



# CityScene



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## Election Day Results from April 8th

Once the polls closed on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and the votes were counted, the City of Ste. Genevieve gained three new members to the Board of Alderman. In Ward 1, Beth Caldwell replaced Shawna Zerwig, Ward 3, Richard Huck replaced Carl Okenfuss and in Ward 4, Joseph Prince replaced Linda Brumfield. In

addition to the three new members, John Stuppy was re-elected to Ward 2 without opposition.

The newly elected board members were sworn in during the Board of Alderman meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2014.



## City Pet Licenses are Due May 1<sup>st</sup>



City Pet Licenses are due on May 1<sup>st</sup>. If your dog is spayed or neutered they are \$5.00 if they are not, the tags are \$8.00 Feline tags are free. Stop by City Hall and get your pet license today.

## The Welcome Center is Ready to Welcome Spring

The Ste. Genevieve Welcome Center and the businesses and tourist attractions in the area are certainly looking forward to the arrival of spring. With the warmer weather recently, we have already seen a steady increase of foot traffic at the Welcome Center. We are reaching out to book more group tour business and of course contacting all the schools to be sure they get their field trips scheduled. We are already seeing some return on those efforts, with several new tours on the calendar for both student and adult groups who want to experience the history and cultural attractions of Ste. Genevieve.

Thanks to the generosity of several

local business owners in allowing 'comp' stays and services, Ste. Genevieve was featured in two nice articles in the recent issues of two national magazines, as well as in two online Travel Blogs. You can see all of these on our website [www.VisitSteGen.com/about/media-press.html](http://www.VisitSteGen.com/about/media-press.html), or stop by the Welcome Center to see the articles.

In April we will be hosting a video crew for the Discover America/Brand USA campaign, our TV commercials will continue to run on KMOV/Ch 4 in St Louis, and we will be hosting more travel writers, as well as welcoming many groups of students to explore their Missouri history here in Missouri's oldest town.

There are several other exciting new activities planned for the coming months. Beginning on April 26, on weekends there will be an 'Open Air Market' on the parking lot where the old Bank of Ste. Genevieve building used to be, plus we will start to have Costumed Colonials walking around downtown starting on Saturdays in May. Please refer to the Upcoming Events in this replica of a Ste. Genevieve tourism ad, and for more information see the website [www.VisitSteGen.com](http://www.VisitSteGen.com) or like us on Facebook to see all of our social media events and please do 'Share' them with your friends!



## Upcoming Events

April 12, 2014  
Neon Glow 5K Run/Walk

April 12-13, 2014  
Jour de la Terre (Earth Day)  
*Ste. Genevieve Route du Vin*

April 25 & May 23, 2014  
Fourth Friday Art Walk

April 26-27, 2014  
Ecole de Soldat (School of the Soldier)

May 17-18, 2014  
Ste. Genevieve Garden Walk  
Progressive Dinner on Route du Vin

June 6 – July 25, 2014  
Summer Music Series

June 14, 2014  
French Heritage Festival  
80th Anniversary, Summer School of Art

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## Street

The street department was busy through the winter with snow and ice removal. It has been a long rough winter on the employees, the equipment and the budget. We haven't had a winter like this in years. Now that the winter is over the patching of potholes will begin. This winter has taken a toll on our streets leaving almost every street in town with potholes. It will be a process for the crew to keep up, so we appreciate your patience as we work to get everything done along with the weeds and the mowing that will have to

be done. However, on a good note; the maintenance shop is finally done with all the construction from the fire. The walls are insulated and the new heaters will make the shop more energy efficient. Both street and park crews have been attending safety seminars this winter when possible to keep all employees safe while on the job.

## Park

During the winter months, the park department assists the street department with snow removal along with their regular duties of maintenance and getting park benches and trash barrels painted for the spring/summer season. Repairs are made to equipment during the winter as well. Ball season has started and the crew has gotten the ball fields ready for this seasons play.

## Spring Cleaning at the City Cemetery

As winter recedes, our thoughts often turn to spring cleaning. Cleaning up after a long winter is not limited to households. The City also has spring cleaning chores. The roads are full of the material used in our battle with snow and ice, the parks are littered with limbs and branches that fell during the winter hiatus and equipment used in our annual battle against the elements needs to be cleaned and conditioned for storage until the next year. An additional spring duty is to plan for the maintenance of the City's cemetery.

The City is committed to perpetual maintenance of its cemeteries. The citizens support this through the payment of a cemetery tax. The only thing for which the tax proceeds can be used is cemetery

maintenance and improvements. To ensure the cemetery grounds are properly maintained, the owners of plots have agreed to follow certain rules. These rules are posted at the cemetery and available in city hall. As we prepare for the mowing season it is important to remember what the owners must do to facilitate maintenance. If you own a cemetery lot please remember the following:

1. Decorations are only allowed on the headstone monument and must be permanently attached or properly secured.
2. Flowers are to be maintained and removed when they become faded and unsightly.

3. The use of grave blankets is limited to the period of November through April and must be removed in the spring.

4. One "eternal" or "memorial" type light is permitted and must be securely mounted on the tombstone.

To implement proper maintenance the City will have to remove and dispose of flowers that have become unsightly or detached and may remove all non-conforming materials.

By working together we can make sure our cemetery remains a source of pride for our community.

## Your Yard is Calling You. What is it Hiding?

Spring is a busy time of year for re-landscaping and digging. Remember to call Missouri One-call (DIG-RITE) before digging. They will notify utility companies who will come out and mark underground utilities free of charge. Let's make your landscaping a safe addition to your yard.

It has been an un-usually harsh winter. Check your exterior water faucets and sprinkler system (if any) for frozen pipe damage that may have been caused by leaving a hose attached or not draining properly.

Spend a little time now- save your earnings from now on. Remember to check your toilets to see if they are running or re-filling constantly and check your interior faucets for drips. A drip-drip-drip of water is a drip-drip-drip of money! Taking a little bit of time now to correct these small issues can save you that hard-earned money that is going down the drain. Add these items to your home maintenance monthly check list. Doing this can save you buckets of money over time.



## Swimming Pools and Permits

Summer will finally be arriving soon and gone will be the memories of 12-inch snow storms and the pain of an aching back. This past winter you might have dreamed about floating in a nice, cool swimming pool under the nice HOT sun and then, you decided that **this** will be the year. **This** will be the year that you take that long-awaited tax refund and purchase the above ground swimming

pool advertised yearly in the Super Walmart ad!!! The Building Department does not want to burst any dream bubbles, but we do need to remind sun-starved residents that building permits **are required** for the installation of any above or in-ground pool over the depth of 24 inches! Plan review on pool installations include, but are not limited to, electrical connections, site location and

your pool's safety/security plan. Playing in the summer pool can be a shocking experience if it is not installed correctly.

Permit applications and plan requirements **are given away** at City Hall, Monday through Friday from 8:00 -5:00 p.m. Come on in a pick one up – it could save your life.

## Nuisance Violations; Weed Complaints, Grass Clippings, Etc.

SPRING HAS FINALLY ARRIVED!! And with the arrival of spring time showers and gully washers comes the sudden growth spurt of your fresh new lawn, complete with wildflowers, dandelions, poison ivy, chickweed and an assortment of colorful vegetation. Once again, the City of Ste. Genevieve wishes to remind everyone that Ste. Genevieve does **enforce a nuisance ordinance** which defines a property with more than **7 inches** of vegetative growth in the yard as a nuisance (trees, bushes and flowers, don't be alarmed- this does not apply to you!) . Lucky property owners found in violation of the ordinance may receive a **personal** visit from a member of your friendly Ste. Genevieve Police Department who may also be inclined to enter your name into a **drawing** for a nuisance citation. This citation would **win** you a back stage pass at municipal court AND also a personal **meet and greet** with our municipal judge!

If you break your leg (or worse yet, your lawn mower) this summer and have no way to cut your grass, there is no need to fret!!

The folks at city hall have compiled a list of individuals and companies that are eager to cut your grass or maintain your lawn for you. This **elite list** of lawn care operatives can be yours, *free of charge*, upon request. Or perhaps **you** would like to have your name or company added to this exclusive list and become a lawn care operative yourself. Just call city hall at 883-5400 and submit your application!

Property owners are also asked to be mindful of any plants, shrubbery or tree that growth near streets (or **over** them!) that may create a traffic hazard by blocking the vision of motorists. Plants and trees next to public **sidewalks** should also be trimmed to allow free, unimpeded use by pedestrians and postal carriers. As we always say, nothing spoils an evening stroll like being slashed across the face by a sticky bush!

While we are on the topic of sidewalks, please allow us to remind you that trashcans are not to be kept on the **sidewalks or streets** longer than 24 hours after it has been collected. Yes, there is a city ordinance and it also restricts placement of

trash containers on the curb or sidewalk no earlier than **24 hours prior** to your scheduled pickup. So, PLEASE let's not force anyone to walk the streets because your trashcan was blocking the sidewalk, ok?

Back to lawn care.....residents are also verboten to blow **grass clippings** onto city sidewalks and streets. Yes, we **greatly appreciate** the way that you keep your lawn nice and trim and below seven inches in height; however, grass clippings that are blown onto the street get washed down the storm sewers, eventually clogging the drain and backing up into your neighbor's yard. So please be mindful and when cutting the grass, aim the clippings **away** from the sidewalk and street and **away** from any flower beds!!

If you would like to submit a high weed/grass complaint or any nuisance concerning a vehicle, trash or debris, complaint forms can be picked up at City Hall, 165 S. Fourth Street. Return the completed form to City Hall, 165 S. Fourth Street or contact the Police Department at 573-883-3999.

## New Sign Ordinance

In 2012, the city adopted a new sign ordinance that not only regulates the placement of commercial advertising signs but also where garage and yard sale signs are allowed to be posted. More to the point, this ordinance stipulates where these posters and flyers **are not allowed!!** Last year you may have been an unhappy recipient of special document sent from the Planning and Zoning Administrator entitled, "**Notice of Violation.**" Or you might have

spotted a woman running around town, ripping down colorful and carefully-posted flyers and then stuffing them in the back of her car. Despite coffee shop chatter, this woman **did not** stealthfully steal flyers that others had posted in order to reuse them for a special garage sale of her own. No, no. This woman was enforcing the city's new regulation against posting signs, flyers, posters or any other advertisement upon utility poles, trees or public property!

This year, should you desire to have a garage sale – **and you know you do** – please remember to observe the new ordinance that prohibits the use of public property for personal advertisement. Signs, no larger than four square feet, may be posted on private property (with the permission of the owner, of course!); however, if posted off-site, the sign MAY turn into an ugly Notice of Violation letter if not returned to its owner within forty-eight hours after the sale!!

# Board Vacancies

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO BE **IN CHARGE**? Have you ever said to yourself, *"If I ruled the world...."* Have you ever wondered: *"Who made these rules anyway?!"* or *"Why did the city do that?!"* or *"Why doesn't the city do this?"* **Learn** who makes the rules that regulate living in Ste. Genevieve. **Become** part of the process!!

**Share** your ideas and your life experience!!! Help Ste. Genevieve **grow**!!

Ste. Genevieve cannot function without its advisory boards and commissions. Members of these groups are local residents appointed by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen to create plans and projects, to

protect and preserve, and to represent the city's parks, neighborhoods, historic districts and its public outreach. The city relies upon its citizen boards to preserve Ste. Genevieve's achievement as one of the top desirable communities in which to live and raise a family. The city relies upon its citizen boards to **implement its vision** of Ste. Genevieve today and the Ste. Genevieve of tomorrow. Among the various boards and commissions that you can put your talent or your interests to work are: the Park Advisory Board, The Tourism Advisory Council, the Public Television (Channel 7/98) Board, the Historic Preservation and Landmarks Commission, the Planning and Zoning

Commission, the Industrial Development Authority, the Board of Adjustment, and the Tourism Tax Commission. Currently there are two vacancies on the Ste. Genevieve Planning and Zoning Commission.

If you think you may be interested in serving on this board -or any of those listed above- please contact City Hall or just stop on by while you are out and about and ask about the purpose and function of these essential groups! You never know....you just **might** be interested after all!!

# The Ste. Genevieve Historic Preservation and Landmarks Commission

Ste. Genevieve's heritage is continually be saved or maintained, one building at a time. We invite you to check out our Facebook page at Ste. Genevieve Historic Preservation and Landmarks Commission where you can keep up with the latest rehabs, renovations and restorations as well other assorted preservation news. In today's newsletter we would like to give you a sneak peak of just some of these projects....





## Check Out the New Businesses in Town

**J's Laundry & Linen Service**  
**(Laundromat & Dry Cleaning)**  
1 Basler Drive

**Sunshine Cakery**  
**(Cake Shop)**  
260 Merchant Street

**Dwayne Doza Auto Body & Sales, LLC**  
**(Auto Body & Repair)**  
590 Ste. Genevieve Drive

**Dollar General (New Location)**  
**(Retail Store)**  
21840 Hwy 32

**Health On The Run**  
**(Health Food Store)**  
585 Ste. Genevieve Drive

## Moving to Ste. Genevieve and Need to Set up Utilities?

### Water / Sewer Service

City of Ste. Genevieve  
165 S. Fourth Street  
Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670  
573-883-5400  
573-883-8105 (fax)  
[www.stegenevieve.org](http://www.stegenevieve.org)

### Natural Gas Service

Missouri Natural Gas Company  
410 W. Main Street  
Festus, MO 63028  
636-931-8383  
[www.lacledegas.com](http://www.lacledegas.com)

### Trash Service

Republic Services  
12561 State Route A  
Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670  
877-844-3151  
[www.republicservices.com](http://www.republicservices.com)

### Electric Service

Citizens Electric Corporation  
P.O. Box 368  
1500 Rand Ave.  
Perryville, MO 63775  
877-876-3511  
[www.cecmo.com](http://www.cecmo.com)

Waste Management, Inc.  
3902 Athena School Road  
DeSoto, MO 63020  
800-989-2783  
[www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)

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| City Treasurer – Sue Schweiss   | 573-883-5400                         |
| Utilities   | 573-883-5400                         |
| Planning & Zoning – Brenda Schloss  | 573-883-5400                         |
| Building Inspector – Jimmie Jones   | 573-883-5400                         |
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| Street Department – David Pinkley   | 573-883-3507                         |
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| Water Department – Steve Wilson   | 573-883-9240                         |
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| Park Department – Darrin Jacob  | 573-883-9264                         |
| Police Department – Eric Bennett, Chief   | 573-883-5707                         |
| Police Department – Dispatch  | 573-883-5215                         |
| Fire Department – Mick Schwent, Chief   | 573-883-5321                         |
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1<sup>st</sup> bldg. south of St. Mary Road on left

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**Monday – Friday: 8 am – 5 pm**  
**Saturday: 8 am – 12 noon**

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Ste. Genevieve Community Access Television



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