

MANCHESTER ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY

Manchester Road is a vital link for numerous businesses, neighborhoods, schools, and churches accross St. Louis County, and accommodates more than 45,000 vehicles each day in the vicinity of Interstate 270. Within the City of Des Peres, Manchester Road is our "main street". It is home to local retail and restaurants, international corporations, and a regional shopping center of more than 1.2 million square feet. Furthermore, many of the City's residential neighborhoods, schools, and parks are located just beyond Manchester's frontage, thereby attracting pedestrians to the corridor as well.

The problem is that in many locations along our section of Manchester Road, the infrastructure has deteriorated: old sidewalks are substandard or non-existent, numerous driveways interrupt the flow of traffic, there is a lack of green space between the street and businesses, etc. The end result is the absence of a clear and cohesive "sense of place" that serves to remind those traveling in the area that they are in Des Peres.

So how do we improve it? The City of Des Peres has partnered with the Lochmueller Group to develop a corridor study of Manchester Road, allowing the City to better understand the opportunities, limitations, and cost parameters for improving the corridor. Specifically, the study will examine the eastern stretch of Manchester from Ballas Road to the Kirkwood city limits. West of 270, Manchester Road takes on a completely different character, so this study is focused only the eastern portion. The plan will create a vision for this section of Manchester Road that will result in a unique place for residents and visitors, while improving safety for both vehicles and pedestrians. Once the plan has been completed, the City will be able to compete for funding opportunities to enhance the public infrastructure, while maintaining satisfactory access to the adjacent businesses and institutions. In addition, we will have a template in place for developers looking to improve their frontage along Manchester Road.

We all know that Manchester Road could use some improvements, and we want those improvements to benefit all users. In addition, we want to showcase everything our City has to offer for those "just passing through". Identifying what we have and formulating a plan are the first steps in making those improvements a reality.

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Letter From Mayor Rick Lahr

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I think I say this every year, but it's hard to believe another year has come and gone. For Des Peres management and staff it certainly was a busy year. Plenty of new home construction, including three subdivisions on Des Peres Road and continued infill activity throughout the city. Our Public Works Department undertook an aggressive street replacement and repair program in many of our neighborhoods last summer. The new and improved streets look great and offer enhanced functionality. Hopefully the inconvenience of construction is offset by the net improvements.

Our Public Safety Department responded to a record number of calls for service throughout the city. The Department also spearheaded the design of a new state-of-the-art fire truck, which is currently under construction and expected to be delivered in the first quarter of 2017. Fire trucks are expensive; we order one every ten years and place our second truck in service as backup. We then have to sell our 20-year-old backup truck. Typically the decommissioned trucks are sold to a rural volunteer-style fire department. For budgeting purposes we maintain a designated Fire Equipment Reserve within the Fire Fund that is restricted for major fire and EMS equipment purchases. We contribute to this reserve annually so that the financial resources are available in years when we have scheduled purchases.

Another major initiative is our new EMS and joint fire dispatching agreement with the City of Kirkwood. For the past five years, Des Peres and several other municipalities have been contracting with Central County Dispatch for EMS and fire dispatch services. Although Central County did a great job, the annual rate for dispatching services offered to us nearly tripled. Des Peres management initially considered bringing EMS dispatching services back in-house, but determined that given manpower demands, call volume, and the complex nature of EMS dispatching services, it was not an economically viable solution. Des Peres historically has always had a strong and productive working relationship with the City of Kirkwood. We see this as a new and exciting collaborative initiative demonstrating the ability for municipalities to work together. We expect to go live January 2. Functionally, when you call 911 there will be no difference in the services you previously received from Central County.

The Lodge and our Parks Department continue to deliver some of the most exciting and innovative recreation programming throughout the metropolitan area. If you haven't visited the Lodge lately please do so. It's a great community asset. Remember Lodge resident annual memberships are economical and make great Christmas gifts. Memberships can be purchased at the front desk.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the retirement of long-time Des Peres Administrative Assistant, Debbie Tough. Debbie joined the Public Safety Department in 1974 and has been a vital member of the support staff ever since. Debbie - thank you for the years of service to the residents of Des Peres. I hope you have a wonderful retirement.

On behalf of the Board of Alderman and city staff, I would like to wish all residents Merry Christmas and happy holidays. Have a great 2017!

Best Wishes,

Rick

FINANCE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

The City of Des Peres proudly recognizes the Department of Finance for receiving its 21st Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR), a designation awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The program encourages state and local governments to go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principals to prepare annual financial reports that showcase transparency and full disclosure.



The Des Peres Finance Staff (L-R) Jason Martine, Staff Accountant; Tracy Hansen, Director of Finance; Mary Jo Layton, Administrative Assistant; and Marti Bryant, Senior Accountant

Municipal Calendar

December

- 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 & Zoning Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
- 26th Christmas Holiday – City Hall Closed
- 28th Board of Adjustment, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall

January

- 2nd New Year's Holiday – City Hall closed
- 3rd Municipal Court, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall
- 3rd Public Safety Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ Public Safety
- 5th Parks & Recreation Commission, 6:00 P.M. @ The Lodge
- 9th Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
- 11th Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
- 16th Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – City Hall closed
- 23rd Audit & Finance Committee, 4:30 P.M. @ City Hall
- 23rd Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
- 25th Board of Adjustment, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall

February

- 2nd Parks & Recreation Commission, 6:00 P.M. @ The Lodge
- 6th Municipal Court, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall
- 6th Public Safety Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ Public Safety
- 8th Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
- 13th Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall
- 20th Presidents' Day Holiday – City Hall close
- 22nd Board of Adjustment, 6:30 P.M. @ City Hall
- 27th Audit & Finance Committee, 4:30 P.M. @ City Hall
- 27th Board of Aldermen, 7:00 P.M. @ City Hall

NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The general municipal election will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. Polls are open from 6:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. The following offices will appear on the ballot for a two-year term: [Municipal Judge](#); [Alderman Ward One](#); [Aldermen Ward Two](#); [Aldermen Ward Three](#). Candidates for the April 4 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 13. The City Clerk shall determine by random drawing the order in which candidates' names shall appear on the ballot. The closing date for election filing is Tuesday, January 17, 2017. For additional information, please contact Amanda Foster, City Clerk at 314-835-6111 or afoster@desperesmo.org.

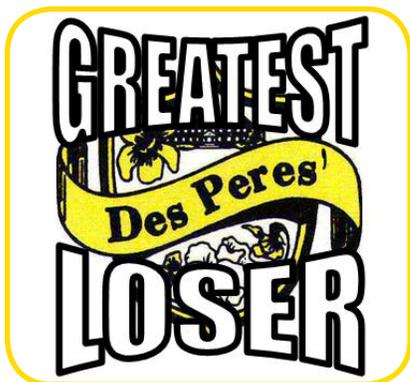


DES PERES' GREATEST LOSER COMPETITION JANUARY 9 - MARCH 6

Competition! This program is geared toward anyone interested in losing weight and becoming healthier. We welcome and encourage Lodge members and non-members to participate. The Lodge Fitness Staff will provide weigh-ins and weekly emails to keep you motivated. It will be your responsibility to lose the weight through healthy diet and exercise! Each participant will weigh in on January 9 and March 6 at the Lodge Fitness Center. Anyone participating in the optional mid program weigh-in on February 6 will



get a free group exercise pass. 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 \$100 check and a Supplement Superstores Gift Basket! Thank you to our sponsor, Supplement Superstores! Please call 314.835.6150 for more information Ages: 16 and older Location: The Lodge Fitness Center Cost: \$12/Member; \$13/Resident; \$14/Non-Resident



COOKIES WITH CLAUS DECEMBER 3

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! Call 314.835.6150 for more information. Thank you to our sponsor, Sam's Club! Time: 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Location: The Lodge Lobby - Cost: Free



CLAUS & PAWS DECEMBER 3

Bring your favorite family-friendly pet for a picture with Santa outside in front of The Lodge. This event is free and registration is not required! Thank you to our sponsor, Three Dog Bakery for providing dog treats! Bring your own camera. Pets must be on a leash. Call 314.835.6150 for more information. Time: 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. Location: The Lodge Cost: Free



Kick off the New Year with our Health Fair sponsored by Walgreens! Mark your calendars and join us for this FREE wellness event. Several vendors within the community will be available to educate on ways to lead a healthier lifestyle. If you are a Des Peres or local 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 Sarah at 314.835.6168. Regular registration deadline for potential vendors is 12/18/16. We will notify all applicants via email by 12/23/16 if you have been accepted as a vendor for our 2017 event. For additional details, please visit our "Special Events" page at www.TheLodgeDesPeres.com. Time: 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Location: The Lodge Cost: Free

**MOTHER & SON SUPER HERO
DATE NIGHT
JANUARY 28
5:30 - 8:00 P.M.**

Moms, ask your favorite Super Hero son to this date night at The Lodge. Couples will enjoy a special dinner, dancing, a photo opportunity and party favors. Don't miss this out-of-the-world evening with your favorite Super Hero! Costumes encouraged for all, but not required! Price is per person; two and younger are free (use coupon code FREE). Call 314.835.6150 for more information. Registration deadline is January 23. Ages 3-10 Location: The Lodge Meeting Rooms Tickets: \$28/Member; \$29/Resident; \$34/Non-Resident

**DADDY DAUGHTER DINNER DANCE
FEBRUARY 4
5:30 - 8:00 P.M.**



Girls, ask your favorite Valentine (dad, grandfather, uncle, etc.) to this enchanted evening at The Lodge. Couples will enjoy a special dinner, dancing, a photo opportunity and party favors. A surprise guest from a kingdom far, far away will be visiting to entertain and pose for pictures. Don't miss this memorable evening with your Valentine! Price is per person; two and younger are free (use coupon code FREE). Call 314.835.6150 for more information. Thank you to our sponsor, Manchester Dental Group! Registration deadline is January 30. Ages 3-10. Location: The Lodge Meeting Rooms. Cost: \$28/Member; \$29/Resident; \$34/Non-Resident

**WATER PARK LIFEGUARD TRAINING
SESSION #2390
JANUARY 7-8 (9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.)
JANUARY 10-12 (5:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.)**

This course teaches American Red Cross water park lifeguarding skills and how to respond and prevent emergency situations. Certification includes: Water Park Lifeguarding, First Aid, CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer and Bloodborne Pathogens Training. Attendance at all sessions is mandatory. Call 314.835.6150 for more information. Ages: 15+ Location: The Lodge Indoor Pool Cost: \$220/Member; \$231/Resident; \$264/Non-Resident

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

We're now well into the holiday season. And while these gatherings with friends and family often provide us with wonderful memories, some not-so-pleasant issues sometimes arise.

- Sewer backups from fats, oils, and grease (FOG): With all the extra cooking, and perhaps guests using our kitchens, some of the "excess" might end up going down the drain. While these FOGs may be liquid coming out of the oven, they solidify in the pipes, and cause clogs. For more information, please visit <http://www.projectclearstl.org/repair-and-maintain/fats-oils-and-grease/>
- Sewer backups due to roots: Many houses built prior to the 1980s have clay tile sewer laterals instead of PVC pipes. These sections of clay tile were simply butted up to one another during installation, so tree roots find their way into the cracks, feeding off the water and waste. With all those extra visitors taking showers and using the guest bathroom, the sewer lateral can suddenly go from restricted flow to slow flow or no flow. When you hire a plumber, make sure he "cables" the pipe, in order to cut out any roots. In many cases, cabling the pipe every year or two solves the problem. During cabling, if the plumber identifies a break in the line, you are then eligible to apply for the City's Sewer Lateral Repair Program. Upon completing the application and paying a fee through Public Works, the City's investigation contractor uses a video camera to check the pipes, then reports the findings and recommendations. If there is a break, the City's repair contractor coordinates with the homeowner, and makes the repairs, up to \$7,500. For more details and specifics, contact Public Works or visit <http://www.desperesmo.org/sewerlateral>
- Everyone dreams of a white Christmas, until they have to travel on snow-covered roads. When it does snow, the best thing you can do is stay home. Fewer drivers on the roads mean fewer accidents, making it safer for crews trying to clear the roads. In addition, please move cars off the street, to garages or driveways. That way plows can clear the whole street. This is especially critical on cul-de-sacs. When shoveling your driveway, pile the snow "downstream" so that plows don't push it back into your driveway as they clear the street. The City is not responsible for clearing your driveway or sidewalks.

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

This year, both Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on Sundays, so there are no changes from the regular schedule.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

When it's all over, you'll want to get rid of that dried-out tree, which has been dropping needles on the floor. During the first week of January, Public Works employees pick up trees, which are then ground up and used as mulch by Parks. Residents West of I-270: Tuesday & Wednesday and Residents East of I-270: Thursday & Friday. We ask that you please remove all decorations and ornaments, and leave your tree by the curb. After that week, Progressive Waste will pick up trees on Mondays, as part of normal yard waste collection. For more information, please visit the "City Services" page at www.desperesmo.org

LETTER FROM CHIEF KRUMM

During the busy holiday shopping season, the Des Peres Department of Public Safety has prepared a list of suggestions for shoppers to consider that will hopefully lessen their chances of becoming a victim of crime:

-Be aware of your surroundings. Look for suspicious persons, vehicles, etc. when you are in any area.

-If shopping late in the day or after dark, park in an area that is well lit.

-Remember where you parked your car. While this may sound elementary, many shopping areas are spread out over large areas. Being unable to locate a car may present you as a better target to a criminal.

-As you return to your car, make sure to keep your car key in your hand.

-Shop in pairs at the very least. Take a friend or family member shopping with you. There is something to be said for safety in numbers.

-Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with checks, credit, charge or debit cards. Carry cash and wallets in a front pocket to reduce your chances of having your pocket picked.

-Don't leave phones, purses, CD's, or any other items of value in your parked car where they can be seen. Always conceal these items.

-Don't leave merchandise in your parked car where it can be seen. Conceal these items also.

-Closely Guard Your Personal Effects: Never leave your purse unattended in a cart or in a dressing room. Thefts of personal items such as purses can result in more criminal opportunities such as:

- Identity Theft
- Stolen Auto: Remote entry key rings allow thieves easy means to identify your car and steal it.
- Residential Burglary: Your driver's license, vehicle registration and other information will most likely have your home address. If you're at the shopping center, the criminal will know you are not at home!

-While these steps don't guarantee you will not become the victim of crime, they will hopefully reduce your chances. Be a smart shopper and remember, "Shop Des Peres, first."



2016 DES PERES NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

Kudos to the Public Safety Department for another successful Night Out Against Crime. The event was held on the first Tuesday in October and featured nine block parties throughout Des Peres. The purpose of the event is to promote neighborhood camaraderie and police-community partnerships. For those looking to organize a block party next year, feel free to contact the Community Services Officer, Brandon Elzinga at 314-835-6286 or relzinga@desperesmo.org.



WINTER DRIVING SAFETY

Even though we have had extremely mild temperatures, winter is quickly approaching. Everyone should take some time and make sure the car is prepared for the winter season. In addition to being in good mechanical condition, below is a list of items recommended by AAA to keep in your vehicle in case you become stranded. These items can help you stay warm and safe until help arrives:

- Bag of abrasive material (sand, salt, cat litter)
- Snow shovel
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Window washer solvent
- Ice scraper with brush
- Jumper cables
- Extra warm clothing (gloves, hats, scarves)
- Blankets
- Warning devices (flares or triangles)
- Drinking water
- Non-perishable snacks
- First-aid kit
- Basic toolkit (screwdrivers, pliers, wrench)
- Mobile phone and car charger



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