



## 17th Annual "Old Town Fall Festival" Sunday, October 12th 11:00am to 5:00pm

Florissant Old Town Partners and the City of Florissant, the Missouri Arts Council and the Regional Arts Commission co-sponsors the festival on rue St. Francois each year on the 2nd Sunday in October. In the past few years over 35,000 visitors attended the weekend events and we expect this to be the biggest and best ever!

The Old Town Fall Festival kicks off at 11 am on Sunday October 12th and runs until 5pm on rue St. Francois Street in the heart of Old Town Florissant. The full eleven full blocks from Florissant Road down to the St. Ferdinand Shrine is closed off for this event. All side streets will be blocked off to accommodate the festival. The street will be filled with activities for everyone with over 150 booths including games to play, sale items, food and beverages. We will have the old favorites like the Chili Cook-off, the wine garden, pumpkin decorating, Kincaid Puppets, jewelry making and entertainment on almost every block.

Everyone's favorite event the Fido Follies returns and will be located at the Government Center at 1055 rue St. Francois at the very top of the street. As always water bowls will be provide on every block so you can bring your dogs (properly licensed and leashed of course) and enter them in the dog show. We have categories such as smallest dog, best kisser, best costume, best trick and largest dog to name a few.

Once again, the Children's Art Festival sponsored by the Hazelwood Head Start Program and the Florissant Valley Community College, will be up at the top of St. Francois on the City Hall lawn. This event continues to grow with exhibits by artists, art activities and demonstrations through out the day.

The Police Department in conjunction with MOCHIPS, will be offering child identification kits free of charge. They will be set up in the Council Chambers near the Children's Art Festival at City Hall. The Police Welfare Association is back again this year to host a Car Show on the Knights of Columbus Grounds on the day of the Festival. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Florissant Police Department Canine Program.



Want to get an early jump on Holiday Shopping? The Craft Fair continues to grow each year! More than 60 crafters show off their talents with their hand crafted works for you to browse and shop.

This year there is a special treat with two concerts in the bandshell on the Lawyers Building lot in the 100 block of St. Francois. The Florissant Fine Arts Council with support from the Missouri Arts Council and Regional Arts Commission will present the Smash Band at 7:00pm on October 11th, the Saturday evening before the Fall

Festival. The street will be blocked off Saturday evening for this concert. Sunday afternoon the Ralph Butler Band will perform at 1:00pm and 3:00pm in the same location.

There will also be entertainment all along the 11 blocks of fun. Musical acts will include; Pat & Anna Auberry The Buckhannon Brothers, Dan Sproat, Dixie Rhythm Kings, Bryson Gerard, North County Big Band and Dennis Schilligo solo guitar & vocals. Other entertainment will include; Carol Brady our Story Teller, Cookie the Clown, Vince DeLaughder a Stiltwalker,

**The Fall Festival is hosted by Florissant Old Town Partners and the City of Florissant.**

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**Join us in the historic Old Town area of Florissant for a great day of entertainment for the whole family. For more information or to join the activities please call the Old Town Partners office at 837-0033 or visit the website at [www.florissantoldtown.com](http://www.florissantoldtown.com) click on the Fall Festival link.**

Kraig Kalkbrenner flint knapping demonstration, the Kincaid Karacter Puppets, Richard Renner the Stiltwalker & Juggler and more!

#### **Don't Forget!...**

A shuttle will be provided free of charge on St. Catherine for those Festival patrons who have difficulty navigating the St. Francois hill. The FLERT bus will be transporting festival patrons from block to block on St. Catherine which is one street over from St. Francois. There will be signs directing you to the stops.

## Florissant Mourns the Loss of Rosemary Davison, Longtime Resident & Distinguished Historian

Rosemary Straub Davison was a cherished Florissant Citizen and distinguished historian whose historic structure preservation efforts and accomplishments have been an inspiration for all to appreciate our rich Florissant Valley History. Rosemary passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 23rd at her brother's home in Arizona. She just recently celebrated her 96th birthday with close friends and family before moving to Arizona.

For 55 years she has been committed to serving the Florissant community by preserving historically significant homes and build-



ings that helped shape the City of Florissant. She was the first female lawyer from Monroe County, MO. Her and husband Leslie Davison worked together for the Department of Justice before moving to Florissant in 1958.

Rosemary was a member of the Board of Freeholders before serving as the city clerk from 1963-1979. She was a founding member of the Missouri Heritage Trust, Florissant Valley Historical Society, Friends of Old St. Ferdinand, Heritage Foundation, and Historic Florissant, Inc. She is also the author of the book Florissant, Missouri that was published in 2002.

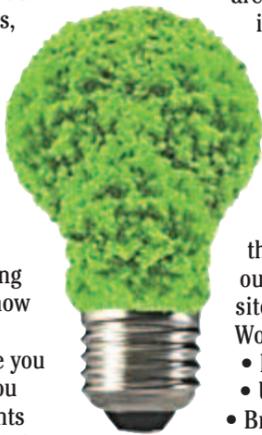
For a number of years she was a columnist for the Florissant Valley Reporter, writing under the name of Lee Mercer.

"Mrs. Davison was the city clerk when I was hired by Mayor Eagan in 1976 and when I was elected to the council in 1979. I always had the highest admiration, respect and appreciation for Rosemary and her efforts to preserve the rich history of the beautiful City of Florissant in the Valley of Flowers. We will miss her ideas, wit and challenges to advance the progress of the city," adds Mayor Schneider.

# Green Like Me

The Environmental Quality Commission is happy to welcome The Bedroom Store on New Halls Ferry Road as the newest Cool City Business. We continue to promote those Florissant City businesses that are helping in many ways to save our resources, lessen our carbon footprint and help provide jobs in the recycling industry. In the May 2014 issue of the Focus we asked Florissant residents to "Think Green." In this issue we are asking you to "SUPPORT GREEN" by patronizing our Cool City Businesses that have made "Recycling" a part of their daily schedule. We are listing them below for your awareness and convenience.

Also coming up on Sunday, October 12, 2014, is Florissant's Fall Festival along St. Francois. We are asking attendees to stop by our booth and get information on how and what to recycle, how to make compost, which light bulbs to use that will not only be recyclable but will save you money, and other money- and resource-saving tips. If you are into gardening, we can give you information on plants that need minimal care and water. We will also provide information on companies that take recyclable items of all descriptions. Residents may view the latest "Green Like Me" video segments



from Florissant Media online from home at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH0DntR1-5JPTZlac9RLXqQ>. We hope we see you at the Fall Festival!

Why recycle? One impressive reason is "we are running out of landfill space." We are currently working with the last landfill in the area, which means if we do not recycle and run out of space, it will definitely increase our trash-hauling bills. Remember that when you are throwing away an item. Ask yourself, "Can this be recycled?" Ninety-nine percent of the time the answer is YES!

Our Cool City Business program has no cost to the business owner, so Florissant businesses that recycle should consider becoming a participating member. They will get a sign for their businesses indicating their membership for all to see and they will be listed in our communications. To get an application, go to our website: [www.florissantmo.com](http://www.florissantmo.com), click on Public Works/Environmental Quality Commission.

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## Fall Festival Activities at St. Ferdinand Shrine

### Something for Everyone!

- Puppet Shows - *In The Convent Of The Church*  
– 1:00pm "Old Macdonalds Farm"  
– 3:00pm "The World Of Aesop"
- Children's Crafts - "Make it and Take it"  
– You will also receive a Free children's book of your choice!
- Face Painting
- Candy Cannon
- Food & Drinks
- Sno-Cones
- Basket Raffle
- Pull Tabs
- Music
- Tours of the Shrine
- Book Store – \$4 per Bag  
– Children's Books 25¢ Each

**Come and Join Us in the Afternoon of Fun!**  
**All Proceeds Go To the Upkeep of The Shrine!**



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Dear Friends,

This may be an appropriate time to reflect on a quality that our Community has had for two centuries. Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne was a mentor to the Famous pioneer Jesuit Priest Peter DeSmet and most of their meetings took place on the grounds of what is now Old St. Ferdinand Shrine. She told him that she loved the people of Florissant because they had the quality of hospitality. With hospitality the French allowed the Spanish to establish civil government in 1786 and later welcomed the German and the Irish and people from all over the globe who wanted to live a wholesome life here. Our roots are deep because we have fertilized our beautiful garden with hospitality, open hearts and good will for all.

I hope the many days of mild summer weather made all the wonderful things our City has to offer even more enjoyable for you and your family. We recently wrapped up our summer weekend concerts at St. Ferdinand Lake and the outdoor pools are closed till next summer. Information on the many events sponsored by Florissant is always available on our website at [www.florissantmo.com](http://www.florissantmo.com) and on your Charter or AT & T television local government access channel.

The Wednesday Night Out events that we cosponsored with Old Town Partners held on the last Wednesday each month last June, July, August and September were very well attended, received rave reviews and are a must do for next year. Kortess Custom Framing hosted an art show and helped us celebrate the 75th anniversary of the renaming of our City in June, Friends of Old St. Ferdinand Shrine hosted an ice cream social and showed the family movie Frozen in July, Stems Florist and Bunkers hosted a luau in August and Hendels Café hosted a Jazz dinner fest in September.

I would like to again congratulate Al Watson and Lia Weber, a team of professional bakers from our city who were named the winners of the fourth season competition of cable network The Learning Channel's reality series, Next Great Baker.

Al Watson, manager and cake decorator at Wedding Wonderland Cakeshop at 449 Dunn Road in Florissant, and Lia Weber, pastry chef at Hendel's Market Café, located at 599 Rue St. Denis in Old Town Florissant and the proprietor of Made. by Lia, comprised the only team competing from the Midwest. Next Great Baker was hosted by Buddy Valastro, star of TLC's Cake Boss reality series. The 10 teams competed for a grand prize of \$100,000 as well as a chance to work with Valastro at the new Carlo's Bakery at The Venetian casino in Las Vegas.

Four plaques were dedicated in our Florissant Walk Through History program on rue St. Francois. Honored were former Florissant Councilman, State Rep and Florissant Valley Reporter editor David Reynolds on August 12, Florissant Councilman and County Councilman Donald Bond (Mr. North County) on August 27, Hall of Fame Bowler Dick Weber on Sept. 2 and Business Woman and Civic Leader Charlotte Ballard on Sept 24. A total of twenty plaques have been dedicated through the Walk through History program recognizing those that have made a significant contribution to the progress or prestige of our City.

National Night Out was held Tuesday, August 5 on a wonderful clear and comfortable summer night and many block parties were hosted allowing residents to enjoy and get to know their neighbors. Pick any date you can to get your neighbors together and we will block off your street and your Mayor and a friendly Florissant Police Officer will likely stop by. To schedule a block party for your neighborhood for a future gathering please call Beth Goldstein at 314-839-7601. Also consider starting a Neighborhood watch chapter for your street to encourage watching out for each other. Call Officer Andy Haarmann at 830-6042.

"Music Under the Stars" the 2014 free outdoor summer concert series which is proudly sponsored by the Florissant Fine Arts Council and the City was blessed with outstanding weather and had record attendance. We enjoyed the sounds of the Northwinds Concert Band, Fanfare Band, Ground Flow Fusion, Bob Kuban Brass, Butch Wax & the Hollywoods with Theo Peoples from the Four Tops, Billy Peek Band Boeing Employees Concert Band. The Ralph Butler band will be doing two performances at this year's Fall Festival Sunday, October 12. SmashBand Superhits which was scheduled for August 16 has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 11 at 7pm. The location has changed from St. Ferdinand Park to 100 rue St. Francois.

Season tickets are on sale now for two great professional theatre series here at the Florissant Civic Center Theatre. Get your season tickets by visiting the FCC Theatre Box Office or call 314-921-5678.

Once again this year's Summer Playground ended with our Family Night. The James J. Eagan Center had approximately 250 children registered for the programs. The theme for this year's family night was "Disney". The Koch Day camp Program had over 320 enrolled in summer camp. We had great participation from the families that attended Family Night where refreshments were served and a slide show played with pictures of all the fun activities of the summer camps.

Congratulations to our very own Florissant Fish Swim Team who completed in their 12th season finishing undefeated for the fourth year in a row and winning their 5th conference championship. I was able to attend several events and was amazed at the large number of parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters and friends that attended each competition. This year's team comprised of 208 swimmers and 7 coaches. The swim program is designed to accommodate a wide range of physical talent and balances between competition, participation, family values and good old fashion fun.

I would like to thank the CYC North County parishes for their participation to make this year's 2014 CYC City/County Softball Championship an enjoyable success. Many of the playoff games were played at St. Ferdinand Park fields #1 and #6. I was able to attend many of the games and was pleased with the field conditions and I extend my appreciation to the Parks Maintenance staff on a job well done.

A special thank you to John Schlereth, chairman of the North County CYC District, Paul Bober, vice chairman and to North County CYC District Parishes St. Ferdinand and Sacred Heart that volunteered their time to help with the set-up/clean-up, registration of players, score-keeping, field set-up and sound systems before and after the games.

Congratulations to the five local parishes that participated in this year's softball playoffs; Sacred Heart, St. Angela Merici, St. Ferdinand, St. Rose- Philippine Duchesne and St. Sabina. St Sabina was runner up in the 5th Grade Girls Midget Closed Division and St. Angela Merici was the runner up in the 6th Grade Girls Crusader Open Division. Congratulations to the 7th Grade Girls softball team from Sacred Heart who defeated St. Justin 12 to 4 to capture the Cadet Closed Division CYC City/County Championship. Also congratulations to the 8th Grade Girls softball team from St. Angela Merici who defeated St. Joseph- Cottleville 15 to 2 to capture the Intermediate Open Division CYC City/County Championship.

The Boys City/County Baseball Tournament was hosted on Florissant fields last year and by the South County CYC District this year. The 5th Grade Boys Midget Open Division was won by St. Ferdinand Parish, the 7th Grade Boys Cadet Closed Division was won by Sacred Heart and the 11th/12th Grade Boys Division was won by St. Rose Philippine Duchesne.

VFW Post 4105 and City hosted a 9-11 ceremony on Thursday, September 11 at the VFW Post at 410 rue St. Francois. VFW

Ladies Auxiliary President Brenda Roberson, VFW Men's Auxiliary Randy Schroeder and Post Commander Tony Laprocina invited me to speak at this solemn occasion. My remarks reflected on the sacrifice and commitment required to advance the progress of democracy and recognized the special role of the military, police, firefighters and all first responders to keep our society safe.

The Veteran Day Parade will be held on Sunday, November 9. It will start at 1:00 p.m. near the St. Ferdinand Shrine and finished at the James J. Eagan Center. This event has grown to rival all other parades in the Metro area. I encourage everyone to come out and show their patriotic support along St. Francois and St. Catherine all the way to the JJE Center.

We thank all the seniors who attended the Senior Town Hall meeting on September 18 to be informed about the progress in the beautiful city and to get an opportunity to speak with the City Administration. We thank Bent-Wood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for graciously providing a delicious breakfast to those that attended. For all other upcoming Senior Events please contact Peggy Hogan our Senior Coordinator at 314-839-7604.

We hosted East Side West Side Community Forums on September 18 at the Eagan Center for Wards 5,6,7,8 & 9 and on September 25 for Wards 1,2,3,& 4 at the JFK Center. The Chief and Department heads and myself were joined by Council Members and representatives from organizations and agencies that serve Florissant to discuss what we are doing to advance the progress of our city. After the presentations we stayed until we had an opportunity to hear every question and suggestions.

The Florissant Old Town Fall Festival will be held on Sunday October 12th as the biggest block party in the state blocking off St. Francois Street from Florissant Road to St. Ferdinand Shrine. The festival is sponsored by Florissant Old Town Partners, the City of Florissant and the Missouri and Regional Arts Council. This important cultural community family friendly togetherness event runs from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will have a wide variety of other musical and performing arts entertainment and delicious food and beverages. There will be crafts and snacks of all kinds and the famous Chili tasting contest in front of Click's Heating and Cooling.

The 2014 construction season is drawing to a close. This summer, the City forces and contractors have performed over \$2.2 million in street work projects, including asphalt overlays, concrete replacement and slurry sealing and realigning rue St. Francois near the Old Town Partners house. This work was in addition to routine maintenance such as pothole patching, street cleaning, striping and miscellaneous paving work. The sidewalk program is completing another \$294,000 of work which includes removal of trip hazards and retrofitting and reconstructing portions to ensure ADA compliance.

I am pleased to announce that three Florissant projects have been included in the East-West Gateway Council of Governments' 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

The awarded projects include over \$1.6 million in federal funds with approximately \$400,000 in matching city funds. A brief description of the projects is included below. Grant applications for these projects were submitted by the Department of Public Works - Engineering Division in March 2014.

#### **Replacement of St. Anthony Lane Bridge over Fountain Creek**

This project, which is scheduled for construction in 2017, includes the replacement of the existing double box culvert with a single-span structure. The existing bridge is nearly 50 years old and currently has the lowest structural sufficiency rating of the City's bridges that are open to traffic. The new bridge design will eliminate the accumulation of drift that requires continual maintenance and will also provide ADA-compliant pedestrian access and



modern railings, both of which are lacking from the existing bridge. A budget of approximately \$554,000 has been established. Design will commence in 2015.

#### **North Lafayette Street Reconstruction**

This project includes improvements to North Lafayette Street between St. Louis Street and North Highway 67. The proposed project scheduled for construction in 2018 will resurface the road to provide a smoother ride, construct storm sewers and curbs and gutters to improve storm water drainage and build ADA-compliant pedestrian sidewalk and crosswalks and shared-use lanes. This project constitutes Phase 11A of the Old Town Street & Storm Water Drainage Improvement Master Plan with a budget estimate of approximately \$1.3 million. Design will commence in 2016.

#### **Replacement of the Pedestrian Signal at Robinwood Elementary**

The project will provide new signals as well as sidewalk and street improvements as necessary to comply with ADA standards. Construction is scheduled for 2018. The existing signal dates back to the 1970s and is nearing the end of its service life and the sidewalk is not ADA-compliant. Maintenance of the signal is difficult due to availability of parts. A budget of \$140,000 has been established for this project. Design will commence in 2016.

**Culver's Restaurant had a groundbreaking ceremony on September 4th and is expected to open December 15th.** I cannot remember as much buzz created by a franchise coming to Florissant exceeding that created by the news about Culvers. Founder Craig Culver was on hand along with Co-Franchise owners Gary & Jill Beres and Jim Shelton. Jim will also be moving here to St. Louis to operate the business. I have been pleased with all the new commercial developments that are completed and or in the process of getting ready to build. Several large properties are under contract for future developments.

**CVS Pharmacy is under construction and is expected to open this Fall.** Wal-Mart Super Center is under construction and is scheduled to open in the Spring of 2015. The former Wedgwood Tennis Club on New Halls Ferry Road is in the due diligence period for a new Retail development. The Plaza Madrid redevelopment project is continuing in the due diligence period for a retail center.

Brite Worx car wash is expected to start construction in the next several months. Dollar Tree will build a new store on an out parcel in front of Lowes. Sweetie Pie's restaurant will be opening in the former Del Taco building on Lindbergh. Club Fitness will open in the former Michael's location.

**I hope to see you at the Fall Festival on October 12th on St. Francois Street!**

Sincerely,  
Mayor Thomas P. Schneider

## October is National Crime Prevention Month

In 1984, the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) designated October Crime Prevention Month. The month-long commemoration reflects the adage that prevention pays off. NCPC strongly believes that citizen involvement in crime prevention can and has played a vital role in helping many communities stay safe.

Every year since then, government agencies, civic groups, schools, businesses, and youth organizations have reached out to educate the public, showcase their accomplishments, and explore new partnerships during this special month.

Since that time, October has become the official month for recognizing and celebrating the practice of crime prevention, while promoting awareness of important issues such as victimization, volunteerism, and creating safer, more caring communities. The month-long celebra-



tion spotlights successful crime prevention efforts on the local, state, and national levels.

We encourage the entire Florissant community to make crime prevention a priority. Keeping your eyes and ears open can make a difference in keeping your neighborhood safe and free of criminal activity. Another key component of crime prevention is reporting suspicious activity. By taking the time to make a call you may prevent yourself or a neighbor from becoming a victim of a crime.

Experience has proved that grassroots, collaborative action to support law enforcement works to keep crime down.

Since 1980, McGruff the Crime Dog® has been the icon of crime prevention and the symbol of NCPC's work nationwide. Together, NCPC and McGruff have helped communities spread the prevention word through training events, public service advertising, demonstration programs, conferences, publications, and numerous partnerships. Crime Prevention Month 2010 recognizes successful crime prevention efforts on the local, state, and national levels to generate interest and enthusiasm for prevention efforts to continue to grow even stronger and become more widespread. We can all work together to "Take A Bite Out Of Crime®."



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## Last 2014 AARP "Driver Safety Program"

The Florissant Police Department will be hosting its' final AARP "Driver Safety Program" for the 2014 calendar year.

The date is:

DATE: Tuesday, November 11, 2014

LOCATION: Florissant Police Dept.

1700 N. Highway 67

Florissant, MO 63033

TIME: 9:00am to 1:00pm

FEE: \$15 for AARP Members

\$20 for Non-AARP Members

The A.A.R.P. "Driver Safety Program" is a 4-hour classroom refresher that can help you learn the effects of aging on driving and how you can adjust one's driving habits to remain safe on the road. This program is sponsored and presented by AARP



and targets drivers 50 years of age and older. AARP provides a certified instructor to teach the program.

Many insurance companies offer reduced insurance rates for those who successfully complete the course. Check with your insurance company to see if you qualify.

To register contact Officer Andy Haarmann at the Florissant Police Department's Public Information Unit at (314) 830-6042. Seating is limited so drivers are encouraged to register early to reserve a spot in the class. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

## Florissant Police Dept. Thanks the Community for its Support

As everyone is probably aware, August was a very busy and stressful month for law enforcement agencies across the St. Louis area. The employees of the Florissant Police Department would like to thank all of the members of the community and the businesses who came by the station or stopped an officer to show their support and offer words of encouragement. *The support and kind thoughts and words did not go unnoticed, and we thank you.*



## Crime Prevention Month and Halloween

October is Crime Prevention Month and also the month in which Halloween is celebrated. Learn how to celebrate both together.

Although children look forward to tricks, treats, and ghoulish garb, Halloween can be fraught with fright for parents, with candy given to their kids by strangers and a legion of masked and costumed trick-or-treaters at the door. However, following a few safety tips can ensure safe fun for kids and candy-givers alike.

The activities below focus on Halloween, which is celebrated in the last week of October. The efforts throughout the month generate enthusiasm for crime prevention so it can grow stronger and become more widespread.

To ensure that trick-or-treaters, you, and your house stay safe, remember the following tips.

- Clear your yard and sidewalk of any obstacles or decorations that may be hard to see in the dark, lest someone go bump in the night.
- Keep your house well lighted, both inside and out; you wouldn't want to miss any particularly good costumes, would you?
- Ask your Neighborhood Watch or local citizen's group to haunt (patrol) your community.
- Report any suspicious or criminal activity to the police department.
- To make sure even the scariest costumes are safe, keep the following in mind when buying or designing one.
- Try makeup instead of masks; it's more comfortable and doesn't obstruct vision the way masks can.
- Check to ensure that costumes are flame-retardant so that young ones are safe around jack-o-lanterns, candles and other flames.
- Keep costumes short to ensure that the only trip taken is the one around the neighborhood.

**BE SAFE!**



• Look for brightly colored costumes, attach reflector strips to costumes and bags, and remind trick-or-treaters to carry glow sticks and flashlights.

• If a costume involves any sort of fake weapon, make sure that it is made of a flexible material such as cardboard or foam. Or, avoid the whole problem of weapons by challenging your child to design a costume that is scary without one.

Keep in mind the next few tips to make sure your trick-or-treater's night in the neighborhood will be safe and fun.

• Older kids should trick-or-treat in groups; kids walking around alone are never as safe as those in groups, and especially not at night.

Younger kids should be accompanied by a parent or trusted neighbor.

• Review the route for trick-or-treating beforehand and set a time set when kids should be home. Also, have a plan if your child gets separated from his or her friends or from you.

• Remind your children not to enter strange houses or cars.

After a successful and safe night around the neighborhood, remember that the treats still need scrutiny before anyone eats them.

• Remind your children not to eat treats until they've come home. To help ensure this, feed them a meal or a substantial snack before they go out.

Check all treats at home in a well-lit place. Be especially wary of anything that is not wrapped by the factory or that is no longer sealed.

• Remind kids not to eat everything at once, lest they be green even without the makeup.

*(Information for this article was obtained from the National Crime Prevention Council's website.)*

**You Can Call the Florissant  
Police at (314) 831-7000**

## Neighborhood Watch Program

This program encourages citizens to take an active role in keeping their neighborhoods safe by reporting suspicious activity, practicing effective personal safety techniques to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of a crime, watching out for each other in their neighborhood and staying in touch with fellow neighbors to encourage keeping your neighborhoods safe and free from crime.



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Those who volunteer to become a block captain will be trained on how to conduct a neighborhood watch meeting, pass along important safety information, discuss issues in the neighborhoods and keep their group members up to date on crime trends in their neighborhoods. Once a block

captain you'll receive daily updates, via emails from the police department, on notable criminal activity.

You can also register for the Florissant Neighborhood Watch Program by picking up a form and the Florissant Police Station or by visiting our Department website and downloading a registration form.

If you're interested in finding out more about the Florissant Neighborhood Watch Program or you're considering becoming a Block Captain contact Officer Andy Haarmann at (314) 830-6042 or visit our website at [www.florissantmo.com/police](http://www.florissantmo.com/police).

# Safeguard Your Children Get them ID'd with MoCHIP! *IT'S FREE!*

The Florissant Police Department along with the Missouri Freemasons will be hosting a one day Missouri Child Identification Program (MoCHIP) during the Florissant Fall Festival on Sunday, October 12, 2014, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The event will be held at the Florissant City Hall inside the Council Chambers.

This program, **FREE OF CHARGE**, provides parents with critical information on their children in the event their child turned up missing or abducted. This nationally recognized program provides parents with a digital photograph, digital fingerprints, DNA swab, child information and emergency contacts, a dental bite impression, and two (2) laminated ID cards. **Most importantly**, all information is turned over to a parent or legal guardian on completion of the process. No child information is stored or kept by the MoCHIP program or the Florissant Police.

If you've been through the MoCHIP program and have had your child ID'd, bring the mini CD back and we'll update it for you. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) strongly urges parents to have the most up-to-date information, including pictures – so if you've had your 0-4 year old ID'd in the last 6 months, it's time to do it again. It is recommended to have children ages 5-10 ID'd once a year, and when children 10 and over enter puberty you should consider having them ID'd every 6-12 months, as their features and bodies are changing drastically. Often overlooked are older teens and young adults who are actually most at risk – please urge your 14 - 21 year olds to get ID'd. It typically takes only 10-15 minutes.

As a result of the efforts by the Missouri Freemason through the



MoCHIP program, parents/legal guardians of over 125,000 have received this critical identification information free of charge.

Make sure you mark your calendars for this event and keep your eyes open as the date approaches for more information.

For more information visit the MoCHIPS web site at: [www.mochip.org](http://www.mochip.org), MoCHIP on Facebook, or contact the Florissant Police Department Public Information Office at (314) 830-6042.



Visit The City of Florissant Website  
[www.florissantmo.com](http://www.florissantmo.com)

## Doris Voerster is 1st runner-up in Ms. Senior Missouri Pageant in Florissant



Deborah Gross was crowned Ms. Senior Missouri on July 13th at the Florissant Civic Center. The theme of the pageant was "Puttin' On the Glitz". 1st runner-up was Doris Voerster who did a tap dance as her talent. 2nd runner-up was Susan Pellegrino. She was Ms. Congeniality too. The other contestants were: Claudia Bidleman, Donna Collins, Barbara Eckert, Linda Franchini, and Louise Jensen.

The pageant celebrates women over the age of 60-"The Age of Elegance". These women exemplify dignity, poise, maturity and inner beauty.

## Come To the Sacred Heart Oktoberfest

Sacred Heart Parish located at 751 N. Jefferson Street in Old Town Florissant will celebrate the 13th Annual Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 12, 2014.

The day will begin with a 10:30 a.m. "Mass in the Grass" on the lawn on the south side of the Church. All are welcome to attend. Following the Mass, the Oktoberfest celebration will begin on the parish grounds.

There will be carnival rides, games for children, a basket raffle, beer stein booth, quilt raffle, a silent auction and a washer tournament. There will also be live music as well as a wine and beer garden throughout the day.

Great foods including a chicken dinner in the Parish Hall from 3:00-5:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold throughout the day for a Grand Raffle. All are Welcome to join in the fun!



Msgr. Mark Ullrich said, "The Annual Oktoberfest is always a great event for Sacred Heart that coincides with the City of Florissant's Fall Festival. The day is great fun for all. If you like an old time picnic, this is definitely for you."

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**OCTOBER**

**\*\*St. Louis Family Theatre Series Presents:**

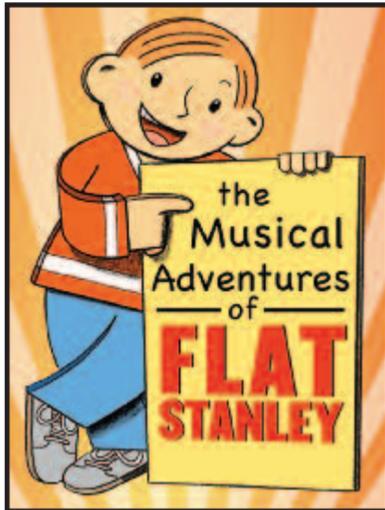
**The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley**

*From Dallas Children's Theater Company, Dallas, TX*

**Oct. 10 – 7:30 p.m. Oct. 11 – 2:00 p.m.  
Oct. 12 – 2:00 p.m.**

Stanley Lambchop is just like everyone else. That's the problem. For Stanley, life is TOO normal. He wants to travel the world, do something amazing, something no one's ever seen before. Careful what you wish for, Stanley! One night, the bulletin board on the wall above Stanley's bed comes loose and falls - right on top of Stanley! The next morning, Stanley Lambchop wakes up flat. Not just a little flat...really, REALLY flat! In a whirlwind musical travelogue, Stanley - the ultimate exchange student - explores the globe and learns that heroes come in all shapes and sizes.

**ADMISSION: \$7.00 to all.**  
Group rates available  
Information and reservations 314-921-5678 or [www.FlorissantMO.com](http://www.FlorissantMO.com)



**St. Louis Shakespeare Presents:**

**Much Ado About Nothing**

**Oct 17 – 8:00 p.m. Oct 18 – 8:00 p.m. Oct 19 – 2:00 p.m.  
Oct 23 – 7:30 p.m. Oct 24 – 8:00 p.m. Oct 25 – 8:00 p.m.**



Co-directed by St. Louis Shakespeare's Artistic Director Donna Northcott and Nick Moramarco As one pair of (reluctant) lovers engages in a merry war of wits, another becomes innocent victims of a villainous plot to destroy their happiness. But thanks to the dogged persistence of a truly remarkable keeper of the peace, love prevails at last in one of Shakespeare's most popular romantic comedies. Having collaborated as director and designer on several past productions, Northcott and Moramarco are sure to bring double the laughs to this fast-paced romantic comedy. Appropriate for all ages.

*(This production can be included in your Florissant Fine Arts Council Applause Applause Series season ticket package.)*

**ADMISSION: \$20.00 General Admission; \$18.00 Seniors; \$15.00 Students/Teachers**  
Information 314-361-5664 or [boxoffice@stlshakespeare.org](mailto:boxoffice@stlshakespeare.org)

**Northwinds Concert Band Presents:**

**Sunday Afternoon at the Pops with the Northwinds Concert Band**

**Oct. 26 – 3:00 p.m.**



Northwinds Concert Band, under the direction of Larry Marsh, will present a high-spirited concert on Sunday afternoon October 26 at 3:00 p.m. The whole Northwinds program is filled with tuneful, uplifting music, including music from films and Broadway. The band will also present some special pre-Halloween musical tricks and treats, including an exciting new composition based upon a German folk legend. Northwinds has been acclaimed as the "best community band" in St. Louis, so please come out and support the work of these 55 fine local musicians! Northwinds is a program of Ferguson-Florissant's Community Education Department. *For more information about the band and the concert visit [www.northwindsband.org](http://www.northwindsband.org). There you will also find links to YouTube clips from our recent concerts.*  
**ADMISSION: \$8.00 Adults; \$6.00 Seniors/Students**  
Information and reservations 314-921-5678 or [www.FlorissantMO.com](http://www.FlorissantMO.com)

**Next Generation Theatre Company Presents:**

**Broadway Then and Now**

**Oct. 30 – 7:00 p.m.**

"Broadway Then and Now" is a musical revue highlighting the iconic Broadway hits of the 20th century.

**ADMISSION: \$10.00 to all**  
Information and reservations 314-921-5678 or [www.FlorissantMO.com](http://www.FlorissantMO.com)

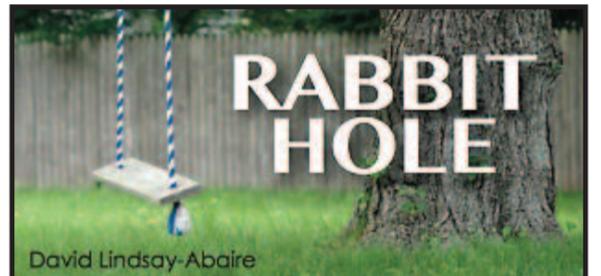
**NOVEMBER**

**Hawthorne Players Present:**

**Rabbit Hole**

**Nov. 7 – 8:00 p.m. Nov. 8 – 8:00 p.m.  
Nov. 14 – 8:00 p.m. Nov. 15 – 8:00 p.m. Nov. 16 – 2:00 p.m.**

The Corbetts have everything a family could want until a life-shattering accident turns their world upside down and leaves the couple drifting perilously apart. RABBIT HOLE charts their search for comfort in the darkest of places and for a path that will lead them back into the light of day. Winner of the 2007 Pulitzer Prize.



**ADMISSION: \$18.00 Adults; \$16.00 Seniors/Students; Group rates available**  
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*\* The Florissant Fine Arts Council presents the Applause/Aplause 2014-2015 series with financial support from our members, the Regional Arts Commission, Missouri Arts Council (a state agency), Arts and Education Council, the Employees Community Fund of Boeing St. Louis and the City of Florissant.*

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**Flipside: The Patti Page Story**

From KMP Artists, Austin, TX

Nov. 22 – 8:00 p.m.

"Flipside: The Patti Page Story," winner of 18 National Awards at the Kennedy Center Honors, is a musical celebration of her rise to stardom. Flipside takes audiences on a well-conceived journey to 1965 in a place that used to be the KTUL Radio Station. Written from interviews with Miss Page, this show features 28 of her greatest hits, including Tennessee Waltz, (How Much Is That) Doggie in the Window, and Mockingbird Hill.

ADMISSION: \$28.00 Adults; \$26.00 Seniors/Students; Group rates available  
Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com



City of Florissant Thanksgiving Holiday Special:

**Click, Clack, Moo**

From TheatreworksUSA, New York, NY

Nov. 23 – 2:00 p.m. Nov. 28 – 2:00 p.m. Nov. 29 – 2:00 p.m.

"Cows that type? Hens on strike! Whoever heard of such a thing!" Farmer Brown cries. When his granddaughter Jenny comes for a visit, Farmer Brown declares the farm a "tech-free zone." He confiscates her laptop in the cold barn along with the shivering cows who use her computer to type messages requesting blankets. "No way," replies Farmer Brown. "No blankets!" So the cows go on strike and the chickens join them in solidarity. No blankets: no milk, no eggs! Will Farmer Brown give in to the animals' demands? Will Jenny get her computer back? Find out in a hilariously "moooooing" new musical about negotiation and compromise, Based on the Caldecott Honor book by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin.



ADMISSION: \$5.25 to all.  
Information and reservations 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com

**DECEMBER**

Florissant Barbershoppers Present:

**A Little Bit of Christmas**

Dec. 5 – 7:30 p.m.

Start the Holiday Season with the rich melodies of Christmas – both old and new – as the chorus presents an evening of outstanding music featuring the excitement of young voices as they display their talents along with the close harmonies of the barbershop style. Traditional carols are mixed with some more contemporary songs that look forward with anticipation to gifts, family gatherings and the celebration of the birth of the Christ child. A chorus or two from area high schools will perform along with the Men of Harmony for an enjoyable evening of vocal harmony. Come and enjoy the evening with us - you'll be glad that you did!

ADMISSION: \$6.00 to all  
Information and reservations: 314-921-5678

St. Louis Brass Band Presents:

**Holiday Spectacular**

Dec. 7 – 2:30 p.m.

ADMISSION: \$7.00 Adults; \$5.00 Seniors/Students  
Information and reservations: 314-921-5678

\*Florissant Fine Arts Council Presents:

**The Standards in Jazz Christmas Concert**

Dec. 13 – 8:00 p.m.

After a successful career as a promotion director for A&M Records, where he worked with big artists like Frank Sinatra, St. Louis area local Ross Gentile worked as a DJ for WIBV, KSHE and WZQZ. A force behind the growth and development of many professional jazz musicians Mr. Gentile was also a regular presence as an emcee at live jazz events in the St. Louis area including our very own Florissant Civic Center Theatre. He died in February 2013 at age 60. Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville played host to the first tribute concert honoring Mr. Gentile last September in the Meridian Ballroom at the Morris University Center. We are honored to be asked by his family to host a second fun and fast-moving Christmas version of that memorial concert when even more musicians and vocalists will be invited to perform in tribute to this "homegrown" national champion.

ADMISSION: \$28.00 Adults; \$26.00 Seniors/Students  
Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com

Northwinds Concert Band Presents:

**Hometown Holiday Special**

Dec. 14 – 3:00 p.m.

Northwinds Concert Band's annual holiday concert is a cherished family tradition. Under the direction of Larry Marsh, this acclaimed community band will present a varied program of bright-spirited music, including traditional holiday favorites, with special guest soloists and a few surprises. Northwinds is a program of Ferguson-Florissant's Community Education Department.

ADMISSION: \$8.00 Adults; \$6.00 Seniors/Students; \$14.00 Immediate Family  
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If you want to send your children or grandchildren to college, retire comfortably and achieve other important life goals, you will have to invest - it's that simple. But the process of investing can sometimes seem anything but simple. What can you do to gain confidence that you are making the right investment moves?

The answer may depend on how involved you want to be with your investment decisions. Initially, you might think that you would like to be totally "hands on." After all, how you save and invest your money is unquestionably a highly personal matter. And once you start exploring the investment world, you may find it fascinating, as it entails virtually every human endeavor imaginable: business, politics, science, the environment, and so on. But if you want to completely run your own show, you will need to put in a lot of work - such as studying the financial markets, staying up-to-date on changing investment environments and monitoring your portfolio to make sure it is still appropriate for your financial needs and goals.

Most people find that they do not have the time or expertise to manage this investment process on their own, which is why they turn to professional financial advisors. The key advantage in working with an advisor is that he or she knows your risk tolerance, goals and family situation, and can help you create a personalized, long-term investment strategy. A good financial advisor will communicate with you regularly and make recommendations. A financial advisor can offer you a variety of strategies and types of investments - such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds - to help you work toward your goals. Ultimately,

though, you will be the one to make the "buy" or "sell" decisions.

Some investors prefer to leave even the buy-and-sell decisions to professionals. Most financial advisors offer advisory programs that take care of this for you. With these programs, you choose a professionally managed portfolio of investments. The programs typically offer a wide range of portfolios, so you can choose one that's appropriate based on your needs, goals and risk tolerance. Each portfolio contains a broad range of investments that are selected by professional analysts and represent a variety of asset classes. Advisory programs also offer a sophisticated rebalancing process designed to keep your assets allocated appropriately, which can help keep you on track toward your specific financial goals.

Whether you choose to make your own decisions in consultation with a financial advisor or to invest in an advisory program - or both - you really should learn as much as possible about your investments. Whichever method you decide is best for you, remember that investing involves risk, and investment performance is never guaranteed. So make sure you're asking the right questions, such as: What are the risk characteristics? How has a particular investment vehicle performed relative to others in its category? What are the tax implications of owning and selling a specific investment vehicle? What are the costs and fees associated with each choice?

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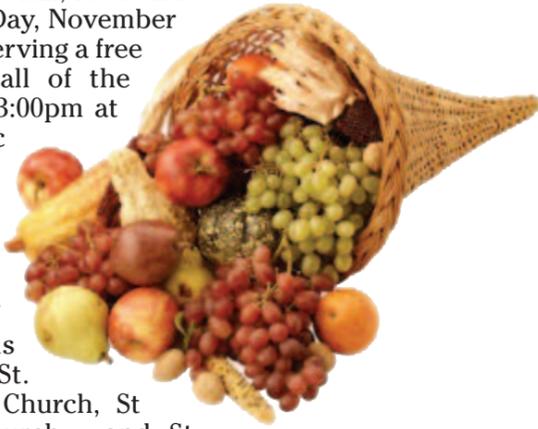
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## The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Dinner

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## Do You Like to Dance?

The Two Star Final Band will entertain Residents and Non-Residents at the Eagan Center on Saturday Night, November 1st from 7:00 – 10:00pm. Tickets are \$8.00 if purchased in the Senior Office before the dance and \$10.00 at the door. Light snacks will be served on each table. Beer, wine and soda will be available for purchase. Dance to the music or just sit and enjoy the performance! Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.



## C.O.R.P. - County Older Resident Programs

The County Older Resident Programs through the Department of Human Services, offers St Louis County Residents, ages 60 and older, a number of programs that provide valuable services to seniors in need of additional help. The Florissant Senior Office works closely with St. Louis County to help seniors find ways to stay independent while continuing to live in their own homes. Listed below are some of the programs that St. Louis County offers:

- **Transportation:** The City of Florissant offers free bus transportation to all Florissant Senior Citizens. This service will take you anywhere in the CITY LIMITS of Florissant. CORP also offers a free transportation service which is not limited to just the City Limits of Florissant. This is a valuable service that can help senior citizens get to doctor, dentist or therapy appointments that are not located in the city limits of Florissant.
  - **Care Calls:** Volunteers offer telephone reassurance and friendly conversation.
  - **Computer Training Classes**
  - **Attorneys:** Volunteer Attorneys help prepare simple wills, power of attorney and other legal documents.
- CORP is built upon the commitment of caring volunteers who share their time and talents so that their older neighbors can live in their own homes. Whether you are looking to get more involved in your community or are looking for services to help with the transition of aging call (314) 615-4516 or email [kchristanell@stlouisco.com](mailto:kchristanell@stlouisco.com) to learn more about CORP.

## CAUTION SCAM ALERTS

Listed below are the scams and alerts that have been brought to the attention of the Senior Office in the past few months:

**Ameren:** Ameren Missouri warns its customers to watch out for scam artists who threaten dis-

connection of electric service unless a payment is made immediately. Ameren never approaches customers at their home or business to collect payment. They never call customers to demand payment. Never give your credit card, debit card, Social Security Number, ATM, checking or saving account numbers to anyone who comes to your home, calls or sends an email requesting this information. Never allow anyone in your home or business who wants to check your electrical wiring, natural gas pipes or appliances unless YOU have scheduled the appointment or have reported a natural gas leak and the person has proper identification. Ameren Missouri employees always carry photo identification which includes name, employee number and an official Ameren Missouri logo.

**IRS:** There have been reports of scam artists calling residents acting like they are from the IRS. They state that the resident's taxes are being audited and they must send money right away to avoid having their assets seized or receiving a warrant. The IRS does NOT demand immediate payment over the phone. Never give out your bank information, social security number, credit card number or any private information to someone who calls demanding payment.

## Senior Citizen Trips



### WAY OF LIGHTS

November 21 – January 2, 2015

**OUR LADY OF SNOWS:** First enjoy the outstanding Our Lady of Snows Dinner Buffet. Then take a ride through the Way of Lights Christmas Display where wintertime sparkles and lights illuminate the grounds. This trip is a Florissant Silver Words Club Trip. Tickets go on sale to Silver Words Club Members first. If there are tickets remaining after this first registration, tickets will go on sale in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall to all Senior Citizens, residents and non-residents. Call the Senior Office at 839-7605 for ticket availability.

**WHEN:** Thursday, December 4, 2014

**TIME:** 3:45pm – 9:00pm

**COST:** \$25.00 (includes Dinner, Christmas Lights, & Transportation)

**TICKETS:** Tickets go on sale at the Silver Words Club Meeting on Thursday, November 13th, 2014 to Silver Word Club members ONLY. If there are tickets remaining after this first registration, tickets will go on sale in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall to all Senior Citizens, residents and non-residents. Non-resident cost is \$27.00.



**CHRISTMAS AT THE COUNTRY CLUB:** Enjoy a holiday experience like no other at the beautifully decorated NORWOOD HILLS COUNTRY CLUB. Lunch will include Caesar Salad with their Homemade Dressing, Chicken Breast w/Mushroom Sauce, Mashed Potatoes & Vegetables, Rolls & Butter and Delicious New York Cheesecake. Then experience the outstanding "SOUNDS OF THE SEASON" by THE AMBASSADORS OF HARMONY, who have delighted audiences all over the USA & around the world at TOUHILL Performing Arts Center on UMSL Campus.

**WHEN:** Saturday, December 13, 2014

**TIME:** 10:45am-4:30pm

**COST:** \$53.00 includes Lunch, Touhill Performance and Transportation

**TICKETS:** Tickets go on sale Tuesday, October 21st at the Florissant Senior Dining Center from 9:00 – 11:00am for residents with a current resident card. If there are tickets remaining, a second registration will be held on Tuesday, October 28th at the Florissant Senior Dining Center from 9:00 – 11:00am for residents and non-residents. Non-resident cost is \$55.00.

## HELP...with Medical Equipment

Do you have medical equipment that is not being used? Do you need medical equipment? Now there is HELP... STLOUISHELP, Health Equipment Lending Program. HELP accepts donations of manual and power wheelchairs, electric hospital beds, shower chairs, canes, crutches, walkers, grab bars, elevated toilet seats, portable commodes, lift chairs, seating cushions, back supports, folding ramps – every type of item except oxygen and medications. St. Louis HELP loans the donated home medical items to anyone in need, AT NO COST OR FEE. HELP is holding a medical equipment donation drive SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2014 9:00am – 2:00pm. Clean the attic, garage or basement and make a tax-deductible donation of your medical equipment at the Florissant Walgreen's at Lindbergh & Washington on October 11th.

Contact St. Louis HELP (314) 567-4700 or [www.stlhelp.org](http://www.stlhelp.org) for more information.



## Senior Discount for Trash Hauling

Are you 60 or over and live in the City Limits of Florissant? Call Florissant's Trash Hauler, Meridian Waste, 227-7000, to see if you qualify for half-price trash service!



## Eat, Drink and Be Scary!



At the City of Florissant Senior Citizen Halloween Party! Dress up in Costume for our annual contest or come as you are and watch the fun! Thursday, October 30th from 10:00am - 2:00pm at the James J. Eagan Center. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall starting on Monday September 15th. Back by Popular Demand, the ACCORDION DUO, will perform their outstanding German-Style music! There will be great attendance prizes, chances for a Pot of Gold & gift baskets, Bingo and a delicious fall lunch of roasted pork with stuffing, mashed potatoes & gravy, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, rolls & butter & cherry pie.



## Quilts!

Florissant Valley Quilt Guild Member, Wanetia Ebker tells the "Story of her Quilts!" Thursday, November 6 at the Eagan Center A/B Room at 1:00pm. After the presentation, enjoy a delicious Fall Dessert. This is a Free Event but you must call the Senior Office, 839-7605, to make reservations starting October 13. Space is limited.



## An Evening To Remember... New Year's Eve 2014!



Ring in 2015 in style! n New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31st, the Eagan Center will be beautifully decorated, wonderful music will be playing, there will be noisemakers and hats, outstanding attendance prizes, chances for a Pot of Gold & gift baskets, and a delicious dinner of pork tenderloin with homemade cranberry chutney, au gratin potatoes, broccoli & cauliflower medley, Italian salad with creamy peppercorn dressing, rolls with butter and decadent cheesecake. Join your Florissant Friends for this celebration of the year! Top rated musical group, FANFARE, featuring Kittie Moller, will perform for your dancing and listening pleasure. The event will start at 10:00am and continue until 2:00pm with the "Countdown for the New Year" at 12:00 Noon! Tickets are just \$15.00 each which includes fantastic hors d'oeuvres and dinner. Tickets are sold in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall starting on Monday, November 10th. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

## VETERANS!

Do you have questions on your Veterans Benefits? The City of Florissant will have a Veteran Service Officer at Florissant City Hall on the first and third Tuesdays of every month to assist Veterans with the filing of VA benefits.

### SENIORS EVENTS SCHEDULE

#### OCTOBER

- 11 - Senior Citizen Trip - Remembering Judy Garland
- 13 - Reservations begin for Florissant Valley Quilt Guild Speaker (Nov.6) 839-7605
- 21 - Ticket sales begin at Dining Ctr. 9-11am, Christmas at Country Club & Touhill
- 30 - Halloween Party & Bingo, Eagan Ctr. 10:00-2:00, Lunch, Accordion Duo & Bingo

#### NOVEMBER

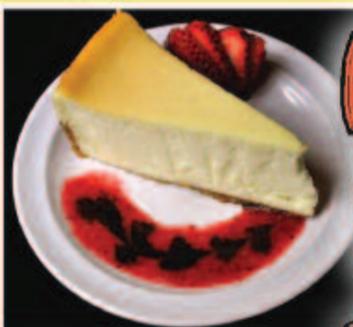
- 1 - Autumn Dance, Saturday Night, Eagan Center 7-10pm, Two Star Final Band
- 6 - Speaker Series, Florissant Valley Quilt Guild, Eagan Center, A/B Room, 1:00pm
- 10 - Ticket sales begin in Senior Office for New Year's Eve Party.
- 13 - Silver Words Meeting, JFK Center, Board Games, 1:30-3:30 (Sign-ups for Our Lady of the Snows)
- 27 & 28 - City Offices Closed - Thanksgiving Holidays

#### DECEMBER

- 4 - Silver Words Trip - Our Lady of Snows Way of Lights and Dinner
- 13 - Senior Trip - Christmas at the Country Club & Ambassadors of Harmony at Touhill.
- 25 & 26 - City Offices Closed - Christmas Holiday
- 31 - New Year's Eve Party, Eagan Center, 10am -2:00pm, Dinner, FANFARE BAND, Dancing, Outstanding Attendance Prizes, Pot of Gold!

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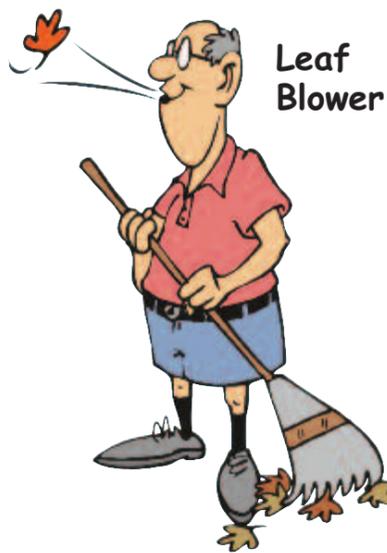


## Autumn Leaves

As autumn approaches and the leaves begin to fall, the City of Florissant would like to remind its residents that raking, sweeping, or blowing leaves or grass onto the sidewalk or street is illegal.

Yard debris tends to clog our sewer systems and make our city streets unattractive to residents and visitors.

Please be considerate of your neighbors and dispose of yard waste properly.



## Seasonal Notice from Street Department

Once again the Street Department will be decorating by putting lights and banners along rue St. Francois in Old Town and along Lindbergh Blvd. for your enjoyment throughout the holidays.

As a reminder, when we have any inclement weather, please try to

refrain from parking your vehicles in the street so the street crews can safely and thoroughly clean the streets.

For more information or to report any street related problems, you can contact the Florissant Street Department at 314-839-7652.

## St. Louis County Dept. of Human Services County Older Residents Program Offers Resources to Senior

Many older adults are experiencing new challenges while aging. Fortunately, the transition of getting older can be made a little easier for older adults living in Saint Louis County, thanks to the Department of Human Services, County Older Resident Programs. CORP has long offered County Residents, ages 60 and older, a way to stay independent while continuing to live in their own homes.

A free service since 1975, CORP provides much needed help with transportation, grocery shopping, reassurance telephone calls, and social outings. "We are committed to helping seniors live with dignity and independence in any way we can. CORP is conveniently a phone call away" says Susan Schafers, Manager of CORP.

CORP also offers a number of other programs that provide valuable services to seniors in need of additional help. The Home Care and Repair Program gives

referrals to reasonably priced handymen and housekeepers. Age Smart. Age Well. offers successful aging techniques and basic computer skill training classes in the North and South County Satellite Government Centers. Volunteer attorneys complete wills, power-of-attorney, and other legal documents.

Trained volunteers living near seniors are providing the helpful services. "CORP is built upon the commitment of caring volunteers who share their time and talents so that their older neighbors can live in their own homes" says Schafers "Volunteers help alleviate some of the stresses to living independently at an older age."

Whether you are looking to get more involved in your community or are looking for services to help with the transition of aging call (314) 615-4516 or email [kchristanell@stlouisco.com](mailto:kchristanell@stlouisco.com) to learn more about CORP.

## Cold Weather Tips for Your Pets

Here are some tips to help you make sure your pets stay safe, warm, healthy and happy in the coming cold weather.

- Take your dog outside only for as long as it takes to relieve him or herself. Small, shorthaired breeds such as Chihuahuas and terriers suffer from the cold despite their seemingly warm fur coats. Small dogs without much body mass and dogs with short hair will benefit from a doggy coat or sweater especially for long exposures like a winter walk. For dogs that get their coats clipped, ask your groomer about a longer cut that can help reduce affects of the cold.

- Dogs frequently lose their scent in snow and ice. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season. Keeping them on a leash adds to their safety and be sure they have tags in case they get lost.

- Thoroughly wipe off your dog's feet, legs and stomach when he or she comes in out of the rain, snow, or ice. Check your dogs foot pads, which may be bleeding from snow or ice encrusted in them. He or she may also pick up salt and other chemicals on their feet accidentally. As we all know dogs lick their feet and these chemicals could hurt your pet if swallowed.

- Antifreeze, even in very tiny doses, is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. But because of its sweet taste, animals are attracted to it. Be sure clean up spills thoroughly.

- If cats live with or near you, be cautious when you start your car. The warm engines of parked cars



are a magnet for cats. Some cats will use the engine heat for a warm place to nap, but when the motor starts, they can be injured, or even killed. Banging your hood loudly before starting the car gives cats a chance to move away.

- By law, all dogs must have a sturdy well built shelter available at all times. In the winter, but sure to pack your dogs shelter with straw to help hold in the heat and keep your animal dry.

- Be sure dogs have water to stay hydrated in both warm and cold weather. Water can freeze quickly during cold weather, be sure to maintain your dogs water bowl so it will not freeze over.

## Curbside Recycling



Since the City of Florissant began using a single waste hauler we have seen a steady increase of recycled material collected. These are materials that are not needlessly dumped in a landfill which would take thousands of years to decompose.

It is important to remember that there is only one landfill remaining in the St. Louis area. Anything we can keep out of the landfill is an investment in our future.

**Remember, curbside recycling is included in your monthly trash bill. If you need a recycling tote call the Florissant Health Department at 839-7654. These containers are 65 gallon totes and are only used for recycling, no trash or yard waste allowed. The totes are FREE OF CHARGE and available to Florissant residents only.**

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## City of Florissant Hosted CYC Baseball Playoffs

Mayor Thomas P. Schneider is pleased to announce that the City of Florissant and the North County CYC District hosted the 2013 Archdiocese City/County Youth Baseball Championships with players who ranged in age from 5th grade through 12th grade. The games all took place

from Saturday, July 20 to Sunday, July 28 at both Koch Park and St. Ferdinand Park. Many members of the North County CYC District Parishes volunteered their time to help with the set-up, clean-up and management of the championship.

The St. Ferdinand School 5th grade boys won the CYC City/County Baseball Championship game on Sunday July 27, 2014 with a final score of 10 to 3 and finished their season 12-0-1.



Back row: left to right- Coach Harry Hill, Coach Charles Yates, Manager- Jim Schroeder, Ryan Hill, Delvon Yates  
2nd row: left to right- Nick Buettner, Jimmy Schneider, Jackson Remacle, Tommy Eisman, Caden Farr  
Front Row: left to right - Jacob Dophing, Dominic Mattling, Caden Dahl, Jacob Schroeder, Carter Fortman

St. Angela Merici 7th/8th grade girls softball team that won the 2014 CYC City-County Intermediate Open Division Championship again this year by defeating St. Joseph Cottleville, 15-2. The girls have been CYC Champions two years in a row and three out of last four years.



Front row (left to right) Mallory Sifford, Megan Pilla, Emma Boschert, l'Lysa Walker, Claudia Wuelling  
Back Row (left to right) Standing: Anna Lawless, Christina Trupiano, Kori Roach, Lauren Smith, Meghan Schorman, Amanda Murray, Kyra Walsh, Lindsay Smith, Claire Brewer  
Not pictured: Lizzie Orf and Shelby Jones

## Florissant Golf Club



With fall golf fast approaching, we encourage all you golfers who haven't been out to play in the last few months to come out and see all of the golf course improvements and changes to make your rounds of golf more enjoyable! We have renovated several holes taking out the bunkers and replacing them with mounding, built new tee grounds, and added several landscaped areas around the golf course. Our customers are saying that the golf course is in the best condition they have ever seen it, so come on out and see what you think!

If you are interested in playing in a charity scramble we have several good golf scrambles coming up over the next couple of months just give us a call and we can give you the information.

Florissant Golf Club is perfect for any business meetings followed by lunch and a round of golf. We have a full service bar and grill and a large banquet area that we partition off for private meetings. Please call Don Ryan at 314-741-7444 for more information concerning this type of meeting, or banquet room rentals!

We would like to congratulate Rich Billings again on winning the Annual Florissant Match Play Championship this year and encourage all you golfers to come out and play in the tournament next year.

## Halloween Dance & Costume Party

This event is co-sponsored by the Florissant Parks & Recreation Department and D.A.R.E. Join us for a night of fun and dancing. Pizza and soda are included along with a DJ, candy, games, and prizes.

**Costumes are strongly encouraged.**

Friday, October 24  
6:30-9:00pm

John F. Kennedy Center  
5TH-8TH GRADE

\$5 RESIDENT \$7 NON-RESIDENT

Tickets required upon entry.  
No tickets available at event.

## Winter Bird Feeding for Families

This fun family class will cover the importance of feeding the birds during the winter. We'll make a bird feeder from recycled materials and participants will learn about and have the opportunity to participate in a citizen science project called Project Feeder Watch. Families will need to bring either a 2-liter soda bottle, 1/2 gallon milk carton, or milk jug to make their own bird feeder.

Session I: Saturday November 1  
Time: 10:30am-12:00pm

Registration:

Res. 8/18\*\*

Non-Res. 8/25\*\*

Fee:

Res. \$5

Non-Res. \$8



## Halloween Party

Come join us on Halloween for a spooky, fun-filled evening. Children will get to show off their costumes while having fun playing games and winning prizes. This event is Co-Sponsored by the Florissant Parks and Recreation and the Florissant Police Explorers Unit

Friday, October 31  
6:00-8:00pm

James J. Eagan Center

For Ages 12 and Under

Free Admission to Florissant Residents

Refreshments provided

Games and Prizes

Costumes are encouraged!

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## Public Skate Opens October 27, 2014

Wednesday: 7-9PM\*

Friday: 7-9PM

Saturday: 2-4PM & 7-9PM

Sunday: 2-4PM\*

\*Wednesday & Sunday sessions are Resident Family Specials

Resident Non-Res

Youth (6-17 yrs.): \$1.50 \$3.00

Adult (18 & older): \$2.25 \$4.00

Golden Age Pass: \$1.75 N/A

Family Special: \$3.00 N/A

\*\*Children 8 yrs. and younger must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

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Resident Non-Res

Youth(6-17 yrs.): \$15.00 \$30.00

Adult (18 & older): \$22.50 \$45.00

Family Pass \$30.00 \$60.00

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October 12th  
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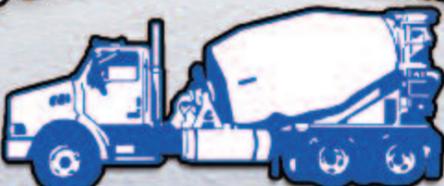
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