

City of CREVE COEUR Newsletter

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Council Considers Prop P for November 8

City Council is considering an ordinance to place Proposition P on the November 8, 2016 ballot for voter consideration. At the time of this writing, a second reading and final vote of the ordinance was scheduled for August 22.

Proposed language for November 8 ballot **PROPOSITION P**

Shall the City of Creve Coeur, Missouri, issue its general obligation bonds in an amount up to \$10,690,000 for the purpose of constructing, furnishing and equipping a new police station on the current government center property and making safety, security and accessibility renovations to the existing building?

Yes _____ No _____

This ballot measure is the culmination of more than two years of study by the citizens' Needs Assessment Task Force, the City Council and city staff. The task

force reviewed numerous options presented in the form of a professional needs analysis before making its recommendation to City Council identifying construction of a new police station on the existing Government Center property as the best course of action to ensure a continuation of high-quality police services well into the future.

A new police station will address several deficiencies outlined in the needs analysis including:

- Providing much-needed additional work space for police officers, detectives, crime prevention officers and support staff. When the Police Department moved into the existing Government Center after remodeling of the grade school building in 1989, the city's population and corresponding policing staffing and needs were substantially less (pre-annexation of Ward IV).

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Silver Screen Series Returns for Fourth Season

Mark your calendars for the Silver Screen Series, a film series focusing on positive aging themes. Each viewing concludes with an optional discussion. All screenings are held at AMC Creve Coeur 12, 10465 Olive Boulevard from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Mondays in September. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., and admission is free. The schedule is as follows:

September 12: August: Osage County

A family crisis brings the strong-willed women of the Weston Family back to the Midwest house they grew up in. The three sisters and their significant others take the full brunt of their dysfunctional mother's venom, who tells every one of them exactly what she thinks of them. Based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Tracy Letts.

September 19: Grumpy Old Men

A lifelong feud between two curmudgeonly old neighbors intensifies when a new female neighbor moves across the street. However, they are forced to work together when it looks like their children might fall in love.

September 26: Quartet

At a home for retired musicians, three retired members of an opera quartet perform a concert every year for Giuseppe Verdi's birthday. However, when the fourth and most famous member of the quartet arrives at the home, rivalries stir and temperaments clash, making it uncertain if the show will go on.

The Silver Screen Series is presented by the Creve Coeur Arts Committee along with Maturity and Its Muse. For more information, contact Bess McCoy, Public Information Officer and Management Analyst, at bmccoy@crevecoeurmo.gov or (314) 442-2081.



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- Addressing inadequate police training facilities, evidence storage and private interview rooms used with victims of crime.
- Eliminating the unsafe parking lot configuration which creates hazards between police vehicles and community center patrons, both drivers and pedestrians.
- Addressing safety, security and accessibility deficiencies in the current building.
- Providing a vastly improved Emergency Operations Center (EOC), which is a critical component to managing public safety and security during major incidents. The squad room currently serves double duty as the EOC, lacking adequate space, technology or the physical strength to withstand natural disasters.

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- Chief Glenn Eidman

“Our department places the highest priority on providing excellent service to the residents of Creve Coeur,” said Chief of Police Glenn Eidman. “A new station will equip our officers with the facilities, tools and resources they need to continue to provide our residents with the high-quality service they have come to expect.”

This information was prepared and paid for by the City of Creve Coeur, Mark Perkins City Administrator, 300 N. New Ballas Road, Creve Coeur MO 63141. This article is intended solely to educate and inform residents about a question that may be presented at the polls. It is not intended to advocate, support or oppose the passage or defeat of the measure. Each voter should vote for or against the question based on his or her own judgment.

If approved by the required four-sevenths majority of voters, the measure will provide funding for a new police station as well as safety, security and accessibility improvements to the Government Center. General obligation bonds totaling \$10.69 million will be issued upon voter authorization, resulting in an estimated real and personal property tax levy of \$0.080 for twenty years.

This will result in an estimated increase in real estate taxes of \$60.80 annually on a home with a market value of \$400,000.

The city is in the process of hiring an owners’ representative to manage the project, provide cost and quality control and ensure the project is completed on schedule and within budget.

More information on Proposition P, including the complete Government Center Needs Analysis, is available at www.creve-coeur.org/PropP. Citizens can provide comments or ask questions through the city’s web page as well. For more information, contact Mark Perkins, City Administrator, at mperkins@crevecoeurmo.gov or (314) 872-2511.

PROP P BY THE NUMBERS:

**\$10.69
MIL.**

**Bond issue
amount**

**\$0.08
PER \$100
ASSESSED
VALUATION**

**Approximate
tax levy**

**\$60.80
ANNUALLY**

**Estimated avg.
property tax
increase***

**Estimate based on a home with a market value of \$400,000.*

City Obtains Over \$2 Million in Grants in Fiscal Year 2016

In an effort to manage the city’s resources and funds responsibly, city staff is continually seeking opportunities to offset city costs by obtaining grants. These grants help to offset personnel, equipment and major capital improvement expenses. During the 2016 Fiscal Year, which ended on June 30, 2016, the city was awarded or received over \$2 million in grants. These include:

- **\$434,845 from the Municipal Parks Grant Commission** for renovations to the Dielmann Recreation Complex
- **\$1,511,970 combined from the Federal Highway Administration** for roadway and sidewalk improvements on Graeser Road, Coeur de Ville Road, Emerson Road and Warson Road
- **\$141,239 from the Parkway School District** as part of a three-year agreement to reimburse the salary for a school resource officer
- **\$97,000 from the Missouri Department of Transportation - Highway Safety Division** for expenses associated with police enforcement activities, equipment and support as well as

overtime and salary reimbursement for police and public safety activities

- **\$28,800 from Housing and Urban Development** for accessibility improvements to the intersection of Town and Four Drive at Town and Four Parkway

For more information, contact Mark Perkins, City Administrator, at mperkins@crevecoeurmo.gov or (314) 872-2515.

October Coffees with the Mayor

*Government Center Lobby
300 N. New Ballas Road*

Morning Coffee with the Mayor

Thursday, October 6, 7:30 a.m.

Evening Coffee with the Mayor

Tuesday, October 18, 7:00 p.m.