

City of CREVE COEUR Newsletter

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New Police Station Under Consideration

The city is in the process of developing a plan to address long-term facilities' needs including needs facing the Creve Coeur Police Department. The Government Center, which houses the Police Department along with other city offices, was originally constructed in 1951 as Weber Elementary School. The building has not been renovated since its conversion to the Government Center more than 25 years ago.

The Creve Coeur Police Department moved into the Government Center, located at 300 N. New Ballas Road, in 1989. This move met the needs of the Department for a number of years. As time has passed, the building has developed challenges



that effect day-to-day operations and the expanding level of service the Police Department provides to the community. These issues were identified in the Government Center Needs Analysis and include:

- The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) lacks the space, technology, and resources necessary for effective emergency operations. The building has developed structural deficiencies, which cause it to fall short of current requirements for a public safety emergency operations center.
- The Police Department lacks private office space to conduct victim interviews and for the patrol supervisor to conduct meetings with personnel.

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2015 Leaf Collection

Wards 1 & 2

Week of:
October 19
November 2
November 16
December 7

Wards 3 & 4

Week of:
October 26
November 9
November 30
December 14

Leaves may be picked up any day during the week, weather permitting. To guarantee pickup, please have your leaves at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on the Monday of your collection week. Dates are tentative. For updated information, visit www.creve-coeur.org/leaf or call (314) 872-2533.

Comprehensive Plan Update Public Workshop

Monday, December 7, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Room, 300 N. New Ballas Road

The Creve Coeur Planning and Zoning Commission along with H3 Studio will host the second of four public workshops to seek input from residents and community stakeholders as they update the city's Comprehensive Plan. The workshop will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 7 at the Creve Coeur Government Center and will focus on visioning the city's development and growth goals for the next 10 to 20 years.

Information from the first public workshop, including the presentation and poll results, is available on the city's website at www.creve-coeur.org/complan. The final Comprehensive Plan is expected to be completed in spring of 2016. For more information, contact Jason Jaggi, Community Development Director, at jjaggi@ci.creve-coeur.mo.us or (314) 872-2504.

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Police Department Facilities

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- The Police Department lacks adequate space to accommodate personnel and equipment required for Major Case Squad investigations. The Major Case Squad is a multi-departmental unit charged with investigating major crimes in the Greater St. Louis area.
- There is insufficient space to accommodate department-wide training.
- The Police Department has outgrown the space needed for secure evidence storage.
- Deficiencies in the plumbing and ventilation systems pose a risk to items stored in the Police Department evidence room. Extensive plumbing repairs and renovations are needed in prisoner holding areas to meet current standards and continue jail operations.
- Police Department offices are scattered throughout the Government Center, which has created inefficiencies and security vulnerabilities to personnel and equipment. A more contiguous layout would enhance security and provide for more efficient operations.
- Parking is inadequate during court nights, City Council meetings, and other events held in the community center. The current parking configuration creates hazards between patrol vehicles and community center attendees. A separate parking and entrance for police will provide greater safety for citizens as well as more timely response for police vehicles leaving the station on emergency calls.



“The current facility is antiquated, limited on space and is in need of substantial upgrades,” said Chief of Police Glenn Eidman. “Despite those challenges, we continue to provide a professional level of service. A new police facility would enhance our daily operations and create a much more productive work environment.”

To address these needs, City Council is investigating building a new Police Station, to possibly be located immediately north of the existing Government Center. As this is a major city initiative, a voter-approved bond issue will likely be required to finance this project. Citizens are encouraged to stay informed. Additional information, including a project timeline as well as the complete Needs Analysis Report, is available at www.creve-coeur.org/cityfacilities. Citizens are also encouraged to use the online form to submit feedback on this issue.

Winter Weather Reminders

With winter weather upon us, the Department of Public Works closely monitors the condition of our streets and will dispatch snow plows when necessary. The first priority is to clear arterial roads, such as New Ballas and Spuede. Subdivision streets are cleared after arterial roads. City crews use snow plows, rock salt and calcium chloride to keep the streets clear of snow and ice.

Some streets in Creve Coeur are maintained by St. Louis County and/or the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT).

St. Louis County is responsible for:

- Warson Road (north of Olive)
- Whispering Pines Drive
- Oak Lake Court
- Craig (north of Olive)
- Mason Road
- Schulte Road
- Baur Boulevard
- Ross Avenue

MoDOT is responsible for:

- Coeur de Ville
- Lindbergh Boulevard
- Emerson Road (from DeSmet south to Ladue)
- I-270
- Olive Boulevard
- Ladue Road (west of I-270)

As time permits, city crews assist the other entities in plowing when traveling between city streets.

To help the crews keep the streets clear, keep these guidelines in mind:

- Avoid parking in the street, when possible. Vehicles parked on the street makes curb-to-curb clearing of the roadway impossible.
- Avoid shoveling snow from driveways or sidewalks into the street – this can create a dangerous, icy path in front of your driveway.
- When driving, keep a minimum distance of 100 feet behind a snow plow. While the pavement behind the plow might appear clear, conditions can be icy so proceed with caution.

If you have questions regarding snow and ice control operations, please contact the Public Works Department at (314) 872-2533.