for show times.



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SCHEDULE Of Events

(All times are approximate.)

FRIDAY, SEPT. 18

- 5-11 p.m. **Carnival Rides and Games**
- 5-11 p.m. **Booths open**
- 7 p.m. **Main Stage entertainment begins**
 - Rogers & Nienhaus sponsored by MidRivers Newsmagazine and The Big 550 KTRS
 - Poco sponsored by MidRivers Newsmagazine and The Big 550 KTRS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

- 11 a.m.-11 p.m. **Booths open**
- 11 a.m.-11 p.m. **Carnival Rides and Games**
- 11-11:45 a.m. **Childbloom Guitar Program of St. Charles County • Community News Family Stage**
- 11 a.m.-2 p.m. **The Home Depot Kids' Workshop near the marina**
- 11 a.m.-2 p.m. **Arty's Corner (FREE art project for kids brought to you by St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre) near the marina**
- Noon-2 p.m. **Serapis • KFAV and The Viper 100.7 Celebrate Stage**
- 12:15-1 p.m. **Abra-Kid-Abra • Community News Family Stage**
- 1:30-2:15 p.m. **Excel Performing Arts • Community News Family Stage**
- 2:45-3:30 p.m. **Monkey Tales Theatre • Community News Family Stage**
- 3-6 p.m. **Butch Wax and the Hollywoods with Theo Peoples KFAV and The Viper 100.7 Celebrate Stage**
- 4-5 p.m. **Mad Science of St. Louis • Community News Family Stage**
- 7 p.m. **Main Stage entertainment begins**
 - Firefall, presented by KSHE-95
 - Fireworks Show - over the lake!
 - The Burton Cummings Band, presented by KSHE-95



Celebrate St. Peters Parking

Thousands of free parking spaces are available for Celebrate St. Peters at 370 Lakeside Park, located both inside and outside the park. Free shuttle buses will bring you from your vehicle to the main event grounds.

Reserved Parking Passes On Sale NOW!

Want to make sure you have a parking space close to all the action at Celebrate St. Peters? Act now and get one of 500 Reserved Parking Passes. **These passes will only be sold in advance**—no Reserved Parking Passes will be sold at Celebrate St. Peters. By purchasing a Reserved

Parking Pass, you'll have a reserved, convenient spot inside the park near the festivities, allowing you easy access to your vehicle while you are at the event. You'll be able to come and go from the park as you need to during both days of the event without having to worry about a parking place.

One Reserved Parking Pass is good for both Friday and Saturday. Reserved Parking Passes are available at St. Peters City Hall or the St. Peters Rec-Plex registration desk during normal business hours at a cost of \$20 for St. Peters residents and \$25 for others. A *St. Peters Resident Privilege Card* is required to get the resident discount.





FUN FOR KIDS!

Bring the kids for a variety of family activities and entertainment.

The Home Depot will be back this year on Saturday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. with the **Home Depot Kids Workshop** where kids will be able to make and take home a fun project.

Arty's Corner also returns to Celebrate St. Peters on Saturday also from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. with fun art projects for kids to make and take home.

We'll have family-friendly entertainment all day Saturday on the Family Stage, including the *Abra-Kid-Abra Magic Show*, *Childbloom Guitar Program of St. Charles County*, *Excel Performing Arts*, *Monkey Tales Theatre* and *Mad Science of St. Louis*. In addition to the free entertainment, we'll also have carnival games run by local organizations on Friday night and all day Saturday. Let the kids try their skills while helping out a local cause.



Carnival ride tickets and unlimited ride wristbands can be purchased at the event, or you may purchase ride wristbands in advance for a discounted price for the Friday night or Saturday afternoon sessions. **See below** for details.

Check out the schedule of events on page 4 for times and locations.



Celebrate St. Peters Family Special

Purchase the *Celebrate St. Peters Family Special* to get savings on reserved parking and carnival rides! This discount package includes a **Reserved Parking Pass** for Celebrate St. Peters all day on both Friday and Saturday, Sept. 18-19, plus **two carnival ride wristband vouchers** for use either Friday from 5-11 p.m. or Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Celebrate St. Peters Family Special costs \$39 for St. Peters residents or \$44 for the general public—as much as a 30% discount. This deal is only available in advance through Sept. 17 (while reserved parking spaces are available) at St. Peters City Hall or the St. Peters Rec-Plex registration desk during regular business hours.



Purchase Carnival Ride Wristbands In Advance & Save!

Once again this year we're bringing you a variety of carnival rides to provide entertainment for the entire family. Discounted vouchers for unlimited ride wristbands are on sale now at St. Peters City Hall and at the St. Peters Rec-Plex registration desk during normal hours. Or, you can purchase single tickets or wristbands at the carnival midway while you're at the event. Ride wristbands entitle you to ride an unlimited number of times during the session. **NOTE: Wristbands CANNOT be used Saturday after 5 p.m.**

<u>SESSION</u>	<u>IN ADVANCE</u>	<u>AT THE EVENT</u>
Friday, Sept. 18, 5-11 p.m.	\$15 each	\$20 each
Saturday, Sept. 19, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.	\$15 each	\$20 each
Saturday, Sept. 19, 5-11 p.m.	NO ADVANCE SALES*	

*Tickets will be required to be purchased in the Midway for the carnival rides on Saturday night.

Get the latest information about Celebrate St. Peters at www.stpetersmo.net/celebrate





SIP & SAVOR

St. Charles County Taste Event

Thursday, Sept. 3, 5-8 p.m. • 370 Lakeside Park

Savor selections from local restaurants, sip wine & beer, and enjoy FREE entertainment and a beautiful sunset along the lake! For more information, call Greater St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce, 636-946-0633, or visit www.FoodFest370.com.

FALL FUN IN St. Peters

BARK FOR THE PARK DOG SHOW & PET PARADE

Sunday, Sept. 27, 1-4 p.m. • 370 Lakeside Park

The third annual “Bark for the Park” Dog Parade and Show will take place on Sunday, Sept. 27, at 370 Lakeside Park. The fun begins at 1 p.m., with proceeds helping to build the St. Peters Rotary Club Dog Park at 370 Lakeside Park.

For \$20, dog lovers can participate in the Dog Parade and receive an event T-shirt. Register your dog for \$5 (optional) and they receive a bandana. Parade registration begins at 1 p.m. with the parade starting at 1:30 p.m. Costumes and props are encouraged for the Dog Parade.

The Dog Show will offer eight novelty categories: Most Attractive Markings, Best Golden Oldie (7+), Most Sad/Pitiful Looking, Beautiful Eyes, Best Costume, Most Mixed-Up Breed, Child’s Best Friend (under 16 years), Best Rescue Dog (came from animal shelter/rescue group), and Odd Couple.

The cost to enter the novelty categories is \$5 per category. The winner of each category will receive a ribbon and compete for the People’s Choice award. The winner of the People’s Choice will take home a trophy. Dog Show registration begins at 2 p.m., and the show starts at 2:30 p.m. Snacks and water will be available.

The event will also include a vendor fair from 1-4 p.m. Human food and drinks will be available for purchase at the Gator Island Grill.

“Bark for the Park’ Dog Parade & Show is the first event of its kind in St. Charles County, and we are encouraging the public to come out and have some dog-loving fun for a good cause,” said Christine Rutherford, President, Rotary Club of St. Peters. “Every dollar raised will help us build St. Peters Rotary Club Dog Park at 370 Lakeside Park.”

Those interested in participating in “Bark for the Park” Dog Parade & Show can contact Christine Rutherford at 314-262-0624 or crutherford@cliservices.org to register.





Halloween Carnival

Saturday, Oct. 24 • 4-6 p.m.

Get a jump on Halloween, enjoy treats and games, and create some more family memories at the City of St. Peters Halloween Carnival. The event takes place Saturday, Oct. 24, from 4-6 p.m. at the HES Operations Building at 135 Ecology Drive behind Recycle City. The fee is \$5 per person (for each adult and each child attending).

Dress up in your favorite family-friendly costumes and enjoy Halloween games, trick-or-treating, dinner and more. We'll have hayrides for families, weather permitting. Bring an empty aluminum can for a special activity on the hayride that will benefit the Pennies for Patriots USO fundraiser.

Register in advance at the St. Peters Rec-Plex, 5200 Mexico Rd., online at www.stpetersmo.net/rec-connect, or by calling 636-939-2386, ext. 1400. Registration ends Oct. 23, or when the event is full. Registration is not available at the door. Both children and adults need to register.

The Halloween Carnival is sponsored by Rob Hamann American Family Insurance Agency.



HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR



ON ICE 2015 

Friday, Oct. 30, 7-9 p.m.

Halloween doesn't get any cooler than this! Get your family or friends together, put on your Halloween costume and come to the St. Peters Rec-Plex ice rink for the 6th annual Halloween Spooktacular on Ice costume party, presented by the St. Peters Figure Skating Association. This fun-filled evening includes ice skating, games, prizes, candy and a costume contest! The cost is just \$10 for each participant and comes with skate rental. Registration begins Oct. 1 at the Rec-Plex, 5200 Mexico Rd. Learn more online at www.stpetersmo.net/rec-plex.



St. Charles County Symphony presents a special

Halloween Concert

Tuesday, Oct. 27 • 7 p.m.

What better way to get in the mood for Halloween than the fun music it's inspired over the years? Come to the St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre and enjoy the haunting sounds of the St. Charles Symphony. Symphony members dress in costume to deliver this FREE concert. Bring the entire family and be sure to dress up—kids in costume get to parade around and receive a special treat!



Seventh Annual St. Charles County Senior Fair

Saturday, Oct. 3, 9 a.m.–noon • St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre at City Hall

The 2015 Senior Fair will have vendor booths, raffles and refreshments for those in attendance.

The Alzheimer's Association interactive workshop at 10 a.m. in the Performing Arts Theatre will separate myth from reality and address commonly held fears about Alzheimer's in America. You'll hear from people who have the disease, find out how to recognize the signs, learn the benefits of early detection, and discover resources to help.



FIND FUN & FITNESS THIS FALL!

The St. Peters Rec-Plex offers so much for the entire family!

VARIETY!

Looking for ways to have fun and stay fit? Enjoy all the St. Peters Rec-Plex has to offer: A world-class indoor Natatorium swimming and diving facility with a Leisure Pool and waterslide and separate adult swim lanes. NHL-size ice rinks and open skating sessions. State-of-the-art fitness facilities totaling more than 9,600 square feet. An indoor track and Walking Club. Fun in the gymnasium with open play basketball, volleyball and NEW pickleball. Group Aerobics classes FREE to members. Certified personal trainers. A Tot Drop for your young child. Family and adults-only locker rooms. A café to fuel up after your workout. Facility rentals for sports, youth group parties and lock-ins. Birthday party packages. And more!



LOW RATES!

St. Peters residents get the lowest rates on memberships, but even our nonresident rates are lower than other recreational centers' regular rates!

Members enjoy monthly specials, program discounts, and FREE use of towels, basketballs, family and adults-only locker rooms, and locks, plus discounts on many of our fitness classes and recreational programs, as well as 10% off greens fees and cart rental at St. Peters Golf Course.

Planning a day out with the family? We also offer daily admission rates.



GOLD PLUS BENEFITS!

Upgrade to a GOLD PLUS membership and get many more FREE select classes and programs, 50% discount on golf rates and 25% discount on merchandise at St. Peters Golf Course, FREE use of our Tot Drop babysitting service on Family & Grandparent GOLD PLUS passes, and FREE skate rental!



FALL CLASSES!

The St. Peters Rec-Plex offers a full slate of classes for all ages. Learn to swim or skate. Get toned with fitness classes. Burn calories with Aqua Aerobics. Get the kids active with Family Fitness classes and Youth Fitness Orientation. Older adults can stay active with special half-hour classes FREE to all Rec-Plex members.

Check the Leisure Line Online at www.stpetersmo.net/leisure-line for a catalog of all of our fall classes.

ST. PETERS REC-PLEX

5200 Mexico Rd.

www.stpetersmo.net/rec-plex

636-939-2386





Art Shows and Competitions

Black and White (All Media)
 Runs through Sept. 8.
 Stop by and view the show or see the winners online at www.stpetersmo.net

COMING UP

Sept. 11 – Nov. 2

Into the Woods (All Media)

Artwork must contain an element of a forest or a wooded area. Visit www.stpetersmo.net to download an exhibitor registration form.
 Receiving: Tuesday, Sept. 8, 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
 Reception: Friday, Sept. 11, 6-8 p.m.



Nov. 6 – Dec. 28

Traveler's Palette (All Media)

Visit www.stpetersmo.net to download an exhibitor registration form.
 Receiving: Tuesday, Nov. 3, 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
 NO ART RECEPTION. Winners will be notified.

Nov. 6 – Dec. 28

Seventh Annual \$100 or Less Art Show & Sale

ALL ARTWORK ENTERED WILL BE SOLD FOR \$100 OR LESS

This is a wonderful opportunity to shop for unique holiday gifts, and artists, this is your chance to clear out your inventory. Visit www.stpetersmo.net to download an exhibitor registration form.

Receiving: Tuesday, Nov. 3, 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m. • NO ART RECEPTION.

A Classic Las Vegas Christmas Show starring Dean Christopher & Band
 Friday, Dec. 11 • 7 p.m.
 St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre
 Tickets: \$13 in advance
 \$18 at the door
 To order tickets or for more information call
 636-397-6903, ext. 1624.
 Tickets are transferable, but not refundable.

Looking for a Place to Host a Celebration or Meeting?

Whatever your occasion, the Cultural Arts Centre has rooms that can accommodate small groups all the way up to 280 people. Our meeting/banquet rooms are perfect for wedding receptions, family reunions, neighborhood meetings and other group events. The ever-changing artwork on the gallery walls will add a unique ambiance to your event.

We can customize your event to include banquet seating with a dance floor or we can set up classroom seating with a speaker's podium. Whatever you need, we provide a worry-free solution.

Visit www.stpetersmo.net or call ext. 1624 at 636-397-6903 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday; and 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday.

GALLERY SPACE IS AVAILABLE FOR RENT AT THE CULTURAL ARTS CENTRE
 Call 636-397-6903, ext. 1624 for details.



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

September

- 2 Planning & Zoning, 6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 10 Board of Aldermen, Work Session, 5 p.m., Meeting, 7 p.m., Justice Center
- 14 Veterans Memorial Commission 7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 15 Parks, Recreation & Arts Advisory Board 7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 17 Senior Advisory Committee 12:30 p.m., Senior Center
- 18 **City Centre Dance** Cultural Arts Centre
- 18 **Celebrate St. Peters** 370 Lakeside Park
- 19 **Celebrate St. Peters** 370 Lakeside Park
- 24 Board of Aldermen, Work Session, 5 p.m., Meeting, 7 p.m., Justice Center
- 26 **National Rx Take Back Event** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Justice Center
- 27 **Rec-Plex Fall Triathlon** 7:30 a.m., Rec-Plex (Register in advance)
- 27 **Bark for the Park**, 1-4 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park
- 28 Health & Wellness Advisory Committee 6:30 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre



October

- 3 **Senior Fair**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cultural Arts Centre
- 5 Veterans Memorial Commission 7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 6 **National Night Out**, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- 7 Planning & Zoning, 6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 8 Board of Aldermen, Work Session, 5 p.m., Meeting, 7 p.m., Justice Center
- 9 **DJ Skate**, 7 p.m., Rec-Plex
- 13 **St. Peters Green Team**, 5 p.m., HES Operations Bldg.
- 15 Senior Advisory Committee 12:30 p.m., Senior Center
- 16 **City Centre Dance**, 7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 22 Board of Aldermen, Work Session, 5 p.m., Meeting, 7 p.m., Justice Center
- 24 **Halloween Carnival**, 4-6 p.m., HES Building
- 26 Health & Wellness Advisory Committee 7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 27 **Halloween Concert**, 7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 30 **Halloween Spooktacular on Ice** 7-9 p.m., Rec-Plex South

November

- 2 Veterans Memorial Commission 7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 4 Planning & Zoning, 6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 7 **Shred It and Forget It** 9 a.m.-noon, HES Operations Building, 135 Ecology Drive
- 11 **Veterans Day Ceremony** 10 a.m., Veterans Memorial (City Centre)

LABOR DAY WEEKEND POOL HOURS

Saturday, Sept. 5 • 11 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday, Sept. 6 • 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Monday, Sept. 7 • 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, Sept. 8 • CLOSED FOR SEASON

St. Peters Rotary Club Dog Park



Located at 370 Lakeside Park

The newest off-leash dog park in St. Charles County is now open!



2015 MEMBERSHIP 1/2 OFF!

Membership Information

An annual membership is required for all dogs using the dog park. Dogs must be at least 6 months old and cannot be deemed aggressive or dangerous. All dogs must be spayed or neutered. Proof of current vaccinations is required. Membership applications and fees are accepted only at the 370 Lakeside Park office.

Fees	1st	Dog	3rdg	Dog
St. Peters Resident	\$25	\$10	\$10	St. Peters Resident
Resident Senior (62+)	\$25	\$0	\$10	Privilege Cards are required to receive resident rates
Non-Resident	\$50	\$15	\$15	

www.stpetersmo.net/st-peters-rotary-dog-park.aspx

	<u>Labor Day, Sept. 7</u>	<u>Columbus Day, Oct. 12</u>	<u>Veterans Day, Nov. 11</u>
City Hall	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Cultural Arts Centre	CLOSED	Opens at 3:30 p.m.	CLOSED
Rec-Plex	1-5 p.m. ¹	OPEN ²	OPEN
Earth Centre	CLOSED	CLOSED	SEE NOTE BELOW ³
Recycle City	CLOSED ⁴	SEE NOTE BELOW ⁵	CLOSED ⁶
Solid Waste Collection	MOVED ⁷	NORMAL	NORMAL
Animal Control	CLOSED ⁸	SEE NOTE BELOW ⁹	CLOSED ⁸

- 1 The Rec-Plex will open from 1-5 p.m. on Labor Day. Public ice skating and swimming/diving is available from 1-5 p.m. Rec-Plex concessions will be closed.
- 2 The Rec-Plex Finish Line Cafe will be closed from noon-3 p.m. The registration desk will close at 11 a.m. and will reopen at 4 p.m.
- 3 Earth Centre will accept yard waste on Nov. 11. There will be no product sales.
- 4 The Recycle City Drop-Off area will remain open.
- 5 Recycle City, including aluminum can buy-back and trash acceptance, will close at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10. On Monday, Oct. 12, hours for Recycle City offices and aluminum can buy-back will be limited to 8-11 a.m. only, while the Scale House will remain open with regular hours for trash and yard waste disposal.
- 6 Recycle City is open for trash and yard waste disposal only from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. but the offices are closed. No trash or yard waste cart pick-up that day.
- 7 Solid Waste collection will shift forward one day for the week of Labor Day. TRASH: Customers on the Monday/Thursday collection schedule will have trash pickup on Tuesday/Friday. Customers on the Tuesday/Friday schedule will have trash pickup on Wednesday/Saturday. YARD WASTE: Monday's yard waste collection will be collected on Tuesday; Wednesday's yard waste will be collected on Thursday.
- 8 For emergency calls only after hours or on the holiday, call police dispatch at 636-278-2222.
- 9 Animal Control Staff will be available from 7-11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 12. For emergency calls only after hours, call police dispatch at 636-278-2222.

It's a Great Day to Recycle!

This year Recycle City is on track to recycle 13 million pounds of material, which is approximately the weight of more than 400 school buses. But unfortunately we still send way too many recyclables to the landfill—millions of pounds of material that could be recycled instead of buried in the landfill. This occurs when a resident does not use their blue bags for recycling.

How do we change? One way is to change how we think about trash.

Historically, we have called the trucks that pick up the cart in front of our house “trash trucks.” That is not really what they are today. They are really “Recycle Trucks.” They are designed to collect blue bags full of recyclables. Recyclables are products that can be reused conserving our resources and also generating a profit for our residents and in effect, keeping your fees low.

The City gets paid for the recyclables you place in the blue bags, but has to pay landfill tipping fees to dispose of the material that is not placed in the blue bags. To help us all be mindful of recycling, the City is in the process of marking our trucks as “Recycle Trucks.” Your service does not change. You can still put trash and blue bags in the collection cart for your two collection days each week, but ideally we'd like to see more blue bags in your cart than trash. That option is better for your wallet and better for the environment.

To get started recycling all you have to do is put your paper products in one blue bag and your container products (glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans, tin cans, plastic containers, etc.) in another blue bag. Extra blue bags are free and available at City Hall or Recycle City, or simply tie an empty blue bag onto the handle of your collection cart on one of your collection days and the Recycle Truck driver will leave a roll of bags on your driveway that same day. Recycle stations to help hold open the blue bags until they are full are also available at Recycle City and City Hall.

If you find you have more cardboard to recycle than will fit in your blue bag, just bring it by Recycle City, open for your convenience 24 hours a day. In addition to cardboard, the convenient drop-off area accepts paper products, plastic household containers, used motor oil, used cooking oil and used antifreeze. Stop by the Recycle City Office during normal business hours to drop off used CFL bulbs, thermostats, rechargeable batteries and select electronics. Find out more at www.stpetersmo.net.

Beginning this year, all commercial trash collected within the City is required to be brought to Recycle City for processing of recyclables. This now allows all of our businesses to participate in the blue bag program free of charge, making it even easier for our businesses to recycle.



It's always a great day to recycle!



Messages From Our Elected Officials

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



Len Pagano
Mayor

Celebrate St. Peters 2015

Folks, I have to tell you, for our 5th annual Celebrate St. Peters event at 370 Lakeside Park, we've got a really exciting weekend lined up for you. Kids and adults alike will find plenty of entertainment and good food at this year's festival—cross your fingers for nice weather and some more fabulous sunsets over the lake. Admission is FREE!

The headliner for Celebrate St. Peters 2015 will be a real treat

for classic rock fans. If you enjoyed hits like "American Woman," "These Eyes," "No Time," "Share the Land," and "No Sugar Tonight/New Mother Nature," then you won't want to miss **The Burton Cummings Band** presented by KSHE-95 on the Main Stage on Saturday night, Sept. 19. Cummings is the former lead singer of The Guess Who and wrote or co-wrote many of the band's biggest hits.

The action on Saturday night gets going on the Main Stage at 7 p.m. with **Firefall**, followed by the fantastic fireworks show over the lake at 370 Lakeside Park, and then The Burton Cummings Band. Firefall brings their classic rock sounds and hits like "Strange Way," "You are the Woman" and "Just Remember I Love You."

A weekend of great classic rock kicks off at 7 p.m. on Friday night, Sept. 18, when **Rogers and Nienhaus** opens for **Poco** on the Main Stage at Celebrate St. Peters.

New this year, our Celebrate Stage will be located under the new Corporate Pavilion at 370 Lakeside Park. **Serapis** will entertain on Saturday beginning at noon, followed by **Butch Wax and the Hollywoods** with **Theo Peoples** at 3 p.m.

As always, we'll have plenty to do for the entire family at Celebrate St. Peters. The carnival rides at our celebration are fun and affordable. The Home Depot will let kids build at its Kids Workshop. We'll have plenty of fun art projects for kids at Arty's Corner. And, bring the kids out to the Family Stage near the carnival on Saturday for some great family entertainment with music, magic, theater and mad science!

Your family will want to stay to see the fireworks, too! We'll have a 15-minute display over the lake after Firefall's set around 8:45 p.m.

Plus, everyone can enjoy 60-plus vendors featuring lots of delicious food, beverages, crafts, games and more!

Parking should be at a premium at 370 Lakeside Park, especially during the evenings. In preparation, we've created as many parking spots as possible and will have free shuttle buses taking people to and from their cars throughout the event. But, if you want to make sure that you can park your car near the event grounds, we're giving you another chance to buy a reserved parking pass this year. People with the pass will be allowed to come and go to a convenient, reserved parking area throughout the event. These parking passes are on sale at City Hall and the Rec-Plex. You must buy them in advance—no parking passes will be sold at the event.

You can learn more about Celebrate St. Peters 2015 in this issue of *My Hometown* and online at www.stpetersmo.net/celebrate.



Judy Bateman
Ward 2

Stop Bullying

I want to send out a message to all of our young people who are starting the new school year shortly. Whether it is the timid kindergarten student, high schooler or young adult embarking on a new adventure, I send my wishes for lasting, rewarding memories and cherished experiences, ones you will look back on fondly. To Moms and Dads who are having separation anxiety, I feel your emotional roller coaster as it is hard to let our chicks

leave the roost.

Sadly, some of our young people look to the school experience as a time of trepidation and uneasiness. They possibly have experienced unkind acts from their peers that have caused them to dread the new school year. We always hope as parents we can fix their troubles with a hug and a smile, but unfortunately peer pressure, cyberspace, and bullies can cause many children to dread their time in the school atmosphere and turn what is supposed to be the best time of their lives into a bad experience.

We are fortunate to live in a community that encompasses three great school districts and several private schools. These institutions have zero tolerance for bullying and if you see it or hear about it from a child, REPORT IT!

Peers can be the greatest resource, however, in stepping up and doing the right thing. We all can look out for one another and let mean-spirited people no matter what age know they are outnumbered!

All of us are creatures of habit, I believe. How wonderful it would be if we started everyday with practicing the "Golden Rule." Like many habits, the longer you do them, they become second nature and automatic. *Pay it forward* is not just a slogan, but a rewarding way to practice kindness everyday.

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. — Leo Buscaglia, author

I will get off my soapbox now and let you all know of a very important event coming up in Ward 2 on Saturday, Oct. 24, at 9:30 a.m. in Rabbit Run Park.

My partner Alderman Jerry Hollingsworth and I are hosting the first of many informal coffee talks, "Perk-in in the park." We will update you on many coming attractions to the City, hear updates from Melissa Doss with the Police Department, and get some of your views, concerns and ideas on how we can better serve you now and in the future. Refreshments will be provided, so stop by and let us work together to make our City better. We hope to see many of you there! If you are unable to attend, but have a specific concern you want to see discussed, call Jerry or myself. We value your input.

The subdivisions we are focusing on are Country Hill South, Country Hill Farm, Mid Rivers Estates, Bellemeade, Country Hill Estates, Brookmount and Amherst; however, anyone is welcome and we hope to spread these out quarterly to invite other subdivisions in Ward 2 to future coffee talks.

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Rocky Reitmeyer
Ward 1

Party at the Lake

I hope you have been able to get out this summer despite the rainy and steamy weather we have had and enjoy our beautiful 370 Lakeside Park or one or more of our other 24 parks in the St. Peters area.

Speaking of the lake, I hope you'll all be able to join me this year at Celebrate St. Peters 2015. Once again, we will have

lots of great entertainment including Rogers and Nienhaus, Poco, Firefall, The Burton Cummings Band, Butch Wax and The Hollywoods, Theo Peoples and more. We also have activities for the kids, carnival rides, games, crafts and great food all day from lots of vendors, "Just smell the Smoke." The Ancient Order of Hibernians booth has Ted Drewes this year, my personal favorite treat that is sure to cool you off.

Come and see our craft booths and check out all the entertainment going on all weekend long. Saturday night enjoy fireworks over the lake, what a sight to see!

The parking is free, and we'll also have free shuttles running all day to help you get from the parking areas to the event. Just watch for the Mayor and the Aldermen driving golf carts to pick you up and bring you back to your cars. So if you have bad knees like mine, and a sore back, there is no reason not to come out and enjoy a couple beautiful days. You also have the option to purchase a Reserved Parking Pass at City Hall or the Rec-Plex that will guarantee you a parking spot close to the festivities for the entire weekend. See pages 2-5 in this issue of *My Hometown* to see all that the event has to

offer. It's time to make plans and tell your friends about this great weekend.

Don't forget to save all the aluminum cans for the "Pennies for Patriots" program. Drop your aluminum cans off at the West Side of City Hall in the Brown Dumpster and at Recycle City in the Big Blue Dumpster. All the money raised from these cans goes to the USO at Lambert Field for the guys and gals who serve us and protect the freedoms we have today. We make this a home away from home at the USO and we care about each and every one of them. Please wish them well and when you walk up to one of our soldiers please shake their hand and tell them, "Thank you for serving our Country."

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



Terri Violet
Ward 3

A New Beginning

Change ... it's a part of all of our lives that is often good but sometimes it can be difficult to adjust. Like most communities, St. Peters has had its share of growth and changes that has affected our lives in one way or another. Jungermann Road for example was a two-lane road at one time and the apple trees are now neighborhood subdivisions

filled with wonderful families.

Nob Hill pool was an aged pool that has now been transformed into Nob Hill Park, a family

fitness park. You may be one that didn't want the pool to close and that is understandable. It was a tough change for my family to adjust to as well since we taught our children to swim at Nob Hill Pool when they were young. We spent many a summer together as a family making friends, splashing and hunting for those colorful diving sticks that had to be gathered before the last whistle was blown.

Change can sometimes be an opportunity to better our quality of life. Soon after the park opened, I met a Spencer Creek father who brought his son and young daughter to Nob Hill Park. He told me his son has Spina Bifida and they are using the park to work on his upper body strength. He said his son looks forward to going to the park as often as his father will bring him. It touched my heart to see the smile on his face as he proudly swung from one place to another showing me how the children's equipment worked.

Our City staff has served you well in creating a place that encourages personal wellness through physical activity that our whole community can enjoy. It's exciting to know that kids are staying fit yet they think they're just having fun on playground equipment. As a parent or grandparent, you now have a high-quality outdoor fitness park and can set a positive example by exercising with your children in a safe, fenced-in area.

It's important to remember that even though this may have been a difficult change for some of us, it has turned into a positive change for our City and our residents. And by the way, if you long for the nostalgia of the days of Nob Hill Pool, City staff installed a water mister to cool off on those steamy hot summer days! If I can ever do anything for you or your family, please don't hesitate to call or email because I am here to help. Remember, your concern is my concern!

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Nob Hill Park Reopens as a Fitness Park

Residents joined City leaders and Parks, Recreation & Arts Advisory Board members on July 16 to cut the ribbon officially opening Nob Hill Park at 50 Sutters Mill Road.

Nob Hill Park features a fenced fitness area for children ages 5 and over and a separate fitness area for adults. Surrounding the park is a paved handicap-accessible loop trail. Learn more about Nob Hill Park online at www.stpetersmo.net.



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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 Celebrate St. Peters 2015 and much, much more. Our news magazine 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.

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Michael Shea
Ward 3

Aggressive Driving Gets You Nowhere, Fast

As an Alderman, we deal with a lot of concerns from residents. Many of the concerns deal with street repairs, mosquitoes, various code violations. But by far the concern that I field the most is residential traffic. Irritated homeowners that fear the recklessness through their streets.

Residents do not like when motorists are driving too fast on their street, or when motorists fail to stop at the intersection stop sign. This has become a serious and systemic problem, not only in St. Peters, but throughout the area. It is a dangerous game that

motorists insist on playing. It's risky.

So let's look at the problem from a couple of different angles. The typical and common speed limit in a St Peters residential area is 25 mph. Motorists use shortcuts through our many neighborhoods and think they can make up time, due to a late start, by driving 35 mph, maybe 38. How much time did they save by not driving 25? They made up between 42-50 seconds for every mile. At best, they might be able to make up almost 2 minutes on a 2-mile stretch of neighborhood streets. Most of the problems reported are on streets less than a mile in length.

But suppose they are stopped for exceeding the speed limit. Now, what did it cost them? The motorist first has to deal with time spent stopped while the officer writes the ticket. The time span will vary on the circumstances of the stop from a minimal 5 minutes. So add those 5 minutes or more to their trip.

There are additional costs for exceeding the speed limit in a residential area (double fine zone). Fines begin at \$70 and extend up above \$165 in St. Peters. Failing to obey a stop sign will cost a motorist \$110. (Don't forget that double fine.) Then consider assessed points on the driver's record, effect on auto insurance premium, court appearances if required, not to mention they irritated several residents for the disrespect and endangerment they present.

Studies show that many common vehicular accidents are the result of speeding or aggressive driving, using a cell phone (texting and phone calls), distracted driving, driving while impaired and rubber necking. Studies also show that distracted drivers are a leading cause of motor vehicle accidents, and excessive speed is a factor in one third of all fatal crashes. Many things, not only inside the vehicle, but also outside the vehicle, can be a distraction for the vehicle's driver.

Every accident is an unfortunate event. Accidents are costly—medical bills to include ambulance or air evacuation, auto repair bills, summons, insurance rate increases, property damage, lost wages, attorney fees and court judgment. Is it really worth it?

Why not just drive the speed limit, stop at the intersections, especially when driving through residential neighborhoods, and arrive on time? Aggressive driving gets you nowhere, fast.

As your Alderman, I am especially committed to working with our police

and engineering departments, and residents, to find solutions to minimize the problems we see throughout St. Peters' neighborhoods, motorists driving too fast and not stopping at intersections where required. Making physical changes to roads is not as simple as one may think. There are always pros and cons to any changes.

The simplest solution to our problem is for motorists to just adhere to the rules of the road and show respect to our residents.

Sources: City of St Peters, Smartmotorist.com, NHTSA, Traffic Injury Research Foundation



Patrick Barclay
Ward 4

Stillborn Tax Exemption

"For all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, for each birth for which a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth has been issued under section 193.165, a taxpayer may claim the exemption under subsection 1 of this section only in the taxable year in which the stillbirth occurred, if the child otherwise would have been a member of the taxpayer's household."

I have been trying to add this one sentence to the Missouri tax law for the past nine years. Basically, what it is, if you have a stillbirth you may put the baby down as an extra deduction on your state income tax return. For most of those years, it was

hard enough to get one sponsor in the Missouri Legislature. In 2015, we were able to get three bills introduced. Hearings took place for two of the bills and I testified in person for both of them. Over the course of several months, numerous votes were taken and passed. One bill reached the Senate floor and the other reached the House floor.

Each year, as the end of the legislative session approaches, legislators sometimes attach bills as amendments to other pieces of legislation. This is what happened with the stillborn tax exemption language. Senator Emery attached it to House Bill No. 517. Representative Cornejo attached it to Senate Bill No. 115.

Just one week before the legislature adjourned, I heard the words I've been waiting for almost a decade to hear. "Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed." Both chambers passed HB517. The Senate vote was 34-0 and the House vote was 140-11. On July 6, 2015, Governor Nixon signed it into law. Missouri became only the second state to offer this one-time deduction.

In memory of my daughter Sarah Elizabeth, born into Heaven on March 30, 2004. On behalf of my wife, who after being told our baby had no heartbeat, had to endure hours of labor and delivery and went home with empty arms and broken-hearted. For all the parents who have suffered the tragedy of a stillbirth, all the families who don't even know yet that this new law will help them in the future, and finally for myself, I want to thank everyone who has helped me over the past nine years with this issue. Thanks especially to Mayor Len Pagano, Senators Tom Dempsey and Ed Emery, Representative Robert Cornejo, former Representative Doug Funderburk and the Knights of Columbus. God Bless all of you. This day could not have happened without your dedication and support.

WARD 2 TOWN HALL MEETING

Saturday, Oct. 24, 9:30 a.m. • Rabbit Run Park

Meet with Aldermen Judy Bateman and Board President Jerry Hollingsworth. Get updates on matters that concern you. Share your views, concerns and ideas.

Discussions will include:

- Police Officer Melissa Doss sharing updates.
- Future projects.
- Feedback from residents.

We're focusing this time on Country Hill South, Country Hill Farm, Mid Rivers Estates, Bellemeade, Country Hill Estates, Brookmount and Amherst; however, anyone is welcome and we hope to spread these out quarterly to invite other subdivisions in Ward 2 to future coffee talks.



Rabbit Run Park



Patrick Barclay
Ward 4

Religious Citizenship

As I ponder the many freedoms and liberties we enjoy as citizens in our country, in our own individual lives, I have seen a growing concern over infringements of our religious liberties.

Attorney and former managing partner of Andersen Investments, Wilford W. Andersen, stated: "Religion and government both need their independence in order to flourish, but history has shown that a complete divorce is healthy for neither. They travel different but parallel tracks. They are most successful and most effective when they protect and encourage one another ... with governments playing an essential role in protecting and maintaining religious freedom.

Many generations have seen the stifling loss of freedom that results when government imposes a state religion. Others have experienced the moral collapse that accompanies governmental prohibition of religion altogether. It is perhaps less obvious to some that religion and morality play an essential role in maintaining and promoting good and effective government. The only real solutions for most of the serious problems facing our world today are of spiritual concerns and not political or economic."

Racism, violence, chastity, robbery, hate crimes, as examples, are spiritual problems of behavioral choice that are never corrected with imprisonment or economic sanctions, but of a true change of heart and willing desire to choose good over evil. Sadly, many gain physical and social corrupt power to oppress. Our nation, and its people, stand as a beacon for those with hope and desire to live in righteous aptitude, that all may have the blessings of freedom, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

My Dad was a correctional officer in a major state prison system. He would tell me that it is really only a will to change and choose better for

one's self that results in a person's changed behavior. The prison system was simply an opportunity for one to ponder their situation and decide if who they are is what they want to be. Such a decision must come from a reason greater than one's own self ... because in truth, human kind has always been, and will always be, subject to the great and recognized sins of wrath, greed, sloth, pride, lust, envy, and gluttony.

Consider all the movies and shows we see today of good versus evil. Consider fallen histories of people and society throughout generations of time. Consider those who choose to oppress or make afraid. Are they not tied to some of these capital vices, if not all? Are we not all tied to some, during some points of our lives?

Choosing righteous practices takes great desire and faith in that doing so will not position yourself to be taken advantage of. And doing so results in an undeniable understanding of happiness and truth. Practicing a loving chosen behavior is not natural to achieve, and is certainly upheld and strengthened in participative unity of religious adherence and following.

Peoples' choices in life are governed by a higher order of faith and adherence to that faith. To believe that we can follow man's law alone is to know that we can also change it when it suits our liking ... and such a society will always be subject to the forceful and oppressive. No true democracy can exist unless the people, us, are willing to obey and follow the laws of the land. Anderson concludes, saying, "While governments enforce the law written on the books, religion teaches and encourages adherence to the law in the heart. Those who abide the latter will seldom if ever violate the former."

The alternative is simply a government tyranny. It is with this that a true democratic republic be kept alive to ensure its governing body seeks to protect religion and foster religious freedom. Practicing one's faith, allowing for and encouraging participative engagement in united church teachings of God, throughout our community, regardless of their own unique perspectives, is and always will lead to a united community, a United America ... a promised land for the world.

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ST. PETERS POLICE Updates



National Rx Take Back Event

Are you wondering what to do with unneeded or out-of-date medicines in your home? You can bring them to the St. Peters Justice Center on Saturday, Sept. 26, between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for safe disposal as part of the National Rx Take Back Event. St. Peters police officers will accept prescription and over-the-counter drugs during this time only in the Justice Center lobby.

The U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Agency is coordinating the National Rx Take Back Event. The St. Peters Police Department is participating in the event because unused medication is a potential source of supply for illegal use and an unacceptable risk to public health and safety. By dropping off your unused medicines, you eliminate the possibility of the drugs harming someone else or getting into the wrong hands.

Police cannot accept any medications before or after the event, so be sure to drop off your prescription drugs between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

You can turn in medications that are out-of-date or medicines you no longer need or use. Intravenous solutions, injectables and needles will not be accepted. Illegal substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative.

The service is free and anonymous.

Citizen Police Academy

A St. Peters police officer talks about crime scene investigations during a recent Citizen Police Academy. The St. Peters Police Department hosts a Citizen Police Academy twice a year, one in the spring and again in the fall. The program helps the Police Department reach its goal to open the lines of communication with the people they serve. Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net/police.



National Night Out: A Party with a Purpose

What better way to fight crime than to throw a party?

On Tuesday, Oct. 6, St. Peters will take part in the National Night Out event from 5:30-8:30 p.m. On that night, you can invite St. Peters police to visit your neighborhood party to help build a stronger partnership. Your party can have any number of activities—games, food, burn pits, or whatever seems like a fun thing to do in early autumn. Police officers and McGruff the crime dog will meet with kids and hand out fun items such as stickers and coloring books.

The idea behind National Night Out is to strengthen the bond between residents and police in order to reduce crime. The better you know your neighbors, the more likely you are to look out for each other and spot suspicious activity. Working together and working with police can make a big difference in stopping crime.

Call ext. 3550 at 636-477-6600 (AT&T customers) or 636-278-2244 (CenturyLink) to learn more or to request police visits to your National Night Out party. You can learn more about National Night Out at www.natw.org.

You can also start your own Neighborhood Watch Program to help prevent crime on your street. Learn more about the St. Peters Police Department's community outreach efforts at www.stpetersmo.net/police.



Street Wise:

How the City Maintains Our Aging Transportation System

Time and use can take a toll on anything, and it's no different for the City of St. Peters' aging transportation system. To take care of streets, sidewalks, traffic signals and streetlights, the City has a half-cent sales tax that generates between \$6 million and \$6.5 million each year. This may sound like a lot of money, but consider that St. Peters has over 547 lane miles of streets—enough to make a two-lane road stretching to Kansas City—and most of those roads were built decades ago when the City underwent its building boom. The City spends millions each year on its Pavement Management Program to repair roads in neighborhoods throughout the City so they won't fail and cost even more to repair. The cost of these annual pavement repairs combined with daily operations can quickly absorb all of our City's transportation sales tax dollars.

It becomes even more challenging when the City needs to make major improvements and road expansion projects like we're doing this year. While the City is no longer booming in population, we're still experiencing growth and our roads carry a lot of traffic.

You've likely noticed all of the road improvements going on this summer, including resurfacing projects on major arteries that carry between 15,000-30,000 cars a day. In fact, the City is investing more than \$12.5 million in 2015 on street repairs and improvement projects (see the project list to the right).

So, how can the City afford all of this roadwork when it costs about twice as much as we receive in transportation sales taxes? In short, we're good at using our funds to draw outside transportation grants.

"Rather than seek tax increases, the City has been successful leveraging our existing transportation sales tax revenue with St. Charles County Road Board and various federal transportation reimbursement grants," says Burt Benesek, Director of Transportation. "In some instances, the City has been able to secure reimbursement funding for up to 96% of a project's cost."

Whether it's from the local sales tax dollars we pay in the City or elsewhere in St. Charles County, or from taxes we pay to the federal government, that money is returning home to keep our transportation up to current standards. In this way, said Mayor Len Pagano, we make sure that St. Peters' residents get a great return on their investment.

"Without a good transportation system, we wouldn't have such a nice place to live, work and play," Mayor Pagano said. "People wouldn't want to move here. Businesses wouldn't want to open their doors here. Our property values would go down, and we'd lose tax revenue and services that benefit you, our resident. That's why we continue to invest wisely in our transportation system with repairs and improvements whenever possible."



Mid Rivers Mall Drive was one of four major resurfacing projects this year.

Six major improvement projects in St. Peters were approved for funding this year from the county or federal sources: Executive Centre Loop Road (County), Mid Rivers Mall Drive (federal and County), Salt Lick Road (federal), Mexico Road (federal), Willott Road resurfacing (federal and County) and Willott Road bridge (federal and County).



Workers install pre-cast concrete sections to build a trail connection under Willott Road as part of the Willott Road Bridge project.

2015 STREET PROJECTS

MAJOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:

- Burning Leaf Bridge Replacement, \$360,408
- Executive Centre Loop Road, nearly \$1.6 million*
- Mid Rivers Mall Drive Resurfacing, \$1.85 million*
- Salt Lick Road Resurfacing, \$1.125 million*
- Mexico Road Resurfacing, \$1.63 million*
- Willott Road Resurfacing, \$1.66 million*
- Willott Road Bridge Replacement, \$1.97 million*
- Suemandy Drive and Connection D traffic signals (Mid Rivers Plaza entrance), \$154,151

PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REPAIRS:

- Concrete slab replacements, \$981,710
- Asphalt overlay, \$1 million
- Curb and gutter replacements, \$207,438

*Received funding from County and/or federal sources.

Learn more about St. Peters' transportation projects online at www.stpetersmo.net/streets.

Pet waste transmits disease **PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET!** **It's the Law!**

Pick up after your pet and dispose of it in a trash receptacle. DO NOT place pet waste in yard waste containers, storm drains, creeks, streams, ponds or lakes.

WHEN PETS ARE OUTSIDE

Many residents enjoy having their pets outside with them when doing yard work or just hanging out. These activities often happen in the front of the home where there is no fence to restrain the animal. Please remember that it is important to protect both your pet and other residents and pets that may be outside.

City Code Section 205.120 says in part that owners shall prevent their animals from being "at large." Owners must exercise proper care and control of his/her animals to prevent them from becoming a public nuisance. You must be with your animals if they are loose on your property and be able to demonstrate that the animal can be verbally restrained regardless of the incentive that might cause it to leave the property. If you are not with your animal outside, it must be physically restrained behind a fence or by a chain, cable, rope or other material that is substantial enough to restrain the animal. A link to the complete City code can be found at www.stpetersmo.net.

Please remember that animals are unpredictable and there is no way to prevent all incidents. Keeping control of your pet, whether on a leash or contained by a fence, is a good way to try to prevent an accident from occurring.



Get Involved With the **Health & Wellness COMMITTEE**

Looking for a way to get involved with your hometown and help make St. Peters a healthier place to live? Consider becoming a member of the Health and Wellness Advisory Committee. The Health and Wellness Advisory Committee advises the Board of Aldermen on health and wellness issues in our community and assists in efforts to inform and educate the public.

The mission of the Health & Wellness Advisory Committee is to engage citizens through education and the pursuit of healthy lifestyle choices, including proper nutrition, physical activity, and overall wellness habits.

The goals of the committee are to partner with health care experts and educators to identify health care issues and concerns of interest to our community, communicate with citizens and local businesses regarding the promotion of healthy lifestyle choices, and promote citizen involvement in activities and events that support proper nutrition, physical activity and overall wellness habits.

The committee is made up of nine members and two alternate members with an interest or expertise in wellness and health-related issues. To be a member of the committee, you must have been a St. Peters resident for more than one year. Three of the members are not required to be residents of St. Peters if they possess special expertise deemed essential or desirable on the Health & Wellness Advisory Committee. If you'd like to apply for membership on the committee, you can download an application for appointment at www.stpetersmo.net. Return your application to St. Peters City Hall, One St. Peters Centre Blvd., St. Peters, MO, 63376.

Regular meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month at the St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre inside City Hall.

Alderman Dave Thomas serves as the aldermanic liaison to the committee. The Health and Wellness Advisory Committee is represented by staff from the following health organizations: Barnes Jewish St. Peters Hospital, Progress West Hospital, SSM St. Joseph Health Center, SSM St. Joseph Medical Park, and Mercy Health Center.

Some St. Peters Homeowners to Qualify for Zero-Interest Forgivable Home Improvement Loans

The St. Peters Urban County Home Improvement Loan Program provides funding for low-income homeowners with home rehabilitation projects such as new windows, furnaces & air conditioners, roof replacement, driveway replacement or repair and more. Eligible applicants can receive up to \$5,000 through a no-interest, 5-year forgivable loan.

To be eligible to participate in this program, you must be a resident homeowner in the City limits of St. Peters who has not previously participated in the Urban County or St. Peters Home Improvement Loan Programs, has lived in the home for at least one year at time of application, and does not exceed income guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as shown in the chart. Applications are currently being considered on a first-come, first-accepted basis while funding is available.

For more information on the St. Peters Home Improvement Program or to request an application be mailed to you, call 636-279-8279 and select option 2. You may also print an application by visiting www.stpetersmo.net. Choose "I want to" then "Apply for" then "Community Development Block Grant" and select St. Peters Urban County Home Improvement Loan Program.



HUD HOUSEHOLD INCOME GUIDELINES

	<u>Income</u>
1-person household	\$39,400
2-person household	\$45,000
3-person household	\$50,650
4-person household	\$56,250
5-person household	\$60,750
6-person household	\$65,250
7-person household	\$69,750
8-person household	\$74,250

Improving Parks and Stormwater

Help Us Keep Streams Healthy

When you build a home, you want a strong structure with reinforced concrete to make it last. In the same way, if you were planning a healthy stream, you'd want the banks to be reinforced, and the best way to do that is with healthy vegetation. The root systems of native trees, shrubs and grasses bind and hold the banks together—like the rebar that reinforces concrete.

Without the strong root system of native plants, a stream can fail and begin eroding away at your property. Here are two things to keep in mind for maintaining a healthy stream and fighting erosion:

- Never dump yard waste or other debris in or along the bank of a stream—besides being illegal, it can destroy the bank's vegetation and allow water to start eroding the bank and take your land.
- Don't clear trees from a stream on your property. Their root systems are critical for keeping your stream bank strong. Plus, clearing trees along a stream bank may require special approval and could result in legal consequences.

If you see someone dumping yard waste illegally, or clearing trees and brush from any type of wetlands or stream, please immediately report the activity to our Citizen Action Center at 636-477-6600, ext. 1225.

Whether it's dramatic improvements to neighborhood stormwater basins and streams, or beautiful park projects for our residents, Proposition P funding is paying off big time for the City of St. Peters.

More than a dozen stormwater projects have transformed struggling detention basins and restored failing streams. Each project uses green infrastructure to address flooding issues, improve water quality and create a more sustainable, natural environment in the project areas.

Since last fall, stormwater projects were completed in the following neighborhoods: Country Creek, Canyon Creek, McClay Valley, Pegasus Farm, Willott Square, Country Crossing/Country Crossing Estates, Ohmes Farm, Crescent Hills/Springwood, Applewood, Enwood and Highlands. In all, 15 stormwater projects have been completed since voters passed the Prop P sales tax for parks and stormwater improvements in 2012.

A stream channel project at Englewood is also scheduled to be complete soon. Projects at Homestead Estates and a stream through Covenant Park/Country Creek will be bid later this year. And, another 14 stormwater improvement projects are in the planning stages.

Thanks to Prop P, our Parks staff is also busier than ever.

New restrooms have been added to the Sports Center and Woodlands Sports Parks, and the turf on Brown Road Park football field has been renovated in time for the fall football season.

The new Corporate Pavilion at 370 Lakeside Park has been a big hit this summer for family picnics, weddings and other rentals, as well as the City's free Sunset Fridays concert series.

The St. Peters Rotary Club Dog Park at 370 Lakeside Park opened in August. The floating water access is not available yet, but the rest of the dog park is available for use. This is a membership only dog park, with discounts available for St. Peters residents (see page 10).

Visit www.stpetersmo.net for more information or call 636-387-5253.

To learn more about Proposition P projects, go online to www.stpetersmo.net and click on Proposition P Projects on the left-hand side of the home page.



Ducks enjoy Applewood's beautiful reconstructed basin.



Enwood's basin is a scenic site off Spencer Road.



People enjoy the new 370 Lakeside Park pavilion at a Sunset Fridays concert.



A new stormwater channel snakes through Willott Square.



Rock and native plantings helped restore a stream at Crescent Hills.



Newly planted trees reflect off one of several basin projects at Ohmes Farm.



Canyon Creek's new basin pops with greenery.



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.

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| Advanced Training And Rehab
636-922-9933 | DD Design & Planning LLC
636-936-2288 |
| Ask Dr. H Healthy Solutions LLC
636-939-3990 | Johnny's Crazy Deals • 636-486-2809
Apex Pools • 636-578-0421 |
| Clean Green Carpet Cleaning
314-312-2532 | Movement Mortgage • 877-314-1499
Crossfit Andros • 314-775-8984 |
| Courtney's Corner • 636-486-2676 | Planet Fitness Mid Rivers
636-387-6025 |
| Edstrom Elite Fitness LLC
314-780-9513 | We Buy And Sell Tools • 314-378-0210
Shavetools.Com • 424-274-2838 |
| Extra Space Storage • 636-233-1438 | Bridgeton Masonic Lodge #80
636-385-0648 |
| Integrity Title Solutions, LLC
636-970-6102 | China Garden • 636-447-4888 |
| Sit N' Sleep LLC • 314-475-3445 | Cornerstone Masonry, Inc. 636-278-1996 |
| Tekwani Vision Center, Inc • 314-842-2020 | Golden Rule Concrete Services, LLC
636-866-8441 |
| The Green Room — St. Louis
636-674-9482 | Highway Hibachi • 636-634-8888
JC Duke Construction LLC
314-680-9752 |
| Transcendence Family Institute
314-322-6964 | Krilyog Financial LLC • 636-489-2800
Bahama Buck's • 636-272-1118 |
| Precise Alterations • 636-734-7823 | Nex Generation Jewelry, LLC
636-393-9500 |
| Painting With A Twist - St. Peters
636-851-9463 | Advanced Podiatry • 636-442-1541
STL Delivery Needs, LLC
636-856-7578 |
| Crown Exteriors, LLC • 314-443-5170 | The Montessori Home, • LLC 636-928-0118
Tri County Intergroup Office
636-970-0013 |
| Nelson Bookkeeping & Tax Services
636-634-0217 | Wellness Mentoring • 636-926-2400 |
| Little Faces Bilingual Preschool
636-397-0200 | |
| Wild Poppy Atelier, LLC • 636-447-4114 | |
| Global Green Insurance Agency
636-387-1401 | |

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.

- Toys R Us • 1989**
Lion's Choice • 1977
Mike's Bait and Tackle • 1989



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SHRED IT AND FORGET IT

Saturday, Nov. 7, 9 a.m.- Noon

Safely destroy your unneeded documents! A mobile shredding service will be on site at the Health and Environmental Services (HES) Operations Building from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Nov. 7. The HES Operations Building is located at 135 Ecology Drive.

Bring documents to be destroyed in cardboard boxes and make sure that the boxes are not too heavy to lift. There is a limit of five boxes per vehicle. All 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 valid Resident Privilege Card is required. Residents of other communities may participate at a rate of \$5 a box with a limit of five boxes. A box is defined as a banker's box.