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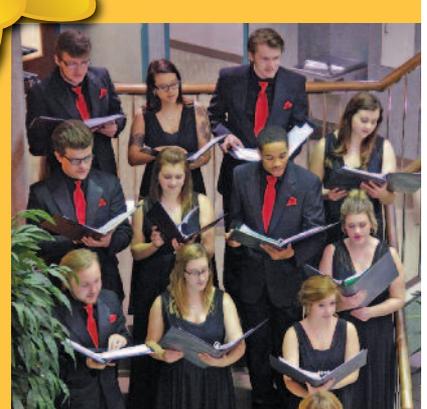
27th Annual St. Peters Tree Lighting

Friday, Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m.

Beautiful holiday lights, free musical performances, photos with Santa Claus and lighting of the tree—what do you get when you put this all together? St. Peters' annual Tree Lighting Ceremony!

At City Hall on Friday, Nov. 18 at 6:30 p.m., enjoy performances from Childbloom Guitar Program of St. Charles County, Fort Zumwalt East High School Orchestra, St. Peters Choral Society and Lindenwood University's Voices Only. The countdown to the lighting of the tree happens right outside City Hall under the stars following the last musical performance.

Afterwards, Abra-Kid-Abra's balloon artist will make fun, holiday balloons for you to take home, and local musician Wade Trent will perform a kid's sing-a-long show. Don't forget to take a family photo with Santa, too. It's a beautiful evening filled with holiday cheer; we can't wait to see you there!



Winter Wonderland On Ice Show

Friday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m. • Saturday, Dec. 10, 5 p.m.

Holiday-inspired performances transform the Rec-Plex's North Rink into an enchanted Winter Wonderland on Ice during this annual show featuring the St. Peters Rec-Plex's talented local figure skaters. Solo skaters and synchronized skating teams will dazzle with the beauty and skill of their original programs, plus beloved holiday characters will help make this a wonderful experience for the whole family! Choose from two shows: Friday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 10, at 5 p.m. Get ticket information and learn more by checking the online calendar at www.stpetersmo.net.

Day Trip to Springfield, Illinois

Thursday, Dec. 8, 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. • \$89

Join us on a trip to Springfield, Ill., to visit the magnificent 1855 Italianate Illinois Governor's Mansion, the 1840's Elijah Iles House, the Dana-Thomas House, and the birthplace and long-time home of the famous poet Vachel Lindsay. These homes are a sight to behold in any season, but especially so when dressed in its holiday finery. Call ext. 1400 at 636-939-2386, go online to www.stpetersmo.net/rec-connect or sign up in person at the St. Peters Rec-Plex, 5200 Mexico Road.





Tim Schall

A Holiday Celebration

Friday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m.

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

Tickets on sale now!

\$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

See page 9 for more information.

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, Dec. 10, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Rec-Plex South • \$12/child; \$6/adult

Families with children ages 2-8 can enjoy “Breakfast with Santa” at St. Peters’ Rec-Plex South facility on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Santa will join kids for a continental breakfast, crafts, and some favorite Christmas songs.

Parents, don’t forget to bring a camera to get pictures with Santa! The cost is \$12 per child and \$6 per adult. Register in advance by Dec. 6: Call ext. 1400 at 636-939-2386, go online to www.stpetersmo.net/rec-connect or sign up in person at the St. Peters Rec-Plex, 5200 Mexico Road.



Santa at the Old Town Log Cabin

Saturday, Dec. 3, 1-3 p.m.

141 Gatty Dr. in Old Town St. Peters

Get your kids' wish list together, and visit Santa for FREE at the Old Town Log Cabin in Old Town St. Peters. Enjoy horse-drawn carriage rides, hot chocolate and cookies. It's all FREE! Bring your own camera, and dress appropriately – this is an outdoor event.

The Log Cabin is located at 141 Gatty Drive across from Old Town Park.



Meet Russ Batzel, Our New City Administrator

Russ Batzel has taken over as the City of St. Peters' new City Administrator, stepping into the leadership role for our City's professional staff after the retirement of long-time former City Administrator Bill Charnisky. In hiring Batzel, Mayor Len Pagano and the Board of Aldermen chose to promote from within the City of St. Peters' organization and continue the stability that our local government has enjoyed for decades.

As a member of St. Peters' management team since his hiring in 1995, and a top-level manager serving directly under the City Administrator since August 1997, Batzel (pronounced Bay-tsul) knows firsthand how the City of St. Peters strives to provide top-notch services. He will continue to work to fulfill the mission in our "Vision 2025" 10-year strategic plan to provide high-quality municipal services and amenities for our community. Batzel said that his vision for the City is "to sustain and continue to improve the quality of life that has been developed over many years in the City, and carry that forward."

Batzel was hired in June 1995 as St. Peters' Public Works Director, was promoted to Group Manager for Public Works Services in 1997 and was moved to Group Manager for Transportation and Development Services in 2011. He has managed various City departments, including Water & Sewer Utilities, Streets & Transportation, Engineering & Planning, Stormwater and Fleet Maintenance.

Batzel says that he's honored that our elected officials respected and trusted City staff enough to hire from within the organization. "And, second, I'm just humbled that they would choose me to serve in that role. We have a great organization with many, many dedicated professional people. So, being chosen to lead this group of great people is an honor and a responsibility that I very much look forward to," he said.

As a registered professional engineer for more than 30 years, Batzel has worked closely with a lot of outside agencies at local, state and federal levels. He's used to collaborating and cooperating with other jurisdictions and communities on topics that affect the City.

A prime example of this type of collaboration was Batzel's key role in bringing the Great Rivers Greenway (GRG) "River Ring" of greenway trails into the design of the Salt River Road project, which itself was a partnership between the City and St. Charles County. Due to his familiarity with the Great Rivers Greenway Master Plan, Batzel was able to strategically design utilities and roadways to incorporate future GRG trails and pedestrian bridges—saving the City about \$700,000 on the Salt River Road

trail extension alone and about \$3.5 million overall on trail construction.

Batzel says that our community's biggest challenges are outside factors that we can't necessarily control, such as the whims of the economy or the passage of new state and federal regulations. While outside factors can drag on the City's budget, Batzel says that the City will continue to adapt and adjust to meet these challenges. He says that we do this through our long-range planning efforts and the foresight of the professionals in our organization.

"We anticipate when looking ahead and thinking about those aspects so we're prepared in any given year to be able to respond to those outside influences. That's a credit to our professional staff, who are there to monitor what's happening in their industry and to bring that back into our planning process," he says.

Proposition P, a stormwater and parks sales tax approved by St. Peters voters in 2012, is an example of how St. Peters tackled one of these challenges head-on.

While some other communities are only now starting to address federal stormwater quality regulations, funding from Prop P has already transformed dozens of St. Peters' neighborhood streams and stormwater basins into more sustainable, natural environments that reduce erosion, slow down stormwater run-off and filter out impurities before they reach waterways.

The trust that voters have shown in the City's government is a point of pride with Batzel, and he believes that this

trust "goes back to our fundamental mission statement—from our elected officials to the City employees, we understand that our business is customer service. ... We exist for the residents and to provide the services that the City can provide."

The City of St. Peters also is set up well for economic growth. The most exciting area of development is north along Highway 370 at Premier 370 Business Park, where RB is completing a 715,000-square-foot project, and two other major projects are in the works. Just as exciting as this type of new development, we're also seeing a lot of redevelopment throughout the community as new businesses seek to locate in St. Peters. (See story on page 5 about new development.)

"I think we're at a stage in the City where we're beyond the explosive growth, so now we're in the managed growth area," Batzel said. "And, development and redevelopment are almost equal in the City. So, what we need to be able to do is to sustain it and be able to improve our quality of life that has been developed over many years in the City, and carry that forward."



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St. Peters Attracting Diverse Development Projects

Development in St. Peters continues to take off, with a variety of projects that will help stimulate the local economy through a balance of new development on large open tracts and redevelopment in pockets throughout the City. These diverse projects range from huge new industrial buildings to exciting retail development, restaurants, hospitality, office space and more.

Development at Premier 370 Business Park along Highway 370 continues to draw massive projects that will help drive economic development for St. Peters and our entire region for years to come.

RB (Reckitt-Benckiser) will soon have warehouse, custom manufacturing and repackaging operations in a 715,000-sq.-ft. building nearing completion on Premier Parkway. **Saia LTL Freight** is pursuing construction of a 51,260-sq.-ft. trucking facility and maintenance building at Premier 370. And, **Best Buy** has announced plans to build a 252,000-sq.-ft. warehouse and distribution center on Premier Parkway.

RB also completed a 27,000-sq.-ft. expansion at its existing 425,000-sq.-ft. site in St. Peters. That facility is in Arrowhead Industrial Park, which is nearly at 100% occupancy. RB says that their two new projects will eventually provide 450 new jobs.

Mayor Len Pagano said that this new development points to the unique position that St. Peters has worked to achieve in our post-recession economy. Premier 370 Business Park is simply like no other development in our county, offering large pieces of development-ready land within an 850-acre area.

“Premier 370 Business Park is important, because there’s nowhere else in St. Charles County that you can find this type of development, where companies can find available land for large buildings of 250,000 square feet or more. Premier 370 provides the possibility of huge projects with lots of jobs and lots of economic benefits for St. Peters and our entire region,” Mayor Pagano said.

Equally exciting are a number of projects that are redeveloping commercial pockets throughout the City of St. Peters. The highest profile example is **The Shoppes of Mid Rivers**, a redevelopment of the Kaplan Lumber tract and Knobble/John Deere dealership

along the North I-70 Outer Road east of Mid Rivers Mall Drive. National commercial development company GBT Realty Corp. plans to bring in three nationally recognized tenants to anchor a \$54 million, 300,000-sq.-ft. retail project on 28 acres located across I-70 from Mid Rivers Mall.

According to published reports, when the project opens in late 2017, The Shoppes of Mid Rivers will be the largest retail development to open in the St. Louis area in nearly a decade. In addition to the three anchor tenants, the project has plans for five to seven junior anchors, small shop space and four outparcels of about one acre each. One of the stores will be **Academy Sports**, a major sports retailer opening its first stores in the metro St. Louis region.



The Shoppes of Mid Rivers site plan

Jeff Page, managing director, shopping center division, for GBT Realty, told Chain Store Age: “The City of St. Peters has been a great partner to us in this process. Along with delivering a quality retail center, GBT is proud to have a hand in generating \$3.5 million in annual local tax revenue and more than 1,200 local jobs between construction, full- and part-time employment.”

Mayor Pagano said this type of large, quality retail project only comes along so often, and he’s proud that St. Peters and GBT have worked together to make it happen. “The fact that we have such a strong retail corridor along I-70 made this possible. What also makes this type of economic development possible is that we have a great City that works for both our residents and our businesses,” said Mayor Pagano.

More economic development news for St. Peters:

- **Home2 Suites by Hilton** will build on Veterans Memorial Parkway, providing a new four-story, 106-room extended stay option for visitors (next to the Kia dealership east of St. Peters Centre Blvd.).
- **Fresh Thyme** plans to build a grocery store at South St. Peters Parkway and Woodstone Drive off Highway 364.

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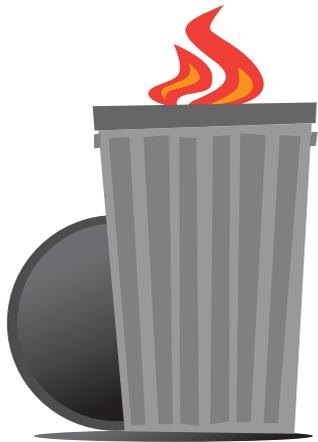
The massive RB site at Premier 370 Business Park

If you are cold, they are cold.

Bring your pets inside.

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! City Ordinance #2169



Hot Ash Disposal Home Fire Prevention

With the onset of cooler weather, many people in St. Peters will be lighting fire pits and 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 causing expensive damage and danger to others.

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.

Shred It & Forget It!

Saturday, Nov. 5, 9 a.m.-noon

St. Peters and Cottleville residents have an opportunity to safely destroy unneeded documents by bringing them to the large mobile shredders at the Health and Environmental Services (HES) Operations Building from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Nov. 5, rain or shine.

Residents should simply place the documents they wish to destroy in cardboard boxes and bring them to the HES Building. Please make sure that the boxes are not too heavy to lift. There is a limit of five boxes per vehicle. All of the shredded material will be recycled including the cardboard boxes if they are not needed back.

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

This service is free for St. Peters and Cottleville resident households only. A Resident Privilege Card is required. Residents of other communities may participate at a rate of \$5 a box with a limit of five boxes. A box is defined as a banker's box.

The HES Operations Building is located at 135 Ecology Drive (behind Recycle City).



Fall Yard Waste

During the months of **October, November, December** and **March**, you can set out yard waste bags filled with LEAVES ONLY for curbside collection. All other yard waste including grass and brush must be placed inside your yard waste cart for curbside disposal.

The last yard waste pickup of the season is Jan. 11; service resumes on March 1.



HOLIDAY RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES

When Mr. Jack O'Lantern has finished lighting up your home this year, St. Peters' Earth Centre will give him new life by turning him into compost. This is true of **PUMPKINS** as well as other common fall decorations such as **GOURDS**, **CORN STALKS** and **BALES OF STRAW**. Bring these items to Earth Centre or place them in your yard waste cart on regularly scheduled yard waste collection days. Cut corn stalks so they do not protrude from the top of the cart.

According to RethinkRecycle.com, household waste increases by more than 25 percent from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day. It's always good to recycle, but with the holidays come additional opportunities.

For instance, be sure to recycle your **CANS**, **GLASS BOTTLES** and **FOOD JARS** as you are preparing for holiday meals or parties. These can all go in one Blue Bag for containers.

ALUMINUM CANS can be brought to Recycle City to receive the current rate per pound or donate them to Pennies for Patriots. You also have the option to just place them in a Blue Bag with other containers and drop the Blue Bag into your trash container.

If you're decorating your home with **LIGHT STRANDS** and find some that have gone bad or if you are replacing incandescent light strands with new energy-efficient LED strands, don't throw the old strands directly in the trash cart. Not only do light strands add to landfill costs when thrown in the trash, they can wrap around sorting equipment at Recycle City and cause costly damage.

Bring them to Recycle City or simply place the light strands you no longer want in a Blue Bag and drop the bag in your trash cart for collection. Please do not place other recyclables in the same Blue Bag as the light strands.

After frying that bird, the last thing you want to deal with is raw sewage backing up into your home. Resist pouring used **COOKING OIL** down the drain. Grease and oil can cause sewer blockages and overflows that damage homes, threaten the environment and cause health hazards. These blockages can damage your home and ruin your holiday.

Recycle City accepts used cooking oil. Simply empty the cooking oil into the designated receptacle, or leave the container with the

cooking oil (container will not be returned).

If your holiday celebration calls for opening gifts, have a roll of Blue Bags handy for **WRAPPING PAPER**. Keep in mind that foil or foil lined wrapping paper cannot be recycled. Flatten **LARGE BOXES** and place directly into your trash cart. **SMALL BOXES** can be placed in Blue Bags.

You can also recycle your **HOLIDAY GREETING CARDS**. Volunteers at the St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre create a variety of art projects giving them a new life.

Another option is to place them in your paper Blue Bag. Cards without foil inserts or backing are generally recyclable.

Finally, when you're finished enjoying your live **CHRISTMAS TREE**, simply cut the tree in half and place the tree in your yard waste cart for normal yard waste pickup or bring the tree to Earth Centre. The last yard waste pickup of the season is Jan. 11; service resumes on March 1.

Get more information about everything that can be recycled in St. Peters at www.stpetersmo.net/Recycle.

Remember, you can get additional Blue Bags at City Hall, the Rec-Plex or Recycle City during normal business hours if you need more for recycling all of the additional holiday trash. Single-family households can simply tie an empty Blue Bag on the handle of your trash cart to notify the Recycle Truck driver to leave you a new roll of Blue Bags. Multi-family residents should check with your complex office.

Keeping as many items out of the landfill as we can is not only good for the environment, but also helps to keep your trash rates low.

It's a Great Day to Recycle!



Father Daughter Sweetheart Dance

St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre
Feb. 4, 2017, 6:30-9 p.m.

Dads and other father figures of all ages, treat your little girls, ages 5 to 13, to a wonderful evening of music and dancing. Snacks will be served, and a professional photographer will be available for picture packages at the event for an additional cost.

Tickets for the dance are \$14 per person. The professional photos will be sold separately.

Advance registration is required. Register in person at the Rec-Plex, online using Rec-Connect, or call 636-939-2386, ext. 1400. When registering online, print out your receipt and bring it with you for admission to the dance.



ACT Two Theatre

Nuncrackers: The Nunsense Christmas Musical

Nov. 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13

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

Sign up for Art E-News

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

2016 Cultural Arts Centre

DANCES

7-10 p.m.

DECEMBER 16

Holiday Party

Featuring the music
of Fanfare

Tickets are \$7 per person at the door. St. Peters residents showing a Resident Privilege Card will receive a discount of \$1 off the ticket price. No advance ticket sales.



UPCOMING ART SHOWS & COMPETITIONS

Oct. 27 - Dec. 18

Autumn Colors (All Media)

Receiving: Monday, Oct. 24 • 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

There will be NO RECEPTION for this show.

Works must contain the hues of fall.

Oct. 27 - Dec. 18

7th Annual \$100 or Less Art Show & Sale

This is the season of frustration, trying to find that perfect gift for your hard-to-buy-for friend or relative. Consider a one-of-a-kind piece of original artwork to give that special someone.

St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre is bringing back the \$100 or Less Art Show and Sale again this year. Stop by the Centre between Nov. 6 and Dec. 28 to choose a piece of original art at a cost that is sure to fit your budget. All pieces in this show will be marked at or under \$100.

If you're an artist, this is your opportunity to clear out your inventory. Bring your artwork to the St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre on Tuesday, Nov. 3, between 9 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. to enter your works into this art show and sale. Remember, all pieces must be priced at \$100 or less. There is no reception for this show.

Visit www.stpetersmo.net to download forms to accompany your artwork.

A Holiday Celebration, Cabaret-Style



Tim Schall

Join us at the St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre Performing Arts Theatre on Friday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. for a holiday celebration featuring the cabaret-style music of Tim Schall. Music will be directed by Carol Schmidt.

Tim Schall brings you a holiday celebration of shining seasonal standards—old and new—to light up your holidays. Schall has performed his solo shows at The Sheldon Concert Hall, Jazz at the Bistro, among many other area venues. In addition, he has worked in clubs in Chicago, Santa Fe, Washington, D.C. and Boston.

As an actor Tim has performed in productions with The Muny, Stages St. Louis, The St. Louis Black Rep, Upstream Theater, New Jewish Theater among many others. He was nominated for a Best Supporting Actor St. Louis Theater Circle Award in 2015.

"Top cabaret singers have strong voices and the ability to connect emotionally with an audience—that's why Tim Schall is one of the very best in the business. He's the sort of performer who makes you feel that he's singing to you, and for you." – Paul Friswold, *Riverfront Times*, February 2016

Tickets are available by calling 1-800-838-3006 or online at www.brownpapertickets.com. The cost is \$12.99 each (plus service fee of 3.5%). If any tickets remain, tickets will be available at the door at a cost of \$18 each.

St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre is located at One St. Peters Centre Blvd. in St. Peters.

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.



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

November

- 2 **Planning & Zoning Commission**
6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 5 **Shred It and Forget It**
9 a.m.-noon, HES Operations Building,
135 Ecology Drive
- 7 **Veterans Memorial Commission**
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 10 **Board of Aldermen: Work Session, 5 p.m.;**
Meeting, 7 p.m., Justice Center
- 11 **Veterans Day Ceremony**
10 a.m., Veterans Memorial (City Centre)
- 11 **DJ Skate, 7-9 p.m., Rec-Plex**
- 15 **Parks, Recreation and Arts Advisory
Board**
6 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 17 **Senior Advisory Committee**
12:30 p.m., Senior Center
- 18 **St. Peters Tree Lighting**
6:30 p.m., City Hall
- 28 **Health & Wellness Advisory Committee**
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre

December

- 2 **DJ Skate, 7-9 p.m., Rec-Plex**
- 3 **Santa at the Old Town Log Cabin**
1-3 p.m., 141 Gatty Drive
- 5 **Veterans Memorial Commission**
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 7 **Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony**
10 a.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 7 **Planning & Zoning Commission**
6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 9 **A Holiday Celebration feat. Tim Schall**
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 9 & 10 **Winter Wonderland on Ice**
Fri., 7 p.m. & Sat., 5 p.m., Rec-Plex
- 10 **Breakfast with Santa**
8:30 a.m., Rec-Plex South
- 15 **Board of Aldermen: Work Session, 5 p.m.;**
Meeting, 7 p.m., Justice Center
- 16 **Cultural Arts Centre Dance: *Holiday Party***
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 31 **New Year's Eve Lock-In**
7 p.m.-7 a.m., Rec-Plex

NEW YEAR'S EVE LOCK-IN

Dec. 31, 7 p.m.-7 a.m. • Ages 8-13

FREE for GOLD PLUS Members!

\$50/St. Peters Residents • \$60/General Public
& 25/Rec-Plex Annual Members!



Advance Registration Only!

Ice Skating • Broom Ball • DJ • Midnight Balloon
Drop • Games • Swimming • Inflatables & More!

Register online at www.stpetersmo.net/rec-connect, or call 636-939-2386, ext. 1400.
Register in advance! We do not take registrations at the door. Children may be
dropped off beginning at 7 p.m. on Dec. 31 and must be picked up by 7 a.m. on Jan. 1.



Veterans Day Ceremony Friday, Nov. 11 • 10 a.m.

The City of St. Peters and the City's Veterans Memorial Commission will host a Veterans Day ceremony beginning at 10 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial at St. Peters City Centre.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved inside the Cultural Arts Centre at St. Peters City Hall. The St. Peters Veterans Memorial is located at One St. Peters Centre Blvd., St. Peters, MO.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony Wednesday, Dec. 7 • 10 a.m.

The City of St. Peters and the City's Veterans Memorial Commission will host a ceremony remembering those who lost their lives during the attack on Pearl Harbor. This indoor event begins at 10 a.m. at the St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre.

For more information on these veterans ceremonies, check the online calendar at www.stpetersmo.net.

Holiday Hours

VETERANS DAY

Fri., Nov. 11

THANKSGIVING

Thurs., Nov. 24

Fri., Nov. 25

City Hall	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Cultural Arts Centre	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Municipal Court	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Police Records	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Earth Centre	OPEN ¹	CLOSED	OPEN ¹
Recycle City	OPEN ²	CLOSED	OPEN ²
Trash Collection	NORMAL	DELAYED ⁵	DELAYED ⁵
Animal Control	ON CALL ³	ON CALL ³	ON CALL ³
Rec-Plex	OPEN ⁴	CLOSED	OPEN ⁴

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

² Open for trash and yard waste disposal, but Recycle City offices are closed.

³ For emergency calls only, after hours or during the holiday, call Police Dispatch at 636-278-2222.

⁴ Rec-Plex administrative offices are closed.

⁵ Trash collection delayed a day for the remainder of the week.

⁶ Rec-Plex Registration Desk closed. Extended public ice skating and swimming sessions from 1-5 p.m.

⁷ Open for trash and yard waste disposal only from 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m., but the offices are closed.

CHRISTMAS

Sat., Dec. 24

Sun., Dec. 25

Mon., Dec. 26

NEW YEAR'S

Sat., Dec. 31

Sun., Jan. 1

Mon., Jan. 2

City Hall	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Cultural Arts Centre	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Municipal Court	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Police Records	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Earth Centre	OPEN ⁷	CLOSED	OPEN ¹	OPEN ¹	CLOSED	CLOSED
Recycle City	OPEN ⁷	CLOSED	OPEN ²	OPEN ⁷	CLOSED	OPEN ²
Trash Collection	NA	NA	NORMAL	NA	NA	NORMAL
Animal Control	ON CALL ³	ON CALL ³				
Rec-Plex	Close at 4 p.m.	CLOSED	OPEN ⁴	Close at 4 p.m.	Open 1-5 p.m. ⁶	OPEN ⁴

PROP Progress

A Long-Term Proposition

Proposition P was passed in 2012 to fund storm water and parks improvements in St. Peters. Construction has been completed on dozens of projects since voters approved the issue. But, construction is only the first part of any project—maintenance is just as important.

For example, 14 storm water improvement projects have been constructed with Prop P funding, but each of those projects are still under a three-year maintenance and stewardship phase. That means that the contractor is still monitoring these restored neighborhood basins and streams to ensure that native plants are thriving instead of harmful invasive plants, such as bush honeysuckle, poison ivy and other weeds. “Native” plants are those plants that have been in our area for centuries, able to withstand the local climate, dig their roots deep to fight erosion and provide food and habitat for native wildlife and insects. After each project’s initial three-year period, City of St. Peters staff takes over monitoring and maintenance.



STORM WATER PROJECTS UPDATE

- \$30 million funded in City of St. Peters 5-year Capital Improvement Plan
- 22 projects overall funded through fiscal year 2019
- 14 projects constructed and under 3-year maintenance and stewardship phase
- 3 projects under construction (\$2.1 million):
 - P-5 Mid Rivers Estates Channel
 - P-12 Spencer Creek (Covenant Park - Country Creek)
 - P-24 Rachels Trail and Shining Rock
- 10 projects planned for construction:
 - P-13 Rainbow Drive Basin
 - P-24 Country Hill Phase I and II
 - P-27 Calwood Channel
 - P-17/18 Spencer Creek Park Channel and Trail
 - Golf Course Hole 8
 - P-19 Laurel Park Basin
 - P-24 Forest Grove
 - P-21 Sun River & McClay Meadows Basins
 - P-23 Boone Hills/Jungermann
 - P-28 Jungermann Road Storm Improvements
- 16 projects in design or right-of-way acquisition phase

PARKS PROJECTS UPDATE

- Laurel Park playground improvements—completion expected by the end of 2016
- St. Peters Golf Course projects for 2017: cart path improvements, new restroom/concession stand, and creek bank stabilization on Dardenne Creek
- Community Park playground and pavilion/restroom construction (spring 2017)
- St. Peters Rotary Club Dog Park Phase II water feature (2017)
- 370 Lakeside Park additions: sprayground for kids, lodge meeting room and east pavilion (2017)
- RV Park expansion—open for rental as grass establishes on each site
- Rec-Plex Front Entrance project expected to be complete soon (story on page 18)
- Laurel Park Trail extension to McClay Road (2017)
- Trail improvements along Spencer Creek corridor (2017)
- Woodlands Sports Park improvements to the Quad (Diamonds 21-24), new playground and field lights on Diamond 25 (2017)
- New restroom at Covenant Park (2017)
- Sports Center Park pedestrian bridge replacement (2017)

HELP WITH HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The City of St. Peters offers a program that provides a 0% interest, 5-year forgivable home improvement loan to qualifying residents. The St. Peters Urban County Home Improvement Loan Program provides funding for low-income homeowners with home rehabilitation projects such as new windows, furnace and air conditioners, roof replacement, driveway replacement or repair, and more. Applications are being accepted for the upcoming program year on a first-come, first-served basis until all openings are filled.

You are eligible to participate in the St. Peters Home Improvement Program, if you:

- Are a resident and homeowner in the City limits of St. Peters.
- 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). Refer to the chart to see if you meet income qualifications.

Maximum Household Income Levels

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| • 1 person - \$39,400 | • 2 persons - \$45,000 |
| • 3 persons - \$50,650 | • 4 persons - \$56,250 |
| • 5 persons - \$60,750 | • 6 persons - \$65,250 |
| • 7 persons - \$69,750 | • 8 persons - \$74,250 |

For more information, call 636-279-8279 and select option 2.



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.

ACTION ESTATE LIQUIDATORS, LLC
314-971-4780

AMP CONSTRUCTION & RESTORATION, LLC
636-477-6632

CAMPBELL MONTESSORI ADULT COMMUNITY
636-477-6651

CLARK COMPLETE CAR CARE
636-922-3485

CLASSY GLASS LLC • 636-542-0059

COMPASS FINANCIAL, LLC • 636-489-4777

COOL NAIL & SPA • 636-443-9938

CRAY CRAY'S CUSTOMIZING SHOP & UNIQUE BOUTIQUE • 636-262-5353

CRUZIN FUSION FOOD TRUCK COMMISSARY
314-698-0427

DIGITAL HORIZONS, LLC • 636-441-5200
ELYSIUM RESTORATION & DESIGN
314-202-4013

ERIC'S ELECTRIC • 636-373-7904

GO! GAMES AND TOYS • 636-279-1227

HARWELL EXPRESS, LLC • 314-800-3479

J. NOTO BAKERY • 636-949-0474

JEFF STONE WELDING & FABRICATION
314-640-6366

MASTER'S TOUCH AUTOMOBILE
636-477-6844

OCD CLEANING • 636-466-1069

PATRIOT SUNROOMS & HOME SOLUTIONS
636-922-3232

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R & M ELECTRIC • 636-284-7553

RADIENLIFE • 901-662-7967

SCHORMANN LAW FIRM, LLC • 636-875-1999

SHIMMER • 646-427-5080

SIMPLY HOME CARE, INC • 636-387-0900

STUDY METRIX RESEARCH, LLC
636-387-5100

THE KANGEN WATER STORE
636-244-1173

TREE JAY SERVICE LLC • 314-471-8036

WIGS & HAIR • 636-387-7155

WINDSOR FASHIONS • 323-282-9000

St. Peters Utility Customers Continue Generous Donations to Meals on Wheels Program

When the Meals on Wheels Program in St. Peters was facing elimination after state and federal funding was cut in 2011, St. Peters utility customers stepped up to do their part to make sure the Meals on Wheels Program will continue to deliver hot meals to homebound seniors in our area.

In January 2012, the City of St. Peters placed a box on utility bills that gives utility customers the option to donate to the Meals on Wheels program when they pay their utility bill. Utility customers have responded positively by donating over \$55,000 to Meals on Wheels through this program. Some participating customers have simply rounded up their utility payments to the next dollar amount, while others have added extra dollar amounts to their payment.

Meals on Wheels volunteers at the St. Peters Senior Center deliver about 150 hot meals a day, Monday through Friday. Without these home deliveries, these residents would not be able to remain independent in their homes.

"These are seniors who can't cook for themselves for a number of reasons. That alone makes this service so valuable," said Mayor Len Pagano. "But, even more than the food, the volunteers may be the only visitor these people see all day to bring a smile and brighten their lives. It truly is a wonderful program."

If you would like to donate, simply fill in the amount you wish to contribute in the designated box on your utility bill and add that amount to your payment. Or, send your donation directly to the St. Peters Senior Center Meals on Wheels Program, 108 McMenamy Rd, St. Peters, MO 63376. Make your check payable to the St. Peters Senior Center and write "Meals on Wheels" in the memo.

If you would like to request home-delivered meals, or to learn about volunteering to deliver meals to homebound seniors, call 636-278-1609.

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Messages From Our Elected Officials

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Len Pagano
Mayor

Pay It Forward–Shop Local

The holiday season is a special time of the year. Each moment we can spend with loved ones is a gift. It's an opportunity to share our faith and show extra warmth to others through acts of kindness, a helping hand or even just a smile.

We think about what we're thankful for, and count our blessings this time of year. As Mayor of St. Peters, my thoughts of course turn to our entire

community. We have a lot to cherish here. St. Peters is a beautiful and secure place to live. And, our economy is really taking off, and that speaks well to our future! (See story on page 5.)

This time next year, we expect a great new retail development to open in time for the holidays across I-70 from Mid Rivers Mall. The 300,000-square-foot development, called The Shoppes at Mid Rivers, will add more great places to shop locally and provide more job opportunities.

And, with each sale at a St. Peters shop, our community gets a boost. Our brick-and-mortar businesses are crucial to our community's success. When we buy local, we're doing some really good things:

1) We're helping our local businesses survive, and putting people to work in our community. Our friends and neighbors own or work at these businesses. The people who work in our businesses usually live here and shop here, so when our local businesses succeed, it's paid forward to other businesses.

2) Sales taxes from local sales are invested directly back into your hometown. We're able to pave and fix roads, plow the roads clear when it snows, provide parks, manage stormwater, pay for police protection and more with our sales tax proceeds.

3) When you shop local, you're going green by burning less fuel and saving yourself a lot of money.

That's why we urge you to "Shop St. Peters" when possible, or at least shop within St. Charles County to keep your tax dollars working for you. When you shop anywhere in St. Charles County, you're still investing locally and helping to fund the roads, parks, etc., that we enjoy all throughout the county. There are so many kinds of businesses in our City or nearby communities that you really can buy just about everything you want right here.

Here's a good way to find local businesses: Go to our City of St. Peters website at www.stpetersmo.net and click on the "Shop St. Peters" logo at the bottom of the page to find a directory of all of the businesses in our City. You can search for a business by category such as "Home Electronics" or "Restaurant-Pizza" or even "Smoke Free" or "Senior Discount."

Please make the choice of shopping locally while checking off names on your gift list this holiday season. And, give a gift to yourself and your community at the same time.

My wife, Joyce, and I wish you well this holiday season, and in 2017 and beyond. Buono Natale & Buono Capò

D'Anno (Merry Christmas and Happy New Year).
Our national motto, "In God We Trust."



Terri Violet
Ward 3

A Better Quality of Life

Our wounded warriors deserve recognition! The City of St. Peters has been designated a Purple Heart City. We have now taken the lead in St. Charles County and beyond to extend our appreciation by designating special parking spaces at City Hall (and soon the Rec Plex) for those that have earned a Purple Heart. This military decoration is awarded to those wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of

the enemy. Each space has been painted purple and displays a reserve sign.

If you are now serving or have been Honorably Discharged from the United States military, I want to thank you for your service. If you are a wounded warrior, please feel free to use one of these special parking spaces as our thank you for all you have given to keep our Country safe and free. We are constantly looking for ways to improve the quality of life in our City. The wounded warriors here in our community deserve all recognition given to them.

The Thanksgiving holiday will be here soon. During this time of thanks, please remember our service members and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they are away from their loved ones.

Wishing you a wonderful Holiday Season and a blessed new year. 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!**

If you would like to receive my informative Ward 3 e-newsletters, email me at: terrivioletward3@att.net



Judy Bateman
Ward 2

What Are CDBG Programs?

Did you know the City of St. Peters participates and administers CDBG funding for several worthwhile programs for our community? What is CDBG, you ask? Well, the funding comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the acronym stands for Community Development Block Grant. The purpose is to assist low to moderate income families in several areas. I will highlight several

of the programs that are varied according to your need. You can get much more information on these worthwhile programs at www.stpetersmo.net/cdbg-programs.aspx or by contacting City Hall at 636-477-6600, ext. 1365.

The maximum amount for home rehab projects is \$5,000.00 and is a 5-year forgivable loan with 0% interest.

Programs offered are:

- St. Peters Urban County Home Improvement Loan
- St. Peters Emergency Repair Program

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- St. Charles Urban County Home Improvement Loan
- First Time Homebuyers Program
- St. Peters Lawn Mowing Assistance
- St. Peters Transportation Program

This is a very well run and much-needed program that helps our City maintain our neighborhoods and offer a better quality of life for those that are in need.

Another reason we like to say St Peters is the best place to Live, Work and Play!

Please feel free to call me anytime if you want more info on the above programs or any other concern or suggestion you may have.



Don Aytes
Ward 4

Thanksgiving

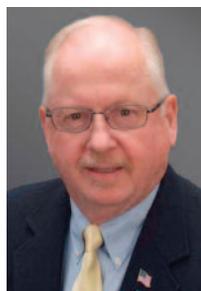
Here it is 3:30 a.m. on the morning of Oct. 7 and I am up watching the hurricane come in on Florida and Georgia. They say 263,000 are without power along the coast and this storm could kill you. While I'm watching, my mind is thinking about Thanksgiving back when I was in grade school. My Grandpa and Grandma Krause lived on a farm. They never had turkeys, but did have geese, so on Thanksgiving they cooked a goose, I can still see grandmother taking off the pot lid and skimming off the fat. It's been so many years I don't remember what a goose tasted like, but I remember them

talking about how fat a goose was.

Our City is doing fine. A lot of commercial development is on tap and you should see a lot of building in the next year—another hotel, a 100-door truck terminal, a couple of restaurants, another 250,000-square-foot warehouse, some commercial over by the Page extension, and I keep telling you about 370 Lakeside Park. Last Sunday morning Delores and I sat in the car and watched the geese coming in. When we left there was at least 150 geese on the ground. I just love wildlife.

Just a little reminder that when you leave your car parked outside with a garage door opener in the car, that gives a thief a key to your house. Don't leave items on the seats or you are just asking for problems. As we get more residents out here, we will get more problems so be careful where you park and don't keep money in your house as when a thief finds money he will get back to you in time.

Have a good Thanksgiving and Christmas as they will be here before you know it.



Michael Shea
Ward 3

Consumer (Resident) Protection

Do you get tired of those people knocking on your door trying to sell you stuff you don't want or need? St. Peters has laws that protect residents from the predators and so-called salespeople.

Every individual desiring to engage in any type of business, peddling or soliciting, as defined in Article I of Chapter 605 (605.150), with owners and occupants of residences within this City is required to make written application to the City for a license. That ordinance also states that no person shall be permitted to engage in peddling or soliciting unless that person has been issued a license. As a

condition to engage in peddling or soliciting, they are required to carry the license on their person and produce it upon request along with a picture identification card from the business that he or she represents.

So what do you do when one of these peddlers show up on your doorstep without a license from the City? Well, if you object to the annoyance, call the non-emergency number for the St Peters police (636-278-2222) and report the peddler. Try to relay a general description of the peddler and note the direction they take leaving your place. If a peddler is persistent and refuses to leave you alone, make sure you report it to the dispatcher. Now, let the police escort the peddlers from your neighborhood. Another action you can take is to request a "No Soliciting"

decal from the City's Citizen Action Center desk at City Hall, your Neighborhood Watch Captain, or your alderman, that when displayed conspicuously near your front door, tells peddlers "... you're not interested".

St Peters prides itself on protecting its residents from unscrupulous people who make their living from scamming unsuspecting homeowners. But, it requires help from vigilant homeowners to report violators. Without your phone calls, unlicensed peddlers travel door to door looking for a victim.

Robo-Calls

The Mayor of St Peters, along with the entire Board of Aldermen, declared their intolerance for "robo calls," sending the elected officials in Jefferson City a proclamation so stating the residents' distaste for these annoying phone calls. They have taken a stand to refrain from the practice by the requests of residents. If you receive these calls, report them to your alderman so that they are aware of the activity.

This is another attempt to protect our residents.



Dave Thomas
Ward 1

The Sacrifices of Serving

I was invited to attend a Gold Star luncheon in October 2016. As a Marine Corps Veteran of the Gulf War (my experience being nothing like our troops have gone through in the last 15 years), I understand the sacrifices that are affiliated with serving in the Armed Forces. At the end of the ceremony, a folded American flag was presented to the family members of fallen service members. There was not a dry eye in the room.

Witnessing the pain and anguish of these families, who still suffer from the loss of their loved one, reminded me of a story of another Gold Star mother of WWII, as shared by Thomas S. Monson. The story, summarized, is as follows ...

"Arthur had blond, curly hair and a smile as big as all outdoors. He stood taller than any boy in the class. I suppose this is how, in 1940, as the great conflict which became World War II, Arthur was able to fool the recruiting officers and enlist in the navy at the tender age of 15. To Arthur and most of the boys, the war was a great adventure.

"Arthur's mother was so proud of the blue star which graced her living room window. It represented to every passerby that her son was actively serving our country. When I would pass the house, she often opened the door and invited me in to read the latest letter from Arthur aloud. Her eyes would fill with tears; Arthur meant everything to this widowed mother.

"I can still picture Mrs. Patton's coarse hands as she would carefully replace the letter in its envelope. These were hardworking hands; Mrs. Patton was a cleaning woman for an office building. Each day of her life, except Sundays, she could be seen walking along the sidewalk with pail and brush in hand, her gray hair pulled back into a tight bob, her shoulders weary from work.

"In March 1944, Arthur was transferred from the USS Dorsey, a destroyer, to the USS White Plains, an aircraft carrier. While at Saipan in the South Pacific, the ship was attacked. Arthur was lost at sea.

"The blue star was taken from its hallowed spot in the front window of the Patton home. It was replaced by one of gold, indicating that he had been killed in battle. A light went out in the life of Mrs. Patton. She groped in utter darkness and deep despair."

Mrs. Patton, as would most, struggled to find hope after her son's death. Yet, over time, and with the help of others, she eventually regained her hope and faith to accept the loss of her son.

Most of us will never be Gold Star families, however, ALL of us will feel the loss of a loved one, friend, or family member. How will we feel when this day comes? Would we want someone in our circle of support to uplift

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What Will Winter Bring?

Snow Removal Team Ready to Respond

Some winters are snowy, others might be icy, and sometimes we get very little wintry precipitation. Heading into the season, the City of St. Peters' Snow and Ice Removal Team has a plan for whatever comes our way. St. Peters has around 100 employees involved with snow removal efforts, from drivers to maintenance staff to office workers who field calls. This team works around the clock, as long as needed, to clear our roads.

You, too, can be part of the snow removal team. How? By doing the following, you can make snow removal operations quicker and more efficient in St. Peters:

- 1) Park your car on the driveway rather than on the street during a winter storm.
- 2) If it's trash disposal night, move your trash cart onto the driveway.
- 3) Lessen the amount of snow in front of your driveway by shoveling the area heading into the direction of oncoming traffic. Check the accompanying graphic—it shows where you should clear snow in the street around your driveway so that excess plowed snow will be deposited on the curb before your driveway instead of in front of it.
- 4) For safety's sake, during significant winter storms, please stay home when possible. If you have to drive, please steer clear of snow plows when you see them.
- 5) What you can do right now at this minute is go to the St. Peters website at www.stpetersmo.net and sign up for text messages and emails through Nixle by clicking on "Emergency Notification Sign Up" on the left-hand side of the home page. The City of St. Peters will send you urgent messages to your phone or inbox anytime there's an urgent matter, including snow emergencies.

If there are obstacles on the street during a winter storm, a snow removal driver has to come back out later to clear the snow that piled up in the street around these obstructions. If you help keep your street clear of obstacles, the snow plow driver can clear the entire road and place de-icing chemicals more evenly.

Look at it this way: Taking care of your role saves your own taxpayer dollars. The fewer times that snow plow driver has to drive



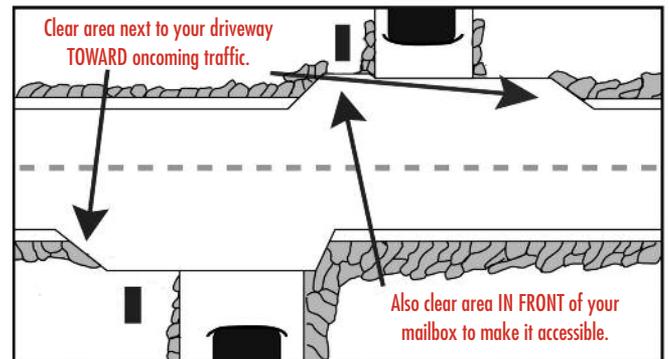
through our streets, the less money it costs us for fuel, vehicle maintenance and possibly overtime pay.

Remember to tune into SPTV St. Peters TeleVision for weather updates. During severe weather conditions, SPTV interrupts its regular broadcast schedule to show a live traffic camera and weather radar.

SPTV can be viewed in a number of ways:

- AT&T U-verse Channel 99.
- CHARTER Channel 992.
- CHARTER QAM 108 channel group.
- Online at SPTVNOW.net.
- You can also watch SPTV live and on demand on your iPhone, iPad and on some Android cell phones.

Just go to SPTVNOW.net in your cell phone's browser.



Driveway Access Snow Removal Program

Some people are physically unable to clear the mound of snow left by snow plows in front of their driveways. Recognizing this, the City of St. Peters took snow removal yet another step—we've set up a program to remove this mound of snow in front of driveways for eligible seniors and people with disabilities. This service is provided when these snow mounds reach 6 inches high, and after crews clear City streets.

The Driveway Access Snow Removal Program is open for application to residents who:

1. Live in a private, single-family, residential home; and
2. Are age 62 or older, or who have been diagnosed with a medical condition that limits their ability to remove snow.

If you believe you are eligible, you can find application documents online at www.stpetersmo.net, or you can request an application be mailed to you by calling City Hall at 636-477-6600, ext. 1225. City Hall hours are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on holidays.

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and encourage us? Perhaps you have been that person that has been put in the path to uplift and support a grieving friend, coworker, or family member.

It is not just the loss of a loved one, but even the tender changes of someone who has suffered the challenges of a great illness or unforeseeable effect. From someone who has suffered with a stroke, such as my mother, to a young child who has lost a limb in a car accident ... or our incredibly brave men and women who suffer from life-changing injuries, both physical and mental, from service in the Armed Forces. We all know ... and can all be more understanding and loving ... reaching in care and concern beyond our own self.

For those that have suffered the loss of a loved one or live with the impact/change of one going through unique challenges, special times of the year can be incredibly difficult to bear. With the holidays approaching, the festivities and celebrations that accompany this season can be painful reminders of the absence of a loved one, or times that once were. Perhaps in the hustle-n-bustle of the season, we could make more of an effort to reach out, extend a helping hand, or maybe just listen to those that might be suffering. Would you be that special person that makes the burden lighter for another?

It is my hope that you will reach out and extend your time of service and support to those in need. We all have or will go through times of personal struggle, and as such, will or do need the caring compassion of others. May this love you can share further your joy of this holiday season and a wonderful start to the New Year.



Patrick Barclay
Ward 4

Vision 2025

Every year the various departments, the city administrator and the elected officials work on and develop a budget. We've learned that long-term planning is crucial to every successful municipality. That's why we also have in place a five-year Capital Improvement Plan that gets revised and updated annually. This CIP includes any big projects and large expenditures over the next 60 months. Doing this has allowed us to maintain a balanced budget while also providing many services and amenities to all the residents and businesses in our community.

Building on the goal to always looking long term, the City has developed a new strategic plan called Vision 2025. It has been endorsed by Mayor Pagano and the Board of Aldermen. This is being used to foresee the opportunities and challenges that we will face over the next decade. It provides a blueprint to make sure St. Peters continues to be a great place to live, work and play.

Besides financial planning, the City's mission has always been to provide the citizens the best quality of life. We recognize that our most valuable resource to achieving this is our employees. They are always responsive and professional to the public. Teamwork and trust are also keys to Vision 2025. It takes everyone in an organization to make it successful. The elected officials have the highest regard for the 600+ people who are employed by the City. Together, we'll continue to keep the community safe, prosperous, sustainable, innovative and connected with all of you for years to come.

If you would like a Vision 2025 brochure, feel free to contact me. You can send an email to AldermanBarclay@aol.com or call me at 636-795-8255. Let me know if you prefer a pdf file or a printed copy sent to you in the mail. If you live in Ward 4, I'd be happy to drop it off at your home. For continued updates of everything happening in St. Peters, feel free to follow me on Facebook. You can do a search for my name or log onto www.facebook.com/aldermanpatrickbarclay.

As the year comes to an end, I want to thank you for your continued support. Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to everyone.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT continued from page 5

- Construction of **Country Club Carwash and Mobil on the Run** is nearing completion across Mexico Road from the new CVS at the newly reconstructed Jungermann/Mexico intersection. Hiring is underway.
- An expansion to **Siteman Cancer Center** is adding 15,640 sq. ft. along Mexico Road at Barnes-Jewish St. Peters Hospital.
- **Gateway Metro Credit Union** is under construction on the east side of Jungermann Road, south of McClay Road.
- **MERS Goodwill** is building a new 15,300-sq.-ft. site on Harvester Road, south of Highway 364.
- **St. Peters Corporate Centre III** will house 27,321 sq. ft. of new office area and a drive-through canopy for bank use on Veterans Memorial Parkway, east of St. Peters Centre Parkway.
- **Mid-West Gunite** plans to build a development with an office and storage building and concrete operation, on Mid Rivers Trade Court, south of Ecology Drive.
- **Didion Orf Recycling** on Didion Drive recently completed a 40,000-sq.-ft. expansion.
- **Cork & Barrel**, a steak house restaurant, will open after renovating the former Hatfield & McCoy's site on Mexico Road west of S. Church Street.
- **Llywelyn's Pub** plans to open at the former Vista Grande site at Mid Rivers Mall Drive and St. Peters-Howell Road.
- **Mascots Bar** is moving into the former It's a Better Burger location on Mexico Road.
- **Meadowridge Apartments** plans to build a 180-unit complex on South St. Peters Parkway.

Keep up to date on all of St. Peters' economic development news online at www.stpetersmo.net. Check the Economic Development web page from the Business pull-down menu. NEW on our site: an "Economic Update" online publication keeps you informed monthly about growth in St. Peters.



Siteman Cancer Center expansion

Tips from a Rec-Plex Personal Trainer

6 Ways to Eat Better

Rebecca Levine, a personal trainer and dietitian for the St. Peters Rec-Plex, usually gets an uptick in clients asking for help with nutrition in January and February—you know, during Resolution time. But, any time is a good time to focus on eating better, especially now with a couple months to go before the New Year and plenty of holiday temptations ahead. Here are six tips from Rebecca that can help you eat healthier and avoid traps that lead to over-eating:

1. Never skip meals—in fact, eat several meals a day. That's right, eat more often. "Don't go more than three to four hours before your next meal, because we get really hungry when we wait longer. We almost get into a starvation state. Then, we overeat in our next meal, and our body likes to convert that into fat," Rebecca says.
2. Watch portion sizes. You're eating more often, but you're eating less at each meal. Try to avoid situations that lead to overeating. For example, restaurant meals are notoriously high in calories, so plan for leftovers. Rebecca says, "When you dine out, go with the mindset that you won't be finishing all of your food. Always take some food home with you."
3. Each meal should include both a protein and carbohydrate. "Carbs give us energy, and protein fills you up and makes you feel satisfied," Rebecca says. The leaner the protein, the better. Whole grains, veggies and fresh fruit work best for carbs.
4. Have a meal plan—especially during a busy week. Without a plan, you might end up eating poorly when appointments stack up or extra work comes your way. "Whether it's preparing meals and bringing them, or bringing some snacks so you don't wait too long between meals, having some kind of schedule or some kind of plan really helps," Rebecca said.
5. Drink plenty of water. Avoid sugary drinks and excessive use of alcohol—you can drink a lot of calories very quickly.

REC-PLEX IMPROVING IN ACCESSIBILITY & APPEARANCE

Have you been to the St. Peters Rec-Plex recently? Improvements are winding down on a project that has improved parking, accessibility and the overall look of the building's entrance. A newly configured parking lot and a circle drive for drop-off and lay-by parking makes getting into and out of the Rec-Plex easier for customers. More handicapped-accessible parking spots also were added. Weather permitting, the entire project is scheduled to be complete by the end of October.

The Rec-Plex thanks guests for their patience during the construction project.



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6. Keep track of what you eat, whether it's through a food journal or using an online calorie counter app. "It's all about accountability," Rebecca says. "When you put it down on paper or on a device, it gives you a clear picture of what you're eating and how you're eating. It's very objective, and you end up making changes on your own when you see exactly what you're eating."

Rebecca Levine is dietitian for the St. Peters Rec-Plex and one of the Rec-Plex's nationally certified personal trainers. Learn more about St. Peters personal trainers at www.stpetersmo.net/rec-plex.

Did You Know?

The St. Peters Rec-Plex is a beta testing site for True brand fitness equipment. That means our guests get to work out year-round on about 30 cardio machines that are on the fitness industry's cutting edge!

The Rec-Plex also is in the process of upgrading its Cardio Room by purchasing \$100,000 in new top-notch cardio equipment. Within months, customers will get to work out on these new machines, including 10 new elliptical trainers!

TAKE ADVANTAGE TODAY: Check out the Rec-Plex membership special on page 20.



CELEBRATE St. Peters 2016 Success!



The weather washed out Friday night, and then all that rain made parking a challenge. But, we were happy to see thousands of you come out to 370 Lakeside Park on Saturday, Sept. 17, for a wonderful day at Celebrate St. Peters 2016!

This was the first time that Celebrate St. Peters organizers have had to cancel a full day of activities in the festival's six years. And, with all the rain making the park's grassy area so muddy, we lost more than half of our parking area inside 370 Lakeside Park during a sunny day on Saturday. That forced us to move a lot of our free parking outside the park, including onto a section of Premier Parkway. As a result, our free shuttles were in more demand than ever, and we thank

you for your patience while trying to get into the festival. We hope everyone feels that the wait was worth it! We saw lots of smiles at the carnival, in the vendor area, along the lake, during fireworks, and at all three stages during free entertainment that concluded with rock legend Randy Bachman!

One more note: A lot of you asked whether we would reschedule shows by Firefall and Orleans, which were cancelled on Friday night. Unfortunately, these bands' tour schedules made rescheduling impossible.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU BACK AT 370 LAKESIDE PARK NEXT YEAR:
CELEBRATE ST. PETERS 2017 IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 15 & 16**



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