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## The Public Works Maintenance Building Gets a New Look

### Street

If you haven't been on Market Street lately, you have missed the new look of the Public Works Maintenance Building. Clean up after the fire has been completed as well as the electrical work. The wall of windows has been replaced with smaller, more efficient windows and new siding. Insulating the ceiling is the last phase of this project and should be completed very soon.



During all this work on the maintenance building, the street department battled 10 inches of snow, which was one of the worst snows we have received in many years. Despite a couple of breakdowns, crews ran three snow plow trucks at all times.

The combination of dropping temperatures and the snowfall coming down so quickly caused the chemicals not to work. To avoid creating icy conditions, the roads were roughly plowed so traffic could get traction. Our main concern is for emergency vehicles to have the ability to get around. As always, your patience during extreme weather conditions is appreciated.

### Park

The park department has been assisting the street department with snow and ice removal as well as preparing for the next mowing season. Maintenance work is being completed at the Welcome Center and Main Street restrooms. Trees that require removal are handled this time of year as well.



## Stop at the Click

The United States Environmental Protection Agency monitors the level of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's) in selected areas around the country to evaluate whether steps should be implemented in those areas to protect the ozone layer. Such monitoring devices are present in Ste. Genevieve County. Various sources are responsible for VOC levels. Among the things an individual citizen can do to help are: operate gasoline powered motors during the coolest part of a summer day, avoid using charcoal grills or chemical starting fluids, and STOP AT THE CLICK. The phrase "stop at the click" simply means that when you are fueling your automobile you should allow the automatic system to do its

job. Don't try to "fill to the brim" or even just round up to the nearest dollar.

WHEN THE AUTOMATIC SHUTS OFF (CLICKS), YOU'RE DONE.



There are a couple of reasons why this should be important to you. First, and most obviously, it avoids fuel spills. While the failure of shut off systems is rare, it is always a good idea to stay at the pump when filling the tank. Avoiding fuel spills is one of the things that everyone can do to protect our air. Even the smallest spill releases Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) into the air and these are one of the key threats to destruction of the ozone layer.

The second reason isn't quite as obvious. You may have noticed that those rubber boots are disappearing from gas station nozzles in the St. Louis area. That is because

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the On-board Refueling Vapor Recovery Systems (ORVRS) on all new vehicles are so efficient that external systems are no longer needed. The ORVRS are well designed and can be expected to last the life of a new car. However, they can be damaged with careless fueling.

The ORVRS forces the vapors into a trap. These vapors are sucked back into the fuel system and burned. Over the life of a car, the recovered vapors are the equivalent of a few gallons of gasoline you do not have to buy.

More importantly, TOPPING OFF YOUR TANK CAN DAMAGE YOUR CAR. Topping off can cover up some ports or sensors, causing efficiency problems. Most directly, raw fuel in the canister can actually ruin the filter and void the warranty. This can lead to a costly repair. In one case the canister is within the "C Pillar," the big part of the body behind the rear door next to the rear window. Obviously, this canister would be very expensive to replace.

In sum, just "STOP AT THE CLICK". With this simple step you will help protect our air

and avoid concerns with damaging your vehicle.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has a couple of publications that reference this issue. Here are the web addresses:

<http://dnr.mo.gov/pubs/pub2199.pdf>

<http://blogs.mo.gov/env/2013/03/01/resist-the-urge-to-squeeze-that-nozzle/>

## Police Departments Newsletter

The Ste. Genevieve Police Department wants to stress the importance of visual residential addressing. There are several houses without a visible street address, which could mean wasting precious time in a life-threatening emergency for responding emergency personnel.

The preferred placement of lettering is on or near the mailbox of the residence, and/or near the front door of the residence, preferably where the numbers can be illuminated by a porch light. While most houses in Ste. Genevieve follow a grid type addressing, pinpointing an exact address at

night can prove difficult for responding emergency personnel.

The addressing numbers can be purchased from any hardware store, and are usually easy to install, as they come in a variety of forms, including single letters that can be nailed or screwed to the house, or reflective adhesive stickers, or pre-made custom signs, as seen below.

Again, the easier the letters are to see at night, the more effective they will be.



## Tourism Department Presents New Brochures

New brochures promoting Ste. Genevieve attractions were distributed at the Dec 20 Tourism Advisory Council meeting. "The new brochures have been completely redesigned to have more appeal to our target markets and to help us reach new audiences with varied interests," explained Director of Tourism Sandra Cabot. "It was quite a process. We contacted each business, updated and simplified the maps, shortened text and added more photos, and included more local phone numbers and website information wherever possible." The new design features five new cover

images for marketing purposes, as shown below. "We ran fewer copies of four of the designs, and printed more of the main image, the cover with the French Marines firing during a festival, which will be used primarily as the local Visitor's Guide. This is the image you will see around town, at the Welcome Center and at various attractions and businesses."

The next project for the Tourism Department is development of an "iBrochure" which will be easily accessible via online access for mobile devices and tablets.

To request a supply of the new Ste. Genevieve Visitor Guides, stop by the Welcome Center any day between 9am and 5pm. For more information go to [www.VisitSteGen.com](http://www.VisitSteGen.com) or call 573.883.7097.



## Rural Fire Tags Due March 1st

If you live in Ste. Genevieve County, you should begin to see rural fire tag renewals in your mailbox by the end of January. These fire tags are due on or

before March 1, 2014. If you have recently built or purchased a home in Ste. Genevieve County within 5 miles of the Ste. Genevieve Volunteer Fire

Department on Pine Street, please contact City Hall @ 573-883-5400 to get a rural fire tag.

## Check Out the New Local Shops and Restaurants in Town

**Impressions Tea Room**  
(Restaurant / Retail Shop)  
10 S. Third Street

**Simple to Sassy Décor & More**  
(Retail Shop)  
199 N. Main Street

**Rust**  
(Retail Shop)  
122 N. Main Street

**Sweet Things Sweet Shop**  
(Retail Shop)  
242 Market Street

## 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)

## Upcoming Events in Ste. Genevieve

### January 2014

January 11-12  
Route du Vin  
Souper Wine Weekend

### February 2014

February 1  
King's Ball  
VFW Hall - Ste. Genevieve

February 7  
History of Chocolate  
Bolduc House – Ste. Genevieve

February 8  
Polar Bear Run  
Ste. Gen County Community Center

February 8-9  
Route du Vin  
Romancing the Grape

February 15  
Chocolate Walk  
Downtown Ste. Genevieve

February 28  
Fourth Friday Art Walk  
Downtown Ste. Genevieve

### March 2014

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# 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.



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