



General Municipal Election Edition

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Municipal Election: General Information

Des Peres residents are reminded to vote on Tuesday, April 3, 2012. One week prior to the election, you should receive a postcard from the St. Louis Election Commission indicating the location of your polling place. Polls are open from 6:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. You can also get this information from the St. Louis County Election Commission: www.co.st-louis.mo.us/elections or 314-615-1800. The St. Louis County Election Board requires all voters to show some form of identification in order to vote.

The following individuals have filed for the April 3, 2012 municipal election:

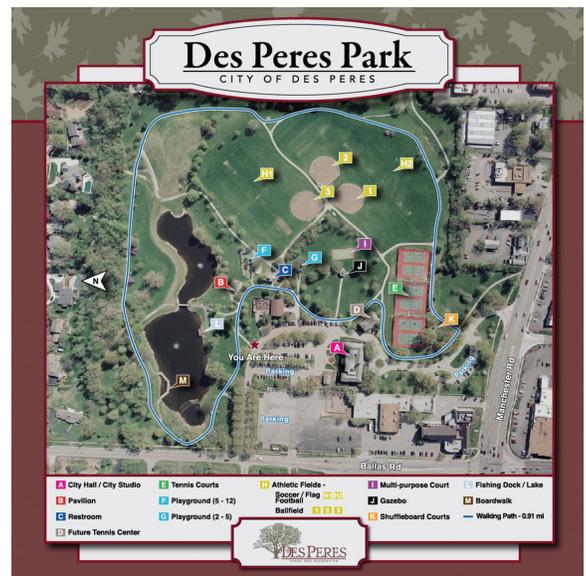
- Mayor: Richard Lahr
- Ward 1: John Pound
- Ward 1: Jack Chong
- Ward 2: Paul Raczkiewicz
- Ward 3: Paul Fingerhut
- Ward 3: Mark Becker



NEW PARK SIGNS AND MAPS!

The City recently received new park signs with aerial maps for Des Peres, Sugar Creek and Pioneer Parks. The new signs will increase awareness of park amenities, as well as, help to create consistency throughout all of our parks.

Look for the new signs this spring on your next park visit, or check out our website and click "map" on each of our park pages!



LETTER FROM
MAYOR RICK LAHR

FOR SALE – excess road salt! Just kidding – we’ll stockpile at 2011 prices unused salt for next season, but what a difference a year makes! In a typical winter season, we will use 500 tons of salt and incur \$15,000 in overtime to keep Des Peres roads clean and safe. In 2011, we used nearly 700 tons combating 14 snows totaling over 33”. While we recognize that the year isn’t over and can expect a fluke March snowstorm, we have had only 4 winter events and less than 6” of snow using only 250 tons of salt! The excellent job our street and park crews do is impressive, and I want to publicly thank them for their work.

Congratulations to the Des Peres Department of Public Safety as they celebrate 50 years of excellence since their creation in 1958. Our operation as a combined police and fire agency is unique in the metro area and one of only 4 such departments in the State of Missouri. The combined operation has served the community well, providing fully trained first-responders who are capable on any emergency call to quickly assess the situation and initiate remedial action until a full departmental response is rallied – typically 5-7 minutes after the initial 911 call is received. We are different, but are we effective? That’s a fair question. We meet all personnel training standards

and staffing requirements. We have a Class 4 fire rating which is the standard for Fire Departments in the metro area. We have commissioned performance audits (roughly every 10 years) by national experts in public safety to measure both our efficiency and effectiveness, and each time public safety has received a top grade and a recommendation to continue as a combined department. Our success is due in large part to the professional commitment of our employees to all three professions (police, fire and EMS) and to community support which provides the resources to allow for sufficient staffing, good equipment and continued training. Please join the Board of Aldermen and I, in celebrating with the members of the Department at a future open house and other planned events throughout the year.

I previously reported on my active involvement in the sales tax dispute in St Louis County. We continue to be very actively involved – I firmly believe that “if we are not at the table, we are likely on the menu” and it is important for Des Peres to take a leadership role in order to protect our tax revenues. That dispute is now ongoing in the General Assembly with at least 3 bills for “reform” having been introduced ranging from the two extremes of (1) ending sharing and returning to 1977 and (2) eliminating point-of-sale and sharing 100% of sales

tax revenues (at a cost of \$1.8 million per year to Des Peres). Des Peres officials are actively supporting a compromise developed within the County Municipal League which we believe is fair to all, while only incrementally changing existing sharing (an option netting Des Peres \$250,000 in added revenue).

On a lighter note, it’s not too soon to mark your calendar for our upcoming summer concert series: *Hot Summer Nights*, *Cool Summer Sounds*. Once again this year, the concerts will be held the second Friday in June, July and August. This year’s lineup includes: *The Fabulous Motown Revue*: Friday, June 8; *Fatpockets*: Friday, July 13; and *Mirage*: Friday, August 10. This free concert series is held in Des Peres Park, 12325 Manchester Road and starts at 7:00 PM.

Finally, I want to encourage all Des Peres residents to become informed and vote on Tuesday, April 3rd. A lot of men and women in the armed forces are fighting for both our country’s security and to protect our democracy. We owe it to them, and have an obligation to our community, to vote!

Best Wishes,

Rick



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Brian Schaffer
Appointed Director of Parks and Recreation

Brian Schaffer has been appointed Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Des Peres, effective January 1, 2012. As Director, Brian oversees the overall operations of The Lodge recreation complex and the City's four parks and two conservation areas. Brian is a graduate of the University of Missouri Columbia, with a Bachelor's Degree in Parks, Recreation and Tourism. He is a board member of the Missouri Park and Recreation Association (MPRA), as well as, Forest ReLeaf of Missouri, and a member of the National Recreation and Park Association. For the last 13 years, Brian worked for St. Louis County Parks Department as a Park Ranger, Recreation Supervisor, Recreation Complex Manager and Park Operations Manager. Brian and his wife Linette, have two daughters, Olivia and Margaret. Brian can be reached at bschaffer@desperesmo.org or 314-835-6161.



Des Peres Honors
Brandon Elzinga
Officer of the Year



Mayor Lahr, Brandon Elzinga, Chief Krumm

Des Peres Honors
Melissa Armstrong
Employee of the Year



Melissa Armstrong, Mayor Lahr



In Memory of Mary Jo "Jody" Griggs
Former Mayor : 1970-72
Member of the Board of Aldermen:
1965-70 and 1984-86

MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

April:

- 2nd Municipal Court, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall
 2nd Public Safety Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ Public Safety Building
 3rd Election Day, 6:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
 5th Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ The Lodge
 9th Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
 11th Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
 16th Audit and Finance Committee, 4:30 P.M. @ City Hall
 23rd Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
 25th Board of Adjustment, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall

May:

- 3rd Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ The Lodge
 7th Municipal Court, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall
 7th Public Safety Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ Public Safety Building
 9th Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
 14th Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
 21st Audit and Finance Committee, 4:30 P.M. @ City Hall
 23rd Board of Adjustment, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall
 28th City Hall Closed: Memorial Day
 29th Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall

June:

- 4th Municipal Court, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall
 4th Public Safety Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ Public Safety Building
 7th Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ The Lodge
 11th Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
 13th Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
 18th Audit and Finance Committee, 4:30 P.M. @ City Hall
 27th Board of Adjustment, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall

2012 HOLIDAY SANITATION SCHEDULE

MEMORIAL DAY: May 28

All trash, recycling & yard waste routes will be delayed by one day all week

INDEPENDENCE DAY: July 4

Wed., Thurs., & Friday trash & recycling routes are delayed by one day

LABOR DAY: September 3

All trash, recycling & yard waste routes will be delayed by one day all week

THANKSGIVING DAY: November 22

Thurs. & Friday trash & recycling routes are delayed by one day

CHRISTMAS DAY: December 25

Tues. through Friday routes are delayed by one day

EASTER EGG HUNT

AT SUGAR CREEK PARK:

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

Hop on over to the The Lodge for this free event and take a trolley to our annual Easter Egg Hunt! This year, the event will be at Sugar Creek Park and will coincide with the *grand opening of our new playground!* Our special guest will be the Easter Bunny and our state's First Lady so bring your camera for fun individual and group photos! Reservations are not required; trolleys will run between 9-11 a.m., event starts at 10 a.m. and is for children ages 6 and below.

Arbor Day Celebration

AT THE LODGE: SATURDAY, APRIL 7

This free event will be held at the Lodge Meeting Rooms from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., and will include: a tree planting demonstration, Arbor Day Poster Contest presentation, Swing/Bluegrass Band – Justin Branum Trio, Birds of Prey from the World Bird Sanctuary, Free Tree Seedling, Children's Area-crafts, Arborist and Horticulturist, Door Prizes, Free Cookies, and Pictures with Smokey Bear. Come celebrate and enjoy the fun!

RESIDENT POOL PARTY

AT THE LODGE: Friday, May 25

- The City of Des Peres invites all
- Des Peres Residents to The Lodge
- Outdoor Pool for a summer kickoff
- party! Bring your family and
- neighbors for swimming, games,
- great tunes and fun giveaways! We
- will be giving away free ice cream
- and one FREE Resident Summer
- Membership to The Lodge for one
- lucky non-member! Don't miss the
- second annual community photo
- scheduled for 6:30 p.m. **All Des Peres**
- **Residents** (Lodge members or non-
- members) **are welcome** to kickoff
- the summer on Friday, May 25 from
- 5 - 8 p.m.! *Please bring your Lodge*
- *Resident ID card or driver's license for*
- *entry to this free event!*

THE HISTORY OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN DES PERES: CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

In the summer of 1958, the City purchased land for its first fire house and hired Otto G. Brexler Jr., a firefighter from the City of St. Louis to help form Des Peres first fire department (Stolwyk, History of Des Peres, 38). One year later, The Des Peres Fire Department went into service with a full time staff including: a Chief (Brexler), two Captains (Joseph Murphy and Lawrence Ferguson), and a large group of trained volunteer firemen. Concurrently, the City also expanded its volunteer law enforcement service to include: a Marshall (Walter Litzsinger) and four Deputy Marshals (Henry Nichols, Vernon Goebel, Louis P. Lattray, and August H. Piotraschke).

By 1961, under direction of Mayor J.F. Souders, the City recognized that a full-time local law enforcement department was becoming a necessity. Established in 1962, the Des Peres Department of Public Safety was the first fully integrated Department of Public Safety in the State of Missouri. Public Safety is an innovative approach that has proven extremely successful in providing the community with quality Police, Fire and Ambulance services at a reduced cost when compared to separate traditional police and fire departments. Fifty years later, in 2012, the City still operates in this capacity, as a Department of Public Safety.

The current Director of Public Safety serves as both Police and Fire Chief. The City employs thirty-nine Public Safety Officers, who are each a licensed Police Officer in the State of Missouri, a graduate of the St. Louis County

and Municipal Fire Academy and a licensed Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic. Due to the ever changing requirements in the area of health services, the City has added three Firefighter/Paramedics (that are not cross trained as Police Officers) to insure that there is at least one Paramedic and one Emergency Medical Technician manning the ambulance at all times. Eight civilian employees round out the department. These include the Assistant to the Director, a Record Room Clerk, a Clerk/Dispatcher, a Dispatch Supervisor and four full-time (and one part-time) Dispatchers.

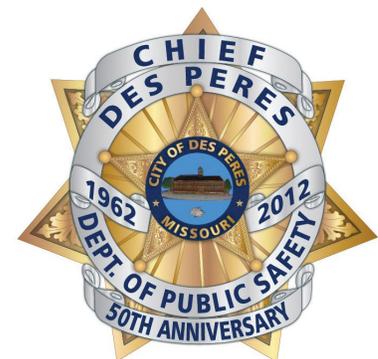
When you call for a member of the police department to assist you, you will be assisted by not only a police officer, but also, a person certified as a firefighter, and licensed as a Paramedic or E.M.T. (Emergency Medical Technician). If you call for an ambulance, usually the first person to arrive is a police officer. In Des Peres, this means the police officer that arrives is also a licensed Paramedic or E.M.T. who can start a medical evaluation and advise the incoming personnel of the patient's condition. Police officers also carry an emergency medical bag and automated external defibrillator (A.E.D) in their cars. On a fire call, the first arriving police officer can give a scene size up to the incoming fire units and provide valuable information that can assist in the overall success of the call. The cross-training of our officers has paid off for the City of Des Peres on many occasions and in many incidents. It takes a unique individual to perform all three

tasks that are required, along with ability to complete the enormous amount of training and continuing education. The Public Safety Officer System works in Des Peres, giving you and your community exceptional services on an economical basis.

The Des Peres Department of Public Safety is an outstanding agency, well-respected throughout the county and state. Over the past 50 years, we have built a strong tradition of providing the best Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services in the area. It is now our responsibility to build upon our successful past. We welcome your suggestions and comments as we continuously look for way to improve our performance.

Respectfully,

Chief Keith Krumm



*Des Peres
50th Anniversary Coin & Badge*

SPECIAL SECTION : **CANDIDATE INFORMATION**

Rick Lahr
Candidate for Mayor
Mayor

Mayor Rick Lahr is running unopposed.

Rick has been a resident of Des Peres since 1970, currently residing in the Dougherty Ridge Subdivision with his wife Kim. He is the father of two. He is a graduate of Parkway West High School, Drury College and the New York Institute of Finance. He is employed at Wells Fargo as an investment broker and financial analyst.

During the past 20 years, Rick has served as an Alderman from Ward 2 and spent the last 12 years as Mayor. During those years, he served on the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Commission in addition to serving as liaison to various city boards and commissions. He has served on the Board of Directors of both the St. Louis County and Missouri Municipal Leagues including serving in the capacity of President of the County League. Rick has also served as a softball coach at St. Gerard Majella, as Auction Committee Chair for KETC-TV, and has been active at his both his children's schools – Barrett Elementary, Westminster Christian School and Parkway South.



John Pound
Candidate for Alderman
Ward 1

I have been very fortunate to live in the City of Des Peres for the past 28 years and to have served the city in many capacities. This has included serving on the Board of Aldermen for the past ten years and on the Planning & Zoning Commission for nine years including 6 years as Chairman. In addition to the Planning & Zoning Commission, I also served on the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Commission during the time West County Center was redeveloped.

As an Alderman, I have also served as Aldermanic Representative to each city commission including Audit & Finance, Board of Adjustment, Parks & Recreation, Planning & Zoning and Public Safety. I am currently serving my second term as President of the Board of Aldermen.

I am a graduate of the University of Kansas with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. For the past 18 years, I have been a partner in Commercial Realty Associates, a commercial real estate brokerage and property management company.



Jack Chong
Candidate for Alderman
Ward 1

I am 45 years of age and a 12 year resident of the City of Des Peres. I am the father of two – a boy and a girl.

I have a degree in Construction Management from the University of Cincinnati and am currently employed at a Design Build Construction firm located in downtown St. Louis. Early in my construction career, I traveled extensively and lived in over eight different states including Florida, Maine and Nebraska over a period of six (6) years. I have been involved with a number of professional associations and clubs including service in leadership positions.

I have never held elective office in the City. However, I did run for this position in 2005 but was unsuccessful. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve the community.

All candidates are seeking 2 year terms. This newsletter insert is not intended to endorse, support or oppose any candidate, but simply serves as a resource for Des Peres Residents. All photographs and biographies were provided by the candidates.



Paul Raczkiewicz
Candidate for Alderman
Ward 2

Alderman Paul Raczkiewicz is running unopposed.

Paul has served as Alderman from Ward 2 since his election in 2000 and has continually served in that role for 12 years. Prior to being elected Alderman, he served on the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Commission, in addition to six (6) years on the Audit & Finance Committee including a term as chairman.

Paul is retired following a successful career in the health care field including his role as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, Illinois and Vice-President for Development and Construction at Shriners Hospital.

Paul and his wife Dodie live in Dougherty Lake Subdivision and are active members at St. Gerard Majella Parish.



Paul Fingerhut
Candidate for Alderman
Ward 3

My wife Terry and I have been residents of the City of Des Peres and members of St. Clement's Parish since 1980. I graduated from St. Mary's University with a BA in Mathematics and English and from the Illinois Institute of Technology with a Masters in Mathematics.

I worked as a high school teacher for 13 years at CBC and St. Louis Priory schools before starting my own business, Steamboat Party Sales, which was sold in 1996. I then returned to teaching at Villa Duchesne and currently teach mathematics at Barat Academy.

I was initially appointed to the Board of Aldermen in 1999 to complete an unexpired term and have been re-elected to two years terms since. I have served as aldermanic liaison to the Board of Adjustment, Planning & Zoning, Parks & Recreation and Public Safety Commission. I have also served two terms as President of the Board of Aldermen.

In addition to my service to the City of Des Peres, I have prior experience as a subdivision trustee and have served on an advisory board on environmental issues in the City of Maryland Heights, where my business was located.

I would appreciate your support to allow me to continue serving the City for two more years.



Mark Becker
Candidate for Alderman
Ward 3

My name is Mark Becker and I am running for Alderman in Ward 3. I am a life-long resident of St. Louis and have resided in Des Peres since 2001 with my wife Susan and our four children, ages 14, 12, 9 and 8. We are active members of St. Gerard Majella Parish. My children have attended St. Gerard School and the Kirkwood public schools. I have served as a youth baseball and basketball coach.

I am a graduate of St. Louis University High School and the University of Missouri - Columbia where I received both my Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) and my law degree (JD). I am a practicing attorney and partner at the Hullverson Law Firm where I have worked since 1993. I have maintained an AV legal rating since 1999 which is the highest possible peer review rating in legal skills and ethical standards. In addition to various legal organizations on which I serve, I was recently appointed by the Supreme Court of Missouri to serve on the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel Committee which investigates allegations of misconduct by attorneys. I am also a former President and Chairman of the Board of St. Vincent Home for Children.

I would be honored to serve the community that we call home.



2012 SAMPLE BALLOT

St. Louis County Special Bond Election:

Proposition S

Shall St. Louis County, Missouri, issue general obligation bonds in the amount of up to One Hundred Million Dollars for the purpose of acquiring a site and constructing, renovating, improving and equipping court facilities and related improvements, including a new family court for St. Louis County.

YES NO

St. Louis County General Municipal Election:

MAYOR - CITY OF DES PERES

Vote For: 1 2 year term
RICHARD G. LAHR

ALDERMAN - CITY OF DES PERES - WARD 1

Vote for: 1 2 year term
JOHN E. POUND
JACK CHONG

ALDERMAN - CITY OF DES PERES - WARD 2

Vote for: 1 2 year term
PAUL RACZKIEWICZ

ALDERMAN - CITY OF DES PERES - WARD 3

Vote for: 1 2 year term
PAUL FINGERHUT
MARK BECKER

DIRECTOR - KIRKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT R-7

Vote For: 2 3 year term
ANDY STEWART
HAMID R. HAMRAH
SCOTT ANDERSON
SARA KING

DIRECTOR - PARKWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote For: 2 3 year term
BETH FELDMAN
HELEN CASTEEL
KIM APPELBAUM

Election Day:

All polling places open at 6:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.



Accepted Forms of Identification:

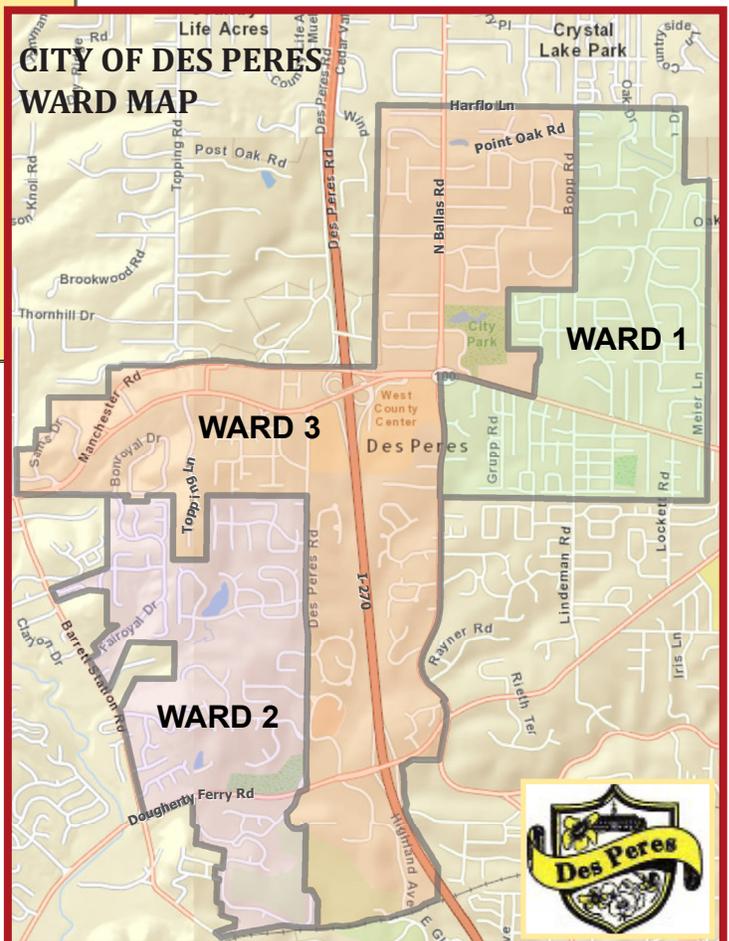
Missouri election law requires each voter to show a form of identification before voting.

Accepted forms of ID are:

- Voter Identification Card.
- Identification issued by the state of Missouri.
- Identification issued by the U.S. government.
- Identification issued by an institution of higher education, including a university or technical school, located within the state of Missouri.
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or other government document that contains the name and address of the voter (the address must match your current address).

Get Involved, Be a Poll Worker

St. Louis County is continuously looking for qualified workers to staff as many as 450 polling locations for Election Day. Each worker will receive pay for training and working at their assigned polling place. If you are interested in being a Poll Worker, please contact the Election Judge's Department at 314-615-1865 or complete an online application at: www.stlouisco.com/elections/pollworkers



MOSQUITO CONTROL

The City of Des Peres contracts with the St. Louis County Health Department for mosquito control regulations, fogging cannot be done on an indiscriminate basis, but may be done based on need 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 2012 season; these sites are monitored on an on-going basis throughout the season. Effort is concentrated on pretreatment for 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 Des Peres Department of Public Works at 314-835-6130.**

Map Your Neighborhood is an all-hazards program designed to help neighbors prepare for disasters. In a disaster, your neighbors are your most immediate source of help. Traditional 9-1-1 responders are quickly overwhelmed. Some minor preparation and knowing what to do in the first hour of a disaster response may save a life, reduce the severity of injuries, and reduce the amount of damage that you, your family, and neighbors sustain.



Map Your Neighborhood

The St. Louis Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers is hosting free, one-hour training classes endorsed by the Missouri Seismic Safety Commission. Learn how to acquire and borrow materials to conduct your Neighbors Meeting and what to do for your family and neighbors if a disaster occurs.

Saturday, March 10, 10:00 a.m.

St. Louis County Library, HQ East Room, 1640 S Lindbergh Blvd

Saturday, March 10, 2:00 p.m.

St. Louis County Library, Tesson Ferry Auditorium, 9920 Lin-Ferry Dr

Monday, March 12, 7:00 p.m.

St. Louis City Public Library Carpenter Branch, 3309 S Grand Blvd

Saturday, April 28, 10:00 a.m.

St. Louis City Public Library Buder Branch, 4401 Hampton Ave

Monday, April 30, 7:00 p.m.

St. Louis County Library Flo Valley, Auditorium,
195 New Florissant Rd S

Wednesday, May 12, 7:00 p.m.

St. Louis County Library Daniel Boone, Auditorium,
300 Clarkson Rd



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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