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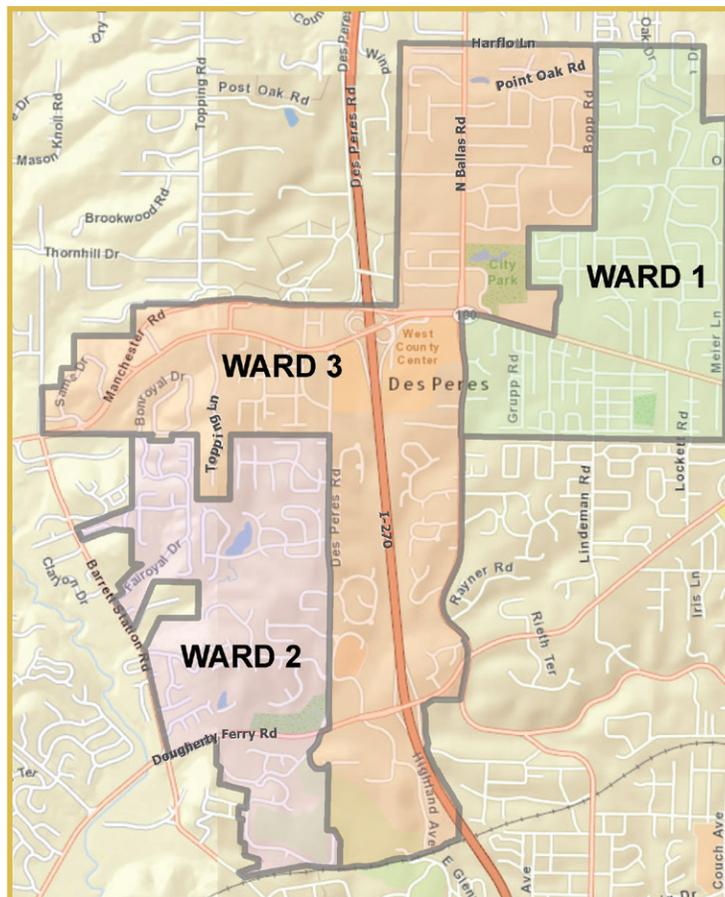
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Municipal Election: General Information

Des Peres Residents are reminded to vote on Tuesday, April 2, 2013. One week prior to the election, you should receive a postcard from the St. Louis County Election Commission indicating the location of your polling place. Polls are open from 6:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. You can also get this information from the St. Louis County Election Commission's website: 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 2, 2013 municipal election:



Municipal Judge

- Michael Waller
- Charles Billings
- David Howard

Alderman, Ward 1

- Kathleen Gmelich
- Steven Palubiak

Alderman, Ward 2

- Jim Kleinschmidt

Alderman, Ward 3

- Sean Concagh



LETTER FROM
MAYOR RICK LAHR

It is hard to believe that it has been 5 years since the tragedy in Kirkwood. The events of that day will forever remain fresh in my mind. Each and every one of the elected and appointed officials killed that day were dedicated public servants each committed to doing what was right and fair for their community. Des Peres residents benefit from that same dedication in your elected officials and city staff. The April elections are fast approaching. I encourage every resident to inform themselves on the candidates and propositions and to cast an informed vote on April 2nd.

The General Assembly is now in session – words that bring fear to the heart of many. Des Peres is very fortunate that we have an excellent working relationship with our Senator Eric Schmitt and our Representative John Diehl. We are in constant contact both locally and in Jefferson City. Both are former city officials and truly understand the needs of local government. Of course, they both represent multiple cities and all cities are not the same – when we have difference among us, both listen carefully and weigh the information. That's all we can ask for – thoughtful consideration and an informed vote.

The State of Missouri has

declared the 1st week in May to be Local Government Week. We tend to take the many day-to-day services we receive for granted. While winter weather has been kind to us again this year (until recently), our street crews have been vigilant and ready to work day and night to keep our streets clean and safe. Our park staff is already hard at work to prepare our parks and pools for the upcoming spring and summer weather. The unsung heroes, while not direct city employees, collect our recycling and household refuse without delay regardless of weather conditions. When you see any of those employees, give them a thank you for a job well done.

A special thanks and recognition to the men and women in our Department of Public Safety. Their presence is constant in the community and their dedication to keeping our community safe is unwavering. These men and women work 24/7. They do so on holidays and weekends – time most of us are able to spend with family and friends. They do so without reservation knowing the risks associated with the job. They need to know their efforts are appreciated – just a smile and simple wave of the hand would go a long way in making them know you appreciate them.

While the next newsletter

is scheduled to be delivered before the end of May, I wanted to remind you that The Lodge outdoor pool opens Memorial Day. Of course, the indoor pool, gymnasium and fitness center are open year round. If you are not a member, consider joining your neighbors! It is an incredible facility.

Also, mark your calendars for our *Hot Summer Nights Cool Summer Sounds* Concert Series held on June 14 featuring *Mirage*; July 12 featuring *Smash Band* and August 9 featuring *Hillbilly Authority*. All concerts start at 7:00 P.M. at Des Peres Park. Bring a picnic dinner, refreshments and the whole family! I hope to see you there!

Finally, a personal appeal. Spring is a time of rebirth. The grass turns green, flowers bloom and trees leaf out. Spring is also the time for us to whip our property into shape. Well maintained property makes good neighbors and great neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Rick

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**Des Peres Board of Aldermen**

First row (L-R): Alderman Raczkiewicz,
Alderman Gmelich, Alderman Becker
Second row (L-R): Alderman Pound,
Alderman Kleinschmidt, Alderman Gnagi,
Mayor Lahr



**Douglas J. Harms, City Administrator
Honored with UMSL Public Policy
Administration Distinguished Alumni Award**

Douglas J. Harms was recently honored as a recipient of the first UMSL Public Policy Administration Distinguished Alumni Award.

Harms received his Masters in Public Policy Administration with an emphasis in local government management in 1982 from UMSL. He has been a leader in the local government community, serving on the Board of Directors of the Missouri Municipal League and as president of the St. Louis Area City Management Association (SLACMA). Harms has won numerous awards for excellence in local government management, including most recently, the Outstanding Local Government Achievement Award from East-West Gateway Council of Governments in 2010 and the Buzz Westfall Award for Excellence in Local Government by the St. Louis County Municipal League in 2011.

Harms currently serves on the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Area Insurance Trust (SLAIT), a twenty-five city self-insured pool, located in St. Louis County, and the St. Louis County Emergency Communications Commission which received voter approval in 2009 for new emergency weather alert sirens, an enhanced 911 upgrade, and a new county wide communication system for first call responders. Harms has been City Administrator of Des Peres since 1985.

Des Peres Honors
John Applebaum
2012 Officer of the Year



Mayor Lahr, John Applebaum

Des Peres Honors
Dave Mieger
2012 Employee of the Year



Dave Mieger, Mayor Lahr

ATTENTION SUBDIVISION TRUSTEES

To help the City maintain a current and accurate list of all trustees, please send an updated list to Sandra Haynes, City Clerk 12325 Manchester Road, Des Peres, MO 63131 or via email to: shaynes@desperesmo.org. Please include the name of the subdivision, name of officer, office held, home address, phone number and email.

Municipal Calendar

April

- 1st Municipal Court, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall
- 1st Public Safety Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ Public Safety Building
- 2nd Election Day, 6:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.
- 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
- 17th Municipal Court, 9:00 A.M. @ City Hall
- 22nd Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
- 24th Board of Adjustment, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall

May

- 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
- 13th Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
- 22nd Board of Adjustment, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall
- 27th Memorial Day Holiday
- 27th Board of Aldermen Meeting Cancelled

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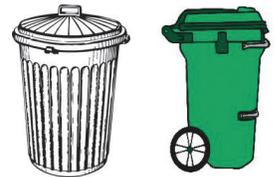


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In an effort to increase accessibility, transparency and to create a stronger dialogue with residents, the City has launched a City of Des Peres Facebook page! In addition to our traditional modes of communication, social media is a powerful "real-time" communication tool for the City. If you are interested in getting updates from us on your facebook newsfeed, please "like us"! Our facebook page can be found at: www.facebook.com/desperesmo. The Lodge facebook page can be found at: www.facebook.com/TheLodgeDesPeres.

Memorial Day Holiday Trash/Recycling Schedule

- Monday, May 27: No Trash, Recycling or Yard Waste Pick Up
- Tuesday, May 28: Monday's Trash & Recycling and all City Yard Waste Picked Up
- Wednesday, May 29: Tuesday's Trash & Recycling Picked Up
- Thursday, May 30: Wednesday's Trash & Recycling Picked Up
- Friday, May 31: Thursday's Trash & Recycling Picked Up
- Saturday, June 1: Friday's Trash & Recycling Picked Up



GET HOPPING EASTER EGG HUNT!

Hop on over to Des Peres Park for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Children, ages 3-6 years old, will be able to participate in the big scramble. Our special guest will be the Easter Bunny, so be sure to stop by, rain or shine, with your Easter basket in hand. Pictures are also available with the Easter Bunny. This event presented only with the generous cooperation from Boy Scout Troop 313. This event is free and reservations are not required.

Saturday, March 30:
10:00 A.M.
Des Peres Park



Parks and Recreation

**Arbor Day Celebration
30th Anniversary
Tree City USA**
*Saturday, April 27th:
10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Des Peres Park*



TREE CITY USA®

Des Peres residents and guests are invited to attend a free event in Des Peres Park to honor the city's accomplishment of being a Tree City USA for the past 30 years. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the US Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. Tree City USA provides direction, technical assistance, public attention, and national recognition for urban community forestry programs. In the beginning, Des Peres was one of only 5 cities in the St. Louis Region that were Tree Cities. Today, the 8 counties that make up the St. Louis Region have over 37 Tree City USAs. This makes up roughly 47% of the total Tree City USAs in Missouri.

The event will be filled with activities for all, including: Bluegrass music, a children's area, birds from the World Bird Sanctuary, display of winning posters from the 5th graders poster contest, photos with SMOKEY BEAR, free tree seedlings, attendance prizes, free food and beverages and much more!

Our state forester from the Missouri Department of Conservation will be available, as well as, other professional arborists and horticulturists, to answer any questions. Other scheduled participants for the event are: the St. Louis Bonsai Society, Missouri Department of Conservation, Des Peres' Rainscape Rebate program, Naturalists, Davey Tree Resource Co., MSD, and Ameren Missouri.

Please join us for a fun day in the park, to honor all of our TREES!



RESIDENT SUMMER KICKOFF PARTY!

FRIDAY, MAY 24 5:30-7:30 P.M.

AT THE LODGE DES PERES - OUTDOOR POOL



- 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, live DJ by Complete, free Noodles + Co. and fun giveaways! We will also be giving away free ice cream from Chill Frozen Yogurt and one FREE Resident Summer Membership to The Lodge for one lucky non-member! Don't miss the third annual community photo scheduled for 6:30 p.m. All Des Peres Residents (Lodge members or non-members) are welcome to kickoff the summer! please bring your Lodge Resident ID card or driver's license for entry to this free event! We hope to see you there!
- Thank you to our sponsors: Complete, Chill Frozen Yogurt and Noodles + Company!

MONSTER MACHINE DAY!

Saturday, May 4
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
Des Peres Park Parking Lot



Join your friends and neighbors for Monster Machine Day at Des Peres Park! See a police car, bull-dozer, fire truck and much more up close during this "hands on" event. Climb in, look around and let your imagination take you on a ride! The program is FREE and no registration required! In case of inclement weather, call the weather hotline at 314.835.6102.

Special Section: CANDIDATE AND ELECTION INFORMATION



Michael Waller
Candidate for
Municipal Judge

Mike Waller and his wife Francesca are residents of Des Peres. They are members of St. Clement Parish where their four children attended school and where Mike volunteered as a coach and scout leader.

Mike served as a subdivision trustee and he is the past Vice President of the DeSmet Men's Club.

Mike has defended indigent people through trial and he has worked to secure orders of protection for abused women as a volunteer attorney.

Mike graduated cum laude from SLU School of Law. Mike successfully defends governmental entities, including municipalities and public officials in civil rights and liability cases in the U.S. District Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court of Missouri and trial courts.

Mike Waller has been awarded a rating of AV which is the highest possible peer review rating of legal skills and ethical conduct. I would be honored to serve the citizens of Des Peres as their Municipal Judge.



Charles Billings
Candidate for
Municipal Judge

I've had the honor of serving Des Peres as Judge for the past 28 years and would appreciate your vote to retain me in this position. The Court personnel and I have worked to make the Court experience efficient and professional. We have conducted our business without blemish.

I serve on the executive board of the Missouri Municipal and Associate Circuit Judges Association, which is a statewide organization of Judges. I am also the editor of the Missouri Bench Book – a set of guidelines that is given to every new judge throughout the State.

I have a special commitment to the people of Des Peres. Kathy and I have lived here for 30 years, and we have raised our three children here. Over those years, I have been very active in St. Gerard Majella parish. I also serve as President of Legal Support Services. My full-time work is with my law firm, Bruntrager and Billings P.C.



David Howard
Candidate for
Municipal Judge

My name is David Howard and I would like to serve as Municipal Judge. Since 2004, I have resided in Des Peres with my wife Caroline and our children, ages 8, 11 and 13. My children attend St. Gerard Majella School and Barretts Elementary. We are active members of St. Gerard Majella Parish where I have also served as a youth soccer coach.

I am a graduate of University of Missouri Columbia, where I received my Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and received my law degree from St. Louis University. I have been a practicing attorney at Todt, Ryan & McCulloch law firm since 2004 and prior to that, at Gibbons & Gibbons law firm in Kirkwood. I am a member of the Missouri Bar, teach courses to legal professionals for continuing education and served as a court-appointed attorney for children.

I would be honored to serve our community.



Kathleen Gmelich
Candidate for
Alderman Ward 1

A Des Peres resident since 1987, I was a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission from 1992 until 1996, have been a member of the Board of Aldermen since 1996 and served as President of the Board of Aldermen for three terms.

As an Alderman, I have also served as Aldermanic Representative to each of the City of Des Peres Commissions including Audit & Finance, Board of Adjustment, Parks and Recreation, Planning & Zoning and Public Safety.

My husband David, our three children and I are members of St. Gerard Majella Parish. I have served on the St. Gerard Majella School Board and have been an active volunteer at my children's schools. My academic background includes a BS in Public Administration and a Masters in Business Administration. I am a licensed, practicing attorney.

I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of the current Mayor and Board of Aldermen and would consider it an honor and privilege to continue to serve as your Alderman.



Steven Palubiak
Candidate for
Alderman Ward 1

As a resident of Des Peres since 1987, the benefits of living here have served me well throughout my life in both my education and values. I am a beneficiary of the Kirkwood and St. Clement school systems, as well as Chaminade. With a degree in Business from Missouri State University, I am currently a Financial Advisor for Des Peres-based Edward Jones and a proud member of the Knights of Columbus.

It would be my honor to gain your support, so that I may work with Mayor Lahr and the fellow Aldermen to help further develop the status of Des Peres as a premier community of choice. With my background in financial management, coupled with my community-focused philosophy, I will bring a skill set to the Board that will reflect my sense of integrity, responsibility, and hard work. I will assist in ensuring fiscal responsibility, enhancing community safety and protection, and enticing all generations to shop and live in Des Peres.

I look forward to serving you!

Election Day:

All polling places open at 6:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M.



Accepted Forms of Identification:

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

- Voter Identification Card
- Identification issued by the U.S. Government such as a driver's license or passport
- Identification issued by an institution of higher education, including a university, college, vocational and technical school, located within the state of Missouri
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document that contains the name and address of the voter
- If you do not possess any of these forms of identification, you may still cast a ballot if two supervising election judges, one from each major political party, attest they know you.

This newsletter insert is not intended to endorse, support or oppose any candidate, but simply serves as a resource for Des Peres Residents. All candidates were given the opportunity to provide a photograph and biography.



Jim Kleinschmidt
Candidate for
Alderman Ward 2

My wife Cathy and I, along with our two children, have been residents of Ward 2 in Des Peres since 1990.

I was appointed a Commissioner to the Planning and Zoning Commission in 1992. In 1995 I ran for Alderman and was elected. I have been re-elected as Aldermen for 8 consecutive 2-year terms since then.

I have served as President of the Board of Aldermen numerous times, as well as the Aldermanic Representative to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Public Safety Commission, Parks Commission, Finance and Information Technology Commission and the Board of Adjustment.

I volunteered to serve in the United States Marine Corps and received an Honorable Discharge in 1973. I hold a Bachelor of Arts degree from Missouri State University, a law degree from The University of Tulsa and have been an attorney in private practice since 1981.

It would be an honor to continue to represent the Citizens of Ward 2 as their Alderman.



Sean Concagh
Candidate for
Alderman Ward 3

My name is Sean Concagh and I am running for Alderman in Ward 3. I am a lifelong resident of the City of Des Peres, now residing in the Dunmorr subdivision.

My wife, Jane, and I are active members of St. Clement of Rome Parish. We have three children, ages 14, 9 and 5. Our children attend both the Kirkwood public schools and St. Clement.

I am a graduate of Chaminade College Preparatory School and the University of Dayton where I received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. I received my Certified Public Accountant license in 1993 and have been in practice as partner at Concagh and Co. for the last 16 years.

I would appreciate your support and look forward to having the opportunity to serve the City of Des Peres.

St. Louis County Special Bond Election:

Proposition P

For the purpose of increasing safety, security, and public accessibility for the Gateway Arch ground and local, county and regional parks and trails for families and disabled and elderly visitors, and for providing expanded activities and improvements of such areas, shall St. Louis County join such other counties as St. Charles and the City of St. Louis to impose a three-sixteenths of one cent sales tax in addition to the existing one-tenth of one cent sales tax applied to such purposes, with sixty percent of the revenue derived from the added tax allocated to the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District for Gateway Arch grounds and other regional park and trail improvements, and the remaining forty percent allocated to St. Louis County for local and County park improvements as authorized by the County Council of St. Louis County under Ordinance No.25,354 on the 16 day of January, 2013, with such tax not to include the sale of food and prescription drugs and to be subject to an independent annual public audit?

YES

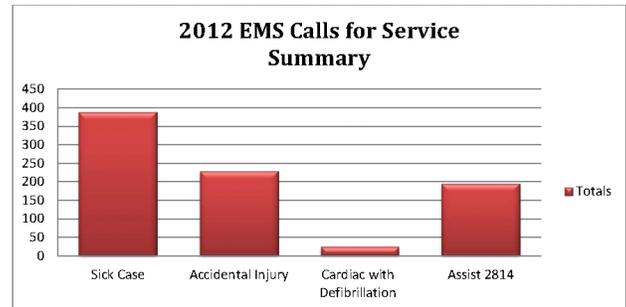
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LETTER FROM CHIEF KEITH KRUMM

The Des Peres Department of Public Safety is charged with handling all police, fire and EMS calls for service within the City of Des Peres. We also participate with surrounding communities in a mutual aid response plan to benefit the entire region. The Des Peres Department of Public Safety runs an advanced life support ambulance manned by a minimum of one paramedic and one Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). We purchased a new ambulance in 2012 and it was delivered and put into service in February 2013. Our current ambulance will serve as a backup when the new ambulance is unavailable. Missouri Baptist Hospital is our medical control facility and we follow the medical protocols established by them. We transport to numerous hospitals in the area including but not limited to: Des Peres, St. Johns/Mercy, Missouri Baptist, St. Luke's, St. Clare and others when special circumstances exist.

In 2012, our ambulance responded to 838 calls for service with a total of 643 patients. We transported 391 patients to local hospitals. The types of calls we respond to cover a wide spectrum but are broken down into four categories for reporting purposes. These categories are shown on the chart above. The category, Assist 2814, is mostly calls for auto accidents where the fire truck pumper and ambulance are both dispatched because injuries could not be determined by the caller.

If you have a medical emergency, call 911 and you will receive the best pre-hospital care available and be transported to a local hospital for further medical treatment.



Des Peres new Ambulance: #2817
Manufactured by:
Osage Industries, Inc.: Linn, MO

Public Works

When is a Permit Needed?

*From the Desk of: Bryan Kopp
Des Peres Building Official*

"When is a permit needed?" Is a question I'm often asked and it is my hope that this article will provide residents with a basic guideline for answers. First, it's important to know that the St. Louis County Department of Public Works issues all mechanical, electrical and plumbing permits. Their main phone number is 314-615-7156. The City of Des Peres issues permits for a variety of projects, including (but not limited to): new residential and commercial construction to include interior remodel projects, zoning/fire permits, demolition, grading, land disturbance, signs and fences.

Some basic guidelines:

For interior residential construction, a permit is needed whenever there are changes to framing. If a kitchen or bathroom remodel includes the removal or addition of walls or soffits, a permit is required. If work is limited to cabinet and counter top replacement without framing changes, then a building permit is not required. Basement finishes require building permits and may require additional egress windows for code compliance. Having an experienced architect or engineer draft your construction plans is a helpful way to ensure your project is code compliant.

Sheds that exceed 120 square feet require a permit and must meet the accessory structure setbacks. These setbacks require accessory structures to be a minimum of 10' from homes,

6' from any property line, and they may not be installed over recorded easements. Sheds 120 square feet or less do not require permits, but must adhere to the accessory structure setbacks. Fences require permits and special restrictions apply for those crossing front building lines.

Swimming pools require building and electrical permits and, projects with gas-fired features such as exterior fireplaces, pool heaters, etc, may also require mechanical permits.

If you ever encounter questions, please feel free to call me directly at 314-835-6137 or visit our online resources at www.desperesmo.org for permit applications or submittal information.

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Chief Keith Krumm

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Director of Parks & Recreation
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Des Peres License Bureau:
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