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The St. Peters Rec-Plex has served our community for a quarter of a century, and we look forward to serving you in 2019 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 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!



New and improved RPX Cycling bikes!



Public ice skating sessions, Learn to Skate, hockey program, figure skating



Youth Fitness Room, youth classes



New spacious 10,000-square-foot workout area with dynamic equipment. FREE with GOLD+ Membership!

St. Peters Offers Inclusive Recreation Opportunities for All



Sam and Megan Kohler prepare daughters Layla and Evelyn for ice skating class at the Rec-Plex.

It was after watching the 2018 Winter Olympics, and an episode of Peppa Pig where they went ice skating, that 4-year-old Layla first expressed an interest in learning how to ice skate. Her parents, St. Peters residents Sam and Megan Kohler, were excited she was interested in doing something recreationally, but they knew they were going to have to overcome some challenges.

Layla is on the autism spectrum, and she gets incredibly anxious and overwhelmed by new experiences. Her parents had made a couple of previous attempts to get her involved in team sports, but they soon realized she needed more one-on-one attention and something less competitive.

"Soccer didn't go the best," her mom, Megan, admitted. "There were a lot of noises, and the group aspect of everybody coming to get the ball I think overwhelmed and intimidated her."

"We did T-ball for a little bit, too," added her dad, Sam. "It had a lot of structure, but again it was a very abstract concept for her. We were just looking for something, some type of recreation that hopefully she'll enjoy and take part in."

After attending an autism conference at Spencer Creek Library and meeting Brita Weight, the Recreation Inclusion Coordinator for the City of St. Peters, both Sam and Megan felt encouraged to give it another try, this time with ice skating classes at the Rec-Plex.

"There's a comment section when you sign up for classes online at the Rec-Plex," Sam said. "So, I wrote a little bit about Layla in there and then Brita contacted me and we talked for an hour about what makes Layla anxious and what are some triggers or issues for her."

Brita explained: "When we speak with families for the first time, we spend a good amount of time finding out who their child is, what they love about them, what their interests are, what might be challenging and what are the things that the family or the school already are doing to help that child be successful.

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Registration begins March 11

2018

Year in Review

A look back at notable numbers, achievements & projects in St. Peters

REPAIRED:

- 125 water service lines (\$235,680)
- 79 sewer lateral lines (\$457,744)

SNOW REMOVAL:

979 tons of salt placed for 11 snow/ice control events (winter 2017-18)



Celebrate St. Peters 2018 (record 17,000 at Saturday concert)

INSPECTED:

- 1,288 restaurants
- 46 residential properties for mosquito control
- 11,821 residential properties (proactive maintenance inspections)
- 159 sewer laterals (new homes, sewer lateral repair program and follow-ups)
- 16.9 miles of sanitary sewers

TREATED:

- 1.3 billion gallons of water for safe consumption
- 1.9 billion gallons of wastewater

WELCOMED:

204,943 Rec-Plex membership check-ins (includes 28,646 SilverSneakers check-ins & 289 Silver & Fit check-ins)

RESPONDED:

1,443 Animal Control calls

DONATED:

\$19,488.39 (Nov. 2017-Oct. 2018) from residents to Senior Center's Meals on Wheels program through Utility Round Up Program—increase of \$4,724 over previous year!

COLLECTED:

- 86,126 tons of waste processed through Recycle City
- 29,549 tons of waste from St. Peters residents
- 1,637 tons of waste from Cottleville residents
- 39,430 tons of waste from commercial haulers
- 14,366 tons of waste from walk-in customers
- 748 pounds of prescription drugs through National Rx Take Back events at Police Department



ROAD IMPROVEMENTS:

- Jungermann Road – Boone Hills Drive Culvert Replacement and Intersection Improvements (complete)
- McClay Road Resurfacing (complete)
- P-28, Jungermann Road Stream and Trail Improvements (underway; sanitary and water relocations complete)
- Jungermann Road Bridge Replacements (underway)
- Mid Rivers Mall Drive Widening (underway)
- Premier 370 Transportation Improvements (underway)
- 26,325 square yards of concrete pavement replaced
- 1,030 lineal feet of curbs replaced
- 108,448 lineal feet of crack seal material placed
- 108,600 square yards of asphalt pavement resurfaced
- 19,895 square feet of concrete sidewalks replaced
- 152 street signs replaced
- 1,347,784 lineal feet of pavement marking



GOLFED:

30,816 rounds at St. Peters Golf Club

FILLED:

The tires of 264 vehicles with fuel-saving nitrogen

RECOGNIZED:

- By the Government Finance Officers Association with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and the Distinguished Budget Award, plus for the first time a Special Performance Measures Recognition
- Tree City USA designation and Tree City USA Growth Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation

HELPED:

- 35 families repair their homes*
- 319 people with essential transportation needs
- 10 elderly or disabled families with lawn mowing needs*

**Helped with Community Development Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development*

EXHIBITED:

3,524 works of visual art submitted by 855 artists at Cultural Arts Centre—both are record numbers!



ISSUED:

- 748 pavilion reservations
- 66 Gazebo reservations
- 3,852 athletic field reservations
- 561 St. Peters Rotary Club Dog Park memberships*
- 17,706 RV site nightly reservations*
- 2,791 equipment rentals*
- 2,586 Archery Range day passes*
- 196 Archery Range memberships*
- 2,665 fishing/lake day passes*
- 75 fishing/lake season passes*
- *370 Lakeside Park activity*



PERMITTED:

- 2,109 residential construction projects worth \$28,554,964.00 – includes 31 single-family homes worth \$7,734,150
- 931 commercial construction projects worth \$382,782,322 – includes 28 new commercial buildings worth \$270,036,149

RECYCLED:

- 20.2 million pounds of material (Recycle City)
- 54,465 cubic yards of yard waste (Earth Centre)
- 7,925 wet tons of biosolids (Earth Centre)
- 872 Christmas trees
- 3,040 pounds of broken holiday light strands
- Shredded documents of 1,170 “Shred It & Forget It” customers
- 437 cell phones for the Cell Phones for Soldiers Program



PROP P STORMWATER PROJECTS COMPLETED*:

- P-17/18 Spencer Creek Channel Improvements and elevated boardwalk
- P-19 1A Tanglewood/Huntleigh Storm Sewer Improvements
- P-22/23 Boone Hills and Jungermann Storm Sewer Improvements and Floodplain Restoration
- P-22/23 Jungermann Road Storm Sewer Pipe Lining Project
- I-70 Ditch B Drainage Improvements

**Funded with ½-cent stormwater/parks sales tax fund*

OTHER MAJOR PROJECTS:

- The Cove at St. Peters aquatics facility
- St. Peters Golf Club restroom/concession facility (The Shack)
- Laurel Park Pool improvements
- 370 Lakeside Park Sunset Pavilion
- 370 Lakeside Park Corporate Pavilion kitchen
- Spencer Creek Park playground



The Cove at St. Peters



Sunset Fridays concert series

Economic Development: 2018 in Review

Under Construction:

- **Cubesmart indoor storage, 92,000 sq. ft.** (Suemandy Drive, next to Mid Rivers Mall)
- **Holiday Inn Express, 4 floors, 81 guest rooms** (Veterans Memorial Pkwy., east of Richmond Center Blvd.)
- **Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen** (Salt Lick Rd., north of Boschert Landing Blvd.)
- **Outback Steakhouse, 6,500 sq. ft.** (Shoppes of Mid Rivers)
- **Total Access Urgent Care, 4,616 sq. ft.** (Mid Rivers Mall Drive, south of St. Peters Square)
- **FedEx distribution center, 450,000 sq. ft. on 100 acres** (Premier 370 Business Park)
- **Amazon fulfillment center, 855,000 sq. ft. footprint, 1M+ sq. ft. overall** (Premier 370)
- **1001 Premier Parkway spec building, 375,000 sq. ft. for office/warehouse** (Premier 370)
- **Arrowhead Building Supply showroom** (former I-70 Shoppers Fair, I-70 North Service Road)
- **Mid West Gunite concrete swimming pool materials company** (Mid Rivers Trade Court)

Residential Development:

- **Park at Belleau Creek**—10 new single-family lots developed in a new phase of the Townes at Belleau Creek, north of Mexico Road
- **The Crossing at Bella Vista**—58 single-family lots under construction north of Route 364, east of Harvester Rd.
- **Payne Family Homes** planned development on Mid Rivers Mall Drive, south of Mexico Rd.—57 single family maintenance-free lots and one commercial lot
- **Aspen Trails Phase 2**—38 additional senior living units added west of Salt Lick Road, north of Boschert Landing Blvd.
- **Clarendale of St. Peters**—senior living community under construction on Mexico Rd., east of Mid Rivers Mall Dr., with mix of independent, assisted, and memory care units expected to open summer 2020
- **McClay Road Senior Center**—22,941 sq. ft. skilled care facility for seniors nearing completion on McClay east of Jungermann
- **Aspen Heights**—100 townhouse style units and amenities under construction on Central School Road, west of Kisker Road
- **Meadowridge Apartments**—180-unit, three-story building and amenities south of Route 364, east of Robertridge Drive, under construction with several buildings open
- **Pure Apartments**—137-unit, three-story building and amenities under construction on Cloverleaf Drive
- **5300 Centre**—luxury apartments under construction on Mexico Road, east of St. Peters Centre Blvd., with 265 units and amenities in two four-story buildings connected by a pedestrian bridge

Expanding/Renovations:

- **McDonalds renovation** (Spencer and Mexico Roads)
- **Syberg's Restaurant** (former Joe's Crab Shack)
- **Complete Auto Body and Truck Repair** (former Kenworth building)
- **Rush Truck Centers expansion** (Veterans Memorial Pkwy.)
- **The Edge Fitness Club** (moving into former Sports Authority on Veterans Memorial Pkwy.)
- **Seyer Industries addition under construction, 45,500 sq. ft.** (Patmos Court)
- **Burger King renovations** (two locations, Old Town and Jungermann)

Planning Stage:

- **Dudas Fitness, 9,450 sq. ft.** (Harvester Rd.)
- **Home 2 Suites by Hilton, 106 guest rooms** (Veterans Memorial Pkwy., next to Kia dealer)
- **The Learning Experience pre-schools, 10,000 sq. ft. each** (on Florence Dr. and on Queensbrooke Dr.)
- **Office/warehouse facility** (Trade Center Drive, south of Veterans Memorial Pkwy.)
- **St. Peters Medical urgent care, 7,800 sq. ft.** (Sutters Mill Rd. and Jungermann)
- **Vantage Credit Union is approved on Cave Springs Blvd., south of Cloverleaf Blvd.** The credit union will replace its current facility with a 2,900-square-foot credit facility with two drive-through banking lanes and one bypass lane.

Notable Openings:

- **Fresh Thyme Farmers Market grocery store, 27,709 sq. ft.** (Route 364 at Woodstone Drive)
- **Regions Bank at three locations** (Mid Rivers Mall Dr., north of Route 364; Jungermann Rd., north of North St. Peters Pkwy.; Veterans Memorial Pkwy., east of Cave Springs Blvd.)
- **Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakhburgers** (Veterans Memorial Pkwy., east of Cave Springs Rd.)
- **Five Stars Granite processing, storage and showroom, 9,600 sq. ft.** (Didion Drive)
- **Primrose School day care center, 12,290 sq. ft.** (South St. Peters Pkwy.)
- **The Watering Bowl kennel** (Harvestowne Industrial Park, existing building)
- **311 Wine House & Beer Garden** (Old Town, former Powder Room salon)
- **Mid Rivers Motors, new 2,040-sq.-ft. building** (Main Street, west of Mid Rivers Mall Drive)
- **Ross Dress for Less opened at Shoppes of Mid Rivers** (Mid Rivers Mall Drive and I-70 Service Road North)
- **Uptown Cheapskate and Blaze Pizza** opened in outlots at Shoppes of Mid Rivers
- **Grove Collaborative and another RB location** opened in a 300,000 sq.-ft. warehouse (Premier 370)
- **H&M clothing retailer** at Mid Rivers Mall

Major Road Improvements for 2019



Work has started on a major transportation project on the **Mid Rivers Mall Drive corridor** to improve travel for both drivers and pedestrians. The \$2.35 million project will add new dual left turn lanes from northbound Mid Rivers Mall Drive onto westbound Cottleville Parkway. Work also will be done to improve traffic signals, ADA accessibility and pedestrian and bike safety. An existing multi-use pedestrian/bike trail will be improved to provide a safer connection to the Great Rivers Greenway's Dardenne Greenway Trail that continues along Mid Rivers Mall Drive and through St. Charles Community College, Woodlands Sports Park, Rabbit Run Park and Dardenne Park north of Mexico Road.

Here are other major road projects planned for 2019:

- Work continues on the \$2.9 million **Jungermann Road Bridge Replacement Project**, which includes the replacement of two existing deficient culverts on Jungermann



- In addition, improvements will be made to the parks trail to improve safety and access for pedestrians and bikes. The project will include an 11-foot wide trail along Jungermann Road, and construction of two trail crossings at Jungermann Road, one at the Country Creek Drive traffic signal and the other under the new bridge to be constructed just north of Country Creek Drive.
- Work is wrapping up on the **McClay Road resurfacing project**. Defective concrete slabs were replaced on McClay Road between Thoele Road and Jungermann Road, and asphalt pavement was resurfaced between Thoele and Shepherds Hill Drive. Sidewalks were also repaired and improved to meet current ADA standards.
- A project at **Mid Rivers Mall Drive and the I-70 interchange** is nearing completion. Improvements include the addition of a traffic lane on both southbound and northbound Mid Rivers Mall Drive across I-70 as well as the replacement of a traffic signal. Additional northbound and southbound lanes also were added from the I-70 North Outer Road to Ecology Drive, and

the intersection of Mid Rivers Mall Drive and Ecology Drive was reconstructed.

The construction of a 10-foot-wide trail extending from the interchange to Salt River Road has also been completed.

This winter, Norfolk-Southern Railroad will reconstruct and widen its at-grade crossing of Mid Rivers Mall Drive.



- Later in 2019, work is expected to begin to improve the intersection of **Salt River Road and Arrowhead Industrial Boulevard**. The new "Green-Tee" style intersection will improve safety, reduce congestion due to truck and shift change traffic, and limit disruption of traffic along Salt River Road.

For updates or to learn more about these projects, visit www.stpetersmo.net/streets.



KEEP STREETS CLEAR DURING SNOW & ICE

This winter, there is one simple thing every resident can do to help St. Peters' snow/ice removal operations during a winter storm: Keep your street clear of obstacles, especially cars and trash/recycling carts.

Clearing obstacles from the street allows snow plow drivers to clear snow more quickly and place de-icing chemicals evenly.

Sign up now for the FREE Nixle service to receive urgent messages from the City of St. Peters, including updates regarding snow emergencies and how they may affect City services or programs. Subscribe to receive urgent texts, emails or both at www.stpetersmo.net/Subscribe. You can also tune in to St. Peters' local government channel, SPTV St. Peters Television, for a live traffic camera and weather radar.

SPTV is available on AT&T U-verse Ch. 99, Charter Ch. 992 or online at sptvnow.net.



WATER'S Edge

BANQUET CENTER



Out With the Old, In With the New

COMING SOON: Water's Edge Banquet Center at St. Peters Golf Club

In November 2018, the St. Peters Golf Club Banquet Center was demolished in order to make room for a new Golf & Banquet Center, scheduled to open in spring 2019. Not to worry, you will still be able to get in a round of golf on those rare, warm winter/early spring days at St. Peters Golf Club—it will operate out of a temporary location beginning in January 2019.

The new Golf & Banquet Center will include a more comfortable clubhouse with a pro shop and golf lounge (to be named Caddy's), beautiful verandas with outdoor dining options and a large deck with lake views, as well as the new Water's Edge Banquet Center, which is already under construction.

The new banquet center will be St. Peters' premier banquet rental facility and can host events for up to 350 people with banquet options, individual hourly room rentals, multiple bar packages, golf pavilion rental and upgrades for specialized lighting and high-tech A/V equipment.

Water's Edge Banquet Center is now booking events for October 2019 and beyond for weddings, business meetings, special occasions and more.

To learn more about Water's Edge Banquet Center or to schedule a meeting or event, visit www.stpetersmo.net/watersedge or contact the Event Marketing & Sales Specialist at 636-279-8271. For updates on St. Peters Golf Club, visit www.stpetersmo.net/golf.



Above: Golf & Banquet Center construction.
Below: Demolition of old golf & banquet facility.



Pavilion and Athletic Field Reservations Begin in March

The City of St. Peters offers park pavilion and athletic field rentals to our residents at discounted rates as well as to the general public. Reserve your pavilion or field ahead of time.

Learn more about making reservations:

PAVILIONS: Reservations begin early for pavilions on March 1 at midnight for online reservations and 9 a.m. for walk-in and phone reservations. Pavilions are available for use April 1-Oct. 31.

ATHLETIC FIELDS: Athletic field early reservations begin March 25. Online reservations begin at midnight and walk-in reservations begin at 9 a.m. Athletic fields are available for use April 1-Nov. 30.

Learn more about pavilion and athletic field reservations at www.stpetersmo.net or call the Rec-Plex at 636-939-2386, ext. 1400.

370 LAKESIDE PARK PAVILIONS: Reservations for the pavilions at 370 Lakeside Park are available year-round by contacting 370 Lakeside Park at 636-387-5283.

Don't forget: You can book your reservation for the CITY CENTRE GAZEBO any time of the year (for use between April 1-Oct. 31). The Gazebo is perfect for weddings! You also can rent folding chairs. Contact the Cultural Arts Centre at 636-397-6903 to learn more.



A guaranteed reservation fee is due when making a reservation. To qualify for lower resident rates, a current Resident Privilege Card is required. Learn more about resident privileges and facility reservations at www.stpetersmo.net.

PROP P PROGRESS

St. Peters voters passed Proposition P in August 2012 to tackle critical stormwater management projects and make improvements to our extensive parks and trails system. This issue approved a 4/10-cent increase in our St. Peters sales tax, bringing our City's parks and stormwater sales tax to ½-cent total.

Each Prop P stormwater project uses green infrastructure when feasible 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.

In 2018, two major Prop P Projects were completed: **P-22/23 Pipe Rehabilitation Project** and **P-17/18 Spencer Creek Improvement Project**.

The Pipe Rehab project repaired and rehabilitated an existing large diameter storm sewer pipe on the east side of Jungermann Road, from Boone Hills Drive to Brentmoor Lane. This \$549,107 project repaired approximately 800 lineal feet of existing 84" and 96" diameter pipe using centrifugally cast concrete pipe liner (which repairs the pipe in place, by lining/coating the inside the pipe), and repaired existing joints and other repairs on approximately 300 lineal feet of 84" diameter concrete pipe. In addition, the crosswalk pavement and sidewalk



ramps at the intersection of Gailwood Drive and Jungermann Road were improved to meet ADA requirements.

The P-17/18 Spencer Creek Project (pictured above) was a \$1.5 million project to improve stream bank stabilization on approximately 1,200 lineal feet of Spencer Creek. Work included channel reshaping/grading, rock toe revetments to prevent scour and bank erosion, storm sewer modifications, 280 linear feet of elevated boardwalk at the trail, and 3 acres of native vegetation establishment.



January

- 4 DJ Skate
7-9 p.m., St. Peters Rec-Plex
- 9 Planning & Zoning Commission
6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 15 St. Peters Green Team
Rec-Plex South Training Room, 5:30 p.m.
- 15 Parks, Recreation & Arts Advisory Board
6 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 17 Senior Advisory Committee
12:30 p.m., Senior Center
- 17 Board of Aldermen, Justice Center:
5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting

February

- 2 Father-Daughter Sweetheart Dance
6:30-9 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 6 Planning & Zoning Commission
6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 8 DJ Skate
7-9 p.m., St. Peters Rec-Plex
- 14 Board of Aldermen, Justice Center:
5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting
- 19 St. Peters Green Team
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- 21 Senior Advisory Committee
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- 22 Cultural Arts Centre Sweetheart Dance
7-10 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 27 Day Trip: Stained Glass & Steeples
Cultural Arts Centre
- 28 Board of Aldermen, Justice Center:
5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting

March

- 4 Veterans Memorial Commission
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
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- 21 Day Trip: St. Louis Treasures
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- 22 Spring Dance
7-10 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 28 Board of Aldermen, Justice Center:
5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting



Sweetheart Dance | **Spring Dance**
7-10 p.m. • Friday, Feb. 22 | 7-10 p.m. • Friday, March 22

\$7 non-residents • \$6 residents OR Cultural Arts Centre members

Individuals, couples and groups welcome! Buy your tickets at the door and feel free to bring your own snacks, refreshments will be provided.

DJ Skate
at the Rec-Plex

Music • Games • Prizes
Family Fun on the Ice!
Jan. 4 & Feb. 8

Holiday Hours

	NEW YEAR'S EVE	NEW YEAR'S DAY	MLK JR. DAY	PRESIDENTS DAY
	Mon. Dec. 31	Tues. Jan. 1	Mon. Jan. 21	Mon. Feb. 18
City Hall	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Cultural Arts Centre	CLOSED	CLOSED	OPEN	CLOSED
Municipal Court	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Police Records	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Earth Centre	Closes at 2 p.m. ¹	CLOSED	OPEN	OPEN
Recycle City	Closes at 2 p.m.	CLOSED	OPEN ²	OPEN ²
Solid Waste Collection	NORMAL	DELAYED ³	NORMAL	NORMAL
Animal Control	Closes at 2 p.m. ⁴	ON CALL ⁴	ON CALL ⁴	ON CALL ⁴
Rec-Plex	Closes at 4 p.m.	Open 1-5 p.m. ⁵	OPEN	OPEN ⁶

1 No Earth Centre product sales. Yard waste acceptance only.

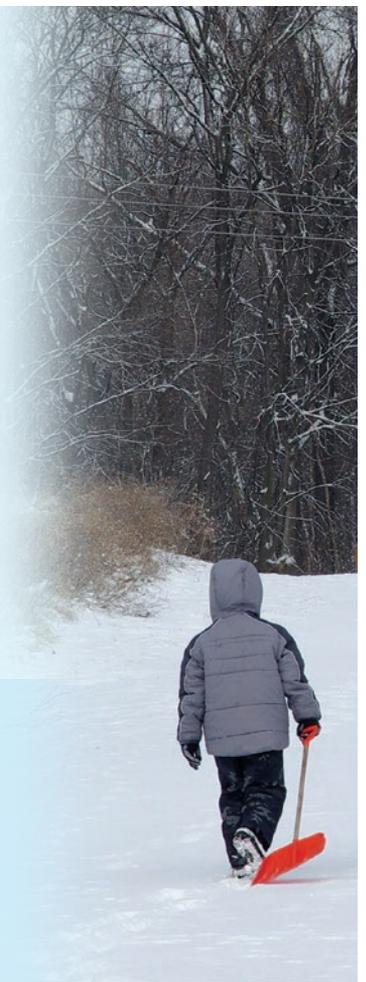
2 Open for trash and yard waste disposal only from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., but Recycle City offices are closed.

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

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

5 Extended public swimming and ice skating sessions from 1-5 p.m. Administrative offices and Registration Desk closed.

6 Administrative offices closed. Extended public ice session from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.



Father-Daughter Sweetheart Dance

6:30-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019

St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre

\$14 per person, ages 3-13

Dads and their daughters (ages 3-13) are invited to enjoy a perfect evening of music and dancing under the crescent moon! Light snacks will be provided. A professional photographer will also be available to take pictures for an additional fee. Advance registration required in person at the Rec-Plex, online at www.stpetersmo.net/rec-connect or by phone at 636-939-2386, ext. 1400.



Save
the
Date!



Mark your calendars for Celebrate St. Peters 2019: Sept. 20-21!

This party at the lake features something for the entire family including live music and entertainment on three stages, kids' activities, a carnival and so much more!

Watch for more news about Celebrate St. Peters in future issues of *My Hometown*, our *UpFront* eNews, on the SPTV government channel and online at www.stpetersmo.net/Celebrate.

St. Peters Bus Tours Are 'Field Trips for Adults'



Linda Koenig

A "bus tour" to some may mean riding around on a yellow school bus, but when you take a bus tour with the St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre, you can expect a full day of exploration on a nice, comfortable motorcoach, guided by the one and only Linda Koenig.

"We do full-day tours here at St. Peters," said Linda.

"We explore all over the place, from cemeteries and churches, to cultural and historic landmarks, museums and other tourist attractions in the area."

What makes Linda's tours so special? Her experience—she's been doing it for more than 20 years, 15 of them with St. Peters. And she has quite the following of regulars who do several tours a year with her, like Ann Hoffmeister, a St. Peters resident who has been going on Linda's bus tours for many years. When asked what her favorite part of the tours is, her answer was simply, "Linda—she's fantastic and so knowledgeable."



Ann went on to say she's done a lot of tours, and some of her favorites are the cemetery and church tours, but she's "never been on a bad one."

Linda will either come up with the ideas for the tours on her own or get input from her regulars, and she takes care of all the arrangements so you don't have to.

"I just like the whole experience and that's why I can't quit," Linda said. "I'm an old teacher so I like that part of it. It is an educational experience—they're like field trips for adults."

Linda takes her bus tour attendees "behind the curtain" so to speak, giving them an inside look of popular tourist destinations. You can choose to stay close to home and visit local attractions such as Busch Stadium or the Missouri Botanical Gardens, or take a trip out of town to visit places like the wolf sanctuary in Eureka or the Clydesdale Ranch in Boonville. One bus tour regular said although she's lived in the area for many years, she learns something new every time.

"I enjoy that part of it," Linda said. "I really get a thrill out of watching people experience a sight for the first time and they say, 'Oh, I had no idea this was here!'"

When asked what she thinks keeps people coming back for more tours and inviting their friends, Linda said, "Well, we always have a good lunch somewhere local!"

Another bus tour

participant, Mary Ann Skinner from O'Fallon, agreed.

"It's a good way to meet people, it's lots of fun and there's always good food!" Mary Ann added. So at least you can always count on a good meal no matter what, and you never have to worry about driving or parking, either.

"We have a good time, it's easy, you just show up and get on the bus," Linda said. So make plans now to hop on a tour for 2019!



UPCOMING BUS TOURS

Stay local or get out of town for the day! All tours are guided by Linda Koenig and the cost includes transportation, lunch, donations, gratuities and admissions unless otherwise noted. All tours meet in the west parking lot at City Hall, One St. Peters Centre Blvd.



Stained Glass & Steeples Bus Tour:
9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 27 • \$81

Tour highlights: St. John Nepomuk, St. Francis de Sales, St. Francis Xavier, St. Mark's Episcopal, Hope UCC and St. Gabriel's & lunch at St. Raymond's Maronite Church.



St. Louis Treasures Bus Tour:
9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Thursday, March 21 • \$99

Tour highlights: Stockstrom "Magic Chef" Mansion, 1851 Campbell House, 1914 Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis & lunch at Lorenzo's Trattoria on the Hill

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



Cultural Arts Centre Updates

Enter Your Work in an Upcoming Cultural Arts Centre Art Show!

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

CALL FOR ENTRIES:

WITH A VIEW

On display Jan. 10–March 3

Artwork must contain something seen from a window, key hole, sun roof, etc., and must be received between 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7.

Sense of HUMOR

On display March 7-May 5

Artwork must contain something that evokes humor or happiness and must be received between 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 4.

See the full list of upcoming 2019 art shows or learn more about how to enter an art show at www.stpetersmo.net/arts.



TAKE A CLASS AT THE CULTURAL ARTS CENTRE

From oil painting to watercolor painting, musical theatre, voice lessons and even fencing, the Cultural Arts Centre has a class for you! For more information, including how to register, visit www.stpetersmo.net/arts.



2019 ST. PETERS SUMMER Arts Camps



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Random Acts of Kindness



Residents Caleb & Katherine Thomas Receive Random Acts of Kindness Award

Brother and sister Caleb and Katherine Thomas, St. Peters residents from Ward 1, were recently presented with a Random Acts of Kindness award by St. Peters Mayor Len Pagano and the Board of Aldermen. They were nominated for selling lemonade to raise funds for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in memory of their brother, Joshua. They raised \$689 to help fund the "More Than Sad" program in six high schools, which will help teens recognize the signs of depression and encourage students who are struggling to seek help.

To nominate someone you know who has gone above and beyond in an act of kindness, visit www.stpetersmo.net. Nominees must reside or own a business in St. Peters.



Messages From Our Elected Officials

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



Len Pagano
Mayor

Round-the-Clock Snow Removal

We've had some mild winters in recent years, but the winter of 2018-2019 looks a little different. We had a snowfall event of nearly 6 inches well before Thanksgiving and there's a chance we could be in for some more interesting winter weather this year!

As Mayor of St. Peters, one of the best compliments I receive is when

people tell me that during snowstorms "you know when you're in St. Peters because the roads are clear." I'm proud of the work our Snow Removal Team does, year-in, year-out, during the winter months. We have made snow removal a priority in St. Peters and it shows. Whenever ice and snow falls, we have a large fleet of heavy equipment and drivers working snow removal routes round-the-clock for you.

During a storm, the Snow Removal Team first works on clearing off arterial and major collector roads like Mexico Road, Mid Rivers Mall Drive, Jungermann Road, Willott Road and McClay Road. The team then moves to minor and local collector streets that drivers use to get to the arterial roads. Next, the team takes on residential streets. Our workers use a variety of trucks, some very large, as they clear snow and place salt and other de-icing chemicals. These drivers often have to fight through difficult conditions to make our streets passable and safe. If you're on the road, please steer clear of these large vehicles for your safety and theirs!

Another thing we can all do is remove cars, trash containers and any other obstructions from the street so that our snow plows can clear snow quickly and place de-icing chemicals evenly. There are some streets where parked cars have made it impossible for a plow to get through the street without burying the car in snow. If our plows can't make it through, it becomes a problem for all of the neighbors on the street. Please, if at all possible, park your car on your driveway anytime we have ice or snow. I know that some homes don't have enough room in their garage and driveway to park all of their cars off the street. When this is an issue, it truly is an opportunity for neighbors to work together to solve a problem. It can be an opportunity for people who have a little more room on their driveways to provide a temporary parking spot for their neighbor until roads are clear. Working together can benefit everyone on the street and make it easier for our snow plows to do their job of clearing roads for safer travel.

Learn more about St. Peters' snow removal and suggestions on how to clear snow in front of your driveway at www.stptersmo.net/Streets. We also accept applications online for the Driveway Access Snow Removal Program that addresses removing snow in the

public right-of-way in front of driveways of seniors and people with disabilities. Yet another perk of living in St. Peters!

My wife, Joyce, and I hope you had a great holiday season, and we wish you well in 2019 and beyond. Buon Capo D'Anno (Happy New Year)!

Our national motto, "In God We Trust."



Terri Violet
Ward 3

New Beginnings and The Journey

Welcome, 2019! What comes to mind when you hear the phrase new beginnings? Perhaps you think of a baby in a diaper with a sash when you think of the coming new year. Maybe you just got married. Maybe you're in a family that has a new baby. Perhaps you've started a new job or earned enough to purchase

a new car. Most of the time, new beginnings are exciting. The honeymoon, the laughter of a tiny baby, touring the new job site or how about that new car smell!

As we know, the excitement of new beginnings start to fade with the passage of time. Part of being an adult is learning how to flow and adjust as we take that journey through life. How about that new spouse! They aren't that "perfect" person you thought they were after all. The adorable tiny one you brought home from the hospital may not sleep through the night for a while. Studying constantly for the new job or a change in hours can be exhausting and possibly cause interruptions at home. You may need to pop a new car scent air freshener in that new-ish car to extend the feel.

I experienced a new beginning while living here in St. Peters when I began my journey as an Alderman. It has been one of the most exciting and rewarding positions of my life. Serving the residents of our great City is an honor and a pleasure. Many residents I represent have related their own new beginnings to me in my day to day interactions with them. I look forward to a new year ahead. As you may know, the landscape of our City, especially in Ward 3, is changing. There are a host of new beginnings with new jobs for hundreds of people just on the horizon. As we watch our City grow with responsible growth I look forward to being there for each and every resident. Whatever new you may be experiencing in your life, know that I am here to listen and to represent you. May God richly bless you and your family in this new year!

If you have a City-related need, please contact me at 636-734-1883 or email me at terrivioletward3@att.net. *Always remember that your concern is my concern!*

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Rocky Reitmeyer
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A Brand New Year for St. Peters to Serve You

When the skies let loose with the fluffy white flakes of snow, our street crews work intensively to maintain and repair our roads in an effort to control pavement failure caused by the extreme changes in temperatures. They do their best keeping up with potholes that occur, especially this time of year with the fluctuating temperatures.

The street crews will be out in force repairing and replacing pavement. Some residents have questioned how the determination is made as to where and when repairs or replacement of pavement is made unless there is an emergency that a pothole or deep crack that needs to be fixed.

The City uses a guideline we call the "Pavement Management Program" that is designed to provide well maintained, high-quality streets and sidewalks in our City at the lowest reasonable cost. A computer database contains maintenance records of every street in the City including the current pavement condition.

Planned levels of maintenance are carefully matched with available funds to achieve the best possible level of service across the City. That is a big task since we have nearly 550 lane miles of streets.

I am told that properly installed concrete pavement has a life span of about 35 years and that the average useful life of properly installed asphalt pavement is 17 years. You will see the Streets Department crews in your neighborhoods periodically sealing cracks and performing miscellaneous spot repairs to extend the life of the pavement.

Older streets in the City were constructed directly on a compacted soil sub-grade. Since 1998, all new pavement placed in the City of St. Peters has been constructed on four-inch thick aggregate rock base providing a harder, more stable base, which helps to extend the life of the pavement.

If you see a pothole in need of repair, be sure to report it. Call me and leave a message and I will take care of it for you, or you can report it directly to the City's Citizen Action Center at 636-477-6600, ext. 1225. Our crews will work to get the pothole filled right away.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas holiday, and all of us at City Hall are working for a great and prosperous New Year. Let's also keep our servicemen and women in our prayers and wish them the strength and courage to bring us back the freedoms we look forward to each day. If you see one of them in uniform, please stop and shake their hand and say "Thank You." It means a lot to them.

Please save those aluminum cans for our "Pennies for Patriots Program" and drop them off on the west side of City Hall in the Brown Dumpster or at Recycle City in the big Blue Dumpster.

All the money raised goes to the USO at Lambert Field for the guys and gals that serve us here and across the sea. It's a home away from home to make their stay comfortable. God Bless America!

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



Melissa Reimer
Ward 3

Winter and Hygge – A Time for Family

I have many friends that absolutely love the cold weather. I'm not one of them. If you see me out and about in frigid temps either I have to be out or whatever I'm doing is extremely important. What I do love, though, is the slower pace after the holidays are passed when there is more time to relax and keep out of the winter elements. The majority of off time is spent indoors being warm and cozy with family and friends and fewer distractions. There is a Danish word for that. It is Hygge (pronounced hoo-gah). Hygge might entail a roaring fireplace and playing board games with family and friends, drinking hot chocolate and watching movies under warm blankets, making delicious comfort food with the help of your children or grandchildren, or curling up with a good book and some hot tea. Hygge encompasses many activities but truly centers around enjoying comfort, warmth, nourishment, friendship and family. This is one thing that I do embrace about the winter months. I hope you can too.



Judy Bateman
Ward 2

Great Developments!

Welcome, 2019! With a New Year here, I thought that this would be a good time to review 2018 economic development in our great City and take a look forward at what is planned for 2019. So, hang on tight. Our City is on the move!

Our **Premier 370 Business Park** continues to grow with huge warehouse and distribution centers. A 300,000-square-foot spec building was completed on Parkway Drive near Truman Boulevard. Grove Collaborative opened a fulfillment center and RB added its third location

in St. Peters in a new 300,000-square-foot building on Premier Parkway. Amazon (855,000-sq.-ft. fulfillment center) and FedEx (450,000-square-foot distribution center) are under construction. And, a 375,000-square-foot spec building for office/warehouse is also under construction.

Shoppes of Mid Rivers, our new 270,000-square-foot retail center located at Mid Rivers Mall Drive and I-70 Service Road North, continues to add businesses. Ross Dress for Less, Uptown Cheapskate and Blaze Pizza opened at the new retail center in 2018, and Outback Steakhouse is under construction.

Mid Rivers Mall also added clothing retail company H&M, plus opened up a new Pop-Up Shop where local boutiques can rent on a weekly basis. American Eagle Outfitters is reinvesting with a remodel of their current location. And, Mid Rivers Mall is reinvesting with improvements to the inside and exterior, including upgrades to parking light lots and parking lot resurfacing. Cubesmart also is building an indoor storage facility on an outlet at Mid Rivers Mall.

Fresh Thyme market opened a 27,709-sq.-ft. grocery store with two additional commercial lots off Route 364 at Woodstone Dr.

Other notable openings in 2018 included three Regions Bank locations, Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers, Five Stars Granite processing, storage and showroom, Primrose School day care center, The Watering Bowl kennel, 311 Wine House & Beer Garden and a new Mid Rivers Motors building.

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Other projects under construction include Holiday Inn Express on Veterans Memorial Parkway, Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen on Salt Lick Road, Total Access Urgent Care on Mid Rivers Mall Drive south of St. Peters Square, Arrowhead Building Supply showroom at the former I-70 Shoppers Fair, and Mid West Gunite concrete swimming pool materials company on Mid Rivers Trade Court.

Check out page 6 of this issue of *My Hometown* for other major economic development projects from 2018, other projects planned for 2019 and new residential developments.

Sign up for the monthly Economic Update email newsletter at www.stpetersmo.net/subscribe to keep up with the latest news about St. Peters economic development.



Don Aytes
Ward 4

Join the Blue Cart Crew for Recycling

We talk a lot about how important it is to recycle with Blue Bags in St. Peters. If we did not recycle, your trash bill would be higher as it would have cost us extra to put it in a landfill. One major expense for our recycling program is purchasing the Blue Bags themselves. The cost to the City of St. Peters for Blue Bags has grown from around \$50,000 a year to about \$190,000 a year over the past decade. But, we haven't seen an increase in recycling during that time. This increase in cost is because many people used Blue Bags for regular

trash or other purposes besides recycling.

To try to save costs and keep our trash bills low, the City of St. Peters is moving to a subscription-only recycling system. To receive Blue Bags, you'll need to join the Blue Cart Crew and pledge to use Blue Bags only for recycling. You can go online to www.stpetersmo.net/Recycle or call 636-970-1456 to learn more and enroll today. Be sure to enroll in the Blue Cart Crew before April 1, 2019, in order to avoid any disruption in curbside recycling service.

Blue Carts will be ordered soon and delivered to people who are joining the Blue Cart Crew. When you join the Blue Cart Crew, your green trash cart will be replaced with a Blue Cart. You will use your Blue Cart for both trash and Blue Bag recycling the same as you did before with green carts. The Blue Cart will be 90 gallons, the same size as our green trash carts. Or, if you want to keep your green trash cart, you can choose to have a Blue Cart Crew sticker placed on your green cart instead of replacing it.

Here is the promise you make when you join the Blue Cart Crew: *I pledge to recycle with Blue Bags. I will not use Blue Bags for any other purpose than recycling, and I agree to periodic compliance checks. I understand that if I break this pledge, I could be removed from the Blue Cart Crew and won't have access to Blue Bags for curbside recycling in St. Peters.*

Please join the Blue Cart Crew and tell your neighbors that "the Blue Cart Crew needs you, too!"



www.stpetersmo.net/Recycle



St. Peters Home Improvement Loan Program Applications Are Available

Applications are currently being accepting for St. Peters' Home Improvement Loan Program, which provides funding for low-income homeowners with home rehabilitation project needs. Eligible applicants can receive up to \$5,000 through a no-interest, 5-year forgivable loan, for projects such as new windows, furnace & air-conditioners, roof replacement, driveway replacement or repair, and more.

To download an application or find more information about the Home Improvement Loan Program, visit www.stpetersmo.net. From the home page, click on Residents and scroll down to Community Programs. Select Home Help. You can also call 636-279-8279 and select option 2 to request a Home Improvement Loan Program application.

St. Peters Lawn Mowing Assistance Program Accepting Applications Feb. 4-15

Applications for the City of St. Peters' Lawn Mowing Assistance Program will become available online at www.stpetersmo.net beginning Monday, Feb. 4, through Friday, Feb. 15. The program provides lawn mowing assistance for a limited number of St. Peters



residents who are elderly or disabled and meet income guidelines. Applicants who are accepted into the program will be able to have their lawns mowed for them up to eight times this year, improving the livability and appearance of homes in St. Peters.

Find more information about the Lawn Mowing Assistance Program online at www.stpetersmo.net. From the home page, click on Residents and scroll down to Community Programs. Select Lawn Mowing Assistance.

You can also request ahead of time to have an application mailed to you after Feb. 4 by calling 636-279-8279 and choosing option 4. When calling, be sure to spell your name and street address and leave a contact phone number.

What's on SPTV



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- AM/PM rush hour traffic
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- City events & programs
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Be sure to tune in every Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. for a NEW episode of **UpFront St. Peters**. Upcoming stories include recycling progress in St. Peters, Prop Q project updates, what's new at the Rec-Plex, a look back at 2018 in St. Peters and a look ahead at events in 2019 such as Sunset Fridays concerts and Celebrate St. Peters.

YARD WASTE REMINDER FOR FEBRUARY

Curbside yard waste pickup is suspended in St. Peters for the month of February. During this break in curbside service, St. Peters Earth Centre will continue to accept yard waste. Earth Centre yard waste disposal hours for February are 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday. Residents who present a valid Resident Privilege Card may drop off up to 30 yards of yard waste per year at no charge. The Earth Centre is open to non-residents, however, fees apply. Learn more about the Earth Centre yard waste and compost center at www.stpetersmo.net.



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314-220-0653

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"We work very much one-on-one with families to make sure we're doing everything we can to help."

For the past 13 years, Brita has been providing accommodations and services to individuals with disabilities in the cities of



St. Charles, O'Fallon and St. Peters as part of the Parks and Recreation Partnership.

"My role is to help these cities work with individuals with disabilities," Brita said. "Primarily, my goal is to include and accommodate anyone with a disability who wants to participate in any parks and recreation program."

"Brita is just excellent at being open, listening and trying to coordinate things to make it the best fit for your kid and their activities," Megan said. "I think that gave us a lot more confidence to try anything. It opened my whole mind to more options for our daughter."

The first night of Layla's ice skating class, she was, as her parents predicted, anxious and upset. But after meeting the instructor, Ashley Kawalec, who has just the right amount of bubbly personality, Layla was able to calm down and eventually get on the ice for the first time.

"Her tears and worry were replaced with smiles, laughter and joy," Sam said. "I was so impressed with Ashley's patience and enthusiasm for helping Layla. We have tried many recreational activities, but this has been far and away our best start."

"Honestly, without her, Layla wouldn't have ever gotten on the ice," Megan added. "I thought that was really neat that she clicked

right away with Ashley. It made her excited to keep coming back. And I can tell you, if it didn't work the first day, she'd be fighting it every week. It's definitely helped to give her confidence."

Ashley has continued to work one-on-one with Layla every week, making a little progress with each class, with the goal of eventually getting Layla to join the group class.

"I think each time she's happier to be out there, inching away from the bucket, kind of trying to test her legs," Megan said.

"The first two weeks I don't know if she made it past the face-off dots on the corner," Sam added. "Last week she made it to the far wall and back. It's kind of pushing her beyond her limits a little bit, seeing what she can handle, and she's having fun."

When asked what she would tell other parents in a similar situation, Megan encourages them to just "give it a shot." Brita agrees with Megan and encourages parents who are thinking about getting their children with disabilities involved in a recreational activity to give her a call at 314-359-9970.

"Inclusion only works if people are able to get the support they need to make it work for everybody," Brita said. "It's very much about meeting the needs of the individual, and not just inviting them and welcoming them, but once they're here, working with them and problem solving with them so they can participate successfully."



Rec-Plex South Rink A Named Wilkinson Ice Arena

The Rec-Plex South Rink A ice arena was renamed Wilkinson Ice Arena during a ceremony on Oct. 13, 2018, to honor the memory of former St. Peters Assistant City Administrator Tim Wilkinson.



Tim's efforts with Jim Hofer and Tom Connors in the early 1990s led to the inclusion of ice rinks in the original St. Peters Rec-Plex facility that opened in 1994. He was one of the founders of the St. Peters Spirit Hockey Club in 1993. As Assistant City Administrator for the City of St. Peters, Tim led the team working to build Rec-Plex South and its two NHL-sized ice rinks. His passion for hockey, skills in finance and administration and his love for the City of St. Peters combined to help ensure the future of hockey for generations of girls and boys in our community.

Tim Wilkinson, high school and junior league hockey player, coach, amateur hockey booster and board member was inducted into the St. Louis Amateur Hockey Hall of Fame in 2012 in the builder category. He died in 2018 at the age of 60.



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Check one option below and fill out the form to join the Blue Cart Crew:

- Please replace my trash cart with a Blue Cart for recycling.
- I don't want my green trash cart replaced with a blue trash cart.
Place a Blue Cart Crew sticker on my existing cart instead.

What Ward do you live in? (leave blank if you're not sure)

- Ward 1 Ward 2 Ward 3 Ward 4

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____



Complete and mail this form to: BLUE CART CREW, RECYCLE CITY, CITY OF ST. PETERS, P.O. BOX 9, ST. PETERS, MO, 63376.

Or, bring the completed form to City Hall, One St. Peters Centre Blvd., or Recycle City, 131 Ecology Drive.



Q: Are My Recycling Efforts Worth It?

A: Yes, Because St. Peters Uses 'Dual Stream'

Have you ever thought about why the City of St. Peters asks you to recycle containers in one Blue Bag and paper goods in another Blue Bag? This is called a dual stream recycling system because you put both trash and recyclables in the same collection cart. Using Blue Bags to separate paper from containers leads to less contamination.

This dual stream system of recycling means that our recycling program in St. Peters works the best in today's market. As a result, our residents will continue to have the best recycling program in the state of Missouri without significant cost increases.

You might have heard that some communities are having problems with finding a market for their recycled goods. Those communities use "single stream" recycling, where all recycling is combined and collected in one cart. Single stream recycling has an inherent amount of contamination because all containers and paper are mixed together. An example of contamination is when a liquid or food item in a container contaminates the paper mixed in with that container. China was the No. 1 importer of single stream recycling,

but has severely restricted its imports due to the contamination of single stream recycling. Today, the market is saturated with single stream recyclables that nobody wants to buy.

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

The Blue Bag recycling system and processing facility at Recycle City has set up the City of St. Peters for long-term success. Our community truly is a model for recycling, and we are even working with some other communities that are interested in using our dual system processing service. These types of partnerships are a win-win for both those communities and ours, as they would be able to continue their recycling systems at an affordable fee and our City could develop another revenue stream to offset the cost of our recycling program.

Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net/Recycle.

2018 BLUE BAG RECYCLING WINNERS

Congratulations to our 2018 Blue Bag Recycling Contest grand prize winners:

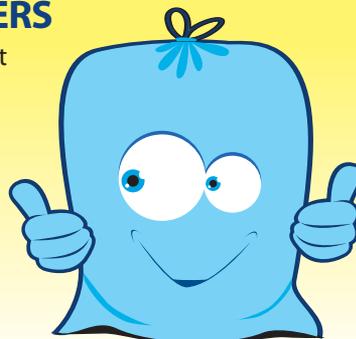
- Ward 1, Verna Turbeville, Windstream Condos
- Ward 2, Marilyn Lockard, Bellemeade
- Ward 3, Robin Caldwell, Oak Creek Hills
- Ward 4, Christine Spurlock, The Highlands

Each grand prize winner received a \$100 gift card!

A total of 12 residents, three from each ward, also won monthly prizes worth \$50 in our 2018 recycling contest.

Want a chance to win in 2019? See page 20 for how you can enroll in the Blue Cart Crew.

Members of the Blue Cart Crew are automatically entered for a chance to win prizes!



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THE 'BLUE CART CREW' NEEDS YOU!

Enroll Now to Recycle Curbside in St. Peters

The City of St. Peters' curbside recycling program is moving to a subscription-only service. Enroll now to be part of the new Blue Cart Crew! **Be sure to sign up for the Blue Cart Crew before April 1, 2019, in order to avoid any disruption in curbside recycling service.**

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

If you've already enrolled in the Blue Cart Crew, welcome aboard and thank you! Your new Blue Cart (or Blue Cart Crew sticker) will be arriving soon. You will continue to place regular trash bags and Blue Bags in your Blue Cart (or green cart with Blue Cart Crew sticker). Read more about this dual stream recycling system and why it works so well on page 19.

By joining the Blue Cart Crew and pledging to use Blue Bags only for recycling, you'll remain part of St. Peters' recycling effort that helps to keep your trash costs low and give recyclable materials a new life.

BONUS: As a Blue Cart Crew member, you will be automatically signed up for a chance to win prizes!

What if I don't enroll? If you don't join the Blue Cart Crew, you won't be able to recycle curbside in St. Peters beginning this spring. You will not have access to Blue Bags.

Why are we making this change? The new subscription-only Blue Cart Crew program will cut costs for recycling with Blue Bags. The cost to the City of St. Peters for Blue Bags has grown from around \$50,000 a year to about \$190,000 a year over the past decade without the benefit of an increase in recycling. This increase in cost is because many people used Blue Bags for regular trash or other purposes besides recycling.

Choose any of these ways to enroll in the Blue Cart Crew:

- Fill out an online form at www.stpetersmo.net/recycle.
- Call 636-970-1456.
- Fill out and submit an enrollment postcard that you can find during regular office hours at City Hall, the St. Peters Rec-Plex or Recycle City.
- Complete and return the form on page 19.

Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net/Recycle.

