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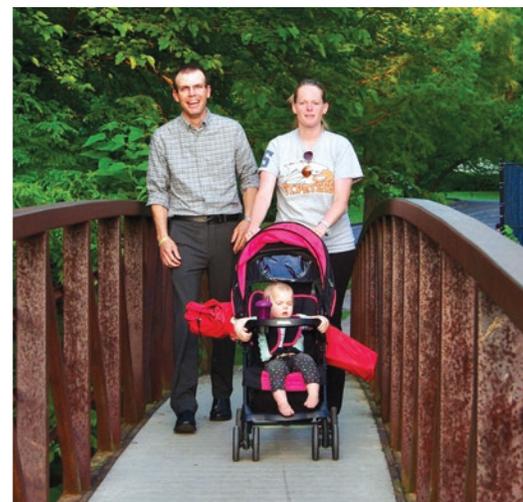


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THE GREAT OUTDOORS

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YOUR BACK DOOR!



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370 LAKESIDE Park

Your Hometown Getaway!



If you and your family are looking for a great way to get outside and have a fun time while being careful and safe—370 Lakeside Park is your hometown getaway and it's just a few minutes from your front door!

Summer “staycations” are nothing new at 370 Lakeside Park in St. Peters. From the day the park opened in 2011, 370 Lakeside Park has been the #1 choice for our residents and guests from all 50 states and several foreign countries as a great spot to have an afternoon getaway—or a two-week family vacation.

After being flooded out in 2019, 370 Lakeside Park is now bustling with activity as people enjoy many of the amenities available as the state reopens from the COVID-19 pandemic. We're open for all operations including camping, fishing, trails, archery and the membership-only St. Peters Rotary Club Dog Park. Visit our website at www.stpetersmo.net for the latest updates related to COVID-19, such as when the spraygrounds at 370 Lakeside Park will reopen.



Go out on the water, share a picnic lunch or enjoy a quiet afternoon on a park bench or lawn chair enjoying nature or a beautiful sunset at this 300-acre park. Many people are using the 5.5 miles of trails for hiking, biking or walking the dog.

Remember the first time you went fishing? The 140-acre lake at 370 Lakeside Park may be calling your name—or it may be the



perfect setting to teach a young person in your life how to fish. It's a “catch and release” lake. You can bring your own watercraft (no gas engines) or rent a canoe, kayak, paddleboat or Jon boat; or fish from the lake bank or the marina. The lake is stocked with bass, bluegill, crappie and channel catfish. One-day and seasonal fishing and boating passes are required (free for St. Peters residents). Passes are available for purchase at the RV check-in station, and the hours are sunrise to sunset.

Our RV campground at the park has 75 full-service sites, plus all guests of the RV Park receive St. Peters resident rates for fishing, boating, archery and stargazing passes. Reservations for the RV Park are limited.

Customers can call 636-387-5253 anytime to check for availability. For more information, call the number above or visit us online at www.stpetersmo.net/370Lakeside.

Pavilion rentals are now available but are subject to social distancing rules with lower maximum capacity limits and additional guidelines regarding sanitation.



COUNT ON ST. PETERS PARKS FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITY!

One of the great things about the City of St. Peters is the amount of park space and all of the multi-use trails we have to enjoy. We've certainly appreciated the chance to get out in the parks this year as we social distance during the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

The City of St. Peters has 25 parks covering about 1,283 acres of land, including 26 miles of recreation trails, playgrounds, picnic shelters and pavilions, athletic fields, golf course, archery range, BMX track, fishing ponds, and landscape areas.

Chances are you won't have to go far—77 percent of St. Peters residents live within a half mile of a park or trail and 92 percent live within a mile of a park or trail!

Before visiting our parks, please visit www.stpetersmo.net for the latest updates and information related to efforts to slow down the spread of COVID-19. At presstime, we planned to reopen park playgrounds, while basketball courts remained closed. Please follow social distancing and sanitation guidelines that are posted throughout our parks and outlined in rental agreements for athletic fields and pavilions. Practice social distancing by staying at least six feet away from others. Wash your hands frequently. And, avoid public spaces



if you are sick. If we follow those rules, we believe that our parks and trails will continue to provide a wonderful option for you or your family to get outdoors and stay active!

Learn more about our parks at www.stpetersmo.net/parks.

Check the City website at www.stpetersmo.net for any changes to operations or park rules related to COVID-19.



Horticulture Team Keeps Our Parks Looking Great!

Have you ever walked through a City of St. Peters park or traveled through a beautifully landscaped intersection or visited St. Peters City Hall and wondered, "Wow, how do they keep our parks and public spaces looking so beautiful?"

It's thanks to the hard work and planning of our City of St. Peters' Parks Department.

The Horticulture team is responsible for planting and maintaining the beautiful plants and flowers you see, in addition to thousands of trees in City parks, along right-of-way, and on other City-owned property. Hundreds of new trees are installed and maintained every year.

The Horticulture Department cares for about 80 smaller trees and tree seedlings in a small nursery until they're ready to be planted in a park or City right-of-way. The department will also order larger trees from local nurseries for use in its Memorial Tree Program, City of St. Peters projects and various right-of-way plantings. (You can visit www.stpetersmo.net/memorial-program.aspx to learn more about the Memorial Tree Program.)

Besides trees, the Horticulture team cares for three types of plants: tropical plants that must be housed over the winter, annual plants that

need to be ordered each year, and the perennial plants that grow in our parks and City grounds.

The designs for annual plantings are planned the previous year. The Parks Department bids the order for annuals in the winter and fulfills the order around the beginning of the year so that the annuals will be ready for delivery and planting in the spring.

The Parks Department chooses annuals by how they performed in the past. They always look for the hardiest and easiest plants to grow, and sometimes mix in new annual plants to see how they perform. They also like to change up the color and selection to keep the plans fresh.

The Parks Department's tropical plants include elephant ears, banana trees, hibiscus and cannas. Parks workers pull these tropical plants from the ground before Thanksgiving, and then store the tropical plants in the Parks Department facility on Boone Hills Drive where the plants get some warmth and window light to survive the winter.

Tropical plants are planted along with annual plants in the spring in various planters and pocket areas. This includes large planters at City Hall and elsewhere on City right-of-way, such as along Mexico Road and St. Peters Centre Boulevard and the intersection of Mexico and Grand Teton Drive. We also have pocket areas around Laurel Park Pool, Spencer Park near the park entrance sign, containers at the Mayor Tom Brown Senior Center, and containers scattered around the City Hall complex.

Maintenance of the park's perennial plants includes mulching the plant beds, cutting back perennials in the fall, and pruning the plants when necessary.

Here's one way you can be like our Horticulture team: Visit St. Peters' Earth Centre facility for St. Peters GOLD GROW biosolids compost to feed your garden. In all of the City of St. Peters' plantings, the Parks Department amends the native soil with nutrient-rich St. Peters GOLD GROW. Learn more about Earth Centre's GOLD GROW compost at www.stpetersmo.net/GoldGrow.

St. Peters Police Help Save Lives during Turnberry Fire



Nine City of St. Peters police officers were awarded letters of commendation by Central County Fire & Rescue during the May 28 St. Peters Board of Aldermen meeting for the officers' life-saving efforts during a three-alarm fire at 290 Turnberry Place, a three-story apartment building.

Officers Brian Bresnahan, Travis Scherder, Chris Mueller, Chris Long, Bryan Hoffman, Jeff Callaway, Ron Kuester, Lieutenant Clayton Alley and Sergeant Chad Kinsey were each recognized with an award from Central County Fire Chief Dan Aubuchon.

"The quick, decisive and intentional actions of these officers helped save the lives of multiple residents that night, placing their own lives in danger to evacuate the building prior to the arrival of firefighters," said Deputy Chief Jason Meinershagen. "Their efforts to find and account for every resident went above and beyond any

expectation from Central County Fire and Rescue personnel."

The fire, which took place on April 17 around 1:41 a.m., threatened the lives of 22 occupants at Turnberry Place apartments. Due to the large fire starting on the exterior of the building, many of the apartment's smoke alarms did not activate.

"Residential fires in the middle of the night when people are home and sleeping can be among the most dangerous since residents are often unaware of the danger," said Meinershagen.

However, police officer Ron Kuester was in the area at the time, and noticed the billowing smoke quick enough to call in for additional assistance before the arrival of Central County Fire and Rescue.

The nine midnight-shift officers went door-to-door to alert residents of the danger and safely remove them from the premises. These actions allowed fire suppression personnel to focus entirely on extinguishing the fire before further damage was done.

"The residents, businesses and visitors of St. Peters, along with your partners in the fire service at Central County Fire and Rescue, are fortunate to have these officers serving our community with dignity and with excellence," said Meinershagen.

"Officers like this are the backbone of our department," St. Peters Police Chief Rick Struttman said about officers working the midnight shift. "They're unsung heroes, but yet they do a lot of work for us, so I do want to say that I appreciate their work as well, and thank you to the Board for helping recognize them."

Thank You, St. Peters Cheer Committee!

The COVID-19 pandemic has been particularly hard on seniors. Our older adult population is at high risk, and unfortunately that means a lot of isolation and more need for support than ever. Here in our Hometown, that support is coming in a big way!

Many of our residents helped lift the spirits of isolated, homebound seniors through the St. Peters Cheer Committee. To "join" this committee, all you need to do is send well wishes to a senior telling them how much we are thinking about them during this difficult time. Mail your note, or letter, or Thank You card, to this address: Mayor Tom Brown Senior Center Meals on Wheels Program, 108 McMenamy Road, St. Peters, Mo., 63376. Senior Center staff delivers these notes and letters when they make meal deliveries to Meals on Wheels recipients.

The well wishes from the St. Peters Cheer Committee are making a positive impact on seniors' lives, Senior Center Administrator Teri Fletcher said.

"Those cards are doing a lot of good," Teri said. "We hear a lot of good things from people. Our clients appreciate it. Just that little bit of extra contact with other people helps."

More good news: In April 2020, St. Peters residents donated a monthly record of \$2,792.95 through the City of St. Peters' Meals on Wheels Voluntary Utility Round-up Program. These donations are especially helpful as demand increases for Meals on Wheels.

Teri said the Senior Center is extremely grateful for all of the help. "I cannot believe the generosity of St. Peters citizens," Teri said.

Learn more about Meals on Wheels and how you could help at www.stpetersmo.net/seniors.



Blue Cart Crew Recycling Updates

More Blue Carts have been delivered! Since the initial 3,000 Blue Carts were distributed at the beginning of the Blue Cart Crew program last year, we have received an additional 5,000 carts for Blue Cart Crew members! If you're a member waiting for your Blue Cart, leave your current cart out during your regularly scheduled trash pickup. This process takes time, so please be patient and leave your cart by the curb until 4 p.m. each collection day.

If you'd like to join our 10,900 other Blue Cart Crew members and recycle with Blue Bags, visit www.stpetersmo.net/recycle or call 636-970-1456 to enroll. There is no fee to subscribe.

When you join the Blue Cart Crew, we'll replace your green trash cart with a Blue Cart that you will continue to use for both trash and Blue Bag recycling. Or, if you want to keep your green trash cart, we will place a Blue Cart Crew sticker on your green cart.

You could also win a gift card just by joining the Blue Cart Crew! Blue Cart Crew members are chosen randomly for monthly prizes May through November and for a grand prize during a drawing at the St. Peters Board of Aldermen meeting in November. Monthly winners receive \$50 gift cards. Grand prize winners receive \$100 gift cards. Winners are chosen from each of our four wards.

Our monthly winners for May and June were:

Ward 1 – Angela Leonard-Moreau (Towns @ Belleau Creek)

Ward 2 – Thomas & Susan Getz (Hickory Ridge)

Ward 3 – Frank Purcell (Oak Creek Hills)

Ward 4 – Keith & Sheryl Boerding (Stone Ridge Estates)

Everyone wins when you recycle! Recycling "puts our landfill on a diet," reducing landfill tipping fees and allowing us to sell recyclable materials to keep your trash/recycling bill low.

Good luck in the contest, Blue Cart Crew members, and thank you for recycling!



NEVER MISS YOUR TRASH COLLECTION AGAIN!

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

Visit www.stpetersmo.net/trash to download the app to your phone.



PLEASE REMEMBER: BULKY PICK-UP IS FOR LARGE ITEMS ONLY

St. Peters residents can schedule a free bulky pickup on a quarterly basis. When you schedule a bulky item pickup, please keep in mind that small items and bags of trash should go in your trash cart and not out at the curb for bulky pickup. The large claw that you see in the photo here is not designed to pick up smaller items.

Bulky pickup day is only for large items that cannot fit into your trash cart.

Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net/trash.

HELP KEEP MOSQUITOES UNDER CONTROL IN ST. PETERS

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

For more information on mosquito control, visit www.stpetersmo.net.

Keep Your Pets Cool this Summer

City ordinance requires you to provide adequate shade, shelter, wholesome food and water for your pets when they are outdoors. The St. Peters Health Department offers these tips:

- NEVER leave your pet in a hot car. Temperatures rise rapidly and your pet could succumb to heat stroke in a matter of minutes.
- Heatstroke is common in both cats and dogs. Fresh, cool drinking water is the best choice for either pet.
- A refreshing cool-down with a wash cloth may also help your pet beat the heat. If you do this on a regular basis, they often start to enjoy it. Setting up a sprinkler or a child's pool can also be fun and helpful. Watch how your pets react to the movement of the sprinkler and if they like to run through the pool water.
- Always try to have water available even if that means having two water bowls. If you are walking your pets, try to keep them in the grass or dirt. Hot pavement and tar are just as sensitive on pets' paws as they are on our feet. After the walk, check their paws for pain or redness and use cold water to ease the burn.

- Good grooming is especially important for your pet's comfort and health. Depending on the type of pet, the animal may need less or more fur in order to stay cool. Speak to a groomer or veterinarian to see what the best case would be.
- Lastly and most importantly, make sure there is plenty of shade when your pet is outside. As the sun changes, be aware of what shade is still available.





REC-PLEX MAINTENANCE

Improvements at the St. Peters Rec-Plex this spring and summer have included a major Natatorium renovation project along with general maintenance and deep cleaning throughout the entire facility. At presstime, the Rec-Plex planned to reopen parts of its facility to Members Only within safety guidelines after closing due to COVID-19. Rec-Plex South ice rentals also were expected to reopen. For more information and updates regarding the Rec-Plex reopening plan, visit www.stpetersmo.net/Rec-Plex.



Cultural Arts Centre Updates

Art Show News

The Cultural Arts Centre has postponed three art shows—Flower Power, Star Light Star Bright and End of the Road—until 2021. Flower Power was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, while the other two art shows were moved to 2021 due to a restroom renovation project at the Cultural Arts Centre.

The next scheduled art show at the Cultural Arts Centre is the \$100 or Less Art Show & Sale from Oct. 22-Dec. 13.

Events and meetings have resumed in the Cultural Arts Centre banquet rooms under social distancing guidelines. Learn more about renting the Cultural Arts Centre for an event at www.stpetersmo.net/venues.



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

Bus Tours

The Cultural Arts Centre and tour guide Linda Koenig plan to resume the 2020 series of Bus Tours with these upcoming day trips:

ST. LOUIS HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, Aug. 13
9 a.m.-4 p.m. • \$98

HISTORIC WEST ST. LOUIS COUNTY HOMES

Friday, Sept. 18 • 9 a.m.-4 p.m. • \$110

TOUCHSTONES TO OUR PAST

Tuesday, Oct. 13 • 9 a.m.-4 p.m. • \$86

KIMMSWICK HOLIDAY SHOPPING AND ANHEUSER MANSION

Thursday, Nov. 5 • 9 a.m.-4 p.m. • \$97

TREE-MENDOUS ST. LOUIS HOLLY-DAY TRIP

Friday, Dec. 11 • 9 a.m.-4 p.m. • \$93

For more information about these tours, call 636-397-6903, ext. 1624.

Learn more about Cultural Arts Centre programs at www.stpetersmo.net/arts.

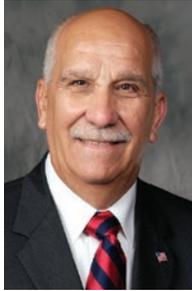
ADVENTURE Awaits!





Messages From Our Elected Officials

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



Len Pagano
Mayor

Economic Development Continues

We're experiencing some of the most challenging economic conditions I've ever seen. We're trying to recover, in a smart way, from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, even as we maintain social distancing and work to keep everyone

healthy while our medical professionals and scientists work on better treatments, a cure and a vaccine in the very near future. Many of our families have been touched by job loss, or a reduction in hours or salaries and furloughs.

While we don't have control over a lot of this, the research, the medical treatments, the decisions by business owners; we do have control on doing everything we can in St. Peters to encourage our existing businesses to stay here and grow, and to attract new businesses and jobs to our region. Our City is known for our **FasTrac** economic development philosophy and we're not stopping now. We continue to talk with businesses looking to come here. Those meetings haven't stopped—we're going to keep seeing more companies moving here and hiring more people for good jobs.

Already this year, DMI has moved into a building in Premier 370 with 111 jobs now and more on the way. They joined another company which opened their doors earlier—Central States Manufacturing with 88 new jobs, and you've probably seen the construction at the site of Medline Industries in Premier 370. They'll be hiring another 150 workers when that facility is finished.

With these new businesses, we've added almost 4 million sq. ft. of space and more than 4,100 new jobs in the last couple of years. That's just in the Premier 370 and Shoppes at Mid Rivers developments.

We're up to the challenge in St. Peters. We've got an outstanding community and our St. Peters **FasTrac** team will keep working hard to bring businesses here and grow those companies that have already become part of our St. Peters family.

Our National Motto: "In God We Trust"



Rocky Reitmeyer
Board President

Honoring Fallen Heroes on SPTV

Every year, our Veterans Memorial Commission hosts a special ceremony on Memorial Day to remember all of those brave American soldiers who lost their lives in the line of duty. It's a special event where our community pays its respects to the memories to these heroes. We must

never forget the sacrifices of the brave men and women who fought so that we could be free.

Unfortunately, this year, we were not able to host the Memorial Day ceremony. With the coronavirus, we need to keep our residents safe. The older population is especially vulnerable. That's why we chose not to have a crowd of people together on Memorial Day.

But, we still found a way to pay tribute to our fallen heroes. SPTV, our St. Peters TeleVision channel, put together a video that includes scenes from past ceremonies at our Veterans Memorial at City Hall. **You can still watch the Memorial Day Remembrance special on demand at SPTVnow.net any time you like.** I recommend checking out this special when you get a chance. It really is a moving tribute to the soldiers who gave all for their country. Just go online to SPTVnow.net to watch on any device.

Our service members in the U.S. Armed Forces are always there to serve our nation, even during this pandemic. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers, and show your appreciation for them whenever you get a chance! One way you can show you care is by saving your aluminum cans for our "Pennies for Patriots Program" and dropping them off on the west side of City Hall in the Brown Dumpster or at Recycle City in the big Blue Dumpster, or at the two large Blue dumpsters outside The Mayor Tom Brown Senior Center.

All the money raised goes to the USO at Lambert Field for the Guys and Gals who serve us here and across the sea. It's a home away from home to make their stay comfortable. This is a way we need to "Thank" them for the Freedoms we have today. God Bless America!

Please remember that as your alderman, my door is always open. Contact me with any concern you might have at 636-485-5710 or email me at alderman.reitmeyer@stpetersmo.net. I am proud to serve as your alderman and value your comments.

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Judy Bateman
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Put the Landfill on a Diet!

With the warmer weather this spring and the need to stay close to home, many of us have been doing lots of spring cleaning. Like many of you, I try to put the stuff in three piles: trash, keep and recycle. One of the questions I've been getting is "what can we recycle and what should be put in the trash?"

Our Blue Bag recycling program is very popular and more than 10,000 St. Peters households have joined our **Blue Cart**

Crew recycling program. You should only use Blue Bags for recycling, not for other things like regular trash or yard waste.

Here's what you can include in your Blue Bags:

- Paper-based products including newspapers (with inserts), magazines, telephone books, computer paper, junk mail, brown grocery bags, small pieces of cardboard like cereal boxes, shoe boxes, tissue boxes
- Containers like aluminum cans, glass bottles and jars, plastic containers, clear or colored with a recycle symbol on them (no #4, #6 or black plastic please); tin cans

Here's what you should not include in the Blue Bags:

- No light bulbs, plate or window glass, mirrors, dishes, Pyrex or Corning Ware, lead, crystal, or ceramics
- No wet newspapers or contaminated paper such as paper towels, tissues, food wraps, and sanitary products
- No plastic containers marked #4 or #6 or black plastic
- No plastic grocery bags, newspaper sleeves or yard waste

Recycling is a great idea for all of us. Let's all put our recyclable items in the Blue Bags and "Put the Landfill on a Diet!"



Terri Violet
Ward 3

Red, White and Blue

Are you a veteran or do you know of someone who is? St. Peters is a veteran friendly city that goes above and beyond to recognize men and women that have sacrificed some or all of their lives in our Armed Forces. From special memorial sites to the Veterans Memorial Commission, we work very hard to remember all that fought for and maintained our freedom.

The **St. Peters Veterans Memorial Site**,

located at City Centre Park honors all veterans from every branch of service. The idea for this site came from St. Peters residents that wanted to show honor and appreciation to all of those living in our community that served our Country. **The Veterans Memorial South** is located at the corner of Willott Road and Jungermann Road. This memorial gives honor to our Korean War veterans and our Vietnam War veterans.

The Veterans Memorial Commission, made up of all volunteer residents, helps to plan veteran ceremonies, events and will advise the Board of Aldermen in matters regarding veterans, as needed. I am honored to have served on this commission as a chaplain before I became an Alderman.

If you and your family would like to learn more about local veterans that served our Country, you could visit the St. Charles County Veterans Museum. Though it's located in neighboring O'Fallon, many St. Peters residents are recognized there. In the museum you may see their veteran memorabilia or you may see a fellow resident serving as a volunteer, myself included! The mission of this fascinating museum is to inspire, inform and engage the residents of St. Charles County to honor the memories of St. Charles County Veterans who served the United States of America with patriotic valor. This is a place that believes that **Every Veteran Has a Story!** If you want more information on visiting this museum, please contact me or find their page on Facebook.

My husband Jeff and I are proud to be United States Navy veterans. Serving our Country was a great honor and serving you here on the local level is something I will be forever grateful for having the chance to do. My email address is alderman.violet@stpetersmo.net and my phone number is 636-734-1883. **Remember, your concern is my concern!**



Melissa Reimer
Ward 3

Time for Reflection

Covid19 has certainly changed the world. I believe that at present we have more clarity; both in the air we breathe and in our priorities. Prior to this virus most of us lived our lives according to our monthly planners, condensing so many plans and appointments together that sometimes appreciation for the little things was left out. Like many families we are always going in different directions.

Work, errands, sports and school just to name a few of the many daily activities. And then we were told to stop it all. Wow! I would guess this was a first in most of our lifetimes and like you, this hit me on a personal as well as a professional level. I believe that society today has a difficult time being still. We like to be busy because that's what society teaches us to do. But as with everything, moderation is key and perhaps we were going overboard with our busyness and neglecting the need to also be still. I think that life was so nonstop for most everyone that when we were told to stop we could no longer distract ourselves from the reality of the fragility of life and see that our disconnection could lead to reconnection.

There are many things that I miss. I miss going to dinner with friends but I appreciate the walks with my daughter that we didn't have time for when life was "normal". I miss handshakes and hugs but I appreciate that more eye contact and conversation will help us make a better connection with others. I miss going to the movie theater but I so deeply appreciate family movie nights at home (a rarity for everyone to be home at the same time). Life is precious. It always has been and it always will be. We must always remember the challenges and successes of this time and use them as a tool for staying more in tune to ourselves and our families.

Holiday Hours

Independence Day

	Fri., July 3	Sat., July 4
City Hall	CLOSED	CLOSED
Cultural Arts Centre	CLOSED ¹	CLOSED ¹
Municipal Court	CLOSED	CLOSED
Police Records	CLOSED	CLOSED
Rec-Plex	OPEN ²	TBD ²
Earth Centre	OPEN ³	CLOSED
Recycle City	OPEN ⁴	CLOSED
Solid Waste Collection	NORMAL ⁵	N/A
Animal Control	CLOSED ⁶	CLOSED ⁶

1 The Cultural Arts Centre is closed during this period due to a restroom renovation project, although banquet rentals are available.

2 The St. Peters Rec-Plex opened to Members Only on June 15, only in the Fitness Rooms. Initial hours were Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-8 p.m. Visit www.stpetersmo.net/Rec-Plex for any changes to operations.

3 Earth Centre will be open Friday, July 3, only for yard waste drop-off. Product sales (GOLD GROW compost and mulch) will not be available.

4 Trash acceptance at Recycle City is available Friday, July 3, from 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

5 Trash/Blue Bag recycling collection and Brown Cart yard waste collection are unaffected by the Independence Day holiday this year.

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

NOTE TO READERS:

You might notice that this issue of *My Hometown* magazine is a little different. We have not included a calendar of events and meetings, because of the fluid public health situation related to COVID-19. The City of St. Peters continues to make decisions about program and facility availability based on the latest public health orders and guidelines. We urge everyone to be safe, follow recommended social distancing and hygiene habits, and stay connected with the City of St. Peters for the latest information. Please subscribe to our *UpFront* email newsletter for updates related to our events, programs and other developments related to COVID-19. You can subscribe to *UpFront* and find more information online at our City of St. Peters website, www.stpetersmo.net.



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Wind Down the Week with FREE Sunset Fridays Concerts!

A natural disaster didn't stop Sunset Fridays in 2019. We took Sunset Fridays "On the Road" last year to bring St. Peters' popular summer concert series to our residents despite flooding at 370 Lakeside Park. This year? With social distancing during a pandemic, citizens were not able to get together at 370 Lakeside Park again ... but the show still goes on! The City of St. Peters and SPTV St. Peters TeleVision created another way to bring Sunset Fridays "On the Road" to you!

Since May 15, SPTV has been airing Sunset Fridays "On the Road" to You every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Shows will continue through July 17.

The concerts are pre-recorded at the Cultural Arts Centre's Performing Arts Theatre without an audience. "It is different... but I feel the connection just to music, no matter how many people it reaches," said performer Wade Trent. "I know what it means to people. I know what it means for me, and just to be able to do it, to be able to share this means everything to me."

Other artists performing for the Sunset Fridays "On the Road" video series include Pete Sigmund, Dawn Weber and Swunk, Serapis and Two Pedros.

"It's awesome, because it still keeps musicians out there and it keeps the music going," Pete Sigmund said.

To experience Sunset Fridays "On the Road" to You, grab any device and watch these special concerts streaming live at STPVnow.net, or watch live on your TV at Charter Spectrum Channel 992 or AT&T U-Verse Channel 99.

"No matter how you want to enjoy Sunset Fridays 'On the Road' to You, keep in mind that we are bringing this concert series to your homes because we want to stay connected with our community," said Mayor Len Pagano. "We have to remember that while we are doing everything we can to stay safe, it's as important as ever to have things to look forward to. We love the crowds we get at 370 Lakeside Park, but we also just love bringing local entertainment to our residents!"

Sunset Fridays is presented in partnership with Mid Rivers Newsmagazine and K-WULF 101.7 radio.

Each concert will be available on demand at SPTVnow.net after it airs. Visit www.stpetersmo.net/Sunset for more news about Sunset Fridays.



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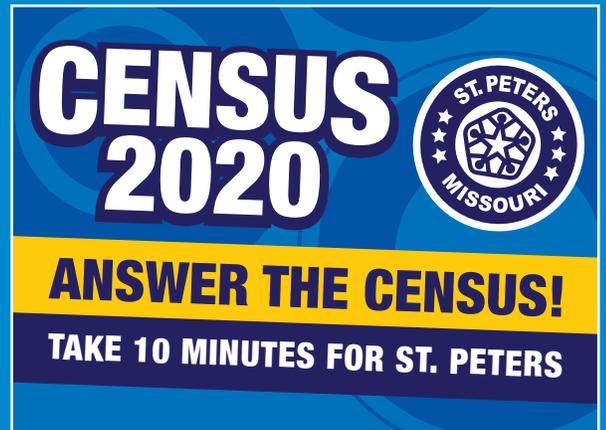


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We've been challenged:

St. Charles County municipalities are in a friendly competition: Who will be the first City to reach 100% participation in the 2020 U.S. Census? So far, we're doing pretty well: About 4 out of 5 resident households in St. Peters have answered the Census ... that's near the top for cities in St. Charles County. But, it's important that we count every person in St. Peters and all of St. Charles County so that we can draw our fair amount of federal dollars (\$675 billion worth), government representatives, and economic development opportunities. What do you say, St. Peters? Let's be Number 1 to reach 100% in St. Charles County! If you haven't filled out the Census yet, it only takes about 10 minutes. You can learn more and fill out the Census right now at 2020Census.gov.



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