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### FALL FESTIVAL IN DES PERES PARK

Saturday, October 11  
5:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Join us for a free, fabulous fall evening at the park. Enjoy Bluegrass music, hayrides, pumpkin races, and a Disney family movie under the stars, Frozen (rated PG). 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.

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
  - Hayrides and Live Bluegrass Music
- 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.
  - Check-in for Pumpkin Races
- 5:30 p.m.
  - Pumpkin Races Start!
- 7:00 p.m.
  - Movie: Frozen (rated PG; 102 minutes)



#### THE GREAT PUMPKIN RACE OFFICIAL RACE RULES

Rules are adapted from the official "World Famous Pumpkin Race" in Manhattan Beach, CA

1. Pumpkin Race Car may be from only a single pumpkin
2. Insert two independent axels through your pumpkin and attach wheels to the axles. The style of your racer is limited only by your imagination.
3. You may not attach your pumpkin onto a pre-fabricated chassis of any kind (skateboard, stroller, Tonka Truck, etc.)
4. No Explosives or Pyrotechnics
5. No pushing or 'helping' your racer on the starting line.
6. Pumpkins can be any size - please check in on the day of the event by small, medium or large pumpkin.
7. Visit [www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com](http://www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com) for more information or to register for the race.
8. Contest entry is free but please register your pumpkin by October 7 by calling 314.835.6150 and referencing #18201.

## Letter From Mayor Rick Lahr

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Summer has come to an end. I hope that each and every one of you enjoyed your summer break and activities: family vacations, concerts in the park; swimming at The Lodge. Now it's back to school and back to work!

I am happy to report that our strong commercial tax base will allow the city to keep its local real estate tax rate at \$0.00 for the 20th consecutive year in 2014! The state required public hearing on property taxes will be held September 22nd. While you will receive and owe a County RE Tax bill that is primarily for schools, none of those taxes go to the city. This saves the average homeowner in Des Peres nearly \$400 per year. At the same time, you continue to receive an outstanding package of municipal services including police-fire-ems, an exceptional park system, state-of-the art community center, free trash and recycling and good street maintenance and snow removal services. Des Peres remains a well kept secret as one of the best places to live, work and raise a family.

Everything takes longer than we hoped. Last year we initiated a plan to construct a new landscaped focal point at the corner of Manchester and Ballas that finally went under construction mid-summer with an expected completion date of Thanksgiving. It is finally starting to come out of the ground and offer a hint on what it will look like. The project offers Des Peres an urban mini pocket park as a focal point of the intersection and create a great front door for West County Center. The project is being funded 100% from remaining TIF Funds. If you recall, the TIF was ended in 2012 allowing over \$2.0 million in new taxes to flow to the schools and other property taxing jurisdictions.

Coming Soon.... Mark your calendars!

Tuesday, October 7th – St Louis Night Out – a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors and join together in crime prevention efforts. Des Peres' Department of Public Safety needs the eyes and ears of the community to more effectively serve the community. Neighborhoods wanting to participate will need to register their events with Public Safety to ensure a visit from Des Peres' first responders. TrailNet will also be participating this year to solicit neighborhood input on making Des Peres a more walkable and bikeable community.

Tuesday, October 28th – come hear firsthand the results of our Community Survey conducted last spring by the ETC Institute which was completed by a random sample of 600 Des Peres households. The meeting will be held at The Lodge.

I want to close by recognizing and thanking our first responders who work day-in and day-out to serve and protect this community. The men and women of our Department of Public Safety provide outstanding police, fire and emergency medical services to both our residents and those who are visiting or just traveling through our community. While we are Des Peres Public Safety, we work closely with other police and fire agencies in the region through joint training and mutual aid for major emergencies. I can attest that their job is difficult, complex and subject to second guessing but also internally rewarding. Join your elected officials on St Louis Night Out and thank them yourselves!

Finally, don't forget to vote on November 4th. Every vote counts.

Rick



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

OCTOBER 1 -  
NOVEMBER 15



The Des Peres Department of Public Safety works jointly with the City of Creve Coeur, the City of Town and Country, West County Fire Protection District and the Creve Coeur Fire Protection District to provide Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) to area residents. The CERT program is designed to encourage citizens and communities to be diligent in their awareness of neighborhood activity and to become more involved in emergency preparedness. The training will conclude with a live disaster simulation in which students will be given the opportunity to utilize skills learned during the training program.

The next CERT class will be held in the fall of 2014. Classes will be held on Wednesdays beginning October 1st from 6:30 - 9:00 PM and one Saturday course on November 15th. To register, please contact the Des Peres Department of Public Safety Community Services Officer at 314.835.6286.

## Municipal Calendar

### October

- 2nd Parks and Rec Commission, 6:00 P.M. @ The Lodge
- 4th Electronic Recycling Event, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. @ Des Peres Park
- 6th Municipal Court, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall
- 6th Public Safety Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ Public Safety
- 7th St. Louis Night Out @ Des Peres Block Parties
- 8th Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
- 11th Fall Festival, 5:00 – 9:00 P.M. @ Des Peres Park
- 13th Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
- 13th Columbus Day Holiday - City Hall Closed
- 22nd Board of Adjustment, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall
- 24th Friday Night Live, 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. @ The Lodge
- 27th Audit and Finance Committee, 4:30 P.M. @ City Hall
- 27th Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
- 28th ETC Presentation on Community Survey, 7:00 P.M. @ The Lodge

### November

- 3rd Public Safety Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ Public Safety
- 3rd Municipal Court, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall
- 6th Parks and Rec Commission, 6:00 P.M. @ The Lodge
- 10th Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
- 11th Veteran's Day Holiday – City Hall Closed
- 12th Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
- 24th 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
- 27th Thanksgiving Holiday – City Hall Closed
- 28th Thanksgiving Holiday – City Hall Closed



NFL FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
 SATURDAYS, JANUARY 17-FEBRUARY 28  
 DES PERES PARK - FLAG FOOTBALL FIELDS

Play like the pros! This co-rec instructional 5 vs. 5 league will meet Saturday mornings. Games will be scheduled between 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Registration fee includes a jersey (adult sizes) and a set of flags for each player to keep. A six-game regular season will be followed by a post-season play-off game to include all teams. Teams will be divided into three, co-rec age divisions (6-8, 9-11, 12-14) based on their age as of 9/1/14. Games will be rescheduled if temperature is below 20 degrees. Make-up games will be added on Sundays or at the end of the schedule. Player registration will be taken individually or by team. If you would like to register a team, please contact Corey Newgent at 314.835.6166 or cnewgent@desperesmo.org. All team registrations must have a volunteer coach with a maximum of 10 players. All volunteer coaches are required to attend a coaching certification course January 10th at 10:00 a.m., and must clear a criminal background check. The registration deadline for this program is December 7.



INDIVIDUAL PLAYER REGISTRATION  
 #18743 January 17 – February 28 (ages 6 - 8)  
 #18744 January 17 – February 28 (ages 9 - 11)  
 #18747 January 17 – February 28 (ages 12 - 14)  
 Location: Des Peres Park,  
 Flag Football Fields  
 Cost per player: \$65/Member,  
 \$69/Resident, \$78/Non-Resident



FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE  
 AT THE LODGE DES PERES - HALLOWEEN STYLE  
 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24  
 6:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Middle School students (ages 10-13 years) are invited to a haunted event at The Lodge with your friends! Enjoy great activities, cool games, fitness classes and more. The fun starts at 6 p.m. and parent pick up is at 9 p.m. The concession stand will be open to purchase snacks (no food provided). Tickets can be purchased the night of the event; FREE/Member, \$5/Resident, \$7/Non-Member. Participants should remember to bring their swimsuit, towel, tennis shoes and their best behavior. Family friendly costumes are optional.

COOKIES WITH CLAUS  
 AT THE LODGE DES PERES  
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6  
 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.



Bring the family to The Lodge Des Peres for a special morning with Santa. Santa will accept wish lists and smile for pictures. Please bring your camera. All children will receive a special holiday cookie while they last. This **event is free and registration is not required!**

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT AT DES PERES PARK  
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4  
 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. (\*or until capacity is reached)



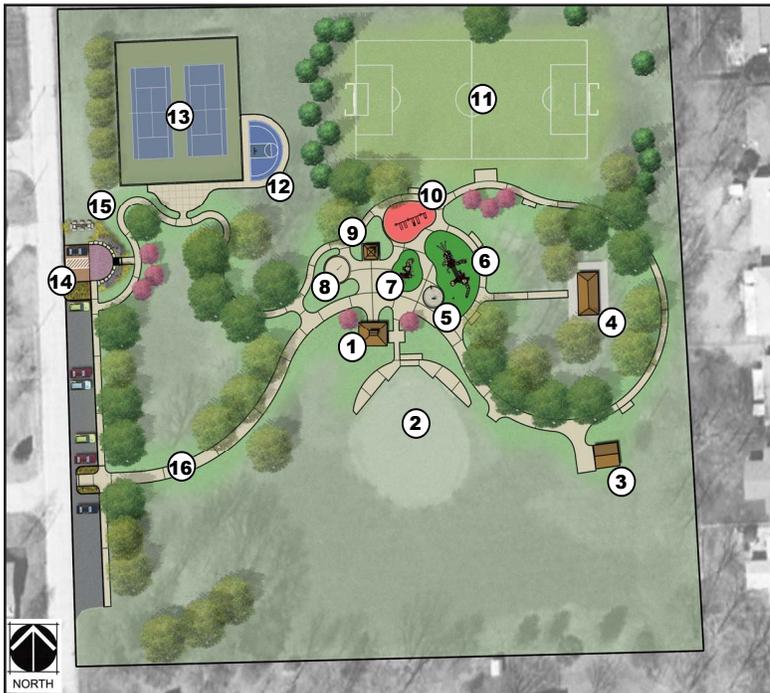
The City of Des Peres in cooperation with Midwest Recycling Center is hosting a FREE Electronics Recycling event. Midwest Recycling is registered with the EPA, is Level 4 Certified with the Missouri Department of Natural Services and is Nationally R2 certified. Midwest Recycling has a zero landfill policy. This event is open to anyone...residents, non-residents, schools, churches, businesses, etc.

Acceptable Items (working or not): Computers, Printers, Keyboards, Laptops, Hard Drives, Cell Phones, Pagers, Radios, Scanners, Speakers, VCR, DVD, Fax Machines, Water Heaters, Air Conditioners, Microwaves, Power Tools, Kitchen Appliances, lawn and garden equipment (must have oil & gas removed). \*There will be a limit of 1 CRT television per car – additional TVs are \$15.00/each  
 Exceptions: No smoke detectors, glass lamps, light bulbs, fluorescent tubes.

Bring your electronics to be safely recycled to Des Peres Park on October 4th. This event is **FREE of charge**. For questions, please contact 636-223-0150 or [www.midwrc.net](http://www.midwrc.net).

PIONEER PARK RENOVATIONS  
 TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER

Construction is scheduled to begin at Pioneer Park on Tallie Drive this fall with replacement of the playground (one for 2-5 year olds and one for 5-12 year olds), sand box with diggers, swing set, small shade pavilion, and a loop walking path through the park.



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| 1. Existing Comfort Station          | 9. 16' x 16' Pavilion                          |
| 2. Existing Ball field               | 10. Swing Set                                  |
| 3. Existing Maintenance Shed         | 11. Existing Soccer Field                      |
| 4. Existing Pavillion                | 12. Half Court Basketball (Future Phase)       |
| 5. Super Scooper Sand Play Area      | 13. Concrete Tennis Courts (Future Phase)      |
| 6. Play Structure (5-12 Yr Olds)     | 14. HC Parking/Permeable Pavers (Future Phase) |
| 7. Play Structure (2-5 Yr Olds)      | 15. New Park Sign (Future Phase)               |
| 8. Existing Mist Tower Water Feature | 16. New Accessible Concrete Sidewalks          |



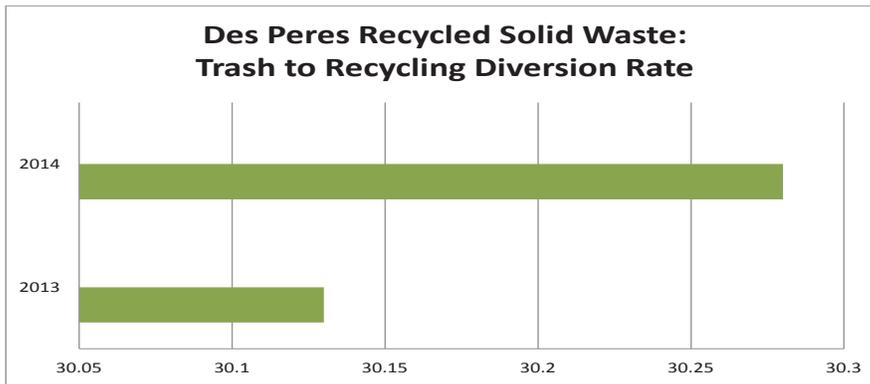
In April 2014, the Board of Aldermen authorized a contract with Planning Design Studio LLC to provide design and construction management services for the improvements. The park design was completed based on feedback from residents during the 2013 Pioneer Park Master Plan process.

Bids for the project were opened at the end of August and are currently under consideration. Work is expected to begin in October. At the time this story was written, the contractor had not yet been selected.

Planning Design Studio will also assist the city in preparing a grant application for the next phase of park improvement, which will include the replacement of the tennis courts, ½ court basketball, and parking lot improvements with permeable pavers and a bio retention basin. If the city is awarded the grant for FY2015, phase 2 construction will likely begin in the Spring of 2015.

## 2014 RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING PROGRESS

2014 represents the 24th year that Des Peres has offered free curbside recycling as a part of our solid waste management contract. 2014 residential recycling progress is slightly higher than 2013 month-to-date comparisons and we are currently at a 30.28% diversion rate of trash for recyclables. We encourage residents to participate in the free curbside recycling program offered by the City through Progressive Waste Solutions. We thank you in your continued efforts to help the City achieve its goal of a 40% diversion rate. For more information on trash and recycling services and a list of acceptable recyclable, please visit <http://www.desperesmo.org>.



### YARD WASTE PICK UP: FALL LEAF AND GRASS CLIPPINGS

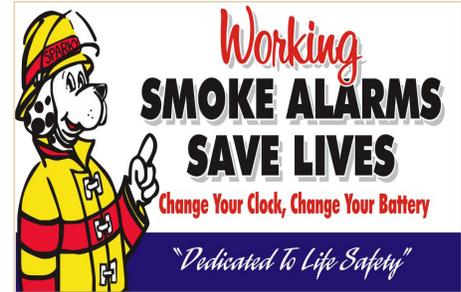
With the fall season quickly approaching, the City would like to remind residents the City does not permit leaves or grass clippings to be deposited into the streets. Depositing yard waste into the street can block storm drains and create backups or slow the drainage of rainwater during storms. The Metropolitan Sewer District prohibits depositing yard waste into creeks and waterways as it creates downstream blockages.

The City of Des Peres encourages residents to utilize the yard waste pick up provided by the City and bag yard waste for collection. All residents receive yard waste pick up on Mondays and there is no weekly volume limits on yard waste. For more information on yard waste pickup, please visit <http://www.desperesmo.org> or contact the Des Peres Department of Public Works at 314-835-6130.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Saint Louis County Department of Health has recently opened a permanent household hazardous waste facility. The facility is located at 291 E. Hoffmeister on the grounds of the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District's Lemay Waste Water Treatment Plant. The permanent program is regional and residents from St. Louis County, St. Louis City and Jefferson County are eligible to participate. To make a reservation online, please visit <http://www.hhwstl.com>. Residents without internet access may contact 314.615.8958 to make a reservation.

October 5<sup>th</sup> through October 11<sup>th</sup> is National Fire Prevention Week. The school children often find this as a fun and exciting time as fire fighters visit schools and teach them about fire safety. The message that is given to the children is intended for the entire family. That means you, too, Mom and Dad.



The theme this year is Smoke Alarm Safety. This is not always seen as the most exciting topic but it is by far the most important. The intent of the Smoke Alarm is to Save Lives.

Current Residential Building Codes require at least one smoke detector on each level of the home and one in each bedroom. Newer construction requires that the smoke alarm be wired to an electrical circuit with a battery back up. A little known fact about smoke alarms is that there is an expiration date for these alarms. The sensing devices wear out just like any other device.

Checking your smoke alarms is very important. According to the United States Fire Administration, most residential fires occur between the hours of 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. 81% of the fire deaths reported each year occur in homes. Each year, approximately 365,500 home fires are reported resulting in 2,560 deaths, 13,275 injuries and \$6.6 billion in property losses.

Test your smoke alarms every month. Check your smoke detectors by pressing the alarm test button to see if it works. Replace the battery and retest. If the alarm does not work then it must be replaced. If the alarm is on an electrical circuit, you may have to replace all the detectors to ensure that they will work in conjunction with each other. Your manufacturer should have information on alarm compatibility. Most detectors last between 5 and 7 years. Your detector should have an expiration date on it. Smoke alarms are not expensive and are worth the lives they can help save.



Practice your escape plan. Plan a safe place to meet your family. Never run extension cords beneath furniture or flooring. Never leave candles unattended. Maintain your appliances and test your smoke alarms monthly.



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME OCTOBER 7

The St. Louis Area Police Chiefs Association has established the first Tuesday of October as St. Louis Night Out. On October 7<sup>th</sup>, we will again celebrate the evening in neighborhoods all across the City. The goals of Des Peres Night Out are to foster partnerships between members of the community and our police and fire organizations and to acknowledge the many residents and neighborhoods who are taking an active role in promoting safe neighborhoods.

Between 6 and 9 p.m. on October 7<sup>th</sup>, residents are encouraged to meet and socialize with their neighbors. During this time, Des Peres Police Officers, Fire Fighters, members from the Des Peres Public Safety Commission and Des Peres Elected Officials will visit as many "block parties" as possible.

The Des Peres Police Department encourages you to organize residents to get together either at a neighbor's home or in a safe location in your neighborhood. For additional information or to register a St. Louis Night Out neighborhood gathering, please contact Community Services Officer Brandon Elzinga at 314-835-6286 or by email at [relzinga@desperesmo.org](mailto:relzinga@desperesmo.org).

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