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Get Active in
2016!

**Family
FUN
Fitness**



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Resolve to Get the Whole Family Moving in 2016

There's a good chance that at some time in your life you stopped and thought, *I could really use more exercise.*

Sadly, more and more over the years, Americans have come to another realization all too often: *My kids also need more exercise!*

In the past three decades, obesity has more than doubled among children between the ages of 6-11 and quadrupled for young people ages 12-19, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. And, a study in 2012 found that one in every three youth in those age groups were either overweight or obese.

Of course, it's not just kids: The CDC points to a study finding that more than one out of every three American adults is obese. We also know that obesity can lead to serious health conditions such as heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes and certain types of cancer—some of the leading causes of preventable death.

You can discuss and debate the reasons for our nation's alarming decline in fitness. But, a couple things are for sure: 1) With the technological advances of mobile phones, apps, video games, video on demand and other distractions, it's easy for everyone—children and adults—to find things to do besides get up and get active. 2) Only you can decide to do something about it for your family—and the best time to take action is now!

Make 2016 the year that you, and your family, get (or stay) active. Put health at the top of your priority list. Make a plan to eat better, exercise more and make better choices for the future.

In St. Peters, we're blessed with some great facilities that can help you reach your fitness goals. We have 20 miles of paved trails and a park system with nearly 1,300 square miles of space. We also have the St. Peters Rec-Plex, a community jewel that offers a place for the entire family to get fit. Many area families are already investing in their health and their family's future with a family membership at the Rec-Plex.

"Many people want to work out with their kids at the Rec-Plex," says Rec-Plex director Rick Oloteo. "Our youth fitness program is becoming

more and more popular."

The Rec-Plex has 8,000 square feet of fitness space with a cardio room and weight room, as well an indoor track. If you have an older teen, keep in mind that any customer 16 and older can access the fitness areas. For teens ages 12 to 15, the Rec-Plex also offers a couple ways for your child to learn how to use the facility's state-of-the-art fitness equipment and gain access to the fitness areas. You can have your child complete an initial consultation with a Rec-Plex personal trainer, or take the Rec-Plex's Youth Fitness Orientation class. After completion of either option, your child receives a Fitness Card for access to the fitness areas. Parents are required to stay with kids ages 12-13 in the fitness rooms, and are encouraged to stay with ages 14 or 15—what better way to get fit as a family than to work out on the equipment together?

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If you have younger kids, the Rec-Plex also offers a number of Family Fitness group classes: Mommy (or Daddy) & Me for ages 18 months to 2 years, Preschoolers Can Exercise! for ages 3-4, Exer-Fun for ages 5-8, Junior Power Time for ages 7-10, and Bootcamp for Kids! for ages 10-14. A parent is required to accompany their kids in classes for ages 4 and under. In the other Family Fitness classes, parents don't need to stay, but for a small fee you could choose to also join the class and exercise with your child!

For parents who want to work out but need a babysitter, the Rec-Plex offers a Tot Drop service for children ages 3 months to 8 years.

Rec-Plex members who upgrade to GOLD PLUS can take advantage of many family fitness options for FREE, including Youth Fitness Orientation class, Tot Drop visits, all of the Family Fitness classes mentioned above, and the initial personal trainer consultation (available to kids and parents).

Grandparents also can join with their grandchildren by purchasing a Grandparent Family Pass.

Another great thing about the Rec-Plex is that it offers much more than fitness equipment. You can also take advantage of the 3,300-square-foot Leisure Pool, 50-meter pool for recreational swimming and adult lap swimming, NHL-size rink with public ice skating sessions FREE to members, plus open play basketball or volleyball, and even pickleball.

Plus, the facility has both family locker rooms and adults-only locker rooms. And Rec-Plex members enjoy FREE adult group aerobics, FREE use of towels, locks and basketballs, and FREE access to outdoor pools during the summer—all the better to help you and your family keep moving year-round!

Learn more about the Rec-Plex at www.stpetersmo.net/rec-plex.





Fitness Fest St. Peters Rec-Plex

Saturday, Jan. 16 • 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
www.stpetersmo.net/rec-plex

Looking to get fit in 2016?

Check out all the Rec-Plex has to offer for FREE during FITNESS FEST! Tours also available.

Open FREE to the Public during Fitness Fest:

- Fitness Rooms & Indoor Track (9 a.m.-3 p.m.)
- Demo Group Fitness Classes*
- Volleyball (9 a.m.-noon)
- Basketball (noon-3 p.m.)
- Swimming & Diving (noon-3 p.m.)
- Ice Skating & FREE skate rental (12:30-3 p.m.)

*Check www.stpetersmo.net/rec-plex for Fitness Fest class schedule before you visit.



ST. PETERS SUMMER CAMPS

Something to do for every kind of kid!
Rec-Plex Activities & Sports Camps
Cultural Arts Centre Art Experience Camps

Registration begins March 14—
reserve your child's spot early!

www.stpetersmo.net/camps



REC-PLEX: Home Of The Champions



Angelina Huang Qualifies a 2nd Time for U.S. Figure Skating Nationals

Last year,
Angelina Huang
became the first-ever
solo figure skater to

represent the St. Peters Figure Skating Association and St. Peters Rec-Plex at the U.S. Figure Skating's national championship.

This year, she did it again!

Angelina, age 13, will compete in the U.S. Figure Skating's 2016 nationals at St. Paul, Minn., in January, after taking bronze in the Intermediate category recently at the Midwestern Sectional Championships near Cleveland, Ohio. She took 2nd in the short program and 3rd in the long program at the 22-state sectional event. Her father, William Huang, says that Angelina landed her first ever Triple Salchow jump in the competition!

Last year, Angelina took 5th place in the Juvenile division at the national championship after winning gold in the sectional event.

Good luck at nationals, Angelina!

SilverSneakers® Events FREE at the St. Peters Rec-Plex

Take advantage of the following speaker series. Events are geared toward Healthways SilverSneakers® Fitness program members but open to the general public. All events are FREE and begin at 10 a.m. at the Rec-Plex Finish Line café.



- *Advance Planning Seminar** (get answers from Baue Funeral Homes and enjoy tea and desserts), Wed., Jan. 6
- *Pain-Free & Active Aging* (by Dr. Ben Hendrix, chiropractor and personal trainer), Wed., Jan. 20
- *Is Cremation Right for You** (Baue Funeral Homes), Wed., Feb. 10
- *Making Healthy Meal Choices* (Dr. Ben Hendrix), Wed., Feb. 17
- *Veterans Benefits** (Baue), Tue., March 3
- *How to Exercise Using Everyday Items* (Dr. Ben Hendrix), Wed., March 16
- *10 Mistakes to Avoid when Funeral Planning** (Baue), Tue., April 5
- *Keeping a Strong Immune System* (Dr. Ben Hendrix), Wed., April 20
- *Fight Muscle & Bone Loss* (Dr. Ben Hendrix), Wed., May 18

*Call Baue Advance Planning at 636-947-0622 to register for Baue speaker events. Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net/rec-plex.

REC-PLEX JOB FAIR

Sat., Jan. 16
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Build skills on a fun team! Come to the Rec-Plex Job Fair any time between 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Jan. 16 to apply and interview. Open positions include lifeguards, head ice attendants (minimum age 18), Summer Camp counselors, food service and indoor swim team coach positions. Learn more about employment opportunities at www.stpetersmo.net.



2015 RECYCLING CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations

... to the following residents who were **\$100 Grand Prize Winners** in the 2015 Recycling Contest:

Ward 1 - Gary Wanner, Twelve Oaks Drive

Ward 2 - Jason Mueller, Treeshade Drive

Ward 3 - Barb Milster, Timberidge Drive

Ward 4 - Aadhi Sathishkumar, Newkirk Circle

2 GOOD REASONS TO RECYCLE

There are many reasons to recycle, but consider this: **RECYCLING IS EASY.**

Recycling in St. Peters is easy with our Blue Bag automated curbside recycling system. Just put paper items and cardboard in one Blue Bag and put all containers (plastic, tin, glass or aluminum*) in another Blue Bag. When your Blue Bag gets full, tie it shut and toss into your City trash cart along with your trash. The City even provides recycle stations that you can place in your Blue Bags to stand them up and hold the bags open so extra cans are not needed.

The City also has a convenient drop-off center at Recycle City open during daylight hours, seven days a week. The facility at 131 Ecology Drive has containers located in front of the building clearly marked for each type of recyclable. Recycle City also takes some items that cannot go in Blue Bags such as used cooking oil, motor oil, antifreeze, car batteries, rechargeable batteries, and some electronics. Visit www.stpetersmo.net for more information.

RECYCLING SAVES MONEY.

Recycling doesn't just save money; it saves YOU money.

In your bi-monthly trash bill, you pay a fee—among the lowest in St. Charles County—for trash pickup, curbside recycling and a landfill charge. St. Peters is one of the only municipalities that still provides twice-a-week trash pickup, weekly yard waste pickup and quarterly bulky trash pickup. So, you're not only getting a low cost, you're getting more services for your money.

How Can You Keep Your Fees Low?

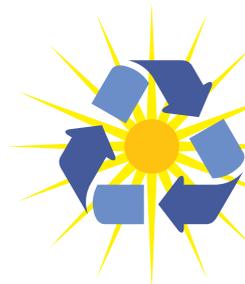
The City GETS PAID for the recyclables you place in the Blue Bags or bring to Recycle City or convenient cardboard collection sites. The money made from the sale of those products comes back to YOU in the form of keeping your trash bill low.

On the other hand, the City has to PAY landfill-tipping fees to dispose of the material that is not recycled. The less you recycle means the City has to pay higher fees to dispose of the trash. Those higher fees must then be passed onto you.

Another way you save money with convenient Blue Bag recycling is you need to purchase fewer trash bags for your trash. Extra Blue Bags are FREE. When you run out of Blue Bags, no need to go anywhere to get more, simply tie your last bag on the handle when you set out your trash cart and the recycle truck driver will leave you a new roll the same day.

To find out more about St. Peters' convenient, money-saving recycling programs, visit www.stpetersmo.net/recycle.

*Aluminum cans may also be brought to the Aluminum Buy-Back area at Recycle City to receive the going rate for aluminum. Groups may also set up accounts to be credited when members bring in aluminum cans.

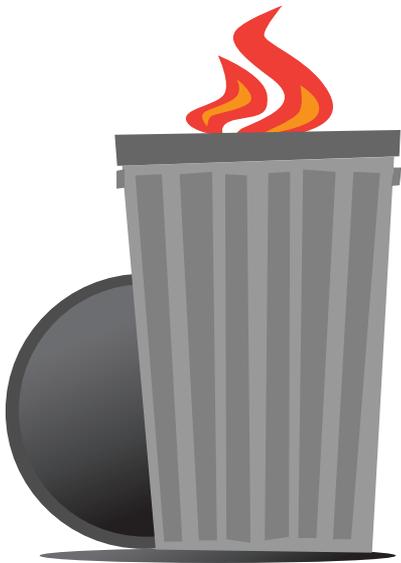


**IT'S ALWAYS A GREAT DAY
TO RECYCLE...
AND SAVE MONEY!**

Protect Your Pets

Don't leave your pets outside when the temperatures drop. Just because our pets have fur does not mean they are necessarily protected from the cold.

Adequate shelter and water is always required for pets that spend time outdoors. This is not only humane—it's the law!



Hot Ash Disposal Home Fire Prevention

Now that colder weather has arrived, many people across St. Peters are enjoying the warmth of their fireplaces. Unfortunately, the ambience of a roaring fire can quickly turn to disaster if you don't give the ashes enough time to cool before placing them in the trash. Ashes that have not had time to cool can ignite in the trash and cause a house fire. Even if ashes do not cause a fire in your trash cart, they can ignite a fire in the trash truck.

When emptying the ashes from your fire pit or fireplace, place the ashes in a metal container and store them outside away from the house while the ashes cool. Fire officials recommend that the ashes cool for at least a week before placing them in your trash cart. Even after a week, experts recommend that you stir the ashes to verify there are no glowing coals before throwing them in the trash.

YARD WASTE PICKUP SUSPENDED JAN. 13-FEB. 29

Yard waste collection in St. Peters will stop on Jan. 13 and resume on Feb. 29. This is typically a slow time for yard waste disposal needs, so each winter we temporarily suspend curbside collection. This practice saves fuel costs, helps the environment, and provides a time to perform our annual vehicle maintenance and repair. If you need to dispose of yard waste during this time, please take advantage of our free drop-off at the Earth Centre composting facility.

Earth Centre will accept yard waste Monday-Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. You will need a valid Resident Privilege Card to use this free service.



Volunteer Program Grows in 2015!



2015 St. Peters Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

What a year for our St. Peters Volunteer Program!

At this writing, our total of hours for City of St. Peters volunteers during 2015 is expected to increase by 2,000 more than last year (when we had more than 7,000 volunteer hours). We anticipate the most successful showing from our volunteers since the year 2004 when we hosted the U.S. Olympic Diving Trials!

What do volunteers do for the City of St. Peters? They make St. Peters a better place to live by improving our services to our residents, helping us put on free and affordable community events and saving tax dollars. In return, our volunteers meet new people, gain new experiences, and learn more about their community.

Our volunteers share their time, skills and talents for the City of St. Peters, and we truly appreciate their service. The St. Peters Volunteer Program coordinates volunteers and chooses the best fit for each person. "Volunteers are essential to the success of our events, our programs and even day-to-day operations," Volunteer Specialist Jessica Heslin said.

Thank you so much for your volunteer spirit, St. Peters ... we're looking forward to another great year in 2016!

Learn more about the St. Peters Volunteer Program and how you can participate at www.stpetersmo.net/volunteer.

The City of St. Peters is looking for volunteers to pitch in during its 2016 spring Clean Streams Day event on Saturday, April 16.

This is a great volunteer activity for families, organizations and individuals. Spending just one morning picking up trash from area creeks will greatly help our environment—last year's event collected 2,520 pounds of trash and 1,280 pounds of recyclable material!

Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net/CleanStream, or call 636-279-8207.



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St. Peters' Government-Access Channel

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

The Board of Aldermen work sessions air live on the second and fourth Thursday of most months at 5 p.m. with the business meeting beginning at 7 p.m.; however, during the month of January the Board of Aldermen will meet only on Jan. 21. 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.

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



★★ Veterans ★★ Hall of Honor ★★★★★★★★★★

This is a great way to say thanks to someone who has served in the United States military.

Adjacent to Veterans Plaza in front of St. Peters City Hall, is the new Veterans Hall of Honor. For just \$75, sponsors may dedicate a plaque to honor someone who has served in the United States military. The veteran or sponsor must be a current or past resident of St. Peters.

Visit www.stpetersmo.net/st-peters-veterans-hall-of-honor.aspx for more information. Applications are available online or pick one up in the lobby of St. Peters City Hall.

REMINDER! St. Peters Urban County Home Improvement Loan Program

The St. Peters Urban County Home Improvement Loan Program still has spots available on a first-come, first-accepted basis for low-income homeowners to receive up to \$5,000 through a no-interest, 5-year forgivable loan for home rehabilitation projects such as new windows, furnaces & air conditioners, roof replacement, driveway replacement or repair and more. You are eligible to participate in this program, if you:

- Are a resident and homeowner in the City limits of St. Peters who has not previously participated in the Urban County or St. Peters Home Improvement Loan Programs.
- Have lived in the home for at least one year at time of application.
- Do not exceed household income guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Income eligibility is based on 2014 Federal Income Taxes with backup information. Refer to the levels listed below to see if you meet income qualifications.

Low-income levels are defined as having maximum income levels as follows: 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.

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/cdbg-programs.aspx#HomeHelp.



Lawn Mowing Assistance Available for Some St. Peters Residents



Several St. Peters homeowners who fall within certain physical limitation and income guidelines will be eligible to have their lawns mowed for them up to eight times this year under the City's Lawn Mowing Assistance Program. The goal of the program is to improve the livability and appearance of homes in St. Peters.

To be eligible for the St. Peters Lawn Mowing Assistance Program, everyone living in the home must be at least 62 years old or severely disabled. Proof of income and/or disability is required. The maximum household income based on 2014 Federal Taxes must not exceed: \$24,650 (1 person); \$28,150 (2 people); \$31,650 (3 people); or \$35,150 (4 people).

Applications for the program will be available beginning Monday, Feb. 8. For more information on this program or to print an application, visit the City's website at www.stpetersmo.net. From the home page, click on Residents and scroll down to Community Programs. Select Lawn Mowing Assistance.

You may also request that an application be mailed to you by calling 636-279-8279 and follow the prompts for Lawn Mowing Assistance. When calling, be sure to spell your name and street address and leave a contact phone number. Completed applications must be returned on or before 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 19.

The City received Community Development Block Grant funds for this program from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Funds will be disbursed based on lowest income first.

Prime time TV wouldn't be the same without crime scene investigation (CSI) units breaking cases in a neat 60-minute window. You might have guessed that the real world of CSI isn't so tidy as the shows written for your entertainment.

For one, says Sgt. Andrew Ramirez of the St. Peters Police Department, in the real world, CSI units usually have to wait months to hear back from labs about their evidence. TV characters will "take a DNA swab of some blood and after the end of the commercial break, they'll have an identification. Well, that's just not the reality," Sgt. Ramirez says.

CSI: REAL LIFE

Real life is a little more complicated, and takes a little more patience and ingenuity. St. Peters' CSI investigators process a scene using a variety of tools and techniques—and sometimes that involves finding a new tool or trying a different collection technique. Afterward, lab work can take months in order to process evidence and give police the information they need to solve a case.

Dusting for fingerprints is a little more complicated in real life, too. You never know where you'll find the prints, and how easy it will be to unveil them. The crime show actors are "lifting fingerprints off things that they could never lift fingerprints off of," Sgt. Ramirez says. He says that some surfaces aren't easily "dusted," so officers in the field have to get creative at times. Example: Galvanized steel is a rugged and slick material used in outdoor construction. This material's surface doesn't easily give up fingerprints. But, somewhere along the way, a CSI officer found that if you burn a type of menthol substance used by campers to ward off rodents, black fumes from the burning substance

adheres to galvanized steel to reveal latent fingerprints.

This type of ingenuity in the field comes with experience and persistence—two qualities valued by the CSI team. Oftentimes, criminal cases hinge on the evidence found at the scene. The St. Peters Police Department has six crime scene investigators, enough for two on each of three shifts, to find the evidence. Sgt. Ramirez, who oversees the CSI unit, says that a crime scene usually calls for one CSI investigator, although two may report to a more complex scene.

Every crime scene is different, says Sgt. Ramirez.

The many different types of tools packed into the back of the CSI unit's police SUV includes a lot of your typical stuff, from evidence bags and camera equipment to tape measures and other household tools to DNA collection kits.



Sgt. Andrew Ramirez, who oversees the St. Peters Police CSI unit, displays a shoe print mold.

Some items in the CSI tool kit might make you scratch your head. Why do they have a turkey baster? Well, at one crime scene, water kept filling up a shoe print in the snow, making it impossible to get a good mold of the print. The St. Peters crime scene investigator rushed to a store and bought a turkey baster in order to suck up the shoe print water, allowing the print to be molded and put into evidence.

CSI units mostly use paper to store evidence, not the



CSI Officer Jim Mitz shows how fingerprints from a crime scene are collected for evidence,

see-through plastic bags like you see on TV shows. Why use paper? Sgt. Ramirez says that sealing up an item in plastic is fine if you want to show the evidence to viewers at home, but in real life it promotes the growth of mold—an old enemy to evidence storage. Simple paper evidence bags work best in most cases.

Sgt. Ramirez says that the tool used the most at crime scenes is a camera. CSI officers will snap multiple photos of the same item from different angles to document evidence. They'll put markers down near the evidence for visual reference. You never know which one of those photos will be useful in making a case. It's not unusual for the unit to take 20,000 photos in a year, Sgt. Ramirez says.

The photos, combined with all the other evidence found at a crime scene, can be critical to helping solve the case ... and there's only one chance to collect that evidence.

"In some cases, there's not a witness, so oftentimes the evidence is crucial, so locating and seizing that evidence is very important," Sgt. Ramirez says. "I think all of the CSI officers would agree that there's really no greater satisfaction than to hear from one of the detectives or one of the officers saying we made a case based on a print that you lifted from the scene, or we made a case from some DNA that you seized."

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY: If you would like to see firsthand how our CSI officers work, consider signing up for the spring Citizen Police Academy by contacting Officer Melissa Doss at mdoss@stpetersmo.net or 636-278-2244, ext. 3550.

ST. PETERS POLICE Updates

Beware of IRS Scams

Over the last year, police departments throughout the region have received many identity theft reports and reports of scam phone calls by people claiming to be with the Internal Revenue Service.

Hundreds of people in St. Peters fell victim to identity theft involving their tax information. The criminals were using the victims' personal information to file fraudulent tax returns. It's still too early to tell if this will again be a problem in 2016. This type of identity theft is extremely hard to prevent because the breach possibly came from other businesses that have your personal information. If you discover you are a victim of identity theft, bring the letter or notice you receive from the IRS to the St. Peters Police Department and file a report.

To make matters worse, scam artists are calling residents, claiming to be an agent with the Internal Revenue Service. The phone calls appear to be done at random and from various phone numbers. The scammer will tell you that you owe back taxes and you must pay those taxes immediately or they will have a warrant out for your arrest.

As stated directly from the IRS website, the scammer will give you multiple signs that their claims are fake. First, they will demand immediate payment. In reality, the IRS will communicate through the mail about any outstanding taxes. Second, they will demand you pay the taxes without giving you the chance to question or appeal the amount. Third, they require only a specific method of payment. They prefer prepaid debit/credit cards or wiring money. Fourth, they will ask for the debit/credit card number over the phone. Lastly, if you refuse to comply, they threaten involving the police.

If someone contacts you from the IRS, a charity, your bank/credit card company or a business, you should never trust that the person on the other end is being truthful. Make your own contacts to ensure you are not being scammed. It is the best way to avoid becoming a victim.

For more information about IRS scams, go to www.irs.gov. Visit www.stpetersmo.net/police to learn more about how to avoid scams in general.

JANUARY

- 6 **SILVERSNEAKERS® SPEAKER**,
10 a.m., Rec-Plex
- 6 **Planning & Zoning Comm.**,
6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 8 **DJ SKATE**,
7 p.m., Rec-Plex
- 16 **REC-PLEX FITNESS FEST**,
9 a.m.-3 p.m.



- 16 **REC-PLEX JOB FAIR**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 19 **Parks, Recreation & Arts Adv. Board**,
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 20 **SILVERSNEAKERS® SPEAKER**,
10 a.m., Rec-Plex
- 21 **Senior Advisory Committee**,
12:30 p.m., Senior Center
- 21 **Board of Aldermen**, Justice Center:
5 p.m. work session, 7 p.m. meeting
- 25 **Health & Wellness Advisory Comm.**,
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre

FEBRUARY

- 1 **Veterans Memorial Commission**,
7 p.m., City Hall
- 3 **Planning & Zoning Commission**,
6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 6 **FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE**,
6:30 p.m.,
Cultural Arts
Centre
- 9 **St. Peters
Green Team**,
5 p.m., HES
Building, 135
Ecology Dr.



- 10 **SILVERSNEAKERS® SPEAKER**,
10 a.m., Rec-Plex
- 10 **STAINED GLASS & STEEPLES TOUR**,
9 a.m.-4 p.m., www.stpetersmo.net
- 11 **Board of Aldermen**, Justice Center:
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MARCH

- 2 **Planning & Zoning Commission**,
6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 3 **SILVERSNEAKERS® SPEAKER**,
10 a.m., Rec-Plex
- 8 **HISTORIC HOTELS OF
ST. LOUIS TOUR**,
9 a.m.-4 p.m.,
www.stpetersmo.net
- 10 **Board of Aldermen**,
Justice Center:
5 p.m. work session, 7 p.m. meeting
- 15 **Parks, Recreation & Arts Adv. Board**,
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- 24 **TIME FOR TEA**, 7 p.m.,
Cultural Arts Centre
- 28 **Health & Wellness Advisory Comm.**,
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre



January-February Holiday Hours

	New Year's Eve <u>Thur., Dec. 31</u>	New Year's Day <u>Fri., Jan. 1</u>	MLK Birthday <u>Mon., Jan. 18</u>	Presidents' Day <u>Mon. Feb. 15</u>
City Hall	Close at noon	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Municipal Court	Close at noon	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Earth Centre	OPEN ^{1,2}	CLOSED	OPEN ¹	OPEN ¹
Recycle City	OPEN ²	CLOSED	OPEN	OPEN ³
Trash Collection	NORMAL	DELAYED ⁴	NORMAL	NORMAL
Animal Control	ON CALL ⁵	ON CALL ⁵	ON CALL ⁵	ON CALL ⁵
Cultural Arts Centre	Close at noon	CLOSED	OPEN	CLOSED
Rec-Plex	Close at 4 p.m.	Open 1-5 p.m. ⁶	OPEN	OPEN ⁷

¹ No Earth Centre product sales. Yard waste acceptance only.

² Open for trash and yard waste disposal only from 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m., but the offices are closed. Trash cart and yard waste cart pick-up not available at Recycle City.

³ 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. Trash cart and yard waste cart pick-up not available at Recycle City.

⁴ Friday collection delayed to Saturday, Jan. 2.

⁵ For emergency calls only, after hours or during the holiday, call Police Dispatch at 636-278-2222.

⁶ Rec-Plex Registration Desk closed. Extended public ice skating session open from 1-5 p.m.

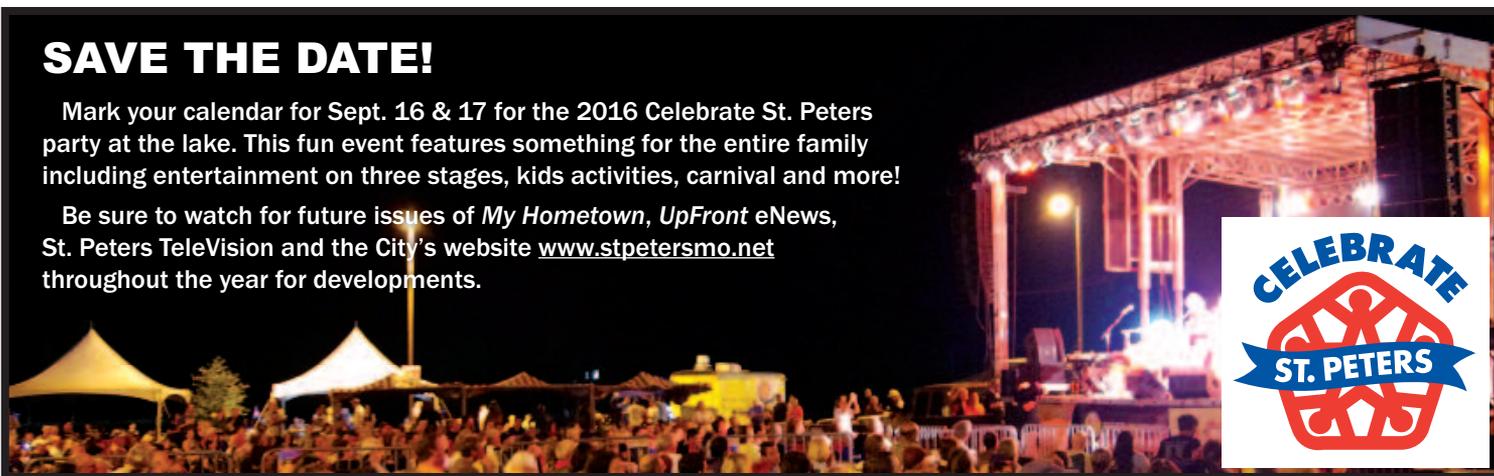
⁷ Extended public ice skating session, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. Recreational swimming opens to the public at 11 a.m.



SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendar for Sept. 16 & 17 for the 2016 Celebrate St. Peters party at the lake. This fun event features something for the entire family including entertainment on three stages, kids activities, carnival and more!

Be sure to watch for future issues of *My Hometown*, *UpFront* eNews, St. Peters TeleVision and the City's website www.stpetersmo.net throughout the year for developments.



Pavilion and Field Reservations Begin in March

St. Peters park pavilions* and athletic fields are available to rent when the parks open on April 1, 2016. Reservations for pavilions may be made through Oct. 31 and athletic fields through Nov. 30.

Reservations are accepted at the St. Peters Rec-Plex. Pavilion reservations will be accepted beginning March 1 at 5 a.m. for walk-in reservations and 9 a.m. for phone reservations. An athletic field may be reserved at the same time as your picnic.

Athletic field early reservations begin March 19 from 7-8 a.m. Written field requests are dropped off and processed in the order received. Field reservation forms are available online after Jan. 4. Regular athletic field reservations begin March 26 at 9 a.m. All athletic field reservations must be made in person.

Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net or call the Rec-Plex at 636-939-2386, ext. 1400.

A guaranteed reservation fee is due when making a reservation. To qualify for lower resident rates, a current Resident Privilege Card is required.

*Reservations for the **Corporate Pavilion at 370 Lakeside Park** are available all year by contacting 370 Lakeside Park at 636-387-5283.



GET AWAY FOR A DAY



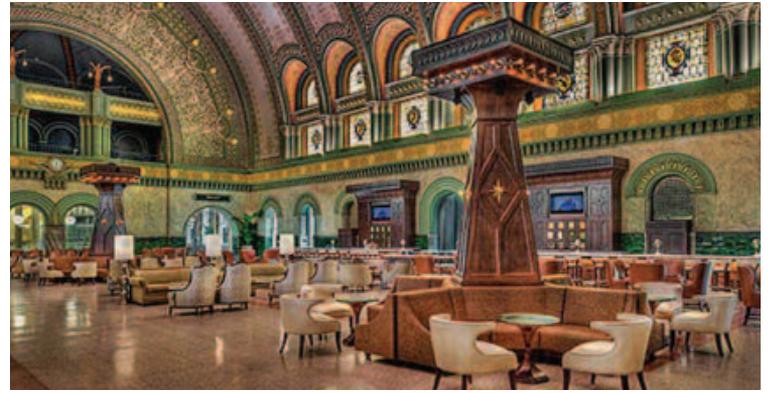
Stained Glass and Steeples Tour

Wednesday, Feb. 10

9 a.m.–4 p.m. • \$80 (includes transportation, lunch, donations, gratuities and guide)

Founded in St. Louis in 1898 by Bavarian-born Emil Frei, Sr., Emil Frei, Inc. has been one of the leading stained glass and mosaic companies in the United States. Many churches in our area feature Frei windows.

Join us as we trace the evolution of stained glass, visiting St. John Nepomuk, St. Francis de Sales, St. Francis Xavier, St. Mark's Episcopal, Hope UCC and St. Gabriel's. Lunch will be a local favorite, St. Raymond's Maronite Cathedral. Expect some walking.



Historic Hotels of St. Louis Tour

Tuesday, March 8 • 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

\$74 (includes transportation, admissions, lunch, gratuities and guide)

St. Louis has historically been home to many of the finest hotels in America. Recently some of the early 20th century hotels and buildings have been restored into first class landmark hotels. The ballrooms, public spaces and dining areas of these hotels are magnificent.

Come with us as we tour the Cheshire Inn and the Chase Park Plaza. We'll eat lunch at Lorenzo's Trattoria. Then we'll visit Tower Grove Park to see the Lindell Hotel ruins and on to Union Station to tour Drury Hotel there and see the fabulous Grand Hall. Before returning to St. Peters, we'll tour the Renaissance and Magnolia (Mayfair) Hotels. Expect quite a bit of walking, but mostly at your leisure.

To register for day trips,

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.com.

Remaining 2016 Tours

St. Louis Treasures • Thursday, April 7

Paducah Quilt Tour • Thursday, April 21

Historic Nauvoo, II • Friday, May 13

Special St. Louis Gardens And Galleries • Wednesday, June 22

Arrow Rock & The Lyceum Theatre • Thursday, July 14

The Kosher Konnection • Thursday, Aug. 11

Greenville/Highland Holiday • Friday, Sept. 16,

Hermann Oktoberfest • Wednesday, Oct. 19

Fulton, Mo & Winston Churchill • Tuesday, Nov. 15

Springfield, Illinois • Thursday, Dec. 8

2016 ACT Two Theatre Season

NOTE: Tickets are NOT available at the St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre. For tickets, visit www.acttwotheatre.com or call 1-800-838-3006. For questions, call 636-219-0150.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee • Feb. 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21

Odd Couple (Female Version) • May 11, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 22 • Auditions: Feb. 23 & 25

Moon Over Buffalo • Aug. 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14 • Auditions: May 24 & 26

Nun-crackers: The Nonsense Christmas Musical • Nov. 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13 • Auditions: Aug. 16 & 18

UPCOMING ART SHOWS & COMPETITIONS

Beat the winter blues by entering or viewing the **Things Bright and Beautiful All Media Art Show and Competition**

Jan. 8–Feb. 29

Receiving: Tuesday, Jan. 5 • 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Reception: Friday, Jan. 8 • 6-8 p.m.

Works must contain an element of light (sun, moon, etc.) and be something of beauty to its creator.

Festival of Flowers All Media Art Show and Competition

Coming March 4–April 25

Receiving: Tuesday, March 1 • 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Reception: Friday, March 4 • 6-8 p.m.

Works must contain an element of a flower or flowers.

Visit www.stpetersmo.net/arts for more information or to download a flyer of all 2016 art shows.

ST.PETERS
Cultural Arts
Centre Updates
636-397-6903

**GALLERY SPACE & DISPLAY
CASES AVAILABLE FOR RENT AT
THE CULTURAL ARTS CENTRE**

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

Sign up before May 1 and receive a 25% discount in honor of the Cultural Arts Centre's 25th Anniversary.

One discount per person/first come, first served.

COMING SOON

A tribute to Rosemary Clooney, Peggy Lee and Patsy Cline



Deborah Sharn as
Rosemary Clooney & Peggy Lee



Anna Blair as Patsy Cline

Friday, April 8 • 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$13 in advance, \$18 at the door

Tickets will go on sale Jan. 15 for this fantastic tribute to three female vocal legends.

All seats are assigned. You can see a schematic of seating at the Performing Arts Theatre at www.stpetersmo.net/arts-theater.aspx.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Time for Tea

**Speaker: Maria Gianino of
Legacy Appraisals**

Thursday, March 24 • 1-3 p.m.

\$7 (Tickets must be purchased in advance.)

Have you ever wondered what your treasures are worth? Now is your chance to see your heirlooms through the eyes of a professional, certified personal property, fine art, jewelry and antique appraiser. Join us for this fun and lively afternoon with Maria Gianino, of Legacy Appraisals. You will learn what makes something valuable as well as finding out how to sell the items you no longer want. Individual items will not be appraised at this event due to time restrictions.

Tea, coffee, cookies (sugar-free upon request), cake and yogurt will be served. Tickets go on sale at the Cultural Arts Centre on Jan. 15.

Watch for next Time for Tea –
“Anthropology and the 1904
World’s Fair,” presented by
Carol Diaz-Granados.

**COMING
SOON**



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



Messages From Our Elected Officials

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



Len Pagano
Mayor

Resolve to Recycle!

We have a saying in St. Peters ... *it's always a great day to recycle!*

Why? Because it's easy to recycle, and every time you recycle it saves YOU money!

We've worked hard in St. Peters over the past few decades to set up a recycling system that makes sense for you as a resident and as a taxpayer. As a resident, here's all you need to do: Fill up the Blue Bags provided by the City of St. Peters with your recyclables. Put paper items and cardboard in one Blue Bag and put all containers (plastic, tin, glass or aluminum) in another Blue Bag. When the Blue Bag is full, double-tie it and drop the bag into your trash cart.

If you're not already using Blue Bags for curbside recycling, try to resolve to start in 2016. Do it together as a family and set up a system in your house that makes it easy for everyone to put your recyclable materials in the Blue Bags. Your St. Peters Resident Privilege Card entitles you to two recycle stations that hold open your Blue Bags. Come to City Hall during normal operating hours to get yours. Use one station for containers and the other for paper/cardboard. They're easy to use and save you the cost of buying new trash cans.

You can also recycle many household items at our Recycle City recycling center, 131 Ecology Dr., during daylight hours, seven days a week.

Basically, when it comes to recycling, you have two choices:

- 1) You can recycle, avoid landfill waste and help yourself save money, or;
- 2) You can throw recyclable items in your trash, create more landfill waste and cost yourself money.

How are you saving money when you recycle? When you recycle, we can sell your recycled items, and the fees the City of St. Peters receives are used to help keep your trash bill the lowest in our area!

On the other hand, we pay extra tipping fees to landfills when we don't recycle. The more items we don't recycle, the more land-tipping fees we pay, and the more costs get passed on to you.

By resolving to recycle, YOU have the power to save money for YOU in 2016. It's a win-win for the environment and your pocketbook!

Learn more about how easy it is to recycle in St. Peters and how it benefits us all on page 4 of this issue of *My Hometown*, or visit our website at www.stpetersmo.net/recycle.



Dave Thomas
Ward 1

Compassionate Service

With a New Year upon us, many individuals take the opportunity in January to make resolutions to better themselves personally or professionally. Some of these new commitments may include paying off debts, losing weight, seeking new employment, or spending more time together as a family. The list of positive changes is endless and worthy of your effort.

As I think about the multitude of resolutions I could make in 2016, I am moved to think about random acts of kindness. The words from Leo Buscaglia come to mind: "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."

How often do we miss recognizing the needs of those around us? Do we see the lonely or those who need an arm around their shoulder? There are always those who need something to uplift them on a dull day on the job or in our neighborhoods, and especially amongst friends. It doesn't take much to brighten someone's day or make their load a little lighter. "Wherever there is a human need, there is an opportunity for kindness and to make a difference," words of truth spoken by Keith Heath, CEO More4kids.

There are many ways to make a difference in the lives of others. Not every random act of kindness needs to be enormous to make an impression. A small gesture can have a profound impact on the recipient of a small measure of kindness. How can we uplift and cheer others? Here are a few meaningful ideas that my wife and I discussed that could bless the lives of others:

1. Send a note of appreciation—this could be to your spouse, child, neighbor, coach, teacher, anyone that you feel grateful to.
2. Complain less—you will be surprised how much happier you will be, and those around you will be.
3. Offer to transport someone that cannot drive—we take being able to get into our car and go for granted.
4. Encourage others—you can uplift someone with words, a hug, a card, a phone call or even a text message.
5. Praise your boss—employees often are recognized for doing a good job but what about a good manager? Why not show them how much you are appreciative of them?
6. Be sincerely generous with compliments—a simple compliment can brighten someone's day!
7. Mind your manners in public—remember to say thank you to the person holding the door for you or the sales associate that provided you great customer service.
8. Let someone go in front of you in line—sometimes it is hard to wait in line after a long day but what about

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that exhausted parent that is struggling to get home and take care of their family?

9. Volunteer your time with a group or organization—you will feel so good helping others

10. SMILE! Without saying a word, a smile lets people know that you acknowledge them and that they matter.

“Those who make compassion an essential part of their lives find the joy of life. Kindness deepens the spirit and produces rewards that cannot be completely explained in words. It is an experience more powerful than words. To become acquainted with kindness one must be prepared to learn new things and feel new feelings. Kindness is more than a philosophy of the mind. It is a philosophy of the spirit.” Robert J. Furey, Author.

I hope you find these thoughts helpful. As your Alderman in our wonderful City, I am all too often confronted with disgruntled comments. Whether of fault or not, we all have an opportunity to be a better people, a better community, a better neighbor.



Rocky Reitmeyer
Ward 1

A Brand New Year for St. Peters To Serve You

When the skies let loose with the fluffy white flakes of snow, our street crews work intensively to maintain and repair our roads in an effort to control pavement failure caused by the extreme changes in temperatures. They do their best keeping up with potholes that occur, especially this time of year with the fluctuating temperatures.

The street crews will be out in force repairing and replacing pavement. Some residents have questioned how the determination is made as to where and when repairs or replacement of pavement is made unless there is an emergency that a pothole or deep crack that needs to be fixed.

The City uses a guideline we call the “Pavement Management Program” that is designed to provide well maintained, high-quality streets and sidewalks in our City at the lowest reasonable cost. A computer database contains maintenance records of every street in the City including the current pavement condition.

Planned levels of maintenance are carefully matched with available funds to achieve the best possible level of service across the City. That is a big task since we have over 500 lane miles of streets.

I am told that properly installed concrete pavement has a life span of about 25 years and that the average useful life of properly installed asphalt pavement is 17 years. You will see the Streets Department crews in your neighborhoods periodically sealing cracks and performing miscellaneous spot repairs to extend the life of the pavement.

Older streets in the City were constructed directly on a compacted soil sub-grade. Since 1998, all new pavement placed in the City of St. Peters has been constructed on four-inch thick aggregate rock base providing a harder, more stable base, which helps to extend the life of the pavement.

If you see a pothole in need of repair, be sure to report it. Call me and leave a message and I will take care of it for you, or you can report it directly to the City’s Citizen Action Center at 636-477-6600, ext. 1225. Our crews will work to get the pothole filled right away.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas holiday, and all of us at City Hall are working for a great and prosperous New Year. Let’s also keep our servicemen and women in our prayers and wish them the strength and courage to bring us back the freedoms we look forward to each day. If you see one of them in uniform, please stop and shake their hand and say “Thank You.” It means a lot to them.

Please save those aluminum cans for our “Pennies for Patriots Program” and drop them off on the west side of City Hall in the Brown Dumpster also at the Senior Center and at Recycle City in the big Blue Dumpster.

All the money raised goes to the USO at Lambert Field for the Guys and Gals that serves us here and across the sea. It’s a home away from home to make their stay comfortable. God Bless America!

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.



Terri Violet
Ward 3

Hello, Neighbor!

Most of us know our next-door neighbor but do you know those two or three doors down? Our lives are often so busy that we aren’t able to connect with those living around us with more than a “Hi, how are you?” In most cases, getting to know our neighbors can enhance our lives.

Many years ago a wonderful family moved into our neighborhood, directly across the street from our home. I baked a homemade pie and gave it to them as a welcome to our neighborhood. I recently bumped into my neighbor who has since moved and he reminded me of that pie. Not realizing at the time, that gesture became a positive and lasting memory.

As a child living in a rural area, I remember meeting children miles down our country road. Getting to know children on my school bus opened the door to my parents meeting other parents close by, not just next door.

2015 was a great year to meet not only new neighbors and residents but to re-connect with those throughout our community. City events such as Sunset Fridays at 370 Lakeside Park, Celebrate St. Peters and National Night Out brought friends and families together. On our website, www.stpetersmo.net, you can learn more about the many events our City sponsors.

The next time you see a neighbor picking up their newspaper or getting their mail, take a moment to stop and say “Hello.” Consider reaching out to them by inviting them to your next holiday party or BBQ. If you know they’re going out of town, offer to bring in their newspaper or water their lawn and watch for anything out of the normal while they’re away.

Help make your neighborhood a safe, secure and positive place to live by reaching out to the neighbors you live around. 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!



Don Aytes
Ward 4

Recycling & Yard Waste

Please start putting your junk mail with your newspaper and cardboard in your Blue Bag. This is worth 3 cents a pound and we save 1.5 cents by not putting the junk mail in the ground for a total savings of 4.5 cents a pound. If you are not recycling now, please hang up a Blue Bag and help us to not use tax money for recycling. We want to keep recycling paying for us.

I would also like to ask you to please not put anything metal or concrete in your brown yard waste container. This just tears the grinder up and the cost of these machines is very high. We just purchased a new grinder in 2015 at a cost of \$525,000. Part replacement gets expensive also, not to mention downtime when the equipment is being repaired.

Also, please do not place Blue Bags or other plastic bags in the yard waste containers. The City purchases the Blue Bags for recyclables. Plastic contaminates our mulch and compost and specialized equipment, and hand labor needs to be used to remove the plastic from the yard waste which drives up the expenses.

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Patrick Barclay
Ward 4

Big 2016 Projects

The City of St. Peters completed many projects during the past 12 months. As we move into the new calendar year, we have even more about to be started and finished in 2016. Below, I have listed some of the large ones and those that will have the biggest impact with regards to traffic, stormwater and improvements to some existing amenities.

In 2015 we saw four major road projects take place. They were on Salt Lick Road, Mexico Road, Mid Rivers Mall Drive and Willott Road. All included a large number of slab and curb replacements as well as diamond grinding to make the roadways smoother to drive on. The Willott project also had the bridge going over the creek and a new trail tunnel installed to make it safer for pedestrians crossing the street. This past year we also opened the new St. Peters Rotary Club Dog Park as well as expanded the Archery Range to allow crossbows. At 370 Lakeside Park, a large capacity pavilion was completed.

Now, this year, three more big projects will take place over on Jungermann Road. The first is two culverts will be replaced near Margaret Brown Court and Country Creek Drive. Slab work will take place as well as a part of Jungermann will be raised to help eliminate a lot of the flooding that occurs during severe rain storms. The plan is to have only one lane at a time closed to traffic during construction. The second will see improvements to the intersection at Boone Hills Drive to assist traffic flow. Another culvert just north of there will also be replaced. Finally, there will be added turn lanes where Jungermann Road intersects Mexico Road. Sometimes this area gets a little congested because of the large number of cars traveling through the intersection. This project will improve traffic flow considerably and make it safer for drivers. All of the 2015 and 2016 capital improvement projects included about 80% of the money coming from county, state and federal road boards and grants. The City only had to pay about 20%. St. Peters has been very successful in doing this over the years. For a short time it is a little bit of an inconvenience, but in the long term these important projects improve road conditions and increase safety.

Over the past year and a half there has been approximately 20 Prop P projects completed throughout St. Peters. Six of these stormwater projects took place in Ward 4 with a total cost of over \$3 million. They included work in the Country Creek, Country Lake, McClay Valley, Laurel Village, Prospect Pointe, Canyon Creek, Crescent Hills and The Highlands subdivisions. In 2016 several more will be designed and completed in the southern part of the City. They will occur in Park Ridge, Bella Vista, McClay Meadows, Waterside Crossing, Sun River Apartments, Montecito and the Highland Estates neighborhoods. Just like other Prop P projects, there will be informational meetings scheduled to get the residents' input before any work is started.

There are three other projects that will take place in 2016 I wanted to let you know about since I am the Aldermanic liaison to the Parks, Recreation & Arts Advisory Board. The first is that we'll be adding a water feature to the new dog park. With over 200 memberships, this addition was something that was planned and promised. The second is a major renovation to the nationally known St. Peters Rec-Plex. The complex itself will not be touched. However, there will be big upgrades to the front of it including the parking lot, drop-off spots (there will two afterwards) and the road that runs from Mexico to Rec-Plex South. In the end, it will allow vehicular and pedestrian traffic to flow better, make it safer for

dropping off and picking people up and move more of the parking spots closer to the entrance of the facility. The third project is the addition of 25 RV pads at 370 Lakeside Park, bringing the total number of pads available for rent to 75.

To keep up-to-date with all of the above projects, please log onto www.stpetersmo.net and continue reading the *UpFront* e-newsletter and *My Hometown* magazine. You can also learn a lot by checking out my Facebook page that I use to let residents know what is going on in and around the City of St. Peters. It can be found at www.facebook.com/aldermanpatrickbarclay. Feel free to call me anytime at 636-795-8255 or send an email to AldermanBarclay@aol.com. Thank you for your continued support and I wish everyone a Happy New Year.



Michael Shea
Ward 3

Sewer Backed Up?

Wastewater leaves your home and enters a "sewer lateral" that carries the waste to a sewer main. If there is a blockage in either the sewer lateral or sewer main, the wastewater in your home will back up. You, the homeowner, are responsible for maintaining your sewer lateral line. The City of St. Peters is responsible for maintaining its sewer mains.

Any time a resident experiences a sewer backup they should contact the City of St. Peters before making any repairs. Why?

Did you know that the City of St. Peters has a Sewer Lateral Repair Program in place to help St. Peters residents offset the cost of sewer lateral repairs?

The Sewer Lateral Repair Program provides assistance for the repair of the sewer laterals that connect each residence to public sewers.

In 2003, City of St. Peters residents approved a \$28 annual assessment—the fee is paid with annual real estate taxes.

The program is open to residential property owners within the City limits—this includes single-family homes, duplexes, villas, or condominiums (six units or less). Properties that are not located within the City limits are not eligible.

The first step is to submit an application along with your last year's paid Real Estate tax receipt, and a \$300 application fee. The City contractor will perform a video inspection of the sewer lateral. The video inspection is needed to verify the nature and location of the defect. If a defect is not eligible for the program, the balance of the application fee will be refunded to the homeowner.

The program will provide a maximum of \$7,500 per household. Any charges in excess of \$7,500 would be the homeowner's responsibility.

The funds are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis until all the funds have been used for that calendar year. If the funds have been used, applications may still be submitted and reviewed. Eligible projects will be placed on a waiting list for the next year. If funds remain at the end of a year, they will be carried over and applied to the next year.

If a repair is deemed eligible, the City will request repair quotes from contractors. The quotes will be returned to the City for review; the City will approve the lowest qualified bid. The City will then execute an agreement with the selected contractor. The City will issue a permit and inspect the repair work. Once the work is completed, the City will issue payment to the contractor.

Here are the eligible and ineligible repairs that are authorized under this program:

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Eligible repairs:

- Repairs to private sewer laterals from the exterior building foundation wall to the public sewer main.
- Required street, sidewalk, or driveway pavement replacement.
- Sod or seed for yard repair.
- Permits and administrative costs.

Ineligible repairs:

- Repair, relocation or damage to structures, retaining walls, swimming pools, sprinkler systems, electronic dog fences, and landscaping.
- Damage caused by sewer lateral backup.
- Damage caused by contractor’s performance.
- Repairs or videos performed prior to applying into the program.

So, before you dig, call the St. Peters Utilities Department at 636-477-6600, ext. 1278, or 636-278-2244, ext. 1278.

Health & Wellness COMMITTEE

Cold weather can certainly slow us down—it’s not as much fun to go outside and stay active in the winter chill. But, no matter the time of year, your body still needs exercise. Members of the St. Peters Community Health & Wellness Advisory Committee urge everyone to stay as active as possible this winter!

Exercise is something we all need to stay heart-healthy and live a longer, fuller life. And, as we age, it’s as important as ever to exercise regularly in order to avoid falls and injuries as well as problems such as heart disease, diabetes, colon cancer and high blood pressure. Fitness experts recommend that older adults do moderate activity for at least 30 minutes a day on five or more days a week.

Always consult a doctor before beginning any exercise routine. If you are healthy enough, you can always find simple exercises to do inside your own home even if the weather is scary outside. Ask your doctor for ideas, or consult with a qualified fitness professional.

Even in wintertime, there are plenty of nice days to get out and do something. Walking is a great way to stay active. The City of St. Peters offers 20 miles of paved trails for you to safely walk, jog or bicycle. You can find a map of City of St. Peters trails online at www.stpetersmo.net/parks.

If you’re looking for a place where you can stay active year-round, the St. Peters Rec-Plex offers a wide variety of workout facilities. You can swim, ice skate, lift weights, use cardio machines, walk on the indoor track, take group aerobics and more year-round. Lots of people of all ages are enjoying an active lifestyle thanks in part to all of the options the Rec-Plex has to offer. Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net/rec-plex.

The Rec-Plex is a participating location for the Healthways SilverSneakers® Fitness plan. This means that Medicare-eligible individuals whose health plan includes SilverSneakers can enjoy the benefits of a basic membership at the Rec-Plex for FREE! The Rec-Plex also offers free programs for active older adults, including a Walking Club and group exercise for building your strength, flexibility and balance.



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/businesses.

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| SELF-STORAGE SOLUTIONS LLC
314-220-5777 | VILLAGE OF ST. PETERS MEMORY CARE
636-477-6955 |
| WICKED ENTERPRISE, LLC • 636-685-0505 | UMBRELLINA PIZZA CONE
314-680-8037 |
| STL TECH • 314-412-0513 | JJ'S AUTO DETAIL • 636-922-9390 |
| PLAYTIME SOCCER • 314-227-5984 | HH "THE TRUCK" FOOD TRUCK
314-858-4141 |
| MARTIN AUTOBODY • 314-478-3398 | SCHNEIDER ASSET MANAGEMENT
GROUP LLC • 314-458-7024 |
| ST. LOUIS CREMATION • 314-241-8844 | VEHICLE SERVICE ADMINISTRATION
636-734-9622 |
| PRIME TIME PERSONAL TRAINING
636-448-1525 | NEWCOMER FUNERAL HOME
636-875-1200 |
| PROTECH AIR, INC • 636-224-4730 | GREAT AMERICAN COOKIES
636-279-1382 |
| WD AUTOBODY • 636-290-2544 | BUSHIDO DOJO • 314-713-8602 |
| GETTEMEIER'S • 636-387-1304 | CESAR'S SWEET BBQ @ I-70 SHOPPERS
FAIR • 314-397-8631 |
| VETTA RAQUET SPORTS ST. CHARLES, LLC
636-441-0006 | CTM TECHNOLOGY GROUP
636-448-0927 |
| PARROT'S BAR & GRILL • 636-477-6800 | CAVE SPRINGS HEATING AND AIR
CONDITIONING INC. • 636-947-7242 |
| F. SKIP SADERLUND D.C. • 636-778-0921 | MCALISTER'S DELI • 636-279-1780 |
| MCC CLEANING & RESTORATION
314-443-5044 | MPRP, LLC • 314-369-7787 |
| MICHELE ANTHONY, MWS LCSW
636-288-1997 | |
| THE HOOK UP • 636-477-6998 | |
| THREE RIVERS GENERAL
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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.

- Banacom Instant Signs - 1987 • LookAfter Hair Company (Custom Cuts) - 1988**
- Midwest Service Group - 1989 • Eclips Salon - 1989**
- Claire's - 1990 • Helzberg Diamonds - 1990**
- LensCrafters - 1990 • Tilt Arcade - 1990**
- Maze Collision Repair - 1990**
- Kay Jewelers - 1990**
- National Tire & Battery - 1990**
- Famous Footwear - 1990**
- Schnucks - 1990**
- Hollrah's Hallmark Shop - 1990**



2015

Year in Review

A look back at notable numbers, achievements & developments

PARTNERED:

37 active Neighborhood Watch Groups worked with the St. Peters Police Department.

INSPECTED:

302 sewer laterals and 32.5 miles of sanitary sewers

COLLECTED:

- 26,693 tons of waste from St. Peters residents
- 1,370 tons of waste from Cottleville residents
- 19,065 tons of waste from commercial haulers
- 9,988 tons of waste from walk-in customers
- Total amount of waste through Recycle City: 57,116 tons (10,000-plus tons heavier than the Titanic)
- 552 pounds of prescription medications at St. Peters Police Department for National Rx Take Back program



TREATED:

3.1 billion gallons of water for safe consumption and safe discharge into the environment



EXHIBITED:

2,035 works of art from 587 artists at the St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre



DEDICATED:

Police statue at St. Peters Justice Center

SNOW REMOVAL:

2,003 tons of salt spread by snow removal crews

ISSUED: 647 Pavilion Permits • 104 Gazebo Permits • 4,441 Athletic Field Permits 5,726 Resident Privilege Cards



ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

• 8 major projects completed worth \$11.7 million: Executive Centre Loop Road, Burning Leaf Drive box culvert replacement, Sutters Mill Road bridge replacement, Willott Road resurfacing & bridge replacement (photo), Mid Rivers Mall Drive resurfacing phase II, Salt Lick Road resurfacing, Suemandy Drive/Mid Rivers Plaza traffic signal replacement, Mexico Road resurfacing phase I

- 23,325 square yards of concrete pavement replaced
- 100,484 square yards of paved asphalt overlay
- 7,039 linear feet of concrete curb and gutter replaced
- 5.87 miles of pavement joint and crack sealing
- 1,392 street signs replaced
- 14,270 square feet of concrete sidewalk replaced
- 779,456 linear feet of pavement striping

RECYCLED:

- 10.47 million pounds of material
- 37,700 cubic yards of yard waste and 8,492 tons of biosolids at the Earth Centre composting facility
- 1,931 Christmas trees
- 6,300 pounds of broken holiday light strands
- Shredded documents of 946 "Shred It & Forget It" customers



PROP P PROJECTS COMPLETED*:

- Stormwater projects: Canyon Creek Basin, Pegasus/Willott Square Basin & Channel Retrofit, Ohmes Farm Basins, Crescent Hill Channel, McClay Valley Basin
- 370 Lakeside Park Corporate Pavilion
- Nob Hill Park renovation
- St. Peters Rotary Club Dog Park
- New Woodlands Sports Park restroom facility
- New Sports Center Park restroom/concession stand
- Shady Springs Park field improvements
- 370 Lakeside Park crossbow range

*Funded with 1/2-cent stormwater/parks sales tax.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RECOGNITION:

- Missouri's "Wastewater Plant of the Year—Large Facilities" as chosen by the Missouri Water Environment Association
- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and the Distinguished Budget Award from the Government Finance Officers Association.
- 17th consecutive annual Tree City USA designation and 16th straight Tree City USA Growth Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation



PERMITTED*:

- 1,746 residential construction projects worth \$61.4 million —Includes 213 new housing units worth \$52.1 million
- 656 commercial construction projects worth \$49.1 million —Includes 14 new commercial buildings worth \$35.75 million

*12 months from Nov. 2014 through Oct. 2015



HELPED:

- 39 families repair their homes*
- 1 family with emergency home repairs*
- 327 people with essential transportation needs*
- 12 elderly or disabled families with lawn mowing needs*

*Helped with Community Development Block Grants from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.

FILLED:

The tires of 248 vehicles with fuel-saving nitrogen.



EXPANDING:

- Village Mall, new 3,000 sq. ft. building (Mid Rivers Mall Drive south of McMenamy Road)
- Rush Truck Centers, 21,670 sq. ft. addition (Veterans Memorial Parkway & Industrial Park Place)
- Didion Orf Recycling, new 40,000 sq. ft. building (Mid Rivers Mall Drive near Didion Drive)
- Lewis Boats, 8,750 sq. ft. addition (I-70 Service Road North)
- Seyer Industries, 6,300 sq. ft. addition (Patmos Drive)
- Ultimate Defense, 5,696 sq. ft. addition (Brown Road)
- Goddard School, 5,100 sq. ft. addition (Heritage Landing)



UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

- Courtyard by Marriott 123-room, 75,000 sq. ft. hotel (former Holiday Inn site, Veterans Memorial Parkway)
- Walmart Markets (2 locations, 42,000 sq. ft. each) Mid Rivers Mall Drive at St. Peters-Howell Road, and Jungermann Road near Sutters Mill Road)



NOTABLE OPENINGS:

- CVS/Pharmacy (Jungermann and Mexico Roads)
- Dunkin Donuts (Mexico, west of Church Street)
- Planet Fitness (Mid Rivers Mall outlot)
- Michael's Carpet expansion (Old Town)
- Bahama Bucks (Salt Lick Road, south of Mexico)
- Progressive Balloons warehouse expansion (Industrial Park Place West)
- McAlister's Deli (Mexico, west of Mid Rivers Mall Drive)
- Bommarito Cadillac, new sales lot
- O'Reilly Auto Parts (Mexico Road, near Cave Springs Blvd.)

PLANNING STAGE:

- 500,000 sq. ft. spec building planned by Duke Realty (2000 Premier Parkway)
- QT approved to replace existing store (McClay & Jungermann)
- Gateway Metro Credit Union building approved (Jungermann Road near Queensbrooke Blvd.)
- Country Club Carwash & Mobil on the Run planned (Mexico and Jungermann)
- Ham 'n Egg restaurant (renovation of Sonic building on Harvester Road)

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT:

- Celtic apartments complete (168 units, 15 buildings, North St. Peters Parkway)
- Queensbrooke Village townhouses and multi-family senior housing buildings under construction (Queensbrooke Blvd.)
- Villas at Arden Forest, phase 2, under construction (Dingledine Road near Route 364)
- Barrington Square, 55 single-family lots, under construction (Veterans Memorial Parkway, east of Belleau Creek Road)



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THERE ARE TWO SIMPLE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP SNOW/ICE REMOVAL OPERATIONS DURING A WINTER STORM:

- 1) Park your car on the driveway.
- 2) Move solid waste carts to your driveway.

This allows snow plow drivers to clear snow quickly and place de-icing chemicals evenly. Learn more about snow removal at www.stpetersmo.net/streets.