

**MINUTES OF THE
STE. GENEVIEVE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY - September 26, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Paul Hassler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and all stood for the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL. A roll call by City Treasurer Sue Schweiss showed the following members present:

Mayor Paul Hassler	
Alderwoman Susan Johnson	Alderman Mike Jokerst
Alderman Bob Donovan	Alderman Jimmie Jones
Alderman Mike Raney	Alderman Joe Prince
Alderman Bryant Wolfen	

Absent: Alderman Gary Smith

A motion by Alderman Wolfen, second by Alderman Jones to read Bill No. 4323 before Bill No. 4322. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Smith absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA. A motion by Alderwoman Johnson, second by Alderman Wolfen to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Smith absent.

PRESENTATION/AWARDS. None.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE. None.

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT. (See attached report)

STAFF REPORTS.

Steve Wilson, Alliance Water Resources (see attached report)

Eric Bennett, Police Chief (see attached report)

Sandra Cabot, Tourism Director (see attached report)

COMMITTEE REPORTS. None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. Keith Skaggs, Ste. Genevieve Fair Board President addressed the board on an event that will be held on October 12th benefiting Back Stoppers.

CONSENT AGENDA.

1. Minutes - Board of Aldermen - Regular Meeting - September 12, 2019
2. Treasurer's Report - August - 2019

A motion by Alderman Jokerst, second by Alderman Jones to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried 7-1-0 with Alderman Smith absent.

OLD BUSINESS.

BILL NO. 4308. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING A "NO PARKING" RESTRICTION ON BOTH THE EAST AND WEST SIDE OF SOUTH TENTH STREET. 2nd READING. A motion by Alderman Prince, second by Alderman Jones, Bill No. 4308 was placed on its second and final reading, read by title only, considered and passed by a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Alderwoman Susan Johnson, Alderman Mike Jokerst, Alderman Bob Donovan, Alderman Jimmie Jones, Alderman Mike Raney, Alderman Joe Prince, and Alderman Bryant Wolfen. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Smith absent. Thereupon Bill No. 4308 was declared Ordinance No. 4237 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

BILL NO. 4309. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET RELATING TO THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET #10, DEPARTMENT #16 POLICE. 2nd READING. A motion by Alderman Jokerst, second by Alderman Wolfen Bill No. 4309 was placed on its second and final reading, read by title only, considered and passed by a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Alderwoman Susan Johnson, Alderman Mike Jokerst, Alderman Bob Donovan, Alderman Jimmie Jones, Alderman Mike Raney, Alderman Joe Prince, and Alderman Bryant Wolfen. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Smith absent. Thereupon Bill No. 4309 was declared Ordinance No. 4238 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

BILL NO. 4310. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET RELATING TO THE WASTEWATER FUND BUDGET #31. 2nd READING. A motion by Alderman Prince, second by Alderman Jokerst, Bill No. 4310 was placed on its second and final reading, read by title only, considered and passed by a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Alderwoman Susan Johnson, Alderman Mike Jokerst, Alderman Bob

Donovan, Alderman Jimmie Jones, Alderman Mike Raney, Alderman Joe Prince, and Alderman Bryant Wolfin. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Smith absent. Thereupon Bill No. 4310 was declared Ordinance No. 4239 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

BILL NO. 4311. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET RELATING TO THE RURAL FIRE FUND BUDGET #60. 2nd READING. A motion by Alderman Donovan, second by Alderman Prince, Bill No. 4311 was placed on its second and final reading, read by title only, considered and passed by a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Alderwoman Susan Johnson, Alderman Mike Jokerst, Alderman Bob Donovan, Alderman Jimmie Jones, Alderman Mike Raney, Alderman Joe Prince, and Alderman Bryant Wolfin. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Smith absent. Thereupon Bill No. 4311 was declared Ordinance No. 4240 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

BILL NO. 4312. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET RELATING TO THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND BUDGET #21. 2nd READING. A motion by Alderman Prince, second by Alderman Donovan, Bill No. 4312 was placed on its second and final reading, read by title only, considered and passed by a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Alderwoman Susan Johnson, Alderman Mike Jokerst, Alderman Bob Donovan, Alderman Jimmie Jones, Alderman Mike Raney, Alderman Joe Prince, and Alderman Bryant Wolfin. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Smith absent. Thereupon Bill No. 4312 was declared Ordinance No. 4241 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

BILL NO. 4313. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET RELATING TO THE DOWNTOWN TIF FUND BUDGET #41. 2nd READING. A motion by Alderman Jokerst, second by Alderman Prince, Bill No. 4313 was placed on its second and final reading, read by title only, considered and passed by a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Alderwoman Susan Johnson, Alderman Mike Jokerst, Alderman Bob Donovan, Alderman Jimmie Jones, Alderman Mike Raney, Alderman Joe Prince, and Alderman Bryant Wolfin. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Smith absent. Thereupon Bill No. 4313 was declared Ordinance No. 4242 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

BILL NO. 4314. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET RELATING TO THE FEDERAL LEVEE FUND #45 AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND #70. 2nd READING. A motion by Alderman Jokerst, second by Alderman Prince, Bill No. 4314 was placed on its second and final reading, read by title only, considered and passed by a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Alderwoman Susan Johnson, Alderman Mike Jokerst, Alderman Bob Donovan, Alderman Jimmie Jones, Alderman Mike Raney, Alderman Joe Prince, and Alderman Bryant Wolfin. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-0-1

with Alderman Smith absent. Thereupon Bill No. 4314 was declared Ordinance No. 4243 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

BILL NO. 4315. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET RELATING TO THE SPECIAL ROADS FUND BUDGET #28. 2nd READING. A motion by Alderman Prince, second by Alderman Donovan, Bill No. 4315 was placed on its second and final reading, read by title only, considered and passed by a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Alderwoman Susan Johnson, Alderman Mike Jokerst, Alderman Bob Donovan, Alderman Jimmie Jones, Alderman Mike Raney, Alderman Joe Prince, and Alderman Bryant Wolfen. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Smith absent. Thereupon Bill No. 4315 was declared Ordinance No. 4244 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

BILL NO. 4316. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET RELATING TO THE DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGET #50. 2nd READING. A motion by Alderman Jokerst, second by Alderman Prince, Bill No. 4316 was placed on its second and final reading, read by title only, considered and passed by a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Alderwoman Susan Johnson, Alderman Mike Jokerst, Alderman Bob Donovan, Alderman Jimmie Jones, Alderman Mike Raney, Alderman Joe Prince, and Alderman Bryant Wolfen. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Smith absent. Thereupon Bill No. 4316 was declared Ordinance No. 4245 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

BILL NO. 4317. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET TO RECORD RESIDUAL EQUITY TRANSACTIONS TO REMOVE OLD DUE TO/FROMS. 2nd READING. A motion by Alderman Jokerst, second by Alderman Prince, Bill No. 4317 was placed on its second and final reading, read by title only, considered and passed by a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Alderwoman Susan Johnson, Alderman Mike Jokerst, Alderman Bob Donovan, Alderman Jimmie Jones, Alderman Mike Raney, Alderman Joe Prince, and Alderman Bryant Wolfen. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Smith absent. Thereupon Bill No. 4317 was declared Ordinance No. 4246 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

BILL NO. 4318. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020. 2nd READING. A motion by Alderman Jokerst, second by Alderwoman Johnson, Bill No. 4318 was placed on its second and final reading, read by title only, considered and passed by a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Alderwoman Susan Johnson, Alderman Mike Jokerst, Alderman Mike Raney, Alderman Joe Prince with the agreement that we will continue to work on it. Nays: Alderman Bob Donovan, Alderman Jimmie Jones, and Alderman Bryant Wolfen. Motion carried 4-3-1 with Alderman Smith absent. Thereupon Bill No. 4318 was declared Ordinance No. 4247 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

BILL NO. 4319. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE CODE OF ORDINANCES DELETING CHAPTER 100 - GENERAL PROVISIONS: ARTICLE III - PENALTY- SECTION 100.280 IMPRISONMENT FOR FAILURE TO PAY FINE OR COSTS OF PROSECUTION IN ITS ENTIRETY. 2nd READING. A motion by Alderman Prince, second by Alderwoman Johnson, Bill No. 4319 was placed on its second and final reading, read by title only, considered and passed by a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Alderwoman Susan Johnson, Alderman Mike Jokerst, Alderman Bob Donovan, Alderman Jimmie Jones, Alderman Mike Raney, Alderman Joe Prince, and Alderman Bryant Wolfin. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Smith absent. Thereupon Bill No. 4319 was declared Ordinance No. 4248 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

BILL NO. 4320. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI, RESTRICTING NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ONTO EIGHTH STREET FROM WASHINGTON STREET BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 A.M. & 8:00 A.M. MONDAY THRU FRIDAY WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION. 2nd READING. A motion by Alderman Donovan, second by Alderman Prince, Bill No. 4320 was placed on its second and final reading, read by title only, considered and passed by a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Alderwoman Susan Johnson, Alderman Mike Jokerst, Alderman Bob Donovan, Alderman Jimmie Jones, Alderman Mike Raney, Alderman Joe Prince, and Alderman Bryant Wolfin. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Smith absent. Thereupon Bill No. 4320 was declared Ordinance No. 4249 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

BILL NO. 4321. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A 2019 VACTOR RAMJET TRAILER MOUNTED SEWER JETTER FROM COE EQUIPMENT, ROCHESTER, ILLINOIS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$58,717.86. 2nd READING. A motion by Alderman Donovan, second by Alderman Prince, Bill No. 4321 was placed on its second and final reading, read by title only, considered and passed by a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Alderwoman Susan Johnson, Alderman Mike Jokerst, Alderman Bob Donovan, Alderman Jimmie Jones, Alderman Mike Raney, Alderman Joe Prince, and Alderman Bryant Wolfin. Nays: None. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Smith absent. Thereupon Bill No. 4321 was declared Ordinance No. 4250 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS.

BILL NO. 4322. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR AUDITING SERVICES FROM BEUSSINK, HEY, ROE & STRODER, LLC. CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS OF CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI. 1ST READING. No action was taken

BILL NO. 4323. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR AUDITING SERVICES FROM HOCHSCHILD, BLOOM & COMPANY, LLP., CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS OF WASHINGTON, MISSOURI. 1ST READING. After some discussion a motion by Alderman Jones, second by Alderman Wolfin, Bill No. 4323 was placed on its first reading, read by title only, considered and passed by a 7-0-1 vote of the Board of Aldermen with Alderman Smith Absent.

BILL NO. 4324. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH ALLIANCE WATER RESOURCES, INC., A MISSOURI CORPORATION TO MODIFY THE INITIAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 12, 2010. 1ST READING. A motion by Alderman Jones, second by Alderwoman Johnson, Bill No. 4324 was placed on its first reading, read by title only, considered and passed by a 7-0-1 vote of the Board of Aldermen with Alderman Smith Absent.

BILL NO. 4325. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 215: NUISANCES; ARTICLE I; IN GENERAL; SECTION 215.010 DEFINITION; SUBSECTION A (13) AS SET FORTH BELOW. 1ST READING.

A motion by Alderman Prince, second by Alderman Donovan, Bill No. 4325 was placed on its first reading, read by title only, considered and passed by a 7-0-1 vote of the Board of Aldermen with Alderman Smith Absent.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

MAYOR/BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMMUNICATION. None.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION. A motion was made by Alderman Jones, second by Alderman Donovan to go into closed session to discuss real estate matters as authorized by Section 610.021 (2), RSMO or personnel matters as authorized by Section 610.021 (3). Motion carried 7-0-1 with a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Alderwoman Susan Johnson, Alderman Mike Jokerst, Alderman Bob Donovan, Alderman Jimmie Jones, Alderman Mike Raney, Alderman Joe Prince, and Alderman Bryant Wolfin. Nays: None Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Smith absent. 6:57 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT. At this time Mayor Hassler adjourned the meeting. 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Sue Schweiss
City Treasurer

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
September 26, 2019

- Chadwell Lane project is progressing, Paving has begun.

- Attended Park Board Meeting.

- Attended Leadership Ste. Genevieve commencement.

- Consulted with attorney regarding rezoning Progress Parkway.

- Attended Harold's Famous Bee Company ribbon cutting.

- Discussed with landlord what P&Z action is required to approve a medical marijuana dispensary.

- Met with Piva regarding closing

- Researched FEMA flood plain buyout procedures.



OPERATIONS REPORT – Ste. Genevieve

August 2019

Water Treatment Plant

- Staff has begun power washing the tanks and portions of the building. The 400,000 onsite tank is part of the tank agreement with Utility Services but will need to be painted in the near future, as its showing some signs of paint failure.
- The lime ponds are scheduled to be cleaned out in mid-September. Modifications to the storage basins are being considered.
- The onsite generator was cycling randomly. We were able to reset the program that controls the runtimes and return this to normal operations.
- A transfer pump motor failed. This motor has been in service since 2015 and has ran every day.
- We have started tracing the water lines inside the plant to ensure everything is metered correctly and that the meters are accurate. This will help reduce the already low water loss of the system.

Waste Water Treatment

- The control panel for the clarifiers was ordered and delivered. The panel was installed and is currently running 2 pumps opposed to the 1 pump that the other panel could provide power for.
- The UV system has been ordered and will be delivered by the end of October. Still on order.
- Staff continues to monitor and decant from the biosolids holding tank. We will be removing and land applying before the end of September.
- The return pump the clarifiers had to be rebuilt.
- We took delivery of the new Idexx lab equipment. This will allow us to perform ecoli testing inhouse and will reduce the amount spent on outside lab services.
- An in depth cleaning was completed on the clarifiers and ditch.



OPERATIONS REPORT – Ste. Genevieve

Treatment

WASTEWATER PLANT EFFLUENT QUALITY

	BOD Mg/l	TSS mg/l	pH	E. coli forming Colonies/100 ml
Monthly Average	1.6	1.9	7.12	2311
Peak Day	2.3	2.4	7.62	2420
Percent Removal	99.1%	98.6%		

NPDES EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

	BOD Mg/l	TSS mg/l	pH	E coli forming Colonies/100 ml
Monthly Average	30	30	6.5-9.0	206
Weekly Average	45	45		1030

AMMONIA MONTHLY LEVELS

	<u>Ammonia as Nitrogen</u>
Daily Maximum	.02
Monthly Average	.02

AMMONIA LIMITATIONS

	<u>(April 1st- Sept 30th) Ammonia as Nitrogen</u>	<u>(Oct 1st-March 31st) Ammonia as Nitrogen</u>
Daily Maximum	4.2	11.8
Monthly Average	1.5	2.6

PLANT HYDRAULIC AND ORGANIC LOADING

Daily Maximum flow .487MG- August 14th, 2019
 Daily Maximum loading 772lbs. – August 8th, 2019



OPERATIONS REPORT – Ste. Genevieve

Collection/Distribution

Collections

- Staff performed routine jetting of 4000ft of sewer mains.
- We were call to a sewer back up on the corner of Washington and North 7th Street. During the investigation to the problem we eventually found 3 buried manholes, that from the records have been covered by numerous street overlays. Dating back about 40 years. All manholes found have been raised to grade and are now accessible.
- Numerous new sewer connections have been made in the Valley Spring Subdivision this month.
- The Community Center Lift Station that has been calling out randomly for a intermittent power fail is now fixed. This was caused by a piece of electrical equipment call a phase monitor.
- All lift stations were inspected at a minimum of 3 times per week. Staff inspects for grease build up, vandalism, and any electrical issues that would indicate issues with pumps, motors, or controls.

Distribution

- Staff repaired leaks at the Valle Spring Park, 4th Street between Jefferson and Washington, LaHaye and Cedar Lane.
- 3 taps were completed for new construction within city limits.
- A new 4" water meter for Mississippi Lime has been installed.
- All GIS equipment has been updated and staff has begun collecting all fire hydrants and the data.

Customer Service

- Staff performed 49 line locates
- Staff performed 87 work orders
- Staff performed 32 disconnects for non-payment.
- There were 5.5 loads of lime purchased



OPERATIONS REPORT – Ste. Genevieve

Project Updates

- The water tower fence is completed.
- MicroComm will be in mid-September to complete the updates and add the new tower and controls to the system.

Safety

- Staff was trained Lock out Tag out along with the proper way to discharge stored energy in order to perform a job safely.
- Staff reviewed the policy on hand to handle violence in the workplace.
- Next meeting will be confined space entry.

Regulatory

- All testing and reports were submitted on time.

Training

- Staff received additional training concerning proper use of GIS equipment.

Concerns for the Month

- Water line and Street projects that are up and coming.

Positive for the Month

- Staff continues to upgrade licenses required by the state while gaining knowledge to perform essential job duties with confidence.



Ste. Genevieve Police Department



Monthly Operations Report

Date: September, 2019

Calls for Service:

*SGPD responded to 456 calls for service in August.

UCR	Incident Type	Count
WARRANT	WARRANT CONFIRMATION	1
UNKNO	UNKNOWN PROBLEM	2
UNCON	UNCONSCIOUS	6
TTC	TRY TO CONTACT	2
TRESP	TRESPASSING	5
THREA	THREATS	1
THEFT	THEFT	6
SUSPPE	SUSPICIOUS PERSON VEHICLE	4
SUSPPA	SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE ITEM	2
STROK	STROKE(CVA)	1
STALK	STALKING	1
SEIZ	CONVULSIONS/SEIZURES	1
RDHAZ	ROAD HAZARD	5
RDCLOSED	ROAD CLOSED	1
PSYCH	PSYCHIATRIC/ABNORMAL BEHAVIOR/SUICIDE ATTEMPT	4
PROP	PROPERTY DAMAGE	4
POWER	POWER LINES	2
PICK	PICK UP	3
PEACE	PEACE DISTURBANCE	4
ORDIN	ORDINANCE VIOLATION	3
OPEN	OPEN DOOR	3
MVAN	MVA NON INJURY	5
MOTO	MOTORIST ASSIST	3
MISSJ	MISSING JUVENILE	1
MISSA	MISSING ADULT	4
MISC	MISCELLANEOUS	104
LACE	HEMORRHAGE/LACERATIONS	1
INVEP	INVESTIGATION POLICE	17
INFO	INFORMATION ONLY	5
HARA	HARASSMENT	3
FUGI	FUGITIVE ARREST	10
FRAUD	FRAUD	2
FOUND	FOUND PROPERTY	2
FIGHT	FIGHT	1
FALLS	FALLS	2
EXTRA	EXTRA PATROL	2
DOMES	DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	3
DIST	DISTURBANCE	16
DIFBR	BREATHING PROBLEMS	1
DFS	ASSIST DFS	2
CWB	CHECK WELL BEING	13
CUSTO	CHILD CUSTODY	4
CI	C AND I DRIVER	5
CHEST	CHEST PAIN	1
BURG	BURGLARY	2
ASSIP	ASSIST FOR POLICE	2
ANIM	ANIMAL CALL	16
ALARM	FIRE ALARM	2
A911	ABANDON OR OPEN 911 CALL	5
8121	TRAFFIC STOP	133
1073	ALARM BURGLARY	7
1059	ESCORT	20
1055	INTOXICATED PERSON	1
		4
		456

Staffing:

*We are fully staffed.

Training:

*We're completing our mandatory continuing education classes online.

Meetings attended:

*I attended 2 Board of Aldermen meetings in August

Facility:

*Still outdated and potentially dangerous.

Equipment/Maintenance:

*Nothing to report

Police Radio:

*Nothing to report.

Grants:

*Nothing to report.

Miscellaneous:

*Nothing to report.



TOURISM/WELCOME CENTER

SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

Welcome Center Metrics for August : 2790 with 291 in tour groups

September has been a very active month for travelers and history related events! On Sept 5-6 our community welcomed the Relay of Voices project: a travel write/athlete/performer named Victoria Bradford Styrbechi who is traveling the entire length of the Mississippi River and reporting/writing about communities large and small along the way. Special thanks to the first grade of Ste. Genevieve Elementary school for greeting her at Main Street Park, and to the many local persons who agreed to be interviewed for her book. You can follow their journey online at www.relayofvoices.com.

Other highlights included Sep 14 Civil War event, Sep 21 SG History Conference and weekly activities with Saturday's in Ste Gen; as well as living history at various tour sites.

On Sept 14, the Presbyterian Church celebrated a milestone with the Ribbon Cutting for the Antionne Oneille house, an amazing example of grassroots local effort and excellent renovation of a badly damaged historic building into a beautiful and functional space that will serve the members and the community.

MO Bicentennial Quilt ~ The winning quilt block for the MO Bicentennial Quilt was Linda Hermann whose blue and gold/tan fleur de lis design will be included in the statewide MO 2021 Bicentennial quilt that will be assembled by the Missouri Star Quilt Company next year.

In follow up to the visit last month by US National Park Service Acting Director David Vela, we have had several more follow up meetings with St. Louis Arch Superintendent Michael Ward, also Mr Madison Baker attended the Ste. Genevieve History conference at the SG Community Center on Sept 21st, and next week we are hosting a visit by Dan Burgess, also from the staff of Sen Roy Blunt.

We recently updated the Tourism rack cards, which are distributed at I-55 corridor hotels, and in St Louis area attractions and corporate offices. There are some at the front desk at City Hall and at the Welcome Center, if you would like one. This distribution program is covered by funds collected by the Tourism Tax Commission.

Upcoming:	Sept 27 rd Fourth Friday Art Walk -- Welcome Center and around downtown
	Sept 28 Encampment/Rendezvous by Ste Genevieve Militia
	Sept 25-29 Art Guild's Plein Air Art Festival
	October 17 next meeting regarding Jour de Fete
	October 19 Halloween Spooktacular <i>and</i> Werewolf event at Bolduc
	October 26 Rural Heritage <i>and</i> Spirit Reunion