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Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training Starts Tuesday, March 11

Are you prepared for a disaster? The next six-week Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training class will be held March 11 - April 15 on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m.

Following a major disaster, first responders (police, fire fighters, and paramedics) and even public utility providers will not easily meet the demands for public service. Individual neighbors may have to rely on each other for immediate life-saving and life-sustaining needs. We can help you prepare!

Class topics include the following: disaster



During a disaster, residents may be called on to respond. CERT trains people to help people.



preparedness, disaster fire suppression, disaster medical operations, search and rescue operations, disaster psychology, team organization, and weapons of mass destruction. The class ends with a live disaster simulation, and each

graduate is given basic disaster response supplies. Since 2002, 500 citizens have completed CERT training. Participation is limited to the first 40 registrants, so sign-up now!

Registration can be completed on the city's Web site at www.creve-coeur.org

or by calling the Crime Prevention Office at (314)872-2540.

Woodbury to Speak at Garden Seminar Sunday, March 2

Mark your calendars for this year's free spring gardening seminar, set for Sunday, March 2 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the council chamber at the Creve Coeur Government Center.

Our speaker is Scott Woodbury, well-known expert on native planting and curator of the Whitmire Wildflower Garden at Shaw Nature Reserve, where he has been developing the garden for 16 years. The wildflower garden is a five-acre demonstration for home gardening and of Missouri plant

communities including prairie, savanna, glade, woodland, and wetland communities.

Native tree seedlings & native wildflower seeds will also be provided to attendees. Overflow parking will be available across the street at the Post Office. Reservations not necessary; for more information, call Jaysen at (314)872-2516.



From the Desk of **Mayor Dielmann**



Hopefully by now you are finding alternate routes with the closing of I-64. We appreciate all your efforts in working to make this transition as



in our city, the Gateway City's Food & Brewery, opened in January.

The new traffic light at Dierberg's West Oak is moving forward with a scheduled completion date of this

smooth as possible. We have seen increased traffic on some of our streets such as Olive Boulevard, Ladue Road, and Ballas Road. Traffic is moving nicely on Olive Boulevard with the synchronization of the traffic lights. I was recently able to travel from Mason Road all the way to Lindbergh Boulevard without having to stop at 1:30 p.m.

A settlement has been made on the cell phone tax, and Creve Coeur will be receiving approximately \$1.5 million. The City Council and I will be conservatively looking at where we can make the best use of these funds.

We had a fantastic grand opening of what is considered to be one of the newest upscale McDonald's Restaurants in the country, which is located in Creve Coeur. I urge all of you to stop by and enjoy this new addition to our city. Another new, great restaurant

month.

Yours for a better Creve Coeur,

Creve Coeur: Cool City!

Q: Can I really save energy and reduce carbon dioxide just by switching to compact fluorescent light bulbs?

A: You bet. A 25-watt compact fluorescent light emits as much light as a 100-watt incandescent bulb, but it uses 1/4 of the energy. The EPA estimates that making the switch saves on average 100 pounds of carbon dioxide per year. If every person in Creve Coeur switched just one light bulb, we could save over 1.6 million pounds of carbon dioxide per year. Also these fluorescent bulbs save money because they last longer and use less electricity.

To learn more, visit www.creve-coeur.org/.

Chamber Honors Council Member Jeanne Rhoades

The Creve Coeur-Olivette

Chamber of Commerce honored Creve Coeur City Council Member Jeanne Rhoades as



Council Member
Jeanne Rhoades

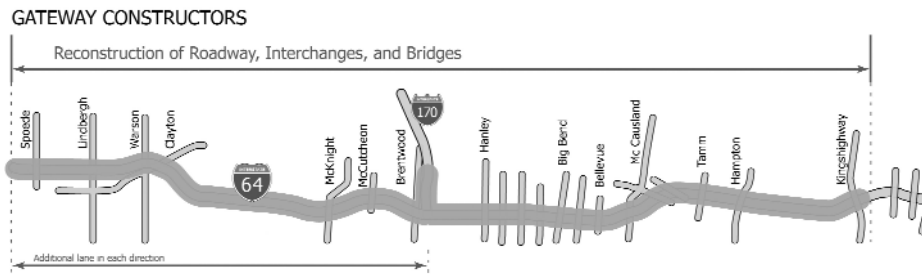
Legislator of the Year at its December meeting. Congratulations to Council Member Rhoades.

February Calendar

- 4 Planning & Zoning 7 p.m.
- 6 Tappmeyer Foundation 4:30 p.m.
Recycling, Environment, & Beautification (REB) 4:30 p.m.
Parks & Recreation 4:30 p.m.
- 11 City Council Work Session 6 p.m.
City Council Meeting 7 p.m.
- 12 Olive Blvd. TDD Board 8 a.m.
- 14 Stormwater Committee 5:30 p.m.
Board of Adjustment 7 p.m.
- 18 Presidents' Day - Offices Closed
- 19 Traffic Committee 6 p.m.
- 20 REB Subcommittee
Cool Cities 4:30 p.m.
- 21 Economic Development
Commission 8 a.m.
- 25 City Council Work Session 6 p.m.
City Council Meeting 7 p.m.
- 26 Olive Blvd. TDD Board 8 a.m.

Meetings are subject to change. Visit www.creve-coeur.org for updates.

Mayor's Trivia... Did you know that there were once train tracks running through the middle of Creve Coeur?



Motorists Cope with I-64 Closure

Motorists seem to be adjusting well after the shutdown of I-64 between Ballas and 170, and improvements made to Ladue Road have proven helpful. Motorists are encouraged to report problems, concerns, congestions, or complaints to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) at (314)340-4100. The city continues to do everything possible to mitigate the situation, and we ask for everyone's patience in working through this challenge. Some of the most frequent questions asked include the following:

Q Can you adjust the lights at Olive and Ballas? My green light is too short.

A. The City of Creve Coeur does not control the signal timings or the traffic volume. Lights are timed for the most efficient movement of traffic throughout the region, which may take a few cycles to get through a specific intersection. MoDOT views affected roadways and will make adjustments as needed. If you see a problem or have a suggestion, call MoDOT at (314)340-4100.

Q. Ballas Road is backed up. What other way can I go?

A. The relief routes for east-west are I-70, Page, Olive, Clayton, Manchester, and I-44. The north-south relief routes are I-270, Lindbergh, and 170. Travel has been quicker on the

interstates. If you dial 1-877-478-5511, or 511 from your cell phone, the Gateway Guide can advise the best route at this time.

Q. Can you send an officer to Olive and Ballas to direct traffic?

A. It has been shown that having officers direct traffic is only beneficial for small, isolated incidents. With wide-scale congestion, officers would actually work against the signal timings, set to benefit the entire region, making it worse for the region.

Q. What has the city done to prepare for this?

A. City staff and officials have participated in planning efforts with MoDOT and St. Louis County. In addition, the photo enforcement system is expected to keep intersection blocking to a minimum. Ladue Road has been improved at several locations, and Ballas Road will be resurfaced this year.

Q. Is there anything that I can do to get to where I need to go?

A. Visit modot.org then thenewi64.org for a detailed list of suggestions, some of which include the following: allow extra time for travel, travel during off peak hours, use public transportation, car pool, flex hours, work from home, obey all traffic laws, slow down, and above all - be patient.

Council Activity

- City Council activity on January 14 included the following:
- Held a public hearing & completed one reading to revise the zoning code regarding placement of utility facilities on private property.
 - Held a public hearing & completed one reading on a change of zoning for existing multifamily residential developments south of Old Ballas Road along Coeur de Ville Drive & Sarah Lane.
 - Held a public hearing & completed one reading to amend the city code and allow tri-vision billboards.
 - Held a public hearing & completed one reading to amend the zoning code and expand the list of permissible uses in the LI, Light Industrial District to promote development.
 - Held a public hearing & completed one reading to reissue a new site development plan and conditional use permit for DeSmet Jesuit High School, 233 New Ballas Road.
 - Approved the purchase of two dump trucks with salt spreaders and snow plows not to exceed \$182,000 and the purchase of salt not to exceed \$20,000.
 - Accepted a donation of Isle of Capri Casinos to sponsor city employee participation in the Gateway Health Challenge.
 - Approved an agreement for a digital voice recording system for the Police Department not to exceed \$8,650.
 - Approved a settlement agreement with US Cellular and completed one reading for agreements with Sprint and AT&T.



Planning Update

The following items are currently under review by the Department of Planning:



Fifth Third Bank

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City Council is expected to review this proposal in February. The proposal includes a conditional use permit and site development plan approval to construct a one-story, 4,117-sq. ft. bank at 11100 Olive Boulevard at the southwest corner of Olive and Mary Meadows Drive.

Starbuck's

A revised conditional use permit application for a 1,750-sq. ft. Starbuck's in the Shoppes at Questover at 12520 Olive Boulevard was submitted. The revised application involves amended hours and number of seats for the proposed use. The restaurant will be located in the new eastern building of the center, which was recently completed.

Mosley Manor

The Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Commission is expected to review this month, with City Council review expected in February or March. The project would redevelop the southeast corner of Mosley Road and Olive Boulevard to build 13 single-family detached homes on the 5.4-acre tract.

DeSmet Jesuit High School

Located at 233 New Ballas Road, DeSmet submitted a request to amend

their concept plan to include new football and baseball facilities, including night lighting, new entrance and parking lots, a new

stormwater detention system, and additions to the main school building. P&Z recommended approval, and, at press time, City Council completed one reading.

Westgate Park Office Building

An application for rezoning and site development plan was submitted for 12466 Olive Boulevard. The proposal involves the construction of a 9,795-sq. ft. retail/office building. P&Z recommended approval, and City Council is expected to hold a public hearing on February 11.

Phillips 66 Gasoline Station

A request for a conditional use permit and site development plan was submitted to allow the redevelopment of the existing Phillips 66 station, located at 767 New Ballas Road. The applicant is proposing a new, 3,300-sq. ft. convenience store and gasoline station. P&Z recommended approval, and the City Council opened the public hearing on January 28.



Phillips 66

Zoning Code Amendments

The following text amendments to the zoning and subdivision codes have come before the Planning &

Zoning Commission and City Council:

Commercial Uses in the Light Industrial District (Sec. 26-44)

Warson Development L.L.C., requested several commercial uses be added to the list of permitted and conditional uses in the LI, Light Industrial Zoning District, which is confined to an area bounded by Baur Boulevard on the north, Warson Road on the east, Warshire Drive and Woodfield Road on the south, and east of the properties fronting Lindbergh Boulevard on the west. City Council held a public hearing and completed one reading.

Downtown Overlay Zoning District (Sec. 26-45 & 46)

City Council is currently reviewing draft language for the creation of a Downtown Overlay Zoning District for the properties located within the downtown planning area. The City Council held a public hearing on January 28. As of press time, a date for a final vote by the City Council

had not been scheduled. A copy of the proposed language is available on the city's Web site at [www.creve-coeur.org/Com-](http://www.creve-coeur.org/Com-Dev/cbd/cbd.htm)

[Dev/cbd/cbd.htm](http://www.creve-coeur.org/Com-Dev/cbd/cbd.htm).

If you would like to receive e-mail updates, sign up for the Planning & Zoning e-mail notification list at www.creve-coeur.org/.



Correction on January Newsletter

A misprint in the January 2008 Newsletter occurred in the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) reporting the Parkway School District tax at \$27622 and Ladue School District tax at \$548. The corrected chart is below.

Where Does My Property Tax Go?

TAX ENTITY	RATE	COST
Parkway School District	3.2300	\$ 2762
Ladue School District	2.9800	2548
Creve Coeur Fire District	0.8130	695
Special School District	0.9084	777
County	0.5580	477
Community College	0.2003	171
Metro Zoo	0.2330	199
Library	0.1400	120
Sheltered Workshop	0.0700	60
City of Creve Coeur	0.0750	64
State	0.0300	26
Sewer	0.0167	14
Total Tax Parkway	6.2744	\$ 5365
Total Tax Ladue	6.0244	\$ 5151

The average Creve Coeur homeowner (\$450,000 house) pays about \$5000 in real estate property taxes, with about 1.2% going to the City of Creve Coeur, which is the only entity listed above that does not levy a personal property tax. This chart is based on FY08 tax rates levied in 2007.

McCarter & Collins Honored as Citizens of the Year

Dudley McCarter and LaVerne Collins were named 2007 Citizens of the Year at the December appreciation dinner in.

Currently a board member of the Parkway School District, Dudley served as the city attorney from 1991 to 2003.

In addition to his services to the City of Creve Coeur, he has served as president for the St. Louis County Bar Association and the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. He currently writes for the Missouri Municipal Review on *News from the Bench*.

Active with the University of Missouri, Dudley has been the recipient of many awards from the University. He received the Lou Czech Award for Service to

Missouri Municipalities from the Missouri Municipal Attorneys Association in 2003. He also serves on the Missouri Children's Trust Fund, which serves for the prevention of child abuse.

Hired in 1966 as city clerk, LaVerne Collins has spent more than half her life serving the citizens of Creve Coeur with the highest level of commitment and dedication.

She is a charter member of the Creve Coeur Squires where she has served as president and secretary for many years and has assisted with annual activities.

She retired last fall but continues to work part-time as the assistant to the mayor and can still be seen at the Government Center helping our city. Congratulations to both!

Street Tree Planting Applications due Friday, March 14

Applications are now being accepted for the spring street tree planting program. This public-private partnership is designed to share the cost of trees planted in the city rights-of-way along public streets with the residents. This is a first come, first served basis program. To participate in

the street tree planting program, a residential property owner along a public street must do the following:

- ☛ Select a type of tree from the list provided by the Department of Public Works.
- ☛ Submit \$75 toward the share of your cost of the tree and installation.

- ☛ Place a stake provided by the city marking the location you would like to see the tree(s) planted.

- ☛ Trees will be planted in April.

Please refer to the city's Web site for a complete outline of the program and an application or call the Public Works Department at (314) 872-2533 .



Employee of the Year: Lt. Bill Funkhouser

Lt. Bill Funkhouser, our Employee of the Year for 2007, is an exemplary employee. Lt. Funkhouser has served the city for over 16 years. Moving up the ranks, he first served as a patrol officer, then as a sergeant, and now a lieutenant in charge of the Community Oriented Policing & Problem Solving (COPPS) Unit, which includes traffic safety, D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), crime prevention, CERT, and Citizens Police Academy.

Not only does Lt. Funkhouser work well with city staff, but he works well with the community. He has been responsive to residents, business

persons, and city officials by providing crime and traffic data in a timely fashion and resolving conflicts.

Highlights of Lt. Funkhouser's specific accomplishments over the past year include the following:

- ❑ Served as commander of the St. Louis County Criminal Traffic Investigation Unit
- ❑ Served as staff liaison to the city's Traffic Committee
- ❑ Served as staff member to regional I-64 Committee
- ❑ Administered the photo enforcement program
- ❑ Evaluated D.A.R.E. program
- ❑ Improved citizen volunteer



Mayor Dielman (right) congratulates Lt. Funkhouser

program

- ❑ Secured police traffic services grants
- ❑ Temporarily took over patrol scheduling responsibility
- ❑ Completed master's degree in business administration

Lt. Funkhouser's dedication to the city in 2007 is appreciated!

Part-Time Employee of the Year: Shannon Lewellen



Even though she's been with the city for a little over 18 months, Shannon Lewellen has filled a vital role. She accepted new, increased responsibilities this year when she was promoted from part-time pro shop attendant to part-time pro shop manager. She took charge of the point-of-sale system accountability and training of all part-time

staff. In the absence of a golf course manager, she has accepted the responsibility of staffing and keeping the pro shop running by completing monthly inventory, accounts payable, and ordering new merchandise. And if you've played a round of golf lately, you've probably seen her smiling face.

Three Employees Honored for 30 Years of Service

Longevity is one word to describe many of our city employees. At the annual employee recognition luncheon, three employees were honored for over 30 years of service. Providing one of the most vital services to city employees, Mary Lane has excelled at providing payroll accurately and timely. Officer Dan Trefney has served the Police Department in many capacities including detective, traffic officer, patrol field training officer, and firearms instructor and armorer. Chief John Beardslee has served the Police Department as a patrol officer, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and now chief, where he has served for the last 10 years. He maintains one of the most professional departments in Missouri.



Mary Lane



Dan Trefney



John Beardslee



Sergeant Gary Lively Receives Medal of Valor

A veteran officer with over 30 years of service to Creve Coeur, Sgt. Gary Lively received the distinguished Medal of Valor last December. Sponsored by the Crusade Against Crime of America and the St. Louis Area Police Chiefs' Association, the Medal of Valor is presented in recognition of a conspicuous act of bravery

(P90 rifles), perimeter security, and traffic control.

During the course of negotiations the subject placed his shotgun against the side of his head and under his chin several times. The subject's communications included statements related to suicide by cop. At one point the subject lowered his weapon from his head and pointed it at a patrol

officer and the other sergeant who was attempting to negotiate. Fearing for the safety of the other

exceeding the normal demands of police service.

In September 2006, Creve Coeur Police

received a call about a suicidal subject with a rifle at Westminster Christian Academy on Ladue Road. Sgt. Gary Lively, one of two patrol supervisors on duty, responded to the scene. Sgt. Lively immediately assumed the role of incident commander and directed the tactical response of other officers, that is, deploying tactical weapons

officers, Sgt. Lively immediately fired his service weapon three times, striking the subject twice in the leg and causing him to fall and drop his weapon. Officers were able to advance on the subject and secure the situation.

Sgt. Lively demonstrated excellent tactical knowledge and skills, leadership, and valor.



Chief John Beardslee (left) presents Sgt. Gary Lively the Medal of Valor

Recreation Report

Ice Arena News

No stick-n-puck session on Presidents' Day Monday, February 18.

Sweetheart Skate - February 13

Bring your partner to our Wednesday night public session 6:15 - 7:45 p.m. and receive some special 2 for 1 *sweet concession deals*.

NEW - Ballet Class

Learn grace, poise, and form while strengthening core and flexibility. Great opportunity for ice skaters as well as dancers. 11 am. to noon Saturdays \$40/month

Learn to Skate (Ages 4 - Adult)

Next six-week session runs February 25 to March 9 on Saturdays between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. \$70/skater Register today; classes fill fast.

Indoor Youth Soccer (Ages 3 - 13 yrs)

Learn and continue training skills to keep sharp for the upcoming season. One-hour camps start February 14 between 4 and 7 p.m. in the Gymnasium. For more details, visit www.franciscansoccer.org.

Indoor Tennis (Ages 3-10)

Learn and sharpen basic tennis skills in a fun, non-competitive environment.

Rackets, balls, and fun provided. Wear tennis shoes. Tuesdays, beginning February 12 3:45 - 5:45 p.m. \$45/child Gym

Kidz Art

Winter classes now in session. Thursdays 1 p.m. at the Ice Arena. Check www.kidzartstlouis.com for spring class times and descriptions.

To register, or for more info, call (314) 569-8999.

Golf News

Yes, the course is open year-round, weather permitting. It's time to plan those spring & summer outings for your business or group. Call our clubhouse today at (314)432-1806.



Creve Coeur: a Cool City?

The city's Recycling, Environment, and Beautification (REB) Committee recently formed the Cool Cities Subcommittee to consider ways to implement smart energy solutions to save money and build a cleaner, safer future for Creve Coeur by reducing greenhouse gases. Cool Cities are those whose mayors have signed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, a local way to follow the Kyoto Protocol

See page 2 for more information and visit www.creve-coeur.org to learn about what you can do as an individual to conserve energy and contribute to a cleaner, safer Creve Coeur.

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