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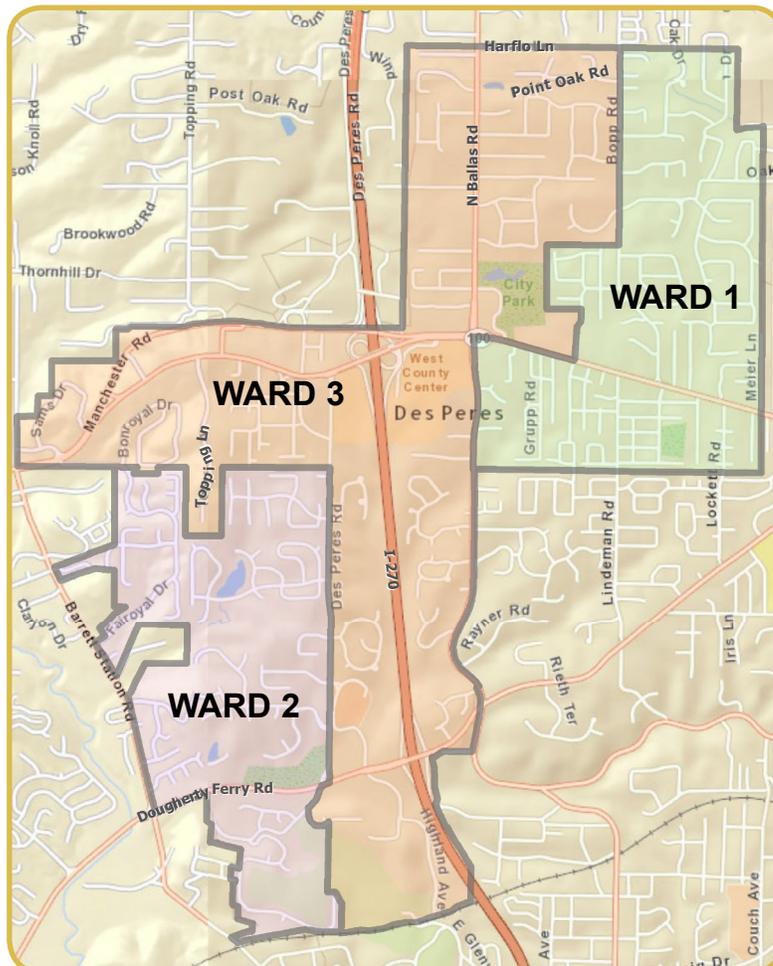
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Municipal Election: General Information

Des Peres Residents are reminded to vote on Tuesday, April 8, 2014. 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 8, 2014 municipal election:



Mayor
Rick Lahr

Alderman, Ward 1

John Pound
Bryan McDonald
John Parker

Alderman, Ward 2

Paul Raczkiwicz
Will Mura (*Withdrawn*)

Alderman, Ward 3

Kenneth McKamely
Mark Becker



LETTER FROM
MAYOR RICK LAHR

What a winter! Unfortunately, it is predicted the polar vortex will likely continue thru mid-March. It is not unusual to get a late winter – early spring snow in March. On behalf of the community, I want to publicly acknowledge the yeoman's work done by our snow removal crews during the past three (3) months. The Street Department utilizes a snow plan that focuses on priority streets which include our collector roads (those with heavy traffic volumes) and major hills. Residential streets with only a few homes are obviously lower on the priority list but not forgotten - I know, I live on a short cul-de-sac street, mine is usually one of the last in town to be salted or plowed - - really. Salting is done when snow is expected at 1-2 inches with plowing and salting for snow volumes greater than 2".

The city has over 50 miles of public streets which we plow using a ten (10) person crew including eight (8) street employees and two (2) park employees. Other park employees focus their attention on public parking lots at City Hall, Public Safety and The Lodge. It takes roughly 2 hours to salt the city once and 3-4 hours, depending on snow depth, to plow all 50 miles of streets! The ideal time for a snow storm to maximize our snow removal efforts is between 10:00 PM and 3:00 AM but Mother Nature does not always cooperate!

Manchester, Ballas, Dougherty Ferry and Barrett Station Roads are state and county roads and are not normally handled by Des Peres except when police request assistance due to traffic or safety

issues. This typically involves "Solomon's hill" (Manchester east of Barrett Station Road) or south Ballas. This past winter, we stepped in to assist MoDOT and County Highways on those roadways during a number of storms.

A "typical winter" normally involves 7-8 snow events, requires \$8,000 in overtime and 500 tons of salt. 2013-14 has not been a "typical winter". Thru February 20th, we have experienced 17 snow or ice events totaling 29.5 inches, utilized nearly \$20,000 in overtime, 1,468 tons of salt and 8,735 gallons of calcium chloride (required during low temperatures to supplement salt)!

Des Peres was recently selected to host one of the "Birthday Cakes" celebrating the 250th birthday of the City of St. Louis. The cake was installed in Des Peres Park and will be with us a year - we are honored to be selected as a host city. We are happy to celebrate with the City of St. Louis both their founding and what is right for the region. Too often, the media focuses on the negatives and offers grandiose solutions to fix problems that many in the region do not see as problems. The recently formed group "Better Together" is suggesting the solution to all of our problems is re-entry of the City of St. Louis into the County or perhaps a massive reorganization as a single Uni-Gov similar to Indianapolis. Des Peres is actively monitoring the activities of Better Together and a recent Joint Committee created by the General Assembly to study "governance issue in St. Louis County". Des Peres has pledged to work to be a part of the solution to whatever problems

are mutually identified. Candidly, I am skeptical but also trying to be cautiously optimistic the end result will be productive for the region.

I am happy to report that all of the easement issues have been worked out with CBL and their lenders and that the West County Center Corner Enhancement Project is now set to move forward. We hope to start construction in April and have it completed by August. This project is being funded using the balance of the TIF Funds generated from WCC. This "urban mini-park" will offer a new exciting focal point at the center of our "downtown".

The good news is that spring is around the corner with the promise of warmer weather and the annual renewal of our community. I would ask you to do your part... be a good neighbor with spring clean up around your house and yard. We are doing that on public property as crews are hard at work preparing for our spring plantings.

Our Parks & Recreation Department has finalized our ever-popular Summer Concert Series this year offering a summer of "tribute bands," featuring The Beatles (June), The Eagles (July) and Elton John (August). Plan on joining your neighbors and myself at the concerts in the park – 2nd Fridays of June, July and August! I promise... a fun time will be had by all!!!

Finally, let me encourage each of you to vote on Tuesday, April 8th.

Best Wishes,

Rick

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**Des Peres Board of Aldermen**

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

MUNICIPAL CALENDAR**March**

24th Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
26th Board of Adjustment, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall

April

3rd Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ The Lodge
5th Arbor Day Celebration, 10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. @ The Lodge
7th Municipal Court, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall
7th Public Safety Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ Public Safety
8th General Election, 6:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. @ Your Polling Place
9th Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
14th Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
19th Get Hopping Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 A.M. @ Des Peres Park
19th Shredding Event, 10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. @ The Lodge Parking Lot
21st Audit and Finance Committee, 4:30 P.M. @ City Hall
23rd Board of Adjustment, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall
26th National Drug Take Back, 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. @ The Lodge
28th Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall

May

1st Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ The Lodge
3rd Monster Machines Day, 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. @ Des Peres Park
5th Municipal Court, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall
5th Public Safety Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ Public Safety
12th Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
14th Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
19th Audit and Finance Committee, 4:30 P.M. @ City Hall
24th Outdoor Pool Opens @ The Lodge
26th Memorial Day Holiday, City Hall will be CLOSED
28th Board of Adjustment, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall

Des Peres Honors
Antwan Boyd
2013 Officer of the Year



Mayor Lahr, PSO Boyd, Chief Krumm

Des Peres Honors
Christina James
2013 Employee of the Year



Mayor Lahr and Christina James

GET HOPPING EASTER EGG HUNT



*Saturday, April 19
10:00 A.M.
Des Peres Park*

Children ages 3-6 years old are encouraged to hop on over to Des Peres Park for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! 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 sponsorship from Great Southern Bank and Boy Scout Troop 313. This event is FREE and reservations are not required.


**GREAT SOUTHERN
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ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, APRIL 5
10:00 - 12:00 P.M.

AT THE LODGE DES PERES-MEETING ROOMS

Join us for a fabulous FREE event to recognize the city of Des Peres as a Tree City, USA, for the past 31 years! The event will include a children's craft area, birds from the World Bird Sanctuary, music, attendance prizes, tree planting demonstration, tree care seminars, Arborists and Horticulturists to field questions, free tree seedlings, free food, pictures with Smokey Bear and much more. Hope to see you there!



MONSTER MACHINES DAY!

Saturday, May 3
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
Des Peres Park - Parking Lot

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



Horticultural Tips – Spring Gardening

There is so much going on in the garden at this time of year. As the day length increases plants begin new growth. Repot root bound house plants, into new containers 2" in diameter larger than current pot, check for insects and apply controls as needed. Prune any leggy plants inside and out. Fertilize bulbs with a 'bloom booster' broadcast over the planting bed, hose off excess that sticks on foliage. Loosen winter mulches from perennials cautiously – re cover plants at night if frost returns. Start cleaning beds, by removing all weeds, and dead foliage. Heavy pruning of trees should be complete by March – (weather permitting). Keep in mind you should not prune trees while the new leaves are growing. Some hardy annuals like Larkspur, poppies, and bachelor's buttons can be directly sown in the garden at this time (April).

This is a great time to divide your summer and fall blooming perennials. Ornamental grasses should be cut back to the ground just as new growth begins. Good time to plant spring bedding plants, i.e. pansies, nasturtiums, toadflax, spring blooming dianthus. Apply a balanced fertilizer on perennial beds higher in Potassium and Phosphorus, like 6-12-12, when new growth appears. Apply Epsom salts to the soil around acid loving plants such as azaleas, rhododendrons, hollies, dogwoods, magnolias. Epsom salt is magnesium sulphate. Magnesium is an important element in chlorophyll production, (the green part of the plant). Magnolias also tend to suffer from magnesium deficiency. The sulfate helps to lower the ph of the soil. Best if in question take soil samples to be tested to get

element content and nutrients available in soil. Epsom salts can be applied at a rate of a few hands full's around the trees and shrubs - or if a large area 1 pound per 20 square yards.

Mow lawns low to remove old growth, apply broadleaf herbicide, to control cool season perennials and annual weeds. Overseed in areas. After April 15th, apply crabgrass pre-emergent – but not to areas that will be seeded. Aerate turf if thatch is heavy or if soil is compact.

Insects and pests are starting to infiltrate – aphids, tent caterpillar, spider mites, codling moths, termites swarming, stink bugs, leaf rollers, Japanese beetles, and bagworms just to name a few insects. We won't get into the pests. So be on the lookout early to keep them from becoming an infestation.

April is a good time to plant conifers and evergreens from nurseries. They maybe a bit tender and will lose water rapidly through the leaves until they are established in their new location. It is essential that they receive copious amounts of water the first few months after planting. Also, peat or wood chips around the base will help retain moisture.

May is a great time to plant your annuals. Try to plant by Mother's Day, but if too cold don't push it, wait till soil temperature is warm enough for heat loving annuals like lantana, begonias, and petunias.

This is just fragmented bits - HAVE FUN!

Tina James,
Des Peres Horticulturist

Special Section: CANDIDATE AND ELECTION INFORMATION



Rick Lahr
Candidate for
Mayor

Mayor Rick Lahr is running unopposed.

Rick has been a resident of Des Peres since 1978, 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 University and the New York Institute of Finance. He has been employed at Wells Fargo Advisors for over 20 years as an investment advisor and financial analyst.

During the past 22 years, Rick has served as an Alderman representing Ward 2 and Mayor. During those years, he served on the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Commission, and Chairman of Proposition P; a campaign to ensure a funding source enabling construction of The Lodge, 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. He is also a member of the Kirkwood-Des Peres Area Chamber of Commerce and the Des Peres Rotary. Rick has also served as a softball coach at St. Gerard Majella, and as Auction Committee Chair for KETC-TV.



John Pound
Candidate for Alderman
Ward 1

I have been very fortunate to live in the City of Des Peres for over 25 years and to have served the city in many capacities. This has included serving on the Board of Aldermen for the past twelve years and on the Planning & Zoning Commission for several 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 served as Aldermanic Representative to the various city commissions including Board of Adjustment, Parks & Recreation, Planning & Zoning and Public Safety. I have also served two terms as President of the Board of Aldermen.

I am a graduate of the University of Kansas with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. For the past 20 years, I have been a partner in Commercial Realty Associates, a commercial real estate brokerage and property management company. I am active in several professional organizations and serve as a volunteer at the Missouri Botanical Garden.



Bryan McDonald
Candidate for Alderman
Ward 1

Bryan McDonald and his Wife, Mary have resided in Des Peres since July 2000.

Mr. McDonald attended Clayton Public Schools and graduated from Maryville University in St. Louis with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1979. During his college years he was active as a commercially licensed pilot until 1980 when he was hired by St. Louis based financial services firm, A.G. Edwards & Sons. He is currently employed by Wells Fargo Advisors as a Vice-President and Product Manager at their St. Louis headquarters.

He holds the Financial Industry Regulatory Authorities (FINRA) General Securities License, Uniform Securities Agent State Law License, and the Registered Investment Advisor licenses including Insurance Licenses by the State of Missouri and Illinois. He also serves as a dispute resolution Arbitrator for the Financial Services Industry for the resolution of monetary and business disputes between and among investors, brokerage firms and individual brokers since 1995.



John Parker
Candidate for Alderman
Ward 1

I have been a resident of Des Peres for nearly 25 years. My wife Dotty, our ten children and I, love our city. I have previously served the City of Des Peres in several capacities. I was appointed by Shirley Sweet to the Public Safety, Recycling and Planning and Zoning Committees/Commissions. Shirley Sweet also appointed me as the 1st Ward Alderman. I then served in that capacity for ten years. I am a retired US Air Force Officer and former middle school teacher. Currently, I am a supervisor for a Dept of Defense program called Troops to Teachers.

I'm a founding/charter member of the St. Clement of Rome Knights of Columbus chapter and volunteer for several local organizations.



Paul Raczkwicz
Candidate for Alderman
Ward 2

My wife Dodie and I have been residents of the City of Des Peres and active members of St. Gerard Majella since 1984. We have three children, Ann, Edward and Ellen, and three grandchildren. I graduated from the State University of New York with a B.S. and a Masters Degree from St. Louis University in Hospital Administration. I am a Veteran of the U.S. Army and received an Honorable Discharge in 1971.

I have served as Alderman from Ward 2 since being elected in 2000. Prior to being elected Alderman, I served as Vice Chairman of the TIF Commission, in addition to six years on the Audit and Finance Committee, including terms as Chairman. My experiences with the City have included Aldermanic liaison to all Commissions and two terms as President of the Board of Aldermen. I have also been President and a trustee for Dougherty Lake Subdivision.

My career included my role as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, Il. I also served in hospital administration at Shriners Hospital for Children.

It would be an honor to continue to represent the citizens of Ward 2 as your Alderman.



William Mura
Candidate for Alderman
Ward 2

Hello, my name is Will Mura. Although I was running for Alderman in Des Peres' Second Ward, I am forced to withdraw my name from consideration. A recent opportunity has presented itself that would prohibit me from fulfilling the obligations of the office. I would like to thank my family and friends for their support as well as the City of Des Peres. I look forward to future possibilities that would allow me to stay involved and continuing Des Peres' history of civic excellence.

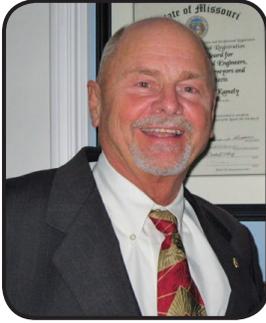
Be a Poll Worker

The Board of Election Commissioners of St. Louis County is in need of election Poll Workers to staff our 450 polling places for county elections throughout the year.

In order to serve, you must declare one of the two major political parties and be a registered voter in Missouri.

This is a paid position, and includes a required training class as well as Election Day. The Election Day begins at 5:00 a.m. and ends after the polls close at 7:00 p.m.

To get the process started, please call 615-1865 or complete and submit the online form located at: www.stlouisco.com/YourGovernment/Elections/PollWorkers



Kenneth McKamely
Candidate for Alderman
Ward 3

A resident of Des Peres since 1994, I have been on the Des Peres Planning and Zoning Commission since 2007 and the Architectural Review Board. I am very excited to be a part of the ongoing dynamic growth in the City of Des Peres.

I am a licensed registered architect in the State of Missouri and have an extensive background in construction project management. I retired from the corporate world in 2009 and started my own firm, McKamely and Associates, Architects. With your support, I can bring a unique skill set to the Ward 3 Aldermanic position.

I am a proud veteran who served with the U.S. Army Airborne battalions and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant.

My wife Sue and I are members of St. Clement Parish. We have two grown children and four grandchildren.

I look forward to representing you!



Mark Becker
Candidate for Alderman
Ward 3

My name is Mark Becker and I am running for re-election as Alderman of Des Peres, 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 16, 14, 11 and 10. We have been active members of St. Gerard Majella Parish since moving to Des Peres. My children have attended St. Gerard Majella School and the Kirkwood Public Schools. I have served as youth baseball, basketball and lacrosse coach for the last eight years.

As background, I graduated from St. Louis University High School in 1983. Thereafter, I received my BSBA and my law degree from the University of Missouri – Columbia (BSBA – 1987) (JD-1990). I am a practicing attorney and partner at The Hullverson Law Firm where I have worked since 1993. I have maintained an AV rating since 1999 which is the highest possible peer-review rating in legal skills and ethical standards. In addition to memberships in various legal organizations on which I serve, I was 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's Home for Children, which is a home and school for abused and neglected children in the St. Louis area.

I would be honored to continue to serve the community which we call home. Thank 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.

Message from Chief Keith Krumm

After wreaking havoc 200 years ago with huge earthquakes that made the Mississippi River flow backwards, the New Madrid Seismic Zone has continued to rattle the Midwest with about 200 quakes every year. Earthquakes can happen at any time of the year. If the earthquake occurs in a populated area, it may cause many deaths and injuries and extensive property damage. All 50 states are at some risk for earthquakes but Missouri has an elevated risk being located in the New Madrid Seismic Zone.

Three of the largest earthquakes experienced in the continental United States occurred in the New Madrid Seismic Zone in 1811-12. I was surprised to learn that Southeast Missouri continues to experience over 200 measurable minor earthquakes each year. Occasionally, residents can feel some of those minor earthquakes. Because a New Madrid Seismic Zone earthquake cannot be predicted, it is important to take steps to learn about earthquakes and to protect yourself.

Information on what to do before, during and after an earthquake is available at the following links:

<http://sema.dps.mo.gov/earthquake>
<http://www.ready.gov/earthquakes>
<http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/earthquake>

If you do not have access to a computer, handouts are available from the Des Peres Department of Public Safety. Please contact Community Service Officer Brandon Elzinga at 314-835-6200 or relzinga@desperesmo.org.

National Drug Take Back Initiative Saturday, April 26, 2014 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. The Lodge Des Peres

The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) has scheduled another National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 26, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to provide a venue for persons who want to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs. The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. The Des Peres Department of Public Safety in partnership with the DEA will participate in this year's National Take-Back Initiative. This is a free service provided by law enforcement to the local community. Individuals can drop off any unused, unwanted, or expired prescription drugs and expose of them properly.

- The take back is anonymous and free
- Prescription and over-the-counter medications will be accepted
- Please, no intravenous solutions, injectables, or needles

For questions about this event, please contact: Captain Charlie Milano at 314-835-6232 or cmilano@desperesmo.org

NO SOLICITATION LIST

The City of Des Peres has established a "Do Not Solicit" list for residents who prefer not to be contacted by Solicitors, Canvassers, or Peddlers at their residence. The City of Des Peres will provide a "No Solicitors" sign to all residents who add their home to the "Do Not Solicit" list. If you would like your home added to this list, please e-mail your address to Amanda Foster, City Clerk, at afoster@desperesmo.org or call 314-835-6111.

All Solicitors, Peddlers, Canvassers and Itinerant Merchants are required to obtain a permit from the City of Des Peres before commencing any door-to-door solicitation or sales. Residents may contact the Des Peres Department of Public Safety if a solicitor fails to show the proper City-issued permit or if a solicitor is not operating within allowed solicitation hours.

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