



# CityScene



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## Ste. Genevieve City Hall has begun using TextCaster

TextCaster is now being utilized by the City of Ste. Genevieve. To sign up and begin receiving alerts, follow the link below.



## Election Day Results from April 7th

Once the polls closed on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and the votes were counted, the City of Ste. Genevieve gained one new member to the Board of Alderman. In Ward 4, Randy Ruzicka replaced Teddy Ross over challenger Bob Wertman.

In addition to the new board member, Tom Couch was re-elected to Ward 1 over challenger Jerry Klein. Michael "Buck" Jokerst in Ward 2 and Donald Stuppy in Ward 3 were both re-elected without opposition. In the mayoral race, Mayor Richard Greminger was re-elected over challenger Frank Johnson.

The newly elected board members will be sworn in during the Board of Alderman meeting on Monday, April 13, 2015.

## City Pet Licenses are Due May 1st



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.

## Sewer Rates to Be Established in April

The City of Ste. Genevieve will establish residential sewer charges for the 2015 calendar year. For residential contributors, monthly user charges will be based on the average monthly water

usage during the months of January, February and March. If a residential contributor has not established a January, February and March average, their monthly bill shall be the average of

the first full three months of usage at their residence. This rate will be established on the April billing.

## A Safe Place to Meet

In recent months, there have been many concerns raised regarding the safety of online sale sites or classified ad websites. The news media frequently reports allegations of fraud and scams at the hands of dishonest patrons of sites like Craigslist.org. There are also incidents of physical assaults and murders stemming from innocent online ads.

The Ste. Genevieve Police Department would like to offer the use of its parking lot and services by standing by when online transaction become face-to-face transactions. We encourage our citizens to suggest the police department parking lot as the location to meet online buyers/sellers, and have an officer stand-by during the transaction to ensure both parties are safe.



## Keeping Grass Cut & Property Clean Makes Happy Citizens

It's spring: Keeping your grass cut and property clean makes for happy citizens!

With spring here, we want to remind everyone that maintaining your property is required by city law. It is required under our Property Maintenance Code that you keep your grass cut and weed free. You must also keep your property free of trash, junk, debris, interior household items (sofas, mattress, recliners, etc.), trash and organic refuse.

Unfortunately, if you cannot maintain your property, you will be subject to a court summons and potential fines.

More importantly, it is out of courtesy and neighborliness that you should maintain your property. Nothing negatively affects property values (yours or your neighbors) than a property that looks like the owner or tenant does not care for their property. Why does it matter? Failure to maintain your

property is considered a "nuisance" and potentially "unreasonably injurious, dangerous, annoying, unsafe or offensive to the public". In other words, it isn't just the neighborly thing to do; it is for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Ste. Genevieve. So now that spring has arrived, keep the grass cut and property clean. Your neighbors will be grateful and you'll feel great too.

## Check Out the New Businesses in Town

**109 North Main**  
**109 N. Main Street**

**ASL Pewter**  
**183 S. Third Street**  
**573-883-2095**

**The Clearance Depot**  
**390 Ste. Genevieve Drive**

**El San Felipe Mexican Grill**  
**634 Ste. Genevieve Drive**

## April Happenings in Ste. Genevieve

On April 24-26 there will be a lot happening in Ste. Genevieve! Friday April 24 will be the Fourth Friday Art Walk from 6 to 9 pm, and the Hospital's annual 'Art of Women's Health 5K run/walk. The theme of the 5K run/walk is 'Give Flight to Your Dreams' and it will begin at 6 pm at the Main Street Park.

The Ste. Genevieve Ecole du Soldat (School of the Soldier) annual encampment will take place at the Moses Austin Park (at the main Jour de Fete grounds near St. Mary's Road) on Saturday-Sunday April 25-26. This 'Living history' event is a wonderful chance for the public to see demonstrations of French colonial life, including paper marbling and the firing of cannons and muskets, and to listen to presentations by expert speakers. The presentations on Saturday April 25 at the Welcome Center are free of charge and the public is invited.

The Ste. Genevieve Downtown Renewal Project will host a 'Spring Into Downtown' sidewalk sale on Saturday April 25 through Sunday April 26. Participating merchants in the downtown historic district will offer special pricing on sale items while also introducing new collections of spring merchandise and gifts.

For more information on these and other upcoming special events, go to [www.VisitSteGen.com](http://www.VisitSteGen.com) or call the Welcome Center at 573.883.7097.



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## 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)

### 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)

### 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)

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

Freedom Waste, LLC  
P.O. Box 543  
Farmington, MO 63640  
573-747-0550  
[www.freedomwasteonline.com](http://www.freedomwasteonline.com)

## New Historic Preservation Code

After a couple of years of study and consideration, the Mayor appointed a Committee to determine if there were ways to improve the Historic Preservation Ordinance to make the process simpler for some categories of projects that do not affect the historic value and integrity of properties. The Committee made up of Landmark's Commission members, Frank Rolfe, Frank Myers and Aldermanic Liaison Teddy Ross, and City Administrator, Martin Toma. Community Development Director, Petree Powell was tasked by the Committee to develop a plan that 1) left firm protection intact for our most precious resources; 2) allowed administrative review in some circumstances, namely projects to non-historic properties; 3) limit review in some areas of the city where there are only a handful of historic properties; and 4) encourage preservation and rehabilitation. Thus, after a public workshop and consideration of comments by the public and preservationists, a new Historic Preservation Ordinance was adopted in February by the Board of Aldermen. Key changes to the old ordinance are:

- A new commission established called the "Heritage Commission". It has 5 members.
- Projects on Landmarks or properties within 185 feet of those Landmarks within the National Landmark District *but*

*outside* the National Register Historic District (commonly known as the H-2 Historic District Overlay) are subject to review. No other properties within H-2 are subject to review.

- Alterations to non-contributing structures and new construction will be reviewed administratively under Chapters 4 and 5 of the *Design Guidelines for New Construction & Alterations to Non-Contributing Buildings*.
- Repair and maintenance ordinarily will be exempt from review if 1) the applicant is replacing original materials in-kind, that is materials will identical features, finishes construction technique or craftsmanship and match the originals in design, and other visible qualities that can be perceived or is visible by ordinary view. *Attestation is required*; 2) replacing non-original materials with the same or similar materials and design. If the structure or site is a Landmark, then review is still required if more than 30% of the component part is being replaced in-kind. Change in materials and/or design on Landmarks and Contributing

Resources in the National Register Historic District are still subject to review.

- Demolitions to non-contributing structures and structures outside the National Register Historic District require attestation that the owner has no reasonable belief that the structure is historic. The City has the right to issue a 24 hour stop work order if it is discovered that the structure may be historic. The waiting period is to allow the City time to assess the situation and find a solution other than demolition.

Every other component of the ordinance remains essentially the same. Alterations, construction, removal and demolition of Landmarks or contributing structures in the National Register Historic District are still subject to Commission review and governed by the *Design Guidelines for the Ste. Genevieve National Register Historic District* and the *Secretary of Interior Standard for Rehabilitation*.

If this all seems rather confusing, do not worry. Come to City Hall to discuss your project with the Community Development Department or call at 573-883-5400. More detailed information about the new ordinance and copies of the Design Guidelines are readily available.

# Directory

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Recycling Center of Ste. Genevieve  
17690 U.S. Highway 61  
1<sup>st</sup> bldg. south of St. Mary Road on left

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

Items accepted at the center include paper, cardboard, paperboard, steel and aluminum cans, plastic, glass (clear & colored), batteries, clothing, shoes and linens.



Ste. Genevieve Community Access Television



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