



St. Charles Celebrates Bicentennial Anniversary—

On October 13, 2009, St. Charles will officially celebrate the 200th anniversary of its 1809 incorporation as a village. But don't worry, you won't need to wait that long to get in on the festivities. A committee comprised of more than 25 volunteers has teamed up with city staff to plan Bicentennial events and activities giving residents, business owners and visitors an opportunity to celebrate the city's rich heritage and history all year long.

According to Karen Godfrey, tourism staff member and planning committee chair, the Bicentennial will kick off at the end of March and weave its way through some 200 happenings slated for our fair city throughout the coming year. For your easy reference, here's a quick look at the initial highlights:

**Friday, March 27 --
Bicentennial Kick-off
Reception
Foundry Art Centre
7 to 11 p.m.**

Tickets are \$40 per person or \$75 per couple, and are on sale in advance only at the **Greater Saint Charles Convention & Visitors Bureau** (stop by **230 South Main Street** or call the Bicentennial Hotline at **636-255-6154** for more information or to purchase tickets by mail prior to March 24).

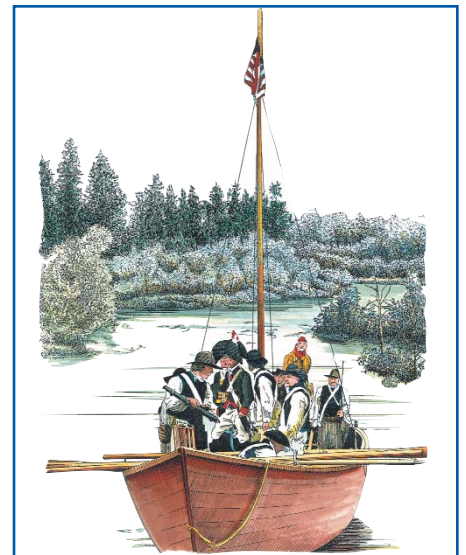
Event participants are invited to wear clothing symbolic of the passing of

time from 1809 until present day. The evening will include heavy hors d'oeuvres focusing on our French, Spanish and German heritage. Live entertainment will be provided by Crossover, a dynamic seven-piece band.

**Saturday, March 28 --
Three Flags Ceremony
Frontier Park
11 a.m.**

This unique flag-raising ceremony will mark the transition of the Louisiana Territory in 1804 from Spain to France to America. Featured in the line up will be The Lewis & Clark Fife and Drum Corps as well as a host of period reenactment characters.

"Stay tuned for more information as the second weekend in October will feature a cultural heritage festival based on a series of parties, parades and concerts in local St. Charles parks, with **Frontier Park slated for October 9, Blanchette Park on October 10 and Wapelhorst Park on October 11**," Godfrey said. "Plus, we're planning a number of events for children and adults, alike. This anniversary celebration will offer something for everyone in town." Additional updates will be available via the city's website at www.stcharlescitymo.gov or you can also access the tourism website at www.historicstcharles.com.



For longtime residents who were around in 1969, the overall anniversary theme might sound somewhat familiar. That's when St. Charles hosted another round of Bicentennial festivities. Those honored French Canadian Louis Blanchette's establishment in 1769 of the small settlement of Les Petites Cotes, or Village of the Little Hills, in what is now known as present-day St. Charles. By the time St. Charles was incorporated as a village in 1809, there were more than 400 residents.

General Utility Tax Refund Guidelines

(Information Hotline: 636-255-6145)

The Mayor and the City Council of the City of St. Charles have passed an Ordinance that will refund the City taxes you've paid to your Gas and Electric utility companies. The total refund available shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

For your information, the specific charges or fees that are refunded are those that were paid to the City of St. Charles. On your AmerenUE bill, the line item is titled, "St. Charles Municipal Charge." Your Laclede Gas bill refers to this as "St. Charles Tax." Keep in mind that the maximum allowable refund amount is \$100.00. If, for example, your St. Charles taxes paid to the Laclede Gas company totaled more than \$100.00, your electric bills will not be necessary.

TO QUALIFY:

- You are at least 62 years of age and live within the city limits of St. Charles.
- You are not yet 62 but your only income is total disability.

YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE:

- Original or legible photocopies of your gas and electric bills from April of last year through March of this year. **(If you wish to retain your original bills, please provide us with copies.)** At your request, both AmerenUE and Laclede Gas will send you an itemized list of the City taxes you paid during **April of 2008 through March of 2009**. These lists are acceptable in place of your actual electric and gas bills.
- Proof of age by a valid driver's license, Missouri non-driver's identification, passport or birth certificate.
- If you are not yet 62 but your only income is total disability you must provide a copy of certificate of total disability from the Social Security Administration.

TO APPLY:

Applications will be accepted April 1st through May 31st.

- **BY MAIL:** If you choose to mail your bills to City Hall, be sure to include a copy of your proof of age, original/legible photocopies of your gas and electric bills (or tax statements from AmerenUE and/or Laclede Gas). Please understand that due to the expected high volume, **we will not be able to return original documents.** Our address is Utility Tax Refund, Office of the Mayor, Room 400, 200 North Second Street, St. Charles, MO 63301.
- **IN PERSON:** Bring proof of age and original/legible photocopies of your gas and electric bills (or tax statements from AmerenUE and/or Laclede Gas) to the first floor Rotunda (or Lobby) of City Hall located at 200 North Second Street. Application forms will be available.
Applications will be accepted weekday mornings between the hours of 8:00 AM and Noon. Staff will be available to assist you.

General Utility Tax Refund Application

(Information Hotline: 636-255-6145)



Please enter your name, address, phone number, date, and sign. Include original or legible photocopies of your gas and electric utility bills from **April of 2008 through March of 2009** and proof of age. APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM APRIL 1 THROUGH MAY 31, 2009 ONLY.

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The following information is required for persons applying for a refund of the utility taxes paid on electric and natural gas bills.

- Applicant shall be at least 62 years of age or older. Applicant must provide proof of age by a valid driver's license, Missouri non-driver's identification, passport or birth certificate.

OR

- Certified as totally disabled by the Social Security Administration. Applicant must provide a copy of certificate of total disability from the Social Security Administration.

AND

- Applicant must own or lease residential property located within the City of St. Charles and occupy the same as his/her customary place of residence.
- Applicant shall provide to the City original or legible photocopies of gas and electric bills **from April 1 of the prior year through March 31** of the current year.
- The total refund available shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Name:

Address:

Zip Code:

Phone Number:

Signature:

Date:

Original/Copies of Utility Bills Included

Proof of Age Included

SEND APPLICATION TO: UTILITY TAX REFUND
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ROOM 400
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
200 NORTH SECOND STREET
ST. CHARLES, MO 63301

MUSIC ON MAIN

May 20th June 17th
July 15th

August 19th Sept 16th

Join us from 5:00 PM -7:30 PM
in Historic Downtown
(100-200 Block of North
Main) for food, drink, and a
different band each month.

Lewis & Clark Heritage Days May 16 & 17 Frontier Park



Authentic reenactment
of Lewis & Clark's
encampment in 1804
prior to embarking on
the exploration of the
Louisiana Purchase;

including a parade with
Fife & Drum Corps and church service on Sunday.

www.lewisandclark.net

Hot Summer Nights North Main Street



Join us for Hot
Summer Nights
on these
evenings:

May 23, June 27, July 25, and August 29.

Experience dining under the stars, themed
music and browse the galleries and specialty
shops from 5-11 PM.

Music will begin at 7 PM.

St. Charles Municipal Band
Concerts
Frontier Park
(June - August)
Thursdays at 8 PM

St. Charles Community Big
(Jazz) Band
Second Sunday of the Month
(June 14, July 12, Aug 9, Sept 6)
7:30 PM at Frontier Park

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shakespeare in the Park

June 19-21 and June 26-28
Frontier Park
Friday & Saturday at 8 PM
Sunday at 4 PM

Friday Night Flicks in Frenchtown

1800 North 2nd Street
Music and refreshments
start at 8 PM.
May 22, June 26, July 24,
August 28.

Bring a chair or blanket
and enjoy a FREE movie
under the stars.

Visit

www.HistoricFrenchtown.com
for more information.

Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra

FREE CONCERT
8:30 PM JUNE 13
FRONTIER PARK

Bring a blanket,
picnic and enjoy the
world class sounds of
one of the top U.S.
Orchestras.



July 2-4
Frontier Park

Celebrate Independence
Day with FIREWORKS, (July
3 & 4 at 9:20 PM). Music,
parade, and carnival.

July 2 - Wrist Band Night
www.stcharlesriverfest.com

MEMORIAL HALL BANQUET CENTER



- ▶ Reasonable rates
- ▶ Scenic location
- ▶ Services for up to 300 people
- ▶ Provide your own catering

Call 636-949-3372 for details or visit www.stcharlesparks.com.



McNair Multi-Purpose Sports Court and Playground

The old tennis courts in McNair Main Park have been out of service because of their poor condition. After many years of faithful service they are due to be replaced with a "Multi-Purpose Sports Court & Playground." The Request for Proposal was advertised early in the year with results coming in at the end of January. The proposals are being evaluated for the best design, which provides the most play value for the money. You can be sure it will attract kids of all ages. The contract will be awarded for quality, design and uniqueness with bidders encouraged to be inventive. We look forward to seeing this unique activity area develop during the summer.



"Summertime Social"
Thursday,
March 26, 2009
4 - 6 PM
Lower Level 1
Memorial Hall

Lifeguards, day camp counselors, concession workers and cashiers are being invited. Come find out what's new for the 2009 season. **Applications accepted this day.** Must be 16 years of age at the time of employment.



St. Charles Parks & Recreation Passport

Available to St. Charles City Residents at the Parks Administration Office in Blanchette Park. Please bring (2) forms of Identification (Driver's License, Personal Property Tax Receipt or Utility Bill) to show proof of residency. Passport provides discounts at (13) St. Charles City businesses. Visit our website at www.stcharlesparks.com/information.php to see a complete list of business partners and the discounts they offer (valid thru December 31, 2010).

REGISTER ON THE WEB!!

You can register On-Line for many of the St. Charles Parks & Recreation Department programs, classes, trips and facilities at www.stcharlesparks.com. **LOOK for the "Register or Login Now" Icon.**



You will need your household ID and password. If you are not a current user call our office at 636-949-3372 to set up your account.

Register for programs, learn about your parks & let us know if you have any questions or concerns on our Parks Blog.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY
Saturday, April 4, 9-11 AM
 Egg hunt for ages 3-8 (with paid registration).
 \$8 pp/everyone pays. More information at
 636-949-3372.

PROGRAMS

ST. CHARLES PARKS AND RECREATION 949-3372

ONLINE: WWW.STCHARLESPARKS.COM

2009 AQUATIC SCHEDULE

WAPELHORST: 936-8118

May 23-August 9

August 15 - Sept 7--Weekends only

Monday-Friday 11-7 PM

Saturday 11-6 PM

Sunday 12-7 PM

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

BLANCHETTE: 946-2230

May 23-August 9

Monday-Saturday 11-6 PM

Sundays 12-6 PM

MCNAIR: 946-1553

May 29-August 2 12-6 PM

FAMILY PASS RATES:

	Resident	Non-Resident
Family	\$190	\$230
Adult	\$ 90	\$110
Child/Seniors	\$ 75	\$ 90

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

NOTE TO PARENTS - Minimum age to enter the aquatic facilities without a guardian 14 years of age or older is 12 years of age.

TEN SWIM PASSES

This is valid for ten swims at the pool of your choice. Fee is \$50.00 for adults and \$40.00 for children 11 and under. Available at the Park Office and only available to City Residents.

JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM—MCNAIR POOL

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.

EVENING CLASS

252001-02 June 22 -- July 2
6:30-7:30 PM (Monday-Thursday)
Fee \$36 for two weeks



AQUACIZE PROGRAM McNAIR POOL

Activity Number 251801

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.

Session 1 June 9 - July 2
Session 2 July 7 - July 30
Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 PM OR 7:30-8:30 PM
Fee: \$36

FAMILY NIGHTS

Join us every Sunday for family night. From 5 PM until 7 PM at Wapelhorst and 4 PM until 6 PM at Blanchette and McNair. Also, enjoy a small soda, chips and a hotdog for only \$3.50 at the concession stand.

LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM

In our Learn to Swim Program we have a staff ratio of one instructor for every six children in the Youth and Pre-School classes to maximize your child's learning. Blanchette, McNair and Wapelhorst will offer four (4) sessions for Swim Lessons this summer. Classes will be offered Monday through Thursday for two weeks. **Fees: \$38 Residents \$48 Non-Residents**

SWIM PROGRAM/LESSON INFORMATION APPLICABLE TO ALL THREE FACILITIES:

MONDAY through THURSDAY

Sessions: I. June 8-June 18
II. June 22-July 2
III. July 6-July 16
IV. July 20-July 30

Evening lessons at Wapelhorst only on Mon. & Wed or Tues. & Thurs. for four weeks (8 total lessons)

Saturday morning classes are offered at McNair only:

Session: June 6 - August 1
For complete schedule please visit www.stcharlesparks.com or call the office at 636-949-3372.

www.stcharlesparks.com

BLANCHETTE BARRACUDA SWIM TEAM

Ages 5-18 Activity Number 252201

Evening practices at the Blanchette Aquatic Center. Practices begin the end of May. The cost is \$71 per child with discounts for multiple children in a family. A meeting will be held on May 14 at 7 pm at the Memorial Hall, American Legion Room for parents to learn more about this wonderful Swim Team Program.

AQUA CAMP BLANCHETTE POOL

ACTIVITY NUMBER 251901

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.

July 7 - July 17 6:30-7:30 PM
(Monday-Thursdays) for two weeks
Fee: \$36



TINY TOT SWIM WAPELHORST POOL

Want a special activity with your little ones before nap time? Check out Wapelhorst Aquatic Center every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9-10:30 AM. The Kiddie Pool is open ONLY for younger children and their parents.

Tues, June 9 through Thurs, July 30.
Fee: \$2.50 for adults and children.

SOCCER - INTRODUCTORY Ages 4-5

Develop the fundamental skills of soccer such as dribbling, passing, shooting & small game scrimmage.
Field #1 (Soccer) At Sports Complex
CODE: 111041-01

DAY: Sat DATES: 3/28-5/16
TIME: 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

CODE: 111041-02
DAY: Sat DATES: 3/28-5/16
TIME: 11:15 AM - Noon
Fee: \$47 per person

Soccer-Introductory (Ages 6-8)

This program will benefit 6-8 year old players with introductory & beginner level skills.

Field #1 (Soccer) At Sports Complex
CODE: 121041-02
DAY: Sat DATES: 3/28-5/16
TIME: 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM
Fee: \$49 per person

2009 SUMMER FUN DAY CAMP



BLANCHETTE &
WAPELHORST PARKS
CHILDREN AGES 6 - 14
YEARS OLD

Monday - Friday
June 1 - July 31
9 AM - 3 PM
\$73-Residents
\$83-Non Residents

SUNRISE (6:30-9:00 AM)
SUNSET (3:00-6:00 PM)
\$31 for both \$21 for either
Fees are per child per week

For complete program details and
to register online, visit
www.stcharlesparks.com
or call the Parks Office at 636-949-3372.



Are you having a party and running out of ideas?

How about a "Party at the Pool?"

Birthday Package includes:

- Admission to the pool for ten guests
 - Designated shaded area for two hours
 - Hotdog lunch with chips and drink for 10 guests.
 - Stay and play the rest of day.
- Parties are available at all three aquatic centers.

Fee: \$80.00 for the group of ten, \$9 per person thereafter.

A private party of children 6 and under offers exclusive use of Blanchette or Wapelhorst Kiddie Pool after hours for up to 50 guests. The Kiddie Pool & a designated sitting area is yours exclusively for 1 1/2 hours.

Fee: \$125

Hotdog meal with chips and soda is an additional \$3.50 per person.

Arrangements can be made at the Park Office by calling 949-3372.

2009 SUMMER T-BALL

Introductory-Learn the Game--\$47 pp

Monday at Wapelhorst--Begin May 11
211241-01 5:30 PM ages 4-5
221241-01 6:30 PM ages 6-8

Tues at Wapelhorst--Begin June 16
211241-02 9:00 AM ages 4-5

Wed at Jaycee 4-5 only--Begin May 13
211241-03 5:45 PM

Sat at McNair 4-5 only--Begin June 6
211241-05 10:00 AM
211241-06 11:00 AM

Intro Plus T-Ball--Learn More T-ball

Mon at Wapelhorst--Begin July 6--\$33 pp
211255-01 5:30 PM ages 4-5
221241-02 6:30 PM ages 6-8

Wed at Jaycee 4-5--Begin July 8--\$33 pp
211255-02 5:45 PM
211255-03 6:45 PM

Wed Jaycee 4-5--Begin May 13--\$47 pp
211255-04 6:45 PM (6 weeks)

Beginner--Team Play--ages 5-7--\$52 pp

Thurs at Dusable Park--Begin June 11
221242-01 5:45 PM

Sat at McNair Park--Begin June 6
221242-02 9:00 AM

T-ball Plus--Coach Pitch--ages 6-8

Thurs Jaycee Park--\$59 pp--Begin May 5
221243-01 5:30 PM

Sat McNair Park--\$52 pp--Begin June 6
221243-02 10:30 AM

FLAG FOOTBALL AGES 9-10, 11-12

This program will benefit players with introductory & beginner level skills. Each class will include skill learning/building and small scrimmages. Classes for 9-10 & 11-12 year olds (ages may be mixed in case of low enrollment). Equipment provided. Field #1 (Soccer) At Sports Complex

AGES CODE
9-10 125641-01

DAY DATES TIME
Sat 3/28-5/16 9:00A-9:45A

AGES CODE
11-12 125641-02

DAY DATES TIME
Sat 3/28-5/16 10:00A-10:45A

Fee \$47 per person

T R A V E L ST. CHARLES PARKS
CALL 636-949-3372 OR VISIT WWW.STCHARLESPARKS.COM

**MYSTERY TRIP
 SEPTEMBER 9 - 12**

Join us as we embark on our first ever extended "Mystery Trip," a four-day motor coach trip to all new destinations that have never been offered in our Trips Program before.

Cost: \$559/person (double occupancy)

The tour will include 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners, all attractions & admissions, lodging, baggage handling, gratuities (driver, escort & waiters), tour guides, escort & motor coach transportation.



**The Fireside
 Dinner Theatre**

**"FIRESIDE
 CHRISTMAS TOUR"
 DECEMBER 3-6, 2009**

Join us as we travel to Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin for some holiday cheer. We will enjoy a delicious meal and a wonderful show at the Fireside Dinner Theater. This trip is still in the planning stages but you can put your name on our mailing list to receive the itinerary once it is finished. Call our office at 636-949-3372 or register for the mailing list on line at www.stcharlesparks.com.

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 949-3372 OR AT
 WWW.STCHARLESPARKS.COM FOR
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 COMPLETE ITINERARIES AVAILABLE
 BY MAIL OR ONLINE.**

National Parks West

OCT 4-14 11 DAYS

- ✓ 6 National Parks ✓ 2 National Monuments ✓ 1 State Park
- ✓ Monument Valley ✓ Round trip train ride from Williams, AZ to south rim of Grand Canyon

Tour begins with a flight into Phoenix, AZ, then continuing by motor-coach and finishing with two nights in Las Vegas, NV before flying back to St. Louis.

COST: \$2795/PERSON (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

INCLUDES: 24 meals, 10 nights lodging and gratuities, all attractions, ground transportation, escort and plane fare. **What a Value!**



STEPPIN' OUT CHICAGO

MAY 15 - 18 4-DAY MOTOR COACH TOUR



- ★ Guided City Highlights Tour
- ★ Gangster Tour
- ★ Historic Church Tour
- ★ Hancock Observatory
- ★ Shedd Aquarium
- ★ Oprah Store
- ★ Magnificent Mile for shopping!

COST \$705/PERSON (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

Includes: 3 Nights Lodging, 6 Meals, All Admissions, gratuities and transportation

Washington, D. C.
June 9 - 17, 2009

- ◆ A visit to "The Greenbrier Country Club" & Tour "The Bunker" (Government secret project)
- ◆ Three days & nights in Washington, D.C. area
- ◆ Sightseeing Tour of the Washington Mall & all the Monuments
- ◆ Visit to Arlington National Cemetery & the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- ◆ Visit to Historic Alexandria, Virginia
- ◆ Visit to the Smithsonian Institution with several museums & a possible White House Tour
- ◆ An overnight stay in Pittsburgh, PA with a tour of the Phipps Conservatory
- ◆ A stop in central Ohio to visit the Longaberger Basket Factory
- ◆ A stop in French Lick, Indiana with an overnight stay at "French Lick Resort & Casino"
- ◆ Plenty of free time for shopping.



COST OF TRIP: \$1495/per person (double occupancy)

The tour includes 8 breakfasts, 8 dinners, Bunker tour, River Cruise, all attractions, lodging, baggage handling, all gratuities, escort & motor coach transportation.



Trash and Recycling

The Solid Waste Committee continues to review the Allied contract, and will review once a week trash pick up and the recycling program in six months. Since introducing the 62 or 35 gallon recycling carts January 1, recycling volume for St. Charles city has nearly doubled! Thanks to all participants.

Week of April 20

To order a recycling cart or exchange your existing cart for a different size, please call Jeri Eaton, the Allied Rep at City Hall, at **636-255-6142**. Requests for cart changes (size) or new requests for carts should be made by April 20. Allied will begin picking up the 18-gal. BINS the week of April 20.

Yard Waste – March 1

Customers who participate in the yard waste program, should put their **PAPER** bags out for pick up beginning March 1. **PLEASE NOTE: up to ten bags** will be picked up without additional charge. If you wish to put out yard waste and do not participate in the program, you may purchase tags at Dierbergs or IGA for \$3 each (one tag per bag). Tagged bags may be put out on Wednesdays any month of the year. Please note yard waste cannot, by law, be mixed with trash and must be placed in 32-gal. cans or bags.

Bulky Items

Bulky items include any type of solid waste that cannot be placed in a 32-gal. trash cart. Items over four-ft. in length must be broken down and bundled. Bulky items are picked up only during your last pick up day of each month. Construction and remodeling debris is not considered Bulky Waste. Please call Jeri for instructions.

Major Appliances/White Goods

These items cannot go into a landfill. Please call Jeri Eaton at 636-255-6142 for pick up; there will be an additional charge. Tires and batteries cannot be picked up.

If you need additional information regarding what can be recycled, please call Jeri Eaton at 636-255-6142 or refer to the calendars distributed citywide earlier this year. Single stream recycling allows us to put recycled material (except plastic bags and Styrofoam) in one receptacle.

Rec Center Update

St. Charles continues to move forward in planning our new Community Freedom Center in conjunction with Show Me Aquatics & Fitness. The 125,000-square-foot recreational center will be located on the former K-Mart site just off Veteran's Memorial Parkway. The Oversight Committee meets on a regular basis to discuss plans for this amazing, one-of-a-kind facility. Representing the City of St. Charles are: Mayor Patti York, and City Council representatives Michael Weller, Bob Kneemiller, Laurie Feldman and Mike Klinghammer. Representing Show Me Aquatics are: Patrick Banger (chairperson), Jim Cochran, Dr. Bess Maxwell, Bud Schaeffer and Sue Schaeffer. Show Me Aquatics has purchased and closed on the K-Mart facility property. The Oversight Committee is currently in the process of finalizing the interior layout and design. This state-of-the-art facility is scheduled to open in 2010.

FBI Academy

Congratulations to Lieutenant Donovan Kenton, who received special recognition during the January 6 City Council meeting for his completion of the prestigious FBI National Academy. During fourth quarter 2008, Donovan spent 10 weeks in a professional course of study located on campus in Quantico, Virginia. The program, offered for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders, serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad. Donovan participated in a wide range of leadership and specialized training opportunities. Focus areas of the academy, include: law, behavioral science, forensic science, leadership development, communication and health/fitness. Participation is by invitation only, through a nomination process. Participants are drawn from every state in the union, from U.S. Territories, and from over 150 foreign nations.

Economic Development

Nadine Boon, CEcD, Director, Economic Development, was recently elected to a third, three-year term for the Board of the Missouri Economic Development Finance Association (MEDFA). The group's mission includes education and advocacy concerning all economic development financing tools available in the State of Missouri. The Association also promotes the responsible and ethical use of all development financing incentive programs. Membership encompasses 23 statewide board members, including community economic development directors, public officials, real estate developers, attorneys and financial professionals. Nadine was first elected to MEDFA in 2002, and also served a second term beginning in 2005. She served as the conference chair when MEDFA's annual conference met at the St. Charles Convention Center in 2006.

Sewer Laterals

The Lateral Sewer Insurance Program provides St. Charles homeowners the benefit of an "insurance policy" on lateral sewers to their homes. This benefit applies to single-family homes, duplexes, condos or a residential development containing not more than six dwelling units. This insurance program covers excavation, repair or replacement of the sewer lateral, backfilling, and seeding and strawing of the disturbed portion of the yard. If claims are approved, the City will pay 80 percent of the cost of repairs to lateral sewers (up to \$5,000 per property), and the homeowner will pay 20 percent. For detailed information and an application, visit the Forms Library on the home page of the city's website at www.stcharlescitymo.gov.

WILLIAM HANTACK JOINS CITY OF ST. CHARLES AS PURCHASING COORDINATOR

William "Willie" Hantack was hired by the City of St. Charles to serve in the capacity of Purchasing Coordinator. This established position located at City Hall reports to Finance Director Karen McDermott.

"Purchasing strives to insure that tax payers receive the maximum value



for each dollar spent by purchasing quality products and services at the lowest possible cost. The purchasing process is

designed to reassure the public that the process is fair and competitive," said McDermott.

Hantack most recently served in the capacity of Buyer for John Henry Foster Company of St. Louis, supporting the company's purchasing department and maintaining a \$6M+ warehouse inventory. He was also responsible for expediting orders, returning incorrect items to vendors, and performing related accounting functions.

"I'm thrilled to be a part of the St. Charles City staff," said Hantack. "I look forward to putting my purchasing skills to good use as we oversee the procurement of equipment, supplies, and services. It is also my pleasure to be a part of St. Charles' mission to maintain good relationships within the local business community," he said.

LONG-TIME CVB STAFFER MARTHA LITTLE PROMOTED TO DIRECTOR OF SALES

Earlier this year, Martha Little was promoted within the City of St. Charles to serve in the capacity of Director of Sales. This newly created position at the Greater Saint Charles Convention & Visitors Bureau reports to CVB Director David Rosenwasser.

"Martha has more than 20 years experience in sales here at the CVB," said Rosenwasser. "Her vast knowledge in promoting St. Charles as a convention destination is second to none. Over the years, Martha has represented our city in a number of convention markets, including corporate, association, government, sports and SMERF (social, military, education, religious and fraternal). We couldn't be happier that she's taking on a new leadership role in this capacity," he said.

During her career with the CVB, Little initially served in a variety of support staff functions for some ten years.

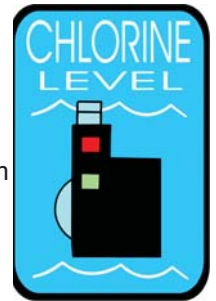
Since 1992, she has been in the position of Convention Sales Manager where her primary focus has been the responsibility for promoting and selling St. Charles as a convention destination for meeting professionals in the tourism industry.



"It is an honor and a privilege to be selected for this new position, and have the opportunity to further define the St. Charles sales strategy and mission," Little said. "It is a pleasure to manage the CVB's day-to-day sales activities, and also represent St. Charles at industry trade shows and a variety of market opportunities to generate new leads for the city," she said.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Swimming pool season is just around the corner which means chlorine and other pool chemicals. This is a reminder that discharge of chlorinated water to the storm sewer system is regulated. Discharge of chlorinated water from a pool or spa can harm fish or other aquatic life. Chlorinated water from a pool should only be discharged after the chlorine has dissipated. This generally requires a week to ten days after the last chlorine treatment. The discharged water should be spread on the lawn and allowed to runoff slowly. This helps further reduce the chlorine content and lessens any environmental concerns.



MOSQUITO SCHEDULE

It's that time of year once again.

While we long for warmer temperatures and the arrival of spring, the folks in Community Development are busy mapping out the 2009 mosquito spray schedule. As in year's past, spraying efforts will begin towards the end of May, dependent upon the weather. The general time-frame for spraying will occur between the hours of 7 and 10 PM. This year, the spray schedule for St. Charles neighborhoods will be as follows (please note this may be subject to change, as required):



<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>
Wards 1, 2 & 3	Wards 6, 9 & 10
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Wards 4, 5 & 8	Wards 6, 7 & 8

HOME IMPROVEMENT LOAN PROGRAM



The Home Improvement Loan Program provides low-interest/no-interest loans to St. Charles City resident homeowners with low and moderate incomes. These funds can be used for replacement of: roofs, windows, siding, furnaces, water heaters, and general maintenance and repair.

Household Income Eligibility:

1 person \$36,900 2 persons \$42,200 3 persons \$47,450 4 persons \$52,700 5 persons \$56,950
6 persons \$61,150

For assistance call Anita Telkamp, Department of Community Development, at 636-949-3222.

CITY CLOSES IN ON COMPLETION OF STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

Famous Past, Fabulous Future is the focus behind our city's current efforts to develop a long-range strategic plan. In an effort to ensure a community-focused and proactive approach to governance, the City of St. Charles embarked on this visioning and strategic planning process involving nearly 200 community volunteers and residents.

A series of Community Dialogue Sessions and a Town Hall Meeting has enabled us to take a closer look at how we can make an already great city even better. This process that began more than eight months ago, is now coming to fruition. As a result, issue groups have submitted their findings and recommendations in ten focus areas, which include:

- ❖ Arts & Culture
- ❖ City Services
- ❖ Economic Development
- ❖ Education
- ❖ Environmental Sustainability
- ❖ Housing
- ❖ Infrastructure
- ❖ Recreation & Leisure
- ❖ Riverfront
- ❖ Transportation

During a follow up Town Hall meeting held on Saturday, February 28, members of the Strategic Planning Group presented their findings. The documentation relayed during this session identified key issues of importance to community members and provided goals, objectives and strategies for addressing them.



Standing left to right: Mike Klinghammer-Ward 8, Richard Veit-Ward 1, Laurie Feldman-Ward 3, Michael T. Weller-Ward 5, Erv Ermeling-Ward 10
Seated left to right: Dave Beckering-Ward 7, Jerry E. Reese-Ward 6, Larry Muench-Ward 2, Bob Kneemiller-Ward 4, Ron Stivison-Ward 9

For your reference, the Strategic Planning Group utilized the following key principles to produce this plan for the City, its residents and business owners:

- ✓ Collaborative design—
At each stage of the process city officials and community members were engaged to ensure the process and the product meets the community's goals and objectives.
- ✓ Participatory planning—
The process was designed so that the diverse voices of the community could participate in every stage of visioning and strategic planning.
- ✓ Shared responsibility—
Community members formed a Strategic Planning Group that coordinated the planning effort, worked closely with the Truman School team, and shared responsibility for developing all products of the process.
- ✓ Action-based—
The purpose of community visioning and strategic planning was to build a shared vision of the community's desired future, set goals and objectives for the City, and design action plans that provide guidance for operations.
- ✓ On-going renewal—
To be useful as means to achieve a desired future, strategic plans must be living documents that can be

subjected to on-going analysis and revision over time. The effectiveness of any process requires that it builds capacity within the community so that on-going renewal of the vision and plan can be realized.

Thank you to all the dedicated people who made this visioning process happen. It is evident how much time and effort went into preparing the city's road map and related guidance for the future. As we celebrate St. Charles' Bicentennial, it is a perfect opportunity to plan for the next 200 years and beyond.

ST. CHARLES CITY COUNCIL 2009 GRANT CAMPAIGN

The St. Charles City Council has announced its 2009 grant campaign for interested not-for-profit organizations. The purpose of City Council Grants for the arts, civic, charitable and neighborhood groups is to enhance the quality of life in the St. Charles community, and to promote the public health, safety and general welfare of city residents.

Only not-for-profit organizations may apply for grant monies. No money may be given to individuals (please refer to the City Council portion of the website at www.stcharlescitemo.gov for a grant application and a complete outline of the 2009 guidelines).

Applications must be submitted by March 31, 2009 for the current calendar year. For questions or more information, please call the City Clerk's Office at 636-949-3282.



THE BOTTOM-LINE TAKING A LOOK AT 2009 FINANCIALS

Every new year brings with it a new set of goals and objectives, hopes and dreams. It is also a time of renewal and a time to review the operations of the city, including our annual budget. As always, the 2009 budget for the City of St. Charles was compiled with value to our citizens while being particularly judicious in terms of our resources. It addresses many quality of life issues that sets our community apart from so many others in our region.

As we've found during our city's Strategic Planning process, our residents and business owners believe we have an already great city; the exciting challenge for all of us is how to make St. Charles even better going forward. The 2009 budget strives to continue down that path, and I, likewise,

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

continue to be proud that our City is fiscally sound and constantly striving to achieve the maximum level of service that everyone needs and deserves.

Cities across our nation are seeing large deficits in their incomes, and are cutting back on basic city needs and services: infrastructure, roads, parks, streets, trash, and public safety as well as any and all extra amenities. Here in St. Charles, however, we have been able to not only provide great city services and infrastructure over and above the basics, but the Council and I worked together to direct capital improvements and gaming monies to add quality of life amenities like trails, facade improvements, increased park improvements, upgraded technology and beautification efforts.

I am as optimistic with this year's budget as I can be given the nation's current state of the economy. Here in St. Charles, we have a balanced budget, one that reflects very minor increases in revenues, but enough to provide additional needed resources to offer the benefits our citizens deserve. As always, we will continue to monitor our budget closely. We are also fortunate to have a healthy 20 percent reserve in the general fund budget, necessary to keep our city's bond rating at its high level. As we continue to look at the

big picture, I am optimistic that our economy will bounce back. Until then, we are all in the throws of weak economic growth, so a healthy fund reserve will see us through any hard times that may come our way.

In fact, the future is exciting for our City and our residents. Our strategic planning process is an unmitigated success, with our citizens sharing their vision for new, unsurpassed expectations. With St. Charles celebrating its 200th year of incorporation as a small village, we can all look forward to the many events and happenings that will focus attention on our great heritage (without spending a lot of money, by the way). As I've always said, St. Charles is an amazing City of revitalization and well-planned growth due to a team of professional staff and far-sighted elected officials. Together we provide wonderful services and tremendous quality of life for St. Charles residents and I wouldn't have it any other way! I wish you all the best in 2009—see you at one of our Bicentennial festivities!

Sincerely yours,

Patricia M. York
Mayor

Dates to Remember

April 24-26, 2009

—Spring ArtWalk

www.saintcharlesriverfrontarts.com

April 25, 2009

—New Town Blues Festival
New Town Amphitheater

May 16-17, 2009

—Lewis & Clark Heritage Days
www.lewisandclark.net

May 16, 2009

—Crescendo Concert
www.crescendoconcerts.org

May 20, 2009

—Music on Main
100-200 North Main Street

May 22, 2009

—Friday Night Flicks in Frenchtown
1800 North Second Street

—Check City's website for updates
and/or additional information—
www.stcharlescitymo.gov

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