

Citizens to Vote on Proposition P November 8

On November 8, 2016, Creve Coeur citizens will vote on Proposition P, a bond measure which, if approved, would fund construction of a new police station. The ballot measure is the result of more than two years of study by the citizens' Needs Analysis Task Force, the City Council and city staff.

The Government Center, which houses the Police Department, was originally constructed in 1951 as Weber Elementary School. It has not received a major renovation since its conversion to the Government Center in 1989. Since that time, public safety demands have significantly increased.

When Weber Elementary was converted into the Government Center, the city's population was approximately 12,304 according to the 1990 United States Census Bureau. Since then, the city's population has notably increased due to the annexation of Ward 4 as well as new developments. The Census Bureau most recently projected Creve Coeur's population to be 18,276 in 2015, an increase of approximately 48.5 percent. The permanent population only tells part of the picture; the daytime population of Creve Coeur swells to nearly 50,000 due to its vibrant commercial districts.

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 _____

The population growth has led to an increase in public safety demands. Between 1990 and 2015, the number of calls for service the Police Department received increased from 10,181 to 16,933 an increase of 66.1 percent.

To continue providing residents with a high level of service, the Police Department has increased the number of officers serving the Creve Coeur community from 34 in 1990 to 50 today. However, the facilities remain largely the same.

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Draft Comprehensive Plan Available for Review

The Creve Coeur Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) seeks the public's review and comment on the draft Comprehensive Plan. The Commission will be reviewing the draft plan during a series of public hearings which are scheduled for Thursday, October 20; Monday, November 7; and Monday, November 21.

All public hearings take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Creve Coeur Government Center, 300 N. New

Ballas Road. Residents and members of the public can review the draft Comprehensive Plan at www.creve-coeur.org/CompPlan or by stopping by the Government Center.

Residents are encouraged to submit feedback and provide comments on the draft by attending any of the three scheduled public hearings listed above, submitting comments at www.creve-coeur.org/CompPlan, or submitting comments to Jason Jaggi, Director of Community

Development at jjaggi@crevecoeurmo.gov or (314) 872-2501.

The Comprehensive Plan is a long-range planning and policy document that guides the City and land-use decisions. The current Comprehensive Plan was adopted in April 2002.

For more information on the Comprehensive Plan update, visit www.creve-coeur.org/CompPlan or contact Jason Jaggi, Director of Community Development at jjaggi@crevecoeurmo.gov or (314) 872-2501.

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FREE! Crime Prevention Classes

Multi-Purpose Room, 300 N. New Ballas Road

Personal Safety Class

The Creve Coeur Police Department, in conjunction with Creve Coeur Neighborhood Watch Association, will be offering a free Personal Safety Class including tips on how to make yourself a “hard target” to criminals while traveling, shopping or walking in the park. There will also be up-to-date crime statistics and an opportunity to speak with an officer one-on-one.

Tuesday, October 4, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Active Shooter Defense Class

The Police Department and the Creve Coeur Neighborhood Watch Association are offering a free Active Shooter Defense Class. The class will discuss current active shooter statistics and trends, the “Run, Hide, Fight” methodology sanctioned by the Department of Homeland Security, and measures to reduce the effectiveness of an active shooter. This lecture-based class will not include any hands-on training.

Wednesday, October 19, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Identity Theft Prevention Class

The Police Department is teaming up with the Creve Coeur Joint Crime Prevention Partnership to offer a free class on how to prevent identity theft. Topics of discussion will include current statistics and trends used to steal one’s identity, tips to prevent becoming a victim of identity theft and steps to take if your identity is stolen.

Thursday, November 3, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

AARP Driver Safety Class

The AARP Driver Safety Class focuses on areas where older drivers can benefit from additional training such as roundabouts, pavement markings, stop sign and red light compliance, and how to properly wear a seatbelt. This program provides information and skill development through a classroom setting and does not include an actual driving course. The cost to attend this class is \$14 per person, and registration is required.

Thursday, November 17, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Residential Security Class

The Creve Coeur Neighborhood Watch Association and the Creve Coeur Police Department will offer a Residential and Property Safety Presentation. This free presentation is open to all Creve Coeur residents. While there is no way to guarantee your home or vehicle will never be burglarized, there are many steps you can take to enhance their security.

Tuesday, November 22, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

For more information or to register for any of the above events, visit www.creve-coeur.org/PoliceEvents or contact Officer Doug Manninger, Crime Prevention Officer, at dmanninger@crevecoeurmo.gov or (314) 442-2075.

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“The Government Center was adequate for serving the residents of Creve Coeur in 1990,” said Chief of Police Glenn Eidman, “but public safety demands have changed. The Police Department has outgrown the current facilities.”



If the bond measure is approved by the required four-sevenths majority of voters, general obligation bonds totaling \$10.69 will be issued. The real and personal property tax levy is estimated at \$0.080 for twenty years,

which would result in an estimated increase in real estate taxes of \$60.90 annually on a home with a market value of \$400,000.



“The police station is the hub of public safety activity and is an integral aspect of maintaining a safe community,” said Eidman. “Our officers are committed to providing the highest level of service to the Creve

Coeur community, and a new police station will equip them with the necessary tools to maintain that level of service into the future.”

Public Forum and Open House

The Police Department will host a Public Forum and Open House on Tuesday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Creve Coeur Government Center, 300 N. New Ballas Road. All citizens are encouraged to attend to learn more about Proposition P and to view the police station first-hand.



For more information, visit www.creve-coeur.org/PropP or contact Mark Perkins, City Administrator, at mperkins@crevecoeurmo.gov or (314) 872-2511.

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 will 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.

Proposition P Public Forum and Open House

Tuesday, October 25, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, 300 N. New Ballas Road

Learn more about the upcoming ballot issue and hear about the Police Department’s needs from Chief Eidman. More info at www.creve-coeur.org/PropP.