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**MAYOR SCHNEIDER ATTENDS THE TRADITIONAL THAI
NEW YEAR CELEBRATION – THE SONGKRAN FESTIVAL HELD IN FLORISSANT**

On Sunday, April 23rd Mayor Schneider was invited to attend the traditional Thai New Year Festival-the Songkran Festival that was held at Wat Phrasiratanaram, the Thai Buddhist Temple located at 890 Lindsay Lane.

“Florissant is synonymous with hospitality and variety. We are proud to be the Midwestern headquarters for the Thailand Buddhist followers who celebrated the traditional Thai New Year. I had the honor to meet the Royal Thai Consul General Saksee Phromyothi who presented me with a copy of ‘The Elephant and the Eagle’, a beautiful two volume 180 year history of the friendship between Thailand and America.” Mayor Schneider said. (Note: Thailand was the only independent nation in southeast Asia during the European Colonialism period.)

For almost thirty-years the Temple has been a part of the Florissant community. The Temple normally houses 4 - 5 Buddhist monks, ordained in Thailand according to the Thai Theravada tradition, and they have been in the monkhood for at least 10 - 15 years.