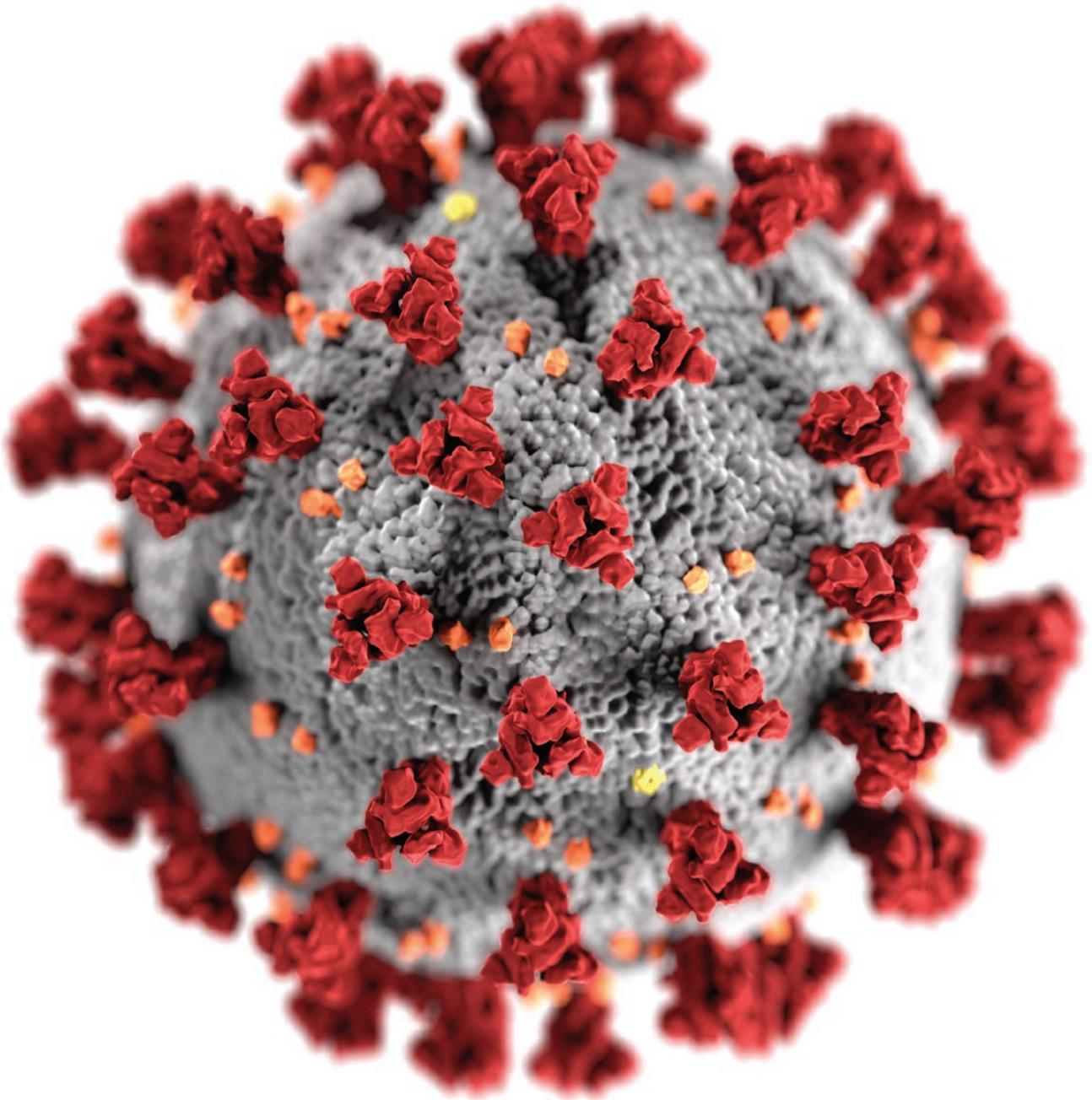


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# **COVID-19 Coronavirus**

**Latest updates at [www.stpetersmo.net](http://www.stpetersmo.net)**

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Len Pagano  
Mayor

## Working Together

This is a challenging time for all of us. The COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic crisis is our common enemy and we're going to beat it. We're making major changes to our daily lives. We want to feel like we're in control of things that are out of our hands. We want to keep our families, neighbors and our communities safe.

Your local and state officials are working together to implement the recommendations of health officials and keep our communities safe and make sure our first responders have what they need to preserve life and protect people and property.

Here's what I know. We have an amazing community full of people who really care, businesses who want to do the right thing, and neighbors, friends and families who will do whatever it takes to be healthy and help keep our community healthy. We are coming together to meet these challenges.

### We will get through this.

All of us have had to make difficult choices, and it can be frustrating and disappointing. Our kids are home from school, many events are cancelled or delayed until further notice, and our places of worship are also cancelling events

and services. At this time, the St. Peters Senior Center has had to close its doors and alter meal service (see story on page 17). Especially at this time, it's so important to keep in touch with our homebound seniors. This is another example of our amazing community and how we will be there for each other.

We had to cancel an event that many of us look forward to each year—the St. Charles County Mayor's Ball which was to be held on March 21. This event has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local charities and their efforts to help our community. It was a tough choice, but it was the right decision. We will keep looking at how we can continue this event after this crisis has passed, but right now, the Mayor's Ball is on hold while our community responds to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic crisis.

For now, we need to listen to our health officials and make "social distancing" our standard operating procedure until we're told that things are getting better. We're trying to help stop the spread of the virus by limiting our exposure to people. This is a war against this virus—and we're all soldiers trying to protect ourselves, our families, our neighbors and our community.

For the latest updates on the COVID-19 (Coronavirus), please go to our website, [www.stpetersmo.net](http://www.stpetersmo.net). We will post all of the latest information there.

*Our national motto, "In God We Trust."*

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

In this issue of *My Hometown*, we have written about many events and programs planned for you. However, due to the COVID-19 coronavirus national emergency, we are making changes and cancelling or postponing events and programs as needed. As this issue went to press, we were unable to anticipate all changes.

Please visit [www.stpetersmo.net](http://www.stpetersmo.net) for the latest news concerning how COVID-19 has impacted City of St. Peters services. Learn more in Mayor Len Pagano's column above and in other information provided in this issue of *My Hometown*, but realize that the situation is fluid and all of this information was written a few weeks before you are reading it.

For the latest information, please visit the City website at [www.stpetersmo.net](http://www.stpetersmo.net).



news & information from the City of St. Peters

## SPECIAL EDITION COVID-19 UPDATE

We want to make sure you have the latest, most updated information about the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) situation and impacts on the City of St. Peters.

To keep you informed, we will send out *UpFront* e-newsletters as often as needed with updates. Sign up to receive *UpFront* updates at [www.stpetersmo.net/subscribe](http://www.stpetersmo.net/subscribe).

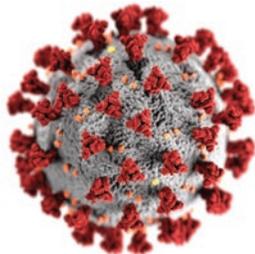
City events, classes and schedules are continually being revised to reflect the latest guidance we are getting from health officials and state and federal governments. For the most immediate updates, please check our City website at [www.stpetersmo.net](http://www.stpetersmo.net).

# PROTECT YOURSELF FROM RESPIRATORY ILLNESS

Local officials in St. Peters and St. Charles County are keeping track of the COVID-19 coronavirus and taking measures to inform the public about this public health issue. City of St. Peters staff is also cleaning public areas more often to help stop the spread of germs.

Like with any virus, here are the main things we need to do to counter the spread of the coronavirus:

- Wash hands and surfaces regularly with soap and water or alcohol-based sanitary solution.
- Wash hands for at least 20 seconds at a time.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and/or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, your elbow or sleeve. Throw away soiled tissues and wash hands after use.
- If suffering any symptoms, seek medical help and avoid contact with others.
- Practice social distancing by staying at least 6 feet away from other people, and avoid travel to areas known to be affected by COVID-19.



Coronaviruses are named for the crown-like spikes that can be viewed on the virus surface.



Symptoms of the coronavirus are much like those of the cold or flu:

- Cough
- Fever
- Shortness of breath
- Some reports of nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea

For the latest updates on the coronavirus, visit [www.stpetersmo.net](http://www.stpetersmo.net).

## HELP KEEP MOSQUITOES UNDER CONTROL IN ST. PETERS

The City of St. Peters Health Department is committed to reducing mosquitoes in our area and in turn reducing the risk of dangerous diseases spread by them, but did you know you can help keep mosquitoes under control, too? By taking steps to reduce the mosquito population and their breeding grounds, we can protect ourselves from: Zika virus, West Nile virus, encephalitis, malaria, yellow fever, and dengue fever, and protect pets from heartworm.

**Here's how you can help keep the mosquito population down near your home:**

1. **Dump any standing water.** Do not allow water to collect in containers, old tires and puddles around your house (see picture to the right). If you have any containers like this outside that collect water, please empty them immediately and store them where they cannot collect water. Standing water is prime breeding ground for mosquitoes.
2. **Request a free property inspection** (for St. Peters residents only). Residents may request a property inspection in which a St. Peters Health Department official will come to your house and look for any areas of concern and offer ideas to reduce mosquito breeding near your home. To request an inspection, contact the St. Peters Health Department at 636-477-6600, ext. 1465.
3. **If you have a concern, contact the Citizen Action Center at 636-477-6600, ext. 1225.** The St. Peters Health Department treats hundreds of sites in the City of St. Peters for adult and larval mosquitoes, which is a free service for all St. Peters residents. After contacting the Citizen Action Center, a health official will respond to your concern within a few days.

St. Peters Health Department staff members are also available to speak to groups or associations to discuss and answer questions about mosquitoes and mosquito control. To request a presentation, call 636-477-6600, ext. 1465.



**SAFE, QUIET SPRAYING:** The City of St. Peters uses one of the safest mosquito adulticides available on the market today. This product is a pyrethroid, which emulates a chemical found naturally in chrysanthemum flowers. This natural chemical is the most widely known and used botanical insecticide.

While it is wise to avoid contact with any insecticide whenever possible, the product the City of St. Peters uses is approved for ground and aerial application in outdoor residential and recreational areas. It has been approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for use in the control of mosquitoes.

You might not even notice the City of St. Peters' mosquito sprayer because it makes little noise and comes around at dusk or dawn when mosquitoes are more active. But, rest assured, the City of St. Peters sprays regularly for mosquitoes whenever the weather allows. (Spraying is not effective during rainy or windy conditions.)

The City begins treating standing water and addressing resident concerns in early spring. City staff who provide this service are properly certified under state law as a Pesticide Applicator Licensee.

For more information on mosquito control, visit [www.stpetersmo.net](http://www.stpetersmo.net).

## Be Like the Experts ... Get St. Peters GOLD GROW

### St. Peters' Earth Centre Offers the Gold Standard in Biosolids Compost!

St. Peters GOLD GROW is the nutrient-rich compost that you can find at St. Peters Earth Centre ... for a great price!

Why is GOLD GROW so great? GOLD GROW delivers nutrient-rich plant food that lasts longer than artificial fertilizers. It's why the product is so popular with experts like lawn care specialists and vineyards ... and why it's going to be great for your patch of Earth!

St. Peters' GOLD GROW products are processed from naturally occurring biosolids and yard waste. This certified Class A product is constantly tested for safety. And, as a natural fertilizer, it can aid the growth of plants long into the growing season. (Chemically enhanced fertilizers are more likely to run off into streams and ponds—see "Don't Be an Algae Grower" on this page). You can use GOLD GROW to improve your lawn, your garden AND your community!

#### GOLD GROW Line of Products:

- **GOLD GROW BioSprout:** *Feed your soil the best and watch it grow!* Great for your garden, plants or anything that you need to sprout this season. Bring your 5-gallon buckets to Earth Centre, or we can load up your pickup truck or trailer.
- **GOLD GROW BioTurf:** This is turf "top dressing" that will give your lawn the nutrient boost it needs all year long—rake it into the grass and **cut your costs on water and chemicals!** Hiring a professional? Ask your lawn care specialist to apply GOLD GROW BioTurf from Earth Centre.
- **GOLD GROW BioSlope:** Erosion control at its finest ... BioSlope locks in the nutrients so that you can quickly grow ground cover for **an easy and lush finish to your project!**

You can find GOLD GROW products and double-ground mulch at St. Peters Earth Centre, 115 Ecology Dr., off Mid Rivers Mall Drive north of I-70. Bring your St. Peters Resident Privilege Card for the lowest prices!

Learn more about product availability at [www.stpetersmo.net/GoldGrow](http://www.stpetersmo.net/GoldGrow).

### Did You Know?

94% of Missouri's vineyards use St. Peters GOLD GROW compost to grow their grapes. We'll drink to that!



## Don't Be an Algae Grower!

If you use too much fertilizer, you could grow algae (pond scum) in nearby stormwater retention ponds. That's because excess nutrients can run off into our waterways and feed the algae.

Use these tips to avoid growing algae:

- Consider using St. Peters GOLD GROW compost at St. Peters' Earth Centre. This natural product locks in nutrients and feeds your lawn and garden all year long! (See accompanying story.)
- If you use a commercial fertilizer, follow product label instructions carefully. Plants can absorb only so many nutrients. Over-feeding is bad for the environment and your pocketbook.
- Apply the fertilizer accurately so it all stays in your lawn or garden. Sweep excess fertilizer off of any hard surfaces back into your grass after application.
- Don't fertilize before rain is expected. And, don't over-water—try using a soaker hose to avoid fertilizer run-off.
- A good idea is to test your soil to see what nutrients your lawn needs before fertilizing. The University of Missouri Extension office at 260 Brown Road in St. Peters provides a soil testing service that will give you fertilizer recommendations for a fee. The extension office also can give you tips on what time of year to fertilize your lawn—September is the best time for many cool-season grasses, for example.

Learn more at [www.stpetersmo.net/Water](http://www.stpetersmo.net/Water).



**You could block storm drains and cause flooding, or cause algae to grow in our streams and ponds!**

## 2020 CONCERT SCHEDULE\*

**POSTPONED:** Roland Johnson & Soul Endeavor -  
On The Road\*\* (Soulful Rhythm and Blues)

May 15: Wade Trent (Rock/Acoustic)

May 22: Dawn Weber and Swunk (Swing/Funk, Jazz)

May 29: Acoustic Music Jam (Acoustic)

June 5: Bag Lunch Blues Band (Blues)

June 12: The Melissa Neels Band (Rock/Blues)

June 19: Zydeco Crawdaddys (Zydeco)

June 26: Pete Sigmund/Wade Trent (Acoustic)

July 10: The Biscuits (Rock)

July 17: Ruby and The Gent (Acoustic)

July 24: Paul Bonn & The Bluesmen (Blues)

July 31: Three Pedros (Acoustic)

**\*Schedule is subject to change without notice –  
latest information posted at [www.stpetersmo.net/sunset](http://www.stpetersmo.net/sunset).**

**\*\*Concert scheduled originally for May 8 at Cultural Arts Centre's  
Performing Arts Theatre has been postponed due to COVID-19  
coronavirus.**



## Wind Down the Week with FREE Sunset Fridays Concerts!

Another season of free Sunset Fridays concerts is around the corner! Sunset Fridays was "On The Road" for all of the 2019 season because of flooding at 370 Lakeside Park, but the concert series is scheduled to return to the park's Corporate Pavilion in 2020 with shows each Friday from May 15 until July 31 (no concert on July 3 because of Independence Day).

We have postponed a special "On The Road" show originally scheduled for May 8 with Roland Johnson & Soul Endeavor at the Cultural Arts Centre. At presstime, we did have not a makeup date.

All shows begin at 6:30 p.m. Another great lineup of entertainers will be featured, and as always, all performances are FREE! Arrive early to secure a table and enjoy the breeze off the 140-acre lake.

Food will be available at Gator Island Grill beginning at 6 p.m.

Learn more about Sunset Fridays at [www.stpetersmo.net/sunset](http://www.stpetersmo.net/sunset).

**PLEASE NOTE:** Per St. Peters Municipal Code 240.060, PETS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED at the Corporate Pavilion during Sunset Fridays concerts. Service animals are permitted. Coolers are allowed, but we ask that NO GLASS containers be brought into the park. Also, alcohol is prohibited under the pavilion. Thank you for your cooperation!

## Please Answer Census 2020!

**Here's an easy way that you can help your community—  
Take 10 (minutes) for St. Peters!**

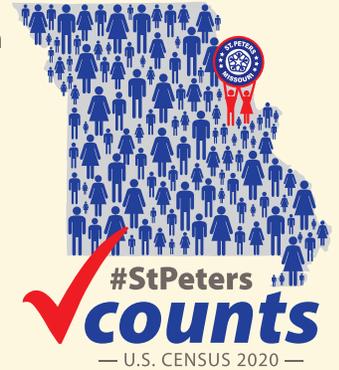
When you answer the 2020 Census, you're helping your hometown with an accurate count so that we can participate in federal programs and get funding for projects right here in St. Peters. Accurate information also helps with things like economic development to attract new businesses and jobs and keep businesses here in St. Peters.

The information that the 2020 Census collects will help determine how more than \$675 billion worth of federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year. The census is also important in many other ways, including: decision making at all levels of government; drawing federal, state and local legislative districts; and attracting new businesses to state and local areas.

The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.

For example, in the City of St. Peters, we receive a certain amount of Community Development Block Grant dollars for programs that assist home improvement and repair needs for qualifying St. Peters residents and families, lawn mowing needs for seniors or disabled residents, and transportation for seniors or disabled residents to medical appointments, shopping trips and other essential needs. The City of St. Peters also draws federal assistance for many of our community's transportation improvement projects. If we count every resident in St. Peters, we will be sure to get our fair share of our federal funds returned to our community.

Learn more about the Census at [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov).



**Mark your calendars for  
Celebrate St. Peters 2020: Sept. 18-19!**  
[www.stpetersmo.net/Celebrate](http://www.stpetersmo.net/Celebrate)

# Recycle Right with the Blue Cart Crew



If you're a member of St. Peters' Blue Cart Crew, the question probably has been asked: "Can I recycle this in my Blue Bag?"

It's a good question, since proper curbside recycling is a key to making sure the free, subscription-based program remains successful. About 10,500 households in St. Peters (more than half of our single-family households) are members of the Blue Cart Crew.

First, let's review our recycling program. Please remember that containers should be placed in one Blue Bag, with paper-based products in a separate Blue Bag.

#### Containers include:

- Glass bottles and jars (rinse them out and leave the lids on).
- Clear or colored plastic with a recycle symbol on them, like water and soda bottles. Please leave the caps on. Lightly rinse some containers if necessary, like ketchup. Please, no black plastic!
- Aluminum cans (leave the pull tab on).

## NEVER MISS YOUR TRASH COLLECTION AGAIN!

Perhaps the biggest advantage of the free STP Collects app is it provides residents with a reminder about their scheduled trash and recycling pickup dates. But the app does more. One of its features is the Waste Wizard. Just type the name of an item in the provided box and learn whether it can be recycled or where you can dispose of it!

Visit [www.stpetersmo.net/trash](http://www.stpetersmo.net/trash) to download the app to your phone.



- Tin cans (it is not required to remove the paper labels, but it is appreciated if you do!).

#### Paper-based products include:

- Newspapers, including inserts.
- Magazines, telephone books, computer paper and junk mail.
- Brown paper bags, paper gift bags, paper shopping bags.
- Small pieces of cardboard (cereal boxes, shoe boxes, tissue boxes). Larger pieces of cardboard can be placed in your Blue Cart, or your green cart that has a Blue Cart Crew sticker on it, and will be separated at Recycle City.

Here is a list of **items that CAN'T** be placed in your Blue Bag. Use this as a guide when that recycling question pops up in your home:

- Plastic bags, zip-lock bags, film, newspaper sleeves. Put these items in your regular trash or return plastic bags to the store.
- Paper milk or juice cartons. Wax paper of any kind can't be processed at Recycle City.
- Styrofoam material, even those with a No. 4 or No. 6. Recycle City can't process these items.

Other items that can't be recycled: plastic straws, Solo cups, plastic cutlery, Keurig pods, plastic hangers, Rubbermaid products, DVD cases, plastic garden trays, window pane glass, ceramics, light bulbs, wet paper, paper plates, paper towels, Kleenex, food wraps, diapers, sanitary products, needles or any other sharp items that could cause injury.

*When in doubt, throw it out (in the trash)!*

For more information on recycling in St. Peters, visit [www.stpetersmo.net/recycle](http://www.stpetersmo.net/recycle).

## PLEASE REMEMBER ... BROWN CARTS are for YARD WASTE ONLY:

Grass clippings • Leaves  
Tree limbs up to 3 feet long  
Weeds • Garden waste

**DO NOT** place garbage, dirt, rocks, sod, plastic bags, animal waste, wood or lumber in your Brown Cart!

St. Peters' Earth Centre processes the yard waste that we collect from Brown Carts to help make St. Peters GOLD GROW compost. Yard waste customers help us create a superior GOLD GROW product by using Brown Carts only for yard waste. Never use your Brown Cart for trash!

**If it didn't grow in your yard, it doesn't belong in your Brown Cart!**



# Save a Tree, Plant a Tree

## Annual Tree Giveaway at Shred It & Forget It

9 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 2 (rain or shine)

HES Operations Building, 135 Ecology Dr.

(behind Recycle City)

St. Peters and Cottleville residents can destroy their unwanted documents and receive a tree seedling to plant at the annual spring Shred It and Forget It event from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, May 2, at the HES Operations Building, 135 Ecology Drive.

Mobile shredders will be available to securely expunge and recycle unneeded documents for free, with a limit of five banker-size boxes per vehicle. Additional boxes can be shredded for \$5 apiece. Non-residents also can have their documents shredded for a fee of \$5 per box (cash payment only). All of the shredded material will be recycled, including the cardboard boxes if people no longer want them.

Do not bring computer discs or hanging file rods. Remember, if you can tear it, you can shred it using this service. Documents



containing staples and paper clips also can be destroyed.

A valid resident Privilege Card must be presented to receive the free service. St. Peters Resident Privilege Cards can be obtained at City Hall, the Rec-Plex and Recycle City, 131 Ecology Drive.

While you're shredding and recycling your old documents, pick up a tree seedling and plant it on your property. St. Peters residents with a Resident Privilege Card can take advantage of the tree giveaway early in the Shred It & Forget It event, between 9-10 a.m. After 10 a.m., tree seedlings will be handed out to everyone, including non-residents, on a first-come, first-served basis.

NEXT SHRED IT EVENT: Nov. 7, 2020

## Nitrogen Tire Filling Station Opens April 1 for St. Peters Residents

Increase your vehicle's efficiency and save fuel by filling its tires with nitrogen! The Nitrogen Tire Filling Station is a free service provided to St. Peters residents with a valid Resident Privilege Card. Appointments must be scheduled in advance by calling 636-970-1456. Residents also can make online appointments at [www.stpetersmo.net/nitrogen](http://www.stpetersmo.net/nitrogen).



### AVAILABLE AT 135 ECOLOGY DRIVE:

- **St. Peters residents:** April-September.
- **\*Non-residents:** May-September.
- **Hours:** 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday and Friday, 8:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. every third Saturday. Closed on holidays, including Good Friday (April 10), and the Saturday before Easter (April 11).

**\*\$30 for non-residents** paid in advance. Paid receipt must be presented at time of service. Residents must display a valid Resident Privilege Card for the free service.

## Water Backflow Prevention Devices & Testing Requirements

If you have a lawn irrigation system at your home or business, you are required by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to:

1. Have an approved backflow prevention device. St. Peters Code 705.320 requires that all irrigation systems have a reduced pressure principle backflow prevention device.
2. Have the device tested annually.

Backflow prevention devices must be tested by a state certified backflow prevention tester, and the test reports must be submitted to your water supplier by the anniversary date established by the supplier. For those residents who receive water from the City of St. Peters, that anniversary date is **June 1**. Remind your irrigation service contractor to send a copy of the test report to your water supplier. **This test is required whether or not you plan to use your irrigation system.** St. Peters ordinance also requires that residents maintain records of their devices from purchase to retirement. If a device is removed from service, proof of proper disconnection and cap off shall be provided.



### A \$10 administrative fee is required for each backflow prevention device test report submitted.

Backflow prevention devices help protect you and our community by preventing potentially contaminated water from coming back through the irrigation system and into your home or the public water supply. Many commercial businesses must also have backflow devices on other water supply systems such as boilers, car washes, medical facilities and fire sprinkler systems, to name a few.

If you have any questions regarding backflow protection at your business or residence, call the City of St. Peters at 636-477-6600, ext. 1278. You can also find more information online at [dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/backflow](http://dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/backflow).

# Economic Boom Continues in St. Peters

Over the past two decades, the City of St. Peters has worked to grow and diversify our economy to provide more local jobs, shopping options and housing choices for our community. The result of this groundwork? In the past four years, we've seen nearly 4 million square feet of new commercial space, from office and retail to light industrial, developed in St. Peters!

It's part of an economic boom, ranging from small Mom and Pop retail shops to huge distribution and warehouse buildings to a variety of new homes underway.

## Premier 370 Update

Premier 370 Business Park is an 850-acre business community on the north and south sides of Highway 370 easily accessible from I-70, with rail access and only 15 miles from St. Louis International Airport. We've seen amazing growth in the southern part of the development area along Premier Parkway, with 4,000 new jobs added to the local economy ... and more on the way!

- Amazon Fulfillment Center and FedEx were completed in 2019.
- Central States Manufacturing will open soon.
- DMI, an imaging supplies distributor and omni-channel order fulfillment company, will move into an existing 375,000-square-foot spec building this year.
- Medline Industries is approved to construct an 800,000-square-foot building west of Amazon.

There are more large tracts of land available for development, including 240 acres of property on the northern part of Premier 370 closest to 370 Lakeside Park.



Projects at Premier 370 Business Park have added 4,000 jobs so far.

## St. Peters Town Centre

Our Town Centre development is the 360-acre area near the City Centre campus that includes St. Peters City Hall and Rec-Plex, and is anchored by the Barnes-Jewish St. Peters Hospital complex, multiple office buildings and Menards retail center. More than 100 acres of land is available for this pedestrian-friendly "downtown" development. Some new upscale apartment communities are leading the way to new growth:

- 5300 Centre opened in summer 2019 across from City Hall with 265 units that are filling up fast!
- Bold on Boulevard is a 272-unit community under construction on St. Peters Centre Boulevard at Executive Centre Parkway.



5300 Centre apartment community

## More New Homes

Residential development includes the construction of 750 apartments in the past three years with another 460 approved to proceed:

- Completed apartment communities include Meadowridge Apartments, 2000 Styling Ridge Dr., and Pure Apartments, off North Cloverleaf Dr.
- The Reserve apartments are approved on Hwy 364 east of Mid Rivers Mall Dr.
- Alpine Heights is under construction on Central School Rd.
- Clarendale senior community on Mexico Road is nearing completion.

Single-family developments under construction include the Crossing at Bella Vista north of Hwy 364 and Village Point off Mexico Road south of Mid Rivers Mall Dr.

## In Other Developments

Here are some other new developments that either opened recently or have been planned:

- Discount Tire (next to Fresh Thyme)
- Richline Motorsports
- Learning Express day/preschool (two locations)
- Holiday Inn Express
- Total Access Urgent Care
- St. Peters Medical (urgent care planned at Sutters Mill/Jungermann)
- St. Charles County Ambulance District (new base house, and new administration/operations center)
- Dentists of St. Peters
- The Edge Fitness
- Dudas Fitness
- Soapify Car Wash
- Diamond Car Wash
- Noto Pizza (renovated J. Noto Bakery)
- Imo's Pizza (planned for Mid Rivers Mall Dr., next to Weekends Only)
- Qdoba (planned for Mid Rivers Mall Dr., next to Bahama Buck's)



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- Health & pollen indices
- City events & programs
- LIVE coverage of Board of Aldermen and Planning & Zoning Meetings
- UpFront St. Peters–NEW episodes every Tuesday at 4:15 p.m.

If you haven't checked out SPTV St. Peters TeleVision online recently, visit [sptvnow.net](http://sptvnow.net) to view an upgraded platform streaming live with on-demand video that you can easily share. SPTV recently earned three Silver Telly Awards recognizing excellence in video and television!

## BUSINESS RECOGNITION

The City of St. Peters has a Business Recognition Program to recognize those businesses serving St. Peters for more than 25 years. Learn more about these businesses online at [www.stpetersmo.net](http://www.stpetersmo.net) under the Businesses pull-down menu. The following businesses were recognized in 2019:

**BASEBALL PLUS • 1993**

**MOBIL #616 • 1993**

**SALONSATIONS • 1993**

**BASYE'S FLOORING • 1993**

**WALGREENS #2733 • 1992**

**PICKETT, RAY & SILVER • 1969**



**So Many Choices – So Close to Home!**  
[www.stpetersmo.net/Shop](http://www.stpetersmo.net/Shop)

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 and more.

You can find St. Peters businesses by searching our online directory at [www.stpetermo.net/Shop](http://www.stpetermo.net/Shop).

Please help us welcome the following new businesses to St. Peters:

**MACY'S BACKSTAGE**  
636-278-6660

**NOTO**  
636-293-2581

**J. ALEXANDER & CO. PUBLIC RELATIONS LLC**  
314-920-8203

**THE BLIND BROKER OF ST. LOUIS**  
636-970-7283

**TOTAL GAME PLAN SPORTS**  
636-515-0907

**DENTISTS OF ST PETERS**  
636-362-6723

**ATOMIC RESOURCE COALITION**  
636-238-4505

**Z SPA**  
636-476-9188

**CLASSIC SIGN SERVICES**  
636-978-4664

**LDC ENGINEERING**  
636-477-6466

**RBICRU7 SPORTS CARDS AND COLLECTIBLES**  
636-544-1983

**ISNACK**  
636-387-9897

**HVP OF MISSOURI**  
636-447-3727

**PREVAILING WAGE CONSULTING**  
**DENT FIX**  
636-697-8554

**REPUBLIC FINANCE**  
636-323-3183

**REVOLUTION FITNESS**  
859-396-9050

**REBAR**  
636-922-0500

**SIX POINT FIVE**  
636-896-4192

**THE PSYCHIC GIFT**  
314-494-8278

**HAIR DESIGN BY BECKY LUTZ**  
636-497-0730

**TRISTA FINCH - STYLIST AT FLIPSIDE SALON**  
636-926-3306

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# April

- 1 **Planning & Zoning Commission**  
6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 6 **Veterans Memorial Commission**  
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
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- 9 **Board of Aldermen, Justice Center**  
5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting
- 25 **Board of Aldermen, Justice Center**  
5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting
- 25 **Bus Tour: Illinois Amish, Quilt Fest and More**  
Cultural Arts Centre

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

In this issue of *My Hometown*, we have written about many events and programs planned for you. However, due to the COVID-19 coronavirus national emergency, we are making changes and cancelling or postponing events and programs as needed.

As this issue went to press, we were unable to anticipate all changes.

For email updates, visit [www.stpetersmo.net/subscribe](http://www.stpetersmo.net/subscribe) to sign up for the *UpFront* newsletter.

For the latest information, please visit the City website at [www.stpetersmo.net](http://www.stpetersmo.net).

# May

- 2 **Save a Tree, Plant a Tree : Shred It & Forget It + Tree Giveaway**  
9 a.m.-noon, HES Operations Building
- 3 **Rookies & Rock Stars Triathlon**  
7:30 a.m., St. Peters Rec-Plex
- 4 **Veterans Memorial Commission**  
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 6 **Planning & Zoning Commission**  
6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 14 **Board of Aldermen, Justice Center**  
5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting
- 15 **Sunset Fridays Concert: Wade Trent (Rock/Acoustic)**  
6:30 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park
- 15 **Spring Ice Show**  
7 p.m., St. Peters Rec-Plex
- 16 **Spring Ice Show**  
5 p.m., St. Peters Rec-Plex
- 17 **Spring Ice Show**  
2 p.m., St. Peters Rec-Plex
- 19 **Parks, Recreation & Arts Adv. Board**  
6 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 20 **Bus Tour: Historic New Harmony, Indiana**  
Cultural Arts Centre
- 22 **Sunset Fridays Concert: Dawn Weber & Swunk (Swing/Funk, Jazz)**  
6:30 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park

# May *continued*

- 25 **Memorial Day Ceremony**  
10 a.m., City Centre Veterans Memorials
- 28 **Board of Aldermen, Justice Center**  
5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting
- 29 **Sunset Fridays Concert: Acoustic Music Jam (Acoustic)**  
6:30 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park

## Holiday Hours

	<b>Good Friday April 10</b>	<b>Easter April 12</b>	<b>Memorial Day May 25</b>
City Hall	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Cultural Arts Centre	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Municipal Court	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Police Records	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Rec-Plex	OPEN <sup>1</sup>	CLOSED	Open 1-5 p.m. <sup>2</sup>
Earth Centre	OPEN <sup>3</sup>	CLOSED	CLOSED
Recycle City	OPEN <sup>4</sup>	CLOSED	CLOSED
Solid Waste Collection	NORMAL	N/A	DELAYED <sup>5</sup>
Animal Control	ON CALL <sup>6</sup>	ON CALL <sup>6</sup>	ON CALL <sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Rec-Plex administrative offices will be closed, but Registration Desk is open.

<sup>2</sup> Rec-Plex administrative offices and Registration Desk closed. Extended public ice skating and swimming sessions from 1-5 p.m.

<sup>3</sup> Earth Centre closed for product sales; yard waste will be accepted.

<sup>4</sup> Recycle City administrative offices closed.

<sup>5</sup> Trash, recycling and yard waste collection delayed a day for the remainder of the week.\*

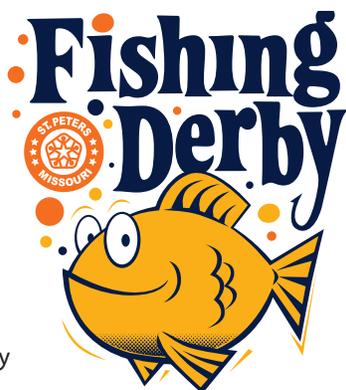
<sup>6</sup> For emergency calls only after hours or on a holiday, call Police Dispatch at 636-278-2222.

\*Download the STP Collects app to see your trash and recycling schedule and to receive reminders and notifications.

# St. Peters Police FAMILY FUN DAY

at 370 Lakeside Park ★ Saturday, June 6

**NEW: Everything is FREE!**



**370 Lakeside Park**

The St. Peters Police Family Fun Day is scheduled for 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, June 6, at 370 Lakeside Park.

Featured activities will be a fishing derby from 8:30 a.m.-noon and a kite festival from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. All people checking in to participate in these events will receive a free raffle ticket to win prizes.

Sponsors for St. Peters Police Family Fun Day are Lewis Boats, Kokomo Joe's and Academy Sports + Outdoors.

**New this year: There is no fee or pre-registration for the Fishing Derby!** Participants should bring their own gear. No new entries will be accepted for the derby after 9:30 a.m.

You can check in for the Fishing Derby beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the marina. Age divisions for the derby are 6-12 and 13-older. First- and second-place finishers in both age divisions will receive trophies, plus gift cards from sponsors.

Kites will be available for the public, or people also may bring their own kites to participate in the festival.

The St. Peters Police Family Fun Day is an excellent opportunity for people to talk with police officers from both the Traffic and Ranger divisions.

Sponsors:



## Memorial Day Ceremony

**Monday, May 25 • 10 a.m.  
Veterans Memorial at City Centre**

The St. Peters Veterans Memorial Commission invites you to attend this annual celebration set aside to remember soldiers who have died during military service. Memorial Day is a time for everyone to salute our American soldiers who gave their lives defending our great country. For more information, visit [www.stpetersmo.net/calendar](http://www.stpetersmo.net/calendar).



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**WATER'S  
Edge**  
BANQUET CENTER



# Please Don't Flush Wipes—It Clogs Your Pipes



More and more, our Utilities Department is responding to sewer backups caused by wipes that were flushed down the toilet.

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** Never flush any products besides toilet paper down the toilet—including any type of wipe, even if it's labeled "flushable."

Baby wipes and household cleaning wipes should always go into the trash, never the toilet. While the wipes can be flushed, they're not breaking down in the wastewater system. These wipes have a cloth-like consistency, and that means they can clog your sewer pipe, block your sewer lateral or clog pumps and other treatment process equipment.

Even if your pipes don't get clogged with these wipes, flushing them will cause problems down the line. Wastewater industry officials worldwide have reported an increase in clogged sewer systems due to problems with people flushing wipes down the toilet.

While consumers are free to purchase wipes for the home, you need to throw them away in waste containers.

**Wipes should be treated as a solid waste item and unsafe to flush—even if labeled "flushable."**



*Above: A pump in our St. Peters wastewater system was recently plugged with wipes, requiring emergency action from our Utilities Department. Flushing wipes causes disruptive and costly sewer backups—and could back up sewer into your home or business!*

## 370 LAKESIDE RETURNS TO LIFE

Are you looking for a great way to get outside for some exercise and fresh air this spring, all while conforming to the social distancing guidelines associated with COVID-19 (Coronavirus)?

The vast 370 Lakeside Park in St. Peters has everything you need: bicycling and hiking trails, a 140-acre lake for fishing and boating, a dog park, an archery range and a campground.

Help do your part to combat the spread of COVID-19. While enjoying the park, practice effective social distancing habits by staying at least 6 feet away from other people. That will diminish your chances of catching the virus.

Also remember that it is recommended to avoid gatherings of 10 people or more. If you are camping, please keep this in mind.

Mother Nature made things rough for 370 Lakeside Park last year. The park was underwater for 80 days during an historic flood. The park recovered in time to host Sip & Savor and the 10th annual Celebrate St. Peters.

Acting Manager of Parks and Golf Services Vicki Phillips said the campground and dog park have been busy, the Corporate

and Sunset pavilions are operational, restrooms and showers are functioning, the archery range is ready, and kayaks, canoes, boats and bicycles are available to rent.

Enjoy all the services the park has to offer while respecting the restrictions brought about by COVID-19.

There are some noticeable absences at the park.

"We need trees," Phillips said. "That's the main thing."

Phillips said more than 500 landscape trees, those planted by the City, were victims of the flood. That's 90 percent of the trees that lived within the boundaries of the park. This is not counting the large trees that ring the perimeter of the park, particularly to its west.

Three hundred trees will be replanted, 279 of which were donated to the City by Forest ReLeaf of Missouri. Among the species are Silver Maple, Red Maple, Swamp Oak, Water Tupelo and River Birch.

Some Bald Cypress and Walnut trees will also be planted, joining others in the park that withstood the torrential rain of 2019.



370 Lakeside Park Corporate Pavilion in September 2019 after reopening

Bald Cypress and Walnut trees were the only ones at the park that survived the flood.

"They're all species that are typically flood-tolerant," Phillips said.

At least 200 more trees will be planted in 2021, which will return their numbers to pre-flood population.

There are 75 camping locations available, and the rental business at the park's campgrounds has been brisk.

"The campsites are all good, and some are even better," said Phillips, adding that there are seven additional concrete campsites this year.

Phillips still marvels at the work completed by volunteers and others that helped breathe life back into the park in 2019.

"A lot of people put a lot of effort into it," she said. "Other than the young landscape trees, there are very few lingering effects."

For more information on 370 Lakeside Park, visit [www.stpetersmo.net/370Lakeside](http://www.stpetersmo.net/370Lakeside).

# Outstanding Citizenship Awards

Mayor Len Pagano and the St. Peters Board of Aldermen have recognized a few St. Peters residents with Outstanding Citizenship Awards in recent months.



**Peggy Gianino** received an Outstanding Citizenship Award earlier this year. Peggy, pictured here with Ward 3 Alderman Terri Violet (left) and Ward 3 Alderman Melissa Reimer, was recognized for her efforts to help raise funds for families in need in our community. Peggy has donated countless hours to coordinate benefits and provide other support for many people who need assistance. Her efforts started with friends 12 years ago and includes an annual toy drive fundraiser. Her group calls itself “Bowling with Santa,” and this past Christmas, they helped 215 kids with gifts and warm clothing items. Thank you, Peggy, for your efforts and special contributions to the welfare of our community and the difference you’ve made in hundreds of lives!



**Don Straus** received an Outstanding Citizenship Award from St. Peters Mayor Len Pagano and the Board of Aldermen in 2019. Don was recognized for his dedicated years of service as a subdivision trustee. Don is pictured here with his wife, Alice, Ward 4 Alderman Nick Trupiano (left) and Ward 4 Alderman Patrick Barclay.



**Kevin Sheehan** received an Outstanding Citizenship Award from St. Peters Mayor Len Pagano and the Board of Aldermen in 2019. Kevin was recognized for his dedicated years of service as a subdivision trustee. Kevin is pictured here with his wife, Becky, Ward 4 Alderman Nick Trupiano (left) and Ward 4 Alderman Patrick Barclay.



*Pictured above, from left to right: Ward 1 Alderman Joyce Townsend, Michael's parents Jim and Karen Lawless, Michael and Justin, Justin's parents Tina and Barry Kreder, and Ward 1 Alderman Rocky Reitmeyer.*

## Congratulations to Justin Kreder and Michael Lawless

of Fort Zumwalt High, Ward 1, for going above and beyond to support their high school's food pantry. Because some students don't always have food at home on the weekends, Fort Zumwalt South High School in St. Peters hosts a food pantry through the help of special needs students. Justin and Michael went above and beyond to support this effort by both paying for canned goods and transporting them with their own vehicle to the pantry. Thank you, Justin and Michael, for these generous acts of kindness that made a difference in the lives of other students!

To nominate someone you know who has gone above and beyond in an act of kindness, visit [www.stpetersmo.net/Kindness](http://www.stpetersmo.net/Kindness). Nominees must reside or own a business in St. Peters, or be a student at a school in St. Peters.



# Messages From Our Elected Officials

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

For Mayor Len Pagano's column, see page 2



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Joyce Townsend  
Ward 1

## Exercise Your Voting Rights

I recently had the privilege of representing my Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter, along with fellow member and St. Peters Resident, Donna Sandegren, at the Naturalization Ceremony for 78 new American Citizens! The Honorable Sarah Pitlyk presided, and gave a moving speech about the duties

of citizenship, the importance of becoming one with their new country, and yet retaining the cultural knowledge of their homeland and sharing it with their neighbors. What a joyous group of families and individuals! There were over 30 countries represented there, and yet, a oneness of purpose. I asked a lady who had been in this country for over 20 years why she finally decided to become a citizen. Her answer was simple and direct – I want to vote!

Voting is such a precious right and privilege. So many people in this world live in places that don't recognize the value of their opinions and knowledge. So many people have died all over the world preserving that right for those who have it. And yet, so many people can't be bothered to get out and exercise that privilege right here at home. I urge you, as an American Citizen, to learn the facts about the issues, meet (or at least read about) the candidates, spend some of your computer time looking up information that is pertinent to the ballot items, and then do your American duty and go to the polls on election day. It's such an easy thing to do, it doesn't take all that much time, and it makes the crucial difference between living life as you would like it to be, or living with things that make you crazy.

I've been on a crusade of sorts trying to get folks to understand that, while voting in a presidential election is good, it really doesn't have all that much to do with your everyday life. But local elections – now that's another story! When you choose to not get involved, to not bother to read about candidates and how they would like to handle the issues, to not care about bond issues and whether an entity is able to afford it – you are in essence silencing your own voice.

Please vote. And make it a habit to vote in every election. You have value, and that value needs to be considered along with everyone else's. The way to do that is to vote.

Earlier this spring, the Aldermen and Mayor attended various lectures and held meetings with legislators in Jefferson City, promoting what matters to St. Peters.

Rest assured, your St. Peters elected officials are working hard to protect what is important to you! We have a lobbyist that spends most of her time walking and talking through the halls of the Capitol, and we are a member city in the Missouri Municipal League. Through both of these, we are able to stay educated about the status of all the many bills that are proposed at the State level that could impact the way our City is able to function and the services that we provide to our residents.

Contact me any time at 636-357-2789, or email me at Alderman.Townsend@stpetersmo.net if I can be of assistance on City or Scouting matters. It is my sincere wish to bring your thoughts to City Hall and make our City an even greater place to live, work, and play. Serving you is my privilege.



Terri Violet  
Ward 3

## Our Little Piece of This Wonderful World!

When writing this article, I was sitting comfortably under the Corporate Pavilion located at 370 Lakeside Park while enjoying the sights and sounds on a beautiful sunny day. I decided to bring lunch and relax a little while working. The amount of comings and goings of residents and visitors amazed me. Some

were unloading their bicycles from the back of their vehicles, ready for a spin around the park and some were unpacking their belongings heading toward the dock for a quiet lunch of their own. At a distance across the lake, couples could be seen riding their bikes on the trail at a leisurely speed while members of the St. Peters Rotary Club Dog Park were unloading their furry friends for an afternoon of exercise.

I asked myself why I don't spend more time here during the day. It couldn't be more restful and getting work done seemed to be effortless in the peaceful and quiet surroundings. The singing birds and the migrating pelicans flying overhead didn't seem to be bothered at all by the quiet movement below. The colorful canoes and kayaks are a reminder of this park bringing family and friends together within our close community. Riding past me was a couple of giggling ladies on a Surrey Bike while my neighbor across the street rode by with his friend on their three wheeled bikes as they complete another 4.4-mile trek around the lake. The fresh air and sunshine seemed to bring out that inner joy and a desire to come back for another dose of beauty and peacefulness. Everyone seemed to be conscious and respectful of other park visitors needing a relaxing afternoon away. The activities offered here gives us all something special to remember for years to come.

As I visited with passersby and took this all in, I realized how blessed we are to have such a shining jewel right here in St. Peters. Try to take some time out and bring your family and friends to this place of beauty. A place that children can run and play in wide open spaces and a place where you can get away from the hustle and bustle of this crazy but wonderful life.

370 Lakeside Park is waiting for you! If you need directions and more details, the City of St. Peters has a website filled with information at [www.stpetersmo.net](http://www.stpetersmo.net). Feel free to contact me at 636-734-1883 if you have a City-related need. I am here to help you and your family and hope you always remember that *your concerns are my concerns!*



Melissa Reimer  
Ward 3

### Time Flies!

Where did 2019 go? Is it really 2020? It seems the older I get the faster time flies by! Last year was a busy year; it was also incredibly productive and fulfilling. When I read the "2019 Year in Review" story in the City's January 2020 UpFront it was a great reminder of how much can be accomplished by our community with everyone working together—residents, businesses, staff and elected officials. We got a lot of great things done in St. Peters and have already gotten started on an ambitious year in 2020.

Like many of you, I wear many hats in life: wife and mother, friend, real estate agent and, Alderman. There is a saying that if you want something to get done to ask a busy person. My job as Alderman is beyond a doubt one of the most important and busiest roles I have ever committed myself to after mother and wife. I take my job, responsibility and title very seriously. I am accountable to you, our residents. I met many of you at different activities in St. Peters during the past year and look forward to seeing more of you in 2020. Whether I see you enjoying a City event or neighborhood meeting, or I'm behind the scenes working with City staff on a project or a concern, my focus is always on how we can better serve our residents now and in the future. I'm truly looking forward to what 2020 has in store!



Nick Trupiano  
Ward 4

### Please Answer The Census!

What's a great way for all of us to help the City of St. Peters right now? Answer the Census!

It only takes about 10 minutes. What a great investment of your time to make a difference for you, your family, your neighborhood and your community for the next 10 years!

The answers you give to the Census help St. Peters in a lot of ways. Economic development and bringing jobs to our area is one important potential benefit we could see from the answers to

the Census. Companies can make decisions about whether or not they move here when they look and see how many people live here and what kind of educational opportunities are available.

Would you like to see road improvements in our area? Census information helps with decision making at all levels of government: federal, state and local on road projects. School districts make decisions on the needs for schools and other programs. Did you know Census information also helps determine the dollars in federal funding that goes to our region's hospitals and fire departments? Our City also can take advantage of programs to help our seniors and disabled residents and others. That simple Census form can result in so many benefits right here at home!

When you answer the Census, you'll be helping us get our fair share of the tax dollars that are distributed for many, many programs. Please join me and encourage all of your friends and neighbors to answer the Census. It's a ten-minute investment in a great future for all of us in St. Peters!

## UTILITY FRANCHISE TAX REFUNDS: CHANGES IN DISTRIBUTION DUE TO COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

The City of St. Peters is making some changes to the annual Utility Franchise Tax refund distribution as we continue to address the challenges from the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) situation, the recommendations from health care professionals and the current Emergency Declarations from local and state officials. We are doing this to minimize the number of residents who need to visit City Hall. We want to keep everyone safe and healthy, including our residents, visitors and City staff.

St. Peters residents who are 62 years and older or those considered totally disabled by Social Security may be eligible to apply for a refund of their 2019 St. Peters utility franchise tax. This is the amount listed on your 2019 electric and gas bills as "St. Peters tax" and on the cable bills as "franchise fees."

To be eligible, your maximum 2019 adjusted gross income excluding any taxable Social Security income must not exceed \$45,550 if single or \$52,050 if married.

**If you received a utility franchise refund last year**, we are not going to require you to visit City Hall in person to go through the process and receive your utility franchise tax refund. Here's how we will process your refund this year:

- A City representative (with a phone number from St. Peters City Hall on your caller ID) will contact you directly, by phone, to verify the information in our files regarding your utility tax refund amount and your current mailing address.
- After we contact you by phone and confirm your contact information, we will mail you the refund.

This process for your refund will begin in the next few weeks. You will begin receiving phone calls in the near future. Please do not call or visit City Hall about your refund—**we will call you directly.**

**If you haven't participated in this tax refund program in the past**, you will need to set up an appointment to come to St. Peters City Hall to complete your refund application process. Call City Hall at 636-477-6600, ext. 1225, to set up your appointment and for more information about the process. Appointments will be available beginning April 1 and will end May 29 during regular business hours. **You must have an appointment to come to City Hall to process your application as a new participant.**

If you are new to the program and need to come in to City Hall to process your application, you'll need to bring the following items with you to complete your application:

- Proof of 2019 income
- Proof of age
- 2019 letter of award from Social Security (if disabled)
- 2019 electric, gas and cable bills

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

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



# Cultural Arts Centre Updates

## ARTS CENTRE EXHIBITS

ON DISPLAY NOW AT THE CULTURAL ARTS CENTRE:

### Made in The Shade

Through April 26



### Enter Your Work in an Art Show!

You don't have to be an Arts Centre member or a St. Peters resident to submit your work in an art show. Arts Centre shows are open to artists of all levels, from amateur to professional.

### CALL FOR ENTRIES for Flower Power Art Exhibit:

Be inspired by the flora that exists around you or create your own.



Receiving: 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 27

Reception: 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30

See the full list of upcoming 2020 art shows or learn more about how to enter an art show at [www.stpetersmo.net/arts](http://www.stpetersmo.net/arts).

**Cultural Arts Centre**  
**ART CLASSES**  
*Our Experts - Your Creations!*

Find your inspiration at a Cultural Arts Centre art class! Sign up to learn from experienced teachers like Jerry Thomas, Shirley Nachtrieb and Daniel Fishback. Visit [www.stpetersmo.net/Arts](http://www.stpetersmo.net/Arts) for more information about instructors and classes.

## UPCOMING BUS TOURS

Join guide Linda Koenig for motorcoach tours for a fun and informative time on the motorcoach ... lunch is included with each tour! Learn more at [www.stpetersmo.net/arts](http://www.stpetersmo.net/arts) or call 636-939-2386, ext. 1400.

**Illinois Amish: Quilt Felt and More Bus Tour**  
**7 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat., April 25 • \$106**  
*Visit the Arthur, Ill., quilt show. Watch for buggies on the road, clothes on the line and Amish farmers in the field. Enjoy an Amish meal of salad, chicken and another meat and homemade bread.*

**Historic New Harmony, Ind.**  
**7 a.m.-7 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, May 20 • \$109**  
*Explore historic sites and the village of New Harmony. Check out antique and specialty shops, bookstores and art galleries on Main and Church streets. The famous Red Geranium Restaurant for lunch will be a memorable highlight of the day.*



**REGISTER NOW:** [www.stpetersmo.net/rec-connect](http://www.stpetersmo.net/rec-connect)



# 2020 ST. PETERS SUMMER Arts Camps

[www.stpetersmo.net/camps](http://www.stpetersmo.net/camps)



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

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** In this issue of *My Hometown*, we have written about many amenities and events. However, due to the COVID-19 coronavirus national emergency, we are making changes as needed. The St. Peters Rec-Plex and Cultural Arts Centre were closed through April 3 as of presstime for this magazine. For the latest information, please visit the City website at [www.stpetersmo.net](http://www.stpetersmo.net).

## How to Support Meals on Wheels

Our Meals on Wheels program at the St. Peters Mayor Tom Brown Senior Center helps area homebound seniors remain independent in their homes. The program relies on donations due to the limited availability of state and federal funding.



Here's how you can help:

- 1) The City of St. Peters' Voluntary Utility Round Up program gives residents an easy way to donate to the local Meals on Wheels program when paying their St. Peters utility bill.
- 2) DONATE TODAY ONLINE at [www.stpetersmo.net/donate](http://www.stpetersmo.net/donate) (select St. Peters Senior Center and Meals on Wheels program when donating)
- 2) MAIL YOUR DONATION to Mayor Tom Brown Senior Center Meals on Wheels Program, 108 McMenamy Road, St. Peters, Mo., 63376. (Make checks payable to the Mayor Tom Brown Senior Center and write "Meals on Wheels" in the memo.)

Learn more about St. Peters senior services and benefits at [www.stpetersmo.net/seniors](http://www.stpetersmo.net/seniors).

## St. Peters Senior Center Affected by COVID-19 Coronavirus

As we prepare this issue of the *My Hometown* magazine, the Mayor Tom Brown Senior Center in St. Peters has had to make some tough choices to meet social distancing guidelines in order to protect the facility's clients and volunteers. The situation is fluid, changing daily as we prepare this story.

The latest information as we went to press was that the Senior Center closed its doors to in-person meal service and activities through March 31. The Senior Center offered pick-up only meals to its congregate participants during the closure. For Meals on Wheels, home delivery service was changed to one delivery of frozen meals per week to each client. Because of concerns for the health and safety of the volunteers delivering the meals and the seniors receiving the meals, the clients would receive all five lunch meals at once so that they could keep them frozen and prepare the meals throughout the week.

The City of St. Peters will post the latest information from the Senior Center related to COVID-19 at our City website at [www.stpetersmo.net](http://www.stpetersmo.net). Click the link at the top of our home page for all City of St. Peters updates concerning COVID-19.

Call 636-278-2410 for more information about Senior Center meal services, or if you would like to volunteer to deliver Meals on Wheels. If you are a senior in need of housing or other essential services, please call Aging Ahead at 636-579-0555.

## City Centre Entrance Improvements

The main entrance to St. Peters City Hall from Mexico Road is receiving a facelift. Some of the benefits will include beautification, improved lighting and ease of maintenance.

Twenty-four ornamental pear trees, 13 on the east side of St. Peters Centre Boulevard and 11 more on the west side, were removed in late January and will be replaced by Ivory Silk tree lilacs.

New sidewalks alongside the trees will be constructed, as will a concrete center island in the middle of the boulevard that will support three large planters filled with seasonal flowers. A new entrance sign will be placed north of the planters.

The viny, fast-growing, invasive Wintercreeper, which has provided ground cover under the inside row of trees on each side of the boulevard, will be replaced by flowers. The Wintercreeper required frequent pruning, watering and weeding to maintain a pleasing appearance.

"It's going to be nice. It's going to clean up the front entrance," said Acting Manager of Parks and Golf Services Vicki Phillips, who expects the project to be completed by April 30.

The ornamental pear trees were 30 years old. Even when ornamental pear trees are young, their branches are weak and susceptible to wind and storms. As they age, it becomes increasingly likely that they will suffer damage.

"Their branching structure is conducive to just splitting apart in storms," Phillips said. "A whole section of tree will come off. Two of them had already cracked in storms, and what was left standing was not stable.

"We've been trying to prune them, but they've lasted 30 years. That's a long life for an ornamental pear tree. The corrective pruning has been beneficial, but it's the time in their life (to be removed). We want to make sure we get them before a storm gets them."

Ornamental pear trees, considered an invasive species by the Missouri Botanical Garden and the Missouri Department of Conservation, grow quickly and can reach heights of 50 feet. The trees on the boulevard blocked roadway lights that are needed in an area with such high traffic volume.

Phillips said the Ivory Silk tree lilacs "will have a flower that blooms in the summer." They will be 7 or 8 feet tall when planted and will grow to about 20 feet. There will be one row of trees, rather than two, on both sides of the boulevard. The sidewalks will be closer to the boulevard than the trees.

"They're a pretty cool tree," she said. "They'll never interfere with the (street) lights because they'll be off to the side. We'll be able to keep them off the sidewalk and they don't break in storms."

Phillips said a new crosswalk will be placed at the south end of the redesigned entrance island, providing improved east-west access for pedestrians.

The island in the middle of the boulevard has been a mulch bed. The new concrete surface will be curb-high, with the planters taking center stage.

"The whole thing's going to be neater, cleaner and way easier to take care of," Phillips said.



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**The Cove at St. Peters**, located at 5270 Mexico Road, opened in 2018 and is located next to Rec-Plex South. It's a place where kids of all ages have plenty to do, while parents can enjoy a relaxing time in the pool. Features include:

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**Laurel Park Pool**, 181 Driftwood Lane, is located in the middle of Laurel Park, one of our most popular recreational parks. You can reach this pool by taking McClay Road to McClay Valley Boulevard, or from Jungermann Road by taking Barkwood Trails to Driftwood Lane.

The pool features a large shallow water area, a splash pad, a 1-meter diving board, a large sunbathing area and two dedicated 25-meter lap lanes.

You can enjoy concessions at either outdoor pool.

Learn more at [www.stpetersmo.net/pools](http://www.stpetersmo.net/pools).



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

In this issue of *My Hometown*, we have written about many amenities and events. However, due to the COVID-19 coronavirus national emergency, we are making changes as needed. The Rec-Plex and Cultural Arts Centre were closed through April 3 as of presstime for this magazine.

For the latest information, please visit the City website at [www.stpetersmo.net](http://www.stpetersmo.net).



## Enjoy Fitness with Friends at the Rec-Plex

The St. Peters Rec-Plex has served our community for more than 25 years, and we look forward to serving you in 2020 and many more years to come: Come join our community and work out with likeminded people in a judgment-free atmosphere! Check us out online at [www.stpetersmo.net/Rec-Plex](http://www.stpetersmo.net/Rec-Plex) or call 636-939-2386, ext. 1400, and ask for a tour. We offer a variety of activities and classes to serve every interest, fitness level and age group!



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## A Dream is a Wish

26th Annual Spring Ice Show  
May 15-17 • St. Peters Rec-Plex, North Rink

3 Shows: 7 p.m. Fri. May 15; 5 p.m.  
Sat. May 16; 2 p.m. Sun. May 17

Don't wait until the clock strikes midnight—save the date for this Cinderella story on ice!

Our Fairy Godmother will guide this special production performed by Rec-Plex skaters of all levels, from ages 3 to adult! You won't need a prince to foot the bill, either—ticket prices range from \$6.50-\$9.50. Get yours beginning April 24 at the Rec-Plex Front Desk.

Learn more: [www.stpetersmo.net/Calendar](http://www.stpetersmo.net/Calendar)



## Sunday, May 3 St. Peters Rec-Plex

Whether you're a beginner (ROOKIE) or a veteran (ROCK STAR), the St. Peters Rec-Plex has a fun Triathlon for you! Be part of our ROOKIES AND ROCK STARS TRIATHLON and challenge yourself! Great atmosphere for first-timers. Register in advance.  
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