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PROQ

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OUTDOOR AQUATIC CENTER

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

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

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

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

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





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

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

GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE AND NEW BANQUET/COMMUNITY CENTER

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

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

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

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

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

BOND ISSUE WITH NO TAX INCREASE

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

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

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BALLOT LANGUAGE

PROPOSITION Q

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

Proposition Q will be on the Aug. 2 ballot.

Please remember to vote!



City Administrator Bill Charnisky Retires after 19 Years

So much of Bill Charnisky's 19-year tenure as City Administrator for the City of St. Peters was about planning ahead—putting our City government on solid footing so that it's in a position to succeed for years to come. In fact, even with retirement in sight, Charnisky continued to plan ahead. He helped craft a 10-year strategic plan for St. Peters that looks far past Charnisky's retirement date of July 29, 2016.

But, to fully appreciate the success of Charnisky's forward-looking approach, we must first look back.

Hired as St. Peters City Administrator in May of 1997, Charnisky came into office during a time of employee discontent and some financial challenges. City employee benefits were poor. There was political conflict among the City's top managers, with an open split between supporters of the incumbent Mayor and his challenger. Financially, ventures such as Recycle City and the St. Peters Rec-Plex were well intentioned, but losing a lot of money.

As Charnisky settled into his City Hall office at One St. Peters Centre Blvd., he could not find any evidence that the City planned ahead in its budget. "Financially, there was no long-range planning that I could see. We had no maintenance programs, replacement programs, no capital improvement plan," he said.

He immediately worked on a plan to boost employee morale and productivity, implementing a new "Employees First" management system with the support of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Employees First was based on private company Wainwright Industries' management style, emphasizing safety, training, customer service and productivity. Wainwright had recently won the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award for their successful management practices. Charnisky worked to build trust between rank-and-file employees and management. A STEAM (Sincere Trust between Employees And Management) team began meeting to discuss employee issues. To improve management, he set up reverse evaluations for employees to give feedback to their supervisors. A new salary system focused on fairness by basing employee pay on market conditions. Pensions and benefits were improved. And, Charnisky was proud of how his management group

embraced the Employees First philosophy.

The result? The City of St. Peters draws and retains more qualified employees—Charnisky believes the best employees—and that's led to some great efforts and accomplishments by City staff. St. Peters residents have recognized this outstanding level of service with overall

ratings of 96% or better in customer satisfaction surveys for 12 consecutive years. Outside organizations also have taken note, with awards pouring in for budget presentation, financial reporting, water and wastewater treatment, urban forestry, parks and recreation, curbside recycling, organic resources recycling, communications and more. *Money Magazine* twice ranked St. Peters among its 100 Best Places to Live. Real estate agents tout St. Peters' great neighborhoods and services. As the housing market recovers, St. Peters' homes are in great demand: St. Peters sold the most homes (1,176) of any community last year in the St. Louis area, the *St. Louis Business Journal* reported.

"My goal was always to create a work environment where people feel that they were treated fairly, have input in their jobs ... and we do that. And we work very hard at trying to make our employees feel special. And, in turn, they have done an outstanding job of customer service and making our residents feel special, and helped make our rates low," said Charnisky. "All of that has created a City that I think is phenomenal."



Legacies Include Financial Planning, Vision and Quality of Life

Charnisky arrived in St. Peters after working 24 years for the city of Bolingbrook, Ill., a growing suburb outside Chicago, where he began as a police officer in 1973, served 14 years as Chief of Police and six years as City Manager. He took a fresh look at some of the financial problems that were dragging on the City of St. Peters' budget and decided that parts of the City's operation had to be run like a business in order to survive. Recycle City is an example. Charnisky says that no recycling center could fund its operations simply through recycling, so he also transformed Recycle City into a transfer station for trash haulers. With the transfer revenue on top of recycling revenue, the new Central Materials Processing Center made money.

The City, however, doesn't keep profits when it has successful enterprises like Recycle City; rather, it provides better service at lower

rates. St. Peters continues to collect trash and recyclables from residents twice a week while most communities have gone to once-per-week collections. At the same time, St. Peters has maintained the lowest trash collection rates in our area. Plus, the City of St. Peters' water/sewer rates remain the lowest among area utilities.

Our strong financial position today allows the City of St. Peters to borrow money at a low rate to update equipment and facilities so they cost less to maintain. That's a key to why the City of St. Peters is able to charge customers lower rates without raising taxes. Another point of pride for Charnisky is that throughout his tenure at St. Peters—even as the housing bubble burst and recession hit—St. Peters never increased property tax rates to offset lost property tax revenue, and actually has decreased the property tax rate from 93 cents to 77 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

Charnisky's efforts at long-range planning is highlighted by a five-year capital improvements plan that accounts for major City projects. This process of long-range planning allows staff and elected officials to set priorities for the future as they meet during the annual budget process. He also has helped institute long-range plans specific to road improvements, sidewalk replacement, vehicle replacement, parks and trails projects, stormwater projects, and (new this year) building/HVAC maintenance projects.

"Planning and vision is really what helps move the City forward, rather than gut reaction," Charnisky said.

Also during Charnisky's tenure, a study of our community's stormwater basins and streams revealed another expense that the City of St. Peters needed to address. The study identified 100 projects costing nearly \$120 million in order to fix stormwater issues and meet federal guidelines related to water quality. In 2012, voters passed Proposition P, a four-tenths of a cent sales tax increase, to address stormwater issues and update our aging parks system. Charnisky was impressed by the combined effort of concerned citizens, elected officials and City staff to educate voters about the importance of Prop P for the City's future. "Our financial footing is as good as it's ever been. Prop P was a huge part of that, because all of these things we're doing would have had to have come out of the general fund if we wouldn't have done these projects," Charnisky said.

At right, City Administrator Bill Charnisky announces the sale of Highway 370 property to Premier 370 Business Park developers. Below, RB builds at Premier 370. Far right: Charnisky meets with a visiting delegation interested in St. Peters government.

Throughout his career at St. Peters, stability has been key. It's a rarity that a City manager lasts so many years at one place. Political changes often bring new management, which is why Charnisky calls his 19-year tenure "extremely fortunate." Of the eight members of the Board of Aldermen who hired him in 1997, Charnisky notes, four of them serve today as elected officials. "That stability has made my career easier to deal with, but I think it's also helped the City in the long run stay focused on a common goal and a common vision," he says.

Not that there weren't trying times. Charnisky refers to the years between Mayor Tom Brown and current Mayor Len Pagano as "turbulent." One of Charnisky's proudest accomplishments is winning the political battle at that time with an outside group over the future of the Highway 370 corridor through the northern part of St. Peters. The mayor during those turbulent times, Shawn Brown, had the support of the opposition group. Shawn Brown was elected in 2004 and resigned two years later after pleading guilty to soliciting and accepting a bribe from a prospective City vendor. Under Charnisky's unwavering leadership, the City of St. Peters assembled about 1,600 acres of land along Highway 370, built the largest municipal park in St. Charles County (300-acre 370 Lakeside Park), and sold the levee-protected land in this area to private developers for a \$25 million gain. Again, the City passed on its profits to our residents: For more than 7 years, the extra money from the 370 sale funded free winter trash collection for St. Peters residents.

Even more exciting, Charnisky expects Premier 370 Business Park along Highway 370 to be an economic driver for the City of St. Peters for the next 20 years. Dayton Freight located there, and right now RB is building a massive 715,000-square-foot facility at Premier 370, where there's another 688 acres of developable land still available. "We have some other great things in the works there," Charnisky said.

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Economic development was a highlight for Charnisky as St. Peters' City Administrator. He is particularly proud that major stores such as Costco Wholesale and Menards chose St. Peters for their first locations in the region. Charnisky is also excited to continue his relationship with the City of St. Peters through an economic development consulting contract for a full year after his retirement on July 29. He will work eight to 10 hours a week for the City, and he'll be available to help answer questions as the City of St. Peters transitions to new leadership under incoming City Administrator Russ Batzel, who has been part of Charnisky's leadership team since the beginning. (We will feature Batzel in our next issue of *My Hometown*).

Charnisky, a Vietnam combat veteran who served as a Marine, is also proud of his role working with veterans Bill Rupp and the late Ray Eilmann to establish the Veterans Memorial at City Centre, and then helping set up Veterans Memorial Park at the Jungermann/Willott Road intersection. He also began the concept of beautification projects at prominent St. Peters intersections. These types of enhancements mean a better quality of life for residents, and add to the critical mission of providing municipal services on a daily basis.

"Running a City is not complicated," Charnisky said. "What you need to do is present the best quality of life for the people who live there. And, how do you do that? We have to have: safe streets, police

protection; good transportation, good roads; good water and sewer service; and, parks and recreation. And, that's the basics of what a City does. You also want good schools, fire protection and a good ambulance service, but we don't control that—though I think we do have those top-notch services in St. Charles County. But, of those things we control, if we provide those services, we do our job as a City."

Though leaving his office soon, Charnisky is still a St. Peters resident and deeply cares about St. Peters' future. Even as he planned his retirement, he was busy working with City staff and elected officials on an overall strategic plan for our community. Last year, the Board of Aldermen formally approved Vision 2025, which sets goals and objectives for the City of St. Peters for the next decade. Vision 2025 spells out core values to provide a framework for City staff's day-to-day operations and decisions, with an emphasis on being responsible, responsive to the public we serve, committed to teamwork, and professional—all hallmarks of the City of St. Peters' organizational goals during Charnisky's tenure.

"I wanted the organization to kind of put together a blueprint of where things are going to be and where they're going to go. And, I wanted everyone in the organization to be involved in it, in creating this plan on how they envision the City should be, and having the Board of Aldermen buying into it, so we're all on the same page," Charnisky said.



Tree City USA was one of the many awards from outside organizations that St. Peters received under Charnisky's leadership.



REC-PLEX ENTRANCE & PARKING IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements to the St. Peters Rec-Plex entrance and parking lot are expected to be complete by late October. A Proposition P stormwater/parks sales tax project is underway to provide parking spaces closer to the front door and easier access to the facility. The Rec-Plex will remain open during the entire project, although some parking areas are closed during construction.

For construction updates and to find the best places to park during the project, go online to www.stpetersmo.net/rec-plex. One good place to park is the lot behind the Rec-Plex near Lutheran High School. No construction will take place in this area. The lot is accessible from Mexico Road. And, a sidewalk leads directly from the lot to the Rec-Plex's front doors.

We ask for your patience during this project, and apologize for any inconvenience. When complete, the project will provide more parking closer to the main doors, more handicapped-accessible parking (5 extra spots/12 total), larger and more convenient areas for pick-up/drop-off, and better accessibility for customers.

WHAT CAN YOU DO AT THE ST. PETERS REC-PLEX?



Ice Skating! Swimming! Weights & Cardio! Indoor Track! Group Aerobics! Youth Fitness! Older Adult Fitness! Triathlons! Pickleball! Birthday Parties! And much more!



Memberships and Daily Admission available — enjoy lower St. Peters resident rates!

Check out our Fall Classes — registration begins Aug. 1 for St. Peters residents and Rec-Plex members, and Aug. 6 for the general public.

Part-time jobs are also available — with new pay raises for many positions!



www.stpetersmo.net/rec-plex



GET AWAY FOR @ DAY

Remaining 2016 Day Trips:

The Kosher Konection • Thursday, Aug. 11
Greenville/Highland Holiday • Friday, Sept. 16
Hermann Oktoberfest • Wednesday, Oct. 19
Fulton, MO & Winston Churchill • Tuesday, Nov. 15
Springfield, IL • Thursday, Dec. 8

To register for day trips, please contact the registration desk at the St. Peters Rec-Plex at 636-939-2386, ext. 1400. For questions, please contact the St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre at 636-397-6903, ext. 1624.

To learn more or download a flyer of all 2016 tours, go to www.stpetersmo.net/day-trips-and-tours.aspx.



Painting with Pastels Instructor Lorraine McFarland

Thursday, Aug. 11, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. • \$60
Thursday, Sept. 8, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. • \$60
Thursday, Oct. 13, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. • \$60
Thursday, Nov. 10, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. • \$60
Thursday, Dec. 8, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. • \$60

Beginner to intermediate level artists will benefit from these fun and very informative classes.

Practice your skills with pastels, watch demos of various techniques and subjects and get individual guidance from the instructor.

A supply list will be given when you register. You will be able to order pastels and supplies through the instructor or you may purchase supplies on your own.

For information, contact Lorraine McFarland at 573-578-1559 or email her at lornainemcfarlandart@gmail.com. Learn more about Lorraine at www.lornainemcfarlandart.com.



Did you know that the St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre has a Performing Arts Studio



with lessons in
piano, voice,
violin and
guitar?



Contact Ron Jones at 636-485-9171.

2016 ACT Two Theatre Season

For tickets, visit www.acttwotheatre.com or call 1-800-838-3006. Tickets are not available at the Cultural Arts Centre.

Moon Over Buffalo • Aug. 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14
Nuncrackers: The Nonsense Christmas Musical •
Nov. 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13 • Auditions: Aug. 16 & 18

Sign up for Art E-News

Go to www.stpetersmo.net/subscribe, click on "Cultural Arts Centre e-news" and complete the online form.

UPCOMING ART SHOWS & COMPETITIONS

Artwork Showing through Aug. 21

Science of Primary Colors All Media Art Show and Competition

Featured Artists: Chuck Lafser, Barbara Backowski, Shirley Nachtrieb, Lorraine McFarland, John Kozemczak, Sunny Qalbani, Jan Foulk, Janine Helton and Carolyn Schlueter

COMING NEXT

Aug. 25-Oct. 23

Perspective in Pastels (All Media)

Receiving: Monday, Aug. 22 • 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Reception: Thursday, Aug. 25 • 6-8 p.m.

Works must be completed using pastels or pastel colors.

ST. PETERS Cultural Arts Centre Updates

GALLERY SPACE IS
AVAILABLE FOR RENT AT
THE CULTURAL ARTS
CENTRE

Call 636-397-6903, ext. 1624, for details.

A Holiday Celebration

featuring the Cabaret-Style music of

Tim Schall

Friday, December 9 • 7 p.m.

St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre Performing Arts Theatre
One St. Peters Centre Blvd. • St. Peters, MO

Tickets on sale Sept. 1.

\$12.99 each (plus service fee of 3.5%)

at 1-800-838-3006 or online at www.brownpapertickets.com

AT THE DOOR (if still available): **\$18 each**

Music directed by Carol Schmidt



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

AUGUST

- 2 Primary Election**
- 3 Planning & Zoning Commission**
6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 5 Sunset Fridays Concert**
Featuring *Oliver Nelson, Jr. Quartet*
6:30 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park
- 11 Board of Aldermen**
5 p.m. work session,
7 p.m. meeting, Justice Center
- 12 Sunset Fridays Concert**
Featuring *Delta Sol Revival*
6:30 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park
- 18 Senior Advisory Committee**
12:30 p.m., Senior Center
- 19 Cultural Arts Centre Dance**
Get Your Boots Scootin'
featuring *the music of Silver Wings*
7-10 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 22 Health & Wellness Advisory Comm.**
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 25 Board of Aldermen**
5 p.m. work session,
7 p.m. meeting, Justice Center



SEPTEMBER

- 1 Sip & Savor**
5 p.m.,
370 Lakeside Park
- 7 Planning & Zoning Commission**
6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 8 Board of Aldermen**
5 p.m. work session,
7 p.m. meeting, Justice Center
- 9 A Tribute to Johnny Cash**
Featuring *Bill Forness and One More Round*
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 12 Veterans Memorial Commission**
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 15 Senior Advisory Committee**
12:30 p.m., Senior Center



- 16 Celebrate St. Peters 2016**
5-10:30 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park
- 17 Celebrate St. Peters 2016**
11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.,
370 Lakeside Park
- 20 Parks, Recreation and Arts Advisory Board**
6 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 22 Board of Aldermen**
5 p.m. work session,
7 p.m. meeting, Justice Center
- 25 Rookies & Rock Stars Triathlon - Fall**
7:30 a.m., St. Peters Rec-Plex
- 26 Health & Wellness Advisory Comm.**
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre



OCTOBER

- 3 Veterans Memorial Commission**
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 4 National Night Out**
5:30 p.m.
- 5 Planning & Zoning Commission**
6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 13 Board of Aldermen**
5 p.m. work session, 7 p.m. meeting,
Justice Center
- 20 Senior Advisory Committee**
12:30 p.m., Senior Center
- 22 Halloween Carnival**
4-6 p.m., HES Operations Building,
135 Ecology Drive
- 24 Health & Wellness Advisory Comm.**
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 25 St. Charles Symphony Halloween Concert**
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 27 Board of Aldermen**
5 p.m. work session,
7 p.m. meeting, Justice Center
- 28 Halloween Spooktacular on Ice**
7 p.m., Rec-Plex



Holiday Hours

	Labor Day, Sept. 5	Columbus Day, Oct. 10
City Hall	CLOSED	CLOSED
Cultural Arts Centre	CLOSED	Opens at 3:30 p.m.
Municipal Court	CLOSED	CLOSED
Police Records	CLOSED	CLOSED
Rec-Plex	1-5 p.m. ¹	OPEN
Earth Centre	CLOSED	CLOSED
Recycle City	CLOSED	SEE NOTE BELOW ²
Solid Waste Collection	MOVED ³	NORMAL
Animal Control	CLOSED ⁴	SEE NOTE BELOW ⁵

¹ Extended public sessions for swimming and skating available from 1-5 p.m. The Registration Desk, administrative offices and Tot Drop are closed.

² Recycle City offices and aluminum can buy-back will be limited to 8-11 a.m. only, with regular hours for trash and yard waste disposal.

³ 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.

⁴ For emergency calls only after hours or on the holiday, call police dispatch at 636-278-2222.

⁵ Animal Control Staff will be available from 7-11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 10. For emergency calls only after hours or on the holiday, Oct. 10, call police dispatch at 636-278-2222.



National Night Out Against Crime

What better way to fight crime than to throw a party? On Tuesday, Oct. 4, 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. Call 636-477-6600, ext. 3550, to request police visits to your National Night Out party. Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net/police.



SIP & SAVOR

Presented by the Greater St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce

Sept. 1, 5-8 p.m. • 370 Lakeside Park

Early ticket pricing, \$30;
week of the event, \$35;

Groups of 10 or more, \$25 each

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

Concerts begin at 6:30 p.m.

Join the hundreds of people who have found the free Sunset Fridays concerts at 370 Lakeside Park to be a great way to relax after a long week. The Corporate Pavilion is the perfect venue to enjoy great music, a cool breeze and a beautiful sunset.

July 29 – Blues Plus (Blues/Rock/Country)

Aug. 5 – Oliver Nelson, Jr. Quartet (Jazz)

Aug. 12 – Delta Sol Revival
(Blues Rock & Latin/Soul)

Please note: Outside alcoholic beverages may not be brought into the Corporate Pavilion area. Food, soft drinks, beer and wine will be sold at the pavilion.



TRASH DELAYED FOR LABOR DAY

St. Peters only delays trash collection on those holidays that the landfill is closed, including Labor Day, Sept. 5.

Yard signs will be placed at the entrance to each subdivision alerting you to the delay. You can download a collection schedule at www.stpetersmo.net/residential-trash-service.aspx#holiday



Share the trails

St. Peters has over 20 miles of multi-use, non-motorized trails winding through our City that can be used by walkers, joggers, strollers, fast and slow cyclists, roller-bladers, etc. Whatever you're doing on St. Peters trails, safety and courtesy are important for everyone to remember.

Parents, please keep an eye on your children, being mindful that kids, whether walking or riding a bike, can sometimes move into the path of cyclists that may not be able to slow down in time to avoid a collision.

When walking on the trail, walk on the right side so others can pass you on the left. Be sure your pets are under control as well, allowing others to pass. Be sure that while on the trails the leash is short enough to control your animal while others safely pass.

Runners, in-line skaters and bicyclists approaching walkers should pass on the left and give an audible warning like saying loudly before you get to the walkers, "On Your Left." A bicycle bell or horn also serves this purpose. This will give pedestrians time to move out of your way. Keep in mind that although you can see the pedestrians ahead of you, they rarely are aware of your approach until they hear your warning.

With a little common sense and courtesy, everyone can safely enjoy all that our beautiful trails have to offer.

Home Fire Prevention: Hot Ash Disposal



As you fire up the barbeque grills and fire pits, keep in mind that the ashes left behind are hot and can ignite creating a fire resulting in costly damage to your home or a trash truck.

Before you dispose of the ashes, remember to place them in a metal container and store them outside so they get a chance to cool. Fire officials recommend cooling the ashes for a week before placing them in your trash cart. After a week, it's recommended that you stir the ashes and make sure there are no glowing coals remaining before disposing of them.

Enjoy your summer, but please remember to dispose of ashes safely.

KEEP YOUR PET SAFE FROM HEAT STROKE

It's a beautiful day, high in the 70s. You take your dog to the park for a walk on the shaded trails. On the way home, you think about stopping by the grocery store for a few things. Fido will be fine with the windows open, right? Is it worth the risk? Not only are you leaving Fido vulnerable to be stolen, you are also putting him at risk of heat stroke.

Every summer, animals left in unattended vehicles suffer brain damage and die from heatstroke. On mild or cloudy days, even with the windows open, a parked vehicle can quickly heat up into triple digits.

OUTSIDE TEMPERATURE	TEMPERATURE IN CAR	TIME IT TAKES
75	100	10 minutes
75	120	30 minutes
85	90	5 minutes
85	100	7-10 minutes
85	120	30 minutes
100	140	15 minutes

Heat stroke is a dangerous condition that takes the lives of many animals every year. A dog's normal body temperature is 99.5-102.5°. At 105-106°, the pet is at risk for developing heat exhaustion. If the body temperature rises to 107°, your pet has entered the critical zone of heat stroke. With heat stroke, irreversible damage and death can occur.

DANGER SIGNS OF HEAT STROKE:

Rapid panting, bright red tongue, red or pale gums, thick, sticky saliva, depression, weak/dizzy, vomiting/diarrhea, shock, coma

An overheating dog may appear sluggish, unresponsive or disorientated, and probably panting hard. Gums, tongue and conjunctiva of the eyes may be bright red. He may even start vomiting. Eventually he will collapse, suffer a seizure and may go into a coma.

A heat-stricken animal can die in minutes, but proper care may save its life. If you think your companion is suffering from heatstroke:

- Immediately move the animal to a cool, shady area.
- Try to slowly lower the animal's temperature by placing in cool, not cold, water.
- Apply ice to the animal's head and neck.
- Get to a veterinarian as soon as possible as follow-up care will be critical to his survival.



Take special precautions in hot weather with old or overweight animals, those with black or thick coats, and those with heart or lung diseases. Snub-nosed dogs (bulldogs, Pekingese, Boston terriers, Lhasa apsos, Pugs, Shih Tzus, etc.) have compromised respiratory systems and must be kept in air-conditioning.

If you have any questions, please contact St. Peters Animal Control at 636-278-2255.



Did You Know?

Pets are also vulnerable to sunburn and skin cancer, just as you are, and may require sunscreen on their nose and ears. Light-colored animals are particularly sensitive to the sun.

FALL FUN

IN St. Peters



Halloween Carnival

Saturday, Oct. 22 • 4-6 p.m.

Get the family together, dress up in costume and enjoy a wholesome, fun time together at the City of St. Peters' Halloween Carnival! The event takes place on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 4-6 p.m. at the HES Operations Building at 135 Ecology Drive behind Recycle City. The fee is \$5 per person when you register in advance (for each adult and each child).

Enjoy dinner, games, crafts and lots of fun! 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.

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

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR ON ICE 2016

Friday, Oct. 28, 7-9 p.m.

Halloween doesn't get any cooler than this! Get your family and friends together, put on your Halloween costume and come to the St. Peters Rec-Plex ice rink on Friday, Oct. 28, from 7-9 p.m. for the 7th 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 Symphony presents a special

Halloween Concert

Tuesday, Oct. 25 • 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!



Messages From Our Elected Officials

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



Len Pagano
Mayor

Quality of Life and Prop Q

Read through this issue of the *My Hometown* magazine, and you can get an appreciation for the wonderful quality of life that we've built for ourselves here in St. Petersburg.

We've included a story on how we're able to keep utility fees the lowest in our area and still provide the type of top-notch services that you, our residents, have come to expect. A story on Bill Charnisky,

retiring after 19 years as City Administrator, explains how he's helped St. Petersburg stay on strong financial footing and provide great services for our residents. We have an update on Proposition W, which was passed in 2015 in order to maintain our water and wastewater system. And, we have a story about another bond issue, Proposition Q, on the upcoming Aug. 2 ballot.

Like I mentioned, one theme that keeps coming back in all of those stories is "Quality of Life."

As Bill Charnisky says in this issue, a City's job is to provide our residents with a good quality of life. For the past 19 years, Bill has played an important role in meeting that goal. I was an Alderman when Bill was hired as City Administrator in 1997. So were current Aldermen Judy Bateman, Jerry Hollingsworth and Don Aytes. Bill gives credit to the stability of our government as a big part of his longevity and our community's success. Bill deserves credit for that stability, too. As City Administrator, he has led our professional staff, worked well with our elected officials and implemented the policies that made it possible for St. Petersburg to be named one of the nation's best places to live by *Money Magazine*.

Success is something that you can measure in different ways. For St. Petersburg, one way is to look at how we've passed a number of bond issues over the years, and how our great credit rating allows us to pay back those bond issues without increasing taxes. Voters have trusted us time and again to borrow money to pay for projects that update equipment and facilities, reduce maintenance costs and help us keep our rates low and provide great service. A strong financial situation allows us to balance budgets while repaying loans, and that's why we're able to avoid tax increases. In fact, we've actually reduced property taxes over the years—during Bill Charnisky's tenure, we cut the property tax rate from 93 cents to 77 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

Now, we're proposing Prop Q, a new bond issue, on the Aug. 2 ballot. Fittingly, the Q stands for Quality of Life. You can read all about Prop Q in this issue of *My Hometown*, but I want to point out that this bond issue would continue the City's legacy of providing a great quality of life through efficient service. We've had to make some tough choices in our budget over the years, and that includes decisions about our outdoor pools. We had to shut down two neighborhood style pools because they got very old and very expensive to maintain. Now, we have just one pool, a neighborhood style facility at Laurel Park.

Prop Q proposes a \$12 million bond issue that would build two facilities: 1) an Outdoor Aquatic Center, and 2) a St. Petersburg Golf Course Clubhouse and New Banquet/Community Center. Like with past bond issues, we would pay off Prop Q loans without raising taxes.

The Outdoor Aquatic Center is like nothing we've ever been able to offer our residents, with activities for all ages that include a lazy river, deck slides, "zero entry" beach, shade structures, "spraygrounds," 8-lane competition pool, lap swimming and a party pavilion. It would be built next to Rec-Plex South on an underused soccer field along the trail. And, a new access road would be built from the new Outdoor Aquatic Center and Rec-Plex to Boone Hills Road at Indacom Drive next to Great Skate.

Prop Q also would replace an older, high-maintenance clubhouse at St. Petersburg Golf Course, expand the parking lot, and build new banquet/meeting facilities with seating for up to 350 people. There will also be extra outdoor space. People in our community could celebrate reunions, anniversaries, weddings and other events there. And, it would be a great place for local organizations to raise money with a trivia night, golf tournament or other fundraiser.

Like always, we will leave it up to you, our voters, to decide if you want to approve these projects through a bond issue. Please remember to vote on Aug. 2! Again, there will be no tax increase if Prop Q is passed.

Mayor

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Rocky Reitmeyer
Board President

Summer 2016

Our 370 Lakeside Park has now been open for six years. If you haven't been out to visit the park lately, I'd like to suggest you check it out. An archery and crossbow range is now open and I understand that stargazing on the raised platforms has become a popular pastime at night.

The dog park area is now open and is a big hit with all the residents.

Come out and see our large pavilion where we have many events. That is where our Sunset Friday Concerts are held starting at 6 p.m. on Friday nights until Aug. 12. Come on out early and get a good seat and enjoy the music over the lake. Bring your own snacks and drinks to enjoy (no glass, please) or try some of our tasty food we have cooking at the Gator Island Grill—brats, hamburgers, homemade chips, cookies and also beer, wine, soda and water for purchase. Come out and enjoy the music!

You can take the family out to the park for a picnic or bring your fishing license and a pole and cast a line in the stocked lake. We have bass, catfish and bluegill for catch and release only. You can fish from the bank or put in your own boat at the boat launch (trolling motors only). Come early in the morning or late at night and see all of the wildlife coming out to take a cool drink from the lake. What a sight to see!

The park sits on 300 acres with a 140-acre recreational

lake. You can take a leisurely walk or bike ride on the four-mile perimeter trail. Don't have a bike? Rent one at the Ranger Station. You also can rent a kayak, too!

Be sure to bring the family to Celebrate St. Peters at 370 Lakeside Park on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16 and 17. The event promises to be a lot of fun again this year with a huge carnival for the kids, lots of games for the family, dozens of craft vendors and entertainment on three stages. Listen to the great music and when you get there you can smell the tasty food cooking for your enjoyment. Be ready for the big fireworks display on Saturday night. Last year it was so awesome.

We also have shuttle service courtesy of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen from your car to the event making it so much easier.

The RV section of 370 Lakeside Park features both pull-through and back-in sites with 50-amp service, and 25 new sites should be finished soon and that will total 75 sites. Take advantage of free Wi-Fi and the benefit of on-site security. To reserve a campsite, call 636-387-5253.

Remember to come out and vote on Proposition Q for "Quality of Life." Prop Q is a \$12 million bond issue to pay for an Outdoor Aquatic Center and St. Peters Golf Course Clubhouse and New Banquet/Community Center. It will be on the Aug. 2 ballot—a No Tax Increase bond issue.

Don't forget to save all the aluminum cans for the "Pennies for Patriots" program. Drop them off in the brown trashcan on the west side of City Hall or at Recycle City in the big blue dumpster and also inside the Mayor Tom Brown Senior Center. All the money raised from these cans goes to the USO at Lambert Field. The guys and gals who are serving to protect our freedoms stop there and depart from there. We make this a "home away from home" and let them know that we care about each and every one of them. Please wish them well in your prayers.

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.



Michael Shea
Ward 3

truck. No containment risks the trash blowing down the street at night into the neighbor's yard or on to the nearby airport runway.

That city does not have the resources to recycle waste, trash or brush clippings. The peril is a community that continues to ignore the importance of recycling.

Our City is very fortunate having the ability and resources to reduce the tonnage of waste products sent to the landfills. Recycle City provides these services that save our planet, reduce our utility fees and contribute to our Quality of Life.

Aside from recycling paper, cardboard and plastics, Recycle City also accepts containers, including aluminum and glass, used motor oils, cooking oil and anti-freeze, batteries, light bulbs and used cell phones plus many more items. Recycle City is also accepting electronics that include televisions and laptop computers. These are all items that are NOT in a landfill, but are being repurposed. Of course there is a list of items that cannot be left at Recycle City's drop-off area, such as tires or Styrofoam products. Most of those items can be included in one's trash

Recycle ... Think Outside the Trash

Just came back from a long trip to North Dakota. I was amazed at several interesting things. Outside of the cost of food and the wages paid around the communities, trash collection was unique.

I got my first look when it was time to clean up the garage and around the house. "Where's the trash can?" I was told they don't need one, just pile the trash at the curb. "How soon can I put it out?"

Whenever it is convenient, some put it out the night before, some days before. They just pile everything, including yard waste, in one pile, and it goes in one

container.

I must remind recyclers, there are special containers for aluminum cans that provide "Pennies for Patriots" with the money sent to the Lambert USO Center, providing a place for our traveling military veterans.

We are all responsible to "think outside the trash" by ensuring that we reduce our un-recycled trash. Recycling not only reduces adding to the landfill, but also, our utility fees. Signs are positioned about the City to remind and encourage adults and children the need to recycle. It is a good day to recycle.



Terri Violet
Ward 3

St. Peters, these talented kids have been able to play baseball and encourage other kids that are hearing impaired. Families often travel from quite a distance to be a part of a camp where their children feel as though they belong. The kids play together, eat, swim, skate and laugh together for a week. I'm amazed while watching some of the children play ball as they have such great talent and abilities in the sport. At the end of the week, they leave with new friends and a connection with campers they've known for many years.

Some of the very same children who have grown into young adults believe in this camp and come back to volunteer so they can help make the world a better place for others. It has been a joy to be a Team Manager for these wonderful children and to be a part of watching them grow up into young men and women who are willing to reach out to others in our community.

The City of St. Peters has a real heart for children and this is clearly seen by the 25 beautiful parks covering about 1,283 acres of land that have been built throughout our community. Take your children to one of our local parks and involve them in one of our many programs to watch them grow in so many wonderful ways so when they become young adults they may want to reach out to others as well.

If I can ever do anything to help you or your family, please don't hesitate to call or email because I am here to help. Remember, your concern is my concern!



Don Aytes
Ward 4

And remember to also recycle your junk mail, newspapers and cardboard boxes.

Have a great summer!

Stepping Up to the Plate

We are a City that loves children. Are your children or have your children ever been a part of a sports program? Well, it's that time of the year again when kids are swinging a bat, stealing bases, sitting in a dugout and trying to stay hydrated. That's what it's like on the ball fields behind Rec-Plex South each summer.

The Mike Bush Fantasy Baseball Camp for children that are deaf or hard of hearing has been located here in our community since 1997. For one week during the summer right here in the City of

St. Peters, these talented kids have been able to play baseball and encourage other kids that are hearing impaired. Families often travel from quite a distance to be a part of a camp where their children feel as though they belong. The kids play together, eat, swim, skate and laugh together for a week. I'm amazed while watching some of the children play ball as they have such great talent and abilities in the sport. At the end of the week, they leave with new friends and a connection with campers they've known for many years.

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Recycling Opportunities

Summer brings us many opportunities to recycle. If you're like Delores and I, you'll find yourself emptying lots of bottles of water this summer. Please be sure to recycle those plastic bottles.

Also, be sure to set up blue bags for your aluminum cans and plastic bottles at your outdoor gatherings. You can get blue bag backboards to hold your blue bags open at Recycle City or at City Hall. Your kids can make a game of it shooting baskets with your cans and bottles.

And remember to also recycle your junk mail, newspapers and cardboard boxes.

Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the United States and the incidence is on the rise—one in five Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime. The best way to reduce the risk of developing skin cancer is to limit UV exposure. Melanoma is the deadliest form of skin cancer and is the leading cancer in young adults between 25 and 29 years old.

“The best way to reduce your risk of developing skin cancer is to limit UV exposure. As a matter of fact, daily sunscreen use can cut the risk of developing melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, in half,” said Mary Noel George, MD, a dermatologist with SSM Health DePaul Hospital. “And beware—indoor tanning (tanning beds) increases risk of melanoma by 74 percent.”

Use a broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher and apply the sunscreen thickly to get the SPF rating for the product. Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours and after swimming or sweating. Sun protective clothing, including hats, is also helpful, as is seeking the shade when possible—especially between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

“And don’t be fooled by a cloudy or cool day,” said George. “Up to 40 percent of the sun’s ultraviolet radiation reaches the earth on a completely cloudy day. The misconception about cloudy days often leads to the most serious sunburns because people spend all day outdoors with no protection from the sun. And the strength of UV rays is not reduced by cool temperatures.

Many people have heard that 80 percent of your sun exposure comes as a child. But a recent multi-center study showed that we get less than 25 percent of our total sun exposure by age 18. According to the study, it is men over the age of 40 who spend the most time outdoors, and get the highest annual doses of UV rays. And since adult Americans are living longer and spending more leisure time outdoors, preventing ongoing skin damage will continue to be an important part of a healthy lifestyle.

Last bits of advice from George: Want a tan? Then use self tanners. And have your skin checked by a dermatologist once a year. Catching skin cancers, especially melanomas, early is key.

Protect Yourself When Outdoors

If you’re working or playing outdoors, you may need to use sunscreen in conjunction with insect repellent. Repellents that are applied according to label instructions may be used with sunscreen with no reduction in repellent activity. However, limited data show a one-third decrease in the sun protection factor (SPF) of sunscreens when DEET-containing insect repellents are used after a sunscreen is applied.

Products that combine sunscreen and repellent are not recommended because sunscreen may need to be reapplied more often and in larger amounts than needed for the repellent component to provide protection from biting insects.

The best option is to use separate products, applying sunscreen first and then applying the repellent. Due to the decrease in SPF when using a DEET-containing insect repellent after applying sunscreen, users may need to reapply the sunscreen more frequently.

St. Peters Mosquito Patrol on the Job

You're out in your backyard grilling dinner. Suddenly you feel it. Ouch! You look down at your arm and see a painful, swelling reminder that mosquito season is here. Nothing takes the fun out of an evening barbecue outdoors than a bunch of bloodthirsty mosquitoes.

Area low lands can spawn mosquitoes that have the ability to fly long distances and into our neighborhoods, prompting mosquito concerns throughout the area, including some in St. Peters. Although annoying, the good news is that most floodwater mosquitoes do not typically carry harmful viruses such as West Nile or Zika.

The City of St. Peters started treating standing water in mid-April with areas in City parks and public rights-of-way. We will continue to monitor the situation throughout the “biting” season. We have an aggressive spray program to keep mosquitoes at their lowest possible level.



“Mosquito control is a responsibility the City of St. Peters takes seriously, but it’s also something each resident can help with,” said Mayor Len Pagano. “Remember to do all you can to make your yard mosquito-free this summer.”

Mosquitoes can develop from eggs to adults in as little as seven days and very little water is needed to become a home to mosquito eggs—even a tray under a flowerpot can hatch mosquitoes. Therefore, it’s important for you to actively remove standing water from your property:

- Remove cans, bottles, tires or any other waste items that can hold water.
- Remove leaves and debris from your gutters to be sure they are free flowing and don't hold water.
- Corrugated piping that extends from gutters is a favorite place for mosquitoes to breed. Spray a little olive oil Pam into the opening of these pipes or toss in a teaspoon of olive oil to kill mosquitoes.
- Fill in or drain areas in the yard where water could stand for more than one week.
- Empty birdbaths every three days, and change dog water dishes daily. For extended periods when you are unable to empty birdbaths, such as during vacations, adding several drops of extra virgin olive oil will eliminate potential mosquito breeding.
- Empty or turn upside down outside containers, including swimming pool covers, tires, wheelbarrows and flowerpots. (Tires may be recycled at tire centers for a nominal fee.) Please drill holes in the bottom of tire swings so that rainwater can drain.
- Stock rock garden pools and lily ponds with small fish, including the mosquito fish (*Gambusia affinis*) or common goldfish.

Adult mosquitoes rest during the day, usually on tall weeds or other vegetation. Mowing your lawn regularly and keeping vegetation away from your home’s foundation will make your yard less hospitable to these creatures.

With your help, we can keep those annoying pests to a minimum this year.



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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 2016 and 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.

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BUSINESS RECOGNITION

The City of St. Peters has a Business Recognition Program 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.

DATA2 - 1991

MY SONS CAKE AND CANDY SUPPLY- 1991

MIDAS - 1991

CHILDREN'S EDU-CARE CENTER - 1991

HARVESTER BARBER SHOP - 1991

MID RIVERS MOTORS - 1991

STATE BEAUTY SUPPLY - 1991





PROP W Progress

The City of St. Peters used a trenchless process called “pipe bursting” to save money and time on a Spencer Creek trunk sewer replacement project.

Proposition W, an \$18 million no-tax increase bond issue passed in April 2015, is starting to pay off for the City of St. Peters’ water and wastewater treatment system.

New funds from Prop W are helping to rehabilitate or restore infrastructure built decades ago—and that’s increasing efficiency, which saves money.

One prime example is the **Brown Road Trunk Sewer Lining Project**, which is repairing a major sewer line that was built in the late ‘70s and serves about half the City. This reinforced concrete pipe was starting to fail after being exposed to sewer gas (hydrogen sulfide) for 40 years. When sewer pipes start to fail, they allow stormwater to get into the pipe, increasing the amount of wastewater we have to pump and treat at the wastewater plant, which also increases our costs. Prop W funded a \$1.88 million project to rehabilitate the pipe and improve efficiency.

The first project completed thanks to Prop W was a **Spencer Creek trunk sewer replacement project**. This \$670,000 “pipe

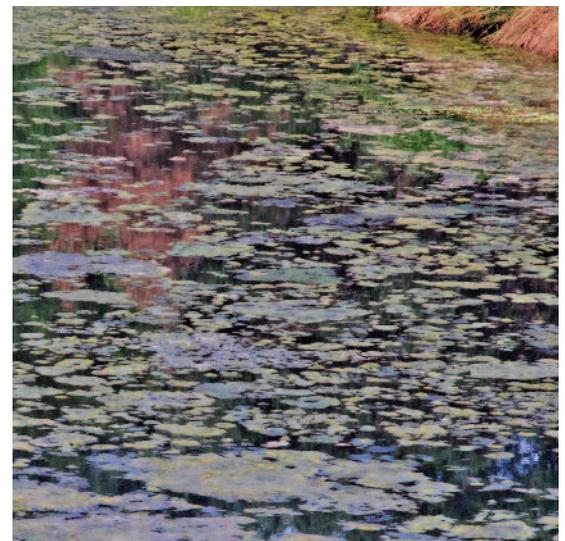
bursting” project took place between Boone Hills Drive and Sutters Mill Road. Pipe bursting is called a “trenchless process” because the new pipe is pulled through the old pipe, as mechanical force bursts the old pipe, so you can avoid digging a trench along the entire length of the project. Pipe bursting saves time and money while causing a lot less disruption to the property along the site.

A third Prop W project, the **Westwood Estates/St. Mary’s/Steeplechase/St. Peters Estates Special Service Area Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project**, is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2016. This project will decrease basement backups and sanitary sewer overflows caused by intense rain events.

Proposition W provides 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. In all, nearly 20 Prop W projects have been identified. Check on Prop W progress online at www.stpetersmo.net/major-utilities-projects.aspx.

Reducing ‘Pond Scum’

Is your neighborhood’s storm water detention basin growing a layer of pond scum similar to what you see in this photo? If so, it’s quite possible that a lot of people are using too much fertilizer on their lawns in your neighborhood. Excess fertilizer can run off your lawn and promote pond scum, an unhealthy layer of algae that can cause odor problems and suck oxygen from the water, suffocating fish and other wildlife. You can help fight this problem by using caution when fertilizing your lawn. Follow product label instructions carefully, apply the fertilizer accurately, and sweep excess fertilizer off of any hard surfaces back into your grass after application. Also, don’t fertilize before rain is expected. A good idea is to test your soil to see what nutrients your lawn needs before fertilizing. The University of Missouri Extension office at 260 Brown Road in St. Peters provides a soil testing service that will give you fertilizer recommendations. Learn more about soil testing at <http://extension.missouri.edu/stcharles/services.aspx>. For more information, go to www.stpetersmo.net/water.



Reliable Water & Trash/Recycling Services at Lower Rates

In St. Peters, you've always known that the water from your tap is clean and safe, and that your trash will be picked up on time by our friendly recycle truck drivers.

Did you also know that St. Peters provides these services at a lower cost?

For years, the City of St. Peters' water/wastewater and trash/recycling/yard waste collection services have not only been top-notch but also cheaper than neighboring communities. Look at the accompanying charts for comparisons.

It's not just that we're cheaper. The City of St. Peters does things the right way.

For example, St. Peters has an award-winning recycling program with curbside collection and a major recycling center in Recycle City that gives paper, cans, cardboard and containers a new life on the recycling market. When you recycle curbside using your blue bags, you're doing two things to help yourself: You're avoiding the cost of a landfill charge, and you're giving us a chance to sell the recycled items. This saves money and makes money, which comes back to you in the form of low collection rates.

Some communities have cut costs by reducing their trash collection to once per week. St. Peters customers still get trash and recycling service twice weekly at great rates.

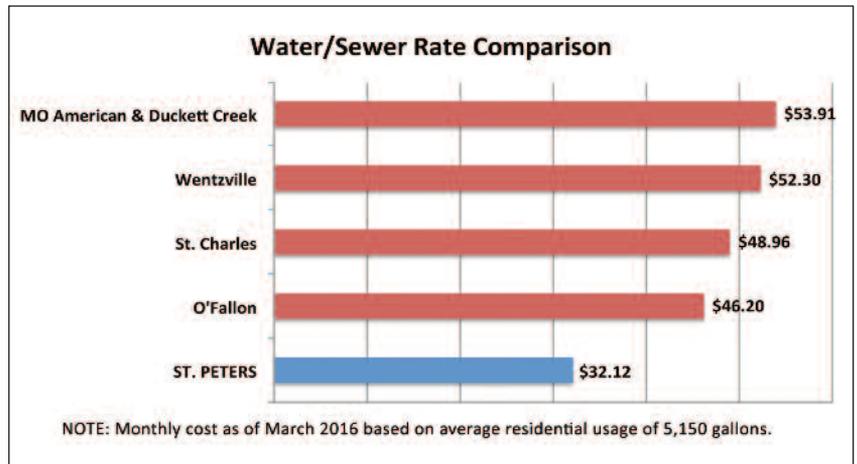
Just like recycled goods, yard waste collected in St. Peters also gets a new life. It's actually combined with organic byproducts from our wastewater treatment process and made into compost. This top-notch Class A compost is then sold back to the community at a great, low price as part of our award-winning Organic Resources Recycling Program.

That efficient, environmentally friendly process is part of the reason that the Missouri Water Environment Association recognized St. Peters' Wastewater Treatment Plant as "Plant of the Year—Large Facilities" for the state of Missouri in 2014.

The City of St. Peters Utilities Department carefully safeguards the water supplies at our water treatment plant, as award-winning licensed operators work around the clock, every day, to control and monitor the water treatment process. Samples of the treated water are continually tested to ensure that St. Peters' water meets safe drinking standards. Our focus on quality service results in safe, reliable and efficient water service, day after day, year after year. (You can read St. Peters' latest annual Water Quality Report online at www.stpetersmo.net/water/)

Our voters also get credit for our success. You've passed ballot issues time and again over the years, including Proposition W in 2015, to allow the City to borrow money for water and wastewater improvements. 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. Voter approval for bond issues allows us to repair older facilities at a fraction of the cost of replacing facilities so that we can actually save money in the long run. The result: St. Peters' utilities customers pay low rates for great service.

This is all part of our City's green, efficient approach to doing business. We do what makes sense, and saves cents, for our customers and our community.



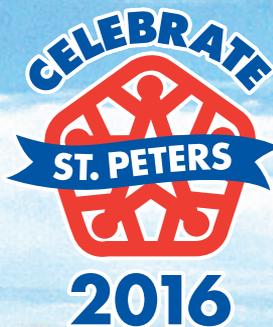
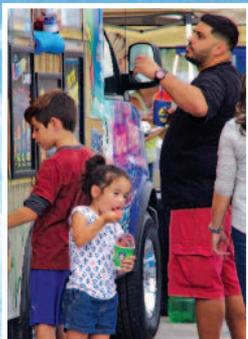
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