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November-December 2018
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St. Peters
**HOLIDAY
FUN!**



Join the New Blue Cart Crew! (see page 4)

St. Peters HOLIDAY EVENTS!



29th Annual St. Peters Tree Lighting



6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16 • St. Peters City Hall • FREE!

Beautiful holiday lights, performances by local groups, photos with Santa Claus and our community's lighting of the tree—it's all FREE at the City of St. Peters' 29th annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at City Hall! Bring the family and help us kick off the holiday season right! Enjoy performances from Childbloom Guitar Program of St. Charles County, Fort Zumwalt East High School Orchestra, St. Peters Choral Society, Lindenwood University's Voices Only and Joshua Barclay on the piano. 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. 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!

Tree Trimming with the St. Peters Police Department

6-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 • St. Peters Justice Center • FREE!

Make your own ornaments, enjoy hot cocoa and cookies, and help the St. Peters Police Department trim their tree! This event is FREE and recommended for ages 3-12. No reservations needed. For more information, call 636-278-2244, ext. 3550.

Winter Wonderland on Ice Show

7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 & 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 • St. Peters Rec-Plex

Celebrate the holidays as the Rec-Plex's North Rink comes to life and turns into an enchanted Winter Wonderland on Ice for two shows the weekend of Dec. 7-8.

Our wonderful Rec-Plex skaters and synchronized skating teams will dazzle audiences with the beauty and skill of their original programs. Beloved holiday characters join in the festivities to make this a delightful event for the whole family. Get ticket information and learn more by checking the online calendar at www.stpetersmo.net.

Breakfast with Santa

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

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

Santa arrives early in St. Peters to spread some holiday cheer and have a little breakfast with good boys and girls ages 2-8. In addition to a delicious continental breakfast starting at 9 a.m., Santa will join children (and adults) for photos (bring your camera), crafts and a sing-along of popular Christmas songs.

Register in advance by Dec. 4 by calling 636-939-2386, ext. 1400, online at www.stpetersmo.net/Rec-Connect or in person at the St. Peters Rec-Plex.

Holiday Dance Party

**7-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21 • St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre
\$7/person at the door***

Individuals, couples and groups are invited to get into the holiday spirit and dance the night away with DJ Gary Williams of Juke Box Productions at St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre. Feel free to bring your own snacks; soda will be available for purchase.

**St. Peters residents and Cultural Arts Centre members receive \$1 discount.*

JOIN THE NEW

BLUE CART CREW

Subscribe Now to Recycle Curbside in St. Peters!

The City of St. Peters' curbside recycling program is moving to a subscription-only service—enroll now to be part of the new Blue Cart Crew!

When you join the Blue Cart Crew, we'll replace your green trash cart with a Blue Cart that you will continue to use for both trash and Blue Bag recycling. Or, if you want to keep your green trash cart, we will place a Blue Cart Crew sticker on your green cart. There is no fee to subscribe.

By joining the Blue Cart Crew, you'll remain part of St. Peters' recycling effort that helps keep our trash costs low and give recyclable materials a new life. *Beginning in Spring 2019, you will not be able to continue recycling curbside without enrolling in this new program.*

You can enroll in the Blue Cart Crew in one of three ways:

- Fill out an online form at www.stpetersmo.net/recycle.
- Call 636-970-1456.
- Fill out and submit an enrollment postcard that you can find during regular office hours at City Hall, the St. Peters Rec-Plex or Recycle City.

Why are we switching to the Blue Cart Crew program?

The new subscription-only Blue Cart Crew program will cut our costs for recycling with Blue Bags. The cost to the City of St. Peters for Blue Bags has grown from around \$50,000

a year to about \$190,000 a year over the past decade without the benefit of an increase in recycling. This increase in cost is because many people used Blue Bags for regular trash or other purposes besides recycling.

What does it mean for me if I join the Blue Cart Crew?

When you join the Blue Cart Crew, you're pledging to recycle with Blue Bags. You will continue to recycle by placing containers in one Blue Bag and paper products in another Blue Bag. And, you will continue to place your recycling Blue Bags in your cart with regular trash bags (see story on page 5 to learn about the benefits of dual stream recycling).

In order to receive more Blue Bags, you will need to tie a Blue Bag on your Blue Cart (or green cart with Blue Cart Crew sticker). Our staff will drop off a new roll of Blue Bags when they see that you've tied a Blue Bag on your cart. Blue Cart Crew members will automatically be entered into our annual Blue Bag Recycling Contest. Blue Cart Crew members promise to use Blue Bags only for recycling and agree to periodic compliance checks.

What if I don't enroll in the Blue Cart Crew program?

You won't be able to recycle curbside in St. Peters. You will not have access to Blue Bags.

When should I enroll to be part of the Blue Cart Crew?

Now! Be sure to enroll before April 1, 2019, in order to avoid any disruption in curbside recycling service.

Learn more at: www.stpetersmo.net/Recycle



RECYCLING SUCCESS!

St. Peters' Dual Stream System Remains the Best Option

Maybe you've heard some bad news lately about the current state of recycling in the St. Louis metropolitan area and elsewhere around the nation. Many communities are considering whether it's worthwhile to continue their single stream recycling programs due to rising costs.

As a City of St. Peters resident, this is what you need to know about our recycling program: St. Peters' dual stream recycling system works the best in today's market and you will continue to have the best recycling program in the state of Missouri without significant cost increases.

The main problem lies with "single stream" recycling, where all recycling is combined and collected in one cart. Single stream recycling has an inherent amount of contamination because all containers and paper are mixed together. An example of contamination is when a liquid or food item in a container contaminates the paper mixed in with that container. China was the No. 1 importer of single stream recycling, but has severely restricted its imports due to the contamination of single stream recycling. Today, the market is saturated with single stream recyclables that nobody wants to buy.

St. Peters' dual stream recycling system remains marketable because of a very low contamination rate due to the process of separating containers from paper items.

The City of St. Peters is different. We have a dual stream system where you place all of your recyclables in Blue Bags and then place them in with your trash. This is dual stream since it includes trash and recyclables in the same collection cart.

St. Peters' dual stream recycling system remains marketable because of a very low contamination rate due to the process of separating containers from paper items. When you recycle by placing containers in one Blue Bag and paper items in a separate Blue Bag, the City of St. Peters can sort these recyclables and sell them on the open market to help offset our costs for trash and recycling services. It helps to keep our residents' solid waste fees low.

The Blue Bag recycling system and processing facility at Recycle City has set up the City of St. Peters for long-term success. Our community truly is a model for recycling, and we might even be able to help other communities that are interested in using our dual system processing service. This could be a win-win for both those communities and ours, as they would be able to continue

their recycling systems at an affordable fee and our City could develop another revenue stream to offset the cost of our recycling program.



Holiday Recycling Tips

- Wrapping paper (if it's not foil or foil lined) and boxes can be recycled with your other paper using Blue Bags.
- When light strands no longer work, place them in a Blue Bag (with no other recyclables) and drop it in your trash cart to be recycled.
- When you are finished enjoying your live Christmas tree, you can place it at the curb for normal yard waste pickup if you first cut the tree in half.
- If you fry your holiday bird, you can recycle your cooking oil at Recycle City. Either empty the cooking oil into the designated receptacle or leave the container with the cooking oil (container will not be returned). IMPORTANT: Don't pour fats, oils or grease down the drain because they can stick to sewer pipes and cause sewer overflows and backups.



Only Rain Down the Storm Drain!

As leaves fall and yard work mounts this autumn, please remember that we need your help to allow "Only Rain Down the Storm Drain." Storm drains are designed to allow stormwater to enter and drain to nearby streams. Here are some DO's and DON'Ts to keep our streams healthy and avoid flash flooding in your neighborhood:

- **DON'T** sweep leaves or blow grass clippings into the street, because they'll end up blocking our storm drains.
- **DO** collect leaves and other yard waste on your property and use your City of St. Peters brown yard waste cart for curbside yard waste pickup.
- **DON'T** dump dog waste into storm drains. Pet waste contributes to significant bacteria levels when they drain into our creeks.
- **DO** pick up all pet waste in appropriate bags and place them in your trash cart.
- **DON'T** place anything onto or into a storm inlet drain, including pipes, fencing, screening, leaves, yard waste, pet waste, rock, soil, mulch, chemicals, concrete waste or any other solid waste. Drainage pipes placed directly into the throat of a stormwater inlet opening reduces the available opening that can receive stormwater.
- **DO** keep objects off and away from stormwater inlets if you have them on or around your property. This will help stormwater flow into the drain, instead of backing up and potentially flooding your property.

Learn more about stormwater management in St. Peters at www.stpetersmo.net/water.



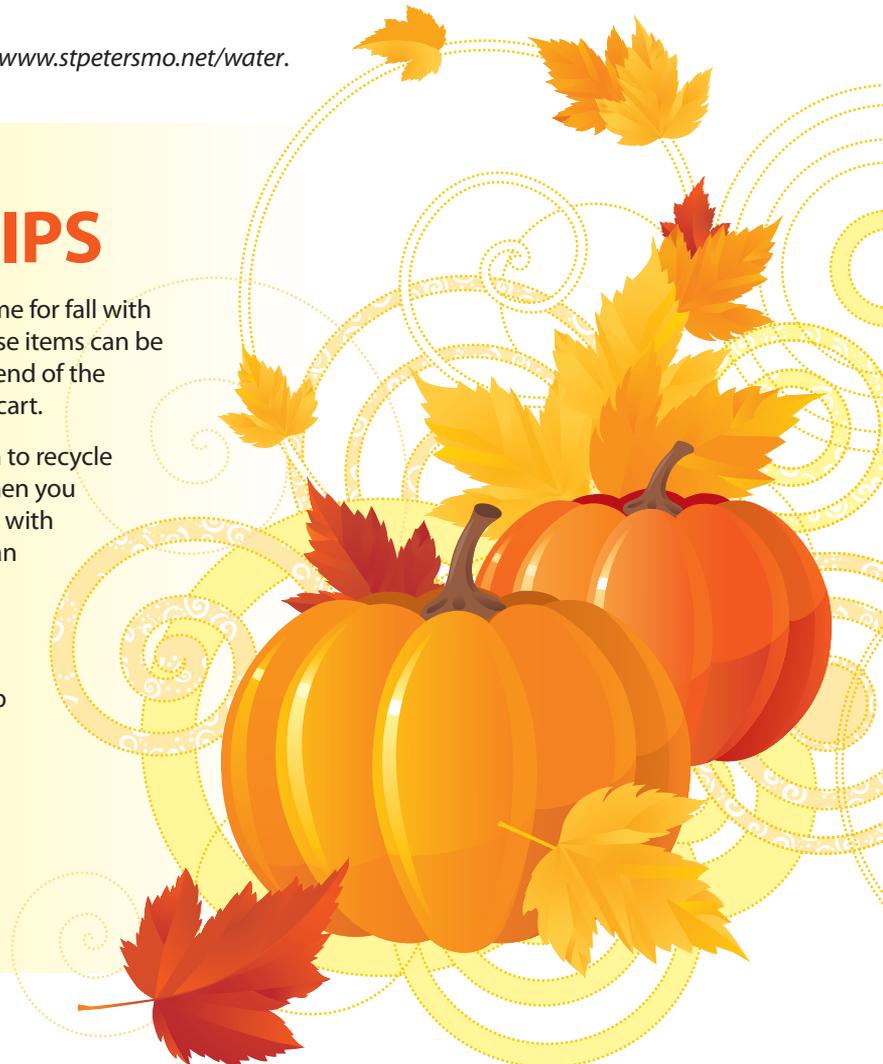
FALL YARD WASTE TIPS

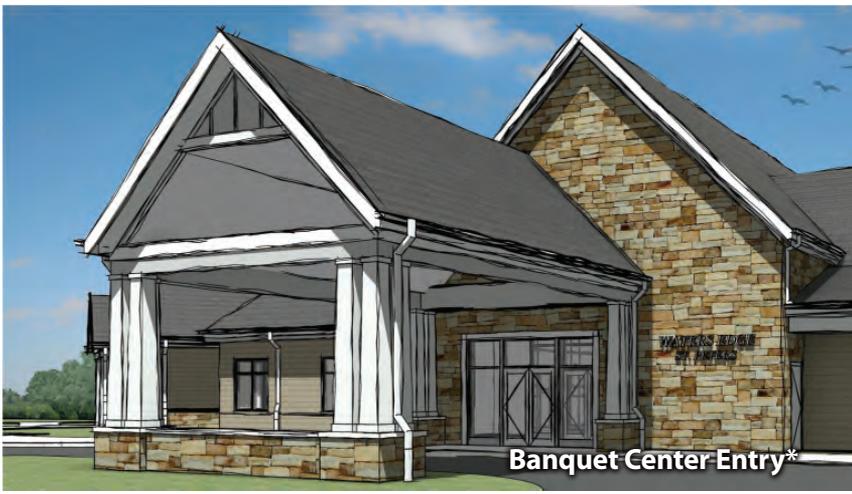
FALL DECORATIONS: Do you like to decorate your home for fall with pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks and bales of straw? All of those items can be composted, so be sure to give these items a new life at the end of the season by simply recycling them in your brown yard waste cart.

LEAVES: During the fall months, you have an extra option to recycle all of those fallen leaves. Fill your yard waste cart first and then you can use paper yard waste bags. Set the yard waste bags out with your cart on your collection day. But, remember the bags can ONLY be filled with leaves. They are accepted for curbside collection in St. Peters during October, November and December.

EARTH CENTRE: St. Peters residents also can drop off up to 30 cubic yards of yard waste per year at St. Peters' Earth Centre, 115 Ecology Drive, at no charge. Be sure to get your Resident Privilege Card to take advantage of this service.

Learn more about yard waste disposal in St. Peters at www.stpetersmo.net.





Banquet Center Entry*



Golf & Banquet Center Construction

Construction continues on the Prop Q quality of life improvement at St. Peters Golf Club. This project, approved by voters in August 2016, will build a new Golf & Banquet Center expected to be complete in Spring 2019. The facility will offer our community:

- Banquet/meeting facilities with seating for up to 350 people, plus extra outdoor event space including a tournament pavilion structure that can seat up to 150 people.
- A more comfortable clubhouse with a new bar & grill and pro shop.
- Multiple verandas and a large deck with lake views.
- Rentals for special events and fundraisers, including golf tournaments, wedding receptions, reunions, anniversary parties, trivia nights and other community events.
- The perfect meeting space for businesses/organizations.

Golf Club Closure

St. Peters Golf Club will close to the public beginning Nov. 5 in order to demolish the old golf and banquet facility and install a new parking lot. The closure is expected to last through approximately Dec. 20. After the old building is demolished and the new expanded parking lot is completed, St. Peters Golf Club will resume golf operations out of a temporary location until the opening of the new Golf & Banquet Center in spring 2019.

Water's Edge Banquet Center

Water's Edge Banquet Center will be the name of the new banquet/meeting facilities at St. Peters Golf Club. Water's Edge will host events beginning Oct. 1, 2019, possibly earlier.

Learn more: www.stpetersmo.net/Golf



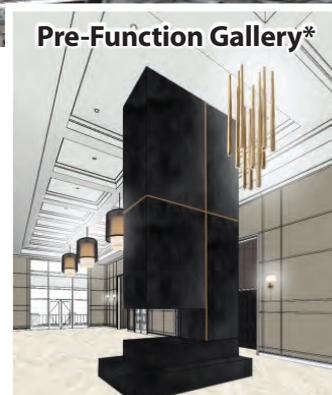
Oct. 4, 2018 construction



Tournament Pavilion*



Banquet Salons*



Pre-Function Gallery*

*Artist's renderings



Celebrate ST. PETERS 2018

A HUGE SUCCESS! Celebrate St. Peters 2018 Hosted Historic Crowd

Thank you to the 35,000+ who joined us for the 8th annual Celebrate St. Peters 2018 at 370 Lakeside Park! This includes a record crowd of 17,000 at our Saturday night Main Stage concert when KSHE 95 presented Night Ranger. This was the largest crowd to ever witness a concert in St. Peters!

Around 10,000+ total visited the festival on Friday evening when Pam Tillis and Lorrie Morgan performed. Another total 8,000-10,000 people came throughout the day on Saturday to enjoy great food and shopping from 40 vendors, the carnival, free entertainment, fireworks and more!

To view more photos from this year's event, visit www.stpetersmo.net/celebrate.



**HOPE TO SEE YOU BACK NEXT YEAR! SAVE THE DATE:
CELEBRATE ST. PETERS 2019
WILL BE SEPT. 20-21!**



National Night Out



St. Peters residents and neighbors made a stand together against crime on National Night Out in St. Peters Oct. 2. Several local neighborhoods hosted block parties complete with bounce houses, popcorn and snow cone machines, DJs, balloon artists, plus plenty of food and fun for all.

The St. Peters Police Department, Scruff McGruff the Crime Dog and City elected officials visited a few of the neighborhood block parties to pass out coloring books, stickers and information. National Night Out, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, provides an opportunity for neighborhoods and law enforcement to partner together to reduce crime.

To learn more, visit www.stpetersmo.net/police.



St. Peters Resident Mary Evans Retires from Senior Center after 20 Years

If it weren't for her husband, St. Peters resident Mary Evans may have never ended up serving as the Home Delivered Meals Coordinator for St. Peters' Meals on Wheels Program for the past 20 years. Four years before she was hired, Mary's husband prompted them to start volunteering for the program.

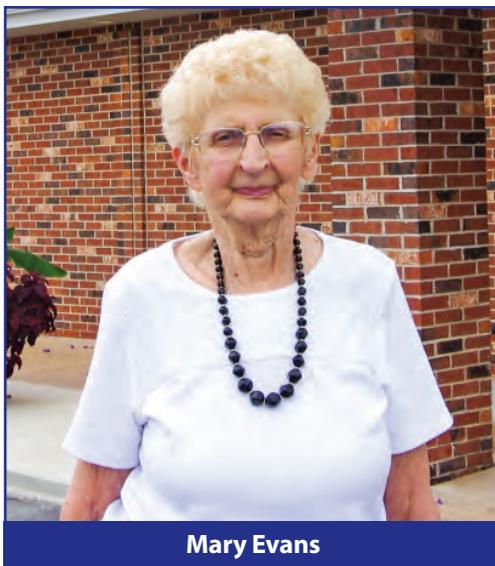
"We were very involved in our church at the time and he said, 'You know what, we need to do something other than volunteering just for our church,'" Mary recalled. "So, we started volunteering for Meals on Wheels."

When Mary was offered the Home Delivered Meals Coordinator position, her husband joked that she was "lousy with directions," and that she would "get everyone lost." Turns out, Mary was better at directions than her husband thought.

Mary has been a big part of the success of St. Peters' Meals on Wheels program. She's recruited lots of volunteers, many from her church, and she has been a part of two expansions at the Mayor Tom Brown Senior Center, including the addition of the exercise room.

Unfortunately, Mary's husband passed away a few years after she started the job, but Mary continued to work at the Senior Center for the next 20 years. She officially retired in July 2018.

"I've been here 20 years and he's been gone 17," Mary said. "My goal was to be here for 20 years, and I wasn't sure if I was going to make it, but I did. I hope I made a little bit of a difference."



Mary Evans



She said the hardest part of her job was losing participants over the years, but the most rewarding part was all the friends she made. Mary hasn't been retired for long but she already says it's the people that she misses the most.

Mary hopes St. Peters' Meals on Wheels program will continue to grow as a leading role model for similar programs in the county. She knows there is a great need for volunteer drivers right now, so much that she has even come back to help deliver meals a few times already since she's retired. But Mary knows it's about more than just providing a meal to those in need.

"We check in on them," she said. "Sometimes we're the only ones they see, especially if they don't have family."

Mary is proud to have been a part of the Meals on Wheels family for the past 25 years, and plans to stick around and help out for as long as she can. In her retirement, you can find her crocheting, spending time with her dog and cat or perhaps taking a trip back "home" to Ohio—yes, she's a self-proclaimed "good old Buckeye," but St. Peters, the Senior Center and Meals on Wheels will always have a special place in her heart.

If you're interested in volunteering for the St. Peters Meals on Wheels program, or if you know someone who may be in need of home-delivered meals, call 636-278-1609.

Fast Facts about Meals on Wheels:

- Volunteers deliver nearly 200 meals a day, Monday-Friday, to homebound seniors and disabled residents in the St. Peters area.
 - Around 100 volunteers make deliveries every week, whether its one day per week or multiple days.
 - St. Peters residents have the option to donate to the Meals on Wheels program simply by rounding up on their utility bill through the City of St. Peters' Voluntary Utility Round-Up Program. St. Peters offered this program beginning in 2012 in response to state and federal cuts.
 - St. Peters residents have donated nearly \$90,000 through the Voluntary Utility Round-Up Program, including a monthly record of \$1,957.81 in September 2018.
 - To participate in the program, simply donate online through St. Peters BillPay service or fill in the amount you wish to contribute in the designated box on your utility bill and add that amount to your payment.
- For more information on the Meals on Wheels program, including how to sign up to volunteer as a delivery driver, or to request home-delivered meals, call 636-278-1609.

November

- 3 **Shred It & Forget It**
9 a.m.-noon, 135 Ecology Drive
- 5 **Veterans Memorial Commission**
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 7 **Planning & Zoning Commission**
6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 9 **DJ Skate**
7-9 p.m., St. Peters Rec-Plex
- 12 **Veterans Day Ceremony**
10 a.m., Veterans Memorial (City Centre)
- 12 **Bus Tour: German St. Louis Day**
Cultural Arts Centre
- 15 **Senior Advisory Committee**
12:30 p.m., Senior Center
- 15 **Board of Aldermen, Justice Center:**
5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting
- 16 **St. Peters Tree Lighting**
6:30 p.m., City Hall
- 17 **Ward 2 Town Hall**
9:30 a.m., Bellemeade Manor clubhouse
- 20 **Parks, Recreation and Advisory Board**
6 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 30 **Gracie & Lacy Present: Cool Yule**
6:30 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre

December

- 3 **Veterans Memorial Commission**
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 5 **Planning & Zoning Commission**
6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 7 **Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony**
10 a.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 7 **Police Tree Trimming**
6-8 p.m., St. Peters Justice Center
- 7 & 8 **Winter Wonderland on Ice**
7 p.m. Fri. & 5 p.m. Sat., Rec-Plex
- 8 **Breakfast with Santa**
8:30 a.m., Rec-Plex South
- 14 **DJ Skate**
7-9 p.m., St. Peters Rec-Plex
- 20 **Board of Aldermen, Justice Center:**
5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting
- 21 **Cultural Arts Centre Dance: Holiday Dance Party (Juke Box Productions)**
7-10 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 31 **New Year's Eve Lock-In**
7 p.m.-7 a.m., St. Peters Rec-Plex

Please note: We will not be able to host Santa at the Old Town Log Cabin this year. The log cabin will be closed to the public due to repairs.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE
LOCK-IN**

Rec-Plex • 7 p.m. Dec. 31 - 7 a.m. Jan. 1
**Swimming, skating, games and more fun
all night long for kids ages 8-13!**

FREE for GOLD PLUS Members!
\$53/St. Peters Residents • \$63/General Public
\$28/Rec-Plex Annual Members

Advance registration only! Register online at
www.stpetersmo.net/rec-connect, or call 636-939-2386, ext. 1400.



Shred It & Forget It Event
9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Nov. 3 (rain or shine)
HES Operations Building, 135 Ecology Dr.
(behind Recycle City)

Safely destroy unneeded documents – if you can tear it, you can shred it! **FREE for St. Peters/Cottleville Residents** (must show current Resident Privilege Card) or \$5/box for general public. Limit five banker-size boxes per vehicle. Do not bring computer discs or hanging file rods. Documents may contain staples or paper clips. Visit www.stpetersmo.net for more information.



ST. PETERS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Honors Our Veterans

Veterans Hall of Honor

The City of St. Peters values and appreciates all veterans, regardless of branch, rank, duty, or time served. To honor the many men and women who have served or are currently serving our country, St. Peters has dedicated a Veterans Hall of Honor on the outside of the west wing of St. Peters City Hall.



The Veterans Hall of Honor lists the names of veterans and their branch of service on individual plaques. To install a plaque at the Veterans Hall of Honor, the veteran must be a current or past resident of St. Peters and must either be on active duty or received an honorable discharge

from one or more branches of the United States Armed Forces. Each plaque costs \$15 and friends and family members may submit applications on behalf of a veteran, which must include documentation of military veteran status. Applications are available at St. Peters City Hall or online at www.stpetersmo.net.



VETERANS EVENTS

• Veterans Day Ceremony*

10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 12
St. Peters City Centre Veterans Memorial
Featured Speaker: Retired Lieutenant Colonel Gary Turner, Army Reserves, and former St. Peters Mayor (1978-1992)

• Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony

10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7
St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre at City Hall

**In case of inclement weather, the Veterans Day ceremony will be moved inside to the Cultural Arts Centre at St. Peters City Hall.*



St. Peters is home to two veterans' memorials: the St. Peters Veterans Memorial at City Centre, located next to City Hall, and Veterans Memorial South located at the corner of Willott and Jungermann Road, which specifically honors veterans of the Korean War and Vietnam War with two monuments.

HOLIDAY HOURS

VETERANS DAY (observed)

Mon. Nov. 12

City Hall
Cultural Arts Centre
Municipal Court
Police Records
Earth Centre
Recycle City
Solid Waste Collection
Animal Control
Rec-Plex

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NORMAL
ON CALL⁴
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THANKSGIVING

Thurs. Nov. 22

Fri. Nov. 23

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CHRISTMAS EVE

Mon. Dec. 24

City Hall
Cultural Arts Centre
Municipal Court
Police Records
Earth Centre
Recycle City
Solid Waste Collection
Animal Control
Rec-Plex

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Closes at 2 p.m.¹
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Closes at 2 p.m.⁴
Closes at 4 p.m.

CHRISTMAS

Tues. Dec. 25

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ON CALL⁴
CLOSED

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Mon. Dec. 31

City Hall
Cultural Arts Centre
Municipal Court
Police Records
Earth Centre
Recycle City
Solid Waste Collection
Animal Control
Rec-Plex

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NEW YEAR'S DAY

Tues. Jan. 1

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DELAYED⁶
ON CALL⁴
Open 1-5 p.m.^{5,7}

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 Trash and recycling pickup delayed a day for the remainder of the week.

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

5 Rec-Plex administrative offices are closed.

6 Trash, recycling and yard waste pickup delayed a day for the remainder of the week.

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

Get on the Snow & Ice Removal Team!

Mild, extreme or somewhere in between, it doesn't matter what the weather will be like this winter in St. Peters. The City of St. Peters' Snow and Ice Removal Team will be ready to respond if and when needed. St. Peters has a Snow and Ice Control Plan that relies on the efforts of around 100 employees responding to wintry weather conditions, from drivers and maintenance staff, to office workers who field calls around the clock. Our entire team works as long as needed to make our roads clear and safe.

There's also room on this team for you! What do you have to do to be part of the Snow & Ice Removal Team in St. Peters? You can do a few things that will help speed up snow removal operations and improve efficiency while helping save taxpayer dollars! Here's how:

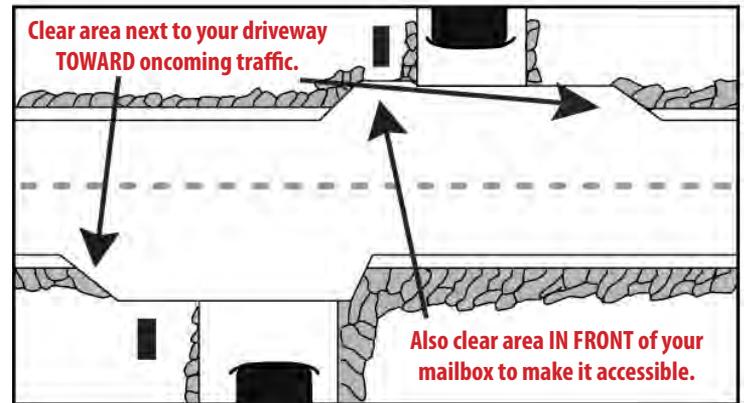
1. Keep your street clear of obstacles (such as cars and trash carts). This allows for snow plow drivers to clear an entire road at once and place de-icing chemicals more evenly, rather than having to come back later to clear the snow that piled up in the street around these obstructions. Park your car on the driveway instead of on the street. If it's trash disposal night, move your trash cart onto the driveway.
2. 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 at the end of your driveway.
3. 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.

Here's why doing these things can help save taxpayer dollars: The fewer times a snow plow driver has to drive through our streets, the less money it costs us for fuel, vehicle maintenance and possibly overtime pay. Eliminating obstacles on our streets for our snow plow drivers is great help during a snow or ice storm!



You can also sign up for the City of St. Peters' free Nixle service to receive emergency messages concerning winter weather and other urgent updates sent directly to you via email and/or text. To sign up, visit www.stpetersmo.net/subscribe.

Also during severe weather conditions, our local government channel SPTV St. Peters TeleVision interrupts its regular broadcast schedule to show a live traffic camera and weather radar. Tune in for regular weather updates on AT&T U-verse Ch. 99, Charter Ch. 992 or online at sptvnow.net.



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 six inches or higher, 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/streets, or you can request an application be mailed to you by calling City Hall at 636-477-6600, ext. 1225.

Keep Your Pets Safe This Winter!

Whether it's hot or cold, leaving your pets outside for a long period of time without water or shelter is dangerous to their health. If you see a pet that has been left outside in these conditions, please report it to St. Peters Animal Control at 636-278-2255. Also, this winter, please be mindful of other dangers to your pets such as:

- **Ice melt products:** Calcium salts such as sodium, potassium and magnesium can cause major stomach issues and irritate your pet's skin and paws. Urea, a common fertilizer used to melt ice, is usually labeled safe for pets, but ingesting the product can still do harm.
- **Christmas tree decorations:** Glass ornaments on trees are especially fragile – pets could easily break them, suffer cuts and even swallow the glass.

- **Electrical cords:** With winter often comes the need for extra electrical cords for heaters and decorations—avoid disaster while you're away by crate training a pet that might chew on these.
- **Running loose:** Every winter, dogs get loose and fall through a frozen pond, lake or river, or cross an icy road that is difficult to stop on for passing cars. When out and about, having your pet on a leash is necessary and required by City ordinance. And remember to keep your county rabies tag on your pets at all times.



We hope all pet owners can follow these easy tips to ensure a safe and happy winter for you and your pets!

Water Line Repair and Sewer Lateral Repair Program Changes



Repairs to your water service line or your sewer lateral line can be expensive. That's why residents of St. Peters approved a couple of ballot issues that set up programs to assist homeowners with their costs for these repairs. Both the Sewer Lateral

Repair Program (approved in 2003) and Water Service Line Repair Program (approved in 2012) continue to help with these repairs, although there have been recent changes to the amounts these programs pay for repairs. Learn more below:

Sewer Lateral Repair Program

The City of St. Peters' Sewer Lateral Repair Program helps offset the costs for St. Peters residents to repair the sewer lateral line that carries waste from a home to the public sewer main. Beginning in January 2004, the Sewer Lateral Repair Program set up a \$28 per household annual assessment to be paid with real estate taxes. The program is open to residential property owners within the City limits, including single-family homes, duplexes, villas, or condominiums up to six units.

Applicants seeking to participate in the Sewer Lateral Repair Program pay a \$300 initial fee (and submit a receipt for last year's paid real estate tax). A contractor hired by the City of St. Peters performs a video inspection of the sewer lateral in order to verify the nature and location of the defect. (If a defect is not eligible for the program, the balance of the application fee is refunded to the homeowner.)

CHANGES: The amount of money the program will pay to cover a sewer lateral repair increased on July 1, 2018, to a maximum of

\$10,000. Any charges in excess of \$10,000 are the homeowner's responsibility. Previously, the maximum contribution from the program was \$7,500, and originally the cap was \$5,000. The City has been able to add efficiencies to the repair program to save money and allow for the increase in the maximum contribution.

Water Service Line Repair Program

In 2012, St. Peters voters approved a \$12 per household annual fee to fund a new Water Service Line Repair Program that began in January 2013. This program was approved to pay up to \$3,000 for St. Peters homeowners' repairs to private water service lines from the exterior residential building foundation wall to the City water meter. Same as the Sewer Lateral Repair Program, this fee is included in the annual real estate tax bill collected by St. Charles County.

The Water Service Line Repair Program covers single-family homes, duplexes, residential triplexes, four-unit residential property, and residential condos up to four units. The City considers a number of factors to decide whether to repair part of the water service line or replace the entire line.

CHANGES: Effective Jan. 1, 2019, the Water Service Line Repair Program will move to 85/15 cost sharing. The program will pay for 85% of the eligible repair costs up to a maximum of \$3,000. The resident will be responsible for 15% of the eligible repair costs as well as any amount over \$3,000. Previously, the program paid up to \$3,000 in repairs without a cost sharing plan. However, fees paid into the Water Service Line Repair Program are not keeping pace with the costs for maintaining the program. The move to cost sharing will address the shortage of funding, which has occurred due to an increase in water service line repairs and increase in material costs for repairs over the past several years. (The voter-approved annual fee of \$12 per household is the maximum amount allowed under state law for the Water Service Line Repair Program.)

Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net/Water.



Messages From Our Elected Officials

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



Len Pagano
Mayor

Why Shop Local?

Do you have a lot of people on that shopping list this holiday season? I know it's easy to click some links and order everything online these days. It's the Internet age, and there's no denying that people like the convenience of shopping from their homes.

But, let me make a few arguments for getting out of your home and shopping local this holiday season whenever you can. You might not make every purchase from a brick-and-mortar business, but here are some things to think about when considering whether to shop local:

1. Our local businesses can't survive without you. And, it's our local businesses that put 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. You invest in your own community's services when you shop locally. Sales taxes fund a large percentage of our local services. 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. That means each local purchase comes back to benefit you!
3. Shopping at brick-and-mortar businesses can be an event. Spend more time with loved ones on shopping trips, dine together and make a day of it!
4. There's nothing like holding an object in your hand, looking it over, talking to a store associate and knowing whether it's a gift your loved one will like. It's hard to judge a gift with online photos.
5. Returning an item is a snap when you buy local. Just head back to your local store! No need to deal with return deliveries.
6. When you "Shop St. Peters," you have lots of options. Check out Mid Rivers Mall, The Shoppes at Mid Rivers, our many mom-and-pop stores and every type of business in between. Visit www.stpetersmo.net and click on the "Shop St. Peters" logo at the bottom of the page to find a directory to search all of the businesses in our City.
7. Or, shop anywhere in St. Charles County. When you stay local, any purchase you make is an investment that will help fund roads, parks, etc., that we enjoy all throughout the county.
8. Shopping local makes you feel good that you A) found the right gift for your loved one, and B) made an impact that helps your community!

My wife, Joyce, and I wish you well this holiday season, and in 2019 and beyond. Buono Natale & Buon Capo D'Anno (Merry Christmas and Happy New Year).

Our national motto, "In God We Trust."



Judy Bateman
Ward 2

Random Acts of Kindness

Holidays are fast approaching and what better time than now to honor our community's unsung heroes with a Random Acts of Kindness nomination?

We implemented this awesome recognition in 2017 and have been so pleased with the results of our residents' response that some months we've awarded two

or three worthwhile citizens. It only takes someone doing a kind act to make the whole day for both the recipient and the giver to feel good inside! What a wonderful gift and it does not cost any money!

Please take the time to nominate a new citizen in 2019 so we can keep the chain of good deeds flowing and give the much-deserved kudos to those who go above and beyond to make our great City the best place to live, work and play.

Speaking of "live, work and play" I hope you take time in the cold months ahead to join in our many activities offered at our Rec-Plex. You can participate in many events, from exercise to skating, sporting events or just relax and be in the audience watching some of the great talent we showcase in our region. We grow champions here in St. Peters!

The economy is on the upswing so many new employment opportunities are available in the new year. The housing market is also stable and sellers are experiencing a great return on their investment as property values continue to rise in our region.

This is all good news to begin the 2019 year. I wish you and your families a very blessed Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year. It has been my joy and honor to be your voice at City Hall and I hope we continue to move our City in the direction that we all can be proud to call our Hometown. Our motto that we will continue to hold fast "in God we trust" is a proud statement that we in St Peters will steadfastly support.

WARD 2 TOWN HALL: Please mark your calendars to attend our annual Ward 2 Town Hall meeting on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 9:30-11 a.m. at Bellemeade Manor clubhouse, 100 Bellemeade Dr. Come for coffee & doughnuts and conversation with Jerry Hollingsworth and Judy Bateman, your Ward 2 Aldermen.

Enjoy your holiday celebrations and make sure to contact me with any concerns or suggestions you may have. Merry Christmas!

Mayor

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Words of Gold

When is the last time you told your loved ones that you love them? Think for just a moment about those you are closest to. Maybe they live close by, maybe they live in another state or possibly in another country.

Life is busy and it is easy to run out the door to work or end a phone conversation forgetting a quick "I love you." In this day and age we are able to use our computer to watch and hear our children and grandchildren that are near and far.

We can talk with them, listen to them laugh, blow kisses, then end the conversation with an "I love you." Expressing how much you care for someone is a gift that doesn't cost a thing, yet it's worth more than gold!

Take time during this holiday season to give the ones you love and care for an extra hug and if possible, spend a little extra time with them. Before you hang up the phone, let them know that you love them.

Please remember our service members and their families in your thoughts and prayers, especially those that are separated during the holidays. I send you and your family my best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a new year filled with peace, joy and hope!

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. You can contact me at 636-734-1883 or email me at terrivioletward3@att.net. Please know that your concerns are my concerns!



Rocky Reitmeyer
Ward 1

Upcoming Special Events for Everyone!

I would like to remind everyone of some very special events coming up that are near and dear to my heart.

First of all, I invite all of you to come out to our **Veterans Day Ceremony on Monday, Nov. 12, at 10 a.m.** at the St. Peters City Centre Veterans Memorial to honor the service of the men and women who preserve the freedom we enjoy in America every day. **Please call all veterans and residents you know and have them join us.**

Then, on **Thursday, Dec. 7, at 10 a.m.**, please return as we host a **Special Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Ceremony** to honor the more than 2,400 men and women who lost their lives in the Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. This event will be held indoors at City Hall. Refreshments will be provided.

This is a special time for me and on **Friday, Nov. 16**, our **Annual Christmas Tree Lighting** kicks off the Christmas Holiday Season in St. Peters at 6:30 p.m. Join us at City Hall for music performed by some very talented local choirs and musicians. Help us **count down the lighting of the tree** and then **come and tell Santa what is on your wish list**. I hope you are excited as much as I am and hope to see you there. Refreshments will be provided. Please get there early so you will get a good seat!

If you miss Santa at the Tree Lighting, you can still register to see him on **Saturday, Dec. 8** when he visits Rec-Plex South for **Breakfast with Santa**.

And, if you've been **saving your aluminum cans** for our fundraiser "**Pennies for Patriots**" that is going to the USO, be sure to drop them off either at **Recycle City** in the **Blue container** under the American flag or **at the west side of City Hall** in the **Brown container** provided,

and at the **Mayor Tom Brown Senior Center** in the **Blue containers** inside.

All the money collected from the cans goes to the **USO at Lambert field** for the men and women coming back from places all over the world.

This is a "**Home away from Home**" and a place to rest before they leave or return on their journeys. The **USO operates by donations and volunteers** and you can help simply by donating your aluminum cans. This is the Christmas season and when you see a serviceman or woman in uniform, **please shake their hand and say "Thank you" for giving us our freedoms we have today.**

I want to wish everyone to have a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and over this Holiday Season!**

Please remember that as your alderman my door is always open. Contact me with any concern you might have. My phone number is **636-485-5710** and my e-mail is ald_reitmeyer@yahoo.com. I am proud to be your alderman and value your comments.



Random Acts of Kindness



WARD 2 RESIDENT PATRICK DAVIS RECEIVES RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS AWARD

Patrick Davis, a resident of Ward 2, was presented with a Random Acts of Kindness award in July 2018 by St. Peters Mayor Len Pagano and the Board of Aldermen. Patrick was nominated by his neighbor, Mary Diane Valentine, for being a wonderful neighbor who is always cheerful and willing to lend a hand, whether it's a kind word, a smile and a wave, or helpful deeds such as taking out or bringing in a busy neighbor's trash cart from the curb. As Mary Diane said, "Who wouldn't want someone like him living across the street? I am blessed to call him neighbor."

To nominate someone you know who went above and beyond in an act of kindness, visit www.stpetersmo.net.



Cultural Arts Centre *Events*

November - December 2018



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Host Your Next Event at the Cultural Arts Centre!

The Cultural Arts Centre is well known as a venue for exhibits, art classes and performing arts, but did you know that it is also the perfect place to host a meeting or special event? From baby showers and birthday parties, to more formal events such as weddings, receptions and banquets, with room for up to 280 guests, the Cultural Arts Centre is the perfect place for your next event! One-room bookings start at just \$45/hour, plus banquet packages are also available. Visit www.stpetersmo.net/arts or call 636-397-6903 for more information.



2019 BUS TOURS ANNOUNCED!

The Cultural Arts Centre has a full schedule of fun bus tours planned for 2019, starting in February and occurring monthly for the rest of the year! Take a local tour of St. Louis to view architectural and historical treasures, eat delicious food and visit museums, or take a day trip to explore historic Route 66 in Illinois, Hermann, Cahokia or Warm Springs Ranch in central Missouri—home of the Anheuser-Busch Clydesdales.



To register or for more information, including the full 2019 schedule and costs, visit www.stpetersmo.net/arts.

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This holiday season, support local artists while also getting your holiday shopping done for the art lovers in your life at the \$100 or Less Art Show & Sale. All pieces are priced to sell at \$100 or less!

Featured Art Exhibit: Paint & Pen

In May 2018, the Saturday Writers Group and Oak Leaf Artist Guild were part of a joint exhibit, titled "Pen and Paint," where the written word was transformed into art. The exhibit is back, only it's called "Paint and Pen," and this time the writers will be interpreting the artists' work. Also, the collaborative project was opened up to more writers and artists than just those from the Saturday Writers and Oak Leaf groups. "This is more of a community effort to bring everybody together," said Cindy DuBois, Cultural Arts Centre Leader. "I'm hoping this is the kickstart of something that will continue to evolve."



Paint & Pen



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

Father & Daughter Dance Dancing on the Moon



6:30-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019
St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre
\$14 per person, ages 3-13

This will be a perfect evening for dad and his special little girl to dance under the crescent moon. Dads and father figures of all ages can treat their favorite girl (ages 3-13) to a delightful evening filled with music, dancing, and snacks. A professional photographer will be available to take pictures for a separate fee.



Advanced registration is required. Register in person at the St. Peters Rec-Plex, online at www.stpetersmo.net/rec-connect or call 636-939-2386, ext. 1400.



Performance dates: Nov. 2-4 & 9-11

For tickets: www.acttwotheatre.com or 1-800-838-3006.

PLEASE NOTE: Tickets are NOT available for purchase at the Cultural Arts Centre.

WHILE BUYING GIFTS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON: Remember that when you Shop St. Peters, you help local businesses survive, put people to work in our community and keep tax dollars working for you! Your local purchase is an investment in police protection, roads, parks, stormwater quality & more. You can search a directory of St. Peters businesses online at www.stpetersmo.net/Shop.

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