



10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF HIGHWAY 370 CORRIDOR

A coalition known as **DISCOVER! 370** is spearheading this effort as part of its work to raise public awareness of the growing 12-mile corridor. The coalition, comprised of public and private organizations, is led by Nadine Boon, the City's Director of Economic Development.

"Development along Highway 370 illustrates how innovative commercial and residential real estate projects can integrate to create great, sustainable communities," Boon said. "The story needs to be told of what a unique corridor this is, what's out there now and the potential that is ahead. Our mission is to tell that story."

From Highway 270 in Bridgeton and Hazelwood, the east-west bypass runs through St. Charles to Interstate 70 by Mid Rivers Mall Drive in St. Peters. Currently, some 60,000 vehicles use Highway 370 each day.



Thanks to the booming SUCCESS of more than four million square feet of new development along Highway 370 in the past decade, plans are underway for a major celebration in November to mark the corridor's grand opening.

Its completion a decade ago opened thousands of acres to increased public usage, including the St. Louis Mills Mall, Fountain Lakes Commerce Center, New Town St. Charles and plans for the Lakeside 370 Business Park in St. Peters. Currently, along Highway 370 near the Elm Street exit

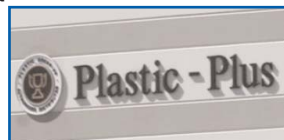
there are a number of retail shops opening, and a strategy is underway to dedicate an additional 90 acres for further retail development.

Looking ahead, Boon predicts an even more exciting future for the 370 corridor with more development of office, warehouse, light manufacturing, retail, residential, entertainment and recreational properties.

DISCOVER! 370 includes representatives from the cities of St. Charles, Bridgeton, Hazelwood and St. Peters, as well as organizations including the St. Charles County Department of Workforce Development, the Economic Development Center of St.



Charles County, AT&T Missouri, Colliers Turley Martin Tucker, Hannegan Real Estate & Construction, MB Properties, New Frontier Bank, Pundmann Ford, The Millstone Company and Whittaker Homes.



One year later . . . Convention Center proves success

APRIL 9 MARKS THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST. CHARLES CONVENTION CENTER'S GRAND OPENING.

The Convention Center and its adjoining 12-story Embassy Suites Hotel represent a \$71 million complex that had been 12 years in the making. The past year has been an exciting and gratifying one for many City officials as they saw first-hand the venue prove successful and have a tremendous positive impact on the community.

From the April grand opening through December 2005, the Convention Center was host to more than 275 events, bringing more than 110,000 attendees through its doors. Its gross operating income was about \$1.9 million - more than \$104,000 ahead of its projection. On top of that, its operating expenses were lower than projected.

The Convention Center offers numerous state-of-the-art amenities within its 154,000-square-foot of flexible meeting and pre-function space. With two large exhibit halls, grand ballroom and six additional meeting rooms, the facility is perfect for groups ranging in size from 20 to 3,000. The attached, full-service John Q. Hammons Embassy Suites Hotel with 296 spacious two-room suites, offers an additional 5,200 square feet of nearby meeting space.

Shura Lindgren, the Convention Center's general manager, said that clients are "always impressed with the versatility of the center and the attention to detail that is apparent through the space."

The staff has done a great job putting a wide variety of public events in the building during its first year of operation, and with that, interest is increasing as it enters its second year.

"Convention Center bookings have been growing steadily," said Susan Sarakas, the Convention Center's Director of Sales. "Our sales team conducted 801 site inspections over the course of the year, many of whom are considering future calendar years to book. They also wrote 263 thank you notes that included client surveys,

where the respondents' average score of overall satisfaction was a 4.51 out of a possible 5."

Looking ahead, there are even more events, tradeshow and consumer shows scheduled for this year, including the Nurseweek Career Fair, Showbiz National Talent Show, Golden Glove Championship Finals, U.S. Junior Chambers International Senators Convention, Scrapbook Tour Convention, St. Louis Small Business, Inc. Tradeshow, and Home Builders Association of Greater St. Louis Tradeshow, to name a few.

**HIGHLIGHTS
OF THE PAST YEAR**






MiTEK INDUSTRIES NEW MACHINERY PLANT



(left-right) Thomas Manenti (President of MiTek), John Gieseke, Nadine Boon, Gene Toombs III, Steve Brown, Ron Burkhardt (CFO of MiTek), Gene Toombs IV

Construction continues on the MiTek Industries Inc. new 177,600 sq. foot machinery manufacturing plant on a 10-acre site in the Fountain Lakes Commerce Center in St. Charles. Initially, the new plant will employ approximately 165 people. All of those associates will relocate from MiTek's current machinery plant located in Earth City, Mo. which will be used for another division of MiTek or be sold.

This new facility will have more room for research and development, an additional 24,000 sq. feet of office space, and sufficient land for up to 65,000 sq. feet of future plant expansion as the business grows. Construction is expected to be completed during the summer of 2006.

"This new facility represents a significant investment for MiTek and a long-term commitment to provide innovative machinery for building component manufacturers around the globe," said Gene Toombs IV, Vice President and General Manager of Machinery. "It also underscores our commitment to creating more manufacturing jobs in Missouri."

Balke Brown Associates is the consulting firm for the project, and Tarlton Corporation has been chosen as general contractor.

MiTek (www.mii.com), a Berkshire Hathaway company based in Chesterfield, Mo., provides engineered connectors, manufacturing equipment, design and management software and engineering services to building component manufacturers on five continents.



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Music on Main

100-200 BLOCK OF NORTH MAIN
5:00 - 7:30 PM

MAY 17
JUNE 21
JULY 19
AUG 16
SEPT 20

JOIN US
IN HISTORIC
DOWNTOWN FOR
FOOD, DRINK,
AND LIVE MUSIC.
A DIFFERENT BAND
IS FEATURED EACH
MONTH.

**Friday Night Flicks
in Frenchtown**

(Fourth Friday May - Sept)

MAY 26
JUNE 23
JULY 28
AUG 25
SEPT 22

Blanchette Landing Park
(2nd & Olive). Join us at
7:00 PM for music and
refreshments, then the
family friendly movie
begins at dark. Visit [www.
HistoricFrenchtown.com](http://www.HistoricFrenchtown.com)

**Lewis & Clark
Heritage Days**

May 20th & 21st Frontier Park

Authentic reenactment of
the Lewis & Clark encamp-
ment in 1804 prior to
embarking on the explo-
ration of the Louisiana
Purchase.



Activities include a parade
Saturday with the Fife and
Drum Corps and authentic
church service on Sunday.

Walk through encamp-
ments; plus demonstrations of weapons, boat replicas,
museum tours and 19th century crafts.

Visit their website at www.lewisandclark.net.

**St. Charles
Municipal Concerts**

Frontier Park

BAND CONCERTS

June through August

THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 8:00 PM

ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY

BIG BAND/JAZZ CONCERTS -

SECOND SUNDAY OF JUNE - SEPT 7:30 PM

**The 2006 Much Ado
Circus**

(Sideshow version of William Shakespeare's
The Tempest)

New Town's Amphitheatre

Thurs, Fri, Sat - June 8, 9, 10 at 8 pm
Sun - June 11 at 7 pm

Thurs, Fri, Sat - June 15, 16, 17 at 8 PM
Sun - June 18 at 7 pm

Thurs, Fri, Sat - June 22, 23, 24 at 8 pm
Sun - June 25 at 7 pm

Admission Free

Sponsored by Whittaker Homes
St. Charles Arts and Culture Commission
& The Much Ado Circus

Call for Vendors

Riverfest 2006

July 2 - 4

Frontier Park

INTERESTED VENDORS —

VISIT

WWW.STCHARLESRIVERFEST.COM

FOR RULES AND APPLICATION

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION UPDATE

Members of the St. Charles Senior Citizens Advisory Commission (SCAC) are appointed by the Mayor and chartered by the City Council to act as liaison for older adults in the City. On October 18, 2005, the commission honored Ms. Kristin Tapia as the winner of its logo design contest. The winner was selected from a number of entries in response to a request for submittals in the spring 2005 issue of the *City News*. A cash prize of \$200 was presented to

Ms. Tapia at City Hall by Mayor Patti York and Bruce Melton, Chairman of SCAC. Ms. Tapia resides in St. Charles, is a recent graduate of American

InterContinental University (AIU) with a BFA in graphic design and works as a freelance graphic artist from her website at www.kristintapia.com.

SCAC has had a busy fall and winter kicked off by participating in the best-attended Parks Department's Senior Fun Fest ever, on October 6, 2005, at Blanchette Memorial Hall. Then on October 14, we continued to partner with Mid-East Area Agency on Aging (MEAAA) providing free educational programs of interest to seniors at the St. Charles Police Station (Criminal Justice Center). At this time, MEAAA representatives gave our second series of presentations on Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage (previous Part D programs were given last May by Diana Brady of CLAIM). The October program was well received by a capacity crowd of about fifty persons per session.

On January 24, we teamed again with MEAAA to present two sessions of a

seminar on Medicare requirements and types of supplemental coverage. Our speaker once again was Ms. Diana Brady, Trainer and Operations Coordinator of CLAIM (Community Leaders Assisting the Insured of Missouri), the group designated by the federal government to assist Missouri residents with Medicare and Medicaid issues and claims.

About sixty seniors and caregivers attended the event. Ms. Brady is well-versed in her topic and a compelling speaker; our feedback on the event was extremely positive.



Mayor Patti York, Kristin Tapia and Bruce Melton

Due to the overwhelming popularity of these offerings, we are planning to hold another **FREE** program on Wednesday, April 5, 2006, the topic of which will be End of Life Issues. Our speaker will be Ms. Lorna Frahm, a prominent St. Charles County attorney with the Frahm Law Firm, LLC. Ms. Frahm will give a comprehensive discussion of trust agreements, probate, durable power of attorney, health care directives, wills, etc. Once again we will offer two sessions of the same program April 5 at the St. Charles Police Station, 1781 Zumbuhl Road, St. Charles. Refreshments will be provided. **Reservations are required** due to strict limitations on seating. Please call Vicki at 940-2810 at the Odell Center as soon as possible to make a reservation.

In addition, SCAC will be participating in the St. Charles County Wellness Fair in August, 2006. More to come as details are finalized! Our regular meetings are open to the public and are held at 10:00 AM on the third Tuesday of the month at City Hall, in Conference Room A on the Fourth Floor.



MISSOURI RIVER RELIEF

APRIL 21 & 22, 2006

EDUCATIONAL EVENT—

This year, River Relief will hold the Learning Festival in St. Charles' Frontier Park, adjacent to the Lewis and Clark Boathouse. The Learning Festival will take place between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM on Friday, April 21.

Attendance is reserved for teachers with school groups. For information about how to sign up, contact riverrelief@riverrelief.org.

A sample of presentations include:

- ♦ *Fishing and Casting*, Dennis Cooke, MO Department of Conservation
- ♦ *The Recycling Relay*, Missouri River Relief
- ♦ *Stream Team Water Monitoring*, Mark VanPatten, MO Dept of Conservation
- ♦ *Cleaning up Big Rivers*, Chad Pregracke, Living Lands and Waters

RIVER CLEAN UP—

This special clean-up will focus on the public lands on the Missouri associated with the River Ring concept being promoted by the Great Rivers Greenway District. Approximately ten river miles will be cleaned, concentrating on the cities of St. Charles, Bridgeton and the County Parks.

Clean-up time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Saturday, April 22 (registration begins at 8:00 AM)

Clean-up headquarters: Bishop's Landing/Frontier Park in downtown St. Charles, adjacent to the Lewis and Clark Boathouse.

Safety:

Most safe practices on the river are just good common sense. Come prepared to have fun, because you will, but keep a sharp lookout always for hazards. You may be in an unfamiliar setting and here are a few tips to make your day go by safely.

- ♦ Wear a hat, long pants and sturdy footwear.
- ♦ Bring sunscreen. Gloves are provided, but sometimes we run out early.
- ♦ Don't bring pets, cameras, radios or anything you might lose on the water.
- ♦ Eat a good breakfast. You will be working hard.

For a more complete safety checklist and details on the clean-up operation visit the website: www.river-relief.org.



FREE YARD WASTE DAYS FOR 2006

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2006

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2006

RECYCLING CARDBOARD

Boxes need to be broken down.

Box should be no larger than 3x3.

Do not place boxes inside boxes.

Do not use boxes as a receptacle.



NEW & IMPROVED!! PARK PASSPORT CARD

(FORMERLY THE VIP CARD)
FOR ST. CHARLES CITY RESIDENTS



Discounts at **LOCAL** businesses and establishments. This card is free of charge to St. Charles City Residents.

The **Park Passport Card** will entitle you to wonderful discounts at the following businesses:

Bear Factory	Pets Plus	Country Car Club Wash
Plaza Lanes	Grappa Grill	Rookies
J.J.'s Restaurant	King Edwards Chicken	Tony's on Main Street
Thro's/Michelle's	Main Street Gym	Tubby's Pub & Grub
Midtown IGA	Wiliker's	Parkview Gardens
St. Charles Parks & Recreation	McDonald's	(St. Charles City Locations)

Cards will be valid for one (1) year, April 1, 2006 - March 31, 2007 and may be obtained at the Park Office in Blanchette Park, 8 - 5 pm, Monday - Friday.

To receive the Park Passport Card you must provide proof of St. Charles City residency by presenting two of these three types of I.D.

- ◆ Driver's License with current address
- ◆ Utility Bill with current address
- ◆ 2005 Property Tax Receipt

A complete list of discounts will be available at that time or you can visit www.stcharlesparks.com for a complete list of discounts and details of the Park Passport program.

2006 SUMMER FUN DAY CAMP BLANCHETTE & WAPELHORTS PARKS JUNE 5 - AUGUST 4 (NO CAMP TUESDAY, JULY 4TH)

Nine weeks of summer fun, experiences, friendships. Each week includes a field trip or special event, arts & crafts, sports & games and swimming. Staff is CPR/First Aid trained.

Camp Prices for a Week's Worth of FUN!

DAYCAMP 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Resident	\$64
Non-Resident	\$74

SUNRISE/SUNSET CAMP

Sunrise:	6:30 - 9:00 AM
Sunset:	3:00 - 6:00 PM
Sunrise or Sunset Camp	\$16
Both Sunrise & Sunset Camps	\$26

Fees are per child per week. Fees are all inclusive and include all swimming admissions, field trip admissions & transportation, a t-shirt, and materials needed for arts

and crafts projects. Children bring their own lunch.

For a complete packet call the Parks office at 636-949-3372.

To receive the St. Charles City Resident Rate you must provide proof of St. Charles City residency by presenting two of these three types of I.D. -

- ◆ Driver's License with current address
- ◆ Utility Bill with current address
- ◆ 2005 Property Tax Receipt



TO REGISTER FOR ST CHARLES PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS, YOU CAN —

Mail participants name, address, phone numbers & date of birth (18 or younger) along with program(s) and payment to
St. Charles Parks Department
1900 Randolph St. Charles, MO 63301
MAIL-IN ACCEPTED IMMEDIATELY

Bring your payment to the Park Office in Blanchette Park
Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
WALK-IN ACCEPTED IMMEDIATELY

Registration with payment by MasterCard or VISA only (minimum charge \$10).
Call 636-949-3372 Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
PHONE-IN ACCEPTED IMMEDIATELY

TINY TOT SWIM (WAPELHORST ONLY)

Want a special activity with your little ones before nap times?

Check out Wapelhorst Aquatic Center Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 9 - 10:30 AM.

The Kiddie Pool ONLY is open for younger children and their parents.

Tuesday, June 13 -
Thursday July 27

Fee: \$2.50 for adults & children



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FREE RECREATION PROGRAMS

The St. Charles Parks and Recreation Foundation provides scholarship funds to either children or adult City of St. Charles Residents who cannot financially afford a recreation program or a trip participation fee. These scholarships can be utilized for swimming passes, day camp, t-ball programs, adult day trips and many more recreational activities. Please contact the Park Office at 636-949-3372 for more information about these free scholarships.

FAMILY PASS RATES

	Resident	Non-Resident
Family	\$180	\$220
Adult	\$ 85	\$100
Child/Senior	\$ 70	\$ 85

Family rate includes immediate family (two adults 19 & older and children living at home 18 & younger). A senior citizen is 60 years of age or older. A child is ages 3-11.



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LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM

In our Learn to Swim Program we have a staff ratio of 1 instructor for every six children in the Youth and Pre-School classes to maximize your child's learning. Blanchette, McNair and Wapelhorst will offer three (3) sessions for Swim Lessons this summer. Classes will be offered Monday through Thursday for two weeks. Fridays will serve as the rain makeup date for all sessions. **Fees: \$38 for City Residents \$48 for Non-City Residents**

SWIM LESSON INFORMATION APPLICABLE TO ALL THREE FACILITIES:

Levels Offered for Swim Lessons:

Pre-School Swim--Ages 3-6: For child participation without parents in the water. Basic safety and water adjustment skills are presented.

Youth Swim--Ages 6 & Up: Open to children of all skill abilities. Children will be tested and placed in a group most suited to their ability on the first day of lessons.

Adult Swim: Your chance to learn how to swim whether you are afraid to put your face in the water or would like to improve your strokes.

SESSION: I. JUNE 12 - JUNE 22 SESSION II. JUNE 26 - JULY 7*
SESSION III. JULY 18 - JULY 28

(*CLASS WILL NOT BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 4. MAKEUP CLASS will be held on Friday, 7-7-06)

BLANCHETTE CLASS TIMES:

9:40 - 10:10 AM or 10:15 - 10:45 AM

WAPELHORST CLASS TIMES:

9:05 - 9:35 AM or 9:40 - 10:10 AM or 10:15 - 10:45 AM

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS

June 13- July 7* or July 11 - August 3 7:15 - 7:45 PM

(*Class will not be held on Tuesday, July 4. Makeup class will be held on Friday, 7-7-06)

MCNAIR CLASS TIMES:

11:15 - 11:45 AM or 6:15 - 6:45 PM or 6:50 - 7:20 PM

SATURDAY MORNINGS: June 3 - July 22 10:40 - 11:10 AM or
11:15 - 11:45 AM

McNair

2006 Aquatic Schedule

946-1553

JUNE 2 - AUGUST 6

MONDAY-SUNDAY 12 - 6 PM

Aquacize

McNair only

Join in one of the best ways to get in shape and have fun— water workout including aerobics, cardiovascular fitness and toning. No swimming ability is required. This is an excellent opportunity for men and women of all ages to get in shape.

Fee: \$36 Time: 6:30 - 7:30 AM

Sessions: I. June 13 - July 7*

II. July 11 - August 3

Held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

*Classes will not be held on Tuesday, July 4th but will be made up on Friday, July 7th.

Junior Lifeguard Program

McNair only

Are you 13 - 15 and ready to have fun, learn new skills and become a future St. Charles Parks Lifeguard? This program is just for you! You will learn water rescues, CPR and more. **Fee \$36**

EVENING CLASS 6:15 - 7:15 PM

Sessions: I. June 12 - June 22

II. June 26 - July 7*

III. July 10 - July 20

(Monday-Thursday) for two weeks

*Classes will not be held on Tuesday, July 4th but will be made up on Friday, July 7th.

FAMILY NIGHT EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING

Join us after 5 PM at Blanchette and Wapelhorst and 4 PM at McNair.

Enjoy a small soda, chips and a hot dog for only \$3.00 at the concession stand.

PLEASE NOTE: Wapelhorst is open late on Wednesday & Friday evenings until 8 PM beginning June 14 - July 28.

Blanchette 2006 Aquatic Schedule 946-2230

May 27 - August 13 Monday - Friday 11 AM - 7PM
All Saturdays 11 AM - 6 PM All Sundays 12 Noon - 7 PM
Blanchette will close at 6 PM on Saturdays

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING FOR MIGHTY MINNOS Blanchette only

Children 6 years and up that have mastered the skill of rhythmic breathing and are comfortable going under water will enjoy the challenge and diversity of this class. Basic moves such as front and back roll, clam and sculling will be explored. **Fee is \$36**

Sessions: I. June 12 - June 22
II. June 26 - July 7*
III. July 10 - July 20

Class Times: 10 years and up
9:40 - 10:10 AM
9 years and under
10:15 10:45 AM



*Classes will not be held on Tuesday, July 4th but will be made up on Friday, July 7th.

Aqua Camp Blanchette only

Calling all pool rats! How about trying water basketball, volleyball, underwater hockey and more in this Aqua Camp? This is for youth 10-14 years of age. All equipment provided.

Fee: \$36

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Sessions:

I. June 12 - June 22
II. June 26 - July 7*
III. July 10 - July 20
(Monday-Thursday) for two weeks *Classes will not be held on Tuesday, July 4th but will be made up on Friday, July 7th.

TEEN SPLASH BASH

Come join your friends for a special evening of swimming, music, games, food and prizes! Entertainment, games including inner tube races, water balloon toss, long-john relay and limbo contest. Admission includes a "value meal": a hot dog, bag of chips and small beverage. Guests will not be allowed to leave the park until they are picked up by an adult.

BLANCHETTE	WAPELHORST
June 17	July 15
6:00 - 9:00 PM	
Youth 11 - 14 Years of age	
Admission \$8.00 per person	
(inclusive)	

BLANCHETTE BARRACUDA SWIM TEAM

Are you between the ages of 5-18 and enjoy swimming? Why not increase your swimming skills and have fun in friendly competition with the Blanchette Barracuda Swim Team? The swim team offers a great way for your child to keep in shape, learn new skills and compete with other leagues throughout the county. We offer practices in the evenings at the Blanchette Aquatic Center. Practice will begin the end of May weather permitting. The cost is \$65 per child with discounts for multiple children in a family. **Parents' meeting** will be held on Wednesday, **April 12 at 7 PM** at the Memorial Hall, American Legion Room for parents to learn more about this wonderful Swim Team Program.

Wapelhorst 2006 Aquatic Schedule 936-8118

Wapelhorst will close at 6 PM on Saturdays.

(Wapelhorst Pool is available to rent on Saturday evenings from 6:45 - 8:15 PM for private parties.)

May 27 - June 11

Monday - Friday 11 - 7 PM

June 12 - July 28

Mon/Tues/Thurs 11 - 7 PM

Wed & Fri 11 - 8 PM

July 31 - August 11

Monday - Friday 11 - 7 PM

Saturdays thru August 12

Saturday 11 - 6 PM

Sundays thru August 13

Sunday 12 - 7 PM

August 19, 26, September 2

Saturdays 11 - 6 PM

August 20, 27, September 3

Sundays 12 - 7 PM

September 4

Monday 11 - 7 PM

Pool is closed Monday - Friday after August 11

Wapelhorst Power Water Walking

Is it hard for you to find time to work out? Join the power water walking class while your children are taking swim lessons. This class is offered at Wapelhorst during the morning swim lessons and the Tuesday - Thursday evening classes. An instructor will guide you through a walk and jog routine for a 20 minute calorie-burning, aerobic workout. **Fee: \$25**

Sessions: I. June 12 - June 22
II. June 26 - July 7*
III. July 10 - July 20
Evening class IV. June 13 - July 7*
V. July 11 - August 3

Class times 9:10 - 9:30 AM
9:45 - 10:05 AM
10:20 - 10:40 AM
7:20 - 7:40 PM

*Class will not be held on Tuesday, July 4.
Makeup class will be held on Friday, 7-7-06

INTRODUCTORY T-BALL

Play Ball!!! Learn basic ball handling, hitting and fielding skills emphasizing teamwork while participating in scrimmages. NOT a league, emphasis is on skill development. Bring your own glove. T-shirts provided.

Mondays, May 15 - June 26
(No class May 29)

5:45 - 6:30 PM 4 - 5 year olds
6:30 - 7:30 PM 6 - 8 year olds
\$44 per person

10 Minimum/35 Maximum
Wapelhorst Park, Field #1

Tuesdays, June 13 - July 25
(No class July 4)

8:45 - 9:30 AM 4 - 5 year olds
\$44 per person

10 Minimum/35 Maximum
Wapelhorst Park, Field #1

Wednesdays, May 17 - June 21

5:45 - 6:30 PM 4-5 year olds
6:30 - 7:15 PM 4-5 year olds
\$44 per person

10 Minimum/35 Maximum
Jaycee Park

Saturdays, June 3 - July 8

10:30 - 11:15 AM 4-5 year olds
11:15 - 12:00 PM 4-5 year olds
\$44 per person

10 Minimum/35 Maximum
Wapelhorst Park, Field #1

INTRO PLUS

INTRO PLUS is a program that allows your child to participate in game play for a 4 week period following the Introductory program. Your child must be enrolled in the Introductory T-Ball program in order to enroll and participate in the INTRO PLUS program.

MON July 10 - July 31

Ages 4 - 8 \$26 Wapelhorst Park

WED June 28 - July 19

Ages 4-5 \$26 Jaycee Park

ALL RAIN OUTS ARE AFTER THE LAST CLASS

PARTY IN THE PARK Friday, June 2 6:30 - 10:30 PM Wapelhorst Park

The St. Charles Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with the City of St. Charles will have a family party south of I-70, at Wapelhorst Park on Friday, June 2nd.

This event has been very popular in the past and this year promises to be even bigger and better. Games for children, inflatable rides, food and beverages, entertainers, water games for children at Wapelhorst Pool and much more will be offered. Children's games are 7 - 9 PM and Wapelhorst Pool closes at 7:00 PM.

The evening will feature **Bone Daddy & the Blues Shakers Band** that is well known and popular in St. Charles and the metro area for playing Blues and Soul Music. **Mark you calendar and come on out for a great evening filled with entertainment for the entire family!!!**

BEGINNER'S T-BALL

Beginner's T-Ball is designed to help develop the skills you learned in the basic T-ball class. Players will be put on teams. Each team will have an instruction period before playing a game. All hitting will be from the T-stand. **Parent Volunteer Coaches are Needed.** *Your child should have previous t-ball experience.* **Ages 5 - 7.**

Saturdays, June 3 - July 8
9 - 10:30 AM

\$49 per person

20 Minimum/96 Maximum
Wapelhorst Park, Field #1-4



T-BALL PLUS

Each time at bat you will have the opportunity to hit an adult pitched ball. **Parent Volunteer Coaches are needed.** Team practices are on Tuesday or Thursday. Games are on Thursday evenings at Jaycee & Bales Parks. T-shirt and ball cap provided. **YOUR CHILD SHOULD HAVE BEGINNER T-BALL EXPERIENCE.** **Ages 6 - 8**

Tues. or Thurs. Team Practices -
May 2 - May 25

Games - June 1 - July 20 (Thursdays)
Practices/Games at 5:30 & 6:45 PM
\$57 per person

20 Minimum/144 Maximum
Jaycee, Bales & Kiwanis Parks

Saturday T-ball Plus, Ages 6 - 8
6 weeks of practice & games each week.

Saturdays, June 3 - July 8
10:30 AM - 12 noon

\$49 per person

20 Minimum/72 Maximum
Wapelhorst Park, Field #1-3

Trips & Tours

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS VS KANSAS CITY ROYALS May 19 - May 21

All aboard at the Amtrak Station in Kirkwood, Missouri. Truman Presidential Library & Museum with the White House in Miniature Exhibit, The Presidential & Life & Times Exhibits. Dinner at the Melting Pot Hallmark Visitor's Center. Lunch & shopping on your own at the Crown Center. Arabia Steamboat Museum. Dinner at Ryan's Steakhouse and then watch the Cardinals battle the Royals. **GO CARDS!!** Depart Memorial Hall only at 6:30 AM, return at 4:00 PM. Cost of \$399 (double occupancy-single traveler add \$70). Payment due April 1.

CARS, WARS & STARS

June 20 - June 24

National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green Kentucky. 68,000 sq. ft of 50 Corvettes, one of a kind models spanning the history of the Corvette. L&N Depot w/ historic rail cars & history of the railroad industry in Bowling Green. GM Corvette Assembly Plant. shopping in historic Fountain Square Park. Lost River Cave & Valley and so much more. Depart Memorial Hall only at 6:30 AM and return at 9:00 PM. Cost of \$599 (double occupancy-single traveler add \$136). Payment due April 1.

CELEBRATION RIVER CRUISE

September 26 & 27

Let's travel to historic Hannibal, MO. We stop in Clarksville, MO to browse & lunch at the Village of the Blue Rose. We will have dinner and stay overnight in Hannibal. Sleep fast because we arrive at the boat at 6:30 a.m. for a beautiful and spectacular cruise down the Mississippi River on the luxury excursion vessel "Celebration Belle". Live entertainment and FOUR delicious meals will be provided throughout the cruise. \$297 per person (double occupancy), \$322 per single traveler includes, admissions, meals, lodging, gratuities, escort & motor coach transportation.

CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY - THE FIRST ACADEMY OF ITS KIND IN THE CITY

St. Charles Police Chief Tim Swope doesn't want you to believe everything you see on television. That's, in part, why he created the Citizen Police Academy this year - the first academy of its kind in the City.

"As police, we can always do a better job of reaching out to the public and letting them know how we serve them," Swope said. "This is an opportunity to further that relationship with the community."

The eight-week course is held from 6 to 9 PM on Wednesdays at the Justice Center,



Chief Swope instructing class

1781 Zumbahl Road. About 20 citizens enrolled in the first program to learn more about their police department and clear up some of the fallacies that they might have had by watching crime-solving television shows.

For three hours every Wednesday cadets get a first-hand view of what Swope calls the "meat and potatoes" of policing, which includes several ancillary divisions typically not seen by the public.

"Everyone sees us out in the cars, responding to calls or pulling people over, but that's not all that we do," he said.

In the academy, cadets are introduced to all aspects of the force, such as the records division, 911 emergency communications center, crime mapping, forensics, drug enforcement, and dedicated units like the Special Weapons and Tactics Unit and the plain-clothed Mobile Reserve Unit. The course also includes opportunities for cadets to see non-lethal weapons, such as tasers, and ride along with a patrol officer.

Not only does the Academy provide an outlet for the public to learn why

officers do things the way they do them, but also encourages the public to give the department feedback on what they see.

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"Sometimes we're in situations where people don't feel like shaking hands with us," Swope said. "But, this creates a real conversation between the police department and the citizens we are here to serve."

The Citizen Police Academy will be an ongoing program within the department. In addition, Swope is looking to provide a kids' camp with the intent to encourage a bond with children in the community to let them know that police officers "are the good guys to call on if they are in trouble," Swope said.

Other community activities sponsored by the St. Charles Police Department include regular town hall-style neighborhood meetings, the Neighborhood Watch



Classroom Instruction

Program, Crime-Stoppers and youth-based D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) classes. For more information, contact Community Relations Specialist Christy Mayer at (636) 949-3541.



The first graduating class of St. Charles Citizens Police Academy

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Memorial Day - Monday May 29, 2006

Routes	Pick up
Monday	Tuesday May 30th
Tuesday	Wednesday May 31st
Wednesday	Thursday June 1st
Thursday	Friday June 2nd
Friday	Saturday June 3rd

Fourth of July - Tuesday, July 4, 2006

Routes	Pick up
Monday	Will not be affected
Tuesday	Wednesday July 5th
Wednesday	Thursday July 6th
Thursday	Friday July 7th
Friday	Saturday July 8th

Labor Day - Monday Sept 4, 2006

Routes	Pick up
Monday	Tuesday Sept 5th
Tuesday	Wednesday Sept 6th
Wednesday	Thursday Sept 7th
Thursday	Friday Sept 8th
Friday	Saturday Sept 9th

Thanksgiving - Thursday Nov 23, 2006

Routes	Pick up
Thursday	Friday Nov 24th
Friday	Saturday Nov 25th

Christmas Day - Monday, Dec 25, 2006

Routes	Pick up
Monday	Tuesday Dec 26th
Tuesday	Wednesday Dec 27th
Wednesday	Thursday Dec 28th
Thursday	Friday Dec 29th
Friday	Saturday Dec 30th

Check city's website for Allied Waste's list of accepted commingle recyclables (www.stcharlescivcity.com/links)

PUBLIC WORKS AT WORK: FIFTH STREET EXTENSION TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO INTERSTATE 370

The Fifth Street Extension Project, which will provide access to areas north and south of Highway 370, is expected to be complete by winter 2006. The street will extend north, from its current end at Olive Street, to the Little Hills Expressway. Work includes the construction of a bridge over the Norfolk Southern Railroad and Highway 370.

"This project is especially important as the 370/94 intersection becomes increasingly more congested as development continues along Highway 370," said City Engineer Stephen L. Bender, P.E. "This new roadway will provide motorists an alternative route much like the Hawks Nest overpass, thus reducing travel time and frustration."

The two-lane road will include a raised center island made of brick pavers, similar to those used at the West Clay and First Capitol Drive intersection. An 8-foot-wide biking and walking path will be constructed along the east side of the roadway. The long-range plan is for this path to connect to the Katy Trail to the south, and to the New Town Development to the north.

Design plans have been completed, and Millstone Bangert, Inc. was awarded the bid. Easements and right-of-ways have been acquired, and construction on the bridge over 370 and the railroad is more than 50 percent complete.

The total project is estimated to cost \$7.5 million with \$6.7 million in construction costs. Both the St. Charles County Road Board and the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council approved funds for the project. The County agreed to reimburse the City up to \$2 million, and East-West Gateway will contribute up to \$900,000.

Other Public Works projects underway include:

Ehlmann Road Reconstruction: Phase III - Covington to Shady Springs

This \$630,000 project consists of reconstructing and straightening Ehlmann Road between Covington and Shady Spring. J.M Marschuetz was the successful low bidder and notice to proceed will be issued in early 2006.

Elm St. Reconstruction - Phase I - Elm St./Duchesne Intersection

This proposed project involves the reconstruction of the Elm St./Duchesne intersection to include an additional turn lane and new traffic signals. Construction began in February and will continue through April.

Elm Street Reconstruction: Phase II - Kingshighway to Gamble, Elmwood to Elm Point

This \$6 million project consists of reconstructing Elm Street from Kingshighway to Gamble and from Elmwood to Elm Point. The City is acquiring right-of-way and easements for this project. Probable bid date is fall 2006.

48" Sanitary Sewer Replacement and Lift Station

This \$12 million project will provide for the design and construction of a 30-million-gallon per day lift station and the installation of more than 7 miles of sanitary sewer mains. These mains will transport two-thirds of the City's sanitary waste to the Mississippi Treatment Facility. Design plans are 95 percent complete and the probable bid date is spring of 2006.

Tecumseh and 3rd Street Roundabout

This \$1.5 million project will construct a new, more efficient intersection and enhance the area. The St. Charles County Road Board and the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council approved \$1.2 million. Design began in late 2005 by Cole and Associates.

West Clay and Duchesne Right Turn Lane

This \$500,000 project will add a right turn lane from southbound Duchesne onto westbound West Clay to alleviate some congestion in the area. East-West Gateway Coordinating Council approved \$157,000. Construction is expected late in 2006.

5th Street / I-70 Improvements

This \$1.6 million project will widen the I-70 exit ramp and Fifth Street near Riverbluff Drive. MoDOT has agreed to fund \$300,000 for the project costs. Construction is expected late in 2006.



The first Spring Art Walk presented by the St. Charles Riverfront Arts group (planned to be an annual event) is scheduled to begin Friday, April 28, with the St. Charles County Symphony performing a free concert at 7:30 PM at The Foundry Art Centre. The Spring Art Walk will continue through Sunday, April 30.

During the event, 30 regional artists will exhibit their work along Main Street in more than a dozen venues. Artists will include wood, steel and copper sculptors; oil, acrylic and watercolor painters; ceramicists and photographers. Also, the more than 25 artists whose studios are located within The Foundry Art Centre will be included in the weekend festivities and will demonstrate their work. Everyone is invited to come see the art, listen to the live music and meet the local artists.

The hours of the Spring Art Walk are:

Fri, April 28 5 PM - 8 PM
Sat, April 29 10 AM - 8 PM
Sun, April 30 Noon - 5 PM

The Spring Art Walk is being produced by the St. Charles Riverfront Arts in cooperation with the Historic Downtown Association. St. Charles Riverfront Arts was recently formed to bring a new level of cultural events and venues to downtown St. Charles and to attract artists to St. Charles, the center of the county's art community. It is the group's vision to create an art and entertainment district that enriches the spirit through music, dance, art, fine dining and unique shops in association with existing cultural institutions.



COUNCIL TEAMS UP WITH ARTISTS TO "SPRUCE" UP ST. CHARLES'S LANDSCAPE

"Blue Spruce" at City Hall



A "blue spruce" sculpture outside City Hall is just one of several new surprises that have popped up around the City.

The outdoor sculpture exhibit, called

"Art in Public Places," is the culmination of a competition sponsored by the City Council and the Foundry Art Centre. The top 10 entries, selected by a panel of artists, academicians and community leaders, have been installed at sites across St. Charles where they will remain until the fall season. The exhibit is intended to beautify the City while widening The Foundry Art Centre's reach to new audiences.

The 10 sculptures were selected from 41 entries from artists living across the metropolitan area and beyond. Each chosen artist received a \$1,000 stipend, and one received an additional \$5,000

cash prize for being picked "people's choice." In addition to vying for the \$5,000 grand prize, each work is for sale.

Installation sites for the art were selected by Foundry and City officials,

"United WE Stand"
Fire House #1
Kingshighway & Morgan



Standing left to right: Bob Hoepfner-Ward 10, Mark B. Brown-Ward 3, Rory Riddler-Ward 1, Michael T. Weller-Ward 5, Bob Kneemiller-Ward 4
Seated left to right: Jerry E. Reese-Ward 6, Larry Muench-Ward 2, Joe Koester-Ward 9, Dottie Greer-Ward 7, John Gieseke, Ward 8

"Pique A Terra"

Fire Station #3 2817 Elm Street



and include Firehouse No. 1 at Kingshighway and Morgan Street, Lindenwood University at Kingshighway and First Capitol Drive, and near the corner of Droste and West Clay, to name a few.

Later this year, the process will begin again for the contest's second year, and 10 new works will be selected and displayed throughout the City.

The Foundry Art Center and the City also have begun a separate program, "Historic Figures in Bronze." The program is looking to erect permanent life-sized bronze sculptures of prominent people in St. Charles history.

The first figure will be of explorer Daniel Boone. More than 40 artists entered the competition, and officials recently selected Harry Weber of Wright City, who had other sculptures placed outside the old Busch Stadium. Once complete, the Daniel Boone statue will most likely be located near South Main Street and Boone's Lick Road.



The Council hopes to dedicate money each year to a new sculpture. Other prominent figures could include Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Missouri's first governor Alexander McNair and Jean Baptiste DuSable, a Black fur trader who founded the City of Chicago.

To see photos of the art or for more information on the "Art in Public Places" or "Historic Figures in Bronze" programs, visit the Foundry Art Center online at www.foundryartcentre.org.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Spring Cleaning

As our thoughts turn to spring and all the sights, sounds, smells and feel of the gentle air around us, it's time for some spring cleaning. I'll take this time to catch up on some of the issues that have been ongoing in the City so we can "clean house" and look forward to new issues that always "spring" up around St. Charles.

The City recently approved a new program for natural gas tax rebates for all seniors age 62 and over regardless of income level. At the end of each year beginning April 1 and ending March 31, seniors may bring their gas receipts to the Mayor's office for a full rebate of the City's portion of the tax on the year's home heating gas consumption. We will have a simple form to fill out. The rebate program will be available from April 1 through August 1 of each year. You must have proof of age and the gas receipts for the months you want rebated. This is for your home only and you must be living

where you pay the tax. We have yet to know the actual cost of this program, but we truly believe this rebate is a step in the right direction for lowering some utility costs for residents. I especially wish to thank Bob Hoepfner for sponsoring this bill, for Bob Kneemiller and Rory Riddler for working with Mr. Hoepfner and me to streamline the bill, and to the Senior Advisory Commission for their unwavering support of the issue. The Senior Advisory Commission also helped refine the rebate process itself, and that's a special help to me. Thanks, all.

Of course, we continue to have the City tax rebates on all utilities for residents 62 years of age or older or 60 years of age and on total disability who meet the income guidelines. For more info on both of these programs, you may call my Assistant, Joyce in the Mayor's Office at 949-3268 or go online at www.stcharlescity.com and look under the Mayor's information page.

The City Council, the Parks Department, and the Mayor's Office are continuing to work on the community center project. The Parks Board has come up with a simple yet timely survey that will be going out to selected households throughout the City. It covers many items that are park related and some that are related to the community center project. If you receive one of these surveys, please take a couple of minutes to fill it out and return it. We'll all appreciate your vital input on our wonderful parks and the future of the community center project.

Before I leave the parks, I must talk about the dog park. When I first proposed this idea,

it was just too new for our City. While at the time there were over 3700 off leash parks in the U.S., I found our residents, the City Council, and the Park Board were not willing to be the first in the state to open a dog park. Since that time, St. Charles County has proven that an off-leash park has its own charm and is a huge success. The Parks Board worked diligently to study the proposal and after a helpful survey, found that a dog park could add another fun dimension to our parks system. I remind you that this is a park for our *residents* to enjoy each other while they exercise their dogs; it's not simply for dogs. The money has been allocated and you will hear more as the project proceeds.

The Beautification Commission will be hosting the third River Relief Cleanup that is highlighted in this newsletter. I invite all who wish to help us clean up the riverfront to bring your kids, your neighbors, your friends, everyone you know to the riverfront for an hour, an afternoon, or the whole day, and you can feel so proud that you helped make our riverfront shine.

A gentle reminder: be sure to shop here at home in St. Charles, bring your friends to our many festivals, and attend the shows at the convention center. Take care of your neighbors, visit a sick friend, and be proud of St. Charles. I am.

Is there anything I missed? OK then - it looks pretty clear to me: spring cleaning is complete. Let's go out and enjoy the weather while we can. Happy Spring!

Dates to Remember

May 17th Music on Main
100-200 Block of North Main

May 20th-21st Lewis & Clark Heritage Days
Frontier Park

May 26th Friday Night Flicks
Blanchette Landing Park,
Frenchtown

June 2nd Party in the Park
Wapelhorst Park

June 21st Music on Main
100-200 Block of North Main

Check City's website calendar for updates and/or additional information—www.stcharlescity.com/calendar or City's Cable Access Channel 20

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