

# CITY OF ST. ROBERT

## Calendar of Events

**February 1, 2010**  
Board of Alderman Meeting

**February 14, 2010**  
Valentines Day

**February 15, 2010**  
Washington's Birthday  
City Hall Close

**February 16, 2010**  
Board of Alderman Meeting

**March 1, 2010**  
Board of Alderman Meeting

**March 10, 2010**  
Voter Registration Deadline

**March 15, 2010**  
Board of Alderman Meeting

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## Economic Growth Ventures

Even in light of the economic conditions that have stifled economic growth both regionally and nationally, the redevelopment of the Ramada Inn property at Exit 159 in St. Robert has begun in earnest. Ehrhardt Prosperities, LLC has begun the initial stages of redeveloping this property to accommodate a renovated hotel, two new

restaurants, and a drug store or convenience store. This project is projected to have certain elements of the redevelopment plan completed this year that will bring new business enterprises to our community and create new job opportunities. The City has also been in discussions with two separate health care organizations concerning

the feasibility of developing a health care facility that will meet the needs of the citizens of our community. As the weeks and months proceed we hope to be able to publically announce the new economic growth potentials that await us in the near future.

## Community Recreation Soccer Sign-Ups Extended



The Community Recreation Board has extended the Spring Soccer Sign-up deadline to February 6, 2010. The additional sign-ups will be held from 11am –1pm on February 1–5 and from 10am to 2pm on February 6, 2010 at the St. Robert Municipi-

pal Center located at 194 Eastlawn Avenue. Birth certificates are required for all participants. Adult Soccer will be for ages 19 and above and Youth Soccer is offered for ages 4 to 18 Mini Kickers Soccer Camp for ages 3 –5.

## Show-Me Heroes

The City of St. Robert has signed the pledge of the 'Show-Me Heroes' initiative which showcases Missouri businesses that are willing consider hiring Veterans when they have a job opening. The [showme-heroes.mo.gov](http://showme-heroes.mo.gov) website allows Veterans to see

the employers in their region who have taken the pledge. In addition, using Missouri Career Source, Veterans will be able to post their resume and employers will be able to connect with Veterans looking for a job. Businesses can give veterans the ultimate 'thank

you' by allowing them to serve productively in their various careers. Employers can sign up today to have their business name listed with the names of other employers who have pledged to hire a Veteran.

**City Hall Numbers  
451-2000**

Dept.	Ext.
Accounts Payable	1105
Animal Control	1132
Building Inspector	1127
Code Official	1128
City Administrator	1112
City Attorney	1110
City Clerk	1106
City Collector	1100
Com Ctr Reservations	1120
Court Clerk	1103
Deputy Court Clerk	1150
Finance Officer	1107
Fire Dept	3101
Permit Clerk	1120
Police Dept.	1501
Public Works Clerk	1144
Transfer Station	336-5155
Utility Billing Clerk	1104
<i>Driver's Testing</i>	1134

*Board of Alderman  
Meetings for February*

*February 1, 2010  
February 16, 2010*

*Planning and Zoning  
Meetings For February*

*February 3, 2010*

*Next Regular  
Board of Adjustment  
Meeting  
April 15, 2010*



## Enhanced Enterprise Zone Established

On January 19<sup>th</sup> the City Council achieved another milestone as part of the Economic Growth Strategy that was adopted by the Council in 2009. In keeping with our Economic Growth Strategy to continue economic development in our community, St. Robert has partnered with the Pulaski County Growth Alliance to adopt an incentive program that promotes job creation in our community. To make our commu-

nity more attractive to creating quality jobs, we have established an Enhance Enterprise Zone which offers the incentives of local real property tax abatement and state tax credits to new and expanding businesses that qualify. The Enhanced Enterprise Zone Program is a discretionary program offering state tax credits, accompanied by local real property tax abatement, to certain enhanced business enterprises. Businesses must be located within

the Enhanced Enterprise Zone boundaries in order to receive both local property tax abatement and state tax credits. Businesses that are ineligible to receive the tax credits include gambling establishments, adult businesses, retail trade, educational services, religious organizations, public administrators, and food and drink establishments.

## Tips for Reducing Heating Costs

According to the Missouri Climate Center, the cold snap from January 1-10, 2010, was the coldest 10-day period in over a decade for most of the Show-Me State. Heating typically accounts for about 28 percent of the average American home's energy use, but this year staying warm might occupy a larger slice of the household expenditure pie. Homeowners who take a few simple steps to make their homes more weather-tight, though, just might be amazed to see their heating bills go down.

Following are the top ten recommendations from the Department of Commerce, Energy Information Center on how to reduce heating costs throughout the winter.

1. Turn down your ther-

mostat 5 to 10 degrees while you are away or asleep. Every degree above 68° adds about 3 percent to your heating bill.

2. Turn down your water heater temperature to 120° or 125°.

3. Place window film on the interior of leaky or drafty windows.

4. Have your furnace and water heater professionally cleaned and inspected to make sure they work efficiently and safely. Change furnace filters monthly.

5. Replace your old furnace with a new, efficient model. Look for the Energy Star label on all new home appliances.

6. Caulk and weatherstrip around doors and windows.

7. Vacuum heat registers and return air vents regularly. If you have hot water

heat, vacuum radiators or baseboard heaters. Make sure furniture and draperies do not block the heat flow.

8. Make use of solar heat by keeping curtains open when the sun is shining.

9. Add more attic insulation, but only after sealing all attic bypasses. Bypasses leak warm, moist air into your attic, reducing the value of insulation. An insulation value of R-38 is recommended for attics.

10. Call your utility about having a home energy audit, which will pinpoint ways to weatherize your home to make it more energy efficient.

For information on do-it-yourself energy audit visit [www.energysavers.gov/your\\_home/energy\\_audits/index.cfm/mytopic=11170](http://www.energysavers.gov/your_home/energy_audits/index.cfm/mytopic=11170)