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The City of Des Peres Proudly Presents
the 2015 Des Peres Summer Concert Series

"Hot Summer Nights, Cool Summer Sounds"

The City of Des Peres presents a free summer concert series on the second Friday of June, July and August. All concerts are held in Des Peres Park, 12325 Manchester Road, 63131. Bring your lawn chairs and coolers with your favorite snacks and beverages. Glass bottles are not permitted. Concessions will be available courtesy of Boy Scout Troop 313. The concert series is sponsored by our friends and neighbors at Central Bank of St. Louis, Des Peres Hospital, Edward Jones and Schnucks in Des Peres. In case of inclement weather, please visit www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com or call 314.835.6138. Call 314.835.6150 for more information.

Rockin' Chair
Friday, June 12
7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Vote for Pedro
Friday, July 10
7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Dr. Zhivegas
Friday, August 14
7:00 - 9:30 p.m.



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Letter From Mayor Rick Lahr

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As I write this letter, Spring is upon us with the promise of warmer weather and the annual renewal of our community. Our Parks Department has been hard at work preparing our parkland which features seven locations and over 100 acres of green space for our community and the region to enjoy. A few of the more well-known park locations include: Des Peres Park, Sugar Creek Park, Pioneer Park and Harwood Park which are all neighborhood type parks with a variety of amenities for all ages to enjoy. Also, many residents may not know that thanks to the generosity of two Des Peres families (the Goodson's and the Moore's) that the City has a partnership with the Missouri Conservation Department to offer 24 acres of "urban wildlife area" known as Phantom Forest and Bittersweet Woods. If you haven't checked out this green oasis in the middle of West County, please do – it is a special gem that we have here in Des Peres with a great hiking trail. Phantom Forest and Bittersweet Woods can be accessed by parking at 2660 Barrett Station Road.

Another one of my favorite aspects of this time of the year is the annual concert series *Hot Summer Nights, Cool Summer Sounds* held in Des Peres Park the second Friday in June, July and August. This event is held at 7:00 P.M. and is free (parking available inside the park with overflow parking available at the Edward Jones Building Garage across from Des Peres Park) for all to attend. Bring your picnic baskets, coolers, lawn chairs and blankets to the park to enjoy time with your neighbors and to celebrate life in Des Peres. My wife Kim and I hope to see you there, these concerts are exceptional!

On a more serious note, as your Mayor, I continue to represent the city's best interests in regional and area wide efforts. The General Assembly has been very busy debating topics and bills that affect local government, from police and municipal court standards to sales tax revenue sharing (to name a few), it is important to remember that the decisions that are made in Jefferson City directly impact our community. One of our main focuses again this year is protecting our sales tax revenues against additional sharing. Des Peres already shares 34% of our general sales tax revenues with others in St. Louis County. We have and continue to participate in an informal consortium of similar sales tax cities and have retained an on-site lobbyist to monitor the legislation and keep us advised in a timely manner so that we can best protect our interests. Fortunately we have strong allies in Jefferson City. Both Senator Eric Schmitt and Representative John Diehl have been very proactive and instrumental in protecting Des Peres revenue while working to form a compromise equitable for the metropolitan area. More to come on this topic and others as we see what legislation passes in the General Assembly at its close mid-May.

Let me end by encouraging each of you to get out and enjoy this time of year in our beautiful community. Summer offers many unique opportunities to gather with our friends and neighbors at special events to enjoy what makes Des Peres special – its people.

Have a great summer,

Rick



Des Peres Honors
2014 Employee of the Year
and Officer of the Year



Jayne Lundstrom, Employee of the Year
Recreation Supervisor for Community Programs



Corporal Brian Felgate, Officer of the Year

DID YOU KNOW...

that when you put your recycling container out for pickup, that the container should face a specific direction?

Please place container with wheels adjacent to street curb.

Municipal Calendar

June

- 1st Municipal Court, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall
- 1st Public Safety Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ Public Safety
- 4th Parks and Rec Commission, 6:00 P.M. @ The Lodge
- 10th Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
- 8th Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
- 12th Summer Concert Series, 7:00 P.M. @ Des Peres Park
- 22nd Board of Aldermen, CANCELLED
- 22nd Audit and Finance Committee, 4:30 P.M. @ City Hall
- 24th Board of Adjustment, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall

July

- 2nd Parks and Rec Commission - CANCELLED
- 3rd Independence Day Holiday – City Hall Closed
- 6th Municipal Court, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall
- 6th Public Safety Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ Public Safety
- 8th Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
- 10th Summer Concert Series, 7:00 P.M. @ Des Peres Park
- 13th Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
- 22nd Board of Adjustment, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall
- 27th Board of Aldermen, CANCELLED
- 27th Audit and Finance Committee, 4:30 P.M. @ City Hall

August

- 3rd Municipal Court, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall
- 3rd Public Safety Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ Public Safety
- 6th Parks and Rec Commission, 6:00 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
- 14th Summer Concert Series, 7:00 P.M. @ Des Peres Park
- 24th Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
- 24th Audit and Finance Committee, 4:30 P.M. @ City Hall
- 26th Board of Adjustment, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall



**GREAT AMERICAN
BACKYARD
CAMPOUT**

SATURDAY-SUNDAY:

JUNE 20-21

6:00 P.M. - 7:00 A.M.

DES PERES PARK



Remember that magic moment when you set up the tent all by yourself? Remember how fun it was to all be together at sunset? Remember how majestic the starlit sky looked the first time? Join the National Wildlife Federation's Great American Backyard Campout. Create lasting memories by connecting with friends and families in the great outdoors. It is something simple that you can do to promote happier, healthier children. Restrooms are available. Bonfire, star gazing, family programming and s'mores provided! A continental breakfast will be provided. Participants must provide their own camping gear. Please let us know if your family has any dietary restrictions by the registration deadline. Everyone is welcome to bring their own food for the entire event. Event is free, registration is required by June 15. Call 314.835.6150 for more information.



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**Get a Summer Membership
to The Lodge Des Peres!**

As a resident of Des Peres, you are eligible for special Summer Memberships at The Lodge! Summer Memberships are valid Saturday, May 23, 2015, through Monday, September 7, 2015. Proof of Des Peres residency (an unpaid utility bill and driver's license) must be displayed to purchase a Resident Summer membership. Summer Memberships give you all the same benefits of a regular Lodge Membership! As a member, you will receive access to the entire facility and the lowest prices on programs and room rentals. Call 314.835.6150 for details!

**Resident Summer Membership Fees
Des Peres Residents only**

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| Youth (3-17) | \$100 |
| Adult (18-59) | \$210 |
| Senior (60+) | \$210 |
| Family | \$350 |

Resident Summer Passes are valid
May 23, 2015, through September 7, 2015

College Student Summer Pass Fees*
Current College Students ages 18-24
with valid college ID

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| Resident | \$115 |
| Non-Resident | \$145 |

College Student Summer Passes are valid 100 days and are available for purchase May 1-June 7

10TH ANNUAL DIVE-IN MOVIE

SATURDAY, JULY 18

8:30 - 10:30 P.M.

THE LODGE OUTDOOR POOL

Bring your family, friends and neighbors to the Outdoor Leisure Pool after hours and enjoy a family movie while you float in one of our tubes! No outside floatation devices will be allowed. Water park tubes are first come first served basis. Please check in at the outdoor pool. Free/Members; \$5/Resident; \$5/Non-Resident. Call 314.835.6150 for more information.



2015 Movie: Frozen (PG)

NIGHT WAVES POOL PARTY SERIES

Various dates: June, July, August
8:00 - 10:00 P.M.



Calling all incoming and current middle school students around St. Louis! The City of Des Peres will be taking part in the Summer Night Waves Pool Party Series. Enjoy music, Gaga Ball, games and fun while hanging with old friends and meeting new ones. All parties are from 8 - 10 p.m. Entry fee is \$5 per night/per student. Check out all of the parties in the St. Louis area this summer: Call 314.835.6150 for more information.

Location: Check in at the outdoor pool only

- Thursday, June 4, Manchester Aquatics Center; 14318 Manchester Rd, 63011 (636.227.1385)
- Friday, June 12, Webster Groves (*starts at 8:15 p.m.), 33 E. Glendale, 63119 (314.963.5665)
- Friday, June 19, The Edge Aquatic Center, Ellisville, 225 Kiefer Creek Rd, 63011 (636.591.2398)
- Friday, June 26, Ballwin North Pointe Aquatic Center, 335 Holloway Rd, 63011 (636.227.2981)
- Thursday, July 9, The Lodge Des Peres; 1050 Des Peres Road, 63131 (314.835.6150)
- Friday, July 17, RiverChase Recreation Complex in Fenton, 990 Horan Dr, 63026 (636.343.0067)
- Thursday, July 23, The Timbers of Eureka, 1 Coffey Park Lane, 63025 (636.938.6775)
- Friday, July 31, Chesterfield Family Aquatic Center, 16365 Lydia Hill Drive, 63017 (636.812.9500)
- Friday, August 7, Recreation Station Aquatic Center in Kirkwood, 111 S. Geyer Rd, 63122 (314.822.5855)

Sunday Funday
at The Lodge Des Peres
June 14 & August 16
11:00 A.M. – 1:45 P.M.

Sunday Funday is a special day around the start of each new group exercise session where The Lodge Fitness Team showcases some of their new exercise classes being offered for FREE! Classes are 30 minutes in length; come for one or all four! Four free classes will be showcased for each Sunday Funday offered. First come, first served. Ages 16 and older. No tot care available. Call 314.835.6150 for more information.



Family Swim Night
& Canned Food Drive
Saturday, June 27
4:00 – 7:00 P.M.

You are invited to The Lodge Outdoor Pool for a special open swim! Bring your family (all ages welcome) to The Lodge for a free night of swimming, games, live DJ, free snack samples and fun giveaways! Enter at the Outdoor Pool only. Suggested donation of 2 canned food items to be donated to a local food bank. Thank you to our sponsors, Sia's Italian Ice, for cool treats and Complete DJ for providing music! Call 314.835.6150 for more information.



Planning and Zoning Process

Des Peres has a Planning and Zoning Commission consisting of the maximum number of citizens allowed by state law – 12 residents, 4 from each ward. This provides the broadest representation possible for citizens to be involved in both the planning and the zoning processes. For a current list of members and the terms of office, please go to the city website at www.desperesmo.org/boardsandcommissions.

The commission also includes the Mayor, a member of the Board of Aldermen and the City Engineer. By custom, these three members abstain from voting on matters before the Commission.

The Planning & Zoning Commission has multiple roles defined by state statute and city ordinance. In most cases, the Planning & Zoning Commission serves as an advisory body to the Board of Aldermen in review of master development site plans, subdivisions, re-zonings and conditional use permits. Additionally, the Commission has been delegated by ordinance, final decision-making authority over architectural review of non-residential buildings and over landscaping plan modifications in commercial districts. Also, by state law, the Commission has final authority in adopting a Comprehensive Plan for the city, which is the underlying document for the Zoning Ordinance.

Comprehensive Plan - Des Peres is currently in the process of reviewing and updating its Comprehensive Plan, which was last reviewed in 2003. That project is in its concluding stages, and residents are encouraged to participate in that process both via the website, www.engagedesperes.com, and by participation in future public forums and public hearings to be held early this summer.

Master Development Site Plans – the general zoning code establishes in each district certain mandatory elements for site plan development, including minimum setbacks for parking lots and buildings, minimum buffers along rear property lines where commercial adjoins

residential and maximum building heights by zoning district. Those regulations establish baseline development rights for property owners – whether developing commercial or residential properties. In addition, the city has a requirement that new commercial developments and redevelopments must also have an approved Master Site Plan. The Master Site Plan is unique to each development and, once adopted, cannot be modified unless amended through the same process as required for approval of the original plan.

Conditional Use Permits (CUP) – are required for certain types of uses in the commercial districts where the use has been deemed acceptable if special care is taken to integrate the use with its environment. CUPs generally include uses that have higher potential traffic impacts such as banks, restaurants and medical office uses. A conditional use permit is not a special exception to the zoning regulations, but rather an additional layer of review and approvals to deal with site-specific special circumstances intended to increase the use's compatibility with existing surrounding uses.

Process – every property owner has the right to submit an application for review to petition the city under the zoning code. That petition process includes a written application for the action being requested. Regardless of the nature or perceived merits of each petition, the city is obligated to provide due process before a decision can be made. That process is the same whether a petition is ultimately approved or denied, and includes a right to an objective review by the Planning & Zoning Commission, oftentimes a public hearing, and then consideration by the Board of Aldermen. The Board of Aldermen has an obligation to prepare and introduce legislation as requested in a petition and to withhold voting until the end of the process.

Summarily denying a request that the board or general public considers a bad idea is not permitted as is arbitrarily approving a request that we all embrace as being a great idea. In

each instance, a full review and consideration for the established process must be followed and allowed to run its course. Oftentimes this requires that a Planning and Zoning Commission member or elected official must refrain from expressing their personal opinions until after the process is completed. Typically, the Alderman from the ward in which a project is located introduces the authorizing legislation whether or not he/she is a supporter of the petition in order to get the legislation on the floor for discussion, debate and ultimately a vote.

Decisions of the Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Aldermen are subject to judicial review by any party with standing to file a lawsuit. Courts will consider if the city followed process and properly applied the law. Approving or denying an application without due process, or denying an application without sufficient grounds leaves the city vulnerable to lawsuits from dissatisfied parties and takes local land use decisions out of the hands of our Commission members and elected officials and places them in the hands of judges.

Des Peres
Planning and Zoning Commission

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| Anna Ahrens | Ward One |
| Jane Langa | Ward One |
| Mark Ahrens | Ward One |
| Jordan Egertson | Ward One |
| Mitchell Stevens | Ward Two |
| James Kennedy | Ward Two |
| John Oeltjen | Ward Two |
| Teresa Gwin | Ward Two |
| Will Mura | Ward Three |
| Kenneth McKamely | Ward Three |
| Anthony Pawloski | Ward Three |
| John Gnagi | Ward Three |

Meetings: Second Wednesday of each Month
7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall
Public is welcome to attend

LETTER FROM PUBLIC SAFETY CHIEF KEITH KRUMM

On Tuesday, April 21st, the department officially switched its police operations over to the new county-wide digital interoperable radio system. This new system, supported by the sales tax increase that St. Louis County voters approved in 2010, replaces the existing VHF system. This project replaces all emergency radio infrastructure in St. Louis County. Specific department improvements included electrical and data upgrades, UPS backup power supply, dispatch console furniture (coming this fall), dispatch radios, backup dispatch radios, mobile radios for vehicles and portable radios for officers.

Our department was the seventh police department in the area to switch to the new system, and through testing and initial operations, we have seen a drastic increase in the overall radio coverage. Officers can now be heard on their portable radios throughout the city, especially in our critical buildings, such as: West County Center, Edward Jones and Des Peres Hospital. An example of the increased coverage is when, over the last weekend, the patrol and mall units were utilizing the radio system for

day-to-day operations for training, and two officers were looking for a suspect at West County Center. The two officers located the suspect in the lower level near Nordstrom's and Lt. Hall (who is the department coordinator for the project) was at Highway 55 and Richardson Road and could hear all of the radio traffic on his portable radio.

While the system has direct benefits to our department, it has a regional effect on overall communications. After all city government, police, fire & emergency medical service agencies, public works and parks departments switch over to the new system, when it becomes fully operational, it will be one of the most dynamic systems in the nation and a key operational and safety tool. This new system will allow all city government entities and all first responders to communicate with each other during large scale disasters, whether natural or manmade. Any large scale event can be handled more efficiently when all parties involved can communicate. The department expects to transition the fire and EMS operations to the new system at the end of May, 2015. Later this year the public works and parks departments will convert to the new system.



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