



## General Municipal Election

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Des Peres residents are reminded to vote on Tuesday, April 6, 2010. Polls are open from 6:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. While there are no contested races for city positions, the Kirkwood School District has a contested Board of Education race, and St. Louis County has placed one Proposition on the ballot. Parkway School District and West County EMS & Fire District have no contested issues on the April ballot.

#### CITY OF DES PERES

Mayor:	Richard Lahr
Alderman Ward 1:	John E. Pound
Alderman Ward 2:	Paul Raczkiwicz
Alderman Ward 3:	Paul Fingerhut

#### DIRECTOR-KIRKWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION

*(Vote for 2-3 year term)*

Angie Bay, Des Peres

Kathy A. Harris, Kirkwood

William (Bill) Bauer, Kirkwood

#### “PROPOSITION A”-ST. LOUIS COUNTY

Shall the County of St. Louis impose a countywide sales tax of one-half of one percent for the purpose of providing a source of funds for public transportation purposes including the restoration, operation and expansion of MetroLink, MetroBus, disabled and senior transportation, in addition to an existing sales tax of one-quarter of one percent for the same purpose?

This article is not intended to endorse, support or oppose any candidate or proposition but simply serves as a resource for Des Peres residents.

## Sanitary Sewer Lateral Program

The Board of Aldermen recently approved Ordinance 2530 which authorizes revisions to the City's Residential Sanitary Sewer Lateral Program. The deductible has been reduced from \$250<sup>00</sup> to \$150<sup>00</sup> and the amount of landscaping restoration per project has been slightly expanded. The maximum amount of repairs paid for by the City remains at \$5,000<sup>00</sup>. Call the Public Works Office at (314) 835-6130 if you have any questions or would like more information regarding the sanitary sewer lateral program.

Please contact the Department of Public Works at (314) 835-6130 for more information on the Residential Sanitary Sewer Lateral Program.

## LETTER FROM MAYOR RICK LAHR

The one thing in life that is certain is that change is in our future. Sometimes the change is by choice and sometimes it is thrust on us by outside forces. The new year will bring change and challenges that I am confident the Board of Aldermen, staff and citizens in the community can meet.

Our first change for 2010 is from the outside. The Great Rivers Greenway Park District has recruited Susan Trautman, Director of Parks and Recreation, as their new Executive Director. Our loss is the region's gain as she moves on to work on regional trailways in the metropolitan area. Our congratulations to Susan along with a sincere thank you for her ten years of service to this community.

While no single elected official or employee accomplishes great tasks on their own, an individual certainly can leave their fingerprints and make a major impact. Susan's fingerprints are all over this city—The Lodge, the Park Master Plan, Des Peres Park Improvements, Phantom Forest, Bittersweet Woods, Concerts in the Park and our major new Flag Football Program are examples of her major impact. During her time in Des Peres, Susan attracted over \$700,000 in grants for tennis court expansion and renovations, playgrounds in Des Peres Park and the Des Peres Park Lake Restoration project. Perhaps Susan's greatest contribution to Des Peres is the culture of customer service that she has instilled in The Lodge and the great staff she has recruited,

nurtured and mentored during her ten years. All of those are forever contributions to this city that we certainly appreciate.

I also want to thank Sergeant Jerry Rajnoha upon his retirement after 27 years of service. Jerry has seen a lot of change in the department and the city since 1983 and has been a major contributor both as an employee and supervisor in protecting our health and safety. Change also creates opportunity. Jerry's retirement also resulted in the promotion of our 2009 Public Safety Employee of the Year, Vicki Severs, to the rank of Sergeant.

What other changes are on the horizon? Certainly Barrett Station Road reconstruction by County Highways in 2010-2011 creates some short term challenges as will our replacement of the Brookbend Bridge this summer. A major challenge will deal with residential trash and recycling as our five year contract with IESI ends this year. The economy and its impact on jobs, housing values and sales tax revenues will continue to be a challenge for 2010 and the years ahead.

While change is inevitable, stability is also good. Des Peres is fortunate to have a number of long time employees in critical positions including the City Administrator, Director of Public Safety and Director of Public Works. I want to recognize and thank the City Administrator, Douglas Harms, on achieving his 25<sup>th</sup> year with the city

this past month and his 37<sup>th</sup> year in city management. He is one of the longest tenured Administrators in the state of Missouri which is a significant achievement given the nature of his job. Like Susan, his fingerprints are on the fabric of Des Peres as well as the region as a whole. Not only has he performed capably in his position, he has also represented the city well on numerous regional endeavors including passage of legislation on the capital improvement sales tax and his most recent involvement on the County Emergency Communications Commission.

Until next time...  
Rick

"I want to encourage all citizens to participate in the upcoming 2010 Census. An accurate population count is critical to the city as it impacts our share of federal and state funds, is a component of the sales tax sharing formula in St. Louis County and will be used in upcoming redistricting efforts at the federal, state, county and city level."

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

**2520** Ordinance Authorizing an Urban Agreement with the Missouri Department of Transportation Relating to Replacement of the Highland Avenue Bridge Over Sugar Creek

**2521** Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with CDG Engineering for Engineering Services Relating to Replacement of the Highland Avenue Bridge Over Sugar Creek

**2522** Ordinance Amending Section 410.050 of Appendix A—Signs Relating to Establishment of Regulations for Temporary Signage in Commercial Districts

**2523** Ordinance Establishing Employee Compensation for Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2010

**2524** Ordinance Approving the Record Plat for the Resubdivision of Lot 1 of Schnucks Des Peres Center Subdivision

**2525** Ordinance Approving Coordinated Master Development Plans for Schnucks Des Peres Center Subdivision Relating to Lots 1 and 4 of said Subdivision, and Repealing Ordinance 1953 which Granted a Conditional Use Permit for Operation of a Supermarket at 11945 Manchester Road

**2526** Ordinance Issuing a Conditional Use Permit to Chick-Fil-A for Operation of a 4,200 Square Foot Restaurant with Drive-Through on Lot #4 of Schnucks Des Peres Center Subdivision

**2527** Ordinance Issuing a Conditional Use Permit for Operation of a 5,000 Square Foot Restaurant on Lot #1 of Schnucks Des Peres Center Subdivision

**2528** Ordinance Issuing a Conditional Use Permit for Operation of a 3,200 Square Foot Restaurant on Lot #1 of Schnucks Des Peres Center Subdivision

**2529** Ordinance Amending the Conditional Use Permit Issued for Operation of a Bank in Tallbrooke Retail Center and Transferring Said Permit to Great Southern Bank

**2530** Ordinance Adopting Revised Standards for Administration of the Sanitary Sewer Lateral Program Effective January 1, 2010

**2531** Ordinance Issuing a Conditional Use Permit to China King Restaurant, 11660 Manchester Road, in Talbrooke Retail Center

**2532** Ordinance Directing Issue, Sale and Delivery of General Obligation Refunding Bonds (\$6,170,000)

The Municipal Code can be found online under Government information on the website at [www.desperesmo.org](http://www.desperesmo.org).

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## 2010 CENSUS APRIL 1, 2010

The foundation of our American democracy is dependent on fair and equitable representation in Congress. In order to achieve an accurate assessment of the number and location of the people living within the nation's borders, the U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years.

The census population totals determine which states gain or lose representation in Congress. It also determines the amount of state and federal funding communities receive over the course of the decade. The 2010 Census data will directly affect how more than \$4 trillion is allocated to local, state and tribal governments over the next 10 years. In order for this funding allocation to be accomplished fairly and accurately, the goal for the decennial census is to count everybody, count them only once, and count them in the right place. The facts gathered in the census also help shape decisions for the rest of the decade about public health, neighborhood improvements, transportation, education, senior services and much more.



### Reaching an Increasingly Diverse Population

The goal of the 2010 Census is to count all residents living in the United States on April 1, 2010. The U.S. Census Bureau does not ask about the legal status of respondents in any of its surveys and census programs. To help ensure that the nation's increasingly diverse population can answer the questionnaire accurately and completely, about 13 million bilingual Spanish/English forms will be mailed to housing units in neighborhoods identified as requiring high levels of Spanish assistance. Additionally, questionnaires and language guides will be available on request.

### Recruiting Census Workers

By 2010, there will be an estimated 310 million people residing in the United States. Counting each person is one of the largest operations the federal government undertakes. For example, the Census Bureau will recruit nearly 3.8 million applicants for 2010 Census field operations. Of these applicants, the Census Bureau will hire about 1.4 million temporary employees. Some of these employees will be using GPS-equipped hand-held computers to update maps and ensure there is an accurate address list for the mailing of these questionnaires.

For more information on the 2010 Census, please visit the Census Bureau's website at [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) or visit [2010census.gov](http://2010census.gov).

### 10 Questions, 10 Minutes

With one of the shortest questionnaires in history, the 2010 Census asks for name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship, and whether you own or rent your home. It takes only about 10 minutes for the average household to complete. Questions about how we live as a nation—our diversity, education, housing, jobs and more—are now covered in the American Community Survey, which is conducted every year throughout the decade and replaces the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire. Responses to the 2010 Census questionnaire are required by law. All responses are used for statistical purposes only, and all are strictly confidential.

### 2010 Census Key Dates

*February-March 2010*—Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.

*March-April 2010*—Be Counted program is implemented. Census questionnaires are available at select public sites for individuals who did not receive one by mail.

*April 1, 2010*—CENSUS DAY

*May-June 2010*—Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.

*December 31, 2010*—By law, the Census Bureau delivers population counts to the President.

*March 2011*—By law, the Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

## TOP 10 CODE TIPS FOR 2010

In an effort to keep Des Peres a clean and safe community, our municipal code contains several important codes regarding the maintenance of private property. You can help keep Des Peres a wonderful place to live by observing these ordinance reminders all year long:

### 1. Trash containers

On the designated days for collection, solid waste containers and disposable solid waste containers may not be placed at the curb adjacent to the premises more than twelve hours before scheduled collection times and must be removed from the curb no later than twelve hours after collection. At all other times such containers shall be kept in a location not visible from the street.



### 2. Inoperable vehicles

No person shall allow any partially dismantled, inoperable, wrecked, junked, unlicensed, or discarded vehicle, or any part normally comprising or used in conjunction therewith, to remain on such property longer than twenty-four hours or on any street or highway within the city.

### 3. Temporary signs

No person shall paint, post, place, hang, suspend or affix any advertisement, card, poster, sign, banner or streamer, of any nature, or for any purpose, or cause the same to be done, on or to any curbstone, flagstone or any other portion of any street or sidewalk, or upon any tree or lamppost standing or erected on any public street or other public place.

### 4. Lawn care

No person shall cause or permit any weeds or rank vegetation growth to attain a height in excess of eight inches upon any developed property that is less than three acres within the city.

### 5. Hours of construction

Contractors or subcontractors shall work between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., on Monday through Saturday except between Memorial Day and Labor Day when the permissible starting time is 7:00 A.M.

### 6. Exterior grounds maintenance

Every yard, court, driveway, sidewalk and other portion of any premises shall be free of litter, weeds, and other safety hazards, graded and drained so as to prevent the accumulation of stagnant water on any such surface.

### 7. Dead trees and limbs

Any dead, diseased or dangerous tree shall be removed immediately when the height of such tree is equal to or less than its distance from any power line, structure or impervious surface such as a public or private street, a parking lot, sidewalk or driveway. Trees shall be pruned regularly to remove dead branches.

### 8. P.O.D.S.

No person shall park or leave any storage trailer, PODS or similar device so as to be visible from public rights-of-way without obtaining a permit from the Department of Public Works and paying a permit fee of \$25<sup>00</sup>.

### 9. Swimming pool barriers

Every outdoor swimming pool or family pool shall be completely surrounded by a fence or wall as further specified in our municipal code.

### 10. Storm water drainage

Drainage of roofs and paved areas, yards and courts, and other open areas on the premises shall not be discharged in a manner that creates a public nuisance.

Contact the Department of Public Works at (314) 835-6130 for any questions about code enforcement.

## MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

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

- Monday, March 8, 7:00 P.M.
- Monday, March 22, 7:00 P.M.
- Monday, April 12, 7:00 P.M.
- Monday, April 26, 7:00 P.M.

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

- Wednesday, March 10, 7:00 P.M.
- Wednesday, April 14, 7:00 P.M.

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

- Wednesday, March 24, 6:30 P.M.
- Wednesday, April 28, 6:30 P.M.

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

- Thursday, March 4, 7:00 P.M.
- Thursday, April 1, 7:00 P.M.

### DES PERES HONORS EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Mary Jo Layton, pictured with Mayor Rick Lahr, was honored at the December 14<sup>th</sup> Board of Alderman meeting for being named 2009 Employee of the Year.



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

- Monday, March 1, 7:00 P.M.
- Monday, April 5, 7:00 P.M.

The Audit and Finance Commission Meeting Schedule at Des Peres City Hall, 12325 Manchester Road:

- Friday, March 26, 7:00 A.M.

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

- Monday, March 1, 7:00 P.M.
- Monday, April 5, 7:00 P.M.

The Brookbend Bridge leading into Harwood Hills over Two Mile Creek will be completely closed at the end of March 2010 for approximately three months. The closure will allow Kozeny Wagner, Inc. to replace the old two span structure with a new arched single span bridge slightly longer with a sidewalk on the south side. During construction no traffic will be allowed within 100 feet of the bridge. Motorists must use alternate routes such as Claychester to Bopp Road. Signs will be posted in advance with the exact closure date.

Barrett Station Road is under construction. As of January 2010, the project is approximately 32% complete. Based on the contractor's schedule, all work is anticipated to be completed by Spring 2011. Project status can be found at the St. Louis County Department of Highways and Traffic website under Project Status. If you have any questions about the project, please call David Wrone, the Department's Public Information Coordinator at (314) 615-8173.

## LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

## CHIEF KEITH KRUMM

The recent earthquake in Haiti should remind us all that a disaster can occur anywhere and at anytime. This is a good time to remind everyone to be prepared if disaster strikes in our area. The main thing to remember is that you may need to survive on your own after an emergency. This means having your own food, water, and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least three days. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone immediately. It might take hours or it might take days to get help. In addition, basic services such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment, and telephones may be cut off temporarily or for days.

Remember that your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to plan in advance: how you will contact one another; how you will get back together; and what you will do in different situations. This plan should include the following:

**1. Identify an out-of-town**

**contact.** It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.

**2. Be sure every member of your family knows the phone number and has a cell phone, coins, or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact.**

If you have a cell phone, program that person or persons as “ICE” (In Case of Emergency) in your phone. If you are in an accident, emergency personnel will often check your ICE listings in order to get in touch with someone you know. Make sure to tell your family and friends that you have listed them as emergency contacts.

**3. Teach family members how to use text messaging.** Text messages can often get around network disruptions when a phone call might not be able to get through.

**RECOMMENDED ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN A BASIC EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT:**

- At least one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days for drinking and sanitation
- At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust masks, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to create a shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER ADDING TO AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT:**

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- Cash or traveler’s checks and change
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate
- Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate
- Household chlorine bleach; bleach can be used as a disinfectant. In an emergency, you can use bleach to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

You can find much more information on preparing for an emergency or a disaster at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

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Public Safety	(314) 835-6200	Des Peres Post Office	(314) 966-3437
City Clerk	(314) 835-6112	Des Peres Hospital	(314) 821-5850
Public Works	(314) 835-6130	IESI (Trash Service)	(636) 321-2100
Municipal Court	(314) 835-6118	City Web Site	<a href="http://www.desperesmo.org">www.desperesmo.org</a>