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## Exceptional Grocery Options in Des Peres!



**Location:**  
Schnucks - Des Peres  
12332 Manchester Rd.  
Des Peres, MO 63131

**Phone:**  
314-965-3094

**Store Hours:**  
24/7



**Location:**  
Trader Joes - Des Peres  
13343 Manchester Rd.  
Des Peres, MO 63131

**Phone:**  
314-984-5051

**Hours:**  
Monday - Sunday  
8:00 AM - 9:00 PM



**Location:**  
Dierbergs - Des Peres  
1080 Lindemann  
Des Peres, MO 63131

**Phone:**  
314-238-0400

**Hours:**  
Monday-Saturday  
6:00 AM - Midnight  
Sunday  
6:00 AM - 11:00 PM

## LETTER FROM

**MAYOR RICK LAHR**

What can I say? It's just hot and dry. It's been a long time since we have seen heat and drought conditions such as this. Meteorologists predict this may be the driest summer of all time and among the hottest 5 in history! Like all property owners in the area, our parks crews are working desperately to keep our plants and gardens alive... Hate to think what the water bill is going to be! While the water company has not yet issued a conserve order, they have lowered water pressure in the morning to help conserve water during this drought.

How do you beat the heat? My suggestion - take advantage of The Lodge pools and lazy river. Both have been busy this summer but we have plenty of room. I encourage you to get out and enjoy the outstanding recreation facilities offered in our community and join your neighbors in the lazy river at the Lodge! As always, the Lodge lobby offers a "cooling station" for those just simply trying to escape the heat.

An enormous thank you to Jim Doering for his 21 years of service to the City of Des Peres. It was a sincere pleasure working with Jim. He always came to meetings prepared to represent the priorities and concerns of his constituents in Ward 3 and considered the best interest of the city. Best wishes to Jim in his future endeavors.

Over the years I have been asked one question very consistently,

"When will Des Peres get a Dierbergs store?" The answer is NOW! We officially cut the ribbon and opened the store at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 31st. If you have not yet had a chance, check out the new store featuring covered parking and a "cartalator" allowing you to access the lower parking area with your cart. We are now unofficially the grocery store mecca of St. Louis County!

Mark your calendars! Our Department of Public Safety is celebrating its 50th Anniversary with an open house on Saturday, October 13th from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. at our Public Safety Building at 1000 N. Ballas Road. Tours of the facility will be given and our vehicles and equipment will be on display. Please plan on attending to thank the men and women of your department for all they do to serve and protect this community - it is sure to be a fun family event!

Also please note that National Night Out has been moved from August to October 2nd. The St Louis Area Police Chief's Association collectively requested this change in the hope that cooler weather would increase community participation in the annual event. The new event has been renamed "St Louis Night Out". More information on how to sign up your neighborhood will be forthcoming.

Despite the extreme heat, our public works staff have been

feverishly working on multiple road improvement projects to maintain our streets, sidewalks and bridges. Thanks to Denis, Frank and their crews for "sweating it out" and keeping our construction on schedule. Our last major project for the year, replacement of the Highland Bridge, is due to start in early August and be completed by Thanksgiving.

We have one remaining summer concert of the 2012 season - the exciting sounds of Mirage. Please mark your calendar for 7:00 P.M., Friday August 10. As July concert attendees can attest, weather in the mid-west can be deceiving - we had a very enjoyable breeze during that concert. Plan on attending this last show of the Des Peres Summer Concert Series.

As always, please remember to "shop Des Peres first". Our strong retail sales tax base and its continuing success help keep our "zero real-estate tax" and our overall residential tax burden the lowest of any municipality in St. Louis County while our services remain top notch.

Yours Truly,

Rick

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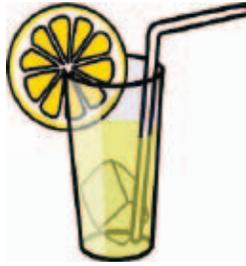
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Public Safety and Planning & Zoning. "We want to thank Jim on behalf of the community and especially the residents of Ward 3 for his many years of dedication and service to the community. We wish him well," said Mayor Rick Lahr.

Alderman Doering submitted his resignation to the Board of Aldermen on June 25. Under state law, the Mayor will appoint a new Alderman, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, to finish out the term which will end in April 2013.

## Children of Des Peres Recognized for Participation in 2012 "Lemonade Day"



Mayor Lahr recognizes the children who participated in 2012 "Lemonade Day" at the May 29 Board of Aldermen Meeting. Front row (L-R) Harry Studt, Paul Dinsmore, Brendan Sahn. Back row (L-R): Maggie Hughes, Brady Sahn, Clarisa Whitener, Zoe Hughes, Claudia Sahn, Caroline Farroll, Claire Hughes, Olivia Dinsmore

Lemonade Day was started in Houston by Michael Holthouse, an entrepreneur and philanthropist in 2007. Since then, it has grown to 31 cities and 120,000 registered youth across the United States and Canada. Holthouse established the program to help empower youth to become productive members of society - the business leaders, social advocates, volunteers and forward-thinking citizens of tomorrow by teaching children how to start, own and operate their own business - a lemonade stand.

Having heard about Lemonade Day from her brother who resides in Indiana, Des Peres resident Amy Hughes decided to start a Lemonade Day program in Des Peres by recruiting 11 children who were interested in the program from the Dougherty Woods subdivision. Two teams were formed, the "Des Peres Schnucks Team" and the "Ken Connor Park Team" for the May 27 Lemonade Day. Each child that registered for the program received a backpack with an Entrepreneur Workbook that focused on the 14 lessons of Lemonade Day, including: how to set goals, develop a business plan, secure an investor, create a product, make a profit and give back to their community. The children keep all the money they earn and are encouraged to spend some, save some and share some.

**Ken Connor Park Team:** Paul Dinsmore, Harry Studt, Brady Sahn, Clarisa Whitener and Maggie Hughes. Borrowed \$76.16 from investor, \$169.65 total sales, \$93.49 total profit.

*\*A portion of their team earnings went to Autism Speaks & the Humane Society, a portion went in their savings account and each team member kept a portion for a personal goal.*

**Des Peres Schnucks Team:** Claudia Sahn, Brendan Sahn, Olivia Dinsmore, Caroline Farroll, Claire Hughes and Zoe Hughes. Borrowed \$62.93 from investor, \$281.33 total sales, \$218.50 total profit.

*\*This team gave 50% of their earnings to Mercy Children's hospital with the remaining going to their savings account with a portion kept for a personal goal.*

For more information on Lemonade Day, please visit:  
[www.Lemonadeday.org](http://www.Lemonadeday.org) or call 713-626-KIDS.

## Alderman Jim Doering Resigns

On behalf of the Board of Aldermen and the City of Des Peres, we would like to recognize and thank former Alderman Jim Doering for his 21+ years of service to the City. Jim was first appointed to the Board in March 1991 and subsequently elected to eleven consecutive two year terms. During his tenure, Jim served as President of the Board in 2004-2005 and in 2010-2011, and as liaison to numerous citizen committees including Audit & Finance, Public Safety and Planning & Zoning. "We want to thank Jim on behalf of the community and especially the residents of Ward 3 for his many years of dedication and service to the community. We wish him well," said Mayor Rick Lahr.

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## MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

### August:

2nd Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ The Lodge  
 6th Municipal Court, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall  
 6th Public Safety Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ Public Safety Building  
 8th Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall  
 10th Summer Concert Series: Mirage, 7:00 P.M. @ Des Peres Park  
 13th Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall  
 20th Audit and Finance Committee, 4:30 P.M. @ City Hall  
 22nd Board of Adjustment, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall  
 27th Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall

### September:

4th Municipal Court, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall  
 4th Public Safety Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ Public Safety Building  
 6th Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ The Lodge  
 10th Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall  
 12th Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall  
 17th Audit and Finance Committee, 4:30 P.M. @ City Hall  
 24th Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall  
 26th Board of Adjustment, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall

### October:

1st Municipal Court, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall  
 1st Public Safety Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ Public Safety Building  
 4th Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ The Lodge  
 8th Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall  
 10th Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall  
 13th Public Safety Open House, 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. @ Public Safety  
 15th Audit and Finance Committee, 4:30 P.M. @ City Hall  
 22nd Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall  
 24th Board of Adjustment, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall

### FALL FESTIVAL IN DES PERES PARK: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20: 5 P.M. - 9 P.M.

Mark your calendar now for a free, fabulous fall evening at the park! Enjoy blue grass music, hayrides, pumpkin races, costume contest and a family movie under the stars! Bring your lawn chairs and coolers with your favorite snacks and beverages. *Glass bottles are not permitted.* Concessions are available for purchase from 5 - 8 p.m. courtesy of Boy Scout Troop 313.



- 5 - 7 p.m. – Hayrides and Live Blue Grass Music
- 5 - 5:30 p.m. - Check-in for Pumpkin Races\*
- 5:30 p.m. - Pumpkin Races Start!
- 6:30 p.m. – Check-in for How to Train Your Dragon themed Family Costume Contest
- 6:45 p.m. – How To Train Your Dragon Contest starts! All family members (included leashed pets) are welcome to dress in costume!
- 7:00 p.m. - Movie: How to Train Your Dragon (PG – 98 min)

\*Pre-register for the pumpkin race by calling 314.835.6150 and referencing #14387. Pumpkin race rules are on our website.

### SAINT LOUIS ADVENTURE CHALLENGE

Sunday, October 7: 8 A.M. - 4 P.M.



Join the race you'll never forget! The St. Louis Adventure Challenge is a mini-version of The Amazing Race! Co-ed teams of four will travel the St. Louis area searching for hidden check points by walking, running or biking and be tested with both mental and physical challenges. Participants will receive a technical shirt! Youth (under 18) may only compete in the family division with a parent/guardian on the same team. This is a self-sufficient race. Each team is required to bring their own food, water, one compass and one cell phone. Each teammate requires one bike and one helmet. Parking is limited; please carpool. The St. Louis Adventure Challenge is brought to you by several Parks and Recreation Departments across the greater St. Louis area. **For frequently asked questions or to register, visit [www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com](http://www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com) or call 314.835.6150. Registration Deadline is September 21, 2012.**

#### Teams:

- #14093: \$160 Adult Co-ed Team  
Min/Max 2 - 4 – Long Course
- #14094: \$100 Adult Co-ed Team  
Min/Max 2 - 4 – Short Course
- #14095: \$100 Family Co-ed Team  
Min/Max 2 - 4 – Short Course (for teams with youth 18 and under only)

**Location:** The Lodge Des Peres (1050 Des Peres Road; 63131) Map and clues will be distributed on race day!

### Attention Subdivision Trustees:

To help the City maintain a current list of all trustees, please send an updated trustee list to Sandra Haynes, City Clerk, at [shaynes@desperesmo.org](mailto:shaynes@desperesmo.org). Please include the name of the subdivision, name of officer, office held, home address, phone number and email address.



## Des Peres recognized as a Missouri Children in Nature Community by Governor Nixon

Des Peres has been recognized as a Missouri Children in Nature Community through The Children in Nature Challenge, created by an executive order, signed

by Gov. Jay Nixon. The challenge encourages Missouri communities to take action and educate children about nature. Communities recognized have formally increased opportunities for children to experience and enjoy nature and the outdoors. The Des Peres Children in Nature Community Action team includes the following individuals: Mayor Rick Lahr; Nikki Thole Buechler (Recreation Superintendent), Aaron Kaminski (Naturalist), Tina James (Horticulturist) and Steve Braddock (Park Superintendent).

“Children benefit physically, mentally and even spiritually by reconnecting with nature, and we need to provide them with the opportunities to do so,” said Georganne Nixon, First Lady of Missouri. “We are pleased to announce that the city of Des Peres has successfully completed the challenge.”

Communities must meet several criteria to complete the challenge. This includes increasing awareness of opportunities to connect to nature; providing outdoor activities and events; enhancing and creating outdoor areas; encouraging the use of nature-based curriculum in schools; and partnering with local organizations and businesses to connect children with nature.

Des Peres was formally recognized for this effort in the spring of 2012. For more information about the challenge, visit <http://childreninnature.mo.gov/> or contact Des Peres Parks and Recreation at 314-835-6150.



### DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

Tuesday, September 4:  
5:30-7:30 P.M.



Bring your doggie for a dip at The Lodge Outdoor Pool as we end our season! Watch your pooch paddle and play in the water, receive some tasty treats and make some frisky new friends! Owners must show current proof of the following vaccinations in order for their pups to participate: Distemper, Parvo, Rabies. Dogs will not be allowed entry without written documentation of the above vaccines. Cost of the event is \$10 per dog, no pre-registration is required. Owners may not swim with their pooches; this swim is for DOGS ONLY!



### SPLASH AND DASH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29: 9 A.M. – 11 A.M.



Participate in our first ever biathlon, The Lodge Des Peres Splash and Dash! Boys and girls ages 8 - 10 will compete in a 100 yard swim and 1 mile run. Boys and girls ages 11 - 12 will compete in a 200 yard swim and 1.8 mile run. Boys and girls ages 13 - 14 will compete separately in a 200 yard swim and a 1.8 mile run. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in each age bracket. The fun starts promptly at 9 a.m. and parents are encouraged to stay and watch on the pool deck. Registration is per child (\$20/Member, \$21 Resident, \$24 Non-Resident). Participants should remember to bring their swimsuit, towel and tennis shoes. Each participant will receive a swim cap! Registration deadline is September 21, 2012. Call 314.835.6150 or visit the Lodge Online [www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com](http://www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com) to register today!



2012 Resident Pool Party Community Photo

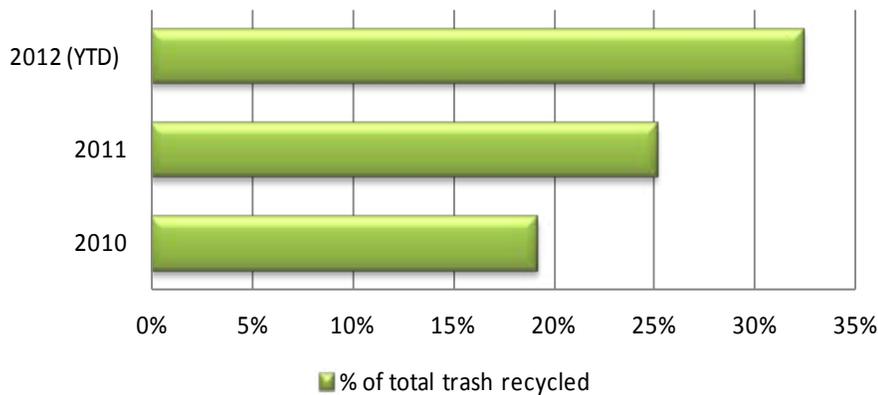
## Public Works: Curbside Recycling Information



**REDUCE  
REUSE  
RECYCLE**



### Des Peres Recycled Solid Waste (3 Year Progression)



The City of Des Peres encourages all residents to give single stream recycling a try. You will be surprised how much of the household waste you generate can actually be recycled! All recycling must be contained in the 64 gallon bin. Recyclables are collected one time per week by IESI on the same day as your regular trash and bulky item pick-up.

Des Peres has been an advocate of recycling as a means to both improve the environment and extend the life of area landfills since the creation of a Citizen's Solid Waste Task force in 1990. 2012 represents the 22nd year that Des Peres has offered free curbside recycling as a part of our solid waste management contract. The City is proud to report that over the past three years, the amount of solid waste recycled has been steadily increasing (see chart above)! We are hoping to report a 40% diversion of trash to recyclables by the end of 2012 - we thank you for doing your part to help us with this effort!

#### Department of Public Works:

Phone: (314) 835-6130

Fax: (314) 835-6131

#### IESI:

Phone: (636) 321-2100



City of Des Peres  
64 gallon curbside recycling bin

### ACCEPTED COMMINGLED RECYCLABLE ITEMS:

- **Aluminum cans, trays & foil**
- **Aseptic packaging & gable top containers** (milk & juice cartons)
- **Steel cans and tins** - including aerosol cans
- **Glass jars & bottles** (clear, brown & green)
- **Newspaper, magazines, catalogs & telephone books, paperback books** (no hard covers)
- **Office & computer paper, notebooks** (no metal clips, spirals or ring binders)
- **Chipboard** (cereal, cake, gift boxes, etc.)
- **Carrier stock packaging** (soda & beer, etc.)
- **Gift wrapping paper**
- **Plastics: any number is accepted, EXCEPT #6; accepted types include: #1 PET, #2 HDPE, #3 PVC, #4 LDPE, #5 PP and #7** (Numbers listed include: soda, water, milk & juice jugs, detergent & fabric softener, health & beauty aid product containers, household cleaners, grocery containers such as margarine tubs, frozen yogurt cups, and plastic buckets - 5 gallon maximum size.). The recycling number is found on the bottom of plastic containers.

Letter from

## CHIEF KEITH KRUMM

2012 marks the 50th anniversary of the Des Peres Department of Public Safety, the first fully integrated Department of Public Safety in the State of Missouri. As a Public Safety Department, our personnel are trained as police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians and paramedics. In St. Louis County, this is unique to Des Peres, and means that the first responder on the scene is trained to handle any emergency upon arrival.

2012 is also the 20th anniversary of our facility at 1000 N. Ballas Road. Prior to moving in 1992, the Public

Safety Department was located across the street where the Ameren Electric facility is now located.

**In recognition of these anniversaries, we are hosting an Open House on Saturday, October 13, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at our facility at 1000 N. Ballas Road.**



Des Peres Dept. of Public Safety,  
1000 N. Ballas Road

## Public Safety News, Services and Community Programs

During the open house, we will have our vehicles and equipment on display and tours of the building will be offered. Paramedics will be on hand to take your blood pressure and we will also be distributing fire safety literature, Child I. D. Kits, gunlocks and some special handouts for the kids. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Chief Keith Krumm

### Congratulations St. Gerard Majella 2012 D.A.R.E. Graduates!



The program emphasis of D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is to help students recognize and resist the many subtle pressures that influence them to experiment with drugs, gangs, and violence. In addition, program strategies are planned to focus on feelings relating to self-esteem, interpersonal and communication skills, decision making, and positive alternatives to drug abuse behavior.

The instructional guide for D.A.R.E. has been developed to assist police officers, school administrators and teachers in the planning and implementation of a program of drug abuse resistance education for students in 5th grade.

The Des Peres Department of Public Safety currently has three certified D.A.R.E. officers. D.A.R.E. is taught at St. Paul's Lutheran School, St. Clement of Rome School and St. Gerard Majella School.

### St. Louis Night Out Against Crime - October 2

The St. Louis Area Police Chief's Association has established the first Tuesday of October as *St. Louis Night Out Against Crime* in lieu of the National Night Out in August.

**On October 2nd we will celebrate the evening in neighborhoods all across the City.** The Des Peres Department of Public Safety encourages partnerships between members of the community and our Public Safety Department to promote safe neighborhoods. Between 6 and 9 PM on Tuesday, October 2nd, residents are encouraged to meet and socialize with their neighbors. During this time, The Des Peres Department of Public Safety will visit as many "block parties" as possible.

For additional information, residents should contact Community Service Officer Brandon Elzinga at 835-6200 or email him at [relzinga@desperesmo.org](mailto:relzinga@desperesmo.org).

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City Hall Fax	(314) 835-6101	Des Peres License Bureau	(314) 909-1514
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	<a href="http://www.desperesmo.org">www.desperesmo.org</a>