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Dear St. Ann Resident:

By the time you receive this newsletter we hope that the community center has opened. As with any renovation there are always delays and surprises. Although the community center renovation is finished we are just waiting on computer, phone lines and security cameras to be installed. The new ID card and tracking software system (RecTrac) has not been installed. Thus, we are unable to make new ID cards or membership passes at this time.

As a courtesy to the St. Ann Residents wishing to use the facility during this time, the city is allowing free access to the weight room, cardio room, sauna, basketball courts and game room. Also, residents of St. Ann will continue to get discounts on rental rooms, pavilions, classes as well as at the golf course and swimming pool. However, residents will still need to show "proof of residency" during this time. Proof of residency can be done by presenting an expired or current St. Ann (2013-2015) Privilege Card or St. Ann occupancy permit.

Note that there will be changes in fees and memberships when the new software is implemented, sometime in early 2016. We hope you will take the time to pick up an information packet at the community center that will explain all these coming changes and as always you are welcome to call us at (314) 429-4545.

Thank you for your patience during the renovation and this transitional period.
~ St. Ann Parks and Recreation Staff

Pool information regarding children's swim lessons, senior exercise and open swim times can be found online at www.stannmo.org or by calling the pool at (314) 423-6655.



Vandalism is a costly part of the parks limited budget...

Please help keep our parks safe and beautiful by reporting suspicious activity to the Police Department. (314) 427-8000.

Animal Licenses Are Due Yearly in January...

The City of St. Ann has a limit of three (3) animals per household. Proof of rabies vaccination is required when applying for a St. Ann cat or dog license. The cost per license tag is \$10 for a spayed or neutered animal and \$50 for an unaltered animal.

If you need any information regarding licensing your pet or animal control issues, please contact Animal Control at (314) 427-8009.



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POPULATION

13,020

AREA

3 square miles

GOVERNMENT

The city operates under a Fourth Class City Government with a Mayor-Board of Aldermen Form



Happy Holiday Season to everyone!!!

We continue to make successful progress throughout our City. There have been many changes over the past few years and there are many more on the horizon. The pride in our City has and will prosper with the understanding of the partnership between the residents, the staff, the Board of Aldermen and myself.

In the next year we see the restructuring of several programs. As the financial fallout from Senate Bill 5 takes its toll on our budget, the Board will be looking for the most feasible options to compensate for lost revenue. The total amount lost is still undetermined but we are making necessary adjustments close to one million in lost revenue. There have been staff reductions and staff restructuring as well. The Board has voted to switch to a B City on sales tax share program in St. Louis County. The net gain is estimated to be close to seven hundred thousand dollars, however that number could go up or down depending on what other municipalities decide to do to make up for lost revenue.

We have another major financial obstacle to address in the near future. Our City Golf Course is in need of over a million dollars to fix infrastructure repairs to irrigation, ground erosion and green replacements. We simply do not have the resources to make these repairs. I will be forming a task force of two Board members, Alderman Amy Poelker and Alderman Steve Triplett, Parks & Recreation Director, Tim Younker and four residents. Their mission will be to study and review all options and report back to the Board with a recommendation with a plan on how we can address the long term direction for the betterment of OUR entire CITY.

The Occupancy Inspections will be subcontracted to an outside contractor. Our inspectors will be freed up to focus on code violations and identify vacant property.

The Sewer Lateral program will be restructured to make it more efficient and much easier for the residents to access, with the goal to keep the cost close to its current cost.

Our Student Resource Officer Program will be searching for various funding options so we can keep this vital program running efficiently.

The Crossings at Northwest is progressing as planned with many more jobs and retail on the horizon!!!

Please get involved and join with us as we continue on our successful progress!!!

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season, Mayor Michael G. Corcoran

For many, this is the "most wonderful time of the year." For others, it is a time to take advantage of neighbors and strangers. To help keep you from becoming a victim during this holiday season, please remember to first, be aware of your surroundings. While buying gifts, if you are in a situation where you feel uncomfortable, ask for help. All of our area malls have security available to walk with you to your car. Do not store your purchases in your car where someone may walk by and see the items. Without temptation, thieves are more likely to move to another vehicle. The same holds true after the packages have been opened. Do not put large boxes on the curb for trash pickup. To do so, advertises to anyone passing by that you have received a large or expensive item and that it is probably located in your home. We want you to be safe this year and always.

On that note, the citizens of St. Ann have worked together for 67 years to establish themselves as a great community where residents are safe and when they have a need for a police officer, their needs are met quickly and in most cases, with a familiar face. By working together, I believe that we have an outstanding city with a mayor and a city council that work diligently to meet the needs of our residents. I also believe that the St. Ann Police Department has shown, repeatedly, that we work hard with and for the safety of our residents and visitors. There are changes being discussed by members of the St. Louis County Council to impose themselves (county government) on St. Ann and other municipalities. St. Louis County Executive, Steve Stenger, proposed the legislation that would impact police departments throughout the county, including St. Ann.

While none of us can accurately predict the future, I would hope that each of you who have an interest in the City of St. Ann and in community policing, where you are important in determining the services provided, not just by the police department, but by the city as well, will become informed about what is taking place. If you have questions about the proposed changes, please call me. I will be happy to explain. Right now, the St. Ann Police Department functions under Missouri Senate Bill 5, following the standards and practices that were determined by experts at the state level. With the proposed changes, the St. Ann Police Department may not even exist! Your voice in this matter is important as we move into 2016 and beyond.

I hope that each of you enjoy the Holiday Season and that you have a wonderful New Year!

Warm regards & God bless, Chief Aaron Jimenez

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WARD 1

We are entering that time of the year when cold weather affects our water lines, heating bills and many other things. Let's remember that we all can enjoy the season and work to make our City of St. Ann a better place to live by watching over our neighbors and others. If you have just a few Christmas lights or a yard full, make the season one of joy and happiness. Businesses, you too can decorate your windows and buildings during the season and hopefully bring more people into your stores. We are going to continue to work to develop St. Ann and with your assistance WE can make a difference.

Please feel free to contact your Aldermen should you have a concept that you think would work for our City.....please let us know. You are our most valuable resource...

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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WARD 3

Friends and Neighbors of Ward Three,

There have been many things going on in our community. Our Municipal Court has gone through an audit by the State of Missouri. This was conducted earlier this year. There were no negative findings in the operation of our courts. Hopefully the report will be published soon for all to see. Our court system follows the rules as dictated by the State of Missouri Supreme Court.

The Board of Aldermen has changed the way the sewer lateral program works. Starting with the New Year, if you have an issue with your sewer lateral, contact City Hall. You will be asked to pay an application fee of \$300.00 to start the process. The city will then get the ball rolling to get it corrected. You no longer have to get estimates for the work. The City will have three qualified companies that the city will choose from to get the work done. The work will be completed to your satisfaction. This will be in the contract the company signs. The city will pay 100 percent of the costs to get the work done.

The Community Center is coming along very nicely. The delay has been to address issues raised by the Fire Marshal. These have been corrected. There are a few finishing touches to be done and should be open very soon. Thank you for your patience, we are certain that you will like the result.

Charter has opened their call center at the Crossings. It is located in the old Famous Barr building. This is exciting for St. Ann because it will eventually bring over 1,200 good paying jobs to our City. This is a very positive thing for us both in new business and additional tax revenue.

Winter is coming soon and our street crews do a fantastic job of plowing our streets. They work many long hours and take great pride in their work. We can help and perhaps make their job easier by remembering to get our cars off the street when the snow starts falling.

We would like to thank Alderman and Mrs. Triplett for the donation of the beautiful swans to Tiemeyer Park.

We hope to hear soon more announcements for new tenants coming to the Crossings at Northwest. It is a painfully slow process. However, the infrastructure work is being done now at the corner of Lindbergh and St Charles Rock Road, things should start moving soon.

We hope that you have a wonderful and blessed holiday season and a safe winter.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact us.

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WARD 2

As I write this Steve Stenger and the St. Louis County Council passed **Bill 276**, the bill attempts **under Health** - to regulate Municipal Standards for the Police – **(with threat of a takeover by St. County PD while you and I get to pay for it)** Senate Bill 5, effective 8/28/15 already does this, except that Mr. Stenger's bill gives the Munis **6 months** to meet the standards that the State of Missouri gave the Munis **6 years** to complete. CALEA accreditation cannot be met any sooner than **3 years**.

St. Ann has no problem with Minimum Standards for the Police Dept. As a matter of fact our city collaborated with other Munis to come up with the Better Practices of Senate Bill 5 and handed them to Speaker Diehl, which were used in SB5. **BILL 276 passed on Dec 1st, our police departments are regulated by the State and P.O.S.T. Because we are a political subdivision of the State of Missouri, not St. Louis County.**

In Stengers bill, **Stenger** gets to decide if he likes the cities standards presented, **Stenger** gets to decide if we pass or fail, -----**then Stenger** gets to have **his County Police take over**.....and **YOU the residents** get to pay for it. (Much of what St. Ann PD needs today is paid for by their arrests made) In the case of Wellston's PD, St. County wanted 3 Million dollars to patrol what only cost Wellston \$700,000.

Stengers bill is a **HUGE CONFLICT OF INTEREST** leaving one person, the Executive of St. County who has multiple interests, financial interest, and otherwise.....these conflicts of interest, possibly could **CORRUPT** ...the bills original intent.

Three Board Members of "Better Together" posted letters of support of Bill 276 to the County Agenda on Nov 24th...but did not represent themselves as **Members of the Board of Better Together**.

As residents we need to be letting our voices be heard, before we only have ONE voice to represent us.... Our **Councilman Sam Page** was a Yes Vote, Mr. Page received a number of emails and calls that I am aware of telling him to vote No on Stengers bill, **Mr. Sam Page chose not to listen** to his constituents. For that matter, Mr. Stenger was asked not to pass this bill by quite a few of his constituents as well. **So can we ever trust Sam Page or Steve Stenger to listen to us, their Constituents???**

Reminder for **Ward 2** residents that the Cypress Corridor Study has ended. There is no future development.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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The Crossings at Northwest is pleased to announce three new tenants, **E-Cover** Me, Metro Medical Equipment & Supplies, Inc., and Charter Communications.

Construction on two new entrances from St. Charles Rock Road is underway and should be completed before the end of the year. The entrance off of Adie Road is being completely renovated including new concrete, LED lights and additional parking to accommodate the office tower. Most of the grading and utility work for the out parcel lots has been completed and we hope to announce several retailers to the development in the first quarter of the year.

Regions Bank hopes to open in early 2016. Regions Bank is replacing the Piccadilly on the corner of Adie and St. Charles Rock Road. Menards and Ruler Foods are open and continuing to thrive and bring people into our city each week.

Additionally, ground breaking will begin on the Junior Anchor retail building next spring, this 100,000+ sq. ft. building will bring several new tenants to St. Ann.

We sure hope everyone is well pleased with the way Adie Road looks, and drives. It sure is a lot smoother. Painting of the center strip and intersections sure make a huge difference in the way the road looks. Sometime next spring a black coat "sealant" will be put on the asphalt that is between the sidewalk and street making it look more like our new street, weather permitting.

Season's Greetings to all, May you have a safe and pleasant New Year!

P.S. Don't forget to call Iven and Dan about any comments or concerns you may have.

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