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From Caps to Benches

Many people in Ste. Genevieve are conscientious about recycling. We do it to make a personal contribution to preserving our environment. While these efforts are admirable, once the recyclable materials are placed in a container or taken to the Recycling Center we have to take it on faith that it will be reused for some productive purpose. The Ste. Genevieve Rotary Club is offering a new option. Now you can turn plastic caps into benches.

The Rotary Club is collecting caps. When 400 lbs. are collected, cleaned and sorted Rotarians take them to a facility in Indiana where the caps are turned into benches for our community. The benches will be placed throughout town so citizens and visitors will have places to rest as they go about their business. Now you can help preserve the environment while realizing direct local benefits from your recycling efforts.

The material that can be used is clean, plastic container caps that are free of metal. This includes:

- snap-on **LIDS** from such containers as cottage cheese, coffee can, and yogurt etc.
- twist-on medicine, drink, and milk bottle **CAPS**, including the ring
- flip-top **CAPS** from ketchup and condiment bottles
- large twist **CAPS** (such as detergent)
- spout **CAPS** (such as squirt mustard)

What can't be used are; **trigger sprayers or pumps, fast food drink lids, the containers, caps with metal pieces or bottles.**

The drop-off locations include:

Ste. Genevieve County Health Department at 115 Basler Dr.

Ste. Genevieve Ambulance – All Locations

Bank of Bloomsdale at 695 Center Drive

Ste. Genevieve City Hall at 165 S. Fourth St.

ACT NOW! Take something you would normally throw away and help turn it into benches for all to enjoy.

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, 2016.

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.

Are Wood Stoves Safe?

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If your local code or stove manufacturer's requirements differ from those detailed here, you must follow the stricter of the 2 sets of requirements. If in doubt, check with the Ste. Genevieve Fire Department or the building inspector at Ste. Genevieve City Hall.

Wood burning stove safety installation

All operating wood stoves and furnaces require specific minimum distances or clearance between the bottom, top, sides, front and back of the stove and all combustible materials. Insufficient clearance could cause heat produced by the stove to penetrate nearby combustibles, causing a serious fire.

Installation clearances may be reduced from 36 inches or UL-listed manufactured instructions to these lower dimensions by installing a heat shield along the combustible wall.

Chimney

The chimney for a wood stove must be masonry or UL-listed, and factory built. Never, under any circumstances, should an unlined, single brick chimney be used for a wood stove. Single brick chimneys are prone to deterioration.

Many older homes have unlined chimneys constructed of double brick. These may be used for a wood stove after carefully checking for cracked mortar or loose or missing brick. Metal sleeves that are listed by the Underwriters Laboratory may be used as chimney lines if they were designed for such use. Metal chimneys should be completely disassembled after a chimney fire and checked for damage. Discoloration of the exterior indicates a

possible breakdown of the insulating material. Any questionable section should be replaced.

A wood burning stove should never be connected to a flue which vents an oil burner. Deadly, unburned vapors from the oil burner could back up into the stove and the room where it is located.

Ventilation

Venting the stove is the most important part of the wood-burning system. 90% of all stove-related fires originate within the venting system. A venting system is not a chimney – it consists of lengths of 24-gauge or heavier stovepipe which connects the stove to an approved chimney.

The vent must be as short as possible, with no more than 2 right angle elbows. Stovepipe clearance is extremely important. It must never pass through an interior wall, floor, or ceiling. Stovepipe should never be used for a chimney because the elements will rust. Where possible, the stovepipe must go directly into a lined masonry or UL-listed, factory-built chimney. If stovepipe must pass through an exterior wall to reach the chimney, maintain an 18-inch minimum clearance to all combustibles. Consult fire codes and use metal thimbles designed for this purpose.

Operations and maintenance

Use proper fuel

Hardwoods, such as maple, beech, ash, hickory, or oak, are the best fuel for a wood stove. Wood should be cut, split and air dried for at least a year before burning. Well-seasoned hardwood will show cracks in the ends. Wood will dry faster and remain dry and protected from the elements if stored in a shed or under a tarp.

Regular cleaning

Use a wire brush to clean your stovepipe and chimney at least once a year. Also, occasionally use controlled, high-temperature fires in the stove or furnace. Don't bother with the salt-based chemical cleaners. And never use heavy items such as chains, bricks or a brush on the end of a rope, because they could seriously damage the interior chimney lining.

Avoid creosote buildup

Creosote is a highly combustible fuel that burns intensely. A slow-burning fire such as those found in a modern, airtight stove damped way down, produces a flue temperature in the 100-200 degree Fahrenheit range. These comparatively low temperatures do not sufficiently carry all of the unburned, combustible gases into the atmosphere. Instead, they condense along the walls of the stovepipe and the chimney as creosote. Creosote may take 3 forms:

A sticky liquid that will run down the chimney and stove pipe where it will be burned

A flaky, black deposit which is easily removed by brushing

A hard, glazed tar which is almost impossible to remove, except by a certified professional chimney sweep

Tips for a fire

Season woods outdoors through the hot, dry summer for at least 6 months before burning it. Properly seasoned wood is darker, has cracks in the end grain, and sounds hollow when smacked against another piece of wood.

Regularly remove ashes from the wood stove into a metal container with a cover, and store outdoors.

Police Department Launches K-9 Program

The Ste. Genevieve Police Department is proud to announce our new K-9 program has launched and our K-9, Yadi is patrolling Ste. Genevieve with his handler, Officer Nick Cusanelli.



Yadi is a 2 year old Belgian Malinois, who is trained as a dual purpose narcotic dog, meaning that in addition to detecting narcotics, Yadi is trained for criminal apprehension, officer protection, building searches, as well as area and article searches, and tracking.

We are really excited to have Officer Cusanelli and Yadi on our force.

Upcoming Events in Ste. Genevieve

FEBRUARY 6

Downtown Renewal Chocolate Walk

FEBRUARY 6

Ste. Genevieve Queen's Ball

FEBRUARY 13 - 14

Route du Vin Romancing the Grape

February 26

4th Friday Art Walk

March 25

4th Friday Art Walk

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Ste. Genevieve Welcome Center

[www.VisitSteGen.com](http://www.VisitSteGen.com)

## Infrastructure Improvement Are Being Made



Many of you have noticed the work that has been performed around our town: most recently, the contractors working on the water main replacement

program. Some water mains have been replaced while other replacement needs are being considered for future projects. Aging infrastructure will continue to be dealt with through continual rounds of planning procedures. The replacement and maintenance of aging infrastructure provides many benefits to the community, including the assurance of a continued supply of quality water to residents, reduced service interruptions, and the avoidance of costly repairs associated with aged materials. The City

of Ste. Genevieve and Alliance Water Resources are committed to an ongoing plan to update and improve our water system. This implementation of modern materials and practices is all in an effort to maintain reliable service to residents. It is our pleasure to serve our mutual community and we hope everyone has a great 2016.



## Street and Park Department Updates

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are having a great new year. There have been a few changes to the street and park departments. With the resignation of the Park Superintendent, the street and park departments have been combined. Additionally, the Board of Alderman approved the addition of a new employee and the vacant positions have been filled. With the new staff, we

are positive that we can maintain the streets and parks.

Pointe Basse Drive had a large portion replaced last year and will make the road safer and more comfortable to drive on.

The snow equipment has been installed on the trucks for winter and the salt has been delivered. Please remember to stay back from the salt trucks. Be safe and be prepared.



## City's Urban Design Levee Held Back the New Year's Flood



City staff, area first responders, levee officials, volunteers and property owners were all pulling together for the flood response during December 27 through January 3, 2016. Torrential rains occurring over the period of December 26 through 29 caused flash flooding, saturated soils and rapidly rising floodwaters on the Mississippi River. River levels and predictions of an expected crest of 49.99 ft led to the closure of the floodgates on the Urban Design Levee on Sunday December 27 and a series of other flood management, response and recovery actions in the following two weeks.

Although the predicted water level was within the capacity of the Urban Design Levee, tensions were running high as the memories of the Flood of 1993, which topped out at 49.7 at Chester, were still foremost in people's minds. As a precautionary measure, rock was added to ensure a consistent amount of 'freeboard' to a level of 53 ft along the length of the levee, residents and businesses were advised to be prepared in case an evacuation became necessary, and many irreplaceable artifacts and original works of art were

moved to higher ground. Daily meetings were conducted to coordinated and communicate across response organizations. Volunteers helped fill sandbags, patrol the levee and assist residents and business owners in the Historic District.

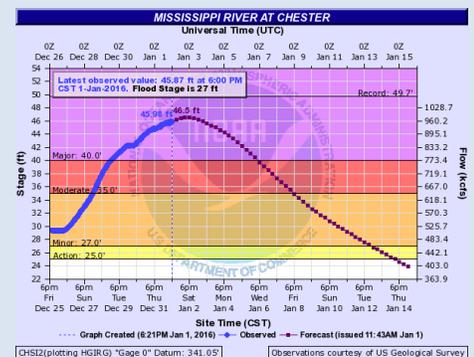
As the week Dec 28 – Jan 1 continued, a combination of preparedness actions, open communication and the fact the National Weather Service lowered the crest predictions helped alleviate concerns. Volunteers went door-to-door with information and daily updates were posted on social media. City staff coordinated volunteers with requests from those needing assistance. Many volunteers were sent to help neighboring St. Mary with sandbagging efforts as well.

Finally the river crested late Friday night, January 1st, at 45.99 ft on the Chester gauge. As flood waters started rapidly receding, and with the levee reinforced, Levee District 3 in conjunction with County Emergency Management and the City of Ste. Genevieve developed a plan to allow people to access the levee from Noon to 4pm on Sunday, January 3rd.

"We wanted citizens to have a chance to see the levee in action and to really get a better understanding of how massive this levee is and how it functions," said Vern Bauman president of Levee District 3. Nearly 200 cars drove through the 'South Levee Loop' and another 100 pedestrians opted to walk on the 'North

Levee Loop' on a sunny but cold Sunday afternoon. During the week of Jan 4 – 8, businesses and residents in the National Historic District started the process of cleaning up, restoring their storefronts and moving art and antiques that had been relocated during the New Year's Flood.

Many thanks to the volunteers who were willing to help during the entire flooding preparation, response and recovery process.



## Check Out the New Businesses in Town

**CLAS Industries, LLC**  
305 N. Main Street

**First Settlement Country  
Store**  
132 Merchant 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)

### 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  
700 Market Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
St. Louis, MO 63101  
314-621-6960  
[www.lacledegas.com](http://www.lacledegas.com)

### Trash Service

Republic Services  
12561 State Route A  
Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670  
877-631-1156  
[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  
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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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