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Signs of Economic Success

City of St. Peters leaders have worked for decades to put together a massive business development along Highway 370. That development, **Premier 370 Business Park**, is now bustling with huge projects creating thousands of permanent jobs—in addition to the many other labor jobs created along the way. A total of 391 acres have been developed at Premier 370, creating 8,000 permanent jobs!

And, there's more open jobs and man-hours of construction work to come.

Medline, a privately held manufacturer and distributor of medical supplies, is building an 800,000-sq.-ft. distribution center. DMI, an imaging supplies distributor and omni-channel order fulfillment company, opened recently in a 375,000-sq.-ft. building. Central States Manufacturing, which produces metal roofing and siding, also opened in 2020. These businesses, and other existing businesses at Premier 370, are seeking new applicants.

The biggest Premier 370 addition belongs to Amazon, opening an 855,080-square-foot fulfillment center in 2019 and creating more than 5,400 jobs. Another 1,200 positions were added by FedEx Ground.

Plus, we're hearing from more businesses interested in Premier 370's remaining 350+ acres of developable land— *that's the same amount of area as 270 football fields!*

Elsewhere in St. Peters, construction continues on several projects, including huge investments by **St. Charles County Ambulance District**:

- A new 5,282-sq.-ft. base house at the northeast corner of Jungermann Road and Old Mill Parkway is nearing completion. (The ambulance district also plans to build a base house at Woodstone Dr. and Queenbrooke Blvd.)
- A new 141,562-sq.-ft. administration, training, and operations facility is being built on Salt River Rd., east of Mid Rivers Mall Drive.

Bold on Boulevard is an apartment complex under construction in the City's Town Centre development on Executive Centre Parkway and St. Peters Centre Blvd. The development will include 272 units and amenities in four-story buildings. An **Imo's Pizza** restaurant and two additional commercial spaces are part of a 3,990-square-foot building under construction on Mid Rivers Mall Drive in front of Weekends Only.

To stay up with progress in St. Peters, visit www.stpetersmo.net/econ and subscribe to Economic Update newsletters!



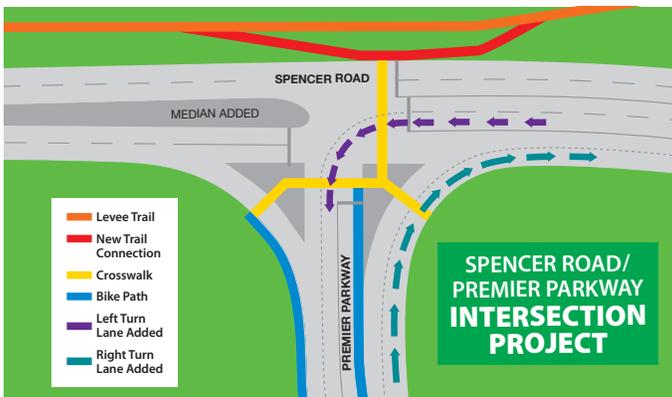
New Road Projects Coming to 370 Area

Two transportation projects are coming that will help improve traffic flow in the area around Premier 370 Business Park, which continues to boom with new freight and fulfillment companies.



Route 370 – Salt River Road Interchange improvements will provide additional access for commuter and freight traffic and reduce congestion at the I-70 interchanges at Mid Rivers Mall Drive and Cave Springs Boulevard. Construction is planned in 2022 for a new ramp from eastbound Salt River Road onto southbound Route 370. This ramp will allow traffic from Spencer Road and Salt River Road to access eastbound and westbound Interstate 70 via southbound Route 370. As part of this project, Spencer Road northbound will be widened to two right turn lanes at the Salt River Road intersection.

The estimated cost of \$3.4 million will be funded through a combination of Missouri Department of Transportation funds, St. Charles County Road Board funds, federal funds administered by the East-West Coordinating Council of Governments, and City of St. Peters.



Improvements also are planned at the **Spencer Road/Premier Parkway Intersection**. This project will add turn lanes, a median, a new traffic signal, a crosswalk, and a trail connection.

These transportation improvements will accommodate traffic generated from current and future development at Premier 370.

Plus, the new trail connection and crosswalk will provide access from the Spencer Road Trail to the bike path on Premier Parkway. *Read our special pullout guide on trails on pages 7-10 to learn more about how the City of St. Peters incorporates trail connections in our transportation projects, and why trails are important for our community.*

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So Many Choices- So Close to Home!

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES!

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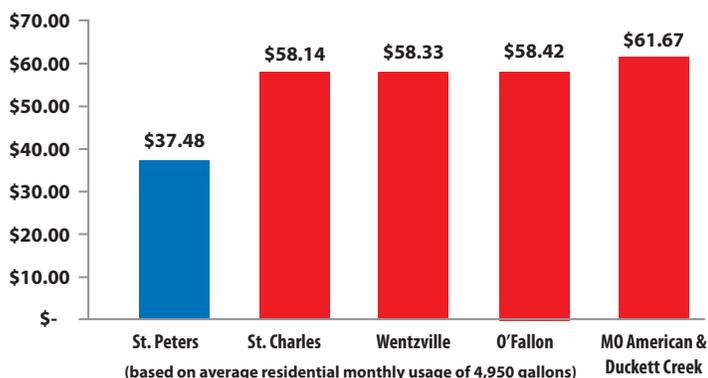

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Keeping St. Peters Utility Rates the Lowest

Monthly Combined Water & Sewer Rate Comparison



Monthly Resident Fees Trash, Recycling & Yard Waste



The City of St. Peters is committed to providing quality services to our residents and businesses at the lowest possible rates. These charts, based on March 2020 updates, show just how low we keep our rates for water/sewer services and solid waste collection as compared to surrounding communities. (Note: Utility rates are subject to change for new fiscal year.)

You play an important part in keeping your rates low! Two ways you can do this is to:

- 1) Join the Blue Cart Crew and recycle with Blue Bags, and 2) Schedule your bulky trash collection in advance!

Doing BULKY Trash the RIGHT WAY



DON'T set out trash bags & small items for bulky pickup.

DO schedule large items that can't fit in your trash cart.*



The City of St. Peters provides free bulky trash collection for residents who schedule service during their subdivision's bulky collection dates. If you need bulky pickup, here are a few things you can do to ensure efficient, low-cost service:

PRE-REGISTER! Always schedule your bulky trash service at least two days in advance of your subdivision's collection date. Never place bulky trash at your curb without pre-registering. Scheduling your bulky collection is key to quality and efficient service. We plan our manpower, equipment, and bulky collection routes based on the addresses that are scheduled. And, we contact scheduled customers if there's a change in guidelines or service. When we have to collect bulky trash from unscheduled addresses, the unexpected work disrupts our collection process, causing inefficient and more costly service for all of our customers.

*Schedule bulky pickup at 636-970-1456 or online at www.stpetersmo.net/bulky.

BULKY ONLY! Bulky pickup is for items that are too big to place in your trash cart. Examples are: furniture, TV sets, doors, mattresses, and appliances without Freon, such as stoves, water heaters, washers, dryers, and dishwashers. Our driver uses a huge claw designed to pick up big items only—not smaller items that can fit in your trash cart! (See photos.)

NOT TOO MUCH! The maximum amount of items that can be picked up at one time is 3 cubic yards—approximately the amount that can fill the bed of a pick-up truck. The amount in the photo above to the right is acceptable.

BE PREPARED FOR SOME CHANGES: Starting Jan. 1, 2021, we will make a few changes to bulky waste collection so that we can provide the best possible service and keep your utility rates as low as possible. This includes a minimum \$50 charge for those who set out an excessive amount and/or don't schedule in advance. We'll have more information about these changes in upcoming *My Hometown* magazines, *UpFront* e-newsletters, SPTV stories, and online at www.stpetersmo.net/bulky.

'Recycle Right' for Blue Cart Crew Success!

The Blue Cart Crew has been a major success since its inception last year, with over half of the City's single-family households enrolling in the program! With more people staying and eating at home due to the pandemic, recycling is more important than ever. Compared to the same period last year, tonnage of residential solid waste increased by 21.5% and recycled materials increased by 23% from April through June. Thank you to our Blue Cart Crew members for recycling!



The Blue Cart Crew is a FREE subscription-based curbside recycling service that the City provides to residents. You can enroll online at www.stpetersmo.net/recycle, or by calling 636-970-1456. Once subscribed, you'll be sent Blue Bags for all your recycling needs. Just recycle containers in one Blue Bag, recycle paper items in a separate Blue Bag, and when your Blue Bag is full, double-tie it and throw it in with your trash. We'll sort through the Blue Bags at Recycle City and give these items a new life on the open market. When you recycle, you put the landfill on a diet and save yourself money by keeping your trash bill low!

Here are some tips to help Blue Cart Crew members "Recycle Right:"

Blue Bags are for recyclables ONLY. This tip may be obvious to some, but we nevertheless still find Blue Bags with trash in them. When you join the Blue Cart Crew, you pledge to use Blue Bags only for recyclable items. Residents who send in Blue Bags with trash will receive a yellow notice on their door explaining the problem. If this happens three times, the household can be removed from the Blue Cart Crew and cannot re-enroll for six months. The goal of this compliance program is to keep your trash bills low. Not sure if you can recycle something? Download the STP Collects app on your device and use the Waste Wizard!

Clean your containers before recycling. Containers with remaining waste in them cannot be recycled, so make sure to empty them out. Containers don't need to be in pristine condition before recycling, but it helps if you fill them with water and swish it around first to rinse any remaining contents out before you Blue Bag them.

Keep lids on containers. Lids are only useful with the appropriate container. Without recycling both the lid and container together, the lid just ends up going to a landfill. In the case of plastic bottles, the lids actually weigh MORE than the bottle itself, making it more valuable to recycle bottles and lids together.

We are not currently accepting plastic bags as recyclables. You can usually return any plastic bags back to the original store. Plastic windows on envelopes CAN be recycled with your other paper recyclables.

What if my piece of cardboard is too large for a Blue Bag? While smaller pieces of cardboard can fit along with other paper recyclables in your Blue Bag, you can simply leave larger pieces of cardboard in your trash cart. The cardboard will be separated from trash at Recycle City later.

You don't need to remove plastic wrappers from your soda bottles. You can keep them on and recycle the bottles with other containers. Don't forget to keep the lid on them, too!

Learn more about recycling in St. Peters at www.stpetersmo.net/recycle.

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.



Do City Business Remotely!

NEW: Business Licensing & Permitting Moved Online to CitizenServe

Please help curb the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay home whenever possible, and quarantine if you're exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19: Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.
- When you're out, stay at least 6 feet away from other people.
- MASK UP! Wear a face covering over your mouth and nose when you leave your home.
- Practice good hygiene and wash your hands thoroughly!

Social distancing is a key tool recommended to avoid the spread of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. The City of St. Peters offers our residents and customers a variety of ways to do business with our City government from your home or other remote location. Learn more about all the ways that you can do City business remotely online at www.stpetersmo.net. For general information and resident concerns, call our Citizen Action Center at 636-477-6600, ext. 1225.

One new way that we're making it easier to do business remotely is through a new **CitizenServe portal for business licensing, permitting, and development projects.**

St. Peters businesses are now able to apply for licenses and view their accounts from a computer or mobile device through CitizenServe.

A permit is required for projects such as new construction, additions, remodels and repairs to electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems. Start with our CitizenServe portal, where you can apply for a permit, learn about the permit process, and schedule inspections, all from your home, office, or mobile device.

CitizenServe also helps developers during their construction project. It's the latest service we provide as part of the City of St. Peters' **FasTrac** process to expedite your project. Our staff will help guide you through the development process, meanwhile, CitizenServe gives you the ability to apply online as well as view your project's review status and zoning board status at your convenience.

Learn more about our CitizenServe portal at www.stpetersmo.net/apply.

Thank You for Helping Seniors!

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, you've shown some wonderful support!

Many of our residents have 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.

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: Through July, St. Peters residents are on pace to set an annual record for Meals on Wheels donations through the City of St. Peters' 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. "We have been humbled by the offers of support in our community," Teri says. "Many people have called and want to help any way they can. Donations are always a great way to help us to continue to offer services during these unprecedented times."

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

Happy Trails!

Special Trails Section



City Centre Park

Connecting our community is a key priority for the City of St. Peters. One important way we are making those connections is by building trails for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The City of St. Peters maintains 27-plus miles of paved hiking/biking trails that weave through our community ... and we continue to build new trail connections. Through a combination of paved trails and connecting sidewalks and bike routes, you can get from Point A to Point B ... and along the way, you also can enjoy the beauty of our native ecosystem: Flowers and plants, a shaded forest, serene open fields, babbling streams, ponds and lakes, a pin oak swamp, wildlife, and more can be spotted by the alert traveler.

Trails also help us with another key priority—a healthy community. A casual stroll can be great for your mind, soul and body. Studies have found that even light exercise can have wonderful benefits. And, what's better than a walk to clear your mind for improved mental health?

It may be as true today as when Hippocrates said it: "Walking is the best medicine."

We've put together this four-page guide (7-10) as a starting point to your journey through St. Peters' trail system. Pages 8-9 have an overall trail map with some insight into some popular trail segments. Page 10 gives you a look at how we "blaze trails" and how trails can help with another key St. Peters priority—prosperity.

We hope you get the most out of every bike ride or walk.

Happy trails!

In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks.

~John Muir

370 Lakeside Park



Millwood Trail

PLAY SAFE AT OUR PARKS AND TRAILS!

- Please practice social distancing and avoid close contact with others.
- Wash or sanitize your hands often.
- Stay home if you are sick or exhibiting symptoms.
- Wear a mask when around other people.



Laurel Park

ENJOY ST. PETERS TRAILS!

370 Lakeside Area Highlights:

- Great nature views for spotting wildlife
- 4.4-mile loop around 140-acre lake
- Long, flat stretches of biking/hiking trails



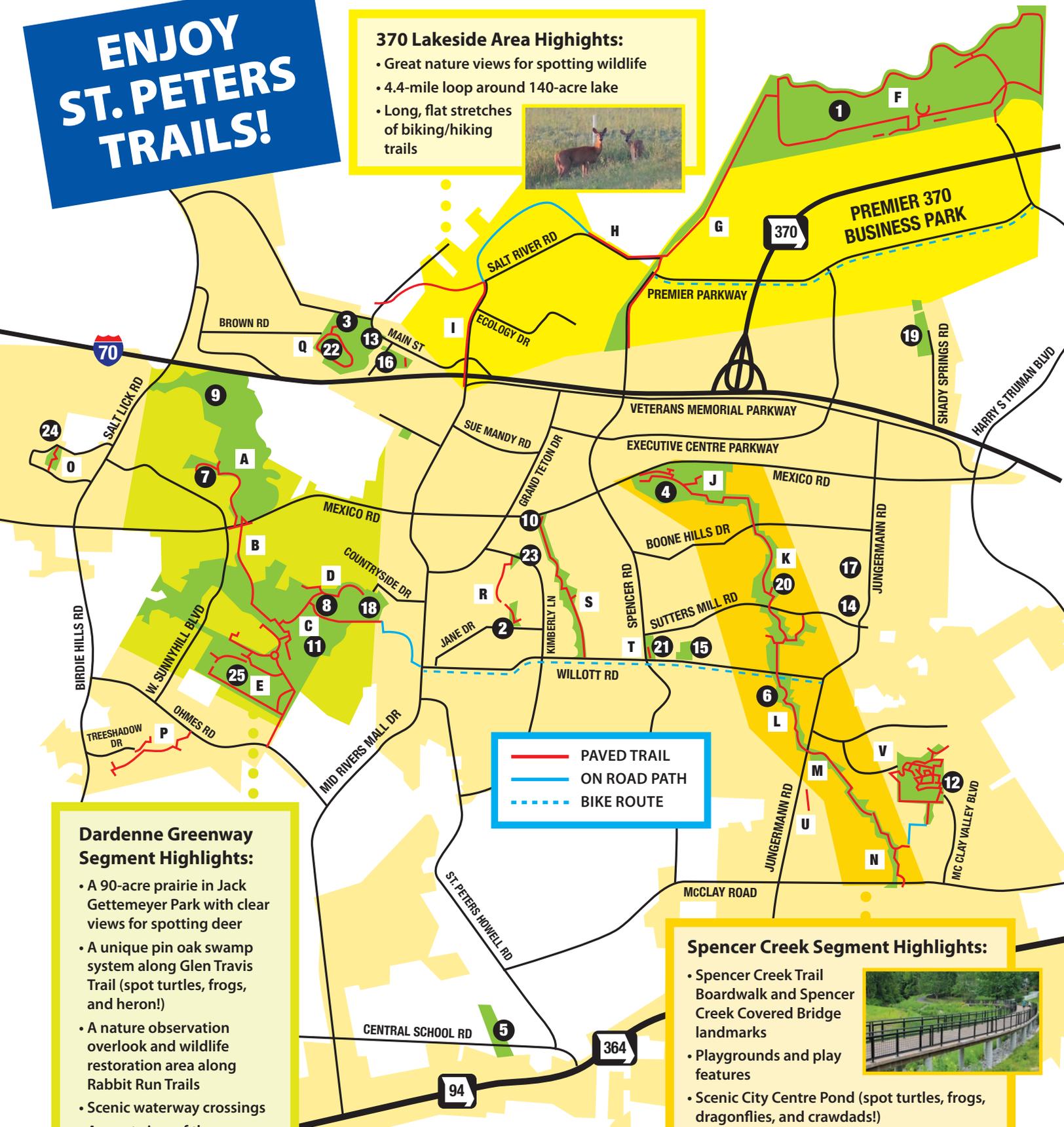
Dardenne Greenway Segment Highlights:

- A 90-acre prairie in Jack Gettemeyer Park with clear views for spotting deer
- A unique pin oak swamp system along Glen Travis Trail (spot turtles, frogs, and heron!)
- A nature observation overlook and wildlife restoration area along Rabbit Run Trails
- Scenic waterway crossings
- A great view of the wetlands and streams restored by Prop P stormwater projects along Dardenne Trail



Spencer Creek Segment Highlights:

- Spencer Creek Trail Boardwalk and Spencer Creek Covered Bridge landmarks
- Playgrounds and play features
- Scenic City Centre Pond (spot turtles, frogs, dragonflies, and crawdads!)
- Pedestrian tunnels under Willott and Jungermann Roads
- Beautiful stream scenes—restored streams, slate-bottom streams, and a vertical rock wall covered with wild hydrangeas



DARDENNE SEGMENT

- A. DARDENNE PARK TRAILS
- B. DARDENNE GREENWAY
- C. RABBIT RUN TRAILS
- D. GLEN TRAVIS TRAIL
- E. WOODLANDS PARK TRAILS

370 LAKESIDE AREA

- F. 370 LAKESIDE PARK TRAILS
- G. SPENCER ROAD TRAIL
- H. SALT RIVER ROAD TRAIL
- I. MID RIVERS MALL DR. TRAIL

SPENCER CREEK SEGMENT

- J. CITY CENTRE PARK TRAILS
- K. SPENCER CREEK PARK TRAILS
- L. COUNTRY CREEK TRAIL
- M. TANGLEWOOD TRAIL
- N. MILLWOOD TRAILS

OTHER TRAILS

- O. TRAILWOODS TRAIL
- P. COUNTRY CROSSING TRAIL
- Q. SPORTS CENTER TRAIL
- R. BELLEMEADE TRAILS
- S. BROOKMOUNT TRAIL
- T. SPENCER POCKET PARK TRAIL
- U. HORSTMEIER TRAIL
- V. LAUREL PARK TRAILS

Parks

1. 370 LAKESIDE PARK
2. BROOKMOUNT PARK
3. BROWN ROAD PARK
4. CITY CENTRE PARK
5. COMMUNITY PARK
6. COVENANT PARK
7. DARDENNE PARK
8. GLEN TRAVIS PARK
9. ST. PETERS GOLF CLUB
10. GRAND TETON POCKET PARK
11. JACK GETTEMEYER PARK
12. LAUREL PARK
13. LONE WOLFF PARK
14. NOB HILL PARK
15. OAK CREEK PARK
16. OLD TOWNE PARK
17. ORCHARD HILLS POCKET PARK
18. RABBIT RUN PARK
19. SHADY SPRINGS PARK
20. SPENCER CREEK PARK
21. SPENCER ROAD POCKET PARK
22. SPORTS CENTER PARK
23. TOT LOT PARK
24. TRAILWOODS PARK
25. WOODLANDS SPORTS PARK

Try Out These St. Peters Trails!

Dardenne Greenway Segment

Would you like to travel through a prairie system and shaded woodlands, spot wildflowers and deer, cross scenic pedestrian bridges over beautiful streams, and discover a pin oak swamp?

On the western side of St. Peters, we have a network of St. Peters trails that also is part of the region's Great Rivers Greenway system known as the Dardenne Greenway. This trail section, rich in plant life and wildlife, travels several miles through hundreds of acres of both shaded woodlands and open prairies, with crossings over creeks both deep and shallow.

A multi-use trail bridge over Dardenne Creek east of West Sunny Hill Boulevard also allows easy trail access at Mexico Road.



Some hiking routes:

- Dardenne Park Trails to Dardenne Greenway to Woodlands Trail into Woodlands Sports Park, one lap on Woodlands Park perimeter loop, and back to start: 7.4 miles. Walking time: 1-1/2 to 3 hrs.
- Dardenne Trail to Dardenne Greenway to Rabbit Run Trails, ending at Rabbit Run Park, and back to start: 4 miles. Walking time: 45 min. to 2 hrs.



370 Lakeside Area

One of the wonderful features of our beautiful 370 Lakeside Park is that its 6.32-mile trail system gives you a great view of the rich natural world thriving in the park's wetlands, prairies, and 140-acre recreational lake. The perimeter loop around the lake is 4.4 miles of 10-foot-wide paved trail that's perfect for your exercise routine. Depending on the season, you could spot coyotes, deer, ducks, heron, and even minks, pelicans and eagles—to name a few.

Bring lunch for a picnic along the lake. And, end the day with a beautiful lakeside view of the sunset! You could also hike or bike to Spencer Road and Salt River Road trails that connect to both Old Town and to our walkable Town Centre under development north of City Centre. Bikes are available for rent at 370 Lakeside Park.

Some hiking routes:

- 370 Lakeside Park perimeter loop: 4.4 miles. Walking time: 50 min. to 2 hrs.
- 370 Lakeside Park perimeter loop, to Spencer Road Trail, to Salt River Road Trail, ending at Highway C, and back to start: 9 miles. Walking time: 2-4 hrs.

Spencer Creek Segment

Several trails wind a course parallel with Spencer Creek from our City Centre complex through quiet neighborhoods and parks, reaching south to McClay Road. Along the way are shaded woodlands, scenic views of our native ecosystem, fun play features for kids, and some unique St. Peters landmarks. From the north end, your trek would start on City Centre Trail at the City Centre Park Drive playground and head east past City Hall, The Cove at St. Peters and Rec-Plex South before veering south to Boone Hills Drive, where you'll cross the beautiful 280-foot Spencer Creek Trail Boardwalk as you enter Spencer Creek Park Trails winding toward Willott Road. Country Creek Trail south of Willott will take you to Jungermann Road, and in the final stretch you'll travel through the peaceful Tanglewood and Millwood Trails to McClay.



Some hiking routes:

- City Centre Park Drive playground to Willott Road, and back: 4 miles. Walking time: 45 min. to 2 hrs.
- Country Creek Trail at Willott Road to McClay Road, and back: 3.2 miles. Walking time: 35 min. to 1-1/2 hrs.

Special Trails Section

Blazing New Trails

Building a trail can be a challenge. Planning, land acquisition, funding, and construction all take time. It's not always easy to find a piece of land suitable for a trail. Rough terrain can increase costs and the time it takes to blaze a new trail. This was the case with the southernmost spur of St. Peters' Millwood Trail to McClay Road. It took the better part of a decade to negotiate land swaps and deals with property owners to exchange a hilly, treacherous piece of public property for a flat piece of land perfect for a new trail. But, our City of St. Peters team found a way, because every segment of trail is vital to our neighborhoods, and this trail connection was particularly vital to the Great Rivers Greenway (GRG) regional trail system. Plans call for the GRG's Centennial greenway to connect to the Millwood Trail via a new trail along McClay Road. When the Centennial greenway builds out, you could travel by trail from the heart of St. Peters to the Katy Trail, Creve Coeur Park, and eventually toward more parks and attractions in St. Louis County.



Spencer Creek Bridge Trail on Salt River Road



Mexico Road Multi-use Bridge Trail

Blazing new paths means building trail connections across roads and highways, too. This is why the City of St. Peters combines multi-use bridges, tunnels, and protective crossings with major road improvements whenever possible. Some examples include:

- Mexico Road Multi-Use Bridge Trail project (picture to the left) to connect pedestrians and bicyclists to the Dardenne Greenway
- Pedestrian tunnel under Willott Road as part of a bridge replacement project at Spencer Creek
- Pedestrian tunnel and signalized crosswalk at Jungermann Road as part of a bridge construction project nearing completion
- Hiking/biking path with protective concrete road barriers as part of Mid Rivers Mall Drive interchange improvements at I-70
- Hiking/biking trails across and under the Salt River Road bridge at Spencer Creek (pictured above) to connect the Salt River Road Trail to the Spencer Road Trail and to 370 Lakeside Park

Why invest time and money into hiking/biking trails? People want to live in a community where they can walk and bike to more places. Surveys by the National Association of Homebuilders routinely show that trails are one of the top amenities sought by homebuyers in all age groups. This means that trails add value to your home as well as to local businesses. Companies want to invest in a community where people want to live, work, and play. And, all the better if it's easier for people to reach their door by car, bike, and foot. When we draw and retain businesses, we bring in more sales and property tax revenue that's invested back into our City's roads, parks, trails, public safety, and other important services that add to our quality of life. The trails we blaze lead to both a healthier and wealthier community.



Did You Know?

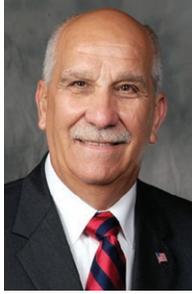
In St. Peters, three out of four residents live within a half mile of a park or trail, and nine out of 10 residents live within a mile of a park or trail.





Messages From Our Elected Officials

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



Len Pagano
Mayor

Progress as Promised!

A couple of weeks ago my wife Joyce and I were driving along Premier Parkway to go to 370 Lakeside Park and I was amazed at the number of cars I saw parked in the lots in front of the businesses lining that road. We saw signs advertising openings and a job fair at the new FedEx operation along

Premier Parkway.

What we were seeing was progress and thousands of new jobs in our region thanks to all the hard work that went into building that development—and a bright future as more companies with more jobs are joining the St. Peters family and being a part of the “Boom” in *My Hometown!*

It’s hard to believe that 15 years ago, before the first shovels were turning over dirt in that development, our vision was 6,000-10,000 new jobs. Well, here we are in the fall of 2020 and we already have about 8,000 new permanent jobs with more on the way. We’re fulfilling the promise of a bright future in St. Peters, and I’m proud of our entire **FasTrac** economic development team that’s been working so hard to bring these companies and their permanent jobs here, and thankful for the thousands and thousands of hours of construction trades work over these years to build these new facilities.

We’ve done this all through some challenging economic times, including the current situation with the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the pandemic and a “Great Recession” in the last decade, we’re able to focus our efforts in showing business leaders that St. Peters is a great place to bring your business, or grow your current business. We have the trained work force available in our region that’s ready to be productive and get the job done.

With the support of our community and the efforts of our staff team and elected leaders, we’re keeping our focus on bringing more permanent jobs with benefits to our region. These new businesses and the jobs they bring mean more of our residents can work close to home. It means our existing retail businesses and restaurants will have more customers. It also means our City will have more revenue to help pay for great services and amenities and keep costs low for our residents. Especially

during challenging times like these, it’s a win for everyone.

More companies and operations continue to talk to us about bringing their businesses and jobs here. It’s about jobs-jobs-jobs! And, it’s about Progress as Promised in My Hometown, St. Peters!

Our National Motto: “In God We Trust”



Rocky Reitmeyer
Board President

How Recycling Saves You Money

The City of St. Peters has had the best and lowest cost trash and recycling program for our residents for many years and one of the biggest reasons for that is we all work hard to “put the landfill on a diet!”

What does that mean?

We work to make sure we’re recycling as much as we can and sending as little as possible to the landfill. We want to make recycling easy and accessible to help keep our City green—and keep more “green” in your pockets at the same time! It takes a lot of hard work and planning and here are some of the numbers behind that success:

10,838 – Members of the Blue Cart Crew—that’s about one out of two households in St. Peters!

3,840 – Number of tons of recycling brought into Recycle City each year

20,200 – Number of tons of trash brought into Recycle City each year

The amount of recycling compared to trash may seem low, but recyclables weigh a lot less than trash. We can sell recyclables instead of paying a landfill to dispose of them.

That number continues to grow and more recyclables means we’re able to keep your trash and recycling fees lower than anyone else around. With all of these benefits, it just makes sense to put the landfill on a diet and Blue Bag all your recyclables. If you’d like to join the Blue Cart Crew recycling program or learn more information about the trash and recycling programs in your hometown, please check out the website at www.stpetersmo.net/recycling.

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

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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. It's a home away from home to make their stay comfortable.

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.



Patrick Barclay
Ward 4

Thank You

It continues to be an honor and privilege to represent Ward 4 on the Board of Aldermen. This year's municipal election took place on June 2 and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came out and showed their support for me. My promise to you is that I'll always remain responsive and accessible with regards to issues, concerns and questions you may have. If there is ever anything I can do for you and your family,

please don't hesitate to contact me.

I'm proud of what St. Peters has done and accomplished during my time in office. It takes a very dedicated group of people to keep this going over the years. This includes the employees and my fellow elected officials who spend many hours with one goal in mind. That's to do whatever we can to continue making the City a great place to live, work, play and raise your family. Others who also play a vital role in keeping our community great are the residents and businesses. Without their help, we couldn't do it. So, I want to thank everyone who stays involved in making St. Peters a model city.

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 reach me by sending an email to Alderman.Barclay@stpetersmo.net or drop 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."



Dr. Gregg Sartorius
Ward 2

Proud to Represent You!

I would like to thank the citizens of St. Peters for their support and confidence this past June, specifically the residents of Ward 2. As I begin the work of Alderman, I have attended a couple of subdivision HOA meetings and discovered that most everyone has similar concerns. I know that as these issues become evident to our City staff, many will be addressed and resolved. We have some of the greatest people in the business working for

the City and they deserve much credit for keeping St. Peters a safe and great place to live, work and play.

On another note, one of Alderman Hollingsworth's passions was taking care of the elderly. With that, you have the opportunity to round up your City services utility bill to the nearest dollar, and that money goes directly to the organization handling Meals on Wheels which provides nutritious meals to the elderly.

During these difficult times and with businesses, schools and government offices opening up, everyone is encouraged to wear a mask when entering City buildings and government offices to protect everyone from the virus. This is for the safety of our citizens, as well as for our City employees. Stay Safe!



Joyce Townsend
Ward 1

The New Historical Focus Committee

In the 1790's, St. Peters was just getting a foothold in an area that would eventually become Missouri. The Spencer brothers received 640 acres in a land grant situated close to present day Old Town.

In 1852 John and Kathrina Meers bought 380 acres of land, known then as the Cave Springs Tract. It is now St. Charles Memorial Gardens and the shopping area near Hobby Lobby, bisected by Interstate 70.

There is so much history in our great City, and yet few of us know it. I'm excited to be a part of rediscovering that history and exploring ways to share it. If you are interested in these kinds of things, I invite you to join us at the Historical Focus Committee, which is a part of the re-organized Parks, Recreation, and Arts Advisory Board. Our first meeting will have been held by the time you are reading this, and rest assured you are still welcome to attend, even if you weren't there for the first one. We need people who are creative and willing to assist us in developing user-friendly interactive historical displays. Contact me for details if you are that person!

It continues to be one of my greatest privileges to serve on the Board of Aldermen. If you have a question or concern, please contact me at Alderman.Townsend@stpetersmo.net or by cell at 636-357-2789.



Melissa Reimer
Ward 3

Together We're Better

Can you believe we are almost three-fourths into 2020? I think I can speak for all of us when I say that this has been an extremely strange year. Although I do keep an eye on what is going on in the national spotlight, my primary focus is on keeping up with the current events and topics affecting our City and County. I primarily gather information from multiple news sources on the internet as most do nowadays. It goes without saying that the

last several months have been very difficult for just about everyone and for a variety of reasons. Judging by comments read in articles and watching the news, it's safe to say tensions are high in our country. I anticipate that will continue through the remainder of 2020 for a variety of reasons including but not limited to the election cycle and Covid 19. That being said, I am honored to serve our community in times such as these.

We are all unique individuals who see things from our own perspectives. At times, topics have many facets. People don't always see eye to eye on everything and that is OK. In fact, it is healthy for our community to have a variety of thought. In my life I have learned the most from people who were the least like me. Opening dialogue isn't the easiest right now but it can be achieved by keeping an open mind, respecting others and realizing that as humans we have more in common than not. On that note I would like to encourage people to be more compassionate toward one another. Listening to understand rather than respond can go an incredibly long way. This has been an extremely strange year. Let's be kind to one another. We need more of that.



Terri Violet
Ward 3

The Power of the Pen

When was the last time you wrote a personal handwritten letter or thank you note?

One type of letter we hear and read about are from our service men and women to their loved ones back home. They may write letters to a sweetheart, promising to return home to their arms. Some may also write home during boot camp to show their parents in words how they have grown into adulthood within a few short weeks. Our handwritten letters

sent home during basic training were filled with a mixture of emotion. They often began with a fear of the unknown and then pure excitement toward the end of the experience over our great accomplishments. The St. Charles County Veterans Museum displays letters from soldiers and sailors chronicling what they went through during times of peace and times of war.

Grandchildren learning how to correspond sometimes send handwritten letters to their grandparents, filling the envelope with their precious artwork. Even though there are often many misspellings, it seems to make them more of a treasure. Birthday and Christmas cards from days gone by are tucked away to re-read on a rainy day or sometimes when we've had to say "goodbye" to a loved one. When we recognize their handwriting, it often brings back a flood of memories.

St. Peters residents occasionally send handwritten cards to their aldermen. Very often they are simple notes of encouragement from their hearts. Young people in the community have sent us letters that sometimes include photos telling of their appreciation when we speak or attend an event we have been invited to. One letter that I especially cherish is framed and on my desk.

Handwritten letters and notes can teach penmanship, bring back loving memories, show emotion and much more. My hope is to encourage you to write a letter or note by hand to a family member or a friend sometime soon. Opening the mailbox and finding a handwritten letter from a good friend can put a smile on someone's face or it may help to heal a heartbreak.

If you have a City-related question or need, please contact me at **636-734-1883** or email me at Alderman.Violet@stpetersmo.net. Handwritten notes are also welcome and can be sent to: St. Peters City Hall, One St. Peters Centre Blvd., St. Peters, MO 63376 Attn: Alderman Terri Violet. **Always know that your concern is my concern!**



Judy Bateman
Ward 2

Spreading Cheer & Kindness

Well, who would have ever imagined that our world would change so suddenly last March when the global pandemic became our new normal? I believe we are stronger than before and I would hope we are kinder than we were before our lives took a 180-degree turn.

Our St. Peters Cheer Committee was formed in April to help ease some of the tensions and anxiety many of our homebound residents were experiencing. We started with sending sweet notes and colorful drawings to our seniors that were on our normal routes of getting daily home-delivered meals. I was told they were very grateful and it brightened many of their days. Grandkids and grandparents, friends and neighbors all were eager to join our Cheer Committee. We can still use more volunteers to drop off notes and cards to our many senior complexes here in our City. How heartbreaking to not be able to visit with family and friends because of the chances of spreading the virus to the most vulnerable. I am hoping the kindness of our residents can help ease the stress I am sure is weighing on both staff and residents of the senior and hospital facilities. Our first responders are going above and beyond and are so deserving of our gratitude. This is an inspirational message I like and wanted to share it with you:

Even if you are the busiest person on Earth, please don't forget to be available for kindness. Today, let us all be kind.

-Roxana Jones

If you know someone who did something nice for someone else, or who does nice things for other people all the time, please consider nominating them for a Random Acts of Kindness Award. St. Peters' Random Acts of Kindness Program was created by the Board of Aldermen and Mayor to help citizens recognize fellow citizens for going above and beyond with demonstrations of acts of kindness in our community. Learn more and download a nomination form at www.stpetersmo.net/kindness, or email volunteer@stpetersmo.net or call 636-477-6600 if you have any questions.

No one is too young or too old to make a difference, and no act of kindness is too small! Help St. Peters celebrate the GOOD and nominate someone for a Random Acts of Kindness award.

Speaking of kindness, I want to wish the very best to my longtime fellow alderman partner Jerry Hollingsworth as he begins his next chapter retiring in Tucson, Arizona. He was and will always be a trusted friend who gave 28 years to the City he loved. We are all better off because of his vision and experience. I want to welcome my new partner and friend, Dr. Gregg Sartorius, as our Ward 2 Alderman. Gregg will be a great asset to the City, and he also is a very kind and patient man who has been involved with the City for several years. I know we will be a great team in working to represent our Ward Two families. Please contact me for any questions, concerns or suggestions, either by email at Alderman.Bateman@stpetersmo.net, or by phone at 636-485-5759. Proud to be your voice at City Hall.

Holiday Hours

	Labor Day Mon., Sept. 7	Columbus Day Mon., Oct. 12
City Hall	CLOSED	CLOSED
Cultural Arts Centre	CLOSED	3:30-9 pm
Municipal Court	CLOSED	CLOSED
Police Records	CLOSED	CLOSED
Rec-Plex	1-5 pm ¹	OPEN ²
Earth Centre	CLOSED	OPEN ³
Recycle City	CLOSED	SEE NOTE BELOW ⁴
Solid Waste Collection	MOVED ⁵	NORMAL
Animal Control	CLOSED ⁶	7-11 am ⁶

1 Two public ice sessions available by reservation: 1-2:45 pm and another 3:15-5 pm. Fitness Rooms currently open to Members Only.

2 Rec-Plex Registration Desk closed from 11 am-4 pm. Visit www.stpetersmo.net/Rec-Plex for any changes to operations.

3 Earth Centre open for yard waste drop-off. Product sales (GOLD GROW compost and mulch) are not available on Mondays.

4 Recycle City offices and aluminum can buy-back will be limited to 8-11 a.m. only, with regular hours for trash disposal.

5 Trash, Blue Bag recycling and yard waste collection will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.

6 For emergency calls only after hours or on holidays, call 636-278-2222.

MANY EVENTS CANCELLED AS WE WORK TO STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of St. Peters has cancelled a number of events that we normally host on an annual basis. With public health experts warning against unnecessary social interaction, we have erred on the side of caution. Here are the events that have been cancelled as of presstime:

- **Celebrate St. Peters • Rookies & Rock Stars Triathlon**
- **National Night Out • Halloween Carnival**
- **Veterans Day Ceremony* • St. Peters Tree Lighting***
- **Pearl Harbor Remembrance**

*SPTV will air a special virtual event for both the Veterans Day Ceremony on Nov. 11 and the St. Peters Tree Lighting. Check www.stpetersmo.net for more details on these SPTV productions as well as other schedule announcements.



- LIVE weather & news updates
- AM/PM rush hour traffic • Health & pollen indices
- City events & programs
- LIVE coverage of Board of Aldermen and Planning & Zoning Meetings
- UpFront St. Peters—NEW episodes every week

Tune into St. Peters Television every Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. for a NEW episode of "UpFront St. Peters" to learn about upcoming City events and programs, economic development updates & more!

September

- 2 **Planning & Zoning Commission**
6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 10 **Board of Aldermen, Justice Center:**
5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting
- 15 **Parks, Recreation & Arts Adv. Board**
6 p.m., Cultural Arts Centre
- 24 **Board of Aldermen, Justice Center:**
5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting

October

- 7 **Planning & Zoning Commission**
6:30 p.m., Justice Center
- 8 **Board of Aldermen, Justice Center:**
5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting
- 22 **Board of Aldermen, Justice Center:**
5 p.m. work session, 6:30 p.m. meeting

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Exciting Days Ahead for Cultural Arts Centre

CULTURAL Arts CENTRE UPDATES

2020 has been a challenging year so far for the Cultural Arts Centre. With schedules being rearranged and events being postponed, it's been a year unlike any other for our facility. However, the future is looking bright as we head toward the second half of 2020, as there are some exciting updates we have in store!

Progress on the Cultural Arts Centre's bathroom renovation

project is going strong. With new tiling being recently installed, the project is on course to be completed by October. While these renovations caused most of this year's art shows to be postponed until 2021, we felt it was best to get these improvements made during these uncertain times, so that our facility remained in great shape for returning residents.

After the bathrooms are renovated, it will be time for the final art show of 2020: **"100 or Less."** All artwork submitted must be available for sale and priced at or below \$100. Art will be received from 9 a.m. through 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 19. The show runs from Oct. 22 through Dec. 13. There will be no reception at this art show.

Not only will art shows be making a return this October, but starting in 2021, the Cultural Arts Centre will be the host of **Poetry Out Loud!** Poetry Out Loud is a national recitation contest open to all high school students and conducted in all 50 states by the National Endowment for the Arts. Our very own Cultural Arts Leader Jill Tutt will serve as the regional coordinator for the St. Charles region of the contest.

The Cultural Arts Centre was also awarded a \$10,000 Arts Engagement in American Communities grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. This money is being used to establish **"Young at HeART,"** a multi-disciplinary art program for older individuals as a way to promote life-long learning and engagement in the arts. We hope this program brings a lot of "HeART" to our City's residents!

To stay up to date with the Cultural Arts Centre, visit www.stpetersmo.net/arts.

Bus Tours

HISTORIC WEST ST. LOUIS COUNTY HOMES

SEPT. 18 DATE CANCELLED (to be rescheduled)

TOUCHSTONES TO OUR PAST

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

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

Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net/arts.



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



Join the Rec-Plex Today!

Social & Distanced!

- Fitness Rooms open to Members Only
- Ice Sessions available—reserve your ice time online!
- Hire a Personal Trainer!
- Play Pickleball!
- New classes coming for Ice, Fitness & Aquatics—Register Now!

Natatorium reopening in September after major renovation project!



Learn more at www.stpetersmo.net/Rec-Plex

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