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Site prep work begins on
715,000-square-foot project
along Premier Parkway.

A yellow tractor with a large front loader is working on a construction site. The tractor is positioned in the middle ground, facing right. The ground is reddish-brown dirt. In the background, there are several bare trees and a clear blue sky.

DEVELOPMENT ON THE WAY

**Premier 370 Business Park
moving forward - SEE PAGE 2**

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Local Economy Heating Up!

The City of St. Peters has a lot going for it ... the people, the neighborhoods, the award-winning services and top-notch amenities all help make “My Hometown, St. Peters” an attractive place to live, work and play!

Our community is in demand. Don't take our word for it. According to the St. Louis Business Journal, more homes were sold last year in St. Peters—a whopping 1,176 homes—than any other market in the St. Louis area.

It's not just our residential neighborhoods. Plenty of new businesses are making St. Peters their new home. And, why not? St. Peters has a world-class work force with the kind of Midwest values that employers covet. Some recent developments in St. Peters signal some great things on the horizon for our local economy:

- **Reckitt Benckiser (RB)**, a global leader in the manufacture of home hygiene and health products, is making a significant new investment in St. Peters. RB plans to expand in St. Peters with two projects: a new \$31.5 million, 715,000-square-foot facility at Premier 370 Business Park (see photo on cover); and a \$25 million, 27,000-square-foot expansion at the company's existing 425,000-square-foot location in the Arrowhead Industrial Park off Salt River Road near Highway 79. RB says that these two new projects will eventually provide 450 new jobs.

- Also in Premier 370 Business Park, Duke Realty has been approved to build a 500,000-square-foot office/warehouse building across the street from the RB expansion. This will be a “spec building”—built on speculation that the facility will draw a tenant to the site.

- A development group also has announced plans to build an exciting new retail development along I-70 north of Mid Rivers Mall.

“We're having a great start to 2016, and we expect even greater things moving forward for our community!” said Mayor Len Pagano.

PREMIER 370 BUSINESS PARK

Mayor Pagano says that as the economy heats up nationally, St. Peters is getting more and more attention, especially at Premier 370 Business Park. The 850-acre business community has more than 4 million total square feet of developable area for office, retail, light industrial, service center, warehouse and major distribution facilities—perfectly located in the center of the nation with easy access to rail, major interstates and an international airport.

“Premier 370 Business Park is a major catalyst for economic development growth in St. Peters and our entire county,” Mayor Pagano said. “The RB project only scratches the surface for the potential at Premier 370. We expect a lot more great news for the Premier 370 Business Park moving forward. There are still 688 acres of developable land along Highway 370 in St. Peters. And the development group tells us that more is on the way!”

RB's project at Premier 370 will provide warehouses, custom manufacturing and repackaging operations on 48 acres along the north side of Premier Parkway, south of Highway 370. The project is expected to be substantially complete by the end of the year.

“By the time Premier 370 builds out, it will provide thousands of local jobs, not to mention millions of man-hours of construction trades jobs on these projects,” Mayor Pagano said.

Economic development is important to the health of a community and the quality of life

of its residents because businesses generate taxes that help offset costs for our residents. Premier 370 Business Park fills a crucial niche for economic development both locally and regionally. An independent study by an expert on site selection found that St. Charles County faced a shortage of sites for employers, and that St. Peters' Lakeside 370 project (since renamed Premier 370 Business Park) could provide a solution to that issue.

Mayor Pagano said, “Now that the economy is heating up, I think that we're seeing that this is going to come true. Not many locations can provide development for 48-acre sites with buildings bigger than 700,000 square feet—and have



RB site work at Premier 370 Business Park

so much room to grow. To give you an idea of the size of these projects at Premier 370, the entire floor of the Scottrade Center, where the St. Louis Blues play hockey, is 36,000 square feet—multiply that by 20 to reach the total space in the new RB site. And that’s just one project.”

CITY CENTRE TIF EXAMPLE

The City Centre tax-increment financing (TIF) district is an example of how planning a development area can pay off in the long run. The City Centre TIF project was set up in 1992 when this 585-acre development area had a few businesses on its fringe creating less than 100 jobs and \$5 million in annual sales. Since then, the City Centre TIF area has grown with 145 new businesses, 2,124 new jobs and additional annual retail sales of \$195 million. The property there has grown in market value from \$14 million to nearly \$150 million during the TIF.

The City Centre TIF district is generally located between St. Peters Barnes-Jewish Hospital on the east and the Costco/Mid Rivers Mall area on the west, and between the City Centre complex near the south border to I-70 on the north. Projects made possible by the City Centre TIF include the Costco development, JC Penney and surrounding Mid Rivers Mall expansion, Menards, Executive Centre Parkway (funded partially with the TIF), new commercial offices and medical offices, a senior care facility, a Social Security Office, and the St. Peters Rec-Plex.

A few months ago, 23 years after local taxing districts within the redevelopment project area approved setting up the City Centre TIF, the life of the TIF came to an end. During the term of the City Centre TIF, the development area generated more than \$115 million in NEW property and sales taxes. More than \$68 million in tax revenue was returned from the City Centre TIF district to local taxing districts during the life of the TIF. For example, the Fort Zumwalt School district received \$15.4 million. A total of \$47,547,000 in new tax revenue was invested in TIF projects in the City Centre area to help build the Rec-Plex, make public improvements for the Costco development, and build roads and other infrastructure.

Now, all taxes generated at businesses in the TIF district go to the local taxing districts. Growth in City Centre has created new jobs, new tax revenue for schools, roads, fire protection, libraries and more, new shopping opportunities, medical offices, banks, new recreational opportunities, and a more attractive area to draw future development.

“Our residents are the big winners when we draw business to our community,” said Mayor Pagano. “New commercial development lessens your tax burden and provides more jobs and shopping opportunities closer to home. We now have a broader tax base to help fund streets, parks, stormwater improvements, police protection and other City services important to you. That all adds up to a direct and positive impact on your life as a St. Peters resident—and why St. Peters is often cited as one of America’s best places to live.”

For the latest updates on economic development in St. Peters, go online to www.stpetersmo.net and choose the Businesses pull-down menu.



The City Centre TIF generated new tax revenue for public services, including schools and roads, and helped build the St. Peters Rec-Plex.



Utility Franchise Tax Refunds

Are you age 62 or older or considered totally disabled by Social Security? If so, you may be eligible to apply for a refund of your 2015 St. Peters utility franchise tax. This is the amount listed on your 2015 electric and gas bills as "St. Peters tax" and on the cable bills as "franchise fees."

To be eligible, your maximum 2015 adjusted gross income excluding any taxable Social Security income must not exceed \$39,400 if single or \$45,000 if married.

If you meet these criteria, stop by City Hall between April 1 and May 31 and bring along the following items:

- Proof of 2015 income
- Proof of age
- 2015 letter of award from Social Security (if disabled)
- 2015 electric, gas and cable bills

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

For more information, call 636-477-6600, ext. 1225.



Jobs for Young People

If you have a young person in your household looking for part-time or seasonal employment, consider the City of St. Peters. We have labor and office work available through our Resident Youth program. Plus, there are plenty of part-time positions open at the St. Peters Rec-Plex.



Resident Youth Program

Many positions in our Resident Youth program carry 40 hours per week through the summer. Some positions continue on a part-time basis through the entire year. Other positions are for summer help only.

We have laborer jobs for young people ages 18-23 with tasks like assisting with facility and vehicle maintenance, basic cleanup, painting, light manual labor, cleaning of equipment, care of grounds, and more.

If you're seeking experience in an office environment, consider a Clerical Resident Youth position, where youth ages 16-23 can assist with office tasks such as filing, copying, answering phones, data entry, mail and customer service.

Rec-Plex Part-Time Jobs

Check out the St. Peters Rec-Plex for a chance to build skills on a fun team! Choose from a number of positions, earn a steady paycheck close to home, and enjoy flexible hours. Open positions typically include lifeguards, ice attendants, desk attendants, gym attendants, Summer Camp counselors, food service and Tot Drop babysitters.

Learn more about City of St. Peters employment opportunities at www.stpetersmo.net.

HELP WITH HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The St. Peters Home Improvement Loan Program provides funding for low-income homeowners with home rehabilitation project needs such as new windows, furnace & air-conditioner, roof replacement, driveway replacement or repair and more.

Receive up to \$5,000 through a no-interest, 5-year forgivable loan.

To be eligible, you must:

- Have lived in the home in the City limits of St. Peters for at least one year at the time of application.
- Not previously participated in the Urban County or St. Peters Home Improvement Loan Programs.
- Not exceed household income limits established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

For more information or to see if you're eligible, call 636-279-8279 and select option 2.

Maximum Income Levels*

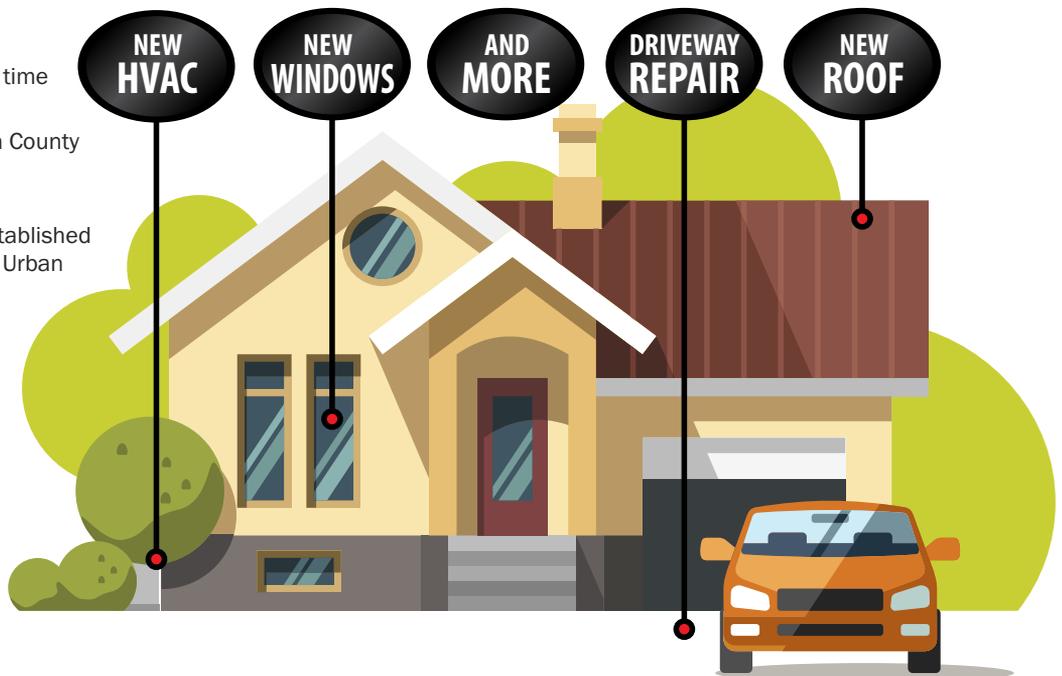
1-person household \$39,400

2-person household \$45,000

3-person household \$50,650

4-person household \$56,250

*As of presstime. Subject to change.





SPTV St. Peters TeleVision St. Peters' Government-Access Channel

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

The Board of Aldermen work sessions air live on the second and fourth Thursday of most months at 5 p.m. with the business meeting beginning at 7 p.m. The Planning and Zoning Commission meeting airs live on the first Wednesday of the 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.



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Please help us welcome the following businesses to St. Peters. More information can be found about these businesses on our business directory at www.stpetersmo.net.

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| EASTER SEALS MIDWEST • 314-567-7705 | KELLY GLOBAL SERVICES, LLC • 248-244-4277 |
| BRAIN BALANCE OF ST. CHARLES
636-385-0333 | WEST PHOTOGRAPHY AND DESIGN, LLC
636-578-9330 |
| LUXE VAPORS • 314-504-7063 | AE DRUM STUDIO • 636-544-9683 |
| MILESTONE, INC. • 636-875-1200 | ACTIVE FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC • 636-352-0380 |
| FASTSIGNS ST. PETERS • 636-875-7337 | ST. CHARLES PAINTING, LLC • 636-244-4793 |
| SAINT CHARLES TATTOO, INC. • 636-685-0028 | AL-LIMO TRANSPORTATION • 636-373-0015 |
| PRACTICAL OFFICE CLEANING • 314-852-9797 | PACIFIC KITCHEN AND HOME • 636-278-4410 |
| CVS PHARMACY • 636-922-9049 | K BUILD • 314-583-2607 |
| MOUNT'S PLUMBING, LLC • 636-233-5108 | GLASS CONCEPTS, INC • 314-393-4626 |
| ARCHWAY COUNSELING AND WELLNESS, LLC
636-486-6266 | ADVANTAGE NUTRITION • 314-267-4419 |
| UNITED SELECT PROPERTIES • 636-387-6240 | BLM TECHNOLOGIES • 763-551-4304 |
| ARCHWAY LAND MAINTENANCE
636-262-8319 | ALTEA, LLC • 636-336-2720 |
| VETTA RACQUET SPORTS ST. CHARLES, LLC
636-441-0006 | PENMAC STAFFING SERVICES INC.
314-503-3464 |
| F. SKIP SADERLUND D.C. • 636-778-0921 | SKYE MED HEALTH • 479-531-5019 |
| MCC CLEANING & RESTORATION
314-443-5044 | ELITES FINEST LLC • 636-352-8153 |
| MICHELE ANTHONY, MWS LCSW
636-288-1997 | GREAT SOUTHERN BANK • 636-447-9378 |
| THE HOOK UP • 636-477-6998 | ROCKSHOW COMEDY, INC. • 636-357-6169 |
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636-477-6955 | MONTESSORI HOME ACADEMY, THE
636-486-2939 |
| UMBRELLINA PIZZA CONE • 636-279-1231 | WALMART • 636-851-6809 |
| SPINE & NEUROLOGY CONSULTING
314-690-1525 | WALMART • 636-697-1054 |
| GRACE CONSUMER DIRECTED SERVICES, LLC
314-552-1604 | WALMART FUEL STATION • 636-697-1054 |
| | ELEMENTAL THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE, LLC
314-324-0443 |
| | STL CREATIVE COATINGS AND WRAPS
636-667-0009 |

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.

- Current Trends Academy of Hair Design - 1990
- Lou Fusz Chevrolet - 1990
- Huck's Convenience Fuel and Food Store - 1990
- Kappa Heating and Air Conditioning - 1991
- Hardee's - 1991
- Thrifty Nickel - 1991
- Sears Optical - 1991



Family Fun at 370 Lakeside Park!

All on One Day:
Saturday, June 4



370 LAKESIDE PARK • 8:30 a.m.-NOON

You and your family are sure to reel in a good time at the St. Peters Police Rangers 370 Lakeside Fishing Derby!

Fish along the 140-acre lake at 370 Lakeside Park for a chance to win prizes for the most fish and largest fish. Entry costs \$5 per person. Prizes available in two divisions: Children (ages 6-12) and Adults (13 and up).

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW! The first 100 children who register in advance through the St. Peters Rec-Plex and attend the event will receive a FREE event T-shirt. Register in advance and you'll also be entered into a chance for a gift card.

Register in person at the St. Peters Rec-Plex, 5200 Mexico, by phone at 636-939-2386, ext. 1400, or online at www.stpetersmo.net/rec-connect. Check-in will take place at the marina between 7:30-8:30 a.m. Arrive early and avoid the rush!

Same-day registration also will be available at the event during check-in.

Thank you to our sponsors: Dick's Sporting Goods and Lewis Boats.

KITE FESTIVAL, FAMILY BIKE RIDE and HEALTH & WELLNESS EVENT

June 4 • 9 a.m.-1 p.m. • FREE EVENT!

Enjoy flying kites and riding your bikes at 370 Lakeside Park during this FREE community event sponsored by the City of St. Peters' Police Rangers Division. Plus, visit the St. Peters Community Health and Wellness Advisory Committee booth for information about health and wellness.

The event will take place at the marina parking lot at 370 Lakeside Park. Kite-building kits are available free of charge to the first 200 participants!

Bring your bikes to ride the 4.5-mile trail around the lake. A limited number of adult-sized bikes are available for rent at the park.

Gator Island Grill will offer a food special at 370 Lakeside Park during these events on June 4. 370 Lakeside Park is located at 1000 Lakeside Park just off Highway 370. Parking available near the marina and corporate pavilion.





**Summertime =
Swimming Time!**

If you want to get outside to swim this summer, you can take advantage of resident privileges for cheaper rates at community pools both in St. Peters and next door at the City of St. Charles.

LAUREL PARK POOL: In St. Peters, we offer a community pool at Laurel Park, 181 Driftwood Lane. Laurel Park Pool will open on Saturday, May 28, in time for Memorial Day weekend. You can buy a pool pass or pay daily admission to enjoy Laurel Park Pool. Purchase your pass at St. Peters City Hall, One St. Peters Centre Blvd., (open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.) or the St. Peters Rec-Plex, 5200 Mexico Rd. (registration desk open 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday). Show your current St. Peters Resident Privilege Card when you sign up for your outdoor pool pass to receive resident rates for the outdoor pool.



Rec-Plex as well as resident rates on Rec-Plex memberships.)

REC-PLEX BENEFIT: Another way to enjoy Laurel Park Pool is to join the Rec-Plex! When you purchase an annual Rec-Plex pass, you may use Laurel Park Pool at no extra charge. In order to receive your outdoor pool pass as a Rec-Plex annual member, contact the front desk at the Rec-Plex, 5200 Mexico Rd., before visiting Laurel Park Pool. (This benefit applies only to annual Rec-Plex passes and does not apply to monthly Rec-Plex passes.)

And, remember, the St. Peters Rec-Plex offers a Natatorium with recreational

swimming, diving and adult lap lanes year-round.

Please note that the outdoor pool at the Golf & Recreation Center on Salt Lick Road will no longer be available. The pool has closed permanently due to the need for significant repairs.

ST. CHARLES CITY POOLS: Thanks to an agreement with the City of St. Charles, St. Peters residents also can enjoy resident pool rates in the City of St. Charles. Your Resident Privilege Card entitles you to resident rates on a season-long pool pass at City of St. Charles pools (Waplehorst, McNair and Blanchette) and a \$1 discount on daily admission at those pools. (In return, St. Charles residents with a St. Charles Parks Passport receive St. Peters resident rates for daily admission at the St. Peters

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

OUTDOOR SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION

Registration begins Saturday, April 16, at the St. Peters Rec-Plex for outdoor pool swim teams this summer. Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net/rec-plex.



ROOKIES AND ROCK STARS TRIATHLON — APRIL 24 • 2016 —

Whether you're a Rookie just getting into Triathlons, or a Rock Star who has gone the distance, the St. Peters Rec-Plex has a fun triathlon series for you! Be part of the Rookies & Rock Stars Triathlon, a new twist on the Rec-Plex's twice-a-year triathlon series.

"ROCK into SPRING" at the Rec-Plex with the spring Rookies & Rock Stars Triathlon on April 24. Then, test yourself again during the Rec-Plex's fall event on Sept. 25. Do you have what it takes to become a "LEGEND of the FALL"?

Individuals and teams are welcome to compete and take on these three legs of each Rookies & Rock Stars Triathlon:

- SWIM 400 meters inside the Rec-Plex's Olympic-quality Natatorium.
- BIKE 15.8 miles on flat farmlands.
- RUN 3.1 miles on paved trails through shady parks.

After your amazing feat, you can relax, Rock Star, while the Rec-Plex provides complimentary treats, some newly designed event T-shirts, and an awards ceremony.

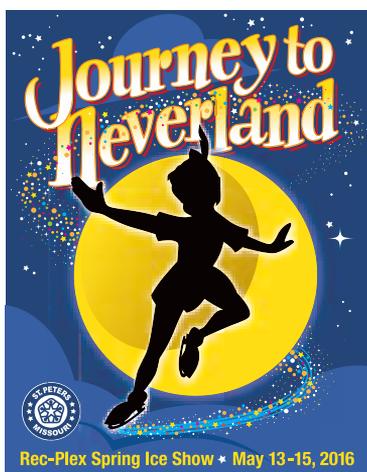
Register now for the lowest entry fees! Separate entries are required for the spring and fall events. Learn more about the Rookies & Rock Stars Triathlon and register at www.stpetersmo.net/triathlon, or call 636-939-2386, ext. 1400.

APPLY NOW FOR A REC-PLEX JOB!

If you're looking for a good job with flexible hours and a fun atmosphere, check out the St. Peters Rec-Plex! The Rec-Plex offers its employees flexible hours, quality training and discounted memberships. Staffers build life skills and their resume while receiving competitive pay with increases based on hours worked.

Open positions include lifeguards, swim instructors, Summer Camp counselors, Tot Drop babysitters, swim coaches and head ice attendants (minimum age 18).

Applications are available at the Rec-Plex, 5200 Mexico Road, at City Hall, One St. Peters Centre Blvd., and online at www.stpetersmo.net.



Spring Ice Show 'Journey to Neverland'

St. Peters Rec-Plex North Ice Rink

Shows: Friday, May 13, 7 p.m. • Saturday, May 14, 5 p.m.
Sunday, May 15, 2 p.m.

Join Peter Pan and his friends for the Rec-Plex's 22nd annual Spring Ice Show! We'll "Journey to Neverland" for this on-ice production featuring over 100 skaters from the Rec-Plex skating program. Performances will include solos, duets and group numbers, plus synchronized skating teams, and skaters ranging from age 3 to adult, beginners through advanced levels.

Tickets go on sale at the Rec-Plex Front Desk beginning Tuesday, April 26.

Ticket prices:

- Rec-Plex Members: \$8 for adults and \$6 for children ages 12 and under and seniors 55 and over.
- General Public: \$9 for adults and \$7 for children 12 and under and seniors 55 and over.

Rec-Plex Options for College Students

The St. Peters Rec-Plex offers affordable options for college students who are looking for a place to work out while they're home for the summer. Month-to-month memberships are a cost-effective option compared to paying daily admission fees. Or, if you buy a Rec-Plex Family Pass, you could include your college student for no extra charge—the maximum age limit for children on Family Passes is now 26 years. Learn more about Rec-Plex memberships at www.stpetersmo.net/rec-plex.





Rec-Plex Activities & Sports Camps

How can you brighten your child's summer with fun activities, new friends and long-lasting memories? Try a Summer Camp at the St. Peters Rec-Plex!

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

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

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

Rec-Plex Summer Camps begin on May 23 and last through the first week of August. Advance registration is required. Register in person only at the St. Peters Rec-Plex, 5200 Mexico Rd. Activities Camps and before/after camps offer special rates for Rec-Plex members and St. Peters residents.



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

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

Art Experience Camps

Half-Day Camp: \$65 St. Peters Residents / \$75 non-residents

Full-Day Art Camp: \$110 St. Peters Residents / \$120 non-residents

Art, Fencing and Theatre Camps: \$110 St. Peters residents / \$120 non-residents

It's All About Clay Camp: \$140 St. Peters residents / \$150 non-residents

Each day we will emphasize various elements of art. We will work with a wide range of mediums including acrylics, watercolor, oil pastels, and more. Children of all experience levels are welcome at our camps.

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

Art Experience Camps will meet at the Cultural Arts Centre located in the west wing of City Hall.

Pre-registration is required in-person ONLY at the St. Peters Rec-Plex, 5200 Mexico Road.

Registration begins March 14. You must present a current Resident Privilege Card to receive resident rates.

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



MARCH

- 24 **Board of Aldermen**
5 p.m. work session, 7 p.m. meeting,
Justice Center
- 28 **Health & Wellness Advisory Comm.**
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 30 **Let's Talk ... A Community Forum on
Suicide and Its Prevention**
*Presented by the Health & Wellness
Advisory Committee*
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre

APRIL

- 2 **Recycle City
Open House**
9 a.m.-1 p.m. 
- 5 **Municipal Election**
- 5 **SilverSneakers® Event**
BAUE: Funeral Planning
10 a.m., Rec-Plex
- 6 **Planning & Zoning Commission**
6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 7 **St. Louis Treasures Tour**
Bus leaves from Cultural Arts Centre
- 14 **Board of Aldermen**
5 p.m. work session, 7 p.m. meeting,
Justice Center
- 16 **Clean Streams Day**
8 a.m., Rec-Plex South 
- 20 **SilverSneakers®
Event**
"Keeping a Strong Immune System"
10 a.m., St. Peters Rec-Plex
- 21 **Senior Advisory Committee**
12:30 p.m., Senior Center
- 21 **Meals on Wheels Fashion Show**
5 p.m., Senior Center
- 24 **ROOKIES and ROCK STARS Triathlon**
St. Peters Rec-Plex
- 25 **Health & Wellness Advisory Comm.**
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 28 **Board of Aldermen**
5 p.m. work session, 7 p.m. meeting,
Justice Center
- 30 **Prescription Drug Take Back**
10 a.m.-2 p.m., Justice Center

MAY

- 2 **Veterans Memorial Commission**
7 p.m., City Hall
- 4 **Planning & Zoning Commission**
6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 7 **Shred It & Forget It**
9 a.m.-noon, Health &
Environmental Services Building
- 12 **Board of Aldermen**
5 p.m. work session, 7 p.m. meeting,
Justice Center
- 13-15 **Spring Ice Show**
"Journey to Neverland"
May 13, 7 p.m.; May 14, 5 p.m.;
May 15, 2 p.m.
- 17 **Parks, Recreation & Arts Adv. Board**
6 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 18 **SilverSneakers® Event**
*"Fight Muscle &
Bone Loss"*
10 a.m., Rec-Plex 
- 19 **Senior Advisory
Committee**
12:30 p.m., Senior Center
- 20 **Sunset Fridays featuring Wade Trent**
6:30 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park 
- 23 **Health & Wellness Advisory Comm.**
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 26 **Board of Aldermen**
5 p.m. work session, 7 p.m. meeting,
Justice Center
- 27 **Sunset Fridays featuring Acoustik Element**
6:30 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park
- 30 **Memorial Day Ceremony**
10 a.m., City Centre Veterans Memorial

Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday, May 30 • 10 a.m.
City Centre Veterans Memorial



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

March–May Holiday Hours

	Good Friday March 25	Easter March 27	Memorial Day May 30
City Hall	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Cultural Arts Centre	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Municipal Court	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Police Records	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Rec-Plex	OPEN	CLOSED	OPEN 1-5 p.m. ¹
Earth Centre	OPEN ²	CLOSED	CLOSED
Recycle City	OPEN ³	CLOSED	CLOSED ⁴
Solid Waste Collection	NORMAL	NA	MOVED ⁵
Animal Control ⁶	ON CALL	ON CALL	ON CALL

¹ The Rec-Plex will be open from 1-5 p.m. to include open swimming and skating; however, the registration desk and administrative offices will be closed.

² No Earth Centre product sales. Yard waste acceptance only from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

³ Open for trash acceptance and aluminum buy-back from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; however, the administrative offices will be closed.

⁴ Recycle City, including aluminum can buy-back and trash acceptance, will be closed May 30. The Recycle City Drop-Off area will remain open.

⁵ For the week of May 30, customers on the Monday/Thursday schedule will have their trash collected on Tuesday/Friday. Customers on the Tuesday/Friday schedule will have their trash collected on Wednesday/Saturday. Monday yard waste collection will occur on Tuesday. Wednesday yard waste collection will be on Thursday.

⁶ Animal Control officers can be reached by calling Police Dispatch at 636-278-2222 for emergency calls only.



FREE Sunset Fridays concerts are quickly becoming a tradition in St. Peters—a way to wrap up the work week relaxing by the lake, enjoying music, food, friends and a beautiful sunset.

May 20 Wade Trent (Rock/Country)

May 27 Acoustik Element (Spanish and Latin Acoustics)

June 3 Oh Brother (Rock)

June 10 Sins of the Pioneers (Bluegrass)

June 17 Joe Mancuso Trio (Jazz)

June 24 Acoustic Music Jam (Acoustic Hits)

July 8 Marissa Harms/Wade Trent (Pop/Country)

July 15 The Rob (Rock/Acoustic)

July 22 Dawn Weber Jazz Trio (Jazz)

July 29 Blues Plus (Blues/Rock/Country)

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

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

Sunset Fridays concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. A selection of food and drink will be available for purchase during the concerts. Outside alcoholic beverages may not be brought into the Corporate Pavilion area. Bands are subject to change. Poor weather may postpone events. Check www.stpetersmo.net for the latest information.

Let's Talk ... A Community Forum on Suicide and Its Prevention

Wednesday, March 30, 7 p.m.
St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre

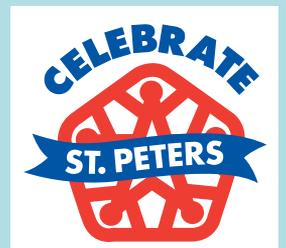
Learn more about suicide awareness and prevention from experts dealing with youth, adults and veterans during this panel discussion.



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 developments throughout the year in future issues of *My Hometown* and *UpFront* eNews, on St. Peters TeleVision and on the City's website at www.stpetersmo.net.



GET AWAY FOR A DAY

St. Louis Treasures Tour

Thursday, April 7 • \$95

(includes transportation, lunch, gratuities and guide)

This tour takes you to see some of St. Louis' treasures like the Stockstrom "Magic Chef" Mansion, the "Pink Sisters" at Mount Grace Convent and the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. Lunch at the popular Sweetie Pie's on Delmar.

Special St. Louis Gardens and Galleries

Wednesday, June 22 • \$78

(includes transportation, admissions, lunch, gratuities and guide)

Enjoy a stroll through downtown St. Louis' City Garden. Visit the St. Louis University Art Museum, the beautiful gardens of Tower Grove Park, the amazing and lovely healing garden atop the 8th floor of St. Louis Childrens' Hospital, and the new Maya Lin fountain at the Washington University Medical School. Next, we'll admire the St. Louis skyline from a different perspective at the new Gateway Geyser Park and Arch overlook.

Day Trip to Historic Nauvoo, IL

Friday, May 13 • \$88

(includes transportation, lunch, gratuities and guide)

Nauvoo was the religious, governmental and cultural center of the LDS (Mormon) Church from 1839 to 1846. Settled by Joseph Smith and his followers, Nauvoo is situated in a beautiful setting along the Mississippi River. Among the attractions will be a narrated carriage ride through the lovely countryside and a tour of Nauvoo's historic sites staffed with expert guides who tell wonderful stories about life in Nauvoo in the mid-1800's. Finally, we pay a brief visit to Baxter Winery, the oldest winery in Illinois. View early wine-making equipment, and sample some of the winery's excellent wines.

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

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



Day Trip to AQS Quilt Show in Paducah, KY

Thursday, April 21 • \$71

(includes transportation, gratuities, a program and admission)

Be inspired by hundreds of traditional and art quilts at the AQS QuiltWeek® in Paducah, KY! Shop vendors that have the latest quilt-making equipment, supplies, quilts, notions and curiosities. Spend the entire day on your own, moving at your own pace through the event venues.

Meals/snacks are not provided; however, you can catch a bite to eat at the various food vendors on site or at one of the quaint restaurants located in downtown Paducah.

Please note, this trip involves lots of walking; comfortable shoes are recommended.



Remaining 2016 Tours

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, IL • Thursday, Dec. 8

2016 ACT Two Theatre Season

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

Odd Couple (Female Version) • May 11, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 22.

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

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

UPCOMING ART SHOWS & COMPETITIONS

Festival of Flowers All Media Art Show and Competition

March 4–April 25

What Blue or Blew In? All Media Art Show and Competition

April 28–June 19

Works must contain an element of the color of blue and/or an aspect of wind.

Picture the Music

March 24–April 7

You hear a piece of classical music. Can you picture it? That is what students from throughout the region were asked to figure out while listening to the Scherzo from Mendelssohn's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The winning artwork created by students will be on display at St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre from March 24–April 7.

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

COMING SOON!



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.



Deborah Sharn as
Rosemary Clooney



Anna Blair as Patsy Cline

A tribute to Rosemary Clooney, Peggy Lee and Patsy Cline

Friday, April 8 • 7 p.m.

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

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

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Speaker: Maria Gianino of Legacy Appraisals
Thursday, March 24 • 1-3 p.m.
\$7 (Tickets must be purchased in advance.)

Join us for this fun and lively afternoon with Maria Gianino, of Legacy Appraisals. Learn what makes something valuable as well as find out how to sell the items you no longer want. Individual items will not be appraised at this event due to time restrictions.



Speaker: Carol Diaz-Granados
Remembering the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair
Friday, June 3 • 1-3 p.m.
\$7 (Tickets must be purchased in advance.)

Learn about the monumental 1904 World's Fair, marking the centennial of the Louisiana Purchase and thrusting St. Louis onto the world stage. Learn about the construction, the amazing palaces and exhibits, as well as take a brief look at the foreign cultures brought to St. Louis—and put on display.

Tea, coffee, cookies (sugar-free upon request), cake and yogurt will be served during Time for Tea events.

Tickets on sale at the Cultural Arts Centre.



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

Vision Leads To Success!

One thing that makes our City so great is that St. Peters' residents have always looked forward. It's how we built this community into one of the best places to live in America. You have to have vision in order to have so many successes such as the world-class, one-of-a-kind St. Peters Rec-Plex, the 300-acre 370 Lakeside Park (the county's largest municipal park), award-winning solid waste collection and water/sewer services at the

lowest rates in the area, snow removal second to none, nearly 1,300 acres of parks with 20-plus miles of paved trails ... the list goes on and on.

These successes didn't happen overnight. For example, residents voted in April 2000 by 67% to approve a \$35 million bond issue that made it possible to develop land along Highway 370. As an alderman at the time, I thanked the voters for being progressive thinkers. Their votes helped open 850 acres of land for development, build 370 Lakeside Park and, as a special bonus, provided residents with four months of free trash service each year for 7 years (plus 2 more free months for another year) thanks to the land sale.

With the economy getting stronger, we're seeing more success thanks to the vision of St. Peters' voters. Development in Premier 370 Business Park, the 850-acre special district along Highway 370, is especially heating up!

Reckitt Benckiser (RB), a global leader in the manufacture of home, hygiene and health products, is building a new \$31.5 million, 715,000-square-foot facility at Premier 370 Business Park (see photo on cover). RB also will build a 27,000-square-foot expansion at the company's current location in the Arrowhead Industrial Park.

RB says that these two new projects will eventually provide **450 new jobs**. And, as Mayor, I can tell you that it's a great accomplishment any time you can add hundreds of permanent jobs locally, in addition to the construction trades jobs to build these projects.

We expect a lot more great news for Premier 370 Business Park in the near future. There are still 688 acres of developable land along Highway 370 in St. Peters. And the development group tells us that more projects are on the way! Interest in this prime development area has been increasing with several projects "on the drawing board."

Now, let's go back in time even further to 1992 when some more historic decisions set up the City Centre tax-increment financing (TIF) district. In August of that year, the St. Peters Board of Aldermen passed an ordinance to set up the City Centre TIF district. Local taxing districts in this area—with the vocal support of Fort Zumwalt School District—approved the TIF development plans. These decisions helped create more than 2,100 jobs and nearly \$200 million worth of new retail sales for our community over the next 23 years. It also helped generate millions of dollars in new revenue for local schools, roads, parks, stormwater improvements, police protection, fire protection, ambulance service, libraries and other public

services—plus helped fund the St. Peters Rec-Plex. In November 1992, St. Peters voters passed a no-tax-increase bond issue to build the Rec-Plex (with 75% approval!).

During the term of the City Centre TIF, the development area drew more than \$115 million in NEW property and sales taxes. A total of \$68,246,000 in tax revenue was returned from the City Centre TIF district to local taxing districts during this time: \$25 million to the City of St. Peters; \$20 million to St. Charles County; \$15.4 million to Fort Zumwalt School District; and another \$7.8 million to other districts (Central County Fire and Rescue, ambulance district, library district, etc.). A total of \$47,547,000 was invested in TIF projects in the City Centre area. Major projects were the construction of the Rec-Plex, public improvements in the Costco development area—that investment brought the first Costco to the St. Louis region—and roads and other infrastructure, including a portion of Executive Centre Parkway.

With the completion of the City Centre TIF's term a few months ago, all tax revenue generated by the City Centre area now goes to local taxing districts.

(You can learn more about these projects and other great economic development news in this issue of *My Hometown* and online at www.stpetersmo.net.)

With the completion of the City Centre TIF, the City now has two remaining active TIF districts. The Old Town TIF, which was used for roads and stormwater improvements, has three years left on its term. The 370 Lakeside TIF, which paid for public infrastructure at Premier 370 and for park services at 370 Lakeside Park, is halfway complete. These TIF projects were useful in special circumstances where development wouldn't have occurred otherwise. TIF is an economic development tool that uses a portion of new taxes in the TIF project area to pay for public improvements—improvements that made the development possible in the first place. St. Peters doesn't rely on TIFs for every economic development project, and we don't foresee the need to use new TIF districts in the future. None of our Walmart stores, including both new Walmart neighborhood markets, moved to St. Peters with TIF funding, for example. More projects are underway or on the horizon without a mention of new TIF funding.

The bottom line is that we've made St. Peters a great place to live, work, play ... and do business! With foresight and long-term planning, we've built a strong local economy with attractive development areas. We set a vision that has led to success—and that's what good government is all about!



Judy Bateman
Ward 2

Spring Brings Change

Spring is just around the corner in our fair City, and I think it is a perfect time to plan to take the time to check out all of the great happenings that are on the horizon! We will be seeing our City transform once again from the snow-covered landscapes to the beautiful spring flowers popping up throughout the area. Many of our major thoroughfares have beautiful landscaping sites, and it is great to see the City businesses invest in their own

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beautification programs as the season unfolds. Hats off to our talented Parks Department for always using the best foliage to create the burst of color that surrounds City Hall, the Rec-Plex and our parks area.

I want to also pass the update on in the way of economic development and new housing that will be debuting in the next several months.

Under Construction:

- The 123-room Marriott Courtyard hotel on Veterans Memorial Parkway opens in March.
- Village Mall (3,000 square feet) on the east side of Mid Rivers Mall Drive; AT&T will be the user in the new building.
- Bahama Bucks on Mid Rivers Mall Drive (former Burger King location).
- Siteman Cancer Center at BJC (15,640 square feet) – on Mexico Road.
- Mobil on the Run/Country Club Carwash (13,405 square feet) on Mexico and Jungermann roads.

Coming Soon:

- Rush Truck Centers at Veterans Memorial Parkway and Industrial Park Place West; a nearly 50% expansion will result in a 21,670-square-foot facility for truck sales and service.
- Didion Orf is planning a 40,000-square-foot expansion.
- Lewis Boats on I-70 Service Road is approved for an 8,750-square-foot expansion to their facility.
- Mers Goodwill will construct a new 15,300-square-foot building on Harvester Road, south of Route 364.
- The former Sonic restaurant on Harvester Road will be renovated to become Ham & Eggs restaurant
- A 715,000-square-foot Reckitt Benckiser (RB) facility in Premier 370 with a construction cost of approximately \$32 million.
- RB is also expanding their Arrowhead site to include a \$25 million, 27,000-square-foot, 6-story addition.
- McClay Health and Rehab Facility, a 60-bed nursing home, is planned for McClay Road, east of Jungermann Road; the former St. Charles Coffee Shop will be affiliated as an adult day care facility.
- QuikTrip will rebuild their facility at McClay and Jungermann roads.
- Gateway Metro Federal Credit Union will be built on Jungermann Road, south of McClay Road.
- McDonalds will rebuild on Veterans Memorial Parkway.

Residential Development:

- The townhouse lots at Queensbrooke Village are being completed and five additional multiple-family buildings for senior housing are approved and construction will begin soon.
- Barrington Square is under construction on Veterans Memorial Parkway; it includes 55 single-family lots.
- Villas at Arden Forest (12 lots in Phase 2) is under construction.
- Construction continues at the Townes at Belleau Creek final phase.
- Celtic (168 units in 15 buildings) is complete.

As you can see, the state of the City is looking very good in economic growth and job opportunities.

Spring is also a perfect time to spruce up our own personal yards and get out and meet the neighbors after our winter hibernation! I encourage all of us to take the time to meet the new people moving into your block and let them feel welcome. It can be very intimidating to be the “new kid on the block” so to speak. I am also very excited that our first Ward 2 Meet and Greet was so successful last year that

we will plan future park outings throughout 2016.

I look forward to continuing to serve you as your voice in City government and encourage you to please keep the input flowing. We learn a lot from our residents and we are always open to new ideas and suggestions on how we can be better at doing the job you entrusted to us.



Don Aytes
Ward 4

we have can be used by anyone—County or other cities. I have worked long and hard for recycling and my wife Delores says when I get to heaven, the trees will be hugging me. We do ship over a tractor load every working day. Won't you help us?

Recycling

We have been doing a fair job on recycling. Remember, we have about a dozen employees whose jobs depend on how much recycling we get.

Have you been over to the recycling plant lately? We have a lot of equipment set up for you to use. Also, we have a lot of containers at churches and at drop-off locations throughout the City.

We have a ready market for all the recyclable products we get, so please be sure to recycle all of your paper, cardboard, telephone books, junk mail and magazines (we will take all slick paper). The equipment



Michael Shea
Ward 3

The Future Of St. Peters & 370 Lakeside Park

Recently the City presented its economic development for 2015. Part of that report disclosed that St. Peters has less than 70 available residential sites for building homes. But where St. Peters lacks in the residential areas, it prospers with industrial plots available especially in Premier 370, south of St. Peters' own 370 Lakeside Park. We know about the growth of industrial areas in St. Peters, but what about 370 Lakeside Park?

The park has had steady growth the last several years and that growth continues into 2016. Probably the biggest addition in 2016 will be 25 new RV pads. Increasing the number of RV pads will certainly attract more visitors to the fine park, making it a destination point. The campground's reservations and availability fills up quickly, especially for those special events. What special events?

This year the City kicks things off with Sunset Fridays. These are the free concerts on Friday nights under the Corporate Pavilion starting on May 20. Concerts featuring local talent are scheduled for May 20 and 27, June 3, 10, 17, and 24, July 8, 15, 22 and 29, and Aug. 5 and 12. That is a total of 12 free concerts of great local talent. There's a great menu of food and beverages served by City staff for the enjoyment of concertgoers.

If that isn't enough, the Rangers will head up the 2016 St. Peters Police Rangers 370 Lakeside Fishing Derby on June 4. Events from last year also included the Kite Festival, Family Bike Ride and Health & Wellness event and will appear again this year on June 4.

And finally, Celebrate St. Peters is currently in the planning stage. While the entertainment is not finalized we do know the dates, Sept. 16 and 17. Last year, the City saw record crowds on both days and especially during the fireworks display and the “Rock” concerts.

It appears that the Parks and Recreation Department will be extremely busy in 2016-17. A new lodge structure will be built nearby RV Pod 4, a small pavilion will be added at the east end of the park, and the Dog Park will receive a dock area that will allow dogs access to the lake.

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The Rec-Plex entrance will get a facelift, Laurel Park's playground equipment will be replaced and Woodlands Sports Park Diamond 25 will receive field lights and a new playground for the kids.

All this is possible from the City's talented staff and the work of dedicated City employees.

Join us this year for these events and more at 370 Lakeside Park.



Rocky Reitmeyer
Ward 1

Get Ready For A Fun Year

Most people think of an arts center as just galleries of artwork on display. Well, we have that and a whole lot more at our **Cultural Arts Centre**. Stop by the Cultural Arts Centre or visit online to see all that the Centre has to offer from classes for all ages, art shows and competitions, music lessons, day trips to interesting places in our area, and much more.

We are fortunate to have dedicated, passionate people—both staff and volunteers—who believe in the mission of bringing the arts to our community.

Our Performing Arts Theatre seats 300-plus people. It's ADA accessible and it's available to rent for meetings, plays and musical performances. Act II, a local community theater group, uses the theater every few months for their performances. Coming up May 11, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20 and 22 Act II will entertain us with the female version of *The Odd Couple*.

Once again this spring and summer, we will bring to you our **Sunset**

Fridays Concerts at 370 Lakeside Park. These take place nearly every Friday night at the Corporate Pavilion, providing seating for up to 300. You can always bring a lawn chair as well. Last year the concerts were great and this year we have a great venue for you to enjoy. St. Peters has always got something going on for you to enjoy. There are plenty of food and beverages for sale. You are welcome to bring your own, however, no alcohol can be brought in. Beer and wine is available for purchase.

We will once again honor our veterans on **Memorial Day and Veterans Day**. I hope you are able to come out to these moving ceremonies. Please call all your veteran buddies and have them join you and your families here at our Veterans Memorial.

On **Sept. 16-17**, we will host our annual **Celebrate St. Peters** event at 370 Lakeside Park. The event keeps getting better and better every year, and this year's event promises to be no exception. Come out and enjoy the great rides for the kids and adults. All day long listen to great music, smell the smoke and taste the fantastic food. Don't forget the fantastic fireworks we had last year, and it will be bigger and better this year.

Don't forget to save all those aluminum cans for our "**Pennies for Patriots**" program. Drop your aluminum cans off at the **West Side of City Hall** in the Brown Dumpster and also at **Recycle City** in the Big Blue Dumpster. We have a **new location** at the **Mayor Tom Brown Senior Center** in their Blue Dumpsters. All the money raised from sale of the aluminum goes to the USO at Lambert Field for the guys, gals and veterans who put their lives on the line everyday and **protect the freedom** we cherish everyday.

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 is **636-485-5710** and my email is ald_reitmeyer@yahoo.com.

Meals on Wheels Fashion Show

April 21 Mayor Tom Brown Senior Center

- First-ever Meals on Wheels Fashion Show!
- Presented by St. Peters Senior Advisory Committee to help support the Senior Center's Meals on Wheels program.
- Suggested donations of \$15 will help the Senior Center continue to deliver hot meals to homebound residents!
- Doors open at 5 p.m. Dinner included at 5:30 p.m., with the fashion show following.
- Fashions provided by Designer Resale Boutique.
- Pre-registration is required. Call the Senior Center at 636-278-2410.



Prescription Drug Take Back

St. Peters Justice Center

Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

If you've got old medicines you're not using, we've got the prescription for safe disposal. Take part in the National Rx Take Back event by turning in your prescription drugs to St. Peters police at the



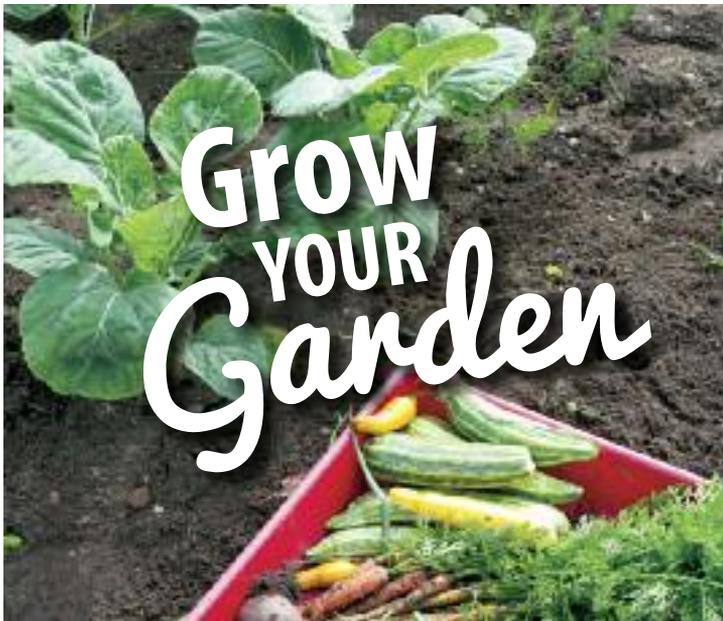
St. Peters Justice Center, 1020 Grand Teton Dr., on Saturday, April 30, any time between 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

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

The service is free and anonymous. You can turn in medications that are out-of-date or medicines you no longer need or use. Intravenous solutions, injectables and needles will not be accepted.

Learn more at www.dea.gov.



According to the groundhog, spring is right around the corner. Spring brings many wonderful things, like warmer weather and sunshine. It can also bring blooming gardens if you plant your seeds right. But you don't have to wait for spring to start growing your plants. A garden doesn't just mean something that you plant in your backyard. A garden can take many shapes and forms. Here are a few types of gardening to get you started on a journey to a healthier lifestyle.

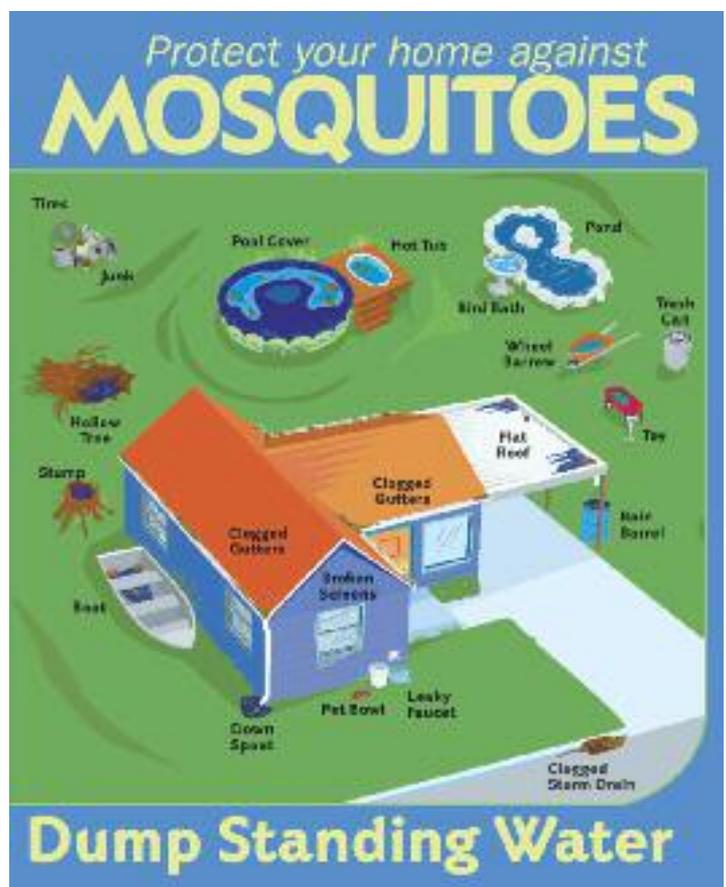
Hydroponic gardening: This is a specialized type of garden that allows plants to grow in "soil-free" solutions that provide nutrients to the plants. These are grown in a controlled environment. The plants typically grow faster and require less watering than traditional gardening.

Container gardening: This is a type of gardening that many people are familiar with. This type of gardening is similar to ground gardening, but the garden is grown only in a container rather than the ground. Plants are typically in a portable pot or container. Many times this type of gardening is used for flowers, but can also be used for plants such as herbs or lettuce.

Organic gardening: This style of gardening doesn't use any synthetic fertilizers or pesticides. Many times compost is used in this style of gardening to help the plants get the nutrients that they may not get from soil.

Heirloom gardening: Heirloom seeds are handed down for generations. The characteristics of these plants typically stay the same year after year. This occurs because they are "open pollinated" seeds. This means they're self pollinated, which is how the plants stay so similar year after year.

Now that you know different styles of gardening, you can start your own. To encourage St. Peters residents to grow their own produce, the committee is having a drawing for 20 one-day family passes to the Rec-Plex each month for those who grow their own vegetable or fruit gardens. To enter the contest, take a picture of your garden and mail it to: Healthy Living Contest, St. Peters City Hall, PO Box 9, St. Peters, Missouri, 63376, or you can email it to: healthylivingcontest@stpetersmo.net. You will need to include your name, address and phone number. The drawings will be held on the fourth Monday each month, June through October, from all entries received. You can win more than once in a month if there are more passes than entrants!



Testing Water Backflow Prevention Devices in St. Peters

Did you know that if you have a lawn irrigation system at your home or business, you're required by Missouri state law to 1) have an approved backflow prevention device, and 2) test the device annually? In St. Peters, backflow prevention devices must be tested annually by a state-certified tester by June 1. St. Peters' ordinance also requires that residents maintain records of the device from purchase to retirement. If a device is removed, proof of proper disconnection shall be provided.

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

Each backflow prevention device test report must be sent to your water supplier to ensure everything is working properly. In St. Peters this report shall be submitted between April 1 and June 1. Remind your irrigation service contractor to send a copy of the test report to your water provider. **The test is required whether or not you plan to use your irrigation system.**

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

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

If you have any questions regarding backflow protection at your business or residence, call the City of St. Peters at 636-477-6600, ext. 1317. You can also find more information online at www.stpetersmo.net.

Rain or Shine!

Saturday, April 2 • 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
HES Operations Building,
135 Ecology Drive

Tours of the Recycling Center

Free Recycle Stations
to hold your blue bags
(for St. Peters residents only)

Kids – hop in the driver’s seat of a
Recycle Truck & work the grabber arm
to pick up a recycle container!

Free Tree Seedling Giveaway
Bring your Resident Privilege Card.

Edible Dirt

Free Class A Compost
Supply is limited. Bring your
own shovel and containers.

Free Nitrogen for Tires
First-come, first-served!

Recycle Your Old Thermostat

Learn About Pet Adoption

Free Hot Dog Lunch

more ...

Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net.





SHRED IT AND FORGET IT

Saturday, May 7 • 9 a.m. - Noon

HES Operations Building, 135 Ecology Drive.

Safely destroy sensitive documents during the Shred It and Forget It event! Bring the documents you want to destroy in cardboard boxes to the HES Operations Building behind Recycle City. Please make sure that the boxes are not too heavy to lift.

There's a limit of five boxes (size of a banker's box) per vehicle. All of the material will be securely shredded and recycled including the cardboard boxes if they are not needed back. You may drop off your material or stay and watch it be shredded.

No computer discs or hanging file rods, please. If you can tear it, then you can shred it using this service.

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 - cash only).



Be Part of Clean Streams Day Saturday, April 16 • Register by April 6!

You can make a positive impact on your community in just one morning: Volunteer to help during Clean Streams Day in St. Peters on Saturday, April 16! By removing trash from our neighborhood streams, you're helping to protect habitat and wildlife, plus prevent creek bank erosion and possibly even flooding.

Mayor Len Pagano said, "The volunteers who participate in cleaning our streams year after year provide a very valuable community service. The cleanliness and overall quality of our waterways are an important part of our quality of life."

Last year, St. Peters Clean Streams volunteers collected 2,520 pounds of trash and recycled another 1,280 pounds of material—all taken from our streams!

Clean Streams events are great activities for families, Scout groups, church groups and individuals. Register by April 6 to be part of this community effort. Volunteers will meet at the parking lot in front of Rec-Plex South behind St. Peters City Hall beginning at 8 a.m. on April 16.

Learn more and register at
www.stpetersmo.net/CleanStream.



Nitrogen Tire Station Opens April 1



Filling your tires with nitrogen benefits you with as much as a 2.5% increase in gas mileage. Based on EPA estimates, fuel savings for the average vehicle will be about 15 gallons per year. In addition to saving fuel, nitrogen-filled tires wear longer because the tires keep their pressure

longer and do not have the extreme fluctuations in pressure that air-filled tires experience.

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

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

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