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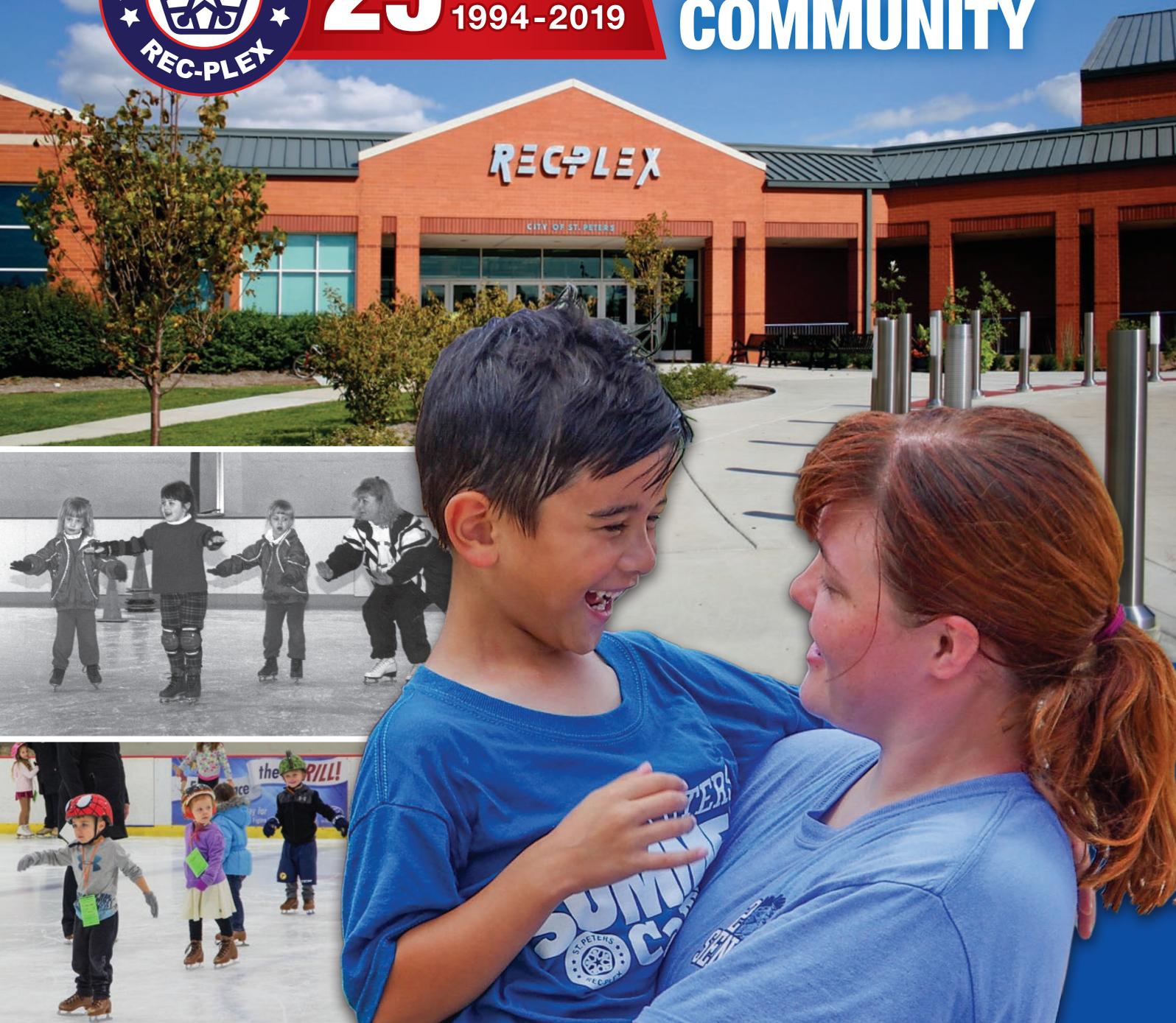


June - August 2019
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25 YEARS
1994-2019

**SERVING OUR
COMMUNITY**



INSIDE: Rec-Plex Party • Outdoor Pools • Bond Rating Up • Sunset Fridays 'On the Road'

ST. PETERS REC-PLEX 25th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

On Saturday, June 15, help us celebrate the 25th anniversary of the St. Peters Rec-Plex and what the facility has meant to our community since opening its doors in 1994. Bring the entire family for a FREE day of fun during this birthday bash! New to the Rec-Plex? Come see why the Rec-Plex continues to be an amazing place for friends, family and fitness—it's one of the reasons why St. Peters was named by MONEY Magazine as the 15th Best Place to Live in America!

Available Free Activities on June 15:

- Swimming • Ice Skating • Fitness Rooms* • Walking Track*
- Fitness Classes* • Youth Fitness Room • Basketball
- Giveaways • Memorabilia • FREE Refreshments

DJ SKATE with music and on-ice activities!

PAINT THE ICE! Come paint your own designs on the North Rink ice for a very cool 25th anniversary masterpiece!

Detailed schedule to come ...
visit www.stpetersmo.net/Rec-Plex.

*Age restrictions may apply

**YOU'RE
INVITED!**
**FREE & OPEN
TO THE PUBLIC!**



A Look Back



Rec-Plex skater Angelina Huang won gold medals in her division in 2014 & 2017 at the United States Figure Skating championships.

Former St. Peters Spirit hockey player Brandon Bollig returns to Rec-Plex South with the Stanley Cup in 2013 after helping the Chicago Blackhawks win an NHL championship.



Instructors Look Back at 25 Years on the Rec-Plex Ice

The world-class St. Peters Rec-Plex turns 25 this year, and two of its ice skating instructors have been along for every loop, flip and axel. Cindi Thomas and Pam Forster can hardly believe the longevity they have enjoyed, or how fast the years have passed. Both arrived in 1994 and have been fixtures on the rink and influences in the lives of their pupils.



Cindi Thomas

"It is a long time," Cindi said, adding that "sharing the joy of skating with kids and seeing a kid accomplish something" continue to provide her with a bounty of energy and a high level of motivation.

"Many, many times I've heard from parents that their kid was struggling in school and struggling with their self-esteem, and how skating turned things around," Cindi said. "That's a big deal. You develop really close relationships with (students). I

have one student I started teaching when she was 14, and she's celebrating her 40th birthday now. She's a dear, close friend."

Pam, who lives in University City, previously worked in outside sales but has never desired a return to that career since the Rec-Plex became home away from home.

"I enjoy the atmosphere. It's very family-oriented," said Pam, a mother of three, including 13-year-old twins. "The people that work here might not have been here as long as (Cindi and I), but they're getting close. Most people that start working here stay.

"I drive here every single day, sometimes twice a day. I like all the opportunities it offers kids — with any activity, but especially in skating. You can go to other facilities and they don't offer as many options. ... My kids grew up in this building. Even though we live in University City, this place is like home to them."

Pam often is reminded of the impact she has made on the lives of her students, whether she is shopping, eating in a restaurant or running errands.

"I have people walk up to me and say, 'Hi, Pam!' They remember me," she said. "They're all grown up and they're with their own kids. They have fond memories. Some (former students) come back and say,



Pam Forster

"I want my kids to take lessons from you because I took them from you."

Cindi and Pam, of course, have forged a close friendship. Their jobs occasionally are hectic and stressful, particularly as they coordinate and produce ice shows. But each is a sounding board for the other, and their years of experience enable them to overcome any emergency situations that arise.

"I've known Cindi since I started teaching skating," Pam said. "She was

teaching before I was, but we became friends early, right away. It feels like we kind of grew up together."

Cindi, who has two adopted daughters from Guatemala, ages 17 and 14, agrees.

"We've gone through a lot together," Thomas said of her relationship with Pam. "We've gone through so many competitions and bosses and students coming and going. We work well together. Pam's here all the time."

Cindi, who lives in St. Peters, also spends long hours at the Rec-Plex. She calls it a "second home" and, like Forster, has used the complex to instruct her own children on the ice.

"My car comes here all by itself," she said. "It's been an awesome place to work."

Come one, come all

Cindi and Pam are versatile. They can teach ice skating to kids as young as 3 or adults of 63. Students typically graduate from basic fundamentals — forward skating, backward skating, stops, edges, crossovers and others — to more technical skills.

Having patience is important for instructors and students, since there is no set formula for success and development on the ice.

"Some kids pick up something really fast and some kids take years to learn that same skill," Pam said. "No matter how simple or difficult it is, it's amazing. You get so excited for that kid when that happens.

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ISI World Championships Coming to Rec-Plex

Longtime St. Peters Rec-Plex skating instructor Mandy Whitacre will be wearing multiple hats at the Ice Sports Industry's World Team Championships.

The World Championships, scheduled for July 22-27, return to the Rec-Plex for the first time since 1998. Mandy was a referee judge last year when they were held at New England Sports Center in Boston. Things will be more hectic for Mandy this time around on home ice.

"I'm the mom of one of the skaters, I'm the coach of many of the skaters and I'm an ISI referee judge. It will feel quite a bit different for me," said Mandy, who expects at least 50 skaters from the Rec-Plex program to compete. "I'm excited. I'm really thrilled for it. I want all my kids to have a great time."

The World Championships are the biggest of six events held annually by the ISI. When they last visited St. Peters, the original Rec-Plex building was just 4 years old. The Rec-Plex now includes 12-year-old Rec-Plex South, which houses two of the three ice rinks the complex will use to hold the World Championships. The Rec-Plex also has hosted ISI synchronized skating championships and the ISI Winter Classic.



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It's Pool Time!

Rec-Plex Members Get 30-40% Off Pool Passes!

Are you ready for some summer fun in the sun? Check out The Cove at St. Peters -- our new aquatic center located next to Rec-Plex South, or enjoy the updated Laurel Park Pool for swimming, splashing and sun bathing! Plan your whole day around a visit to our pools ... concessions are available at each location. *Party rentals are also available at both the Cove and Laurel Park Pool.*

IMPORTANT: Bring your Resident Privilege Card to the pool for discounted resident daily admission rates. (A driver's license is not considered proof of residency.)

Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net/pools.

SUNSET FRIDAYS ON THE ROAD: Learn more on page 11 about FREE admission to The Cove at St. Peters from 6-9 p.m. during upcoming Sunset Fridays "On the Road" concerts.

Sunday, June 23 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.



www.stpetersmo.net/triathlon

ART EXPERIENCE Camps



At the Cultural Arts Centre:
Clay Camps (ages 8-12),
Fencing Camp (ages 10-16),
and themed Drawing/Painting
Camps (ages 6-12)!

ACTIVITIES & SPORTS Camps



At the Rec-Plex: Swimming,
ice skating, indoor/outdoor
games plus a weekly field trip!
Activities Camps open to ages
6-12. Sports Camps for ages
7-12 include baseball, basketball,
cheer, dance, flag football, soccer,
pickleball, volleyball, dodgeball,
Rink Rats hockey & figure skating!



2019 ST. PETERS SUMMER Camps



**Weekly St. Peter's
Summer Camps run
through Aug. 9**

Mon-Fri, 9 am-3:30 pm

Register in advance!

Before & after care available



Unplug & Play!

How a Water Distribution Study Saves Us Money

Maintaining low water and sewer rates for St. Peters residents is among the benefits of the City's Water Distribution Study.

The study is being performed by an outside consultant that will provide the City with a computer model of the piping network that distributes water from St. Peters' two supply points to residents and businesses.

Bill Malach, manager of Water Environment Services, said the study should be completed late this year. The City last had a Water Distribution Study in 1993.

'Our goal is always to keep our water and sewer rates low.'

~Bill Malach, Water Environment Services

"What the consultant will do is look at population trends, growth, our water service areas, how water is moving through the system," Malach said. "They'll build this computer model that represents our actual water system and then they'll load in the water demands. They'll run different scenarios and then it will show where we may have deficiencies within the water system. They'll come up with a long-term planning tool for us to improve the system, where we may have bottlenecks or reduced pressure or where we may need additional storage."

Based on information from the computer model, Malach said the City will have a 20-year plan to improve any weaknesses that exist in the water system. The model also will indicate areas that do not have weaknesses and can be left alone, thus avoiding any unnecessary expenses.

Malach said the City made several significant improvements to the water system following the study 26 years ago.

"That study focused on the rapid growth the City was seeing in the '80s and the '90s and projected us out for 20 years," he said. "They

had a list of improvements for us to do on a five-year time schedule." Those improvements included upsizing water mains and building water transmission mains to accommodate future growth as well as construction of two water storage tanks and a water distribution pumping station.

How does a study like this save the City money?

"Our goal is always to keep our water and sewer rates low," Malach said. "Addressing the issues ahead of time before they become high-dollar problems or catastrophic failures help us keep our water and sewer rates low. It will also evaluate pumping efficiencies and may identify improvements in order to save long-term energy costs.

"Water improvement projects are very costly, so you want to make sure you're spending the money at the right locations in town and not maybe oversizing piping, (which) would be additional costs, or undersizing it to where you have to go back and improve it. So, you select the correct size of pipe and (the report) tells us when we need to install the improvement. Or, we may not need it installed right now. Maybe we can defer it a few years."

Malach said that Premier 370 Business Park, with more than 2.6 million square feet of development either already opened or under construction, won't be taxing for the City's water system.

"The development that's going on out there is large warehousing, so there's not a large water system demand," Malach said. "Their priority is more on fire-flow protection. We're able to provide that fire-flow protection with no issues."

Another benefit to the Water Distribution Study, Malach said, is it will "identify areas where we can do interconnections with other water suppliers."

"For example, with our neighboring utilities, not only for them to supply us water in a catastrophic event, but for us to be able to supply them water, also," Malach said. "This water study will provide us those locations where we can do those interconnections."

PROGRESS ON ROAD PROJECTS

In between rain drops, the City of St. Peters continues to make progress on a number of major transportation projects:

- The **Mid Rivers Mall Drive Corridor Project** has entered its final phase. The \$2.35 million project will improve safety and reduce congestion at Mid Rivers Mall Drive and Cottleville Parkway by adding turn lanes. Work also will improve safety for an existing pedestrian/bike trail. Completion is expected this summer. This project is 80% funded through a St. Charles County Road Board grant, with another \$200,000 in federal funds for related trail improvements.
- Work continues on the **Jungermann Road Bridge Replacement**, and completion is expected by late Fall 2019. The \$2.9 million project will replace two deficient culverts, mitigate flooding issues and improve safety and access for pedestrians and bikes. This project is eligible to receive more than \$1,346,000 in reimbursement funding through the St. Charles County Road Board and East-West Gateway Council of Governments.
- Work is nearing completion for **Premier 370 Business Park Transportation Improvements**, which includes adding new traffic signals at the Premier Parkway intersections of Executive Centre Parkway and Lakeside Park Drive/Truman Boulevard, the Lakeside



Mid Rivers Mall Drive Corridor Project

Park Drive intersections with the Highway 370 ramps, and at two of the four entrances to the Amazon fulfillment center. The \$2.23 million project is 50% funded by a St. Charles County Economic Development reimbursement grant, with the remaining 50% by Duke Realty.

- Plans are underway for **Salt River Road & Arrowhead Industrial Blvd. Intersection Improvements**. The project will improve safety, reduce congestion and limit traffic disruptions along Salt River Road. The project is eligible for 80% funding from a federal grant and 16% funding from the St. Charles County Road Board.

Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net/Streets.



A lower bond rating means St. Peters taxpayers spend less to pay for City projects, including Prop P stormwater improvements.

Moody's Bond Rating Upgrade = Savings to Taxpayers

On May 2, Moody's Investors Service, a leading global credit rating, research and risk analysis firm, upgraded the City of St. Peters' general obligation bond rating from "Aa2" to "Aa1."

This is the highest bond rating the City of St. Peters has ever achieved, and among the highest ratings for cities across the state of Missouri. The "Aa1" rating is only one notch lower than the highest possible rating of "Aaa" (triple-A).

This prestigious upgrade means City taxpayers will be paying less to borrow money to fund future City projects. Just as individuals benefit by having excellent credit scores, the Aa1 rating will make it possible for the City to obtain the lowest possible interest cost on its bonds.

'The Moody's rating is a real vote of confidence for how we manage our great City.'

~Mayor Len Pagano

"We are very pleased to achieve this outstanding rating that places the City of St. Peters among the top-rated organizations. This rating is independent verification of the City's commitment to sound fiscal planning, sound fiscal policy, and sound fiscal results," said Mayor Len Pagano.

In connection with the rating, Moody's released a report stating that the City's credit "benefits from a large and growing tax base with the advantage of favorable resident income levels." The City of St. Peters also demonstrated a sustained trend of strong financial performance leading to healthy operating reserves. According to Moody's: "The recent trend of sustained positive



financial performance, coupled with conservative budgeting practices and multi-year financial planning, was a key driver of the improved credit profile."

Joy Howard, the City's financial advisor, noted that the assignment of the "Aa1" rating makes St. Peters the highest-rated city in St. Charles County.

The City applied for the bond rating in connection with a proposed refunding of \$3,790,000 of outstanding bonds sold in 2010 that are associated with stormwater control projects. Beth French, the City's Finance Director, said the refunding bonds are being sold by the City to take advantage of current low interest rates. At presstime, the sale of bonds was expected to be conducted on May 23 through competitive bids for the



lowest possible interest cost and highest possible savings—possibly more than \$200,000 in savings.

"The Moody's rating is a real vote of confidence for how we manage our great City," Mayor Pagano said, "and it reflects the team effort between staff and elected officials in planning the City's future, protecting our property values, keeping

the City viable for years to come and enhancing our quality of life."

A link to the Moody's release is available online at www.stpetersmo.net.

Residents Embrace New Blue Cart Crew Recycling Program

Judging by the early numbers, residents have embraced the City of St. Peters' new Blue Cart Crew curbside recycling program. About 6,500 of 18,000 single-family households joined the Blue Cart Crew since enrollment started last fall.

"We've had an outstanding response," said David Kuppler, group manager for Health and Environmental Services.

Residents' trash and recyclable items are picked up twice a week in the City's dual-stream program. Blue Cart Crew members may use their Blue Bags for recycling only — one for paper, the other for containers. Blue Bags should not be used for trash or any other purpose besides recycling.

Once filled, place the Blue Bags in your cart for your normal collection.

The compliance and education process is the next phase of the free subscription-only program. Compliance checks began May 1 and continue through the year. Residents who do not use the Blue Bags correctly will be notified and educated on what should and shouldn't go in the bags.

Kuppler said monitoring the program will be a key to its success and longevity. It's important, Kuppler said, that residents do not use their Blue Bags for trash.

"We have a team of individuals that will be going out on residents' collection day, before the trash truck comes ... and checking their carts," Kuppler said. "If we see the Blue Bags in there, we're going to make sure they're not used for trash. If we find they're used for trash, we would still pick up their cart. We're going to leave a notice at the home which says, 'You're using these Blue Bags improperly. Here's what you need to do.'"

If residents receive three notices, they will be removed from the Blue Cart Crew, with a six-month waiting period before they're able to apply for enrollment in the program. Upon re-entry, Kuppler said, they will be monitored more frequently.

"There are going to be some, we know, who just want to continue to get the bags because they want free trash bags," Kuppler said. "But that's not why we're in the business, and I don't think that's what the rest of our residents want. They don't want to pay in their fees to provide free trash bags to somebody else."

Kuppler is enthusiastic about the recycling program. Three thousand Blue Carts were distributed to residents. Pending approval by the St. Peters Board of Aldermen, Kuppler said more carts will be purchased and distributed to subscribers in March 2020.

When residents run out of Blue Bags, all they have to do is tie any type of plastic bag around the handle of their cart, and a fresh roll of 26 Blue Bags will be distributed. The cost of Blue Bags is included in the cost of providing solid waste to our residents.

Many communities have used single-stream recycling, which is when all containers and paper are mixed together. Mixing all the recyclables



together causes a lot of contamination, and the result is a product that nobody wants to buy. St. Peters uses a dual-stream system of separating paper from containers, which "allows recyclables to be contained, away from moisture," Kuppler said.

"When you start single-stream, you mix all those things," he said. "Paper sticks to cans, cardboard sticks to paper and everything becomes contaminated. ... The City of St. Peters has a very clean product which has a very low contamination rate. There are still buyers for that product."

And that benefits St. Peters and its residents by keeping costs low.

"If I take a plastic bottle and put it in a Blue Bag, we can take it, put it together with other plastic and sell it," Kuppler said. "That creates revenue coming into us. If we don't put it in a Blue Bag, if we just put it in a trash bag, it goes to the landfill and now we not only lose the revenue from it, but we have to pay somebody to put it in a hole. And environmentally, we're going to run out of holes in the ground."

Kuppler said St. Peters residents who live in apartment buildings, condominiums and other multi-family homes can participate in the City's Blue Crew program if they would like to recycle.

"We want to offer multi-family residents the same recycling program as single-family residents," Kuppler said. "They sign up for the Blue Crew, and because these complexes have large dumpsters in enclosures ... they can put their Blue Bags in there. All we do is deliver to their doorsteps a year's supply of bags, what we feel the average person (needs). If they need more, they can contact us and we'll deliver more Blue Bags to them."

Annual supplies of Blue Bags are delivered to multi-family customers the first week of January. As soon as people move into an apartment, condominium or other multi-family home, and register for the program, they will receive enough Blue Bags to last the remainder of the year.

Important to note is that Blue Bags are no longer available at any City of St. Peters facilities. Only subscribers may receive Blue Bags.

Residents may enroll in the Blue Cart Crew or Blue Crew at www.stpetersmo.net/recycle, or call 636-970-1456.

NEVER MISS YOUR TRASH COLLECTION AGAIN!

Want help remembering your next collection day for trash, recycling, yard waste and bulky trash? We've got an app for that!

FREE APP!

Visit www.stpetersmo.net/trash to check out the free STP Collects online app or download the app to your smart phone for helpful reminders about your next collection day ... plus, the app's Waste Wizard function can answer your questions about what you can recycle!



Cultural Arts Centre Updates

ARTS CENTRE EXHIBITS

ON DISPLAY NOW AT THE CULTURAL ARTS CENTRE:

Parental Love
Through July 7

Parental LOVE

Enter Your Work in an 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 for Celebrating Heritage Art Exhibit:

Works must demonstrate a culture and its traditions.

Receiving: 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday, July 8
Reception: 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 11

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

Celebrating Heritage

Can You See the Arch?

Mark your calendar for some interesting art from people all over the nation: The St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre will host a national membership exhibit for the Society of Layerists in Multi-Media (SLMM) Sept. 5-Oct. 27, 2019.

The theme is: *Can You See the Arch?* With the event coming to the St. Louis area, all of these artists will include an arch in their composition.

Interested in participating? Current national members of SLMM are eligible to enter the competition. Submit your entry by July 1.

Shirley Nachtrieb, a liaison for SLMM and an art instructor at the Cultural Arts Centre, said layering "is not a label for a particular style or medium — it's a diverse approach to art." "It doesn't necessarily mean using precise layers of paint, either," Shirley said. "It could be overlapping disciplines, such as science, philosophy, metaphysics and so on."

The SLMM National Conference, "Meet Me in St. Louis ..." is scheduled for Oct. 9-12 in St. Louis. The conference will come to St. Peters on Oct. 10 to visit the exhibit at the Cultural Arts Centre.

For more information, including an entry form, visit www.stpetersmo.net/arts or slmm.org.

2019 ST. PETERS SUMMER Arts Camps



REGISTER NOW FOR WEEKLY CAMPS!

This summer, give that young budding artist of yours an "Art Experience" they'll remember! Choose from themed Drawing/Painting Camps, Clay Camps and Fencing Camp.

Art Camps begin June 3—register in advance!

www.stpetersmo.net/Camps

UPCOMING BUS TOURS

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



IL Route 66 & The Carlinville Sears Houses:

8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Wednesday, June 19 • \$87

Enjoy driving along one of the finest remaining stretches of historic Route 66, between Staunton and Litchfield, Ill. Plus, tour one of the country's largest collection of Sears-Roebuck houses.

The Kosher Konection:

9 a.m.-4 p.m. • Thursday, Aug. 15 • \$78

A special guided tour of the St. Louis Holocaust Museum includes a film viewing of a Holocaust survivor. Also on the tour: Kohn's Kosher Meat and Deli Market, Temple Israel synagogue and an inspiring monument at Ohave Shalom cemetery.

Historic Cahokia and Cahokia Mounds:

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • Wednesday, Sept. 18 • \$87

Tour includes Cahokia Courthouse, the 1799 Holy Family Church and Museum, Our Lady of the Snows, and Cahokia Mounds—once the center of the largest civilization in North America.

REGISTER NOW: www.stpetersmo.net/rec-connect



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

JUNE

- 1 Family Fun Day**
CANCELLED DUE TO FLOODING
at 370 Lakeside Park
- 5 Planning & Zoning Commission**
6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 7 Sunset Fridays 'On the Road':**
Featuring *Acoustic Music Jam*
6:30 p.m., The Cove at St. Peters
- 14 Sunset Fridays 'On the Road':**
Featuring *Jackson Stokes*
6:30 p.m., The Cove at St. Peters
- 15 Rec-Plex 25th Anniversary Party**
7 a.m.-7 p.m., Rec-Plex
- 18 St. Peters Green Team**
5:30 p.m., Rec-Plex South Training Room
- 19 Bus Tour: IL Route 66**
Cultural Arts Centre
- 20 Senior Advisory Committee**
12:30 p.m., Senior Center
- 21 Sunset Fridays Concert:**
Featuring *Serapis*
6:30 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park
- 27 Board of Aldermen, Justice Center**
5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting
- 28 Sunset Fridays Concert:**
Featuring *Three Pedros*
6:30 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park

FIREWORKS NOT PERMITTED IN ST. PETERS

Stands Are Outside City Limits



JULY

- 3 Planning & Zoning Commission**
6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 4 Happy Independence Day!**
See holiday hours on page 11
- 12 Sunset Fridays Concert:**
Featuring *Dawn Weber and Swunk*
6:30 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park
- 12 Bus Tour: STL Nibble & Nosh**
Cultural Arts Centre
- 16 St. Peters Green Team**
5:30 p.m., Rec-Plex South Training Room
- 18 Senior Advisory Committee**
12:30 p.m., Senior Center
- 19 Sunset Fridays Concert:**
Featuring *Cole Blue Steel*
6:30 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park
- 25 Board of Aldermen, Justice Center**
5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting
- 26 Sunset Fridays Concert:**
Featuring *The Biscuits*
6:30 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park

AUGUST

- 2 Sunset Fridays Concert:**
Featuring *Oh Brother*
6:30 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park
- 5 Veterans Memorial Commission**
7 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 7 Planning & Zoning Commission**
6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 8 Board of Aldermen, Justice Center**
5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting
- 9 Sunset Fridays Concert:**
Featuring *Paul Bonn & The Bluesmen*
6:30 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park
- 14 Water's Edge Grand Opening!**
4:30-7 p.m., Water's Edge Banquet Center
- 15 Senior Advisory Committee**
12:30 p.m., Senior Center
- 15 Bus Tour: Kosher Konection**
Cultural Arts Centre
- 20 St. Peters Green Team**
5:30 p.m., Rec-Plex South Training Room
- 22 Board of Aldermen, Justice Center**
5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting

SUNSET FRIDAYS Heads "On the Road"

Flooding at 370 Lakeside Park didn't wash out our Sunset Fridays series of FREE concerts ... we took it "On the Road!"

Here are confirmed "Sunset Fridays On the Road" dates and venues, as of presstime:

- May 31, "On the Road" at City Centre (City Hall west parking lot): The Melissa Neels Band (Rock/Blues)
- June 7, "On the Road" at The Cove at St. Peters: Acoustic Music Jam*
- June 14, "On the Road" at The Cove at St. Peters: Jackson Stokes (Soul/Rock)
- June 21, "On the Road" at The Cove at St. Peters: Serapis (Rock)*
- June 28, "On the Road" at The Cove at St. Peters: Three Pedros (Pop/Rock)*

*Admission to The Cove at St. Peters is FREE from 6-9 p.m. for June 7, 21 & 28!

Bring your own seating to all Sunset Fridays on the Road events.

Future Dates (venues depend on availability of 370 Lakeside Park):

NO CONCERT SCHEDULED WEEK OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

July 12: Dawn Weber and Swunk (Swing/Funk/Jazz)

July 19: Cole Blue Steel (Country/Rock)

July 26: The Biscuits (Rock)

Aug. 2: Oh Brother (Rock)

Aug. 9: Paul Bonn & The Bluesmen (Blues)

Food service begins at 6 p.m., music at 6:30 p.m. for each event.

Get the latest event details at www.stpetersmo.net/Sunset.



Independence Day Holiday Hours

JULY 4

City Hall	CLOSED
Cultural Arts Centre	CLOSED
Municipal Court	CLOSED
Police Records	CLOSED
Rec-Plex	1-5 p.m. ¹
Earth Centre	CLOSED
Recycle City	CLOSED ²
Solid Waste Collection	MOVED ³
Animal Control	CLOSED ⁴

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

² Recycle City is closed, including aluminum can buy-back and trash acceptance. The Recycle City Drop-Off area will remain open.

³ Trash and Blue Bag recycling collection will be delayed by one day. Regular Thursday pick-up will be Friday, and regular Friday pick-up will be Saturday.

⁴ For emergencies only, call 636-278-2222.



Presented by the Greater St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce
Thursday, Sept. 5, 5-8 p.m.
 370 Lakeside Park • 1000 Lakeside Park Dr.
 Ticket sales begin June 1
 Early ticket pricing \$30; week of event \$35;
 Sales in groups of 10 or more, \$25 each



An all-inclusive ticket includes Savor selections from local restaurants, wineries, breweries and distilleries, along with LIVE entertainment and a beautiful sunset along the lake! For more information or tickets, call Greater St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce, 636-946-0633, or visit www.FoodFest370.com.

Please drink responsibly.

Summer is here, and it's time for backyard barbecues and parties. But with warmer temperatures come unwanted guests — mosquitoes.



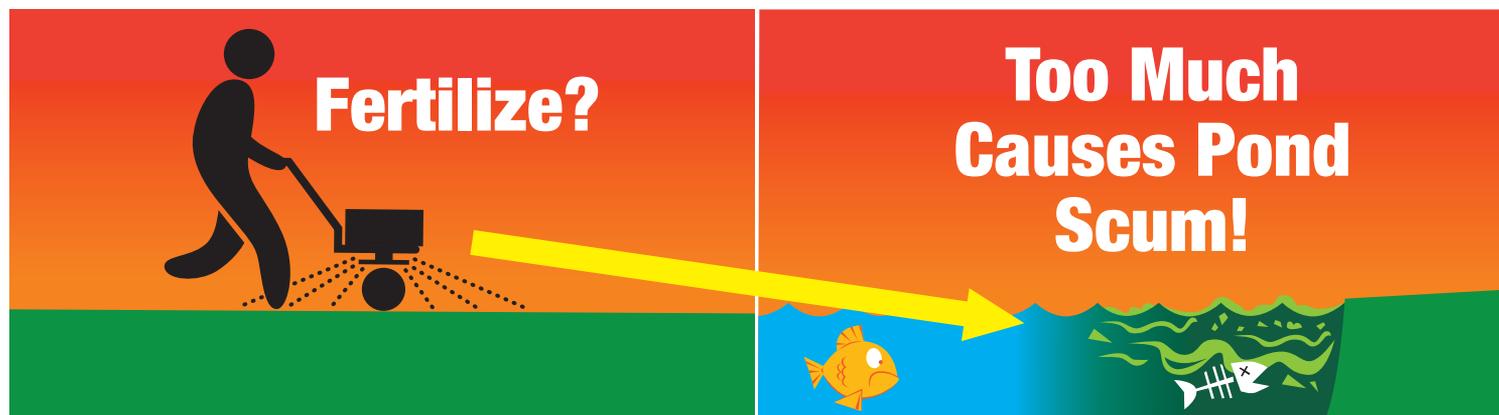
The pesky insects are not only annoying with their buzzing and their bites, but they can spread dangerous viruses like West Nile, dengue, chikungunya and Zika.



Here are some tips for dealing with mosquitoes:

- Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered repellent. Always follow label instructions and reapply as directed.
- Do not let water collect. Water left in buckets, wheelbarrows, flowerpot trays, gutters and old tires provide a fertile breeding ground for the rapidly reproducing mosquitoes.
- Wear light-colored clothing. Mosquitoes are attracted to dark colors.

For more information about mosquito control in St. Peters, visit www.stpetersmo.net.



You've probably never described yourself as a "pond scum grower" or "algae producer." But, if you're applying too much fertilizer or incorrectly applying fertilizer to your lawn or garden, that's exactly what you might become!

The City of St. Peters has worked with our neighborhoods to build some beautiful stormwater retention basins (ponds) with Proposition P sales tax dollars. And, we've also seen some of those ponds growing green algae, which is fed by excess nutrients from fertilizer. Algae is unsightly, causes odor problems and sucks oxygen from the water, suffocating fish and other wildlife.

Please keep in mind that excess nutrients from fertilizer can be washed into our waterways during the next rain or when you're watering. There are a number of ways to avoid becoming a pond scum grower. Here are a few:

- **Follow fertilizer product label instructions carefully**—over-feeding is actually a waste of money as your plants can only absorb so many nutrients.
- **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.
- **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.

The EPA has some other tips to avoid nutrient pollution, including planting a rain garden, installing rain barrels and other techniques to use natural processes to manage stormwater runoff.

Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net/Water.



Random Acts of Kindness



Nancy Hartbeck with her husband, Jerry (right), Ward 1 Alderman Rocky Reitmeyer and Ward 1 Alderman Joyce Townsend

Congratulations to Nancy Hartbeck on receiving a Random Acts of Kindness Award for her willingness to go the extra mile for her neighbors in need. Nancy was honored because she takes the time to help others, whether it's bringing a trash cart to the curb, taking a neighbor to the hospital or performing a special deed to comfort a grieving neighbor. It's these type of thoughtful and kind deeds that brighten people's lives and make our community a better place to live!

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.



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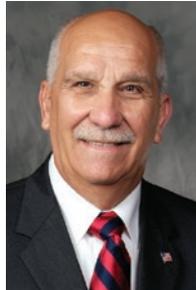
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Messages From Our Elected Officials

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



Len Pagano
Mayor

Our Secret to Success

I'm asked all the time—"What's the secret to St. Peters' success?" I think there are two simple words to use to answer that question: Stability and Professionalism. We've been focused on the goal of "St. Peters, 'My Hometown' – a beautiful place to live, work, play and visit." It's our Vision 2025 strategic plan motto. Our residents depend on our stability to be able

to deliver excellent services at the lowest cost or fees. Residents and businesses depend on our stability and professionalism to provide safe roads, neighborhoods and the *FasTrac* to economic development and jobs. Stability and professionalism results in evolutionary changes to our City, to learn and implement best practices and ideas and build on our success, long-term.

Stability in St. Peters provides for professionalism and integrity, looking for the right opportunities to propel our community into a bright and successful future for all of our children and grandchildren. Our future success builds on the confidence our community has in the planning, hard work and performance of our City's elected officials and staff—what we're doing now and what we were doing 30 years ago.

We're in the middle of our budget planning process right now, meeting with our professional City staff to review their plans for future projects, offer suggestions we've received from our residents and looking for ways to keep providing excellent City services at the lowest cost or fees. Most of our professional staff also works for our City for many years and they know our City operations inside and out. That's a big benefit for all of us because they know how to get the job done right! Unlike other governments around the metro region, our staff is hired because of their professional skills and education, not because of who they know or because they worked on someone's campaign.

I'll put it simply—there are no cronies, no political party appointees or favorites and that's the way we want to keep it in St. Peters! We have non-partisan elections in St. Peters—our candidates are not running as members of any political party, and that's different than in other cities like St. Louis.

Over the years our elected officials have been focused on being responsive to our residents and businesses, addressing concerns and making sure that we're making decisions based on a thorough review of facts, ideas, proposals, present and future costs.

Don Aytes has been one of those elected officials, recently retired from a career spanning 30 years of service to Ward 4 residents. He led the push for our recycling efforts. He put priorities into action helping the City save tens of thousands of dollars and helping keep our trash and recycling fees the lowest in the

area. Our recycling drop-off center has been named after Don and the cardboard collection locations around the City also carry his name. Good luck, Don, on a well-deserved retirement!

Our national motto, "In God We Trust."



Judy Bateman
Board President

Thank You for Four More Years

I want to welcome our two newest members of the Board of Aldermen. Ward 1 has elected Joyce Townsend and Ward 4 has elected Nick Trupiano. Congratulations to both of our newest Aldermen. They both ran a clean campaign. I look forward to working with them. I also want to take this opportunity to thank the

residents of Ward 2 for electing me to four more years as their aldermanic representative. I take my position very seriously and hope you will continue to trust me to work hard for you and our City.

I am also very grateful to our Board of Aldermen for electing me as their president of the Board for the coming year. The following commissions and committees and their liaisons are:

- Planning and Zoning Commission, Alderman Terri Violet, meetings are first Wednesday of every month
- Parks, Recreation & Arts Advisory Board, Alderman Patrick Barclay, meets third Tuesday of every other month (January, March, May, July, September and November)
- Senior Advisory Committee, Alderman Nick Trupiano, meetings are third Thursday of the month at 12:30 p.m.
- St. Peters Green Team, Alderman Joyce Townsend, meetings are held, as needed, on the third Tuesday of the month at Rec-Plex South
- Veterans Memorial Commission, Alderman Rocky Reitmeyer & Alderman Melissa Reimer, meetings are first Monday of month, as needed.
- Outpatient Surgical Review, Alderman Jerry Hollingsworth, meets as needed

Our community is rich with great resources in our volunteers and if any of these committees are of interest, please contact our Citizen Action Center at City Hall and fill out an application. Thanks for all of the great volunteers who contribute so much to better our City.

Enjoy our beautiful parks and trails this summer, and remember to shop locally and support our hometown businesses. Please contact me with any concerns or suggestions to continue to make our City the shining star it is.

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Rocky Reitmeyer
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Jobs, Jobs and More Jobs and So Much Going On!

We have plenty of jobs opening in St. Peters with a **new development, Central States Manufacturing Inc.**, under construction. Economic development is really booming in St. Peters! Take a drive through Premier Parkway and you can see huge projects like **Amazon, FedEx Ground, Saia, Best Buy, RB (Reckitt Benckiser), Dayton Freight and The Grove** in our new light industrial space.

At Mid Rivers Mall Drive and the I-70 North Outer Road, come out and see the exciting new **Shoppes of Mid Rivers**. This 250,000-square-foot retail development is almost full with the opening of the **Outback Steakhouse** that opened March 6. Plus, there are so many other new construction expansion projects throughout the City. It's a really exciting time for St. Peters!

Now we have jobs open for **Amazon** and all you need to do is go to **amazon.com** or **indeed.com** to get signed up. **Don't Wait ... Do it Now!**

Spring is here and it's time to manicure your lawn and get those flowers blooming. The biggest thing to remember is **not to blow your grass clippings in the street** and let the wind blow them down the sewer. That is the worst thing that could happen when the springtime rains come and then you will see what happens when the sewers back up. When you see a neighbor do this, please tell them or call me and I can get the message across. Then, if you see a commercial landscaper do this, please call me and I will be out at the site. **Call Ald. Rocky 636-485-5710.**

Are you ready for summer? I'm looking forward to one of St. Peters' newest traditions—the free **Sunset Fridays concert series!** We're not going to let flooding at 370 Lakeside Park wash out these fun events we took it "On the Road!" We have scheduled **Sunset Fridays "On the Road"** through June 14. Check page 11 in this issue of the *My Hometown* magazine for all of the latest details. **Remember: Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets for seating**—seating won't be provided at Sunset Fridays "On the Road" events.

I hope you are able to come out to the Veterans Memorial at 10 a.m. on **Monday, May 27**, when our Veterans Memorial Commission hosts the annual Memorial Day **remembrance ceremony**. The Commission always plans moving ceremonies and this year's ceremony will be no exception. **Please call all of your Veteran buddies** and have them join you and your family here at our Veterans Memorial.

Don't forget to **save all those aluminum cans** for our "**Pennies for Patriots**" program. Drop your aluminum cans off at the **west side of City Hall in the brown dumpster** and also at Recycle City in the big blue dumpster. We also have a collection container **inside the Mayor Tom Brown Senior Center**. All the money raised by sale of these aluminum cans goes to the USO at Lambert Field for the veterans who put their lives on the line every day and protect the freedom we cherish.

If you have a young person in your household looking for part-time or seasonal employment, they may want to consider the City of St. Peters. We have lots of jobs for the youth of our community working in the parks or helping out in the offices. Plus, there are plenty of part-time positions open at the St. Peters Rec-Plex. Just have them go to our website at www.stpetersmo.net/jobs to learn more about employment opportunities at the City of St. Peters.

Please remember that as your alderman, my door is always open. Contact me with any concerns you might have. **I am proud to be your alderman and value your comments. My phone is 636-485-5710 and my email is Alderman.Reitmeyer@stpetersmo.net.**



Joyce Townsend
Ward 1

Thanks for the Opportunity to Serve

It is with a humble and grateful heart that I write to you as your newest Ward 1 Alderman. I thank God for the opportunity, my husband and family for their support, my friends for their hard work during the campaign, and the voters who have placed their confidence in me as your representative in our local government. For those of you who didn't initially support me, please know that I'm here for you, and hope to convince you in the coming months that I am worthy of your trust.

My sincere appreciation goes to our former Ward 1 Alderman, Dave Thomas, for serving us well for the last 12 years. I know the dedication he showed to his City and his residents. I wish Dave and his family happiness, a well-deserved rest, and a new sense of direction as they move on to other pursuits.

While campaigning I enjoyed attending homeowner association meetings and walking through your neighborhoods. I met some wonderful residents with many questions and concerns. During the first several weeks of my term I have spent almost 30 hours touring our many City buildings and learning about the services we provide during a most thorough orientation process. We are indeed blessed with talented staff members here in St. Peters. I am confident of their abilities and their willingness to answer and explain their roles in our City's government, and will count on them to help me give you the answers you deserve and the service you expect.

As I mentioned more than once during the campaign, the St. Peters City website is a wealth of information. I suggest you look there for direct information about City services, activities, and programs. I have discontinued my Facebook page, as I was plagued by many inappropriate "friends" who had nothing to do with the City of St. Peters and had questionable motives. I sincerely apologize for any inconvenience to the many people who had communicated with me there, as I feel this is the right step for me and my family. Rest assured that you can always talk with me through my email at Alderman.Townsend@stpetersmo.net or my cell phone, 636-357-2789. And, any time you'd like to meet with me in person, I welcome an invitation and would be happy to hear your thoughts.

My hope for you is that this summer is full of special times that will live in your memories for a long, long time. God bless you and keep you safe as you enjoy all the City of St. Peters has to offer! Again, many thanks for the opportunity and privilege of serving Ward One.



Terri Violet
Ward 3

My Hometown Treasures

Are you interested in the arts? Some people aren't raised around theater or art museums so that type of activity doesn't come to mind when considering a fun way to spend an afternoon or evening. Some search for art shows and theater productions to fill their time off on the weekends.

Many years ago, my daughter entered an art show in the St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre called "Trash to Treasure." The show called for residents to use what we would normally recycle to make a piece of art. She collected boxes, wallpaper samples, plastic soda caps and other everyday objects to build a two-story miniature doll house. Each day as she gathered her "treasures" we could see her wheels turning with excitement. It got to the point that we would ask her if she needed something before it hit the recycle

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container. It was interesting to see her turn a plastic soda cap into a tiny hanging plant and to watch cotton balls transformed into bubbles for her little handmade bathtub. After weeks of carefully transforming her recyclables into a treasure, she ended up winning 1st place!

It was a wonderful lesson in reusing for our family when we were learning to recycle. This art show taught our children about recycling at a young age and it helped to teach them to think outside the box and to use their imagination. The Cultural Arts Centre is still helping children and adults alike experience the arts. They not only have art and music classes available, they also offer summer camps, have bus tours scheduled throughout the year and an Acoustic Music Jam that's held every Wednesday evening.

If you have a little free time, visit the Cultural Arts Centre to relax and to walk around enjoying the local works of art. Area artists have their creative pieces on display and some are for sale. If you aren't normally the arts kind of a person, give it a try and maybe you will find something that interests you right here in your community!

The Cultural Arts Centre is located in City Hall at One St. Peters Centre Blvd. If you have a City-related need, contact me at **636-734-1883** or email me at [Alderman.Violet@stpetersmo.net](mailto:Violet@stpetersmo.net). Always know that **your concern is my concern!**



Melissa Reimer
Ward 3

The Vegetable Garden

When I was a little girl I loved to spend time at my Aunt Connie's farm. Every spring she grew a large garden with many different kinds of vegetables. In the summer she and I would spend time going through her garden row by row and she would explain to me what each plant was. Looking back, one of my most cherished memories was helping her harvest her crops. After I had my children I longed for a vegetable garden. My Aunt had passed away before they were born and I was nostalgic. I finally received one for Mother's Day

after the kids were old enough to attend grade school. They helped me set it up and plant. I was able to explain to them what each plant was and they loved picking the vegetables and making meals with our bounty.

A few years have gone by now without a garden and I truly miss having one. There is something so satisfying about raising your own food. Enjoying a fresh tomato picked from the vine is a small but wonderful pleasure. So, this year I have once again requested a garden for Mother's Day. I'm sure that my family will manage to make it happen. We will need to find a way to keep the resident bunnies and squirrels out of it. Even though my kids are both teens I know that deep down they love to plant and harvest. Of course, it won't be nearly the size of my Aunt Connie's garden but there will be enough room for kale, cucumbers, squash, beans, and of course, tomatoes!



Patrick Barclay
Board President

'The King of Cardboard'

An end of an era just occurred. My good friend and Ward 4 partner, Don Aytes, retired from the St. Peters Board of Aldermen. He'll leave behind a great legacy. His effect on so many aspects in the community will be felt for many years to come. One of the biggest is his dedication and commitment to the recycling program here in the City. Don would go out and put staff in contact with new businesses that he spoke to about bringing their boxes and containers to us. He was also instrumental in working with the Health and

Environment Services department on the placement of dozens of drop-off dumpsters to make it easier for residents to recycle big pieces of cardboard that wouldn't fit in their trashcan. No longer did people have to drive all the way up to the recycle plant. There are many reasons he was bestowed the title of "The King of Cardboard". These are just a few, and I wish I had the space to tell you more.

Don will also be missed because he had a passion to be very personable with the residents. He took the time to listen and try and help them in any way he could. We were a perfect match because both of us always put those living in our ward first in everything we did. I'm sure that on some occasions I'll still call him to get his opinion and help on various things happening in the City. This is because over his 30 years in office he has accumulated so much knowledge and experience on a wide variety of issues.

With the April election over, the voters have elected a new partner to work with me in Ward 4. I'd like to wish Nick Trupiano all the best as he starts his term as alderman. I've known him for many years and believe he'll be an asset to the Board. His time as a member of several city commissions will help him with his new duties right away. Again, I want to wish Don a happy retirement and Nick success in his new role in St. Peters.



Nick Trupiano
Ward 4

Honored and Humbled

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the residents for electing me as your new Ward 4 Alderman. I am honored and humbled that you have placed your trust in me. Over the last four months I have listened to your questions, concerns and ideas that you have shared with me. I pledge to work hard to keep our neighborhoods safe and seek your input on a wide variety of things. This would include future growth, fiscal responsibility and preserving the quality of life we currently enjoy in St. Peters.

As I am sworn into this new position, I want to take this opportunity to wish Alderman Aytes a happy retirement. Although nobody can replace Don, I look to forward to serving with Patrick Barclay as his new partner in the southern part of the City. If there is ever anything I can do for you or your family, please feel free to contact me. Again, thank you for allowing me this opportunity to represent you on the St. Peters Board of Aldermen.





Don Aytes was honored at his final meeting with a special plaque and celebration with Mayor Pagano, fellow Aldermen and family members.

HONORING RETIRED ALDERMAN DON AYTES, 'KING OF CARDBOARD'

Drop-Off Recycling Locations Named 'Aytes Community Recycling Center'



Don Aytes served 30 years on the St. Peters Board of Aldermen. Among his achievements, Don's been a champion of recycling and was a big part of St. Peters developing into a leader in municipal recycling. He earned the title "King of Cardboard" for working hard to make sure this

valuable commodity was recycled. Alderman Aytes' support helped lead to the establishment of several cardboard recycling container locations throughout St. Peters. Alderman Aytes, who decided not to run again for office, was honored during his last Board of Aldermen meeting on April 25. The St. Peters Board of Aldermen welcomed members of Don's family, including his wife, Delores, and presented Don with a special plaque (see photo). Mayor Len Pagano also announced that the City of St. Peters has renamed Recycle City's drop-off recycling area as well as our drop-off cardboard recycling centers in honor of Alderman Aytes. Each center is called Aytes Community Recycling Center.

Thank you for your service, Alderman Aytes!



MESSAGE FROM FORMER ALDERMAN DON AYTES:

I have loved the position of Alderman, and I hope I pleased you. We moved to St Peters in 1982 when we had about 18,000 residents, a bedroom community, and now we have around 58,000 residents. I have said many times that being an Alderman has been good for me, and I hope I have been good for St Peters.

In one race, when three of us were on the ballot, I received 82% of the vote ... folks, you just can't do better than that. My niece who lives in Lee's Summit, Mo., and is a member of Lee's Summit High School swim team

was here to compete in the girls' state swimming championships this year and she said, "Uncle Don, you have a beautiful City and Rec-Plex." ... The Rec-Plex is 25 years old now.

The 370 area is being developed now and I believe you will be pleased with the tax base you will have. I have worked long and hard in recycling, and we have a nice nest egg for future expansion. Last year, we sold around \$780,000 worth of recyclables and that all went into the recycle account ... if you take into account the weight of articles for which we would have had to pay one and a half cents a pound to the landfill ... this is what is charged to use it ... we would have had to raise the price of our trash pickup to make up the difference, so you can see that Recycling pays off. ... No matter where you live you can use our containers in the drop-off area at Recycle City.

I could go on and on with stories that happened, but I just want to thank everyone for the support they have given me through the years. I have always been proud to say I was an Alderman from St Peters, so thank you again. God has already blessed all of us by letting us live in St. Peters.

Don Aytes, the Cardboard King.

AYTES COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTERS

Retired Alderman Don Aytes may be the King of Cardboard ... but you can be recycling royalty, too! When you're trying to unload a large amount of cardboard, you can always drop it off at one of our Aytes Community Recycling Centers at these locations:

- 131 Ecology Drive – Recycle City Drop-Off Center
- 4545 Central School Road – Jerry Burbes Support Center
- 4139 South Old Highway 94 – Salvatore's
- 1505 Jungermann Road – Jungermann Auto Body Inc.
- 755 Harvester Road – AERO (Phillips 66)
- 4057 Veterans Memorial Parkway – Battery Plus & Northern Tool

More options for recycling cardboard:

- Join the Blue Cart Crew and you can place small pieces of cardboard in your Blue Bag that you use for paper items and boxes.
- Larger pieces of cardboard can be placed loosely in your trash cart for recycling.

Learn more about recycling and how you can join the Blue Cart Crew for curbside recycling at www.stpetersmo.net/Recycle, or call 636-970-1456.

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I just try to make sure they keep moving forward."

Pam said that kids sometimes get to a point where they can't pass (progression) tests anymore. "They kind of plateau," she said. "But there are other avenues or different things we can do to make it exciting. Sometimes, you can learn skills from a higher level, even if you can't pass a level before it."

Cindi said kids "learn differently" during a normal 30-minute lesson, so an instructor must understand what's best for each student.

"Some of them are visual learners," Cindi said. "Some of them, you have to break down every tiny thing. You've got to understand their personalities and you have to develop that personal relationship, understand them."

The power of the mind is critical to success in all sports. Pam estimates that skating is "80 percent mental."

Part of maintaining a mental edge is to help skaters avoid burnout. Overloading them with information can compromise their development.

"Once a week is the minimum for lessons," Forster said. "Twice a week is best, I think. It depends on each kid's personality. There are some kids that could be out here every day and you could teach them every day."

Show time

Cindi and Pam collaborate on ice shows, arranging the program, creating costumes and conceptualizing the music. The Spring Ice Show this year, "From Rags to Riches," was held May 17-19. The 2020 show already is in preliminary stages.

Cindi most enjoys the productions, despite the craziness and last-minute details leading up to the shows.

"It's a very technical sport, but it's also a very artistic sport," Cindi said. "That's probably the hardest thing, to teach artistry and musicality. But that's the part I really love. I have a dance background, so I use that in my classes, too."

Organizing a show, Cindi said, is like "making a cake."

"The cake is all your technical elements," she said. "Then we put the frosting on, and that's adding the footwork and the connecting moves. Then we put the sprinkles on, and that's (working with) the arms and the head. We kind of just add the layers and eventually,

hopefully, it comes together.

"It's a magical thing to see it all come together. You think you're going to lose your mind at some point, then you stand there and watch and say, 'I did this.'"

Pam said a key to skaters succeeding in a production is making sure they look good while performing. Costumes are one thing, technique is another.



"Whatever it is they're doing, whether it's a three-turn or stroking or an axel, they need to look good doing it," Pam said. "That's our job as skaters — to make it look fun and easy even though it is hard work."

"That's what I drive home with my students all the time. When I see them skate, I want them to look good doing it. If they don't look good, they're probably not going to stick with it. It's hard work to get there, but once it looks easy, they feel like they've accomplished something."

During her career at the Rec-Plex, Cindi said the

2011 Ice Skating Institute (now Ice Sports Industry) Winter Classic is one of her fondest memories. A record 142 people — students, coaches and parents from the community — were on the ice at the same time. The former Winter Classic record was 97.

"That was huge to put that production team together," Cindi said. "It was really cool to see all the kids on the ice and everybody getting their medals. It was a highlight for all of us."

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"ISI knows we have the facilities that can handle this size of an event," Mandy said. She said between 50 to 70 teams typically compete in the World Championships.

Last year, there were skaters from Thailand and four other countries.

Age range of the skaters was 2 to 91. As many as 2,000 skaters (all ISI members), along with their families, could be in St. Peters for the nearly week-long competition, Mandy said. That means business could be

humming for local hotels, stores and restaurants.

"When we have skaters coming from across the world to our facility, we want to show them what St. Louis and St. Peters have to offer," Mandy said. "It can do wonders for our programs. It's exciting for our Learn to Skate skaters to hear about a national event being held at the rink. It will draw kids into our rink as well as adults."

Categories of competition in the World Championships include figures, footwork, freestyle, rhythmic, artistic, interpretive, couples spotlight, stroking, ensemble, solo composition, couples/pairs, synchronized teams, jump and spin, production, dance, hockey, pattern, family spotlight, kaleidoskate and team compulsory.

"There are some events that are super-fun to watch and entertaining, and other events that are more technical but still equally fun to watch," Mandy said.

"Skaters might be skating a program or they might be skating just the elements (axels, jumps, spins). Spotlight events involve props, costumes, elaborate presentations of ideas on ice. We also have group-number presentations that can involve over 100 skaters. ... We'll have duets, family spotlights, ice dancing. We even offer a hockey event. You'll see skaters out on the ice performing original compulsory (circular) figures. Just the gamut. You'll see everything when you come. Ribbon events, people throwing hula hoops around on the ice, you name it."

The event is open and free to the public. Check the ISI website at www.skateisi.org for scheduling information. For more information on the St. Peters Rec-Plex, visit: www.stpetersmo.net/rec-plex.

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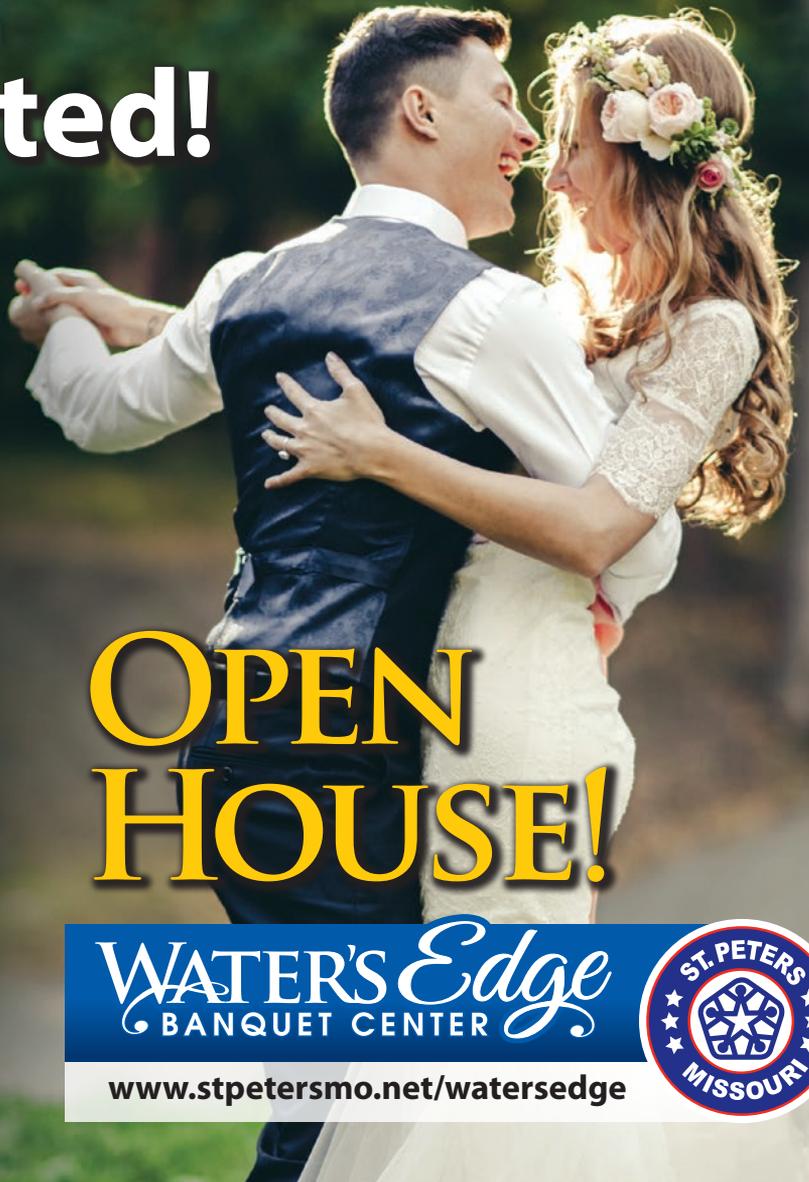
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