

City of St. Peters Proposition W

# NO-TAX INCREASE BOND ISSUE

April 7, 2015 • Water/Sewer Improvements

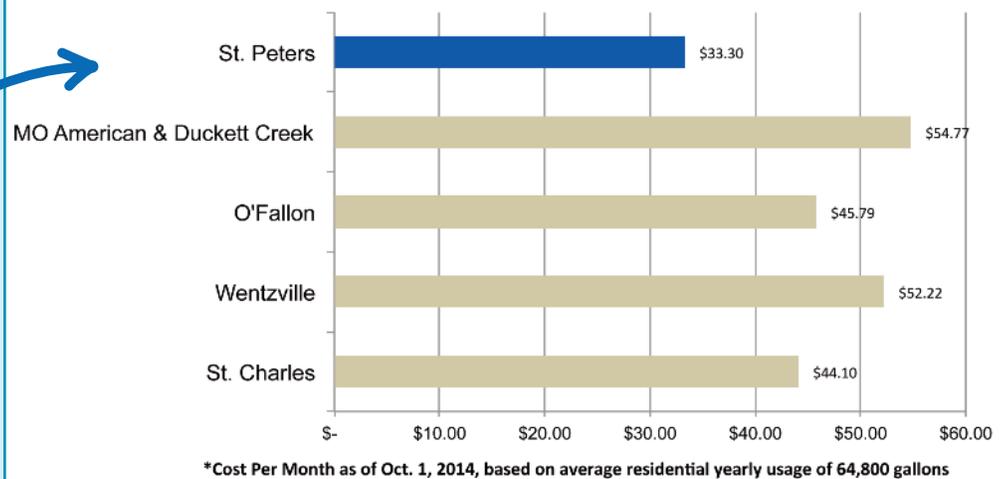
Vote on an \$18 million no-tax increase water/sewer bond issue to pay for improvements to our water supply treatment plants and infrastructure, including:

- Water well replacements.
- Replacing & restoring aging facilities and collection systems.
- Future improvements to meet changing regulations.

## KEEPING RATES LOW

Updated facilities provide efficient service, which helps the City of St. Peters maintain the lowest water/sewer rates in our area.

Comparison of Water and Sewer Rates\* - Oct. 1, 2014



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# St. Peters Water/Wastewater Proposition W Bond Issue Q&A

## WHAT PROJECTS ARE PLANNED IF THE APRIL 7 BOND ISSUE PASSES?

We've identified nearly 20 projects needed to update our water and wastewater systems. Here are some of the most pressing projects:

- Rehabilitating a trunk sewer line at Brown Road built in the late 1970s that serves about half the City
- Updates to the Brown Road wastewater pump station and replacing a 1970s-era force main
- Replacing 4 water wells from the late '70s
- Replacing equipment from the '80s used to clarify our drinking water
- Wastewater treatment plant improvements to meet future water quality requirements



## WHY USE A BOND ISSUE FOR WATER/WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS?

Bonds are to the government what a home loan is to a homeowner. Your home loan allows you to live in your home now in return for payments. Government bonds allow for essential public improvements now in return for long-term payments. On April 7, voters will decide whether to approve a no-tax increase bond issue so that the City of St. Peters can make critical updates to our aging water/sewer facilities for years to come.

## HOW CAN WE PAY OFF BONDS WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES?

The City of St. Peters' excellent credit rating allows us to borrow money for improvements at the lowest possible cost. The City's excellent financial shape also means that we can repay loans without having to increase taxes—the same as if you bought a house you can afford without having to find any extra income.



## HOW DO WE PROVIDE CLEAN WATER IN ST. PETERS?

The clean, safe water that customers enjoy from the City of St. Peters comes from two sources:

- ① **Missouri River:** The Howard Bend Water Treatment Plant is a large plant owned by the City of St. Louis that treats Missouri River water. The City of St. Peters purchases water from the plant, which is sent through a large water main under the Missouri River to St. Peters. This agreement helps us provide our customers enough water and keeps our costs down.
- ② **Underground wells:** The rest of our water comes from groundwater in a well field located in the Mississippi River flood plain. Eight pumps send water from the underground wells to our water plant, where we remove impurities and "soften" the water by taking out iron so that the water is fit for consumption.

## HOW DO WE TREAT WASTEWATER?

When wastewater leaves a St. Peters customer's home, it flows through the customer's sewer lateral line and enters the City's wastewater collection system. This system moves wastewater through underground pipes to the St. Peters wastewater treatment plant. Using a natural biological process, the wastewater plant treats and disinfects this wastewater and returns clean, safe water to the environment in nearby Spencer Creek.

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