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Summer Concert Series

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Des Peres Directory

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

Schedule of Concerts:

- Dr. Zhivegas
Friday, June 10, 7-9:30 p.m.
- Griffin and the Gargoyles
Friday, July 8, 7-9:30 p.m.
- Charles Glenn’s Motown Revue
Friday, August 13, 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.

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- *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 to The Lodge

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 28, 2011) through Labor Day (September 5, 2011). 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 for more information and rates.

Please contact The Lodge at
(314) 835-6150 or visit
www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com for
information on the Summer
Membership Programs.

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**LETTER FROM
MAYOR RICK LAHR**

WOW! Little did I know when I wrote the last editions' letter about the end of winter and the change in weather from snow to spring storms and tornados that weather events would turn out like they did. Fortunately, Des Peres was spared the brunt of the historic Good Friday tornado. The power of nature and the smallness of our region were evident. At the same time, the level of our resolve and the effectiveness of cooperation among local governments were demonstrated.

Des Peres was spared but our employees were engaged in assisting our sister cities. Police responded under a "Code 1000" to assist Maryland Heights and Bridgeton with traffic control and proper security. Fire personnel responded to a "Strike Force" call and moved up to protect areas of Creve Coeur while that fire district responded for direct assistance to north county communities. Other area fire departments were similarly re-deployed. Des Peres called in additional public safety personnel to staff our reserve pumper and ambulance to increase coverage in Des Peres. It is comforting to know that if we experienced a natural disaster in Des Peres, we would also be on the receiving end of that mutual aid from other communities. The events of April 22 simply reinforce the concept that we are all in this together and need to prepare for the worst and hope for the best.

We are engaged in a battle of another sort in Jefferson City over sales tax. Des Peres currently shares nearly 30% of the sales taxes generated in our city for operating purposes with St. Louis County and other "pool cities" under a compromise reached in 1993. The "average" point-of-sale city shares 20% of local revenue. Legislative efforts are underway to end sharing as well as counter-pressures to share all sales tax revenues on a population basis.

While this letter will be received after the General Assembly has recessed on May 13, I expect the disagreement over sharing will not have been resolved and will carry over in debate in preparation for the next

legislative session in January 2012. I have encouraged other Mayors to proceed cautiously and to fully understand the unintended consequences of major change, whether the debate is to end or increase sharing of sales tax dollars. While we are residents of Des Peres, we are also residents of St. Louis County and the region. All residents deserve and need quality public safety services regardless of where we live or travel in the County.

This edition represents our first "Year of the City" effort to highlight our operating departments and services. We have started with Parks and Recreation as summer represents their busiest time of the year. Lodge pools are gearing up to open. Summer camps and sports and recreation programs are underway. Park crews are busy at work cutting, trimming and keeping our parks clean and safe. I look forward to seeing you at our Summer Concert Series which begins on June 10.

Rick

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THE LODGE SUMMER SEASON

RESIDENT SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY

The City of Des Peres invites all Des Peres residents to The Lodge Outdoor Pool for a summer kick-off party! Bring your family and neighbors for swimming, DJ, games and giveaways! We will be giving away free ice cream to each resident and one FREE Summer Membership to The Lodge! Don't miss our first Des Peres community photo scheduled for 6:30 p.m. All Des Peres residents (Lodge members and non-members) are welcome to kickoff the summer on Friday, May 27, from 5-8:00 p.m.

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OUTDOOR POOL INFORMATION

Summer is almost here and with that brings the highly anticipated "Pool Season!" The outdoor pool at The Lodge will be open for the 2011 season starting on Saturday, May 28, and will close Monday, September 5. Our 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 17–Friday Night Live, Summer Style!
- July 16–Dive-In Movie-*Despicable Me*
- Starting June 6–Outdoor Swimming Lessons
- Starting in June and continuing throughout the summer–Aqua Zumba and Rockin' River Runnin'
- May 31-August 19–River Walking (Free for Members)
- September 6–Dog Days of Summer

*For more information on Outdoor Pool programs, please visit www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com.



COLLEGE SUMMER PASSES

The Lodge is offering College Student Summer Passes! College Student Summer Passes are valid Saturday, May 28, 2011 through Monday, September 5, 2011. College Student Summer Passes are for current college students ages 18-24. A valid driver's license AND current college ID must be displayed at time of purchase. Summer Passes are \$100.00 for Des Peres Residents and \$130.00 for Non-Residents. College students returning home earlier in May should inquire at the front desk about utilizing The Lodge prior to the Memorial Day weekend. Call (314) 835-6150 or visit www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com for more information.

POOL OWNER PRECAUTIONS

Remember that an estimated 260 children under the age of 5 drown each year. Another estimated 3,000 are treated in emergency rooms. The following are some precautions that can be taken to keep your pool safe:

- Never leave young children unattended in the pool area
- Make sure you have a safe locking gate around the pool
- Invest in some type of pool alarm that can alert you to activity in the pool when it is not in use
- Place tables and chairs well away from the pool
- Keep rescue equipment by the pool

PARKS AND RECREATION



HISTORY OF PARKS AND RECREATION

A Parks & Recreation Commission, composed of 9 volunteers, was created in 1973. Following creation of the commission, the city embarked on a Park Master Planning process which resulted in acquisition and development of Des Peres Park in 1973 and purchase of Sugar Creek Park in 1976. The city also acquired title to Pioneer Park in 1983. Des Peres entered into partnerships with the Missouri Department of Conservation in 2005-2006 to manage two tracts of adjoining land totaling 24 acres donated to the Commission by Clara Moore (Phantom Forest) and Jean and Joan Goodson (Bittersweet Woods) with the promise that the acreage would forever be maintained as natural woodlands. Today, Des Peres enjoys over 100 acres of parkland including a number of small parcels preserved as passive parks and green spaces. While Des Peres has always offered an array of recreation programs over the years both directly and in partnership with area schools and churches, Des Peres embarked on a quantum leap with voter approval in August 2000 of The Lodge Des Peres, a 74,000 square foot recreation facility that rivals any found in the region. The Lodge opened in the fall of 2003 and has proven to be a valuable addition to the quality of life in the community. As its tag line suggests, *The Lodge is a place where friends and neighbors gather*. Des Peres has a long history of leadership in St. Louis County in maintenance of outstanding parks and premier recreational opportunities. That recognition is the result of hard work by a large number of citizen volunteers and other city officials during the last 40 years, and remains our promise for the future.

MISSION STATEMENT

We bring our community together in our facilities and parks to inspire healthy lifestyles through high quality programs, extraordinary customer service, and constant efforts of improvement. We serve our community through stewardship and protection of our natural, environmental, physical and historical resources.



PARKS MASTER PLAN

In 2007, Des Peres embarked on a new Park Master Planning Process looking to the future recreation needs of the community. Plans were developed to reinvigorate park amenities in all of the city parks. The Plan envisions creation of a natural amphitheater in Des Peres Park for community events similar to the popular Summer Concert Series. Elements of the plan have been implemented with upgrades to park playgrounds and restrooms, expansion and renovation of the lake in Des Peres Park as a demonstration project combining best practices in water quality, fish habitat and outdoor learning. While the plan does not identify specific parcels of land to be acquired, it envisions an expansion of our parks as land might become available for park use.

PARKS AND RECREATION

DID YOU KNOW?

- Des Peres has been recognized as a TREE CITY USA for 28 consecutive years and is the fourth oldest TREE CITY USA in the state of Missouri.
- Park staff spends 20% of their time dedicated to providing tree maintenance and flower care and also assists with snow removal on streets and walkways during the winter months.
- Volunteers through our youth sports programs and special events dedicated over 1,500 hours to the community through various parks and recreation events.
- One of our newest teen programs, Friday Night Live, held the second Friday of the fall and spring months, had over 2,000 middle schoolers having fun in a safe environment at The Lodge.
- All parks and recreation staff members are certified in CPR for the Professional Rescuer.
- The Lodge offers up to 250 part time positions throughout the year. Since The Lodge has opened, over 1,000 members of the community have been employed by the parks and recreation department.



- There were over 315,000 visitors to The Lodge during 2010.
- The Parks and Recreation Department offered 1,183 individual programs serving almost 11,000 participants.
- Our current cardio machines have logged a total of 15,223 hours. That is the equivalent of one machine running 24 hours a day for 1 year and 9 months.
- During 2010, 2,000 kids learned how to swim through the Starting Blocks swim lesson program.
- The staff at The Lodge folded over 750,000 towels during the past year.

A recent survey of Missouri resident opinions on the importance of parks and recreation stated:

- 88% of Missouri residents believe that local communities in Missouri have a responsibility to preserve and maintain open space.
- 90% of Missouri residents think that parks, recreation and open space are important for people to improve and maintain good health.



SUMMER SUN FACTS

- The sun is more intense during the summer. Make sure to use a SPF 15 or higher to protect your skin from UV light exposure.
- Minimize time outdoors between 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. During this time, UV rays are most intense.
- Drink plenty of water to keep your body hydrated when in the sun or when exposed to excessive heat.
- If you get sunburned, do not apply creams, butter or petroleum jelly products or other greasy substances. They may cause more damage by trapping the heat and can make a burn deeper. The sunburn will heal faster if exposed to air.
- Do not pop any blisters. The blister is a natural protectant to help the sunburned skin heal faster.
- Keep any affected areas clean using antibacterial soap to prevent secondary infection.

MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

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

- Monday, May 23, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 13, 7:00 p.m.

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

- Wednesday, June 8, 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 13, 7:00 p.m.

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

- Wednesday, May 25, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 22, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 27, 6:30 p.m.

The Audit and Finance Committee at Des Peres City Hall, 12325 Manchester Road:

- Monday, June 20, 4:30 p.m.

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

- Thursday, June 2, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 7, 7:00 p.m.

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

- Monday, June 6, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 5, 7:00 p.m.

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

- Monday, June 6, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 5, 6:30 p.m.

MEMORIAL DAY TRASH SCHEDULE

Memorial Day, Monday, May 30

- Monday, May 30—No Trash, Recycling or Yard Waste Pick Up
- Tuesday, May 31—Monday's Trash, Recycling and City Wide Yard Waste Picked Up
- Wednesday, June 1—Tuesday's Trash and Recycling Picked Up
- Thursday, June 2—Wednesday's Trash and Recycling Picked Up
- Friday, June 3—Thursday's Trash and Recycling Picked Up
- Saturday, June 4—Friday's Trash and Recycling Picked Up

Contact the Public Works Department at (314) 835-6130 if you have questions about this trash schedule.

NATIONAL LIFESAVER AWARDS

Karen and Martina Lebeau were presented with the National Lifesaver Award for the Professional Responder from the American Red Cross at the Board of Aldermen meeting on April 25, 2011. This past November, the mother and daughter team were sharing a lifeguarding shift at the Lodge Des Peres indoor pool when a member needed medical assistance. This team immediately responded and activated their emergency action plan. This prestigious award was presented by Joyce Bathke on behalf of the American Red Cross. We are very proud of our city employees, Karen and Martina Lebeau, for their heroic efforts!



LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY CHIEF KEITH KRUMM

The most recent earthquake in Japan and the tornados that have occurred recently in Missouri and surrounding states should remind us all that a disaster can occur anywhere and at any time. This is a good time to discuss and develop a plan with your family so that you are as prepared as possible in the event of an emergency. 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. You might get help in hours or it could take days. In addition, basic services such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment and telephone service may be cut off for days, or even a week or longer. You can find the list of recommended items to include in your emergency kit at the end of this article.

Keep in mind that your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to plan in advance. Discuss how you will communicate, where you will meet and what you will do in various emergency situations. This plan should include the following:

- 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.
- Be sure every member of your family knows the phone number and has a cell phone, coin, or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact. If you have a cell phone, program that person(s) 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 hold of someone you know. Make sure to tell your family and friends that you have listed them as emergency contacts.
- 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 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 and chargers

Additional Items to Consider For Your 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.
- Complete change of clothing including a long-sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper. When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. In an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water

You can find much more information on preparing for an emergency or disaster at www.ready.gov.

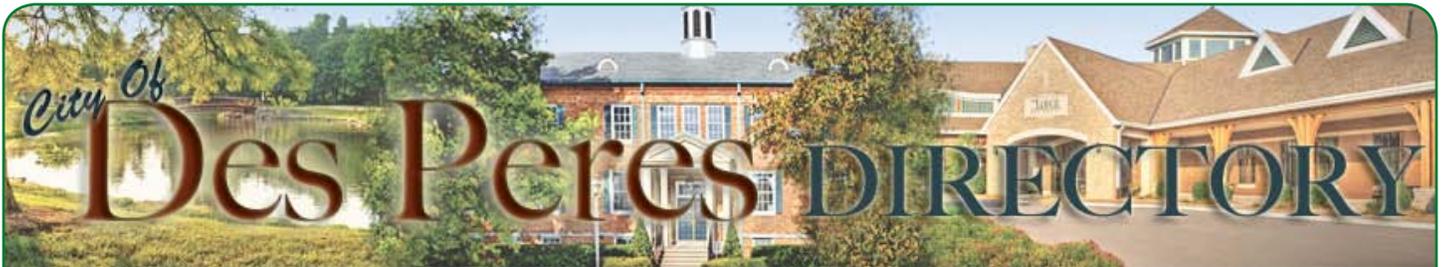
Chief Keith Krumm

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Public Safety	(314) 835-6200	Des Peres Post Office	(314) 966-3437
City Clerk	(314) 835-6111	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	www.desperesmo.org