



# CityScene



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## Fire Prevention Week 2012

The Ste. Genevieve Fire Department was busy visiting local schools during Fire Prevention Week. Firefighters Eric Coleman, Justin Donovan and Sam Hogan demonstrated many aspects of fire safety to children from Kindergarten thru Fourth Grade.



The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) theme for 2012 was "Have 2 Ways Out", which focused on having an escape plan for your home. Firefighters used the departments Safe House to demonstrate the importance of this to the kids.

Another important aspect of fire safety is learning how to Stop, Drop & Roll.

Firefighter Justin Donovan reads to preschoolers and had the children practice this technique.



Eric Coleman explains the protective clothing a firefighter has to wear while fighting a fire.



Students from Ste. Gen and Valle were able to visit the Fire Station and tour the facility lead by Firefighter Sam Hogan.



## 2013 King and Queen to be Chosen February 2

The annual Ste. Genevieve King's Ball will be held on Saturday, February 2 at the VFW Hall. The festivities will begin at 7pm. This French inspired event has been a Ste. Genevieve tradition for more than 250 years and celebrates Twelfth Night to close out the Christmas season. The Ball was the most formal social event of the year and the entire community was invited to attend this celebration of singing, dancing and feasting.

The doors open at 7pm, with singing of traditional French songs by Les Petits

Chauteurs. Guests may be formally introduced beginning at 7:30pm and the music by the Cash Rebates and dancing will begin at 8pm. All men present will be treated to a piece of La Galette des Rois (King's Cake) and the lucky man who finds a special charm will be crowned King of the Ball and will select his Queen. Together they reign over the Ste. Genevieve festivities throughout the year.

All are invited to join in the merriment. Traditional dress is encouraged, but not

required and dance lessons will be provided. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and students. All proceeds will benefit the Ste. Genevieve Museum. Tables of 8-10 may be reserved in advance and children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information or table reservations call (573) 883-2099 or (573) 883-5850 in the evening, visit

[http://www.historicstegen.org/events/even ts\\_kings\\_ball\\_2013.html](http://www.historicstegen.org/events/even ts_kings_ball_2013.html) or email [kingsball@historicstegen.org](mailto:kingsball@historicstegen.org).

## Windows on Historic Buildings



Windows are the most visible, yet commonly under-appreciated components of older and historic homes and buildings.

While being very beautiful, original historic windows also serve a great purpose – they impart a building's inside-outside connection. They provide ventilation and light, and can function as emergency egress. Above all, they offer clues to a building's history because they are integral aspects of architectural design.

However, despite all of these attributes, windows are an easy target and are all too often blamed for energy loss. Commonly, people jump to replace their historic windows because companies promise that their replacement windows will not only save them time and money, but that their products and services are the "green" thing to do. In fact, a thriving industry has grown around the perceived need to replace rather than restore.

Have you ever wondered why there are no replacement fireplaces? Fireplaces with ill-fitting or missing dampers leak more heat

than windows do, but salesmen don't leave flyers for new dampers in your mailbox, do they?

One reason why it is tempting for homeowners to replace their original historic windows is because they can immediately see a difference when a window is replaced. And, even though a project like sealing air leaks will ultimately save more energy than replacing windows, there is a relatively low demand for air-sealing services. As Tom Kenny, manager of C&O Conservation, has said, "I provide something that is invisible."

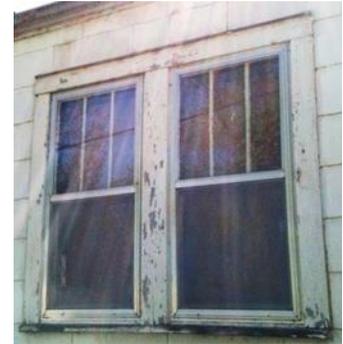
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*Interested in learning more about repairing and maintaining your wooden windows?*

Keep a look out this year for the wood window maintenance and repair workshop hosted by the Ste. Genevieve Landmarks Commission and conducted by **John Leeke**, a nationally recognized preservation specialist, well known for his sensitive and practical approach. Mr. Leeke has been saving historic buildings for over three decades and has repaired, restored, and preserved hundreds of windows. He has taught window preservation methods for the Preservation Education Institute, Restoration & Renovation Conference,

National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference, Windows Conference and Exposition for Historic Buildings, and many state and local historic preservation organizations.

Before



After



## Police Department Report

Due to a voluntary resignation, we were able to move Reserve Police Officer Griffen Ryan to the full-time position. Officer Ryan was already vaguely familiar with the layout of the city and inner workings, and I believe he will be a positive addition to the department.

We recently had an influx of vehicles rummaged through, and property stolen. We also have one vehicle stolen. With cooperation from the Perry County Sheriff's Department, we were able to recover the stolen vehicle and a majority of the property, which was returned to the owners.

Our officers have been very busy in 2012. As of December 10, 2012, we have run 7,468

calls for service, including assaults, attempted suicides, burglaries, domestic disturbances, fights, prowlers, pursuits, sexual abuse calls and shots fired calls. To date, we are on schedule to break 800 reportable calls for service, which will be the highest we've reported since the implementation of our reporting software in 2005. We have had officers assaulted, foot and vehicle pursuits, conducted numerous felony drug investigations, and are currently conducting an investigation into a suspicious death at the Microtel Hotel. The victim was a Columbia, MO resident. I am pleased with progress of the investigation, and am hopeful to have more information in the coming weeks.

I feel our investigative efforts have been very successful in 2012, and we are continuing our attempts to improve the reputation of the department.

On behalf of all the officers and employees of the Police Department, I want to thank the Board of Alderman for the Thanksgiving meal in November. We really appreciate it!

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### **SUMMARY OF FACILITY OPERATIONS**

The Ste. Genevieve Police Department has been notified that our grant proposal to the Ste. Genevieve County Community Foundation was approved in the amount of \$3,191.16. The purpose in the grant request was to fund one year of air card access for our existing MDT project. I would like to thank the members of the Ste. Genevieve

County Community Foundation for their support.

Regarding to the Court operations, we are almost completely functioning with the Summit Software. Lisa Kemper continues to progress and improve her skills. We just completed our second round of Show-Cause hearing from the prior fines and payments.

### **EQUIPMENT**

### **MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT**

I have submitted a letter of intent for approval from the Board of Alderman to proceed with the purchase of two (2) new Ford Police Interceptors from Ste. Gen. Ford. They have bid the cars at the Missouri State Bid price, and have given us a comparable trade-in for our 2 Dodge Chargers. We will explore the option of taking the old cars to auction. This is a budgeted expense, and meets the bid requirements with the state bid pricing.

## Winter Weather Brings on Winter Maintenance

### Street

The street department was busy all summer patching streets with concrete and now that winter is here the cracks will be filled when the weather allows. Dirt was given from the County Jail project, so it has been used to fill where the swimming pool was in the park. The City would like to offer thanks to the County for not only providing the dirt, but also assisting in hauling it to the site.

The swimming pool was in such disrepair from the old pipes and cracking concrete; couple that with vandals jumping the fence to get into the building, there was no other choice but to fill the pool and secure the building so entry is not possible.

Winter weather equipment has been installed on the trucks and they are now ready for snow. The street department has already used the

equipment and asks that the citizens of Ste. Genevieve to be careful while driving on snow covered roads and be patient with snow and ice removal throughout the City's streets.

As seen in the picture, the crew performs the required yearly maintenance on the salt spreaders. They must be scraped and painted because the salt is so hard on the metal. Although this yearly maintenance has allowed the street department to use this equipment for 17 years now, the equipment will need to be replaced in the near future.



### Park

The park department has completed the baseball/softball season and the mowing is done. So now begins the work on the park equipment; just like the street department, the equipment must be taken apart, repainted and any broken items repaired so everything is ready for the next mowing season.

Additionally, the Main Street Restrooms are still open and the maintenance continues.

## Water Department Looks Back at the Last Year

As the year comes to an end we have been reflecting back on the last few months in the water and sewer department. There have been many improvements made to the system and many different kinds of inspections. (all of them were good and the city has received some good feedback from DNR and EPA)

We have had a very dry year, and that caused many extra hours of plant run time and water production. Staff had to

perform inspections on the wells, and report water table levels on a regular basis. The good news is that the wells are keeping up with the city demand.

We are pleased to report that the ongoing collection system improvements are helping and that the improvements are reducing the number of sanitary sewer overflows. The wastewater plant has been performing at a very high removal rate.

The water system was required to have samples collected for lead and copper this year; the results were very good. The improvements in treatment have also improved these results. We would like to thank all of the citizens that assisted in the collection of the lead and copper samples. It is a pleasure to live and work in a community that supports the efforts to improve the water and sewer systems.

We are excited about what will be presented in 2013 and we stand ready to assist our community in every way possible. Again thank you to everyone that lent a hand in making 2012 such a successful year.



## News from the Building Department

The Ste. Genevieve Building Department would like to remind homeowners, commercial building owners and, contractors that building permits are required on certain improvement projects.

Finally putting a new roof on the house? You will need a permit for that. Want to update the look of your home with new siding? You will need a permit for that too, as well as for window replacement projects. In fact, building permits

are required for all renovations, repairs and maintenance work **valued over \$1000.00**. Flooring installation, paint and wallpaper projects and cabinet replacements are considered to be cosmetic and therefore are exempt from this requirement.

**Permits are also required to install, alter or modify any electrical, plumbing or mechanical system of a building where the cost is in excess of**

**five hundred dollars (\$500.00)**. Putting in a new heating and air system? Yep, you will need a permit for that!

For additional information you may contact the Planning and Zoning Administrator or the Building Inspector at City Hall, 573-883-5400. Residential and commercial permit application forms can be downloaded from the city's website at <http://stegenevieve.org>.

## Changes to the Water & Sewer Billing

You have probably noticed a change in the look of your water/sewer bill. That is because the City has undergone a computer software conversion and not only is the bill itself a little different, but the account number on your bill has changed. We know that sometimes change can be difficult, and hope that

you will be patient with us during this time of learning a new system.

Even though this change has occurred, we are very excited about the efficiency that this software is creating in the day to day workflow at City Hall. Payments are now entered directly into the system while the customer is in the office, therefore, giving real-time account

information. This new software also gives us better tracking of notes and service orders that occur at each property location.

Again, we appreciate your patience during this conversion and hope that you notice the efficiencies that are created as well as we have.

## Let's Make Plans Together

As the great philosopher, Yogi Berra, said, "If you don't know where you are going, you'll end up someplace else." Planning is the key to ending up where you choose to go. The City of Ste. Genevieve has a plan. The Comprehensive Plan for the City was last updated in 1997. It is good practice to review such plans every ten years and make adjustments to changing circumstances.

It is time to review the City's plan. In the next month a group of volunteer citizens have agreed to meet to identify the key issues affecting the future of our community. Over several subsequent months, every citizen will be asked to engage in the process of determining where you want your city to go. Whether you choose to attend one of the meetings that will be held, or to

fill out a survey, your input is critical to having a plan that comes from the citizenry. Listen to KSGM 93.1 FM radio, watch SGCATV Channel 7/98 television, monitor us on the internet ([www.suntimesnews.com](http://www.suntimesnews.com), [www.stegenevieve.org](http://www.stegenevieve.org), [www.stegentv.com](http://www.stegentv.com)), or read the Leader. Don't miss your chance to tell City Hall where you want your city to end up.

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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**

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



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