

## Transportation improvements begin at Spencer Road and Premier Parkway intersection

A transportation improvement project began on Sept. 8, at the intersection of Spencer Road and Premier Parkway.

Drivers should be prepared for intermittent lane closures during construction. Completion is expected in spring 2021.

Improvements will include additional turn lanes, a median, new traffic signal, drainage improvements, a crosswalk, and a trail connection. New fiber cable also will be installed along Spencer and Premier to improve communica-

tions for the area. The project, which is funded by the St. Charles County transportation sales tax, will improve both the operation of the intersection and the capacity to handle increased traffic as Premier 370 Business Park continues to develop.

Drivers are asked to use caution while traveling through this area and to obey traffic signs.

For more information about city of St. Peters transportation projects, visit [www.stpetersmo.net/streets](http://www.stpetersmo.net/streets).

## Amid Pandemic, St. Charles Jewish Community to hold 'Rosh Hashanah in the Park'

With the High Holidays approaching and COVID-19 creating difficulties for many in joining a traditional synagogue service, the St. Charles Jewish Community will hold an outdoor Rosh Hashanah service on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 11 a.m. at Veterans Tribute Park. Dubbed "Rosh Hashanah in the Park," the service is open to all, with no membership or affiliation required.

Inspired by the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, of righteous memory's shofar campaign which began in 1953, the service will include the sounding of the shofar, which is central to the observance of Rosh Hashanah, as well as tashlich, an ancient practice that is customarily performed on the first day of the holiday.

"Our goal is to lower the barriers of entry, and to encourage each and every Jewish person in St. Charles County to actively participate in the observances of Rosh Hashanah – safely and joyfully," said Rabbi Chaim Landa, who directs the Chabad Jewish Center of St. Charles County together with

his wife, Bassy. "This year, that means expanding our offerings and bringing our Rosh Hashanah services outdoors."

According to the most recent demographic study sponsored by the Jewish Federation of St. Louis an estimated 5,800 of the region's 61,000 Jews live in St. Charles County.

The 30-minute service will include the sounding of the shofar as well as selected prayers from the High Holiday liturgy. While not a substitute for the complete Rosh Hashanah prayer service, the service will enable everyone to hear the shofar, and bring a heightened sense of community during this difficult time. To ensure the wellbeing of participants, those present at the event will be asked to wear masks, and stay six feet apart from people not living in the same household.

For more information and to RSVP, visit [JewishStCharles.org](http://JewishStCharles.org), [Facebook.com/JewishStCharles](https://www.facebook.com/JewishStCharles), or email [info@jewishstcharles.org](mailto:info@jewishstcharles.org).

## City of O'Fallon to host a veteran homebuyer seminar

The city of O'Fallon is the chosen location for a Veteran Home Buyer Seminar for St. Charles County residents.

The event is free to the public and will be held 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Oct. 3 at the Krekel Civic Center located at 305 Civic Center Drive in O'Fallon.

The event is hosted by the Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals (VAREP), the city of O'Fallon Office of Veterans Affairs, and is sponsored by several local veteran service organizations. Topics will include an overview of the home buying process and eligibility of VA home loan benefits for veterans and their surviving spouses. Counselors will be on hand after the event to answer questions and connect Veterans to credit repair and mortgage resources. The discussion of VA loan benefits will be led by mortgage lender Anthony Smith of American Pacific Mortgage.

Established in 2011, the USA Homeownership Foundation, Inc. DBA Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals (VAREP) is a non-profit 501(c) (3) community housing service organiza-

tion dedicated to increasing sustainable homeownership and economic development for the active military and veteran communities. VAREP and its members represent and work within all sectors of the real estate, housing and financial services industries.

Participants will be required to observe COVID19 precautions including wearing a face mask, using hand sanitizer, and social distancing measures.

"The city of O'Fallon has been voted numerous times as one of the best small cities in America for veterans," says Jim David from the City of O'Fallon's Office of Veterans Affairs. "We are honored to support an event that educates local veterans about the homeowner resources and benefits available to them."

Registration is free on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/home-buyers-seminar-for-veterans-military-and-spouses-tickets-119695539581> or by emailing [stlouis@varep.net](mailto:stlouis@varep.net).



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