



Fighting for YOU and Our Businesses!

Ward 2 Alderwomen ST. ANN

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Hi Residents of Ward 2,

Just want to touch base with you to update you & there will be a city newsletter coming out just before Sept. as well, if you don't get one by the 15th please let me know, it means our post office needs to be addressed again.

Much of what the Board of Alderman has been working on for the last 4.5 years is about to be more visible to us as residents. We had **the opening of Rulers and Menards** is open on Aug 18th. The Piccadilly's will come down and a Regions Bank will rise in its place. The 500 building has gotten some new tenants over the years but I think it's October when **Charter Spectrum** is moving into the old Macy's building **bringing 1200 jobs** into St Ann to Eat, get gas and soon Shop here in our city. For those of you getting jobs here - Congratulations and St Ann is counting on you to put a smile on those customers' faces, so they keep coming back over and over again. **Service** in any business is how we will keep businesses busy and more wanting to come to St Ann. Now there are a few others coming that I am aware of but am not at liberty to discuss at this time. In the newsletter you will note that we have **been tasked as of Aug on finding a way to fix the streets** of the wards. The Cypress Corridor Study is coming to an end and there is **NO development in sight for Ward 2**. - If you were waiting to make decisions on your home, take a moment and call Matt Conley at City Hall. Since we are working on a way to fix the streets of Ward 2, it is safe to assume there are NO upcoming buyouts. Another item we spent our time on is the Community Center, currently we expect it to reopen in October. The 2nd item I put in the newsletter, is no joke so I sincerely hope you will help me in this fight for St Ann and St Louis County by contacting your legislators.

Many programs and events have come into play over the last 4.5 years; **there has been much thinking outside the box to make St Ann a great place to live again.**

1. Your Chief of Police Elected by you and not appointed by a mayor like All other cities except Eureka...has done an amazing job of protecting our city for the last 2.5 years. Aaron has brought back the DARE Program, put an SRO and DARE Program in the Middle School and Our officers have done such a good job at Ritenour High School that only 4 fights occurred Aug-March 14/15 school year.



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Ask a RHS kid and their comments are “they really try to get to know us”. Aaron put into place the Neighborhood Watch Program, if you can’t make the meetings- No Biggy- just put in a call, if you see crime, **drug activity** or dangerous behavior, or if you are on Facebook you can send them a message through Private Message. Together as a community we can prevent crime, **but all of us must step up** and make the call if we see it happening. Aaron needs our help and we are the best eyes to see what’s going on in our neighborhoods, because we know what normal and abnormal behaviors of our neighbors looks like. This number **314-427-8000 - #1** goes straight to dispatch. Aaron has also brought the National Night Out Program to St Ann, with over 500 in attendance in 2014...can’t wait to see this years. Remember Neighborhood Watch is the last Thursday of the month but none in Sept and Dec and Novembers will be on the Thursday before Thanksgiving and will involve a **Tour of the Police Dept. again.**

2. St Animal Pet Adoptions was created in 2011 the volunteers work to find homes for all of the abandoned pets in St. Ann and more.
3. **St Ann Business Association** was established in July of 2013 and as of today can reach over 20,000 people on their Facebook site. Single handed and with no budget Rhonda Marsalas, Maurice Gayden, Michelle Garmon , brought to St Ann the Sunday Food Truck Events. **These 3+ Max Slover and myself** have been working hard to promote St Ann Businesses and aid them in advertising towards their success, and promoting Economic Development.
4. The Beautification Committee was established in 2012 in an effort to promote home maintenance and create a group of volunteers to aid the seniors and disabled home owners in grounds maintenance & find new ways to help our neighbors maintain their homes thru additional services that can help.
5. The board allocated the CDBG money back into the resident’s hands in 2012 vs to the streets as previous boards had done. This helps low income families maintain their homes on bigger projects and is what it was meant to be used for.
6. In 2012 the board also voted to Reduce our wards from 5 to 4, **this is how I was blessed with being able to serve YOU today.** We also voted to reduce our pay at that time.



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So in summary, in **2003 this city was \$500,000.00 in the hole**. Northwest Plaza was lost, to a 2nd failed developer with no hope of a recovery. Morale was low and we were losing service after service. **In 2010** our elected officials had decided to **CLOSE our POOL and eliminate our Easter Egg Hunt** and a couple of other things to save money. We were at an all-time low. In Ward 2 **NO streets** were being fixed because everyone was holding out for the failed attempt to develop a Cypress Corridor Study. This was a POOR decision on the part of past leaders.

Today we are moments from a recovery of the Plaza now called The Crossings at Northwest. With the **Corridor Study at a close, working on a plan with your help to invest in our city and FIX our Streets for the next 40 years. When the details are available, we will have public meetings, please plan to attend.**

St Ann today is \$1,400,000.00 in the PLUS and for those concerned with the thoughts that SB5 will cause more tickets on homes to be written, The board took an approach that we have always had available to us, if we ever had to...10 employees from the police dept. were released but we still have 39 to protect and serve, plus a reserve program and we moved the city's status in the Sales Tax Pool from "A" to "B", bringing more sales tax dollars into the city for the next 20 years. Between these 2 moves and the restructuring of the New Community Center we have fixed any revenue being lost to SB5. As to the rest of the points of SB5 we have always been on track in these areas. In the last 4 years we have gotten a rating on our finances that were audited that allowed us to borrow money to Renovate the Community Center and our Courts have been Audited by the State of Missouri 2x and passed with flying colors. The City Administrator is a rule/law follower; this is a good thing for the City of St Ann.

St Ann is right around the corner from an Economic Boom, we continue to need your help and participation in everything to keep St Ann on track to a successful future.



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Keep an eye on Facebook and Twitter for my daily posts to keep you up to date and if you are on one of the schools emails lists watch for the Peach Jar posts, I have gained access to these programs with the schools in an effort to keep you better informed. Soon the city will be able to accept credit cards and do online reservations for classes, room rentals and pavilion rentals etc. thru a new software program and on the horizon will be a Robo calling system that will also help to keep those informed who do not have the internet but when it comes available you will need to be willing to register your phone number to receive the calls.

Any Questions, concerns, etc. please feel free to contact me. I am available to you **24/7/365** minus sleep time.

Thank You as always for allowing me to serve you,

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