



# CityScene



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## Ste. Genevieve City Hall will begin using TextCaster

Thanks to the sponsorship of Citizens Electric, MRV Bank, Bloomsdale Bank and Ste. Genevieve Herald, the Ste. Genevieve City Hall will soon be utilizing TextCaster for communication with residents. Watch our FaceBook page and Twitter for more information to come about signing up.



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## Ste. Genevieve's Vertical Log Treasures

How many vertical log structures still stand in Ste. Genevieve? Our town is famous for its vertical log buildings. Some are nationally recognized, some have been officially registered, but many are private secrets. Many visitors to Ste. Genevieve might leave with the impression that there are only about half a dozen such buildings here. Even local residents may be surprised to learn that seemingly normal white siding may disguise vertical log buildings. The Ste. Genevieve Welcome Center has started an informal list of the widely recognized vertical structures located within the boundary of the National Historic Landmark District.

Ste. Genevieve holds the distinction of the having the largest concentration of French Colonial buildings in North America. The French settlers who migrated here originated from the Quebec area and before that from the Normandy region of France. In those locations, homes were typically built with vertical logs and very steeply pitched roofs supported by Norman trusses. Here in Ste. Genevieve and in French settlements

further south, galleries were added to shade the buildings and protect the white-washed or plastered exterior walls resulting in the distinctive hipped, colonial roof as seen on the Bolduc House, the Jean Baptiste Valle House, the Bequette Ribault house, and others.

While many buildings in early Ste. Genevieve were constructed with their heavy timbers installed vertically on a sill, others were built with the vertical logs placed directly in the ground. Three out of the five known remaining poteaux-en-terre (post-in-ground) buildings in the United States are located on St. Marys Road/Main Street. They are the Bequette-Ribault House, the Bauvais-Amoureux House, and the Vital St. Gemme Beauvais House, all constructed between 1792 and 1808.

Of the vertical log structures still standing, so far the earliest date of construction verified through dendrochronology, tree ring dating, is that of the Green Tree Tavern. Also known as the Janis-Ziegler Home, it was built in 1790. Construction

using vertical timbers continued in Ste. Genevieve perhaps as late as the mid-1800s.



You can learn more about our architectural legacy by visiting the Welcome Center at 66 South Main Street where we can direct you to the homes that are open for tours

## Winter Water Tips

Well folks, it's here!

Winter that is. If you have not already made preparations for the cold, you better get to it. Here are a few tips to help you out.

### Winter Water Tips

It is a good idea to know where your main-line valve (to shut off your water) is located and check it for proper operation. This valve controls water flowing into your home and is usually found near where the water line comes into your house. Knowing where the valve is will allow you to quickly turn off the water if a pipe should burst or you have other water problems.



Eliminate drafts. Check around the home for areas where water supply lines are located in unheated areas and take measures to prevent the flow of cold air in these areas. Look under the house, in the basement, crawl space, attic, garage,

and under kitchen and bathroom cabinets. Both hot and cold water pipes in these areas could freeze and should be insulated. Insulation supplies are available at your local home improvement or hardware store.



If your water pipes do freeze, never try to thaw a pipe with an open flame or torch. Always be careful of the potential for electric shock if an electric appliance is used around water.



### What if I lose the heat source in my home?

If you are staying in your home, or will be monitoring your home frequently, allow a faucet to drip cold water slowly. At a minimum, the dripping faucet should be the one that is the greatest distance from your main water shutoff valve. Also, consider allowing a slow drip in areas that are least protected from the cold, such as basements, crawl spaces, attics, the garage.

### What do I do if my water meter freezes?

If you suspect you have a frozen water meter, call us for help. Do not attempt to thaw the water meter yourself as this can result in extensive damage. Contact Ste. Genevieve City Hall during normal business hours (8am-5pm) @ 573-883-5400 or after hours @ 573-880-1175 in case of an emergency.



## Police Department's Newsletter

In recent months, there have been many concerns raised regarding the ever increasing population of skunks in Ste. Genevieve. While trapping *seems* to be the best solution, there are always just more to follow. We've found the best way to drive skunks away is to eliminate the skunk's food source. Skunks like cat and dog food, and with several people in Ste. Genevieve who leave food out for

stray cats, or leave food out for their own outside pets, etc., it's a perfect environment for the skunks to make home.

We are encouraging all citizens in Ste. Genevieve to stop leaving food out for cats and dogs, as well as keeping garbage in approved trash receptacles, away from stray animals and especially skunks.



## Street & Park Departments

The street department has been busy getting all the snow equipment ready for the winter. This time of year holes are being patched with bag mix due to the asphalt plants closing for the winter. Signs are being repaired and changed out if in bad shape or faded.

Christmas decorations are installed before the holiday season and then removed afterwards. The maintenance on vehicles and small engines is also completed during the winter months.

The goal is to make sure all summer equipment is ready for the mowing season. The Park crew repaints picnic tables, trash cans and helps the street department during winter. We hope everyone had great holiday season.

## 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.

## 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)

## Check Out the New Businesses in Town

**Audubon's of Ste. Genevieve**  
**9 N. Main Street**  
**573-883-3290**

**Steiger Haus**  
**242 Merchant Street**  
**314-750-4662**

**Main Street Story Tellers**  
**&**  
**Ste. Genevieve Ghost Tours**  
**260 Merchant Street**  
**314-288-8888**

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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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