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## “HEALTHY RESOLUTIONS FOR 2014” - HEALTH FAIR

Kick off the New Year with The Lodge Des Peres “Healthy Resolutions for 2014” Health Fair sponsored by Des Peres Hospital. Mark your calendars and join us for this FREE wellness event where several community vendors will be available to educate you on ways to lead a healthier lifestyle for 2014. Des Peres Hospital will provide free blood pressure, cholesterol and balance screenings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please RSVP for your screening appointment(s) by calling 1.888.457.5203. Screening for cholesterol will involve a finger prick sample and results will be provided immediately. Noodles and Co. will be sautéing samples of their healthiest dishes for you to enjoy during the event. If you are a Des Peres business interested in a booth in The Lodge Lobby for this event, or if there is a service you would like to see offered, please contact Anne at 314.835.6168. Early discounted registration deadline for potential vendors is 11/29/13. Regular registration deadline for potential vendors is 12/13/13. We will notify all applicants via e-mail by 12/16/13 if you have been accepted as a vendor for our 2014 event. For additional details, please visit our “Special Events” page at: [www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com](http://www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com).

**Day: Saturday, January 11**

**Time: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

**Location: The Lodge, Main Level**

**Cost: FREE**



## LETTER FROM

## MAYOR RICK LAHR

As I write this letter, Thanksgiving is on the horizon and the Christmas Holiday Season is just around the corner. It is appropriate at this juncture to pause and give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy as residents of Des Peres.

I am thankful for the 54 citizen volunteers that populate our various Boards and Commissions. They bring a wealth of talent and dedicate an enormous number of hours to the betterment of this community. The support of their spouses and family is invaluable to their contributions to our overall quality of life.

I am thankful to our staff who bring a vast amount of talent, experience and passion to the city. The high quality of our services in streets, code enforcement, parks and recreation and public safety are evidence of their commitment to the city and its citizens. We often overlook those behind the scenes in general administration, finance and municipal court who work day in and day out somewhat invisibly to keep Des Peres running. I want to especially thank our public safety personnel who are committed to your public safety 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They are highly trained in all aspects of police, fire and emergency medicine and stand ready to respond to any type of emergency.

I am also thankful and appreciative

to my fellow elected officials, all of whom live by a single motto: "Do the right thing for Des Peres." That does not mean that we always agree – reasonable men and women can arrive at different conclusions about what is right or how we get there. The good news is that our elected officials work together in a civilized manner to discuss their differences and try to arrive at a common consensus.

I am thankful to the citizens of Des Peres for giving me the opportunity to serve as Mayor. The position of Mayor can be frustrating as we grapple with what oftentimes seems like unsolvable issues where some of my constituents will be happy with the outcome and others less satisfied. Finally, I am thankful to my wife, Kim, for allowing me the opportunity to serve. The job can consume a lot of time, especially with night meetings, which cuts into family time.

What challenges are ahead for us in 2014? Quite frankly, our biggest challenge is uncertainty. The economy continues to grow but at a slow pace – that impacts both our revenue stream and our costs. Outside forces often dictate where our attention and resources will be focused in the year ahead.

The Missouri General Assembly continues to present challenges impacting municipal

management. The most recent being the *Joint Interim Committee on St. Louis Area Governance and Taxation* charged with the task of looking at a number of issues including: a city-county merger, the issue of the number and size of local government in the County, establishing the minimum levels for local government services, the role of County government, and the mechanisms and formula for distribution of sales taxes in St. Louis County.

Let me end my message as I do each year – Please remember not only this holiday season but all year round, *Shop Des Peres First!* Our business community is a vital part of our success. I am confident that they can satisfy any of your needs for goods and services and they are conveniently located. It is also in our mutual best interest as the taxes you pay at the cash register remain largely in the community to finance the services you receive as a resident.

I will close by extending, on behalf of the Board of Aldermen and our staff, a heartfelt wish for a safe and happy holiday season and a prosperous new year for you and your family.

*Best Wishes,*

*Rick*



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Des Peres Board of Aldermen

(L-R): Alderman Becker, Alderman Concagh, Alderman Gmelich, Mayor Lahr, Alderman Raczkiwicz, Alderman Pound, Alderman Kleinschmidt



**Douglas J. Harms, City Administrator  
Recognized for 40 Years of Service by the  
International City/County Management Association**

Douglas J. Harms was recently recognized for 40 years of service to the City Management profession by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) at the organizations annual conference in Boston, Massachusetts.

Harms has been with the City of Des Peres since 1985 and prior to that was City Administrator in Glendale and Normandy for a period of time. Harms holds a Masters in Public Policy Administration with an emphasis in local government management from UMSL.

**Bryan Kopp, Des Peres  
Building Official Sworn In  
as MABOI President**



The City's Building Official, Bryan Kopp, was recently sworn in as President of the Missouri Association of Building Officials and Inspectors (MABOI). MABOI is the St. Louis/Regional Chapter of the International Code Council (ICC) and carries approximately four-hundred members. The association primarily coordinates and facilitates education and training with continuing education credits for Building Officials, Fire Marshals, Plans Examiners, and Code Enforcement Officers.

*Bryan Kopp (center) with ICC Director Tina Rakes and Senior Regional Manager Bob Neale*

**Amanda J. Foster Appointed City Clerk**



Amanda J. Foster has been appointed City Clerk for the City of Des Peres effective September, 2013. As City Clerk, Foster is the custodian of official records and the seal of the City, including: ordinances, resolutions, minutes and contracts consistent with state law and/or regulations of the Secretary of State's Office. She administers and maintains all business and liquor licenses, as well as outside sale/display and solicitors permits. She serves as the Purchasing Agent and coordinates bids and the bid process for the City. She is also responsible for preparing all Board of Aldermen meeting Agenda's, Minutes and Summaries. Foster is also responsible for voter registration and registration of candidates for elective office with the city as Deputy Election Authority.

Foster holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration and Policy Analysis and a Bachelors Degree in Political Science, both from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, Illinois. Amanda and her husband Collin live in Creve Coeur.

## Municipal Calendar

*December*

2nd Municipal Court, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall  
 9th Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall  
 11th Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall  
 17th Election Filing Opens, 8:00 A.M. @ City Hall  
 23rd Board of Aldermen Meeting Cancelled  
 24th Christmas Holiday - City Hall Closes at Noon  
 25th Christmas Holiday - City Hall Closed  
 31st New Year Holiday - City Hall Closes at Noon

## HOLIDAY TRASH/ RECYCLING SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, 12/24 & 12/31:**

No Change in Schedule

**Wednesday, 12/25 & 1/1/14:**

No trash or recycling pick up

**Thursday, 12/26 & 1/2/14:**

Wednesday's trash & recycling picked up

**Friday, 12/27 & 1/3/14:**

Thursday's trash & recycling picked up

**Saturday, 12/28 & 1/4/14:**

Friday's trash & recycling picked up

### RECYCLING REMINDER

The recycling containers have a notation and arrow directing which side of the container needs to be placed by the curb. Please place the container at the curb as directed. IESI thanks you for your assistance!

## Notice of Municipal Election

**Tuesday, April 8, 2014**

The General Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014. Polls are open from 6:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. The following offices will appear on the ballot for a two-year term: Mayor, Alderman Ward One, Alderman Ward Two, Alderman Ward Three. Candidates for the April 8 Municipal election must file, in person, a Certificate of Candidacy with the City Clerk of Des Peres at Des Peres City Hall, 12325 Manchester Road, Des Peres, Missouri 63131. Filing opens at 8:00 A.M. on Tuesday, December 17. *Candidates names will appear on the ballot in the order they are received and certified.* The closing date is Tuesday, January 21, 2014. For additional information, please contact Amanda Foster at 314-835-6111 or [afoster@desperesmo.org](mailto:afoster@desperesmo.org).

## CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

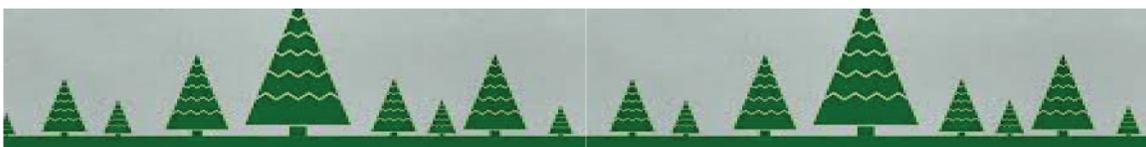
The Des Peres Department of Public Works and the Department of Parks and Recreation will again provide curb-side recycling of Christmas Trees for Des Peres residents. Trees collected by the City will be run through a chipper and tub grinder to create mulch which will be used in local parks next Spring. Trees will be collected during the first two weeks of January.

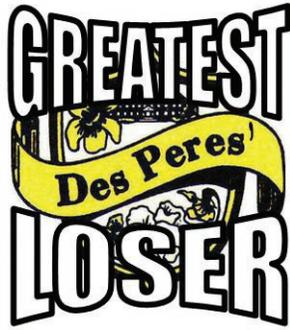
### PICK UP DATES

- **Residents East of I-270: Thursday, January 2nd & Friday, January 3rd**
- **Residents West of I-270 : Monday, January 6th & Tuesday, January 7th**

\*\*Pick up dates may be extended due to inclement weather\*\*

This program is for residents only. Commercial properties and Christmas Tree Lots are not included. All trees and roping must have all ornaments, lights and other decorations removed. No cutting or bundling is required. Please **DO NOT PLACE TREES IN** plastic bags.





## DES PERES' GREATEST LOSER COMPETITION

January 13 - March 10

Join us for our 8-week Des Peres' Greatest Loser Competition beginning in January 2014! This program is geared toward anyone (16 and older) interested in losing weight and becoming healthier. We welcome and encourage Lodge members and non-members to participate. This year we will separate the men and women in the competition with one winner in each division. The Lodge Fitness Staff will provide weigh-ins and weekly e-mail's to keep you motivated. It will be your responsibility to lose the weight through healthy diet and exercise! Each participant will receive a T-shirt and weigh-in on January 13 and March 10 between 8 a.m. – 12 p.m at The Lodge Fitness Center. If the times listed are not feasible, contact Fitness Specialist, Anne Springer, at [aspringer@desperesmo.org](mailto:aspringer@desperesmo.org) or 314.835.6168 to reschedule your weigh-in. All participants will compete individually. The man and woman whom have lost the highest percentage of body weight at the end of challenge will be crowned the winners of the Des Peres' Greatest Loser Competition and awarded a cash prize of \$100! We look forward to your participation and good luck with the challenge! To Register: Call 314.835.6150 (Session #17229) or visit [www.desperesparksandrecreation.com](http://www.desperesparksandrecreation.com) to register. Register by January 10 to receive a T-shirt! Cost: \$25/Member, \$27/Resident, \$30/Non-resident

Coordinator: Anne Springer, 314.835.6168 or [aspringer@desperesmo.org](mailto:aspringer@desperesmo.org)



## BASEBALL FIELD LOTTERY INFORMATION

Beginning January 1, we will be accepting lottery applications for baseball/softball field season permits. The City of Des Peres will be assigning fields through a lottery system. The first lottery is for teams with 50% or more Des Peres residents. The second lottery is a priority allocation system for teams with less than 50% Des Peres residents. These lotteries will be held Tuesday, February 11, at 6:00 p.m., in the Dogwood Room at The Lodge Des Peres. Season permits will be available April 7 – July 27. For more information regarding the lottery details, deadlines, application and fees, please contact Aaron Kaminski at 314.835.6152 or [akaminski@desperesmo.org](mailto:akaminski@desperesmo.org). After the lotteries are held, fields will be rented on a first come, first served basis. Visit [www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com](http://www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com) for your application in January! Application deadline January 19.

### RENTAL FEES

- \$300 Resident Team Season Permit
- \$500 Non-Resident Team Season Permit
- \$30 Resident 2-Hour Permit
- \$50 Non-Resident 2-Hour Permit

## START SMART GENERAL SPORTS DEVELOPMENT January 27- March 10

Created by the National Alliance for Youth Sports, this program is designed to help kids get ready for sports...and succeed in life. It is a step-by-step approach that builds confidence and self-esteem and makes sports fun. The Sports Development Program is a developmentally appropriate introductory program for children 2-5 years old. Parents work together with their children in a supportive environment to learn the basic skills of multiple sports. The program prepares children and parents for organized sports without the threat of completion or the fear of getting hurt. Age appropriate equipment will be used. Cost: \$ 40 / Member; \$42/Resident; \$48/Non-Resident. No class February 17.

Session: #17505  
Location: The Lodge  
Gymnasium Court #2  
Day: Monday  
Time: 10 – 10:45 a.m.



## Des Peres 2013 Night Out Against Crime



*The City of Des Peres 2013 Night Out Against Crime was held Tuesday, October 1 and the Department of Public Safety visited many block parties and subdivisions including: Saybridge, Berkley Manor, Wyndham Crossing, Apple Hill, Four Winds Farm, Glenfield Woods and Westledge Subdivisions, as well as, block parties on: Anduin Court, Kinstern and a party at the corner of Gray and Oak Dr. A fun time was had by all!*

### A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF KEITH L. KRUMM

The holidays are approaching very quickly and many of you will, or have already, begun your Holiday shopping. Please follow these basic safety tips when shopping for that special gift.

#### Safe Shopping Hints

1. Drive and park your car with your doors locked at all times.
2. Lock all packages and other valuables in the trunk. Do not leave them in plain view.
3. It is best not to shop alone. There is safety in numbers.
4. Walk confidently. Be alert, trust your instincts, if

you feel uncomfortable return to the store and ask for an escort to your car.

5. Park in a well lighted area. Remember where you park your car. Roaming the parking lot looking for your car makes you more vulnerable.
6. Avoid large and cumbersome purses. Hold your purse tightly against your body. Keep your wallet in a front pocket or a buttoned hip pocket.
7. Carry and display as little cash as possible.
8. Be cautious of personal possessions while in fitting rooms and waiting in checkout lines.
9. Keep track of all credit cards and checking accounts. Double check that your credit

card has been returned to you after each purchase. Immediately report any lost card or bank account to the police and the financial institution.

10. Consider carrying a whistle or some type of noisemaker. If you find yourself in trouble, use it.
11. When returning to your car, be observant. Look around, under and inside your vehicle. Have your key ready prior to arrival.
12. If you are being followed, drive directly to the police station or other safe public place.
13. In the event you are accosted, do not delay in following the perpetrators demand for your property.

**Recap of 2013  
Public Works  
Capital Projects**

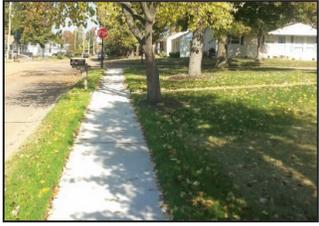
**Street Reconstruction**

Fairoyal Drive  
Point Oak Drive  
Firethorn Drive



**Bridge Design**

Fawnvalley



**Sidewalk Replacement**

Des Peres Road  
Huntercreek Road  
Winding Trail Lane  
Whitehorse Lane & Court



**Sidewalk Extension**

Twin Pine

**Concrete Street Repairs**

Balwyck  
Bonroyal  
Borcherding  
Chaltenham  
Des Peres Woods Ct. & Dr.  
Lockett Road  
Paradise Lane  
Pardoryal  
Westledge Lane

**Asphalt Resurfacing**

Des Peres Road  
Briar Fork Road  
Montour Drive  
Armat Court  
Grupp Road  
Lindemann Road

**Concrete Curb and  
Gutters**

Grupp Road

**Storm Sewer Work**

Haw Thicket  
Stump  
Windham Crossing  
Grupp Road

*Welcome to the 2013 City of Des Peres New Businesses!*

<p>BARx CrossFit Barre3 Baskin Robbins Bone and Joint Chiropractic Candy City Chick-fil-A Classic Bath Des Peres Alterations Diversified Clinical Services Fit Fuel 365 Five Stars Granite</p>	<p>Fleet Feet Sports Flip Flop Shops Fozzie's Sandwich Emporium Grace and Truth Christian Counseling Habitat for Humanity ReStore Jamba Juice Lane Bryant LEGO Maurices Men's Medical Institute Michael Kors MKS Designs Mr. Phil's NutriShop NxStage Kidney Care</p>	<p>Panda Express Raising Cane's State Farm: Agent Tania Interian The Art of Shaving The Hauser Group Traeger Pellet Grills United Granite USA Tickets Zumiez</p>
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*Coming Soon*

Geranium  
Pairing's Wine & Dessert Bar  
Russell Stover  
Candies

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**Director of Public Works**  
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Chief Keith Krumm

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**City Website**

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