What is a Use Tax and what does it mean for St. Peters?

See pages 2-3 for details
Did You Know?

Sales taxes account for 42% of funding for City services, including Police & Public Safety, Roads, Parks and Stormwater Maintenance, Senior Services & more.

What does Prop U mean to St. Peters?

- $1.2 million revenue to St. Peters
- Help pay for maintaining streets and parks, police and public safety, senior programs and more
- All merchants, whether they are local or out of state, will collect the same local sales tax rate

Learn more: www.stpetersmo.net/PropU
What is a local use tax and how will it be used?

What is Prop U?
St. Peters residents will have an opportunity to vote on Proposition U on the Aug. 7 ballot. Prop U would approve a “use tax” on the purchase of goods from out-of-state vendors.

What’s a local use tax?
A local use tax is a tax placed on goods purchased out of state for delivery to use in St. Peters. A purchase will never be subject to both a use tax and a sales tax. To keep things simple, the State of Missouri mandates the local use tax be applied at the same rate as the City’s sales tax, currently 2%.

How is a use tax different from a sales tax?
Local sales tax is collected from brick and mortar retail stores. If passed, the use tax will be applied to purchases made from out-of-state vendors totaling more than $2,000 annually that ship to St. Peters customers. Currently, out-of-state and online businesses do not collect local sales tax.

Is this a new tax?
No. St. Charles County and the Cities of Wentzville and Foristell already collect a use tax. Besides St. Peters, voters in St. Charles, O’Fallon, Lake St. Louis, Cottleville, Weldon Spring and Dardenne Prairie are all being asked to vote on a use tax on Aug. 7.

Will my taxes be going up?
No. 2% sales tax applies to retail purchases made in Missouri—2% use tax applies to purchases made from out-of-state vendors totaling more than $2,000 annually. You either pay one or the other—never both.

Why is a use tax important?
Funding for basic services provided by the City of St. Peters including police and public safety, street maintenance, senior programs, parks, recreation and other amenities rely heavily on revenues from property taxes, sales taxes and franchise fees from cable and utilities.

Did you know that 42% of funding for City services including Police, Parks, Stormwater and Roads comes from sales taxes?
With the impacts of an increase in online shopping affecting our local sales tax revenue, we need to look at ways to continue funding these basic City services. The City of St. Peters has not raised property taxes since 1970. In fact, property taxes were lowered in 2007.

To continue funding day-to-day operations including police and public safety, parks, stormwater and roads, and to modernize City funding sources for basic City services, there are few options available:

- Implement a Use Tax
- Raise property taxes
- Reduce services

How will use tax revenue be spent in St. Peters?
The local use tax is estimated to generate $1.2 million dollars annually.

This would allow St. Peters to help pay for:

- Police and Public Safety
- Maintain Roads and Parks
- Senior Programs and More

The Use Tax will not increase the sales tax.

Purchasers will not pay a double tax.
It’s either sales tax or use tax—never both.

Learn more: www.stpetersmo.net/PropU
How Neighbors Fight Crime
St. Peters Police Department Offers Neighborhood Watch Program

Caryn Kohler has lived in an older, quieter neighborhood of St. Peters for the last 26 years, and before she started attending the subdivision’s Neighborhood Watch meetings, she thought hardly any crimes ever occurred around her. After all, St. Peters is a quiet community with a low crime rate.

But, as Caryn learned, no neighborhood is immune to crime—and by getting involved, residents themselves can help keep those crime rates as low as possible.

“I’m sheltered, I think I don’t see it, but it’s there, and it’s happening in my own backyard, literally,” Caryn said. “Being a part of the Neighborhood Watch made me realize we’re not a crimeless community and we need to be more aware of what’s going on in our neighborhood.”

The St. Peters Police Department offers the Neighborhood Watch program as a way to improve communications, address safety concerns and educate residents on what they can do to prevent and reduce crime in their neighborhood.

“Through this partnership we can work together to promote a safe neighborhood and reduce crime to its lowest possible level,” said St. Peters Police Officer Melissa Doss. “The key ingredient of this program is you, our residents. With your participation and willingness to notify the Police Department of problems and concerns, your subdivision will become or continue to be crime resistant.”

Now serving as the Spencer Creek Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, Caryn reaches out to Officer Doss twice a year to schedule her subdivision’s Neighborhood Watch meeting. Every active Neighborhood Watch group is supplied with two Neighborhood Watch signs for their neighborhood, as well as two decals per household. The only requirement to remain an active Neighborhood Watch group is to meet at least twice a year.

Caryn typically plans Spencer Creek’s Neighborhood Watch meetings in the spring and the fall. This gives the Police Department a chance to update residents directly about crime in our neighborhoods, give tips on how to prevent crime and answer questions. Caryn will also request additional City of St. Peters staff to give short presentations at these meetings.

For example, at one recent meeting representatives from the City’s Health and Environmental Services group discussed trash, recycling and mosquito control. The local fire department has also discussed fire safety, and the City’s elected officials often make appearances as well.

“Our Neighborhood Watch meetings are a good time to bring up things that generally people don’t think about or don’t have any knowledge of,” Caryn said. “We get new residents constantly, so we try to find different things we can talk about that are of interest to them. For instance, when there’s new projects going on in the neighborhood, we’ll have City staff come out and talk about it—everyone is very receptive of that kind of information.”

Spencer Creek’s Neighborhood Watch group is one of the largest and most active in St. Peters, typically having anywhere from 30-40 residents attending. After scheduling and setting up the meeting, one of Caryn’s main responsibilities as the coordinator is to notify everyone in her neighborhood about the meeting.

“None of this takes me a lot of time, it’s not like there’s a lot of effort to it,” said Caryn. But, the benefits are many.

“I think as a whole, being in the Neighborhood Watch program has helped bring everybody together so they can see what’s taking place, instead of just sitting back,” Caryn said. “It helps people be more informed and aware of their surroundings and it reminds us we all have to watch out for each other and ourselves. Plus, it brings that relationship between the police and the residents closer—it’s a positive thing.”

If you would like to help establish a Neighborhood Watch Group in your subdivision, contact Officer Melissa Doss at 636-278-2244, ext. 3550, or email mdoss@stpetersmo.net. Or visit www.stpetersmo.net/police for more information.
National Night Out is Oct. 2

Party with a purpose on Tuesday, Oct. 2, for National Night Out, where neighborhoods get together and have fun block parties while making a stand against crime. In St. Peters, the Police Department encourages participation and accepts invitations to visit block parties on National Night Out. From games to bounce houses, or snow cones and BBQ, you can host any number of activities at your neighborhood party.

St. Peters Police officers and McGruff the Crime Dog will meet with kids and hand out fun items such as stickers and coloring books.

Call 636-477-6600, ext. 3550, to request police visits to your National Night Out party. Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net/police.

National Rx Take Back Fall Event

Do you have unused or expired prescription medications you need to get rid of? Bring them in for safe disposal to the St. Peters Police Department’s National Rx Take Back Event this fall at the St. Peters Justice Center. The date will be announced on the City’s online calendar at www.stpetersmo.net/calendar.

Police Records Division Earns Perfect Audit Score From FBI

The St. Peters Police Department Records Division recently received a perfect audit score from the FBI during their 2018 Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Quality Assurance Review. Every year, all local law enforcement agencies in the U.S. are required by the FBI to analyze, categorize and report crimes in their areas according to a set of national standard rules. These statistics are then published annually in the FBI’s national UCR. The FBI ensures that agencies are following the standardized reporting rules through an audit of each agency every three years.

“Our FBI auditor said he has conducted several hundred audits nationwide and he has never before had an agency achieve a perfect score,” said Jim Schmidt, St. Peters Police Captain for the Bureau of Administrative Services. “This perfect audit score enhances trust in the accuracy of our UCR statistics and reflects the extraordinary attention to detail and dedication to excellence by every member of the St. Peters Police Records Division.”

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY
Go Behind the Scenes with St. Peters Police Department

Have you ever wanted to know what goes on behind the scenes at the St. Peters Police Department? Well, here’s your chance: This September, St. Peters Police will begin a fall session of their Citizen Police Academy, which consists of 12 classes on Wednesday evenings at the St. Peters Justice Center, located at 1020 Grand Teton Dr.

“The mission of the St. Peters Citizen Police Academy is to provide a partnership for learning and to build a stronger bond with our community,” said St. Peters Police Officer Melissa Doss. “It is also intended to open the lines of communication between the community and the Police Department.”

Participants of the Citizen Police Academy will get a tour of the St. Peters Police Department, go on a four-hour ride along with a police officer and learn about patrol operations, dispatch, traffic stops, crime scene investigations, SWAT, DWI enforcement and controlled substance investigations. You must be at least 18 years old to participate, and the cost is $30 for all 12 weeks. To sign up, contact Officer Doss at 636-278-2244, ext. 3550 or mdoss@stpetersmo.net.
Meals on Wheels volunteer Rhonda Stuckey has always had a special place in her heart for the elderly, which is why she has been delivering meals to St. Peters area seniors for the past 30 years.

“I started when my youngest daughter was in preschool, and she is now 33,” Rhonda said. “I was a stay-at-home mom back then, so I had the time. Plus, I thought it would be good for my kids to see that you should do things for other people.”

In fact, Rhonda made volunteering with the St. Peters Meals on Wheels program a family affair, often bringing her youngest daughter along with her. When her daughter started kindergarten, Rhonda had to stop volunteering so she could take her to and from school.

“I still remember my daughter asking me why I wasn’t delivering food anymore,” Rhonda recalled. “So, I went back when she was in first grade and never stopped. You just become so attached to these people, it’s so neat.”

Rhonda would also bring her niece along with her when she visited from Seattle, and her niece developed a special relationship with Mary Schmidt, who has been one of Rhonda’s stops for as long as she has been volunteering.

“Mary is one of my favorites,” Rhonda said. “My niece even writes letters to her.”

“She sends me all kinds of nice little cards,” Mary added. “She tells me how she’s doing in school and I’m glad to hear that.”

“When I first started coming she was a little thing, she’s 14 now,” Rhonda said about her niece. “She’s supposed to come visit me next week, and I said if she comes, we’re going to come over.”

“Well you just come over because I’m inbound here and can’t get out,” Mary said. “I’ll be here.”

Unfortunately, this is the case with many of the residents who receive hot meals every day, Monday through Friday. Many are homebound and unable to cook for themselves, but thanks to the Meals on Wheels program they are able to remain independent.

“I have good days and bad days,” Mary said. “I get aggravated because I can’t do what I want to do, and things that I should do, and things that I know that need to be done.”

“Who knows, some day we could all be here,” she said.

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.
Did you know?

You can donate to the St. Peters Meals on Wheels program just by rounding up your City of St. Peters utility bill!

You can either 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.

You can also send donations directly to the Mayor Tom Brown Senior Center Meals on Wheels Program, 108 McMenamy Rd, St. Peters, MO 63376. Make your check payable to the Mayor Tom Brown Senior Center and write “Meals on Wheels” in the memo.

Services Available to St. Peters Seniors

In addition to Meals on Wheels, the Mayor Tom Brown Senior Center offers plenty of services and opportunities to enhance the lives of our area seniors, including an affordable, nutritious lunch served every day from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Just call 636-278-2410 the day before to let them know you’re coming! The Senior Center also offers free blood sugar and blood pressure testing, as well as a fitness facility and exercise classes offered every day Monday-Friday, ranging from dance aerobics to Tai Chi. Seniors are welcome to come and play bingo, pinochle or trivia throughout the week, as well.

Other services St. Peters offers to qualifying senior residents includes utility franchise tax refunds (available in April and May), lawn mowing assistance (applications available in February), driveway access snow removal program, transportation program and discounted rates at St. Peters Rec-Plex, outdoor pools and St. Peters Golf Club. St. Peters also offers a variety of programs and activities for seniors at its various facilities, including the SilverSneakers® Fitness program at the Rec-Plex, a weekly Senior Scramble at St. Peters Golf Club, art classes and bus tours at the Cultural Arts Centre and more!

Visit www.stpetersmo.net/seniors for more information.

10th Annual St. Charles County Senior Fair
Saturday, Oct. 6 • O’Fallon City Hall
Visit www.stpetersmo.net/calendar for more information.

UPCOMING BUS TOURS

HISTORIC HOTELS OF ST. LOUIS
Wednesday, Aug. 15 • 9 a.m.–4 p.m. • $73
Tour highlights: Visit the Cheshire Inn and restaurants, Chase Park Plaza, Drury Union Station, Union Station Grand Hall, Drury Plaza, Renaissance and Magnolia (Mayfair) Hotels and more. Finish the day with lunch at Lorenzo’s Trattoria on The Hill.

THE GREAT RIVER ROAD AND AERIES WINERY
Tuesday, Oct. 23 • 9 a.m.–4 p.m. • $85
Tour highlights: Explore the Great River Road along the Mississippi River with a stop at the Melvin Price Locks and Dam and the Great Rivers Museum, then cross the William Clark Bridge into Illinois on your way up to Pere Marquette State Park for a family-style fried chicken dinner. Last, take a shuttle up to Aeries Winery atop the Grafton Bluffs for a wine tasting and an amazing river view.

TO REGISTER or to learn more about motorcoach tours, go online to www.stpetersmo.net/rec-connect or call 636-939-2386, ext. 1400.

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City of St. Peters voters passed Proposition P in August 2012. This issue approved a 4/10-cent increase in our St. Peters sales tax for parks and stormwater improvements—bringing our City's parks and stormwater sales tax to 1/2-cent total. The City of St. Peters began collecting the additional sales tax in January 2013. Within the past five years, the City of St. Peters has addressed numerous stormwater projects and parks improvements thanks to Prop P, and there are many more projects on the way.

Each Prop P stormwater project uses green infrastructure to address flooding issues, improve water quality and create a more sustainable, natural environment in the project areas. Each parks project funded by Prop P helps add to the amazing quality of life in St. Peters that has gained national recognition for our community as one of the best places to live. Prop P funding also covers the costs to maintain our stormwater projects and our nearly 1,300 acres of parkland and parks facilities.

Check out this list of our many Prop P projects over the past five years:

**STORMWATER PROJECTS UNDERWAY**

**Tanglewood/Huntleigh Estates Stormwater Improvement Project:** Nearly $927,046 project to reduce flooding throughout the subdivision, adding storm sewers and inlets, replacing and/or upsizing old storm sewer piping, plus associated grading

**Jungermann Road Stream Channel and Trail Improvements:** $927,351 project under construction to help reduce the frequency of roadway flash flooding and provide improved, safer sidewalk and trail connections. Built in conjunction with a road project to replace two bridges and reconstruct portions of Jungermann from Barkwood Trails Drive to just south of Margaret Brown Court

**East Jungermann Pipe Lining:** $549,106 project under construction to repair and rehabilitate an existing large diameter storm sewer pipe on the east side of Jungermann Road, from Boone Hills Drive to Brentmoor Lane, also improving crosswalk pavement and sidewalk ramps for better accessibility at Gailwood Drive and Jungermann

**Rainbow Drive/South Gatty Stormwater Improvements, Phase 1:** Estimated $468,400 project to alleviate local flooding in the Cottage Hills subdivision, creating a new detention basin and installing new storm sewers to replace undersized system

**Kathleen Place Drainage Improvements:** Estimated $250,000 project to install a storm sewer system to reduce localized flooding

**Red Mill Stormwater Improvements:** Estimated $200,000 project for new storm sewers and a swale to alleviate localized flooding

**Ehlmann Road/Benton Drive Drainage Improvements:** Estimated $30,000 project for drainage improvements at the pond east of Turnberry Gardens, south of the Ellington subdivision, to help alleviate localized flooding

**I-70 Master Ditch B Improvements:** Design completed on this estimated $250,000 project to increase/improve the capacity of an existing channel north of I-70 west of the City's wastewater treatment plant to handle stormwater from the area under full build-out conditions

**STORMWATER PROJECTS COMPLETED**

- Country Creek Basin Retrofit, $447,069
- Canyon Creek Basin Retrofit, $122,823
- Country Lake Estates and St. Peters Villas Basin Retrofit, $216,358
- Turnberry Bluff/Turnberry Gardens, $94,125
- McClay Valley Basin Retrofit, $1,349,961
- Henry Street Storm Sewer Improvement, $446,309
- Pegasus Farm/Willott Square Basin and Channel Retrofit, $424,044 (Pegasus) and $135,052 (Willott Square)
- Willott Square South Drainage Improvements, $122,901
- Englewood/Golf Course Stream Channel Restoration, $1,487,559
- Country Crossing/Country Crossing Estates Basin and Channel Retrofit, $319,402
- Ohmes Farm Basin Retrofit, $628,210
- Crescent Hill/Springwood Channel Improvement, $468,104
- Applewood and Enwood Basin Improvements, $787,680
- Highlands Basin Retrofit, $642,902
- Dardenne Creek at St. Peters Golf Course Bank Stabilization, $831,040
- Rachels Trail/Shining Rock Storm Sewer Improvements, $294,205
- Calwood Stream Restoration, $583,342
- Spencer Creek Improvements at Covenant Park/Country Creek*
- St. Peters Condos Stormwater Basin Retrofit*
- Woodlands Sports Park Culvert Replacement, $281,674
- Mid Rivers Estates Channel Restoration, $264,617
- Mid Valley Basin, $680,592
- Forest Grove Court Stormwater Improvements, $414,021
- Spencer Creek Park Stream Improvement – Phase 2 (including boardwalk trail), $1,557,115
- Country Hill Estates Stormwater Improvements – Phase 1, $153,740
- Jungermann Road and Boone Hills Stormwater Improvement Project, $2,651,524, 99% complete as of June 2018
*Spencer Creek and St. Peters Condos projects cost $1,422,504 combined

**PROP P PARKS PROJECTS COMPLETED**

- City Centre Park diamond 18 sideline turf
- Brown Road Park scoreboard and practice field lights
- Woodlands Sports Park soccer field lights and restroom
- Sports Center Park restroom/concession stand
- Shady Springs Park playground
- Laurel Park playground

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- Rec-Plex sound system
- Rec-Plex Natatorium display board
- Senior Center tables and fitness equipment
- Community Park playground, pavilion and restroom
- St. Peters Rotary Club Dog Park and Phase II floating platform
- Archery Range and Crossbow Range addition
- 370 Lakeside Park Corporate Pavilion with restroom
- 370 Lakeside Park Sunset Pavilion (east side of the lake)
- Additional 25 RV pads at 370 Lakeside Park's campgrounds
- 370 Lakeside Park Sprayground
- Ballfield lights on diamond 25 at Woodlands Sports Park
- Nob Hill Park outdoor fitness equipment, pedestrian trail & restroom
- Cultural Arts Centre lighting improvements & air conditioning replacement
- Performing Arts Theatre lighting improvements
- City Centre Park diamond 18 batting cage renovation
- City Centre Park diamonds 19 & 20 improvements
- City Hall front entrance improvements
- St. Peters Golf Club concession/restroom facility (The Shack)
- Laurel Park Pavilion improvements
- Laurel Park Pool splash pad
- Diamonds 26, 27 & 28 built at Woodlands Sports Park
- Added playground at Woodlands Sports Park
- Rec-Plex front entrance improvements
- Shady Springs ball diamond 9 improvements
- Woodlands Sports Park ballfield quad renovations
- Woodlands Sports Park shade structure

**LOOKING AHEAD**

These Prop P stormwater projects are under design:
- Huntleigh Estates and Laurel Park Pond Improvements
- Parkdale/Blackwood Channel Improvements
- Sun River & McClay Meadows Stream and Basin Improvements
- West Drive Basin and Stream Improvements
- Country Hills Phase II Stormwater Improvements
- Richmond, Regency Estates and Park Ridge Basin Improvements
- Telluride and Tanglewood Stream Improvements
- Colby Stream Improvements and Telluride Stream Assessment
- Trailwoods Basin Improvement
- Hermitage Stormwater Improvements
- Brookshire Stormwater Improvements
- Gateswood Stormwater Improvements
- Hunters Valley Stormwater Improvements
- Master Drainage Study & Regional Basin Improvements, north of I-70

These Prop P parks projects are still coming in 2018:
- New playground at Spencer Creek Park
- Outdoor kitchen at 370 Lakeside Park Corporate Pavilion

Learn more about these projects:
wwwstpetersmo.net/Prop-P
AUGUST
1 Planning & Zoning Commission 6:30 p.m., Justice Center
3 Sunset Fridays Concert: Featuring Serapis 6:30 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park
6 Veterans Memorial Commission 7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
9 Board of Aldermen, Justice Center 5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting
10 Sunset Fridays Concert: Featuring Oh Brother 6:30 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park
15 Bus Tour: Historic St. Louis Hotels Cultural Arts Centre
16 Senior Advisory Committee 12:30 p.m., Senior Center
23 Board of Aldermen, Justice Center 5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting
24 Beach Blast Dance 7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre

SEPTEMBER
5 Planning & Zoning Commission 6:30 p.m., Justice Center
6 Sip & Savor Taste Event 5-8 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park
9 Rookies & Rock Stars Fall Triathlon 7:30 a.m., St. Peters Rec-Plex
13 Board of Aldermen, Justice Center 5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting
14 CELEBRATE ST. PETERS 5-10:30 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park
15 CELEBRATE ST. PETERS 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park
18 Parks, Recreation & Arts Adv. Board 6 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
20 Senior Advisory Committee 12:30 p.m., Senior Center
27 Board of Aldermen, Justice Center 5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting

OCTOBER
1 Veterans Memorial Commission 7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
2 National Night Out 4-8 p.m.
3 Planning & Zoning Commission 6:30 p.m., Justice Center
6 St. Charles County Senior Fair O’Fallon City Hall
11 Board of Aldermen, Justice Center 5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting
17 St. Charles County Symphony Halloween Concert 7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
18 Senior Advisory Committee 12:30 p.m., Senior Center
20 Halloween Carnival 4-6 p.m., HES Operations Building
23 Bus Tour: Great River Road Cultural Arts Centre
25 Board of Aldermen, Justice Center 5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting
26 Halloween Spooktacular on Ice 7 p.m., Rec-Plex

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¹ Extended public sessions for swimming and skating available from 1-5 p.m. The Registration Desk, administrative offices, Tot Drop & Youth Fitness Room are closed. The DTC is open 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
² The Registration Desk and administrative offices will be closed from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
³ Recycle City offices and aluminum can buy-back will be limited to 8-11 a.m. only, with regular hours for trash and yard waste disposal.
⁴ Trash/recycling and yard waste collection will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.
⁵ For emergency calls only after hours or on the holiday, call Police Dispatch at 636-278-2222.
⁶ Animal Control Staff will be available from 7-11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 8. For emergency calls only after hours or on the holiday, Oct. 8, call Police Dispatch at 636-278-2222.

Last day of the season for St. Peters outdoor pools is Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3.
Visit www.stpetersmo.net/pools for hours.
Join us for the last two Sunset Fridays concerts of the year under the Corporate Pavilion at 370 Lakeside Park featuring two rock bands, **Serapis on Aug. 3** and **Oh Brother on Aug. 10**! Plus, there will be food trucks on Aug. 3! Food and beverage sales begin at 6 p.m., music starts at 6:30 p.m. 
For more information, visit [www.stpetersmo.net/sunset](http://www.stpetersmo.net/sunset).

Presented by the Greater St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce

**20th Annual Sip & Savor**
5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6
370 Lakeside Park
Early ticket pricing, $30
Week of event, $35
Groups of 10 or more, $25 each

Each all-inclusive ticket offers tasty samples from a whole host of local restaurants, wineries and microbreweries along with live entertainment and a beautiful sunset along the lake!

For information or tickets, visit [www.FoodFest370.com](http://www.FoodFest370.com) or call 636-946-0633. Please drink responsibly.

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Aug. 8-10, 12, 15-19 & 19
Evening shows: 7:30 p.m.
Sunday matinees: 2 p.m.

For more information and tickets, visit [www.acttwotheatre.com](http://www.acttwotheatre.com). Tickets are not available for purchase at the Cultural Arts Centre.

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**FREE! Halloween Carnival**
Saturday, Oct. 20 • 4-6 p.m.
Advance Registration REQUIRED
Family Fun! Hayrides! Games! Prizes!

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**St. Charles County Symphony Halloween Concert**
St. Peters Performing Arts Centre
Wednesday, Oct. 17 • 7 p.m. • **FREE!**

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**Cool Yule!**
**Halloween Spooktacular**
St. Peters Rec-Plex North Rink
Friday, Oct. 26 • 7-9 p.m.
Learn more: [www.stpetersmo.net](http://www.stpetersmo.net)

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Please drink responsibly.
PROP W UTILITIES PROJECTS HELP KEEP ST. PETERS WATER/SEWER RATES LOW

City of St. Peters voters approved an $18 million water/sewer bond issue in 2015 to pay for improvements to the City of St. Peters’ water supply treatment plants and infrastructure. The no-tax-increase bond issue so far has funded nearly $6 million worth of improvements, including:

- Spencer Creek trunk sewer line rehabilitation.
- Broad Road trunk sewer line rehabilitation.
- Westwood Estates/St. Mary’s/Steeplechase/St. Peters Estates Special sanitary sewer improvements.
- Water Treatment Plant clarifier updates.
- Premier 370 Pump Station No. 7 construction.
- Improvements to three aerial sewer crossings (visible sewer lines that pass across creeks).

A project also is underway to build three new water wells. Two will replace existing wells near the end of their design life and a third will be built in Premier 370 Business Park.

Updating critical infrastructure helps improve efficiency and in turn helps the City of St. Peters keep our water/sewer rates the lowest in our area. See chart for comparison.

Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net/Water.

Low Utility Rates, Great Service

The City of St. Peters is dedicated to providing great service at the lowest possible rates. Our water/sewer services and solid waste collection services continue to provide the best value among local communities. Check out these charts for comparisons.

Water & Sewer Rate Comparison*

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*Based on average residential monthly usage of 5,400 gallons, as of June 2018

Solid Waste Fees Comparison**

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**These fees compare the cost of curbside trash, recycling and yard waste services based on twice-weekly trash collection, as of June 2018

Did you know?

St. Peters Has Sewer Lateral & Water Line Repair Programs

As a City of St. Peters homeowner, keep in mind that if you have sewer or water line issues, the City of St. Peters administers both a Sewer Lateral Repair Program and a Water Service Line Repair Program. These programs help offset costs if you need to repair the privately owned sewer lateral pipe that connects your home to the public sewer or the private water service line from the exterior residential building foundation wall to the City water meter.

Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net/Water.
If you’re updating your home, planning a big remodel, moving or throwing a big block party, what do you do with all of the trash when you’re done? The City of St. Peters’ Solid Waste Department has plenty of options for trash solutions at affordable prices. Check out all they have to offer:

**ROLL-OFF TRASH SERVICE**
For major remodeling and other big projects at your home, a roll-off trash container may be just what you need.
St. Peters residents can rent a large roll-off container from the City of St. Peters for seven days for $250 to collect as much as five tons of trash. The fee covers both delivery and pickup.
If you need the container longer than seven days or have more than five tons of trash, no problem! Additional trash is charged at $35/ton. Each additional day is charged at $7/day. Appliance disposal cost is extra ($15 for each appliance with a compressor). This option accepts most trash, but not tires, liquids (paint, solvents, etc.), car batteries, hazardous waste or yard waste. Call 636-970-1456 to schedule service.

**300-GALLON TRASH CONTAINER**
Do you have too much trash for your trash cart, but not enough for a roll-off container? Consider renting a 300-gallon container from St. Peters’ Solid Waste Services. These containers can accept three times the amount of trash as your regular trash cart. The 300-gallon container is ideal for unwanted clothes, extra trash bags and other household items. The fee is just $30 each time the container is emptied, and an additional $2/day after 10 days of no activity.
The 300-gallon containers are NOT for remodeling material, construction debris or furniture and bulky items. Call 636-970-1456 to schedule service.

**BULKY PICKUP SERVICE**
For certain oversized items that won’t fit into your trash cart, the City of St. Peters offers convenient curbside bulky pickup service at no extra cost to residents! Each subdivision has four scheduled bulky trash pickup dates per year, and all you have to do is sign up at least 48 hours in advance to schedule service. The types of items that may be set out as bulky trash include stoves, water heaters, furniture, doors, mattresses, TV sets, swing sets (disassembled), shower doors (glass taped), washers, dryers, furnaces, dishwashers and brush less than 8 feet in length (separated from other bulky trash).
If the timing of your bulky collection is not right for your needs, you can arrange for an off-schedule bulky pickup for a fee of $50. This service does not accept commercial wastes, hazardous wastes, tires and car batteries, liquids (including paints, motor oil, solvents, etc.), Freon-based appliances, any items longer than 8 feet or any items that can fit inside your trash cart.

**MAJOR APPLIANCE PICKUP**
The City of St. Peters also offers major appliance pickup each Friday. This service is for all major appliances, with or without Freon. The curbside pickup charge is $15, or $20 for appliances with Freon, such as air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers and dehumidifiers. Call 636-970-1456 option #1 to set up an appointment for collection.

Learn more about all of St. Peters' trash services at www.stpetersmo.net/trash.

**RECYCLING WITH BLUE BAGS:**
**EASY AS 1-2-3**
1. CONTAINERS in one Blue Bag.
2. PAPER goods in another Blue Bag.
3. Double-tie the bag and put it in your trash cart with the regular garbage.

**QUICK TIP:** Cardboard too big for the Blue Bag? Just place it in the trash cart unbagged!
Messages From Our Elected Officials

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

**Prop U Would Fund Important Services**

On Aug. 7, St. Peters voters will have a chance to decide whether to pass Proposition U. Prop U would approve a “use tax” on the purchase of goods from out-of-state vendors. A local use tax is a tax placed on goods purchased out of state for delivery to use in St. Peters. These types of out-of-state purchases are not subject to our 2% sales tax. Only our local brick-and-mortar businesses pay a sales tax right now, as approved by St. Peters voters.

This is a complicated issue because the use tax can be difficult to explain. But, basically, a use tax is a sales tax on out-of-state purchases of more than $2,000. State law requires that voters pass a use tax separately from a sales tax, and that the use tax be applied at the same rate as our sales tax (2%).

Purchasers do not pay a double tax. It’s either sales tax or use tax—never both. The use tax will not increase the sales tax rate.

Why is Prop U important? Our sales tax is crucial to St. Peters’ local government services. Sales tax revenue provides 42% of the funding to pay for City services including police, parks and streets maintenance and stormwater projects. With the increasing impact of online shopping on sales tax revenue, we have some choices when it comes to funding day-to-day operations:

- Implement a Use Tax (if Prop U passes)
- Raise property taxes
- Reduce services

Did you know that the City of St. Peters has not raised property taxes since 1970? In fact, we lowered property taxes in 2007. It’s important to us to keep our property taxes as low as possible for homeowners, and it’s important to us to maintain our top-notch services. That is why we have offered Prop U as a choice for voters.

If Prop U passes, it’s estimated that the use tax would generate $1.2 million a year to pay for police and public safety, maintaining our roads, maintaining our parks and trails, senior services and more.

One senior service that the City offers is a transportation program to give rides to medical appointments, shopping and other essential services. The cost of services like these have gone up in recent years. Right now, the program is full, and we are accepting applications to be put on a waiting list to be accepted as program funding allows.

Just like with your budget, if you make less money and face higher costs of living, you have to look at cuts. Or, you have to look at ways to bring in more money to cover expenses. Prop U would provide much-needed funding for important local services without raising property tax rates.

Please remember to vote! The election is Aug. 7.

*Our national motto, “In God We Trust.”*

**Consumer (Resident) Protection**

It is that time again when those people knocking on your door trying to sell you stuff you don’t want or need. St. Peters has laws that protect residents from the predators and so-called salespeople. Every individual desiring to engage in any type of business, peddling or soliciting, as defined in Article I of Chapter 605 (605.150), with owners and occupants of residences within this City is required to make written application to the City for a license. That ordinance also states that no person shall be permitted to engage in peddling or soliciting unless that person has been issued a license.

As a condition to engage in peddling or soliciting, they are required to carry the license on their person and produce it upon request along with a picture identification card from the business that he or she represents. So what do you do when one of these peddlers shows up on your doorstep without a license from the City?

If you object to the annoyance, call the non-emergency number for the St Peters Police (636-278-2222) and report the peddlers and solicitors. Try to relay a general description of the individual and note the direction they take leaving your place. If they refuse to leave your property after you tell them, make sure you report it to the dispatcher. If they refuse to leave your property after you tell them, they are trespassing. Let the police escort the peddlers from your neighborhood.

Another action you can take is to request a “No Soliciting” decal from the City’s Citizen Action Center desk at City Hall, your Neighborhood Watch Captain, or your alderman, and when displayed conspicuously near your front door, tells solicitors “… you’re not interested”.

St Peters prides itself on protecting its residents from unscrupulous people who make their living from scamming unsuspecting homeowners. But, it requires help from vigilant homeowners to report violators, immediately. Don’t wait for someone else to report them. Without your phone calls, unlicensed peddlers and solicitors travel door to door looking for another neighbor to annoy. It is also important to tell them “no thanks” or “come back when you get your solicitor’s license.”
Robo-Calls: The Mayor of St. Peters, along with the entire Board of Aldermen, declared their intolerance for “robo-calls,” sending the elected officials in Jefferson City a proclamation so stating the residents’ distaste for these annoying phone calls. They have taken a stand to refrain from the practice by the requests of residents. If you receive these calls, report them to your alderman so that they are aware of the activity. This is another attempt to protect our residents.

Help Is Here!
Have you ever driven down a city street and accidentally drove into a pothole or noticed a street light burned out? Maybe you found a broken piece of playground equipment while your children were playing at the playground this week. The City of St. Peters wants to know about issues just like this so they can be addressed as soon as possible.

Here in our City, we have a great team of employees that provides help for residents just like you that want nothing more than to keep our community in excellent shape. They are available and there for you during regular business hours. The Concern Line is also available 24 hours, seven days a week to leave a message at 636-477-6600.

The Citizen Action Center (CAC) is located in City Hall and is there to provide the best quality service possible to St. Peters residents. When you register a concern, the representative will route your concern to the appropriate department. That department will investigate, then address the issue as quickly as possible. The CAC can also be notified if you see a job well-done by City staff—feel free to share a compliment as well.

To contact the CAC, call 636-477-6600 ext.1225. You may also choose to file your concern online using the e-Resident services. More information can be found at www.stpetersmo.net under “Customer Service & Concerns.” (Water and sewer emergencies may be reported by calling 636-477-6600, ext. 4.)

The City of St. Peters is a community that is known as a quality place to live, work and play. We care deeply about you and the condition of our neighborhoods, parks and businesses. Please take the time to report any City issues to help our community stay safe and beautiful. I am proud to be a Ward 3 representative! You can contact me at 636-734-1883 or email me at terrivioletward3@att.net. Please remember that your concern is my concern!

Lots of Trash? St. Peters Has Solutions.
A lot of people are updating their homes with big projects that leave a lot of construction debris. What do you with the trash when you tear down a fence or remodel a room? The City of St. Peters’ Solid Waste Department has an affordable and convenient roll-off container service that can meet your needs.

You can rent a roll-off container from our Solid Waste Department if you’re going to generate tons of trash or construction debris. The fee for this service is $250 for seven days and up to five tons of trash, and just $35 for each additional ton or $7 for each additional day. This is a competitive price, and you can’t beat the City of St. Peters’ service. Appliance disposal cost is extra ($15 for each appliance with a compressor). This option accepts most trash, but not tires, liquids (paint, solvents, etc.), car batteries, hazardous waste or yard waste. Call 636-970-1456 to schedule service.

Maybe you don’t have a ton of trash, but you need a much bigger container than your trash cart because you’re spring cleaning or throwing a block party. The best option for throwing away a lot of unwanted clothes, extra trash bags and other household items would be renting a 300-gallon container from the City’s Solid Waste Department. These round containers are made of the same material as your roll-out cart, but they’re stationary and have three times the capacity.

Call the same number, 636-970-1456, to schedule service. The 300-gallon containers are NOT for remodeling material, construction debris or furniture and bulky items. Use the roll-off trash service for remodeling material and construction debris.

If you have big, bulky items, remember that the City of St. Peters provides quarterly bulky trash pick-up for all of our residents at no extra cost. Sign up at least 48 hours in advance of your subdivision’s scheduled bulky trash pickup date in order to receive bulky trash pickup service at your address. Call 636-970-1456 or sign up online at www.stpetersmo.net/trash for bulky trash service. Off-schedule pickups may be scheduled for a $50 fee.

Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net/trash or call 636-970-1456.

Sip & Savor
If you’re looking for a fun event with a chance to sample great food from local restaurants and sip selections from local wineries and breweries, do yourself a favor and check out Sip and Savor this year at 370 Lakeside Park on Thursday, Sept. 6, from 5-8 p.m. This event presented by Greater St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce is in its 20th year and has grown bigger and better along the lake at 370 Lakeside Park.

In addition to trying many great local food and beverages, you also can enjoy live entertainment … it’s a perfect date night or outing for you and your friends!

As I write this column, I count more than 45 vendors who will participate and offer a wide variety of food and beverages—from seafood to pizza to desserts, local brewpubs to home brewers to wineries, popular neighborhood restaurants to newly opened businesses to specialty shops. The list of vendors just keeps growing!

Wade Trent will put on a country concert at 5 p.m. Ashley Lusk, a former American Idol contestant, will perform at 6 p.m., and Clayton Jones will cap off the evening’s entertainment with pop music at 7 p.m.

Go to www.FoodFest370.com to see all of the vendors who will participate this year, learn more about the entertainers, and check out ticket information. Tickets cost $30 for early orders and $35 per person the week of the event, with a group rate available. Ticket sales are limited. You can also call the Chamber office at 636-946-0633 to learn more.

A great thing about Sip and Savor is that it really highlights all we have to offer in St. Charles County. You don’t have to cross the bridge to have a good time and enjoy wonderful food and drinks in friendly neighborhood businesses and shops. Get your tickets now to come out to 370 Lakeside Park on Sept. 6 to “sip and savor” some of the best offerings in St. Peters and St. Charles County! Please drink responsibly.
Lifeguarding at the Rec-Plex Changed Brooke Jones’ Life

In more ways than one, being a lifeguard at the Rec-Plex changed Brooke Jones’ life. Not only did she make lifelong friends and meet her husband at the Rec-Plex, but being a lifeguard also made Brooke realize what she wanted to do with her life.

“It completely 100 percent changed my life,” Brooke said. “It was the best job, it was flexible. Being here at the Rec-Plex built my passion for what I’m currently doing.”

Now a special education teacher at Fort Zumwalt West High School, Brooke used to think she wanted to be a nurse. But after working as a lifeguard and swim instructor at the Rec-Plex for eight years and working specifically with Adam, a boy with autism, Brooke knew she needed to change gears.

“I wanted to be a nurse for the longest time, but after I met Adam it kind of changed my mindset and I realized that I needed to work with individuals with special needs,” she said.

“When we were successful, like him jumping off the diving board for the first time—that instilled confidence in me, like OK you can do this. Adam was a huge help in that.”

Brooke was often the “go-to” person for kids with special needs at the Rec-Plex, coming up with ways to better include them or how to modify activities to fit their needs. Brooke also received training from St. Peters’ Inclusion Coordinator, Brita Weight.

“Brita helped with a training that we went through of how to include individuals with special needs in the swim lesson classes,” Brooke said. “Those were a really big help too because it was all about inclusion, and that’s what we strive for in the special education world—the inclusion of all students.”

If it weren’t for the training Brooke received at the Rec-Plex, including how to respond to seizures, CPR training and getting certified in first aid, she might not be as comfortable and confident in knowing what to do in emergency situations with her students.

“I remember the first time one of my students had a seizure, it kicked in like I still worked at the Rec-Plex,” she said. “I jumped right in there and I didn’t even think twice about it.”

Brooke had no idea the first job she ever had at the age of 16 would help guide her toward a career in special education. All of the life skills Brooke learned while working at the Rec-Plex still help her in all aspects of her job as a special education teacher today.

“This job gave me a whole lot, it broadened my horizons and made me more confident of the person I am today,” Brooke said. “Working at the Rec-Plex was so much fun, even if it was a little stressful sometimes because you have lives in your hands—it’s not like working at a retail shop or in fast food. You definitely have to be on your toes and dedicated to this job, but it was so much fun. To this day I still miss working at the Rec-Plex.”

To apply for a job at the Rec-Plex or for other City of St. Peters positions, visit www.stpetersmo.net/jobs.
Cardiovascular fitness has a whole host of benefits: weight loss, stress reduction, better sleep, reduced chance of heart disease and some types of cancer, the list goes on. The Rec-Plex’s 4,500-square-foot Cardio Room has 66 state-of-the-art cardio exercise machines with a wide variety of functions so that you can find the right cardio workout for you, any day of the week. You also can swim, ice skate or use the rubberized indoor track for a great cardio workout at the Rec-Plex.

Looking for an exciting new training experience? Cross over to the Dynamic Training Center (DTC) attached to Rec-Plex South for workouts enhanced with kettlebells, box jumps, battle ropes, sleds, tires and other dynamic equipment. You can also try heavy lifting equipment, personal training and circuit training classes … and spread out in a spacious 10,000 square-foot facility with 8,000 square feet of Astro Turf and a 3-lane sprint track. Try the DTC at no extra cost as a Rec-Plex member through September! Join as a GOLD+ member, and the DTC is always FREE. DTC Only Memberships & drop-in fees also available.

Yoga has so many benefits, from increased flexibility and muscle strength to circulatory health and weight reduction. The poses you learn in Yoga also can enhance your athletic performance and protect you from injury. Try Yoga classes at the Rec-Plex, offered to all levels in a non-judgmental atmosphere.

A moderate amount of physical activity on a regular basis can help older adults maintain independence and reduce the risks of falling and breaking bones. Fitness experts at the Rec-Plex teach Active Older Adult Classes to help you live a healthier life so that you can continue to do the activities you love. These classes are offered FREE to all Rec-Plex members!

Strength training can benefit your heart, improve your balance, strengthen your bones and help you lose weight all while making you look and feel better. The 3,500-square-foot Weight Room at the Rec-Plex has more than 30 pieces of circuit training equipment plus a large selection of free weights to help you stay strong and healthy.

The Rec-Plex also offers a Youth Fitness Room, Tot Drop babysitting, open play gymnasium and much more. Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net/Rec-Plex.

Rookies & Rock Stars Fall Triathlon
St. Peters Rec-Plex • Sept. 9
St. Peters voters approved two new quality of life projects in 2016 with passage of Proposition Q. Be sure to check out The Cove at St. Peters, our first completed Prop Q project. This new outdoor aquatics center features a large leisure pool with spray features and zero-entry beach, two waterslides, a sports pool with basketball hoops, three 25-meter lap lanes, splash pad, party pavilion, concessions and more!

Our other Prop Q project, the Golf & Banquet Center (see rendering below), is under construction and scheduled to open to the community in 2019 with 350 seats for banquets and meeting space, plus expanded outdoor event space, situated along a scenic lake. Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net/Prop-Q.

Interested in when the new banquet facility will be accepting bookings?
Contact Dan Emrick at demrick@stpetersmo.net or 636-477-6600, ext. 1764 for more information.
Proud. That is the look on the faces of all the veterans you see in stark, large black and white portraits hanging on the walls of the St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre. These 24” x 36” photographs are a part of the Freedom Endeavor Exhibit, created by photographer Steve Snyder, with the goal of bringing awareness to our everyday veterans. Each veteran is dressed in plain, civilian clothes, holding a younger photo of them while they were serving in the military, to show the differences, but also the similarities, between then and now.

“I started off with just trying to take a picture of my father, who is a veteran,” Steve said. “For this project to grow the way it has, and for the public to be as excited as they are, it’s a little humbling for me. In the beginning, I had no vision of how big it could get. Honestly, there are 22 million veterans in the U.S. so there’s no end in sight to what could happen with this project and how it could impact society.”

The project started with Steve’s photo of his father, then grew to include his nephew, a neighbor, and eventually six veterans who appeared in the show’s first exhibit in Branson, Mo., in 2017. A year later, the Freedom Endeavor is hosting its largest show ever in St. Peters with 28 veterans’ portraits.

“A lot of these veterans are from Mount Vernon, Mo., which is where I’m from,” said Steve. “The one thing about the Midwest when you’re from a small town, you don’t really think about it at the time, but as you look back, you’re surrounded by veterans—they’re everywhere. It was not hard at all to find them.”

Getting them to open up, however, was another story. Steve is not a veteran himself, but he has a volunteer who is a Marine who is able to connect and engage with the veterans to get them to tell their stories. For many, this is the first time they are sharing their story with anyone.

“It’s been a very humbling experience,” Steve said. “There are so many stories that these veterans have. Some served in peace time, some served in war time, they might have been in the infantry on the front lines, they might have been an office clerk, but it took all of them to make it work. When you learn the stories they have, it really makes you stop and think twice about who these people really are.”

The veterans in the Freedom Endeavor Exhibit range in age from 24 to 94 years old, and they’ve served in all branches of the military, both men and women. The Freedom Endeavor’s tagline is, “Each veteran has a different story, each veteran has a different face,” and you can read, listen or watch each of the 28 veterans’ stories online at www.freedomendeavor.org while viewing the exhibit in person.

“It’s a very emotional show to begin with, but once you hear them tell their stories and their experiences in their own voice, it means so much more,” said Steve. “What makes this exhibit unique is being able to glimpse into the lives of these veterans. It’s very interesting to look at them, then and now, and to wonder what they’ve experienced and how it’s affected their lives.”

You can view the Freedom Endeavor Exhibit at the St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre now through Aug. 19. Visit www.stpetersmo.net/arts for more information.
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