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Lieutenant Detective Mike McBride Retires

On December 31, 2009, Lieutenant Detective Mike (Mac) McBride retired after 30 years of dedicated service to the Olivette Police Department and the citizens of Olivette. Lieutenant McBride was recognized and honored at the City Council meeting of December 8, 2009 for his many years of service to our community. He served as a Police Officer, Detective Sergeant, Detective Lieutenant, and a member of the Saint Louis Metropolitan Major Case Squad for several years.

McBride has been very active in the professional law enforcement community in the St. Louis area and is highly respected among his peers for his professional leadership and criminal investigation skills. Under his leadership, the Olivette Police Department Criminal Investigation Division has steadily progressed to become an excellent unit of professionals and has solved hundreds of crimes.

The Olivette City Council recognizes and acknowledges with sincere gratitude and appreciation the 30 years of dedicated Public service to the citizens of Olivette by Lieutenant Detective Mike (Mac) McBride. Police Chief Rick Knox said, "Mike McBride has left his mark as a true and dedicated leader with the Olivette Police Department. Mike is an example to all of us of what public service is all about, and his positive influence will remain with us for many years to come."

The citizens and employees of the City Of Olivette wish Lieutenant Detective Mike (Mac) McBride and his family the best, and wish him a long and healthy future in his well-deserved retirement.



LIEUTENANT
DETECTIVE MIKE
MCBRIDE



DIRECTOR DIANA
DEATHERAGE

Human Resources Director Diana Deatherage Retires

Diana Deatherage has faithfully served the City of Olivette in a variety of administrative roles since 1987. For the past few years, Diana has been the Human Resources Officer of the City, having primary responsibility over the human resources and personnel administration functions. In addition, she performed several critical functions for the City's financial operations, including assist-

ing with the development and production of the annual operating budget for the City.

Diana retired on December 31, 2009 after 23 years of outstanding service to the City. She was well known and respected by the many citizens that she served over the years and loved and respected by her fellow employees.

Mayor Missy Waldman commented, "Diana is a great example of dedicated and unselfish public service to the citizens of our community, and she has set a very high standard. She will truly be missed by all of us."

Winter Weather: Salt and the Environment

The onslaught of winter can bring significant snow and ice to Olivette and make travel conditions treacherous. Ensuring mobility and safety during inclement weather is a priority for the Department of Public Services, businesses, and homeowners. As snow piles up, the first line of defense should simply be to shovel sidewalks and plow streets to keep them clear and prevent ice from forming. When ice does form, salt (sodium chloride) is the most commonly used deicer, due to the fact that it is readily available, effective, and inexpensive; however, because of the adverse effects that salt can have on the environment, we should use salt with care.

As snow and ice melt, they drain into landscaped areas or storm sewers, and then to natural bodies of water. Waters from a deiced area contain high levels of chlorides, which do not degrade, and there is no cost effective way to remove them. Excessive levels of chlorides have significant negative impact to both aquatic and terrestrial plants in residential gardens, landscaped areas, and rivers, as well as fish and other aquatic organisms.

Outlined below are some sensible management strategies that can provide effective ice control and prevent excess runoff of chemicals to our streams, rivers and community.

- * Shovel (or use a snow blower) before you use any product; never put a deicing product on top of snow.
- * Adopt the "Just Enough" principle, putting down just enough product to keep high traffic areas clear of ice.
- * Consider the temperature. Salt and calcium magnesium acetate have a much slower effect on melting snow and ice at temperatures below 25 degrees Fahrenheit.
- * Sweep up un-dissolved product after a storm is over for reuse.
- * Consider switching to a non-chloride deicer.
- * Inform a neighbor about the impacts chlorides have in our streams and rivers.
- * Most of all take extra care during winter weather!

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Message From the Mayor

Did you know the citizens of Olivette recycle more waste than our sister cities in the region? We are good stewards to our environment. The City Council is now encouraging that discussions and actions regarding energy efficiency and energy conservation go beyond the walls of the Council Chambers and into the kitchens and living rooms of the homes throughout our City.



MAYOR
MISSY WALDMAN

The City is pleased to offer an educational opportunity to learn about making your home energy efficient. On Thursday evening, February 18, 2010, Olivette's Community and Cultural Events Commission will present a program by Korey Hart at the Olivette Community Center. Mr. Hart is the Programs Manager for "Energy Star", and he will present information about energy saving improvements to our homes.

If we go beyond discussion and take action, we can decrease our costs for energy, plus get tax credits. According to current tax laws, "energy efficient improvements" to your home in 2009 and 2010 are eligible for an increased tax credit. Wooden burning stoves are included.

As a result of the Olivette City Council joining the Cool Cities Initiative last year, and city staff creating policies where the City can be more energy efficient and environmentally responsible, it made me move beyond discussion and into action at my own home.

I don't know about you, but when winter comes, I dread my heating bill. My home was built in 1959, and the insulation has not been upgraded since that time. This year, I am adding insulation to my attic to help lower the cost of my heating bill.

There are numerous energy efficient improvements that are eligible for tax credits.

- Windows, doors, solar lights, insulation are some of the lower cost improvements
Geothermal, solar energy for electricity, Solar Thermal watering systems are examples of larger scale improves.

Consult your accountant or go to the Internal Revenue Service web site to learn more about these tax credits.

A subcommittee within Olivette's Planning and Community Design Commission is discussing green building construction and reviewing local zoning policy. Your elected officials are responsible for the future of Olivette, and this includes our housing stock. Future home buyers will be looking not only at the area amenities, schools, and housing prices; they will also be looking into the costs of energy consumption. Ensuring that Olivette's older housing stock is not only sound, but also energy efficient, will be essential for our sustainability as a community.

REMINDER

Business license applications must be filed at Olivette City Hall by January 31, 2010, and all license fees paid by February 15, 2010. Late filing will subject the applicant to penalties as provided by Olivette Municipal Code.

Spring Stream Clean Up

The Department of Public Services is planning a spring clean up of the section of the River Des Peres that borders the northern part of Olivette. To help plan, promote and facilitate the clean-up we are looking to interested residents and community organizations for help. What better way to help the environment and your community! For more information please contact the Department of Public Services at 314-993-0252.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Energy and you

As the first decade of the 21st century comes to a close, one of its legacy's will be energy consciousness. Many would say that this dates back to the third-quarter of the 20th Century under the term "energy conservation", but when gas prices hit the \$4 per gallon mark in June 2008, our general outlook on energy use changed.

Conservation became more than saving energy, it now included stretching our wallet and protecting our environment.

The City Council has committed Olivette to being a better steward of the environment. This past decade alone, the City has initiated various initiatives and programs to make Olivette a "greener" community:

- In April 20, 2009, the City Council entered Olivette into Cool Cities Initiative, a movement by U.S. municipalities to pursue green strategies. More information regarding the City's Cool Cities Initiative can be found through the City's web site at www.olivettemo.com.
- In 2007, Olivette initiated an aggressive recycling program. Through a County grant and cooperation with Allied Waste, the City's local waste hauler, the city distributed 65-gallon recycle containers to all single family households.
- In the summer of 2009, Public Works staff distributed magnetic boards providing recycling tips and reusable shopping bags.
- The City Council has also created an employee task force to initiate policies in which the City can be more energy efficient and environmentally responsible. This task force has conducted energy audits of all the municipal buildings and has set goals to reduce the amount of energy used in these buildings.
- The Planning and Community Design Commission has created a subcommittee to evaluate the City's land and building regulations. The task of the subcommittee is to develop recommendations in improving building efficiency and developing best management practices when it comes to developing land.
- The City's Community and Cultural Affairs Commission has been developing programs to promote energy efficiency. This February, on Thursday the 18th, the Commission will host Kory Hart of Energy Star. He will present information about energy saving home improvements.

The City Council is now encouraging that the discussions and actions regarding energy efficiency and energy conservation go beyond the walls of the Council Chambers and take place in the kitchens and living rooms throughout our City. This will be a daunting task, but one with sizeable payback.

According to the 2000 Census, Olivette had 3,214 housing units, ranging from single family homes to apartment and condo complexes. Of the 3,214 housing units, 79%, or nearly 4 out of every 5 housing units, were built prior to 1970. The construction technology and energy efficiency practices of the 1970's when compared to today's standards are dramatically different.

As our housing stock continues to mature, keeping Olivette a

viable home market will require more than standard home inspections and aesthetic improvements. Potential home buyers lured by our central location, affordable housing prices, and the Ladue School District will also be looking into the energy costs and energy efficiency of the homes here. Ensuring that Olivette's housing stock is not only sound, but also energy efficient, will be essential for our sustainability as a community.

Given the current social and political environment regarding energy efficiency, investing in your home's energy use could have short and long term paybacks. For example, in the average U.S. home, lighting accounts for about 20% of the electric bill. Replacing 8-75-watt incandescent lights with 20-watt screw-in compact fluorescent bulbs could save you \$70 to \$120 annually.

Did you know that as much as 50% of the energy used in your home goes to heating and cooling? Consider assessing the energy performance of your home's heating and cooling systems, but don't just stop there. Windows, doors, and the wall and attic insulation can also impact the heating and cooling performance of your home. Mechanical upgrades can be costly, but effective. Currently both the Federal and State governments have tax incentives to assist homeowners. In addition, both utility companies' also provide low interest loans for selected upgrades.

If costs are prohibitive, there are other initiatives you could undertake: consider a programmable thermostat, have your furnace checked yearly for safety and efficiency, change your filter once a month, seal leaks around doors and windows, and close off areas of your home infrequently used, including adjusting the vents and registers.

There are many other ways to reduce energy consumption. Both AmerenUE and Laclede Gas have a plethora of energy saving tips on their websites. Ameren's web site has several documents and interactive links related to energy savings. Access their My Home-Energy Savings Tip web page with the following link: http://www.ameren.com/Residential/ADC_HomeEnergySavingsTipsRes.asp. Laclede Gas also has several documents related to energy savings. Access 30 Tips for Using Energy Wisely via the following link: <http://www.lacledegas.com/efficiency/hottips.php>.

When the City entered the Cool Cities Initiative, the purpose of the City of Olivette's government environmental actions were:

- To be conscientious stewards of the environment;
- To be conscientious stewards of public resources; and
- To set a positive example of leadership in environmentalism.

At the time of adoption, Mayor Pro Tem Missy Waldman stated "the City of Olivette is committed to being a better steward of the environment. Our goal is to inspire our citizens and businesses to join our commitment to pursue green strategies. Small steps towards going green can become larger steps for cleaner air and energy."

Take a small step forward this year and make a resolution to implement a couple of the energy saving techniques noted above or at one of the public utility websites. As the saying goes, start now and save, in more ways than one.

Police Chief's Corner

As the Chief of Police of the City of Olivette, I would like to wish all our residents and businesses a Happy and Healthy 2010.

The Olivette Police Department is committed to working as a team with the citizens of our community to provide innovative, effective, and efficient service to continue the quality life and safety in the City of Olivette. We are committed to serving the public with respect, fairness and compassion. In doing so, we will maintain the highest level of ethical and moral standards and insure the Constitutional Rights of all individuals.

As we look to the future, especially the next twelve months, we face many uncertainties with our economy. We must work together to ensure the protection of our property, as well as the safety of our neighbors, especially the elderly. Past trends indicate when unemployment rises and the economy turns, property crime increases.

I would like for all of the citizens and business owners in Olivette to make a New Year's Resolution to protect yourselves from crime by doing the following.

- Lock your vehicles and never leave any valuables such as purses, cell phones, laptop computers, loose change and other items where they can be easily seen from the outside. *(Several vehicles have been ransacked and items taken in 2009.)*
- Always be aware of your surroundings. If someone approaches you or knocks on your door and you are uncomfortable,

please call the police at 314-645-3000.

- Always be aware of "Scam Artists" who call frequently on the phone, send emails or knock on the door. *(These people depend upon your good nature to steal from you.)*
- Be cognizant of where you place your debit/credit card after you use it. *(A debit card was used by a store employee after a customer left it on the counter.)*
- Don't leave your bicycles unattended or unlocked outside. *(Multiple bicycles were stolen in 2009.)*
- Lock your doors and keep garage doors closed even when at home. *(Two houses were burglarized when residents were home. The suspects entered through unlocked doors.)*

On behalf of the men and women of the Olivette Police Department, I want to ensure you that we will continue to work hard to protect all people who live in, work in, and travel to our great community.

As always, thank you for your support.

Rick Knox
Chief of Police



CHIEF OF POLICE
RICK KNOX

Citizen Police Academy Graduation December 8, 2009



On behalf of the Olivette Police Department, we want to thank all those who attended the recent session of the Citizen Police Academy. We also extend our thanks to the Creve Coeur, Town and Country,

Frontenac, Des Peres Police Departments for allowing us the opportunity to be a part of this program. These fellow departments made our participating officer and citizens feel welcome and we look forward to the ongoing partnership. While the Olivette Police Department celebrates its second active session with the program, the Citizen Police Academy has successfully hosted twelve series of classes.

The Citizens Police Academy classes are held weekly. Attendance is free of charge and open to residents of the participating

municipalities. Registration is simple and includes an application and background check prior to attending classes.

Each week's classes address a different aspect of police work. Topics covered include an introduction of criminal and constitutional law, traffic enforcement, investigations, defensive tactics and firearms. Participants are encouraged to apply the lesson through activities such as active role-play scenarios which mimic actual situations officers encounter.

While the program is not designed to train individuals to be police officers, or qualify the participants to be auxiliary/reserve officers, it does allow for a better understanding of the function of the police officer. Citizens complete the session with a clearer understanding of both the powers and limitations placed on the officer. We, as police personnel, receive reiteration of the needs, concerns and questions that citizens have of us.

Future sessions are being planned. To participate, interested individuals may contact Officer Michael Wayt at 314-983-5246 or mwayt@olivettemo.com.

Snow Season is Here!

In order for the Department of Public Services to provide the best snow plowing service possible please remember that when there has been an accumulation of snow of two (2) inches or more, or ice or freezing rain within the City of Olivette: There shall be no parking on any part of any street within the City

until the snow, ice or freezing rain has been cleared to such a point as to permit the movement on the street of emergency vehicles, including police cars, fire trucks and ambulances.

For everyone's safety please stay at least 100 feet behind plow trucks while driving.

Fire Chief's Corner

Portable Generator Life-Saving Tips

Portable generators are useful when temporary or remote electric power is needed but they can be hazardous. The primary hazards to avoid when using them are carbon monoxide poisoning, electric shock or electrocution, and fire.

- Always use generators outdoors, away from doors, windows and vents. NEVER use generators inside homes, garages, basements, crawl spaces, or other enclosed or partially enclosed areas, even with ventilation.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for use.
- Install battery-operated or plug-in (with battery backup) carbon monoxide alarms in your home, following the manufacturer's instructions.
- Test CO detectors often and replace batteries when needed.
- Keep the generator dry. Use on a dry surface under an open, canopy-like structure.
- Dry your hands before touching the generator.
- Plug appliances directly into the generator or use a heavy-duty outdoor-rated extension cord. Make sure the entire extension cord is free of cuts or tears and the plug has all 3 prongs, especially a grounding pin.
- NEVER plug the generator into a wall outlet (known as back-feeding). This practice can cause an electrocution risk to utility workers and others served by the same utility transformer.

- Before refueling the generator, turn it off and let it cool. Fuel spilled on hot engine parts could ignite.

Always store fuel outside of living areas in properly labeled, non-glass containers.

Store fuel away from any fuel-burning appliance.



**FIRE CHIEF
JOHN BAILOT**

FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR HOME

SMOKE ALARMS



- Place properly installed and maintained smoke alarms both inside and outside of sleeping areas and on every level of your home.
- Interconnected smoke alarms are best because if one sounds, they all sound.
- Get smoke alarms that can sound fast. Because both ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms are better at detecting distinctly different, yet potentially fatal fires, and because no one can predict what type of fire might start in a home, the USFA recommends that every residence and place where people sleep be equipped with a) both ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms, or b) dual sensor smoke alarms (which contain both ionization and photoelectric smoke sensors).
- Test smoke alarms monthly and change alkaline batteries at least once every year, or as instructed. You can use a date you already know, like your birthday or when you change your clocks as a reminder.
- Consider buying a long-life (lithium) battery-powered smoke alarm, which may last up to ten years with no battery change.
- Install smoke alarms away from air vents.
- Install smoke alarms on the ceiling or wall, at least 4 inches from corners or according to manufacturer's instructions.
- If a smoke alarm sounds during normal cooking or when bathing, press the hush button if the smoke alarm has one. Open the door or window or fan the area with a towel to get the air moving. Do not disable the smoke alarm or take out the batteries. If this happens often, the smoke alarm will need to be relocated.



Fire Department Promotions

Fire Chief John Bailot is pleased to announce the promotions of two (Fire) Captains, whom are filling senior supervisory roles within the department.

Firefighter/Paramedic Ron Johnson joined the Olivette Fire Department on June 6, 1998 and was promoted to the rank of Captain on December 5, 2009. Captain Johnson holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and holds certifications by the State of Missouri- Division of Fire Safety, for Fire Officer I and II, Fire Inspector and Fire Service Instructor I. He recently earned the designation and certification of Incident Safety Officer through the Fire Department Safety Officers Association and began his new leadership role as the senior officer on C-shift.

Firefighter/Paramedic Todd Walters joined the Olivette Fire Department on July 23, 2002 and was also promoted to the rank of Captain on December 5, 2009. Captain Walters served as the department training officer from April 2005 through January 2008 and currently serves as the Treasurer of the Greater St. Louis Area (Fire) Training Coordinators Association. Walters holds certifications by the State of Missouri- Division of Fire Safety, for Fire Officer I and Fire Instructor I and II and also recently earned the designation and certification of Incident Safety Officer through the Fire Department Safety Officers Association. Walters is the senior officer on B-shift.

The experience, background and leadership Johnson and Walters bring to their new roles; will help the department as we continue our move into the next era. Chief Bailot said, "I am proud to have Ron and Todd join the department's newly reorganized management team."

Recycling Update

Great news! The price to increase the size of your recycling tote to 90 gallons is now \$10.00. Allied Waste has lowered the price to exchange your 65 gallon recycling tote for one that is the same size as your trash tote. If you are like many residents who need additional recycling capacity, please call Allied at 636-947-5959 to schedule the upgrade.



2010 Father Daughter Dance

You Are Invited!

En joy: Limo Rides, Dancing, Pictures, and snacks

Everyone leaves with a parting gift

Hosted by: Olivette Community Center

February 12th, 2010

From 7pm till 10 pm

\$30 per Couple

\$10 for additional Daughter

Please Bring your Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle or Friend

Please R.S.V.P BY 2/10/10

314.991.1249

ADULT SOFTBALL

Enjoy the company of good friends and sneak in some exercise while you play softball in our Spring and Summer Leagues. Each League offers five weeks of doubleheader games (10 games in all). Officials will be provided by the Olivette Parks & Recreation Department.

REGISTRATION ENDS: SPRING LEAGUE

FRIDAY APRIL 2, 2010

GAMES START: SPRING LEAGUE

MONDAY APRIL 19, 2010

GAMES START TIMES: 6:15pm / 7:15pm (hour long games)

LEAGUES AND DAYS:

MEN'S LEAGUE MONDAYS OR WEDNESDAYS

CO-ED LEAGUE TUESDAYS OR THURSDAYS

FEES: \$300.00 Per Resident Team / Per Session

\$400.00 Per Non-Resident Team / Per Session

\$550.00 Per Resident Team / Both Spring & Summer Sessions*

\$750.00 Per Non-Resident Team / Both Spring & Summer Sessions*

*DUAL SESSION FEE MUST BE PAID BEFORE SPRING SESSION! (Space is limited to 7 teams per night!)

For more information please contact Erin Menzel at (314) 994-2403 or emenzel@olivettemo.com

Olivette Spring Youth Baseball and Softball

It's time, yet again, for Olivette Parks & Recreation's Youth Baseball & Softball League! Games will run for 8 weeks starting in April of 2010 through June 2010. Each child will receive baseball/softball uniforms, individual award, team practice time and officiating for all games. Leagues are offered for pre-kindergarten through 8th grade. Practices are determined by the volunteer coach.

Deadline for registration is Friday February 5, 2010. An additional \$25.00 late registration fee must accompany any application that is not postmarked or brought in person by February 5, 2010. Late registrations will be taken ONLY until Friday, FEBRUARY 12, 2010.

NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER FEBRUARY 12, 2010.

Spring Break Camp

Need a fun place for the kids to go during Spring Break? Bring them to the Olivette Community Center for games, crafts, and other fun activities. Pre-registration is required. Contact Erin Menzel at 994-2403 for more details.

When: March 22 – March 26; 9am – 3pm

Early drop off at 8am

Late pick up at 4pm

Cost: \$55 – Resident

\$65 – Non-Resident

\$11 – Resident Early drop off/Late pick up

\$13.50 – Non-Resident Early drop off/Late pick up

Olivette Parks and Recreation introduces: Mighty Ball

Mighty Ball is a program geared towards children between 3 – 6 years of age. This program focuses solely on learning the basics of Soccer in a non competitive environment and teaching children the fundamentals of team work. Teams will be set up with no more than 8 players. The games will consist of a 30 minute practice followed by a 30 minute game. It is \$60 for 6 weeks/games. All teams will be run by Volunteer Coaches.

Registration ends February 12th. Games begin March 13th at 9am. Call the Parks and Recreation Office for more details! 314.991.1249 .

Beginning Pilates

A gentle and fun workout that will create core strength, tone and lengthen muscles! Build your overall strength and stamina, increase your flexibility and improve your posture.

Great for everyone regardless of age or fitness level!!

Begins: Thursday, February 11th, 2010

Time: 9am-10am

Cost: \$10 a class/\$60 a session

All registration must be in by February 10th 2010. Contact Erin Menzel for more information and registration 314.994.2403 or emenzel@olivettemo.com

Instructor requires a minimum of 8 participants and maximum of 15 per class.

Artmart, St. Louis' premier art supply store is inspiring creativity

in children through its "Say Yes to Art" Artist Ambassador program. The program was designed to introduce you to art and creativity. Area artist and teacher, Marla Dell, Artmart's official Art Ambassador, travels around the St. Louis area teaching art classes at hospitals, community centers and senior care facilities. All supplies are donated by Artmart, so classes are offered no charge. Bring a friend; it's more fun. Pre-register at least one week prior to each class date, by calling Erin Menzel at 314.994.2403. Minimum participation is 4 kids with a maximum of 13 per class. Dress to get a little messy!

Classes: First Wednesday of each month

Location: Olivette Community Center

Description: Ages 6-10 at 6-7pm

Ages 11-15 at 7-8pm

Cost: Free!

These classes have been extremely popular, so please register early and only for a class you can attend



The Olivette Parks and Recreation Department is planning a prescribed controlled burn for the Wildflower/Prairie area in Stacy Park. The purpose of the prescribed burn is to manage vegetation for the benefit of wildlife species. Regular burnings generally favor the flowers or forbs in mixed stands, and help improve plant structure and habit diversity.

We will conduct the burn between January 1, 2010 and March 31, 2010, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays. Trained personnel will be conducting the burn, along with city staff, the Olivette Fire Department, and volunteers to monitor the containment of the process. If you would like to know more or help with the controlled burn, please contact the Olivette Parks & Recreation Department at (314) 991-1249.

The Masters are coming to Olivette



No, not the golfing Masters, the Master Gardeners!

Olivette in Bloom has an exciting line-up of speakers to shake us out of our winter doldrums. On three consecutive Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Old Bonhomme School library, we will be treated to the latest in gardening information. We start with Betty Struckhoff on February 24, 2010. She'll talk about "Landscaping with Native Trees and Shrubs," a topic of great interest since we are all looking for ways to have self-sustaining gardens that help the local wildlife as well. Next Carol Gravens will speak on March 3rd about "Spring Wildflowers of Missouri." Her photography is beautiful and if this doesn't launch us into spring anticipation, nothing will. On March 10th we'll finish our three

week series with Wally Cammarata who will discuss "Understanding the Shade Environment," a situation many of us share since those young trees planted long ago are now more majestic and sheltering our yards while keeping out the sun.

It's a very exciting lineup of speakers sure to teach you something new or remind you of a good idea for your yard.. We invite you to attend any or all of this FREE Garden Series. To sign up please visit our website olivetteinbloom.org, download the flyer and mail it to us so that we know how many to expect. Or contact us at 314-872-8897. First come, first served.

Please join us at Old Bonhomme School in the Library to dream the dreams of spring

Improving Energy and Comfort at Home

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On Thursday, February 18, at 7:00 P.M. a free presentation on "Improving Energy and Comfort at Home" will be offered at the Olivette Community Center by Korey Hart, the ENERGY STAR Programs Manager at the Missouri Botanical Garden's Earth Ways Center.

The Earth Ways Center promotes sustainability through environmental education and improving the built environment. It is housed in a three-story Victorian residence built in 1883 at 3617 Grandel Square, which was renovated in 1994 to showcase practical demonstrations of energy efficient systems, recycled products and waste reduction practices.

ENERGY STAR offers a comprehensive approach to home improvement, remodeling, and renovation that makes

homes more efficient and reduces energy costs, while improving indoor air quality and creating a more comfortable, healthier home. The program also helps to protect the environment through energy conservation.

Among the topics discussed during the slide presentation will be air sealing and insulation, HVAC, ventilation, water heating fireplaces, windows, lighting, appliances and solar systems, day lighting and professional energy assessments.

We look forward to seeing you at this program. Let us make Olivette one of the top energy efficient communities in the St. Louis area!

Public Hearing – Re-codification of Municipal/Zoning Codes

For the past 15 months, the Olivette City Council, City Attorney and staff have been working closely with Sullivan Publications to update the City's Municipal Code and Zoning Code books. The City Code books are a compilation of all Ordinances that have been passed by the City Council. It is recommended that a city update its Code books every 7 to 10 years, to ensure that there is consistency throughout the Codes, to incorporate new ordinances that have been adopted in the interim, and to ensure compliance with State Statute. Modifications are made to the Codes during this re-codification process, in order to bring the Code books current.

The City is in the final stages of the re-codification process, and it is anticipated that a public hearing will be held at the Olivette City Council meeting on January 26, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 9473 Olive Boulevard. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment with regard to the proposed Code book.

The legal review, noting all modifications to the Code, is available online at www.olivette-mo.com. A hard copy of the current code, as well as the proposed code, is available for inspection at Olivette City Hall.



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STEVE JAWOR: From Business Office to Baking Oven, Entrepreneurship Dreams Come True.

By CHRISTINE GATURIA



Steve Jawor had a secure job as a Regional Vice President for a healthcare company in the state of Washington. With a steady paycheck and retirement benefits, he enjoyed the perks that came with the Corporate America lifestyle. But he gave it all up and moved to St. Louis to try something completely different – baking bread.

“It’s so much fun seeing people enjoy what you make with your hands,” Steve says. As the owner of the Great Harvest Bread Company® bakery in Olivette, MO, Steve has learned a great deal about bread. His day starts at 3:30am and by late afternoon you can still find him in the bakery, greeting every customer who walks in with a hearty smile and offering them a free slice of freshly baked bread. Even after he gets home, he’s still in business mode. “He’s always thinking about the business,” says Steve’s wife Alecia, “I tell him he needs to de-stress.” But Steve doesn’t seem stressed – “It’s the most satisfying, gratifying work I’ve ever done,” he says.

Steve’s bakery is one of over 200 Freedom Franchise™ nationwide bakeries that comprise the Great Harvest Bread Company®, headquartered in Dillon, MT. Each bakery uses fresh-ground whole wheat sourced from Montana to ensure the bread contains the taste, nutrients and density that are essential to the brand. Steve has customized his bakery to serve the needs of the Olivette community; he offers challah bread for the Jewish population and often participates in community events, for example, he donated over 100 cookies to the 2009 Olivette Boo Bash.

Steve didn’t start out as a baker. He was born in Chicago and attended N. Central College in Naperville, IL as a pre-med/Biolo-

gy major. As a student athlete, he competed in track and cross-country. Steve met Alecia through her brother, a fellow athlete who set them up on a blind date. Steve and Alecia married in 1982 and soon after, Steve’s employer transferred him from Chicago to Scottsdale, AZ. He and Alecia relocated often and in the mid-nineties they were living in Redmond, WA. This is where they first discovered the Great Harvest brand.

One day Alecia happened to see a Great Harvest bakery and went inside. She enjoyed the experience so much that by the time Steve returned home that night, she had the whole kitchen table stacked with Great Harvest muffins and breads. Alecia said, “You gotta taste this bread!”, so Steve took a bite and that was the first step in their journey with baking. As luck would have it, a few years later they learned that a Great Harvest bakery was up for sale in Clayton, MO. Steve looked at his wife and said, “You know, if we wanted to do this we might be able to pull it off.” They had always dreamt of being entrepreneurs so they said goodbye to Corporate America, purchased the Clayton bakery and moved it to Olivette, MO.

It’s been seven years now and Steve wouldn’t have it any other way. “I was meant to do this,” he says. It turns out that baking is in his genes. After Steve opened the bakery, his uncle sat him down and revealed some interesting family history - some of Steve’s ancestors were bakers. His lineage on his mother’s side can be traced back to Holland, where his great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather owned bakeries. No wonder Steve bakes such phenomenal bread. “I was never much on baking, but I love it now. I don’t know what I would do if I didn’t do this.”

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