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Smoke Detector Inspections

The Des Peres Department of Public Safety is working with Energizer Batteries and the International Association of Fire Chiefs to promote the *Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery* campaign for 2009. Two-thirds of residential fire deaths occur in homes without working smoke detectors. Seniors and children under 14 years of age are statistically at twice the risk of becoming a victim of death or injury than the general population. This fall as we change our clocks to Standard Time on November 1, 2009 we want to remind everyone to change their smoke detector batteries. This spring the batteries should be changed again on March 14, 2009.

The Des Peres Public Safety Department will help residents change their batteries who meet the following criteria:

- Des Peres Resident
- 55 years of age or older, or physically challenged and in need of assistance

Energizer Battery will be giving Des Peres a limited quantity of batteries. This program will begin in October and will last until the battery supply is depleted. For an appointment, please contact Captain Sean Quinn of Des Peres Public Safety Department at (314) 835-6200, ext. 233 or email at squinn@desperesmo.org.

Barrett Station Road Update

Barrett Station Road, starting at the intersection of Dougherty Ferry and continuing north approximately 1.3 miles to Barrett Parkway is now under construction. Construction started in July and is expected to take around 18 months to complete. The new roadway will consist of three lanes of traffic, enclosed storm sewer drainage, and sidewalks on both sides of the roadway. The improvements include new concrete pavement, sewer and signals. In order to expedite the completion of the project, the contractor will close Barrett Station Road to traffic for a maximum of 90 days from Fairroyal Drive north to Barrett Office Drive. A detour route will be marked for motorists to use during the closure.

For more information on road construction, please contact the St. Louis County Public Works Information Coordinator at (314) 615-8173.

LETTER FROM MAYOR RICK LAHR

Greetings from the center of town! It has been a busy summer and promises to be an even busier fall and winter in Des Peres. We recently saw the grand opening of the new flagship Schnucks which definitely has a “WOW” factor and is quickly becoming another gathering point in the community. Congratulations to Schnucks and The Summitt Group on a job well done. I want to also acknowledge the hours put into the project by residents of the community, the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Aldermen—working together made this a better project!

With this economy, one of my biggest concerns has been the reuse of the vacated buildings caused by the relocation of Schnucks and Barnes & Noble. Good news—the city understands that development proposals will be submitted in the near future for both properties. Desco, the real estate arm of Schnucks, has indicated their intent to renovate their old building into a shopping center with two “mini-anchor” retailers and multiple restaurants. Greenberg Development has assembled the property from Lindeman to Tallie and announced that Dierbergs intends to construct a new supermarket on that assemblage. Both projects will be subjected to review by the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Aldermen before any decision is made. Please watch the city website for postings of details on both projects and upcoming meetings where the projects will be discussed.

I want to also encourage residents to learn about both propositions on the ballot and vote on November 3rd. Proposition “N” imposes a no smoking ban in public places including restaurants county-wide. The proposed county ordinance would be more stringent than Des Peres’ current ordinance which prohibits smoking in most public places but exempts restaurants provided that they provide sufficient no-smoking seating. Neither the Board of Aldermen nor I have taken a position for or against smoking bans. However, it appears to us that, if there is to be a more stringent smoking regulation, most people think a county-wide or statewide health regulation would provide a more level playing field for business operators than would be the case if individual cities enact their own regulations.

Proposition E-911 would authorize funding to create a county-wide emergency communication system including an interoperable radio system for police and fire, enhancements to 911 for cell phones and replacement of the early warning weather sirens. To assist you in understanding Proposition E-911, the city has included in this newsletter a Frequently Asked Questions section on the proposition and also provided links on the city website to other websites with information about the proposition. The Board of Aldermen and I have also adopted a Resolution expressing our views on the Proposition. The Resolution can be found on the city website along with all other city enactments.

Finally, I hope you like the new format of the newsletter which is intended to give the newsletter a fresh look and make it easier to read. A similar redesign of the city website is underway and should be launched in early November. Both are an attempt to keep open lines of communication with our residents.

Best wishes—I have to go rake my leaves now....Rick



In observance of Columbus Day, City Hall will be closed on Monday, October 12. City Hall will also be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for Thanksgiving. For Christmas, City Hall will close at noon on Thursday, December 24 and will be closed all day on Friday, December 25. All city calendars can be found on the website at www.desperesmo.org.

PROPOSITION E-911
NOVEMBER 3, 2009 BALLOT

**FREQUENTLY ASKED
QUESTIONS:**

What is Proposition E-911?

This Proposition authorizes a one-tenth of one percent sales tax to fund a county-wide emergency communication system which will include the following:

- Provide up-to-date 911 technology so that individuals placing emergency calls from cell phones can be located quickly and reliably.
- Improve the Emergency Siren System to replace antiquated equipment and expand coverage county-wide for early weather warning.
- Replace outdated radio systems for all police, fire and ambulance providers including county, city and fire district systems to comply with a federal homeland security mandate to upgrade emergency radio systems by 2012.
- Improve Public Safety communications to all police, fire and EMS personnel to communicate with each other to more safely, more efficiently and more effectively respond to emergency situations.

What is my cost for Proposition E-911?

Passage of proposition E-911 will increase the county sales tax by 1/10th of a percent which essentially adds a dime to every \$100 purchase.

Sample Ballot
November 3, 2009
(Simple Majority Required)

Proposition E-911

Shall St. Louis County establish an emergency communications system fund to establish, maintain and operate an emergency communications system and for which St. Louis County shall levy a sales tax of one-tenth of one percent, to be paid into the fund for that purpose?

() Yes () No

How will funds from Proposition E-911 be spent?

It is estimated that the one-tenth cent sales tax will generate \$16.0 million annually of which \$12.0 million will be spent to retire up to \$100 million in bonds issued to construct the system and \$4.0 million annually for maintenance and operations.

The initial capital cost of constructing a county-wide system is projected at \$100 million dollars which will be spent in four major areas:

- \$50 million for construction of the infrastructure (towers, microwaves, fiber cable, buildings).
- \$30 million to purchase new dispatch equipment and radios for police, fire and EMS agencies.
- \$10 million to upgrade 911 to deal with cell phone technology.
- \$10 million to replace the existing early warning siren system.

What's wrong with the current Emergency Communications Systems?

Over 75% of E-911 calls received in dispatch centers are generated from cell phones. Current technology does not allow dispatch to quickly or reliably identify the location of those calls. New 911 technology in use in other parts of the country will resolve this problem.

The current system does not provide police, fire and EMS personnel with the communication tools they need to communicate with central dispatch, each other or with personnel from other departments with whom they work on a daily basis in emergencies small and large. Current systems are not compatible (Des Peres officers cannot talk directly with Kirkwood Police or with other adjoining police & fire agencies). The new 800 MHz system will resolve compatibility problems.

Current systems are based on World War II technology and need to be replaced due to age and the lack of availability of parts for maintenance. Current systems do not have the power or capability to penetrate many commercial or institutional buildings nor have sufficient range to allow officers to communicate with the dispatch center when they work in areas outside our city limits.

This information is for educational purposes only. Residents are encouraged to cast an educated ballot on Proposition E-911 on November 3, 2009.

PROPOSITION E-911**NOVEMBER 3, 2009 BALLOT****How will this impact Des Peres Public Safety?**

Creation of a county wide radio system does not replace local dispatching. Your 911 calls will still be handled by Des Peres Public Safety.

Passage of Proposition E-911 will allow the department to replace antiquated radio systems which are based on World War II technology and all car and mobile radios with state-of-the-art equipment that complies with federal mandates for upgrades of emergency communication systems by 2012.

Why doesn't each city and fire district take care of its own emergency radio needs?

Current estimates project a cost savings of 20% if the 66 police departments, 43 fire agencies and 25 dispatch centers in the county work together.

Separately, we can replace old equipment and meet technical FCC mandates. However, acting separately does not ensure that police and fire departments will be able to talk with each other during a normal day or especially in major emergencies where working together is critical to success.

Working separately does not resolve issues of E-911 cell service or the emergency early warning siren systems.

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Have other jurisdictions implemented integrated communications systems?

There are numerous examples nationwide where regional communication systems have been developed and are in operation including Minneapolis, Washington D.C., Omaha and in Missouri in Springfield and Kansas City.

St. Louis County is behind the curve in the metro area while St. Louis City is already under construction and Jefferson County has funding in place to proceed. St. Charles County is now moving forward. The state is in the process of designing and constructing a state-wide system for the Highway Patrol that will also tie into the local system. St. Louis County is among the last areas to move forward to solve these issues.

Why is Proposition E-911 on the ballot now?

It is estimated that it will take 3 years to design and construct a county-wide system which requires that we must start now.

Police and fire agencies are facing a 2012 mandate from the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) to narrowband existing radio systems with an even more restrictive federal enhancement mandate expected after 2015.

We are past due in upgrading our radio systems to give our police and fire-EMS personnel the tools to safely and effectively do their jobs to protect us. When they cannot talk to each other, lives are at risk.

What will happen if Proposition E-911 fails?

Failure of this proposition will not excuse any police, fire and EMS agency from complying with FCC mandates by 2012. In Des Peres, this will require that we find \$500,000 to \$600,000 from local taxes to fund mandated communication system upgrades—money taken from other city services or projects.

Equally important, we will have lost an opportunity for all emergency agencies to work together to create an integrated radio system that works and saves money.

Finally, the Emergency Communications Commission will likely lose the frequencies that have been recently secured for St. Louis County in the 800 MHz range from the FCC. Departments who do not narrowband will lose licenses for their current frequencies and face daily fines for non-compliance.

How do I get more information?

Contact Chief Keith Krumm at the Des Peres Department of Public Safety (314) 835-6200, Douglas Harms at the Des Peres City Hall (314) 835-6110, Mayor Rick Lahr (314) 835-6100 or any of your other elected officials. They will be happy to speak to you individually or to meet with trustees, neighborhood groups or civic organizations to answer questions.

For more information go to www.desperesmo.org or visit www.PropE911.com.

**THE CITY OF DES PERES APPROVED
THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES**

2503 Designates Des Peres Corners as a Planned Business Center and approves a revised Master Development Plan (03-09-09)

2504 Appoints Gilmore & Bell as Special Bond Counsel for preparation of documents required for refinancing Series 2002 COPS Certificate of Participation Bonds (04-13-09)

2505 Approves a Master Development Plan for a 1.72 acre tract of land at 12218 Manchester Road (First National Bank Oculus, Inc.) (04-13-09)

2506 Authorizes entering into a lease purchase transaction, the proceeds of which will be used to pay the costs of refunding the outstanding certificates of participation (City of Des Peres, Missouri, Lessee) Series 2002 and to approve the execution of certain documents and actions in connection therewith (04-27-09)

2507 Approves allocation of funding for enhancements to the Des Peres Corners Planned Business Center and incorporates such changes into a Final Amended Master Development Plan (04-27-09)

2508 Approves an Amended Conditional Use Permit to Rib City-Des Peres, 1090 Old Des Peres Road (Des Peres Square) for operation of a restaurant and to allow for exterior seating and food service (06-08-09)

2509 Amends Sec 405.240 relating to a Special Use Permit for Hospitals and Attendant Medical Office Buildings of Appendix C. Zoning and repeals all ordinances in conflict therewith (06-08-09)

2510 Repeals Ordinance 2348 and all amendments and grants a Revised Special Use Permit for operation of a hospital and attendant medical office building at 2345 Dougherty Ferry Road to Tenant Hospital (08-24-09)

2511-A Establishes the annual rate of tax levy for all funds at \$0.00 on all real and personal property located within Des Peres for FY 2009 (08-24-09)

2511 Transfers the Conditional Use Permit from J Buck's Restaurant West County Center to Hanley Grille & Tap (08-10-09)

2512 Approves a Second Amendment to the Development Agreement between the City, Manchester/Ballas CID and WCC Parcel LLC (08-24-09)

2513 Approves a Settlement Agreement with AT&T/SBC landline and assigns a percentage of the settlement proceeds to the St. Louis County Municipal League (08-24-09)

2514 Transfers the Conditional Use Permit of Cuppy's Coffee, 1034 Old Des Peres Road (Des Peres Square) to Zayna's (08-24-09)

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Visit www.desperesmo.org for information on Board of Aldermen meetings and agendas.

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULES

The Thanksgiving Holiday Trash Schedule:

- Monday, November 23-Normal Yard Waste, Trash, Recycling Pick-Up
- Tuesday, November 24-Normal Trash and Recycling Pick-Up
- Wednesday, November 25-Normal Trash and Recycling Pick-Up
- Thursday, November 26-No Trash or Recycling Pick-Up
- Friday, November 27-Thursday's Trash and Recycling Pick-Up
- Saturday, November 28-Friday's Trash and Recycling Pick-Up

The Christmas and New Year's Holiday Trash Schedule:

- Monday, December 21 and Monday, December 28-Normal Yard Waste, Trash, Recycling Pick-Up
- Tuesday, December 22 and Tuesday, December 29-Normal Trash and Recycling Pick-Up
- Wednesday, December 23 and Wednesday, December 30-Normal Trash and Recycling Pick-Up
- Thursday, December 24 and Thursday, December 31-Normal Trash and Recycling Pick-Up
- Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1-No Trash or Recycling Pick-Up
- Saturday, December 26 and Saturday, January 2-Friday's Trash and Recycling Pick-Up

MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

The Board of Aldermen Meeting Schedule at Des Peres City Hall, 12325 Manchester Road, Des Peres, Missouri:

- Monday, October 12, 7:00 P.M.
- Monday, October 26, 7:00 P.M.
- Monday, November 9, 7:00 P.M.
- Monday, November 23, 7:00 P.M.
- Monday, December 14, 7:00 P.M.
- Monday, December 28, Cancelled

The Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Schedule at Des Peres City Hall, 12325 Manchester Road, Des Peres, Missouri:

- Wednesday, October 14, 7:00 P.M.
- Wednesday, November 11, 7:00 P.M.
- Wednesday, November 25, 7:00 P.M.

The Board of Adjustment Meeting Schedule at Des Peres City Hall, 12325 Manchester Road, Des Peres, Missouri:

- Wednesday, October 28, 7:00 P.M.
- Wednesday, November 25, 7:00 P.M.

The Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Schedule at The Lodge, 1050 Des Peres Road, Des Peres, Missouri:

- Thursday, October 1, 7:00 P.M.
- Thursday, November 3, 7:00 P.M.

The Public Safety Commission Meeting Schedule at Public Safety Department, 1000 N. Ballas, Des Peres, Missouri:

- Monday, October 5, 7:00 P.M.
- Monday, November 2, 7:00 P.M.
- Monday, December 7, 7:00 P.M.

The Municipal Court Schedule at Des Peres City Hall, 12325 Manchester Road, Des Peres, Missouri:

- Monday, October 5, 7:00 P.M.
- Monday, November 2, 7:00, P.M.
- Monday, December 7, 7:00 P.M.

The 2010 Election Filing dates:

- Candidate filing for the April 6, 2010 election will begin at 8:00 A.M. on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 and will close at 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 19, 2010. Positions on the ballot in 2010 include the office of Mayor as well as for Aldermen in all three wards. For more information on statutory qualifications or filing procedures, please contact the City Clerk at (314) 835-6112.

Meeting times, locations and agendas can be found on the website at www.desperesmo.org.

LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

CHIEF KEITH KRUMM

Interoperability is the new buzzword in public safety communications and is one of the major focuses of our Homeland Security efforts. Interoperability simply means creating a radio system that allows police, fire, ambulance and emergency room personnel to have the ability to communicate with each other during times of emergency. This includes the ability of our incident commanders and responding officers within a department to communicate with each other regardless of where they are in the region as well as with personnel from adjoining police and fire agencies during mutual aid calls.

In November, voters in St. Louis County will have the choice on whether to impose a 1/10 cent sales tax to fund a new county-wide emergency communication system. Similar systems are under construction in the City of St. Louis and Jefferson County and are planned in St. Charles County. The proposition, if approved, will also upgrade our 911 phone systems to better deal with cell phones and replace the old "tornado sirens". What the proposition will not do is displace Des Peres' public safety answering point (PSAP) which will continue to operate as one of 26 independent dispatch agencies in the county.



As the election approaches, I am sure that some residents will have questions about how a county-wide system will change Des Peres' Public Safety operations and how such a system might impact you and your family. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Lieutenant Eric Hall at 835-6200. We will be happy to provide you with any information we can for you to make an informed decision. As a part of that effort, we will host a public forum at City Hall, 12325 Manchester Road, on Monday, October 26th from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. on this proposition. In the meantime, please see the article in this city newsletter and information on the Des Peres webpage at www.desperesmo.org regarding the ballot proposition.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the Des Peres community for your support of the Department of Public Safety. That support includes providing us the resources to do our job in a safe and effective manner as well as moral support of our efforts. Participation in community outreach programs such as DARE, Fire Prevention Week in our schools and National Night Out in the community is appreciated. We hope that many of you will take the opportunity to participate in our new Citizens Police Academy this fall.

In closing, remember its HALLOWEEN! Help make this a safe and happy holiday by driving carefully and watching for children as they Trick or Treat. As always, if you see, hear or suspect anything or anyone suspicious, please call us. After all, our mission is to "Serve and Protect"!

Respectfully,
Chief Keith Krumm

The Des Peres Department of Public Safety will be joining Town and Country, Creve Coeur, Olivette and Frontenac Police Departments to present the **Citizens Police Academy**. The Academy will give citizens in our communities the opportunity to learn about law enforcement thru practical training and exercises. The goal of the academy is to promote understanding between residents and police officers regarding their respective needs and problems. By promoting this relationship citizens and police can work together to make the entire community a safer place to live. The Citizens Police Academy will begin on Tuesday, October 13th from 7:00-9:00 P.M. and will continue to meet on Tuesdays for nine weeks with a graduation ceremony on Tuesday, December 8th. The Academy is open to all residents who are 21 years of age or older and is free of charge. For more information please contact Vicki Severs at (314) 835-6286 or email at vsevers@desperesmo.org.

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