



## May - June 2010 Newsletter

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Des Peres is proud to present the “Hot Summer Nights, Cool Summer Sounds” free summer concert series.

**Schedule of Concerts:**

- Well Hungarians  
Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-9:30 P.M.
- Ticket to The Beatles  
Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup> from 7-9:30 P.M.
- Griffin and the Gargoyles  
Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 7-9:30 P.M.

**Summer Concert Survival Checklist:**

- *Where:* All concerts are held in Des Peres Park, 12325 Manchester Road. These events are well attended, so come early with your blankets and lawn chairs to pick your spot.

- *Parking:* Limited parking is available inside the park, overflow parking is available at the Edward Jones Building, 12555 Manchester Road. Des Peres Public Safety will be on hand to assist with crossing Ballas Road.

- *Food:* Concessions will be sold by Boy Scout Troop 313. You may carry in outside food and drinks. Alcohol is permitted in the Park, but no glass bottles are allowed.

- *Rain:* In the event of rain, call the hotline number at (314) 835-6102. Cancellations will be posted by 4:00 P.M. the day of the event.

### Resident Summer Memberships

As a resident of Des Peres, you are eligible for summer memberships at The Lodge! Summer memberships, only available to Des Peres residents, are valid Memorial Day weekend (May 29, 2010) through Labor Day (September 6, 2010). Summer memberships give you all the same benefits of a normal Lodge membership. As a member, you will receive access to the entire facility and receive the lowest prices on classes and room rentals. Special college student memberships are also available. Visit [www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com](http://www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com) for more information and rates.

Please contact The Lodge at (314) 835-6150 for information on the Summer Membership Programs.

[desperesmo.org](http://desperesmo.org)

## LETTER FROM MAYOR RICK LAHR

The State of Missouri has declared the first week in May as *Local Government Week*. We tend to take the many day-to-day services we receive for granted. The next time you drive on your street, your trash and recycling disappears from your curb, when you see a police car patrolling your neighborhood or hear a siren off in the distance, you walk in one of our many beautiful parks or swim at The Lodge, please remember and thank those employees who almost invisibly provide you those services.

I want to especially recognize and thank our street crews for the outstanding job they did this past winter (which was cold, wet and very long!). Oftentimes, the street crews work around the clock during winter storms to keep your streets clean and safe.

The city has a long history of having an outstanding Parks and Recreation Director. We are pleased to announce the promotion of Brad Schmitt as our new Director. He has been with Des Peres for the past 7 years, starting before The Lodge opened and is very familiar with all aspects of departmental operations and our Lodge Life Culture. This culture is membership focused and stresses empowerment of the staff to provide excellent customer service. In many respects, Des Peres is a “large small city” with an extensive parks and recreation operation which is unusual for a city of our size. Please stop by The

Lodge and congratulate Brad on his appointment. We are confident that he will do an excellent job for this community.

We are happy to report continued success for West County Center. Recently, the Board of Aldermen authorized early retirement of \$2.6 million in TIF bonds bringing our early payment total to over \$9.0 million in the last 7 years. Early debt service is possible due to the outstanding performance of West County Center. At the same time, we have shared some of those surplus funds with other taxing jurisdictions, most notably the Kirkwood School District to the tune of \$4.18 million since 2003. One has only to look at what has happened to other regional malls to understand what this project has meant to our community.

The primary land issue of the year is the pending project by Dierbergs to redevelop the former Barnes & Noble site (from Lindemann to Tallie) on Manchester Road. Their proposal for a 72,500 square foot grocery store was approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission at their meeting held April 14<sup>th</sup> and now moves to the Board of Aldermen for consideration. A public hearing will be held (most likely on May 10, 2010—please check the website to verify that date). Public comments to the Board of Aldermen, either at the public hearing or in writing, are encouraged. The zoning process used by the city involving intense

project scrutiny by the Planning Commission and multiple opportunities for public input have served the community well for the past 30 years.

Residents are encouraged to participate in a community-wide spring cleanup effort. Warm weather is an opportunity to whip your yard into shape and to prioritize property maintenance. Well maintained property is good for property values and makes Des Peres a great place to live and is also the neighborly thing to do.

Finally, the advent of summer is also the beginning of the highly popular *Hot Summer Nights, Cool Summer Sounds* concerts in the Des Peres Park. This free event is held on the second Friday of the month in June, July and August. Come early, stay late and enjoy the music and visit with your neighbors. Hope to see you there!

Have a great summer. The outdoor pool at The Lodge opens Memorial Day! Are you a Lodge member? If not, please consider joining. It is an incredible facility that is reasonably and competitively priced, especially for Des Peres residents. It is truly a place where neighbors gather.

Best wishes,  
Rick

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

**2533** Ordinance Accepting Barrett Circle Court in Barrett Circle Subdivision for Public Use and Maintenance and Authorizing Final Release of Escrow for said Subdivision

**2534** Ordinance Amending Section 410.030 and 410.050 of Appendix A Signs Relating to Wall Signs in Commercial Districts

**Just a Reminder...**

The Board of Aldermen have adopted a summer meeting schedule which cancels their June 28<sup>th</sup> and July 12<sup>th</sup> meetings, pursuant to call of the Mayor to handle emergency business of the City.

**Attention Subdivision Trustees...**

To help the City maintain a current list of trustees, please be reminded to send any change in officers to Linda Schulte, City Clerk, at [lschulte@desperesmo.org](mailto:lschulte@desperesmo.org). Please include the name of the subdivision, name of officer, office held, home address, phone number and e-mail address if available.

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

Visit [www.desperesmo.org](http://www.desperesmo.org) for information on Board of Aldermen meetings and agendas.

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**BRAD SCHMITT**  
**APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

Brad Schmitt has been appointed Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Des Peres effective April 1, 2010.

“We are excited to announce the appointment of Brad Schmitt as our new Director of Parks and Recreation. The Board of Aldermen and I conducted an extensive search and considered a number of well qualified applicants from the area and across the nation. We were pleased with the overall quality of those candidates and Brad’s selection is a tribute to his experience and leadership. His appointment is indicative of the quality staff that the city has been fortunate to attract and nurture under the leadership of the former Director Susan Trautman. We are confident that Brad will continue the tradition of outstanding leadership of that department,” said Mayor Rick Lahr.

Brad has broad experience in the field of Parks and Recreation including 12 years in St. Louis. He has worked in all aspects of operation and management at The Lodge having been employed at the facility since 2003—a year before the facility opened. His initial appointment was as Facility Supervisor with responsibility for all aspects of the day-to-day operation and of The Lodge. Since 2005, he has served as Recreation Superintendent with responsibility for management of all recreation programming efforts and as second in command of the department.

Prior to coming to Des Peres, Brad worked at Riverchase in Fenton helping to open that facility and supervise all aquatic activities. “I am both humbled and excited for the opportunity being afforded me to head this department and to lead an outstanding group of employees, both full-time and over 150 part-time, in working tirelessly to serve the residents of this community. Our goal each day is to take our performance to the next level making certain that our customers and the residents of this city receive value for their membership fees and tax dollars whether enjoying our parks or visiting The Lodge,” said Brad Schmitt.

Brad has a Bachelor of Science in Parks and Recreation Management from the University of Northern Arizona. He has served on the Board of the Gateway Design School—a conference highlighting the recreation facilities in the metropolitan area which drew delegates from around the country. Brad received the prestigious Associate Fellow Award from the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association (MPRA) as the outstanding parks and recreation professional (not a director) in Missouri for 2007.

“Des Peres can proudly boast that we have park and recreation facilities that are the envy of most cities in this region. Those facilities contribute substantially to the quality of life in this community. Current residents of Des Peres owe a great

deal of gratitude to the residents who came before them and to former elected officials for their foresight in preserving open space and developing an outstanding park system and a recreation facility second to none. Those facilities are a substantial reason why residents have selected Des Peres as the best place to live and raise their families,” said City Administrator Doug Harms.

“Brad has been a vital component of the success of The Lodge since it opened. He well understands the operation of all aspects of the department and is committed to continuation of the overall culture of The Lodge as a place for neighbors and friends to gather. He has earned the respect and support of The Lodge staff and we are confident that he will do an outstanding job,” said Mayor Rick Lahr.

Brad is pictured below.



## RAIN BARRELS

A rain barrel is a system that collects and stores rainwater from your roof that would otherwise be lost to runoff and diverted to storm drains and streams. Usually a rain barrel is composed of a 55 gallon drum, a vinyl hose, PVC couplings, a screen grate to keep debris and insects out, and other off-the-shelf items, a rain barrel is relatively simple and inexpensive to construct and can sit conveniently under any residential gutter down spout.

### What are the advantages of a rain barrel?

Lawn and garden watering make up nearly 40% of total household water use during the summer. A rain barrel collects water and stores it for when you need it most—during periods of drought—to water plants, wash your car, or to top a swimming pool. It provides an ample supply of free “soft water” to homeowners, containing no chlorine, lime or calcium making it ideal for gardens, flower pots, and car and window

washing. A rain barrel will save most homeowners about 1,300 gallons of water during the peak summer months. Saving water not only helps protect the environment, it saves you money and energy (decreased demand for treated tap water). Diverting water from storm drains also decreases the impact of runoff to streams. Therefore, a rain barrel is an easy way for you to have a consistent supply of clean, fresh water for outdoor use, FREE!

## MOSQUITO CONTROL

The City of Des Peres contracts with the St. Louis County Health Department for mosquito control. Under state regulations, fogging cannot be done on an indiscriminate basis, but may be done based on need as demonstrated by field trapping of insects and citizen complaints of mosquito activity.

- The Department of Health will be spraying in Des Peres on Thursday evenings, May through October as needed.

Larviciding routes for mosquito breeding sites have been updated for the 2010 season; these sites are monitored on an on-going basis throughout the season. Effort is concentrated on pretreatment-larva control. Spraying for adult mosquitoes is on a complaint basis only. Source reduction is encouraged; homeowners and businesses can help by eliminating breeding sites on their property. If you need fogging services in your neighborhood, please contact County Health at (314) 727-3097 or the Department of Public Works at (314) 835-6130.

## THE LODGE OUTDOOR POOL

Summer is almost here and with that brings the highly anticipated “Pool Season!” The outdoor pool at The Lodge will be open for the 2010 season starting on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> and will close Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Our prestigious staff at The Lodge has worked in great lengths to provide you with a variety of opportunities to get out and enjoy our spectacular outdoor pool this season. Just a few of the highlights include:

- June 11<sup>th</sup>—Friday Night Live, Summer Style!
- July 17<sup>th</sup>—Dive-In Movie
- Starting June 7<sup>th</sup> throughout the summer—Outdoor Swimming Lessons
- Class starts in June and continues throughout the summer—Aqua Zumba
- June 1<sup>st</sup>–August 13<sup>th</sup>—River Walking—Free for Members!
- September 7<sup>th</sup>—Dog Days of Summer

\*For more information on the above programs, please visit [www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com](http://www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com).

## MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

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

- Monday, May 10, 7:00 P.M.
- Monday, May 24, 7:00 P.M.
- Monday, June 14, 7:00 P.M.

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

- Wednesday, May 12, 7:00 P.M.
- Wednesday, June 9, 7:00 P.M.

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

- Wednesday, May 26, 6:30 P.M.
- Wednesday, June 23, 6:30 P.M.

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

- Thursday, May 13, 7:00 P.M.
- Thursday, June 3, 7:00 P.M.

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

- Monday, May 3, 7:00 P.M.
- Monday, June 7, 7:00 P.M.

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

- Monday, May 3, 6:30 P.M.
- Monday, June 7, 6:30 P.M.

## SUMMER HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULES

### Memorial Day, Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

- Monday, May 31—No Trash, Recycling or Yard Waste Pick Up
- Tuesday, June 1—Monday's Trash, Recycling and City Wide Yard Waste Picked Up
- Wednesday, June 2—Tuesday's Trash and Recycling Picked Up
- Thursday, June 3—Wednesday's Trash and Recycling Picked Up
- Friday, June 4—Thursday's Trash and Recycling Picked Up
- Saturday, June 5—Friday's Trash and Recycling Picked Up

### Independence Day, Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

- There will be no change in Trash, Recycling or Yard Waste because the holiday follows on a Sunday

## CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULES

- Public Safety Building Improvements—Through May 30
- Fairroyal Drain—April 2-April 8
- Brookbend Bridge Replacement—April 12-July 15
- Concrete Sidewalk Replacements—April 15-June 15
- Trench Drain Modifications—April 15-June 15
- Seal coat and stripe The Lodge parking lot—April 26-April 30
- Concrete Slab Replacements—June 1-August 1
- Asphalt Overlays—June 15-July 15
- Elevation Adjustment on Point Oak—July 15-August 15
- Concrete Repairs on Centeroyal Drive—August 15-September 15
- Oak Drive Bridge Repairs—August 1-September 15
- Street Striping—September 1-September 30

Contact the Public Works Department at (314) 835-6130 if you have questions about these schedules.

LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
CHIEF KEITH KRUMM

As we approach the sweltering summer heat, the Des Peres Department of Public Safety would like to remind everyone to take precautions against heat related incidents. Many simple measures can be taken to significantly reduce the chance of getting heat exhaustion and heat stroke. The Red Cross encourages drinking plenty of water and taking frequent breaks while working outside. Staying inside and avoiding strenuous activity is also recommended.

Everyone is at risk when temperatures rise above 90 degrees, but the elderly and the very young are the most susceptible to heat and heat-related illnesses. Heat-related illnesses can cause serious injury and even death if unattended. Signs of heat-related illnesses include nausea, dizziness, flushed or pale skin, heavy sweating or no sweating and headaches. Victims of heat-related illness should be moved to a cool place, given cool water to drink and ice packs or cool wet clothes should be applied to the skin. If a victim refuses water, vomits or loses consciousness, call 911 immediately.

**Red Cross Heat Safety Tips:**

- Dress for the heat. Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing. Light colors reflect away some of the sun's energy. It is also a good idea to wear hats or to use an umbrella.

- Drink water. Carry water or juice with you and drink continuously even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid alcohol and caffeine, which dehydrate the body. Avoid using salt tablets unless directed by a physician.
- Eat small meals and eat more often. Avoid high-protein foods, which increase metabolic heat.
- Slow down. Avoid strenuous activity. If you must do strenuous activity, do it during the coolest part of the day, which is usually in the morning between 4:00 and 7:00 A.M.
- Stay indoors when possible. If air-conditioning is not available, stay on the lowest floor out of sunshine. Remember that electric fans do not cool, they simply circulate the air.
- Be a good neighbor. During heat waves, check in on elderly residents in your neighborhood and those who do not have air conditioning.
- Learn Red Cross first aid and CPR.

**Symptoms of Heat Exhaustion:**

- Heavy sweating
- Feeling weak and/or confused
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Headache
- Fast heartbeat

**Symptoms of Heatstroke:**

- Very high temperature (104 degrees or higher)
- Hot, dry, red skin and no sweating
- Deep breathing and fast pulse, then shallow breathing and weak pulse
- Confusion and/or hallucinations
- Convulsions
- Loss of consciousness

If you think you have heat exhaustion, get out of the heat quickly. Rest in a building that has air-conditioning. Drink plenty of water or other fluids. If you do not feel better within 30 minutes, you should contact your doctor. If heat exhaustion is not treated, it can progress to heatstroke. If you think someone might have heatstroke, call emergency medical personnel immediately. While you are waiting for assistance, take the person into an air-conditioned building or find a cool, shady place. Remove the person's unnecessary clothing to help him or her cool down. Try to fan air over the person while wetting the skin with water.

If you have any questions about these heat safety tips, call the Department of Public Safety at (314) 835-6200.

Respectfully,  
Chief Keith Krumm

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The Lodge (314) 835-6150

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Des Peres Hospital (314) 821-5850

IESI (Trash Service) (636) 321-2100

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