



CityScene



July / August / September 2013

Volume 13, Issue 3

www.stegenevieve.org

573-883-5400

Pedestrian Traffic Through Downtown



The Ste. Genevieve Police Department wants to remind citizens that Missouri State law and the ordinances of Ste. Genevieve require motorists to stop and yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk. With

Ste. Genevieve having an active tourism industry, we have a high volume of foot traffic, especially in the downtown area. There are also many crosswalks near both of the schools in Ste. Genevieve.

While crosswalks located at a traffic controlled intersection are usually more obvious, we wanted to remind motorists to keep an eye out for the many crosswalks we have located in the middle of blocks.

For instance, on Market Street near the Valle School, there is a crosswalk which is commonly disobeyed. According to the ordinance of Ste. Genevieve, "The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-

way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger."

However, our ordinance also states, "No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.

Watch Summer Water Consumption

As we all know with summer months come increased water usage by some customers and businesses. These additions come from lawn care, kids, pools, and all other outside cleaning we do during the warmer season. Customers can do their part in conserving water in many ways. Customers should address any leak or dripping line they may have. These small amounts of usage will add to your utility bill rather quickly. Things to look for would be leaking faucets, hose spigots leaking or left on, etc. Customers can also become more aware of known usage such as leaving the

water running while brushing teeth or doing dishes. Don't run your dishwasher or washing machine until you have a full load.

It is also recommended that customers change the flapper in their toilets every time you change the batteries in their smoke detectors, this can make a difference all on its own. A little look around could save you a lot.

Lowering our water use ensures clean water for future generations, reduces the electricity required for water and wastewater services



Park Department Busy Mowing

The Park department is busy this time of year, mowing, keeping up with all the ball games and getting the ball fields ready. They also mow the buyout

properties and keep up the welcome center property. The public restrooms on Main Street are kept clean for tourists and the community to use.

Keep your eye out for the mowers when driving around town.

Street Department News

The street department stays busy this time of year patching holes, mowing grass and weed eating. Two summer helpers are hired to work with the street and park departments. They stay busy doing the weed eating and working on ball fields. The street crew is also responsible for assisting in the opening

and closing of the flood gates when flooding occurs. After the flood water recedes, the roads must be hosed to remove mud and debris. We have already seen a few flash floods this season, so you have probably seen crews taking care of the streets in the aftermath.

Some of the sidewalks in the downtown area will begin to be replaced this summer, some trees will need to be removed, but the City is working on a plan to replace some trees currently in the sidewalk to some yard areas.

News from the Historic District

STE. GENEVIEVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND LANDMARKS COMMISSION:

News from the Historic District

"We are only the caretakers of these houses, which were here before we owned them and which will be here after we are gone." Jane Powell, author and restorationist (1952-2012).



The Ste. Genevieve Landmark's Commission welcomes the newest caretakers of the Ste. Genevieve Historic District! Wes and Mary Jane Hurlless of Imperial MO, have become the new caretakers of the *Joseph Seraphin House*, c. 1826, a French creole vertical log house located at 74 Seraphin Street;



Ed and Lauren Moore have returned to Ste. Genevieve from Florida to be the caretakers of the *Francois Bernier House*, c. 1805, a French creole vertical log house located at 807 Market Street;



Karen Godwin of Memphis TN, has just recently become the new caretaker of the *Louis Delcommune House*, c. 1800-1850, an Anglo-American horizontal log house located at 199 LaHaye



and Matt Kole, of Algonquin, IL, has assumed the role of caretaker of the *Lincoln Elementary School*, c. 1859, an Anglo-American (German Vernacular) building located at 145 Washington Street.

The Commission would also like to welcome Adam and Cathy Marty of Potosi MO. Last year the Marty's became the new caretakers of the *Jean Baptiste Birke House*, c. 1800-1845 and are in the midst of restoring this French creole vernacular vertical log house.



The Commission congratulates and recognizes each of these individuals for taking on the **challenge** and for assuming the **responsibility** of safeguarding some of Ste. Genevieve's most historic buildings. **Thank you** and welcome to Ste. Genevieve!

News from the Building Department

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, an estimated 260 children under the age of 5 drown each year in residential swimming pools and spas. Many of these tragedies occur during brief lapses in adult supervision. The Commission also estimates another 3,000 children under the age of 5 are treated in hospital emergency rooms following submersion accidents each year. These accidents can occur in mere seconds, in any amount of water that covers a child's nose and mouth. Some of these submersion accidents result in permanent brain damage. Drowning is the fourth leading cause of death to children under the age

of five in the United States. But drowning is not the only safety issue to be concerned about. The CPSC also reports that within the last 13 years there have been report 60 electrocutions and 50 serious electrical shocks involving electrical hazards in and around swimming pools.

The City of Ste. Genevieve has taken a proactive approach to address these hazards and to protect the welfare of its citizens by adopting the International Building Codes. The 2003 IBC sets minimum requirements for the installation of pools and spas having a depth of 24 inches or more. Families that comply with these minimum safety

pool standards can rest easier knowing that they have taken some very necessary steps to prevent tragedy from striking on a summer day.



The International Code Council has provided some pool safety tips that the Building Department would like to share.

Tourism Department Welcomes New Director



The City of Ste. Genevieve would like to welcome Sandra Cabot as the new Director of Tourism. Sandra started with the City's Tourism Department on June 17, 2013.

Sandra Cabot has been recognized as a marketing and business development professional with direct experience in the travel and tourism industries, media communications, community development initiatives and effective communications through target market segmentation and outreach.

Prior to this position, Cabot served as the Assistant Director for Outreach and Director for SBTDC Services at the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Southeast Missouri State University. There she was responsible for a range of grant funded programs related to integrated marketing communications, rural community development, outreach and small business development services. Cabot was selected to participate in the 2012 Leadership Cape program, an intensive six month program for leadership development and professional interfacing.

As the owner of the marketing and business development firm ATD Consulting, Cabot has provided strategic marketing and communications services for several area businesses including the Spa at Chaumette Winery, Charleville Winery & Microbrewery, Toni's Medical Aesthetics & Day Spa, Crown Valley Winery and Eric Scott Custom Products. ATD's marketing and business development services include branding, market and business plan development, integration of social media and traditional marketing methods, target market identification, graphics, website development and media relations.

In the past 15 years, Cabot has been involved with the organizing committees for a number of local activities and festivals including the Ste. Genevieve Route du Vin, the French Heritage

Festival, the Promenade des Art and the Plein Air Art events, and the formation of the Mississippi River Hills/Regional Cuisines program. She has helped to promote Ste. Genevieve's tourism attractions at regional events such as St. Louis Meetings EXPO, the Working Women's Survival Show, the St. Louis Home Show, the Missouri Grape and Wine Program, the Washington MO Wine & Art Fair, and the Fort de Chartres Rendezvous.

A native of Ste. Genevieve County, one of her lifelong priorities is in giving back to her community. She has demonstrated this commitment as one of the founding members and president of the Board of Directors for the Ste. Genevieve County Community Foundation (10 years), the Foundation for Restoration of Ste. Genevieve (8 years), and a presenter for student Career Fairs and the Junior Achievement program in Southeast Missouri. Cabot is a member of the Missouri Economic Development Council, the National Association of Professional Women, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Ste. Genevieve Chamber of Commerce.

Sandra can be reach at the Welcome Center; located at 66 S. Main Street, her phone number is 573-883-7097 and email is scabot@stegenevieve.org

The City is Updating the Comprehensive Plan

For many years the City of Ste. Genevieve has had a comprehensive plan that was adopted for the purpose of promoting the "health, safety, morals and general welfare of the community". The last update of this plan occurred in 1997. As stated in the 1997 version, "The comprehensive plan should not be considered a static document...The plan should be reviewed and updated as the need occurs..." After 16 years, it is time to take a look at how our plan should be amended to reflect current conditions and opportunities.

The Comprehensive Plan is important. At a minimum, it establishes the legal foundation for land use decisions that are made as the City implements its planning and zoning

responsibilities. However, it can and should be more than just a land use document that gathers dust on a shelf somewhere in city hall. With your help it can be more. We can craft a plan that is a dynamic with goals, objectives and strategies that lead to developing your community as you, the citizens, want it to be.

It all starts with you. Whether you live in the city, or nearby, your input is essential if the plan is to be more than just another government document. A committee that has been established to advise the Board or Aldermen on how our plan should be amended. They cannot do this alone. They need to know what people think in a number of critical areas so their recommendations reflect the will of the citizens.

To ensure this, we have crafted a questionnaire that will be used to gather this information. This is your opportunity to tell City Hall what you think.

We are in the process of placing these questionnaires around town. At a minimum they will be available at City Hall, the Welcome Center, the Chamber of Commerce office, the Hospital information desk, the Community Center/Library, and a variety of other places. In addition the survey can be filled out on-line at

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ste_gen_survey

Take a few minutes to fill out one of these surveys. This is your opportunity to tell City Hall what you think.

Upcoming Events in Ste. Genevieve

JULY 2013

July 26
Fourth Friday Art Walk
Local art galleries open 6-9 pm

Thursdays in July
Municipal Band Concerts
8 pm in the Valle Desert

Fridays in July
Summer Music Festival
Visit www.stegenchamber.org or
call 573-883-3686 for tickets

AUGUST 2013

August 10-11
Jour de Fete
For more information:
SainteGenevieveJourDeFete.com

August 23
Fourth Friday Art Walk

August 24
Viva la Musique
North American French Music Festival at
the Bolduc House Museum.
Call 573-883-3105 for more information.

August 24
Classic Cruisers Car Show
KC. Hall - Market & 6th Streets

SEPTEMBER 2013

September 13-15
4th Annual Ste. Genevieve History Conference
More information: 573.883.9622

September 27-October 6
Plein Air Painting
Artist competitions and art show
More information: 573-883-9199

September 27
Fourth Friday Art Walk
Local art galleries open 6-9 pm

Yard Waste Disposal Site is Not for Trash and Junk

The City of Ste. Genevieve provides a place for City residents to dispose of yard waste. However, lately there have been other items dumped there.

The "yard waste disposal site" is not intended for trash and junk. Yard waste is defined as garden waste, leaves, lawn cuttings, weeds, pruning, shrubs and tree waste generated at

residential or commercial properties located in the City limits of the City of Ste. Genevieve. It does not include tree stumps or limbs over six (6) feet long or over twenty-four (24) inches in diameter.

Please remember that when trash and junk is dumped in the location, it costs City funds to pay staff to dispose of these items properly.



Directory

CityScene is published quarterly by the City of Ste. Genevieve located at 165 S. Fourth Street, Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670. For information call 883-5400 or visit our website at www.stegenevieve.org.

City Contacts

City Hall – Phone	573-883-5400
City Hall – Fax	573-883-8105
Mayor – Richard Greminger	573-883-5400
City Administrator – Martin Toma	573-883-5400
City Clerk – Pam Meyer	573-883-5400
City Treasurer – Sue Schweiss	573-883-5400
Utilities	573-883-5400
Planning & Zoning – Brenda Schloss	573-883-5400
Building Inspector – Jimmie Jones	573-883-5400
Court Clerk – Lisa Kemper	573-883-5707
Street Department – David Pinkley	573-883-3507
Sewer Department – Steve Wilson	573-883-3251
Water Department – Steve Wilson	573-883-9240
Welcome Center – Sandra Cabot	573-883-7097
Park Department – Darrin Jacob	573-883-9264
Police Department – Eric Bennett, Chief	573-883-5707
Police Department – Dispatch	573-883-5215
Fire Department – Mick Schwent, Chief	573-883-5321
Emergency	911

Board of Alderman

Shawna Zerwig (Ward 1) szewig@stegenevieve.org	573-883-7867 (H) 573-535-9449 (C)
Tom Couch (Ward 1) tcouch@stegenevieve.org	573-880-9333 (C)
Michael "Buck" Jokerst (Ward 2) mjokerst@stegenevieve.org	573-883-3045 (H) 573-883-0393 (C)
John Stuppy (Ward 2) jstuppy@stegenevieve.org	573-747-6736 (C)
Donald Stuppy (Ward 3) dstuppy@stegenevieve.org	573-535-8136 (C)
Carl Okenfuss (Ward 3) cokenfuss@stegenevieve.org	573-883-3579 (H) 573-535-4788 (C)
Linda Brumfield (Ward 4) lbrumfield@stegenevieve.org	573-883-2529 (H) 573-883-0357 (C)
Teddy Ross (Ward 4) tross@stegenevieve.org	618-210-7371 (C)



Recycling Center of Ste. Genevieve
17690 U.S. Highway 61
1st 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



Studio: 165 S. 4th Street, Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670
Mailing Address: Ste. Genevieve Community Access Television
P.O. Box 51
Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670
Phone: 573-883-7675
E-mail: stegentv@stegentv.com **Website:** www.stegentv.com



Bookmark on your phone - visitstegen.com



Follow [link](#) to open pdf brochure.