

My Hometown



September-October 2019
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Celebrate ST. PETERS 2019

September 20-21

**AT 370
LAKESIDE
PARK**



Featuring:

Sawyer Brown: Friday, Sept. 20 | Head East: Saturday, Sept. 21

INSIDE: Road Progress • Golf & Banquet Opening • Flood Recovery • Swim with Sharks



Sawyer Brown

Friday Night

Country stars with 3 No. 1 hits, numerous Top 20 hits, and award for best vocal group!

Presented by **KFAV 99.9 & THE VIPER 100.7** | **MID RIVERS**
NEWSMAGAZINE



Saturday Night

Head East celebrates 50 years together and 45 years since their No. 1 album—*Flat As A Pancake*. Original band members will reunite & play the entire *Flat As A Pancake* album—LIVE!

Presented by **K-SHE 95**

RESERVED PARKING PASSES

\$20/St. Peters Residents* • \$25/General Public

Reserve your spot inside 370 Lakeside Park!

SOLD ONLY IN ADVANCE at City Hall or Rec-Plex.

Deadline for purchase is close of business Sept. 20.

CARNIVAL RIDES

Purchase Tickets or Unlimited Ride Wristbands separately

Unlimited Carnival Ride Wristbands**

- \$20 in advance at St. Peters City Hall or Rec-Plex from Sept. 3 through close of business Sept. 19
- \$25 at the event

FAMILY SPECIAL

\$49/St. Peters Residents* • \$54/General Public

- 1 Reserved Parking Pass
- 2 tokens for unlimited rides**
- Save up to \$21!

*Resident Privilege Card required for discounted rate.

**Unlimited ride wristbands good for either Friday 5-10:30 p.m. or Saturday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (Tickets for individual rides on sale at each carnival session.)



SEPT. 20 & 21

Celebrate St. Peters 2019 is going to be a classic: Legendary rock band Head East will put on a special 50th anniversary show on Saturday night! Friday's headliner, Sawyer Brown, will bring classic country to 370 Lakeside Park! Enjoy live music and entertainment, a carnival, vendors, kids' activities, fireworks and more! Did we mention the concerts are FREE? Watch for more details in the *UpFront* e-newsletter, on SPTV or at www.stpetersmo.net/Celebrate.



370 Lakeside Park

www.stpetersmo.net/Celebrate

**Live Music • Carnival
Family Shows • Food & Drink
Game Booths • Fireworks & More!**

YES, WE WILL BE AT 370 LAKESIDE PARK!

Flooding at 370 Lakeside Park presented challenges this year, but we're excited to announce that we will return lakeside for our 10th annual Celebrate St. Peters!

The park will be ready for another fun two-day event ... with some changes to limit activities on the lawn areas that were impacted by prolonged flooding (see below).

Schedule of Events

370 LAKESIDE PARK (All times are approximate)

FRIDAY, SEPT. 20

4-10:30 p.m.

Carnival Rides and Games/Vendor booths open

7 p.m.

Main Stage Entertainment, presented by Mid Rivers Newsmagazine, KFAV 99.9 FM and THE VIPER 100.7 FM:

Sawyer Brown

Opening: **Alyssa Lynn Little** and

Plastic Kings (featuring former members of Contagious)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.

Carnival Rides and Games/Vendor booths open

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Home Depot Kids' Workshop
NEW LOCATION: Corporate Pavilion

Noon-4 p.m.

Saturday afternoon performers

Vendor area music featuring:

- Pete Sigmund
- Wade Trent

Corporate Pavilion entertainment:

- Babaloo starting at 1 p.m.

7 p.m.

Main Stage Entertainment, presented by KSHE:

HEAD EAST

Opening: SFO Journey tribute band

Fireworks Show over the lake between acts!

Original members
reunite for entire
Flat As A Pancake
album

Major Event Changes:

- **Parking inside 370 Lakeside Park is limited to Reserved Parking Passes only.** Reserved Parking Passes will be on sale in advance only at City Hall and St. Peters Rec-Plex from Sept. 3-20 (details on facing page).
- Due to limited parking, arrive early and strongly consider using satellite parking at Mid Rivers Mall. FREE shuttles are available at all parking areas.
- Butch Wax and The Hollywoods performance has been rescheduled to a later date, to be announced.

www.stpetersmo.net/Celebrate



No coolers,
glass, pets
or outside
alcohol
allowed!





PROGRESS CONTINUES ON JUNGERMANN ROAD PROJECT

Jungermann Road Bridge Replacement construction continues this summer after delays related to an unexpected conflict with a utility company's major underground communications duct system.

The \$2.8 million construction project is expected to be complete in spring 2020 and will make Jungermann Road a much better roadway. Two box culverts located south of Margaret Brown Road and north of Country Creek Drive are being replaced and a portion of Jungermann Road near Country Creek Drive is being raised. The benefits of this project include: a better road for everyone to use; addressing flooding issues on Jungermann during heavy rain events; a new traffic signal at Country Creek; and trail, sidewalk and accessibility improvements. Construction of the project is 80 percent funded by a combination of federal and St. Charles County Road Board funds.

Culvert replacement, as well as intersection and sidewalk reconstruction, at Margaret Brown Road was completed in late June. Work is now proceeding to replace the larger box culvert, located north of Country Creek Drive, with a bridge structure. The west side of the bridge, roadway and sidewalk improvements are scheduled to be complete later this fall. This will provide some immediate relief for drivers at Country Creek Drive by providing a left-turn lane into Country Creek Drive.

Work at both the Margaret Brown Road and Country Creek Drive locations was delayed by an unexpected problem with a major AT&T communications duct system. This communications duct system provides service to a large number of St. Peters and eastern St. Charles County residents. (See the sidebar story to learn how this delay occurred.)

City of St. Peters taxpayers will cover about 20 percent of the cost of the \$2.8 million project thanks to our Transportation team's successful efforts to get reimbursement funding from other sources. Most of the project costs will be reimbursed through federal transportation dollars administered through the Missouri Department of Transportation and funding from the St. Charles County Road Board. While City taxpayers paid only \$2 of every \$10 spent on this project, it made the Jungermann Road Bridge Replacement more complicated because of working with a

variety of agencies, as well as the fact that the Jungermann area is a major corridor for utilities.

"Fixing this older road is a little like rehabbing a home. Once you get into the project, you can find things you didn't know were there. Unfortunately, that's what happened here, and we are sorry that the residents and drivers in this area had to experience these delays and disruption," said Burt Benesek, who oversees the City's Transportation and Development Services. "We are doing everything in our power to try to bring this project to a more timely completion. When complete, I think the community will be very happy with the project. It's going to make it much easier and safer to walk, bike and drive through this area of Jungermann."

While the Jungermann Road Bridge Replacement project is completed, another project, the P-29 Stream and Trail Improvement project, is also being finished. It will relocate an existing stream, plant trees and native grasses, and construct a new 11-foot parks trail along the east side of Jungermann Road resulting in two trail crossings at Jungermann Road: one at the Country Creek Drive traffic signal and the other under the new bridge just north of Country Creek Drive.

WHY THE UTILITY DUCT IS DELAYING THIS PROJECT

Before any construction work started on this project and it was being designed, all the utility companies with potential equipment, wiring, etc., in the construction area were given draft plans and asked to notify the City's consultant of any potential conflicts. AT&T reviewed their records and conducted field investigations. At that time, AT&T didn't find any conflicts with our project.

Construction began and the AT&T duct system was found to be shallower than expected—we had to stop construction to evaluate construction options. Relocation of a large communication duct system like this is difficult and time-consuming, and AT&T officials told us it would take 8-9 months to complete the move. To keep construction moving while AT&T moved their utility duct, our project team was able to modify the design and change the method of culvert construction at Margaret Brown Road but a similar workaround was not possible for the Country Creek Drive culvert.

In late spring of this year, AT&T told us their relocation work would take several months longer than they originally expected and that it would be finished in late August. To get work going on the Country Creek portion as soon as possible, City staff again worked with the project consultant, the contractor and MoDOT officials to make design changes to allow work to resume on the west side of the Country Creek bridge in July 2019. Weather permitting, the west side of the bridge, as well as west roadway and sidewalk improvements, will be complete in late fall of 2019. The overall project is expected to be complete in spring of 2020.

In other road construction:

- **Mid Rivers Mall Drive Corridor Improvements** are substantially complete. Improvements include: dual left turn lanes on northbound Mid Rivers Mall Drive onto westbound Cottleville Parkway; modified traffic signals and accessibility improvements; safer pedestrian/bike trail.
- **Premier 370 Business Park Transportation Improvements** were completed this summer. The project constructed lane and traffic signal improvements along Premier Parkway and Lakeside Park Drive.
- A project is planned at **Salt River Road and Arrowhead Industrial Boulevard** to improve safety, reduce congestion due to truck and shift change traffic, and limit disruption of traffic along Salt River Road.

GRAND OPENING

NEW St. Peters Golf Club & Water's Edge Banquet Center

Oct. 21 • 4:30-7 p.m.

St. Peters Golf Club, 200 Salt Lick Rd.

Please join the City of St. Peters for the Grand Opening event introducing our beautiful newly rebuilt St. Peters Golf Club! Enjoy live music, food and giveaways at Water's Edge Banquet Center as a "Thank You!" for the community support that made this Prop Q quality of life project a reality.

Come see how you can make your event dreams a reality to celebrate your important milestones: weddings, reunions, birthdays, anniversaries, charity events and more for up to 350 guests.

And see how our team can assist your business in planning a hassle-free meeting or corporate event with easy I-70 access, just 20 minutes from the airport!

Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net/watersedge.



2019 ST. PETERS GOLF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

MAKE HISTORY IN ST. PETERS!

Saturday, Oct. 12 • Register by Sept. 30

How many times in your life do you have a chance to say you were a champion ... and that you were first?

Well, you have that chance this year at the St. Peters Golf Club Championship! Be the first to etch your name in history at the new Caddy's bar and grill. Learn more and register online at www.stpetersmo.net/golf.

GOLF TOURNAMENT SERVICES: Choose St. Peters Golf Club for a fun, worry-free Golf Tournament perfect for fundraisers, business outings, team-building and more! Call 636-397-2227 today.



NEW AT ST. PETERS GOLF CLUB: Check out the new Caddy's bar and grill ... now open for lunch and dinner! Caddy's replaces the old snack bar at St. Peters Golf Club, 200 Salt Lick Rd. Enter at the new signalized intersection at Salt Lick Road and Veterans Memorial Parkway.



Golf & Banquet Center project near the end of construction

PROP PROJECTS

Dozens of stormwater management projects have been completed in St. Peters since voters approved Proposition P in August 2012. They have provided a tremendous benefit to City residents, particularly in what has been a rainy spring and summer. Prop P projects have prevented flood damage, beautified neighborhoods and improved the extensive parks and trails system that adds to citizens' quality of life.

One of the Prop P projects underway consists of detention and drainage improvements at Sun River Village Apartments north of Route 94.

The \$1 million project, under contract with Lamke Construction, began with tree clearing that had to be completed before April 1. That's when Indiana Bats, an endangered species, begin to migrate to the area following hibernation.

The bats roost in trees, and females give birth to one pup in their summer home. An estimated 65,000 Indiana Bats live in Missouri. Some trees in the path of the Sun River Village Apartments project had to be removed before the bats arrived. Plenty of other habitat remains in the sector where the improvements are being made.

The project is expected to be complete in December.

Residents on Kathleen Place are witnessing progress on a \$233,676 project that is installing a new storm sewer system to alleviate localized flooding.

S&S Utility Contracting Co. is performing the work, which is being completed just west of Brighton Park Road in neighboring St. Charles. New 36-inch pipe is being run from the east end of Kathleen Place and will connect with existing storm pipe to the northwest.

The completion date is expected to be in December.



Completed Project: Canyon Creek Basin



Completed Project: Country Lake Basin



Under Construction: Kathleen Place Drainage Improvements



Completed Project: Spencer Creek Improvements & Trail Boardwalk



Under Construction: Sun River Village Detention

FLOOD RECOVERY

Community Helping to Restore 370 Lakeside Park

370 Lakeside Park in St. Peters is steadily coming back to life.

The park was underwater for 80 days this summer when the Mississippi River swelled to four miles wide. During the height of the flood, the water was as deep as 20 feet, accounting for about 1.3 billion gallons inside the park.

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~Mayor Len Pagano

Volunteers in our community have helped City of St. Peters staff clean up 370 Lakeside Park so that we can restore the park and open it back up to the public. One hundred sixty-one volunteers participated in a cleanup project on July 27, picking up 2,180 pounds of debris along the slope of Lakeside 370 Levee.

“I’ve always been proud to live here and to represent the wonderful people who call this ‘My Hometown,’” St. Peters Mayor Len Pagano said. “This is one of my proudest moments. People were willing to give their time and energy to help us recover from the flooding of our beautiful park.”

Cleanup and restoration of the park will continue. At presstime, there was no word on exactly when the park would reopen. Find out the latest information online at www.stpetersmo.net.

Bill Malach, manager of Water Environment Services for the City of St. Peters, said that this year’s flood, in terms of duration, exceeded the Flood of 1993.

“When I heard from the (U.S. Army) Corps of Engineers that it was superseding the ‘93 flood in days over major river flooding, I realized it was going to be a historic flood,” Malach said.

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“That’s a 25-year levee, so it has a 4 percent chance of overtopping every year,” Malach said.

“When it got above major flood level, it just started overtopping as the (Mississippi) river levels continued to increase. The water keeps coming up and it just went over the top.”

The Lakeside 370 Levee, a 500-year certified levee that protects Premier 370 Business Park, never wavered. The flood reached as high as 8 to 10 feet from the top of the levee.

The volunteer cleanup event on July 27 was important because the litter needed to be removed from driftwood and other natural woody debris along the levee before the remaining park and levee cleaning could be completed.

St. Peters resident Mike Fujinaka attended the cleanup with his wife, Miranda, and sons Chris, 8, and Connor, 6.

“When we heard that the park had flooded, my youngest son was in tears because we love coming out here and biking,” Mike said. “He was like, ‘When is it going to stop flooding?’ Then when I saw there was an opportunity to help clean up, I was like, ‘Boys, we’ve got to go out there. The sooner this gets cleaned up, the sooner we can go out and enjoy the park we like to come to.’”

Casey Brown, of St. Paul, volunteered because she said her mother enjoys bicycling at the park. Casey was joined by co-workers from RB Manufacturing, of St. Peters.

“The overall turnout was wonderful,” Casey said. “It was a really nice day. We had a great breeze, it wasn’t too hot and it was fun to help give back to the community where we live and work.”

All of the grass at the park was killed by the water.

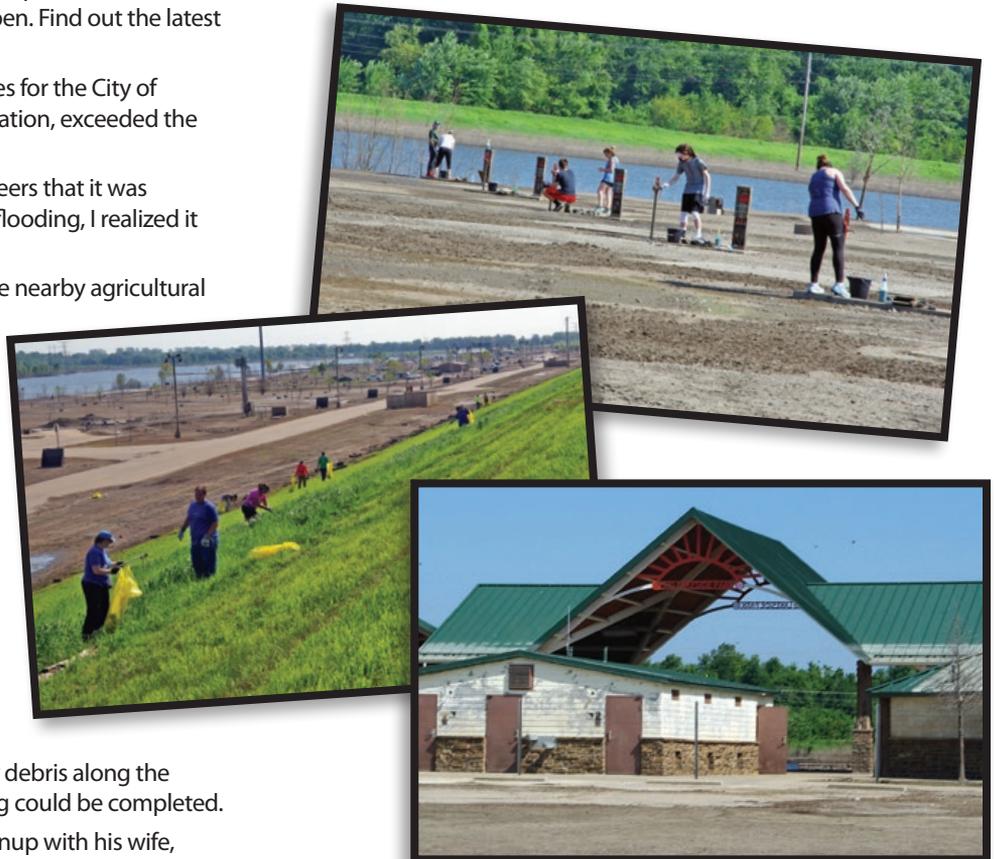
Sod has been laid in the park’s campsite areas as well as near the Corporate and Sunset pavilions, near the Marina, in the center island of the main parking lot and near the dog park. Other areas were seeded with grass or sprigged, a process of planting a small stem or shoot into the ground and letting it populate.

The RV parking lot will be sealed and the RV check-in deck will be stained, St. Peters Director of Park Operations Vicki Phillips said. Restrooms and showers will be repaired, cleaned and repainted, and all electric pedestals will be reassembled.

Cypress trees at the park withstood the flooding, Phillips said, as did many of the River Birch trees. The Black Gum trees did not fare as well. Some trees that were partially submerged survived; others did not.

There are hundreds of trees in the 300-acre park. Phillips said all of them will be evaluated to determine whether they remain or are replaced.

“It’s a big job,” Phillips said of the cleanup of the park. “We’ve never had this big of a mess and so much dirt. But eventually, it will be shiny, new and beautiful again.”





Wipes flushed down toilets can cause disruptive and costly sewer backups. Pictured here, our Utilities Department works along Mexico Road to unclog a recent backup near City Hall caused by wipes.



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

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

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

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

While consumers are free to purchase wipes for the home, the St. Peters Utilities Department is urging residents to throw them away in waste containers. *Wipes should be treated as a solid waste item and unsafe to flush—even if labeled "flushable."*

SL RAT HELPS DETECT SEWER BLOCKAGES

If you ever hear something in your neighborhood that sounds like an other-worldly message from "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," there's a good chance you're actually hearing the SL RAT checking out things below ground. SL RAT stands for Sewer Line Rapid Assessment



Tool. As the name implies, this tool can help our Water Environment Services group quickly detect whether there's a sewer line blockage. Two devices work together to send a sequence of sounds from one sewer manhole to another and determine if the sewer line is in good working order. The new tool helps Utilities crews detect blockages before they cause bigger problems.

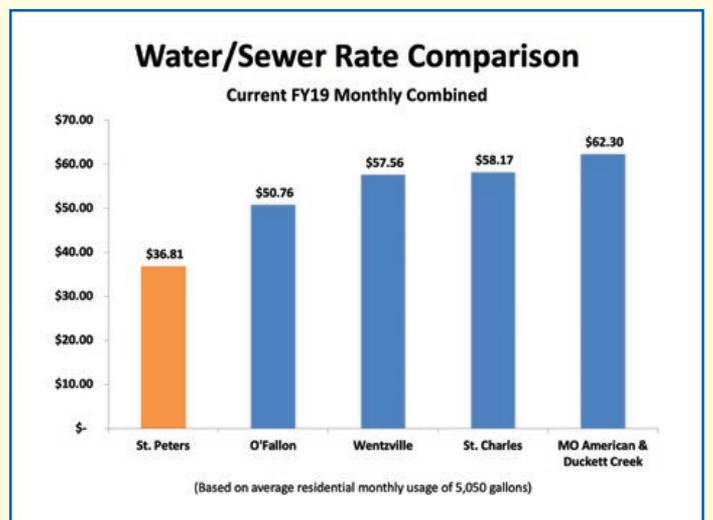
Low Utility Rates for St. Peters Customers

The City of St. Peters is committed to providing quality services to our residents and businesses at the lowest possible rates. Check out the charts here to see how St. Peters compares to surrounding communities for water/sewer services and solid waste collection.

The numbers here are based on information compiled in May 2019. Solid waste fees compare the cost of curbside trash, recycling and yard waste services based on twice-weekly trash collection.



Solid Waste Fees Comparison



Water and Sewer Rate Comparison

Recycle Right with the Blue Cart Crew

The City of St. Peters' Blue Cart Crew is off to a fast start with 9,200 households already registered!

There's always room for more. ... Register at www.stpetersmo.net/recycle for this free service! Or, you may call 636-970-1456.

Participation in the new Blue Cart Crew recycling program has steadily climbed in its first year, and residents are adapting to the subscription-only service.

Blue Bags are used to separate containers from paper and are placed in Blue Carts — or in green carts with stickers identifying the resident as a Blue Cart Crew member.

The Blue Bags allow containers and paper to be separated from each other to avoid contamination and allow recycled items to be sold while avoiding landfill tipping fees. This keeps our trash and recycling fees low while reducing waste.

Join the Blue Cart Crew and help "Put the Landfill on a Diet!"

To help us "Recycle Right," here are some tips for Blue Cart Crew members:

- **The first rule of the Blue Cart Crew:** Only use Blue Bags for recyclable items. Place containers in one Blue Bag and paper in another Blue Bag. As part of the program, residents agree to have their Blue Bags randomly checked to ensure they are being used for recycling only.
- **Water bottle caps:** When recycling water bottles, leave the lids on. They can be recycled. A lid weighs more than a water bottle, and the weight provides revenue for the City.

- **What about envelopes with plastic windows?** Yes, you can recycle envelopes with plastic windows along with your other paper.
- **Cardboard options:** Small pieces of cardboard can be included with paper in Blue Bags. Larger pieces of cardboard can be placed loosely in your garbage and will be recycled at Recycle City, 131 Ecology Drive.
- **Black plastic:** Unfortunately, we are unable to recycle black plastic.
- **Rinse, recycle and repeat:** You can recycle plastic containers by emptying their contents and giving them a quick rinse. The containers don't have to be entirely cleaned, but we suggest putting some water in the empty container and swirling it around to rinse. Then place the rinsed item in the Blue Bag for containers.
- **Soda bottles:** You don't need to remove wrappers from the outside of plastic 2-liter soda bottles. Just place them in your Blue Bag with other containers.

For more information on the City's recycling program, visit www.stpetersmo.net/recycle.



SENIOR FAIR

Oct. 5 • 9 a.m.-noon | St. Peters City Hall, Cultural Arts Centre

- Visit a variety of vendors and organizations.
- Talk about matters important to area seniors!
- 10 a.m.: St. Louis Strutters dance group (ages 50+) perform fast-tapping, high-kicking precision dance routines described by many as "contagious and magical."
- Family members encouraged to attend!

The Senior Fair is hosted by the St. Peters Senior Advisory Committee.

For more information, call 636-279-8207 or email volunteer@stpetersmo.net.

Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net.



Sip & Savor

Presented by the Greater St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce

Thursday, Sept. 5, 5-8 p.m.

370 Lakeside Park

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! For more information or tickets, call Greater St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce, 636-946-0633, or visit www.FoodFest370.com. Please drink responsibly. Check www.FoodFest370.com for the latest information.



SEPTEMBER

- 4 **Planning & Zoning Commission**
6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 5 **Sip and Savor Taste Event**
5-8 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park
- 12 **Board of Aldermen, Justice Center**
5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting
- 13 **Fall Ball Dance**
7-10 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 17 **St. Peters Green Team**
5:30 p.m., Rec-Plex South Training Room
- 17 **Parks, Recreation & Arts Advisory Board**
6 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 18 **Bus Tour: Cahokia Mounds**
8:30-4:30 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 19 **Senior Advisory Committee**
12:30 p.m., Senior Center
- 20 **CELEBRATE ST. PETERS**
4-10:30 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park
- 21 **CELEBRATE ST. PETERS**
11 a.m. -10:30 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park
- 26 **Board of Aldermen, Justice Center**
5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting
- 29 **Rookies & Rock Stars Triathlon**
7:30 a.m., 370 Lakeside Park

OCTOBER

- 1 **National Night Out** • 4-8 p.m.
- 3 **Planning & Zoning Commission**
6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 5 **Senior Fair**
9 a.m.-noon, Cultural Arts Centre
- 7 **Veterans Memorial Commission**
7 p.m., 370 Lakeside Park
- 10 **Board of Aldermen, Justice Center**
5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting
- 11 **A Tribute to Johnny Cash**
6:30-8:30 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 12 **St. Peters Golf Club Championship**
- 16 **St. Peters Green Team**
5:30 p.m., Rec-Plex South Training Room
- 18 **Halloween Spooktacular on Ice**
7 p.m., Rec-Plex
- 19 **Halloween Carnival**
4-6 p.m., HES Operations Building
- 21 **Golf & Banquet Center Grand Opening**
4:30-7 p.m., St. Peters Golf Club
- 22 **Halloween Concert**
7-9 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 24 **Board of Aldermen, Justice Center**
5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting
- 25 **Halloween Dance**
7-10 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre

HOLIDAY HOURS

	<u>Labor Day, Sept. 2</u>	<u>Columbus Day, Oct. 14</u>
City Hall	CLOSED	CLOSED
Cultural Arts Centre	CLOSED	OPENS at 3:30 p.m.
Municipal Court	CLOSED	CLOSED
Police Records	CLOSED	CLOSED
Rec-Plex	1-5 p.m. (1)	OPEN (2)
Earth Centre	CLOSED	OPEN (3)
Recycle City	CLOSED (4)	SEE NOTE BELOW (5)
Solid Waste Collection	MOVED (6)	NORMAL
Animal Control	CLOSED (7)	CLOSED (7)
Outdoor Pools	Noon-6 p.m.	N/A (8)

- 1 Rec-Plex administrative offices, Registration Desk, Tot Drop and Finish Line Café closed. Open swimming and ice skating from 1-5 p.m.
- 2 Rec-Plex Registration Desk closed from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 3 Earth Centre is open for yard waste drop-off only on Columbus Day (product sales available Tuesday, Friday and Saturday).
- 4 Recycle City will be closed, but the Aytes Community Recycling Center drop-off area will remain open.
- 5 Recycle City offices, including aluminum can buy-back, will be open from 8-11 a.m.
- 6 Trash, recycling and yard waste will not be collected on Labor Day. Trash, recycling and yard waste will be delayed by one day for the full week.
- 7 For emergencies only, call 636-278-2222.
- 8 The Cove at St. Peters and Laurel Park Pool end their season Sept. 2.



Saturday, Oct. 19 • 4-6 p.m.

Advance Registration REQUIRED

Come get haunted at the Halloween Carnival from 4-6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Health and Environmental Services Operations Building at 135 Ecology Dr.

This is a FREE event for families, although registration is required. The carnival is sponsored by Rob Hamann of American Family Insurance Agency.

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

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: A Chance to Connect With Neighbors, Police and Elected Officials

What Carrie McCrary likes best about the annual National Night Out event is the chance to meet and reconnect with so many neighbors each year. In fact, sometimes she even catches up with people who no longer live in her Spencer Creek North neighborhood. "In past years, we have had neighbors that have moved away from our area return for our block party," she said.

Carrie is one of the organizers in our community who help put on successful block parties on National Night Out. Sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, this event is essentially a neighborhood block party where local law enforcement officers stop by to mingle with residents. This year's event will be hosted on Tuesday, Oct. 1, in St. Peters.

A sense of community is established between neighbors at these National Night Out events. With the attendance of local officers, the event is meant to increase awareness of police programs in communities, such as drug prevention, Neighborhood Watch and other anti-crime efforts. When residents and local law enforcement work together, our community becomes a safer, more caring place to live.

With the opportunity to get to know police officers under positive circumstances, the St. Peters Police Department encourages participation and accepts invitations to block parties.

Each year, all residents are encouraged to turn their outside lights on and step outside between 4-8 p.m. to spend some time with their neighbors. Participating neighborhoods will typically have a potluck of some sort along with various activities such as yard games, inflatables and waterslides.

Mayor Len Pagano says, "National Night Out is a great chance for families and neighbors to get together to share food, plan activities and



enjoy each other's company. The more neighbors get to know each other, the more they can look out for each other and help keep their neighborhood safe."

Laraine Proctor, organizer for National Night Out at Bellemeade Manor, says her neighborhood has participated in National Night Out for about 7 years. She says, "The residents love getting together and visiting with the City Mayor, Aldermen, the Chief of Police, the (Fire) Chief, and their families as well. It's a great way to get out and show our support for a wonderful City and the wonderful first responders."

Barbara Oliver, who has been involved with National Night Out in Braewood for 8 years, says it's nice to have the elected officials, police officers and fire department present. She says a benefit of the event is letting the elected officials know who they are (as residents), and she likes getting to ask them one-on-one questions with their full attention.

Would you like to have a National Night Out block party in your neighborhood? To get involved, call 636-278-2244 or 636-477-6600, ext. 3550, to learn more and to request police visits to your party.

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR ON ICE 2019

Friday, Oct. 18 • 7 p.m. • Rec-Plex

The 11th annual Halloween Spooktacular On Ice will be held from 7-9 p.m. at the St. Peters Rec-Plex north rink. Friends and family are invited to come to the event in costume to enjoy ice skating, games, prizes and candy, along with a costume contest and a DJ. The Spooktacular, presented by the St. Peters Figure Skating Association, costs just \$10 and comes with skate rental. All participants must wear skates while on the ice. Register in person at the Rec-Plex, 5200 Mexico Road, by phone at 636-939-2386, ext. 1400 or visit www.stpetersmo.net/rec-connect.



St. Charles County Symphony Halloween Concert

**St. Peters Performing Arts Centre
Tuesday, Oct. 22 • 7 p.m. • FREE!**

Come listen to the St. Charles County Symphony Orchestra in this FREE family-friendly concert from 7-9 p.m. at the Performing Arts Theatre inside the St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre. Orchestra members will be dressed in costume and will provide Halloween-themed music. The public also is invited to dress in costume. Arrive early to secure a seat!

Visit www.stpetersmo.net/calendar for more information or call 636-397-6903.



SWIMMING WITH SHARKS

*Pictured: State champions
Autumn Looney and Courtney Harris*

Some Rec-Plex Swimmers Have Olympic-Sized Dreams

After 13 years as Head Swim Team Coach of the Rec-Plex Sharks, Erik Strom sees himself as more than just a swimming coach—he and his assistant coaches also help prepare their swimmers for life outside the pool.

“A good coach is able to communicate effectively,” Erik said, “and understands a swimmer’s strengths and weaknesses. Because swimming can be a life-long activity, all our coaches help students become better swimmers, as well as better people who are able to develop a form of discipline that encourages them to succeed in other areas of life.”

The Rec-Plex Sharks have been around as long as the Rec-Plex—both started in 1994 and are enjoying their 25th anniversary this year. The Sharks are organized through USA Swimming, the governing body that provides the structure of club teams throughout the country. The Sharks compete with teams from cities, school districts, parent groups, or YMCA clubs.

“Coaches serve as facilitators,” Erik said. “We all create opportunities to help the swimmers by using a holistic approach to the sport. We talk about more than just swimming on a competitive team and striving to get better. We talk about nutrition, hydration, staying on top of academics, and time management. They are aware that while swimming has its purpose, it can teach a lot about life and help them see the bigger picture. Swimming with the Sharks helps students grow into more well-rounded adults.”

Swimmer Success

The Sharks have been at the Rec-Plex since the facility opened its doors 25 years ago, and Erik says that during that time, the team has built a reputation for producing more than just quality swimmers, but quality people. “Olympic qualifiers come out of this team,” he said. “We also have a couple swimmers at the United States Air Force Academy, and one finishing his Ph.D. at NYU.”

Swimmers who succeed are like other athletes in that they have become invested, and internally motivated. “Coaches certainly help,” Erik said, “But swimmers have to want it for themselves and be willing to put in the work and find a way to get better. They may be racing a peer or talking to the coach about goals, or parents about nutrition. It could be as simple as going to bed earlier. These kids are self-driven.”

Sharks swimmer Autumn Looney is a great example of self-drive, having earned four state swimming championships but also

straight A’s on her report card. The St. Charles High 2019 graduate earned a half-athletic, half-academic scholarship to swim with the Kansas University swim team.

Autumn wants to be a great swimmer, but more importantly a well-rounded person. “I want to be known as the fast, smart and kind swimmer, not just a swimmer,” Autumn says.

She won the Class 1 division state title two years in a row in both the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly. Her junior year, Autumn won her first two state titles just five months after hip surgery. She wasn’t expected to swim at state, but with a lot



of physical therapy and determination, Autumn ended up on the gold medal stand in front of a home crowd at the Rec-Plex.

Moving forward, Autumn has bigger goals. “I want to go to the Olympics,” she says. “Deep down, I know I can

do it. I know I have the dedication, and if I train well, I will have the strength to get there.”

Another Sharks swimmer to watch is Courtney Harris, a senior at Fort Zumwalt West who is also a state champion and has drawn interest from several colleges. “She’s been with us for seven years, and it’s been fun to see her grow up,” Erik said. “We really try to make sure the swimmers are having fun, learning and improving.”

The Teams

Most swimmers come to the Sharks from word-of-mouth referrals. The largest number of swimmers on the team has been around 230 or 240, but they try to manage coach-to-swimmer ratio so they can communicate with kids individually, as well as for the athlete’s safety. Erik said a lot of younger kids participated in summer leagues through neighborhood pools, then came to swim with the Sharks, had fun, made some new friends, and improved.

Friendships also go a long way. Some have been with the team since they were 7 or 8 years old, gone through schools together, and developed strong bonds. “We see the different dynamic personalities work together to succeed,” Erik said.

The Sharks have six levels of competition, ranging from introductory to top level performers gearing for local championships and more regional and national meets.

Each group has different training requirements. Some of the younger groups work primarily in the water, while older students combine training in the water with weights and other equipment at the Dynamic Training Center (DTC).



Random Acts of Kindness

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Doug Williams (center), Ward 3 Alderman Terri Violet (right) and Ward 3 Alderman Melissa Reimer (far right)

Congratulations to Doug Williams on receiving a Random Acts of Kindness Award for going out of his way to help elderly neighbors with snow removal and other maintenance needs. Without hesitation, Doug steps in to make sure these seniors have a clear driveway and front walk after a snow storm. He does this without being asked, a testament to his character and kindness. Thank you, Doug, for the good deeds you perform that make a world of difference for your neighbors!



Marc & Laura Barmeier with Ward 2 Alderman Judy Bateman and Ward 2 Alderman Jerry Hollingsworth

Congratulations to Laura and Marc Barmeier on receiving a Random Acts of Kindness Award for going out of their way to help neighbors in need. Their Random Acts of Kindness include shoveling snow from a senior's driveway, cutting the grass for someone recovering from surgery and getting medicine and groceries for a senior in need. Laura and Marc are described as an "Angel Family" by one neighbor—a shining example of the type of people whose kindness makes 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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Messages From Our Elected Officials

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



Len Pagano
Mayor

You Came Up Big Again!

"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another."

~ Erma Bombeck

I love this quote from Erma Bombeck. We see this every day in St. Peters and we really saw a tremendous group of volunteers who came out to help with the

clean-up of our beloved community gem—370 Lakeside Park.

We put the word out and you came through in a big way! We had 161 volunteers answering the call to help us get leftover trash off the levee so that we could get the big clean-up underway and get the park back in shape for all of us to enjoy again. We had people come out who've helped in the past at our Clean Streams events. We had families come to help. We even had a group of Lindenwood University athletes and coaches who jumped in and helped make a difference in our community.

I've always been proud to live here and to represent the wonderful people who call this "My Hometown." This is one of my proudest moments. People were willing to give their time and energy to help us recover from the flooding of our beautiful park.

Even if you weren't able to help out with the park cleanup, so many of you lend a hand in so many ways in St. Peters. We recently crossed the \$100,000 mark in donations to our St. Peters Senior Center Meals on Wheels program. That's right, since 2011, you've chipped in through our Voluntary Utility Bill Roundup program to contribute more than \$100,000 to our Meals on Wheels program, which serves about 150 warm meals to our seniors every day. Your contributions have made a big difference in the lives of hundreds of our seniors, not only getting a warm meal through Meals on Wheels, but seeing a friendly face as those volunteers bring lunch to their homes. Those seniors know our community hasn't forgotten them—YOU haven't forgotten them!

Neighbors helping neighbors. That's just one of the reasons I'm so proud to call this "My Hometown!" If you'd like to learn more about volunteer opportunities with the City of St. Peters, please go to our website at www.stpetersmo.net and click on Volunteer Information on the lower left side of the page.

Whether you volunteer for the City of St. Peters, or you help out in so many other ways for local charities, schools, religious organizations or other community needs, I salute all of you for your efforts and I'd like to give all of you a big THANK YOU!

Our national motto, "In God We Trust."



Judy Bateman
Board President

Stop Bullying

With the new school year underway, I want to send out a message to all of our young people. Whether it is the timid kindergarten student, high schooler or young adult embarking on a new adventure, I send my wishes for lasting rewarding memories and cherished experiences, ones you will look back on fondly. To moms

and dads that are having separation anxiety, I feel your emotional roller coaster as it is hard to let our chicks leave the roost.

Sadly some of our young people look to the school experience as a time of trepidation and uneasiness. They possibly have experienced unkind acts from their peers that have caused them to dread the new school year. We always hope as parents we can fix their troubles with a hug and a smile, but unfortunately peer pressure, cyberspace and bullies can cause many children to dread their time in the school atmosphere and turn what is supposed to be the best time of their lives into a bad experience.

We are fortunate to live in a community that encompasses three great school districts and several private schools. These institutions have zero tolerance for bullying and if you see it or hear about it from a child, REPORT IT!

Peers can be the greatest resource, however, in stepping up and doing the right thing. We all can look out for one another and let mean-spirited people no matter what age know they are outnumbered!

Here are some resources that could be helpful:

- www.nea.org
- www.stopbullying.gov
- suicidepreventionlifeline.org

All of us are creatures of habit, I believe. How wonderful it would be if we started every day with practicing the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Like many habits, the longer you do them, they become second nature and automatic. Pay it forward is not just a slogan, but a rewarding way to practice kindness every day.

To help foster this caring spirit, the Board of Aldermen and Mayor continue to recognize people from throughout our community for the wonderful things they do through our **Random Acts of Kindness** program. I love this program because it gives everyone in St. Peters a chance to recognize neighbors and friends who quietly do special things for others. We invite the recipients and nominators to Board of Aldermen meetings, and sometimes it can be emotional because people often don't realize just how big a difference they make in the lives of others.

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I love the program because this is what it's all about ... celebrating the best of our community and the deeds, both big and small, that make "My Hometown" St. Peters a special place to live!

If you know of a St. Peters resident or business owner who makes a difference in your life or the lives of others, please nominate them for a Random Acts of Kindness Award at www.stpetersmo.net/Kindness. No one is too young or too old to make a difference, and no act of kindness is too small!

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

~ Leo Buscaglia, author



Rocky Reitmeyer
Ward 1

The Fall Season Is Here!

I hope everyone had a great summer, and that school is off to a great start.

A big reminder to our high school drivers to be courteous when parking near their school. If they are parking outside of the school parking lot, check with the subdivisions next to your school to see if you can park there during the day. Some subdivisions have restrictions and I hate for anyone to get a ticket for "No Parking."

Now, enjoy and do great in your classes, activities and have a Great Year!

Trick-or-Treating is one of the greatest adventures of the year for kids in St. Peters. I enjoy it with 5 grandkids going 10 different directions and testing their candy to make sure there are no bad ones ... LOL.

It is great seeing the kids hit the streets dressed in scary and creative costumes going door to door, begging for treats from neighbors. This is a great time to see all the neighbors and friends!

I would like to Thank our Police Department, Central County Fire and Rescue and EMT's hitting the streets with their bags of candies and then watching the smiles on everyone's faces.

This year, Halloween is on Thursday night, Oct. 31. Let's all use common sense and follow a few safety tips to help make your Halloween experience as enjoyable for your kids as it is for you!

Whether you make your child's costume or buy it at the store, help your child pick out a costume that is fireproof and bright enough to be seen at night. Using face paint instead of masks is a great idea too, because masks can obstruct your child's vision.

Make your child more visible to motorists by placing a flashlight or glow stick in your child's candy-collecting container, or apply reflective tape on their costume. And, if you are out driving while the little goblins are roaming the neighborhoods, please remember to **drive especially slow all evening**.

Most children have learned basic safety, please remind them to approach only houses that are lit, to look left, right, and left again before crossing the street, and **not to get in cars with strangers**.

Although tampering is rare, make sure your kids understand that when you ask them to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything, you are not just trying to get the good stuff before they do. If you believe your child was given a **treat that has been tampered with, please call the St. Peters Police Department immediately at 636-278-2222**.

Explain to your children the difference between tricks and vandalism. Throwing eggs at a house may seem like fun, but they need to know the consequences of those actions. Cleanup and damages can ruin

Halloween.

If you set Jack-O-Lanterns on your porch with candles in them, please make sure that they are far enough out of the way so that kids' costumes won't accidentally be set on fire. And don't forget to bring your pets inside on Halloween. There are plenty of stories about malicious people who have teased, injured, stolen, tortured, and even killed people's pets on Halloween.

Make Halloween a fun, safe and happy time for your kids and they'll carry on the tradition to their own families someday!

Don't forget to **save all those aluminum cans** for our "**Pennies for Patriots**" program. Please drop all your aluminum cans off at the west side of City Hall in the Brown Dumpster and also at the Mayor Tom Brown Senior Center inside in the two Blue Dumpsters and you can travel to Recycle City and drop them off in the Big Blue Dumpster at that location. **All the money raised by sale of these aluminum cans** goes to the **USO at Lambert Field for the Veterans** who have put their lives on the line in the past and also every day to protect the Freedoms we cherish.

The USO is a Home away from Home and this is one way we can make them feel good when they travel to our area.

I support all our Veterans and "God Bless America!"

Please remember that as your alderman, my door is always open. Contact me with any concern you might have. My phone is 636-485-5710 and I have a new Email account and it is: alderman.reitmeyer@stpetersmo.net.



Melissa Reimer
Ward 3

Our Wonderful City

Summer is nearly at its end and Autumn is around the corner. It seems that only yesterday most of us were impatiently waiting for Spring. Time sure does fly! Our wonderful City is thriving with all of the jobs that are newly created and coming into the area and our infrastructure is improving as well as our parks. I'm proud to say that I have played a part in making those things happen during the time I have served in office. St. Peters is a phenomenal city and many great things are on the way in the future. I truly appreciate everything it

has to offer including the hometown atmosphere. I can't imagine living anywhere else. We've got lots of fantastic events going on this fall and I hope to see you there. Let's all enjoy our wonderful City!



Joyce Townsend
Ward 1

Back to School and Green Team Excitement

I love watching my granddaughter prepare for going back to school. As a seasoned veteran (having graduated from Kindergarten last May), she's full of hope for what First Grade has in store: a new teacher and a new backpack full of new crayons and pencils; seeing old friends, making new friends, and getting back into a familiar routine. That back-to-school excitement is all around. Be sure to drive responsibly and safely as all the kids are out and about, perhaps chatting and not paying as much attention as they should.

I'm excited to get to work with the Green Team to see what kind of difference they can make in our City. If you're interested in joining a

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group of environmentally concerned citizens, fill out an application. On the City website, click on: "I Want To..." in the green bar at the top of the page. Then, click "Apply for" in the drop down menu; go across to "Board or Commission"; then download the application, the instructions for which are under "Apply to an Advisory Board". To see what the Green Team is all about, click on: "Government" in the top green bar; "Boards and Commissions" on the drop down menu; and then "Green Team" to see what they're planning next.

I'm here to help. If you've got a concern or a question, please call me at 636-357-2789, or email me at joycetownsend19@gmail.com.



Terri Violet
Ward 3

Hollywood Perfect or Real Life?

Is there such a thing as a perfect family, a perfect yard or a perfect neighbor? You may have seen what is considered as perfection if you watch some of the old TV shows and a few that air today. They are filled with children that rarely misbehave, or a home with a beautiful garden designed for a king's palace. Do you happen to have that neighbor that shows up at your door with an apple pie and an offer to babysit and wash your car... just because? Though some of those have been known to happen, in most cases, this isn't like real life.

Recently, my fellow Ward 3 Alderman, Melissa Reimer, and I walked around our beautiful Spencer Creek bridge and other surrounding areas with Mayor Pagano discussing our ward. The Mayor and Board are a cohesive team that works together within our hometown. We put in great efforts to improve you and your family's quality of life. Children in our community are happy to have multiple parks to play in that are close to their neighborhoods. Residents have community gardens to take part in if they can't have a garden of their own. We have neighbors that care and look out for each other's safety every day. This is real life when you live in St. Peters! We work together and help each other when help is needed.

If you would like to be more involved in our community, there are multiple ways to help. Do you know that you can donate to our Meals on Wheels program when you pay your utility bill? Just fill in the amount you want to donate in the designated box on your utility bill and add that amount to your payment. We have multiple Boards and Commissions you can be a part of. Call us for information and to allow us to help you find a place to serve your neighbors and community.

I am here to help. If you have a question or a City-related need, contact me at 636-734-1883 or email me at alderman.violet@stpetersmo.net. Always know that **your concern is my concern!**



REMINDER: Never blow your lawn clippings or leaves into the street! They can clog your storm drains and cause flooding in your neighborhood. Learn more about stormwater management at www.stpetersmo.net/water.



Patrick Barclay
Ward 4

Ward Update

Residents can use a wide assortment of resources to get news and updates about what's happening in St. Peters. A lot of people subscribe to our monthly *UpFront* e-newsletter, and homes and businesses throughout the City receive our *My Hometown* magazine in the mail. And these days, people can get a lot of information from my Facebook page. However, I wanted to make sure everyone knew there is another place that many people might not know exists.

Each quarter two members of the Board of Aldermen get interviewed on our government-access channel. Mayor Pagano also takes part by letting everyone know of some current events in our community. It's called "Ward Update" and it can be seen on AT&T U-verse and Spectrum. If you don't have cable, we also have a link on our City web page. Log onto www.stpetersmo.net and click on "SPTV" on the bottom left corner. After that, in the middle of the page, you'll see several of the most recent editions.

I just finished my interview and it's now airing for you to watch. In it, I talk about many things. Included was working with my good friend Don Aytes over the past 12 years on the Board and what my new partner Nick Trupiano and I are currently doing in Ward 4. Also, we discuss new residential and commercial developments, plus how we were able to fill up some of the empty store fronts in the southern part of the City. Finally, I mention recycling with the new Blue Cart Crew program and things the Parks, Recreation & Arts Advisory Board participate in.

If I can ever be of service to you, feel free to contact me any time. My cell phone number is 636-795-8255 if you need to talk or send a text. Additionally, you can send a note to my new email address Alderman.Barclay@stpetersmo.net or send me a private message on Facebook. You can either search for me or log onto www.facebook.com/aldermanpatrickbarclay. Each day I post news and important information about things regarding "Our Hometown."

Thank you for your continued support. It's an honor and a privilege to represent you on the St. Peters Board of Aldermen.



Jerry Hollingsworth
Ward 2

Sip and Savor

Would you like to attend a fun event where you can try great food and sip selections from local restaurants, wineries, breweries and distilleries? You can do all of that, while listening to some enjoyable entertainment, at Sip and Savor on Thursday, Sept. 5, from 5-8 p.m. at 370 Lakeside Park. The Greater St. Charles County Chamber of Commerce puts on this fantastic event annually, and every year it's a treat for all those who come out to sample selections from numerous local places.

A great thing about Sip and Savor is that it really highlights all we have to offer in St. Charles County. You don't have to cross the bridge to have a good time and enjoy delightful food and drinks in friendly neighborhood businesses and shops. And, you can enjoy it all while taking in entertainment from local artists. Former American Idol contestant Ashley Lusk (acoustic Southern Rock, Pop), Wade Trent

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(acoustic Country) and Clayton Jones (Pop) will perform during the event.

Go to www.FoodFest370.com to see all of the vendors who will participate this year, learn more about the live entertainment, and check out ticket information. Tickets cost \$30 for early orders and \$35 per person the week of the event, with a group rate for 10 or more tickets available. You can also call the Chamber office at 636-946-0633 to learn more.

Get your tickets now to come out to 370 Lakeside Park on Sept. 5 to “sip and savor” some of the best offerings in St. Peters and St. Charles County! Please drink responsibly.



Nick Trupiano
Ward 4

Senior Advisory Committee

As your new Ward 4 Alderman, I'm excited and honored to serve our residents and one of my assignments is to work as the Aldermanic representative to the Senior Advisory Committee. We're very excited about hosting the annual St. Charles County Senior Fair, Saturday Oct. 5 from 9 a.m. – noon at St. Peters City Hall in the Cultural Arts Centre. Join

us as we learn more about senior services and issues in a fun environment. You might see some friends and neighbors, or make some new friends as you discover important information.

The Senior Fair is an opportunity to learn about matters important to area seniors with the chance to talk to various vendors and organizations. Family members are not only welcome, but encouraged to accompany seniors to the event. There will also be entertainment at the event with a performance by the St. Louis Strutters, a group of 50+ year old women who perform fast-tapping high-kicking precision dance routines. Come out and join us for a morning full of information and entertainment!

Our committee is also welcoming in seniors who would like to serve as members of the advisory board. If you're interested in serving on the advisory board, please download this application, fill it out and return it to St. Peters City Hall, One St. Peters Centre Blvd., St. Peters, MO, 63376.

If there is ever anything I can do for you or your family, please feel free to contact me by phone at 636-278-2244 or by e-mail at Alderman.Trupiano@stpetersmo.net. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to represent you on the St. Peters Board of Aldermen.

Residents Help Homebound Seniors through Utility Round Up

The City of St. Peters would like to send a huge “Thank you” to residents who have helped make a positive impact in the lives of many of our community's seniors through the Voluntary Utility Round Up program. Over \$100,000 has been donated to the program since January 2012!

The **Voluntary Utility Round Up Program** supports homebound seniors who have difficulty preparing meals for themselves. Meals on Wheels volunteers at the Mayor Tom Brown Senior Center in St. Peters deliver about 150 hot meals a day, Monday through Friday. Without these home deliveries, many area seniors would not be able to remain independent in their homes.

Would you like to help, too? Through the Utility Round Up program, you can! The City of St. Peters placed a box on utility bills that gives utility customers the option to donate to the Meals on Wheels program. The Senior Center also relies on volunteers to deliver hot meals daily and check in on homebound seniors. Call 636-278-1609 to learn how you can volunteer.

Seniors also can get a hot meal with friends at the Mayor Tom Brown Senior Center, where an affordable and nutritious lunch is served Monday-Friday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call 636-278-2410 to make a lunch reservation the day before you are planning on attending.

City Services for Seniors

The City of St. Peters offers a wide variety of services and benefits for eligible seniors, including programs ranging from transportation and lawn care all the way to recreation and cultural arts.

Did you know that your Medicare supplemental may already cover the costs of a St. Peters Rec-Plex membership? The Rec-Plex is a location for both Healthways SilverSneakers® Fitness and Renew Active™ by UnitedHealthcare. As a Rec-Plex member, you may enjoy Rec-Plex facilities, Active Older Adult fitness classes, Pickleball and more!

Our **Senior Advisory Committee** meets every other month to discuss issues concerning residents ages 60 and up. The Committee assists City officials in making decisions regarding the City's service responsibilities to our seniors. The committee is seeking applicants (ages 60 and up) for open positions.

The public is welcome to attend Senior Advisory Committee meetings at the Senior Center starting at 12:30 p.m. on the third Thursday every other month. Remaining meetings this year are scheduled for Sept. 19 and Nov. 21. The meeting in November will feature a presentation by St. Peters Police Officer Melissa Doss about avoiding scams and other issues important to seniors.

The Senior Advisory Committee also hosts this year's **St. Charles County Senior Fair** on Saturday, Oct. 5, at City Hall. Learn more about this event on page 9.

To learn more about St. Peters senior services, visit www.stpetersmo.net or call 636-477-6600.



Tribute to Johnny Cash featuring Bill Forness and One More Round

Visit the past with a trip into the musical world of Johnny Cash. Bill Forness and One More Round will perform many of Cash's legendary hits at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11, in the Performing Arts Theatre inside the St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre.

"Expect a 1950s feel," said Forness, 45, a native of Belleville, Ill. "But we'll definitely do some 1960s hits like 'Ring of Fire' and 'A Boy Named Sue.' There will be some story-telling that will give some background on some of the songs in Johnny Cash's life. The rest will be a surprise."

Forness has been playing songs by the "Man In Black" since 2009 and has performed hundreds of shows. He was influenced by his late mother, June, who was a big fan of Cash and was named after Cash's wife, June Carter Cash.

Tickets are \$16 online and \$25 at the door. Online tickets will require an additional \$1.79 service fee. Tickets can be purchased at www.brownpapertickets.com or by calling 800-838-3006.



Economic Updates

Did you know that the City of St. Peters has added more than 4 million square feet of new commercial space since 2017? Stay up-to-date on the latest developments. Visit www.stpetersmo.net/econ and subscribe to receive Economic Update newsletters. Pictured: Holiday Inn under construction at Richmond Center Boulevard and Veterans Memorial Parkway.

Sunday, September 29 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



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Coming up: Check out stories on Celebrate St. Peters, how an upgrade in St. Peters' bond rating saves taxpayers money, our volunteer program and more.

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Cultural Arts Centre Updates

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.



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

ARTS CENTRE EXHIBITS

National Juried Exhibit: Society of Layerists Ask 'Do You See the Arch?'

The Society of Layerists in Multi-Media (SLMM) will be exhibiting its National Juried Exhibit, "Do You See the Arch," from Sept. 5-Oct. 27, at the St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre.



Liaison and curator for the exhibit, Shirley Eley Nachtrieb, said 24 SLMM artists from across the country were juried into this 42-piece exhibit.



The first challenge for artists was to create a piece of art that had an element of an "arch" in the painting. The second challenge was to make it 18 inches by 18 inches.

"The artwork that resulted is astounding," Nachtrieb said. The public is invited to view these original pieces while on display at the Cultural Arts Centre.

SLMM serves as an educational society and a network for artists interested in a holistic perspective to their art. Learn more at www.slmm.org.

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—most Arts Centre shows are open to artists of all levels, from amateur to professional!

CALL FOR ENTRIES for \$100 or Less Art Exhibit:

All works must be available for sale and priced at or below \$100. Receiving: 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28

Learn more about how to enter a Cultural Arts Centre art show at www.stpetersmo.net/arts.

Dean Christopher & Band

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Friday, Nov. 22 • 6:30 p.m.

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Write it down! • Oct. 23, 1 p.m.

Join Cindy DuBois for a presentation on expressing yourself through poems, short stories, photos and essays. Bring a photocopied image of a loved one to the tea. Cost is \$10.

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Cindy DuBois has been researching her family history for more than 40 years, and she'll help you discover ways to look for your family history, too. Cindy will introduce you to census films, birth and death records, DNA research and more. Cost is \$10.

Register in person at the St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre or call 636-397-6903. Visit www.stpetersmo.net for information.

Fall Ball Dance • Sept. 13, 7 p.m.

Individuals, couples and groups are invited to the St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre's Fall Ball Dance, featuring the music of Fanfare! Everyone is encouraged to dress up for the occasion! Tickets are \$7/person at the door. (Show a St. Peters Resident Privilege Card OR Cultural Arts Centre membership card at the door and receive a \$1 discount off admission.)

Bringing your own food and snacks is encouraged. Soda will be available for purchase.



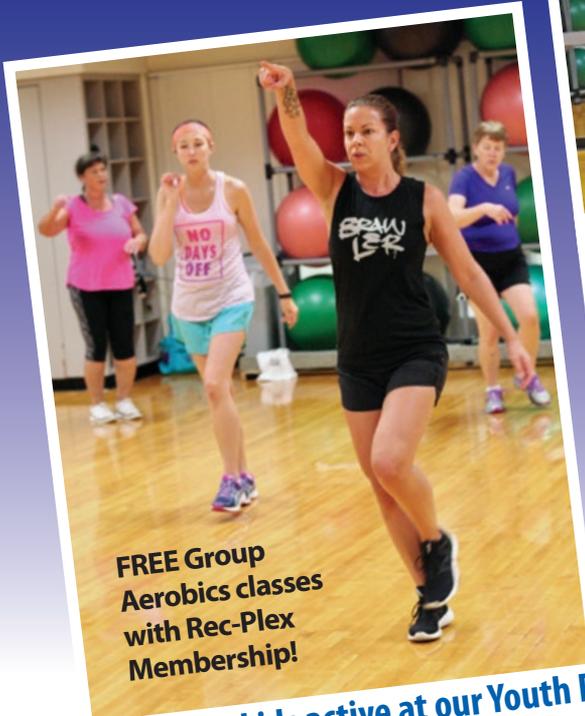
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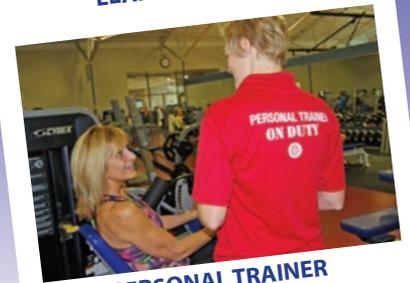
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