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The Newsletter of the Beautiful City of Florissant, Missouri

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4th of July Edition

## ★ City of Florissant and Florissant Fine Arts Council Announces ★ Music Under the Stars 2015 Summer Concert Series

★ ★ ★ A Series of Free Outdoor Concerts - Tentative Schedule ★ ★ ★

**Saturday - July 4 – Northwinds Concert Band followed by fireworks**  
- Florissant Valley Park

**Saturday - July 11 – Rockin' Chair Band**  
performs a tribute to an era of great music  
- St. Ferdinand Park

**Saturday - July 18 – Ralph Butler Band**  
- St. Ferdinand Park

**Saturday - July 25 – Bob Kuban Brass**  
- St. Ferdinand Park

**Saturday - Aug. 1 – SmashBand Superhits**  
- St. Ferdinand Park

**Saturday - Aug. 8 – Billy Peek Band**  
- St. Ferdinand Park

**Saturday - Aug. 15 – Butch Wax & The Hollywoods with Theo Peoples from The Four Tops**  
- St. Ferdinand Park

**Sunday - Aug. 22 – Fanfare Band featuring Kittie Moller**  
- St. Ferdinand Park

**Sunday - October 11 – The SSJ Rock and Roll Show Band**  
- the Old Town Fall Festival  
100 Rue St. Francois

All Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. except the July 4th performance which starts at 7:30 p.m. and October 11 at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

"Music Under the Stars" 2015 summer concert series gratefully acknowledges financial support from the Regional Arts Commission and the Missouri Arts Council and the Boeing Employees Community Fund of St. Louis.

Contract negotiations are underway. Dates and shows subject to change.

All concerts are outdoors. Bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets for lawn seating. Light refreshments are available. Call 314-921-5678 for additional information or go to [www.florissantfinearts.com](http://www.florissantfinearts.com) or [www.florissantmo.com](http://www.florissantmo.com)



Northwinds Concert Band

The Ralph Butler Band



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Bob Kuban Brass



The Smash Superhits Band



Billy Peek



Butch Wax & the Hollywoods



Fanfare Band featuring Kittie Moller



SSJ Rock & Roll Show Band

## St. Ferdinand Shrine Hosts "Wednesday Night Out" July 29

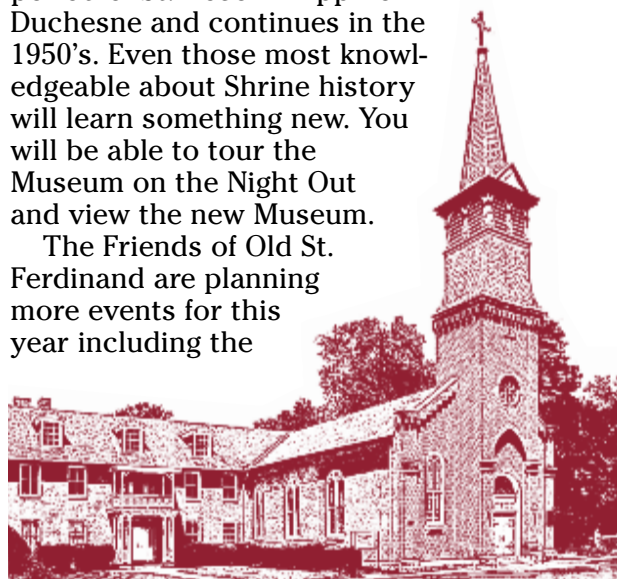
Friends of Old St. Ferdinand are proud to once again host the July "Wednesday Night Out" in conjunction with the Old Town Partners. The event is July 29th and begins at 6pm. Patrons will want to get there at the beginning and find the perfect place to set up coolers, blankets and chairs for a showing of the movie "Home" at dusk. There is no charge for the movie. Activities before the movie include fact painting, tours of the Shrine, basket raffle and both the book store and gift shop will be open. Also available will be face painting, snow cones and ice cream.

The Friends of Old St. Ferdinand have recently completed an 18 month renovation of our Museum.

The renovation features display cases which depict the history of St. Ferdinand Shrine beginning in 1788 and includes the

period of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne and continues in the 1950's. Even those most knowledgeable about Shrine history will learn something new. You will be able to tour the Museum on the Night Out and view the new Museum.

The Friends of Old St. Ferdinand are planning more events for this year including the



annual Fall Festival. This year at the Fall Festival we will be hosting a sale of Shrine items that have been kept throughout the years in the attics of the Shrine.

Shrine Hours:

Office and Gift Shop open Monday thru Saturday 9am-Noon.

Tours of the Shrine are by appointment and also the Shrine and Gift are open

On Sunday from 1pm-4pm.

The Book Store is open on Saturdays from 9am -Noon.

The Schoolhouse is available for Hall Rentals – call our office 314-837-2110

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# Tennis Anyone?...Tower Courts Renovation Progress



The photo on the left shows the old courts worn from years of use. The photo on the right shows the renovation under way.

Tower Tennis Courts on New Florissant Road between Washington and St. Catherine is getting a state-of-the-art face-lift. This is the beginning of what is, hopefully, a resurgence of tennis interest in the City of Florissant.

The work on the courts is a result of a grant through the Municipal Park Grant Commission which is an extension of the Municipal League. The new court will be a "Post-Tensioned" concrete tennis court system. Developed in the 1970's the Post-Tensioned concrete courts design is the preferred system for most municipalities and provides many advantages. It decreases the chances for cracking, settling and ponding and the life of the surface is increased. This new court will be a great addition to the other tennis courts

in our Parks and Recreation system. The anticipated completion date is early August. When these courts are done this will complete all promised renovations according to the Tower Court Park grant released to the City in 2012. This grant also included new lighting, sidewalks, restrooms and a gazebo which has already been completed.

If you or someone you know would like more information on this time honored tradition that is tennis, please look for more important information in the coming issues of the Focus, online at [www.florissantmo.com](http://www.florissantmo.com), FCTV Television Station-Charter Channel 99/2 Uverse Channel 99 or check with the Parks and Recreation Department at 314-839-7670.

## Fiesta in Florissant

On Saturday, June 27th and Sunday, June 28th the Hispanic Festival, Inc. of Greater St. Louis presented the yearly "Fiesta in Florissant" at the Knights of Columbus grounds located in Florissant near the corner of Lindbergh and Washington St. The two-day celebration featured non-stop entertainment with Latino Bands, Folkloric dancers from the Countries of Panama, Colombia and Mexico. Local and regional bands that made an appearance were Los Desperados Mexican Band, La Tremenda Rumba Salsa Band, Los Patrones de St. Louis and Crudos de Durango Mexican Band. Attendees found a wide variety of foods and beverages from Latin & South America such as tamales, tacos and empanadas. Other attractions included folk arts and crafts, Los Niños Kids Corner with piñatas, Dora the Explorer, Pony Rides, and Inflatables Rides.



The fair's purpose is to celebrate the common heritage of Hispanic nations, particularly because of the increase in the North County Hispanic population. The raised funds are used for scholarships to college-bound students and underprivileged children.

For more information on upcoming festivals and events call 314-837-6100 or visit [www.hispanicfestivalstl.com](http://www.hispanicfestivalstl.com).

## The Ms. Senior Missouri Pageant The Best of Times is Now!

Missouri Pageant Alumnae Club Presents the Ms. Senior Missouri Pageant on Sunday, July 12, 2015 at 2:00pm at the Florissant Civic Center, #1 James Eagan Dr. Florissant, MO.63033.

This is a pageant for women, who reside in Missouri, and are at least 60 years old, "The Age Of Elegance!"

It is a one-of-a-kind, exciting show appreciated by all ages. The winner will be selected in four areas of competition:

- A philosophy of life statement recited in 35 seconds
- A seven minute personal interview with professional judges
- A demonstration of poise while modeling an age-appropriate evening gown
- A two and one-half minute competitive talent presentation (singing, dancing, playing musical instrumental, comedy, demonstrating an art or special talent)

The contestant who best exhibits the elegance, poise and maturity of today's woman over 60 will be crowned as this year's queen and represent the State of Missouri in the Ms. Senior America Pageant in October.

TICKETS: Reserved seats can be purchased by calling Florissant Civic Center Box Office at 314-921-5678

Advanced sales: \$15; Groups of 10 or more: \$12; Day of the Pageant: \$17

Please visit the Ms. Senior Missouri website at:

[www.msmissourisenior.org](http://www.msmissourisenior.org)

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Greetings Everyone,

I am looking forward to seeing everyone as we enjoy the summer. We enjoyed having three picture perfect days for the Valley of Flowers and the Queen's crowning. Our newest Council member, Tommy Siam, is in charge of the weather for our community events. We had a tremendous turn out for the Knights of Columbus grounds and James J. Eagan for all the wonderful events which made for one of the best festivals ever. The City of Florissant has many fun and exciting events and activities planned for enjoyment this summer. This edition of the focus newspaper has information to help you enjoy what is happening in our beautiful city. You can also visit our website at [www.florissantmo.com](http://www.florissantmo.com) or call 314-921-5700 for more information.

This summer the City of Florissant has some exciting events coming up: Wednesday Night Out (WNO) is sponsored by Old Town Partners and the City of Florissant. Each event will start at 6:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. There will be adult beverages, food and soft drinks and our warm Florissant fellowship which makes everyone feel welcome. The (WNO) schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, June 24th in front of Korte's Custom Framing across from two old City Halls located at 610 rue St. Francois, local artists will be displaying their creations.
- Wednesday, July 29th "Movie Night" at the Old St. Ferdinand Shrine located at #1 rue St. Francois.
- Wednesday, August 26th in front of Bunkers at rue St. Francois and St. Pierre with an island beach party type theme featuring live music.
- Wednesday, Sept. 30th enjoy an evening of light jazz on St. Denis between Hendels Café and Sacred Heart.

The second Florissant Food Truck Knight was held on Thursday, June 18th sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the City with future food truck nights scheduled for August 21st and October 9th. There will be barrels to collect non-perishable canned and dry food for the nearby TEAM food pantry and proceeds from the event will benefit Knight's sponsored charities including TEAM.

The Fiesta in Florissant which is sponsored by the Hispanic Festival, Inc. of Greater St. Louis was a two day event held on June 27th and June 28th and featured entertainment with live Latino bands and Folk dancers from various Latin American countries. The funds raised are used to fund scholarships distributed to college bound students and underprivileged children.

The July 4th celebration is on a Saturday this year, starts at 7:30 p.m. with a concert performed by the Northwinds Concert Band in front of the James J. Eagan Center followed by our exciting annual Fireworks display.

The MUSIC UNDER THE STARS CONCERT SERIES is a series of FREE outdoor concerts sponsored by the City of Florissant and the Florissant Fine Arts Council. Bring your favorite lawn chair and your favorite person to share these delightful evenings.

Bring some food and beverages or buy them in the park. These concerts will be held at St. Ferdinand Park by the Lake and will start at 7:00 p.m. every Saturday evening from July 11 to August 22. Please see the schedule in this latest issue of the Focus to get details for each performance.

The Florissant Police Department's Park Police Program was initiated in May of 2013 and is a program that utilizes two police officers to patrol the 20 parks that cover more 400 acres in the city of Florissant. Additionally they provide police service to our recreation centers. Both of these police officers are retired police officers with extensive law enforcement experience. The Park Police officers

are a very visible part of the department. They perform foot patrols during summer sports leagues in the parks and during various events in the recreation centers during the cold weather months. With the two Park Police providing police service to the parks and recreation areas; the uniform patrol officers have more time to provide police service to the residents and businesses. The Park Police program also saves the City money due to the more efficient management of personnel resources. Response time to calls for service in the parks has also been greatly decreased with these readily available experienced officers.

The Park Police Program has also been a great success with the residents. Positive direct interaction between these officers and the public has created a positive impact on citizen/police relations. The high degree of visibility of a uniform police officer's presence has resulted in residents have a feeling of greater personal security. This program has resulted in nothing but positives for the Florissant Police Department and the City of Florissant.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run which benefits the Missouri Special Olympics came through the City of Florissant again this year on Thursday, May 21st. Selected runners from the police department received the torch from officers from the St. Louis County Police Department. The runners from Florissant headed south on 67 until reaching the city limits of Hazelwood where the torch was handed off to runners with the Hazelwood Police Department.

Captain Sean Fagan has accepted the prestigious post as the next Chief of Police of the great city of Rolla, MO. I am filled with pride to have had a small part in the rise of Captain Sean Fagan and also regret to see Captain Fagan leave. He was my first major promotion as Mayor. Captain Fagan started with the City of Florissant in 1985. Sean's professionalism and leadership skills qualified him to rise through the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant and on November 11, 2011 I promoted him to Captain. Captain Fagan has been assigned as an Undercover Narcotics Detective, Commander of the Division of Patrol, Commander of the Division of Support Services and Commander of the Detective Bureau. I want to wish him and family the very best and on behalf of the Citizens of Florissant thank Sean Fagan for his years of commitment and dedication to our beautiful city.

The Florissant Fish Swim Team's season is underway as they seek to win the North County Swim League Championship for the 5th straight year and remain undefeated in my tenure. I would like to wish all of the coaches and swimmers the best of luck and hope they and their many fans have another great and enjoyable season. Go Fish!

Public Works Department is in full swing. Listed below are the following projects and programs that are under way:

- The 2015 Sidewalk Repair & Replacement Program will begin work in early June. The program will remove trip hazards and improve ADA accessibility on the City's sidewalks. The bid has been awarded to TS Banze Construction for \$166,816.75 and is scheduled to be completed within 120 days.
- The 2015 Miscellaneous Bridge Repair bid has been awarded to RV Wagner, Inc. for \$40,265.50. Work is slated to begin in mid-June and will include chip sealing and joint sealing of 9 bridges, drift and overgrowth removal at 3 bridges, and replacement of the timber deck for the Rogers Lane footbridge. Once started, the work should be completed in 60 days.

• MoDOT will be making repairs to the I-270 Bridge over New Florissant Road beginning the week of July 6th. During this work MoDOT will be temporarily closing New Florissant Road below the bridge. The closure is anticipated to last for one month and during this time there will be no access to or from eastbound I-270 at this location. Residents are encouraged to plan alternate routes to avoid delays during this work. Additional information is available on MoDOT's website at:

[http://www.modot.org/stlouis/major\\_projects/I270BridgeRenovation.htm](http://www.modot.org/stlouis/major_projects/I270BridgeRenovation.htm)

Economic Development continues to take place with retailers continuing to show strong interest in locating new stores here. We are looking forward to the new developments that are currently in the planning phase:

- "Walmart" - scheduled to open on North Lindbergh mid-August.
- "CVS Pharmacy #2" - City Council Approved Florissant Meadows Development
- "Imo's Pizza Restaurant" - New Retail Center with Imo's on Halls Ferry coming soon
- "Brite Worx Car Wash" - Under construction scheduled to open early June
- "Dollar Tree" - Locating at Lindbergh and New Halls Ferry

The Mayor's Senior Town Hall Meeting- Seniors are invited to enjoy a complimentary breakfast with me on Thursday September 17th from 9:00 - 11:00am at the James J. Eagan Center. Don't miss this important event where I will address the Senior Citizens of Florissant. All City of Florissant Department Heads will be present as well to answer any questions you may have. A delicious breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, biscuits, hash browns, muffins/pastries, orange juice and coffee will be served at 9:00am.

Breakfast will be provided by Bent-Wood Nursing & Rehabilitation who is celebrating their 26th Anniversary this year! Also, at this event, pick up



valuable information from organizations such as Mid East Area Agency on Aging, Center for Hearing and Speech, Center for Senior Renewal, Florissant Valley Fire Protection District, Chamber of Commerce, St. Louis County Library, The Alzheimer's Association, The County Older Resident Program, AARP, Christian Hospital, OASIS and the Veterans Administration.

Please call the Senior Office at 839-7605 August 17th - September 14th to make reservations for the Free Breakfast. Also be sure to contact the Senior Office to check on what exciting and fun events they planned for our seniors.

There is so much going on in our beautiful city and I hope that you will take the time to enjoy everything we have to offer because this is a great place to be!

Sincerely,  
Mayor Thomas P. Schneider

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## Chief Lowery Commends Officer's Actions



### Officer Jonathan Kemp

On January 3, 2015 Officer Jonathan Kemp received information from a confidential informant that an illegal drug transaction was going to occur at the Flower Valley Shopping Center. Taking an inconspicuous point of observation Officer Kemp was able to corroborate the informant's information. Based on the information and corroboration he was able to arrest a suspect for possession, manufacture and sale of narcotics. As Officer Kemp's investigation continued he obtained a consent-to-search of the suspect's residence where he located cash, numerous items used to facilitate the distribution of illegal drugs and a large quantity of Heroin. Because of Officer Kemp's initiative, dedication and diligent law enforcement efforts, a dangerous drug dealer is off the streets of Florissant.

### Officer Tyler Italiano

On January 6, 2015 Officer Tyler Italiano responded to a call of Burglary 1st Degree in the 700 block of Northmoor. Officer Italiano's interview of the victim revealed that she discovered two suspects had forced open the rear door of her residence. When the suspects realized the resident was home they fled. After Officer Italiano obtained all of the information for the report he was able to contact an informant that identified one of the suspects. Following up on that information Officer Italiano proceeded to an address in the City of Ferguson. Officer Italiano was able to locate and arrest two suspects that matched the physical and clothing descriptions supplied by the victim. Both suspects were later positively identified in a photo lineup by the victim. Because of Officer Italiano's diligent and professional efforts a serious crime was solved and two burglars were officially charged with Burglary 1st Degree.

### Officer Eric Schlueter & Officer Mike Kiefer

On January 19, 2015 Officer Eric Schlueter and Officer Mike Kiefer responded to a call of a "man choking" at the 54th Street Bar and Grill. When the officers arrived they discovered an unresponsive elderly male. The Officers immediately employed an attempt to clear his airway with abdominal thrusts. When this failed both officers initiated CPR and continued this until paramedics arrived. The patient was then transported to a nearby hospital where he was admitted. Paramedic Zack Krato notified our department that without Officer Schlueter's and Officer Kiefer's lifesaving efforts the 85 year old man would not have survived.

### Officer Brian Law

On January 26, 2015 Officer Brian Law responded to a call of "shots fired" in the 300 block of Dunn Road.

When he arrived he detained a subject that appeared extremely nervous. Based on his law enforcement experience and training he continued investigating the subject even though the call of shots fired was baseless. Officer Law was able to obtain a consent-to-search of his vehicle where he located a 9mm handgun which had been reported stolen to the Jefferson County Police Department. A record check also revealed that the subject was considered a violent felon because of prior federal charges. After Officer Law arrested the suspect he continued to interview him at the station. There he was able to determine that he had other firearms stashed at an address in the City of St. Louis. Based on this information Officer Law partnered with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. Officer Law was later able to recover three more firearms and over 100 grams of raw Heroin in the City of St. Louis. Officer Law's diligent patrol, investigative techniques and observations resulted in taking a violent narcotics dealer off the streets of Florissant.

### Officer Nicholas Osmer & St. Louis County Officer Miceli (and K9 partner)

On January 28, 2015 Officer Nicholas Osmer of the Florissant Police Department came upon a disturbance where a suspect was armed with a handgun. Two armed and dangerous suspects fled the scene in a stolen vehicle and Officer Osmer pursued them to the 10000 block of New Halls Ferry where the suspects fled on foot. Because of the fact that Officer Miceli and his K9 partner arrived within seconds of this foot pursuit he was able to track, locate and arrest the second suspect. Warrants were issued against these suspects for Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Assault 2nd Degree, Tampering, and Resisting Arrest. Officer Osmer and Officer Miceli's actions resulted in the removal of a dangerous suspect from the streets of St. Louis County.

### Officer Steve Beekman, Officer Amel Topcagic & Officer Eric Schlueter

On February 28, 2015 Officer Steve Beekman, Officer Amel Topcagic, and Officer Eric Schlueter responded to a call of a house fire in the 2300 block of Birchview. While the officers were en-route to the scene the dispatcher notified the officers that the wife of the resident had notified them that the fire had been initiated by her husband and that he intended to kill himself. When the Officers arrived they received information that the resident was locked in the rear master bedroom. Efforts to call the resi-

dent out met with no response. Upon the arrival of fire personnel, firefighters entered the residence to address the fire and attempted to gain entry into the locked bedroom. Upon hearing a shot Officer Beekman entered the residence to warn the fire personnel. Hearing no further shots and needing to take quick action Officer Beekman, Officer Topcagic and Officer Schlueter gained access to the bedroom where they found the resident sitting on the bed. The officers then grabbed the subject and forced him outside where they were able to restrain him. He was transported to a local hospital where he was admitted for psychiatric evaluation. A .25 caliber handgun was recovered from the bedroom. The Officers heroic efforts of entering a burning building and taking a person intent on killing himself safely into custody was certainly evidence of their professional dedication.

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### Officer Mark Nardoni & Officer Bryan Bussen

On March 9, 2015 Officer Mark Nardoni and Officer Bryan Bussen received information that a suspect was in possession of stolen firearms. With this information both Officer Nardoni and Officer Bussen were able to locate the subject and obtained consent to search a residence in the 600 block of Baltic in the City of Florissant. The search resulted in the location of not only a 9mm handgun reported stolen to the St. Louis County Police but also a large quantity of illegal drugs. Because of these officers efforts the suspect was arrested for the weapons and drug charges. The suspect was also arrested for other agencies that had charges pending for Felony Possession of Drugs and Statutory Rape. Due to both officer's diligent investigative techniques and observations, a dangerous narcotics dealer was taken off the streets of Florissant.

### Officer Shaunta Williams

On March 18, 2015 Officer Shaunta Williams heard a call of an armed robbery in the 2700 block of North Highway 67. When Officer Williams responded to the area to search for the suspect she was able to locate a witness who directed her attention to a suspicious vehicle that was parked in the residential area. The suspect had entered the vehicle and Officer Williams gave chase to the fleeing vehicle. The suspect vehicle became disabled after a collision and the suspect was subsequently apprehended. Warrants were obtained for the suspect on the robbery charge and follow-up investigation revealed the suspect was linked to several other robberies in the St. Louis County Area.

## AARP "Driver Safety Program" for 2015



The Florissant Police Department will be hosting another series of the AARP "Driver Safety Program" during 2015.

#### The dates are:

Tuesday, July 14, 2015  
 Tuesday, September 8, 2015  
 Tuesday, November 10, 2015

#### Location:

Florissant Police Department  
 1700 N. Highway 67  
 Florissant, MO 63033

#### Time:

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

#### Fee:

\$15 for AARP Members  
 \$20 for Non-AARP Members

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

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 Craig DeHart 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.

## Captain Sean Fagan Retires



Chief Tim Lowery and the entire Florissant Police Department wishes to congratulate and thank Captain Sean Fagan for his many years of service. Captain Sean Fagan retired from the Florissant Police Department in June of 2015 after thirty years of service to the Florissant community. Prior to coming to the Florissant Police Department in August, 1985, Captain Fagan worked as a police officer for several years in University City. Captain Fagan served in Florissant as a Patrol Officer and Detective before he was promoted through the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain. Captain Fagan was also a Deputy Commander of the Greater St. Louis Major Case Squad and a graduate of the Southern Police Institute.

Captain Fagan is continuing his career in Law Enforcement as the Chief of Police at the Rolla, MO Police Department. Thanks, Captain Fagan, for your dedication to Florissant!

## Chief Lowery Announces Promotions



Chief Timothy J. Lowery is pleased to announce four recent promotions within the Florissant Police Department. These promotions were necessary after the retirement of Captain Sean Fagan.

Captain Timothy Fagan was promoted to the rank of Major, Lieutenant Vincent Godfrey was promoted to the rank of Captain, Sergeant Richard Pfaff was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, and Detective Chris Schilling was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Major Timothy Fagan has been assigned as the Commander of the Bureau of Investigations. Major Fagan was a Captain in the Bureau of

Investigations at the time of his promotion. Major Fagan joined the Florissant Police Department on August 18, 1994.

Captain Godfrey was assigned to the Bureau of Field Operations as a Lieutenant prior to his promotion. Captain Godfrey will now be the Commander of the Bureau of Field Operations. Captain Godfrey joined the Florissant Police Department on 7-2-1987

Lieutenant Pfaff was assigned to the Bureau of Investigations as a Detective Sergeant prior to his promotion. Lt. Pfaff will be assigned to the Bureau of Field Operations as a

Watch Commander. Lt. Pfaff joined the Florissant Police Department on July 7th, 1997.

Sergeant Schilling was assigned to the Bureau of Investigations as a Detective Prior to his promotion to Sergeant. Sgt. Schilling will be assigned as a Patrol Supervisor in the Bureau of Field Operations. Sgt. Schilling joined the Florissant Police Department on September 4th, 2001.

Chief Lowery said all four men possess the vital leadership qualities required to uphold the professionalism the citizens expect of the agency.

You can get more information about the Florissant Police Department and available programs online at [www.florissantmo.com](http://www.florissantmo.com), select "Departments" and then select "Police Department"

## 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.

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,

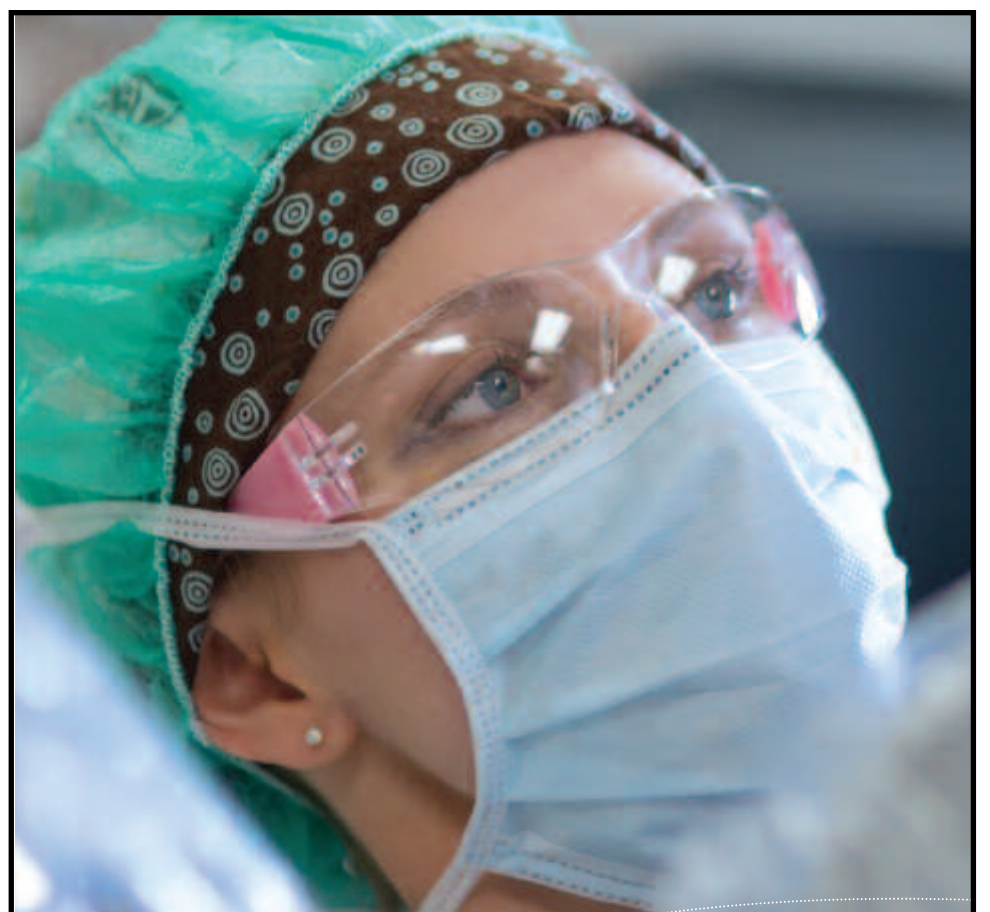
via emails from the police department, on notable criminal activity.

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 Craig DeHart at (314) 830-6042 or visit our website at [www.florissantmo.com/police](http://www.florissantmo.com/police).



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Tues., Wed., Thur., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

*The Box Office will close each day from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. for lunch.*

Arrangements to purchase tickets can be made by phone at (314) 921-5678, by e-mail at [FCCT@FlorissantMO.com](mailto:FCCT@FlorissantMO.com), online at [www.FlorissantMO.com](http://www.FlorissantMO.com), or by mail addressed to: FCC Theatre, #1 James J. Eagan Dr., Florissant, MO 63033. Call 314-921-5678 for additional information 24 hours a day. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted. **Individual tickets go on sale 45 days prior to the opening of any production.**

## JULY

*Missouri Pageant Alumnae Club Presents:*

### Ms. Missouri Senior America Pageant

July 12 – 2:00 p.m.

Lovely ladies will compete for the title of Ms. Missouri Senior America. The four areas of competition are a personal interview before the pageant, a talent presentation on stage, poise in an evening gown and her philosophy of life.

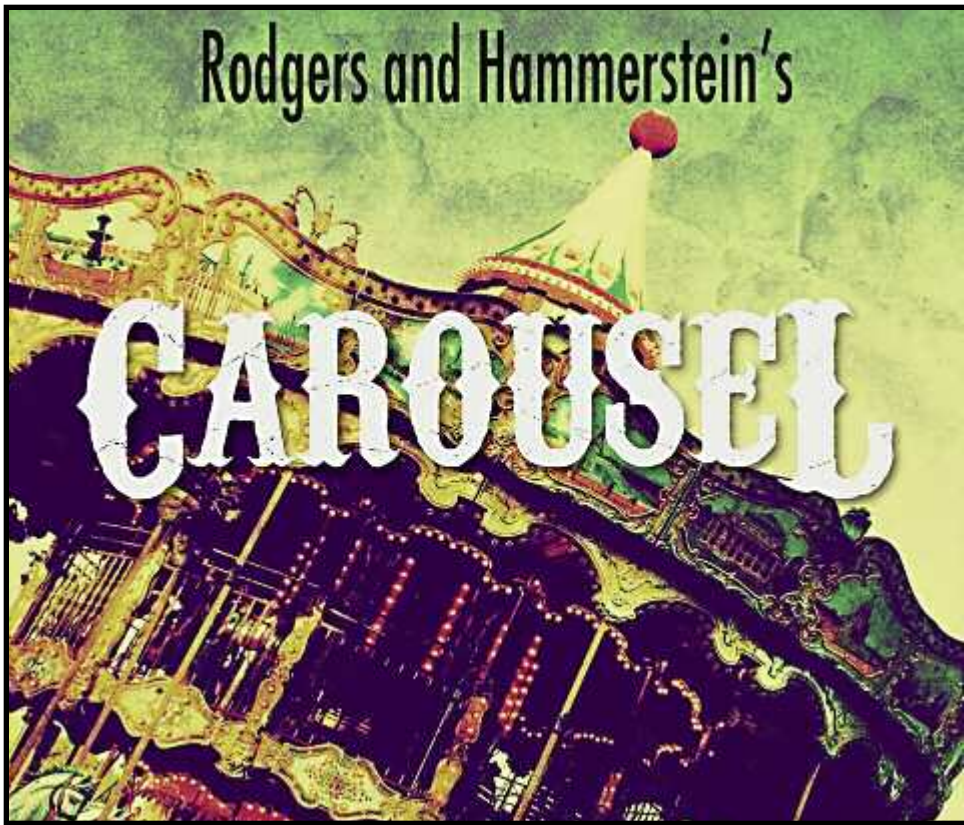
**ADMISSION: \$15.00 in Advance, \$12.00 for Groups of 10 or more; \$17.00 at the Door**

Phone information and reservations 314-921-5678 or [www.FlorissantMO.com](http://www.FlorissantMO.com)

## AUGUST

*Hawthorne Players Present:*

### Carousel



July 31 – 8:00 p.m.    Aug 1 – 8:00 p.m.  
Aug 7 – 8:00 p.m.    Aug 8 – 8:00 p.m.    Aug 9 – 2:00 p.m.

A smooth-talking carousel barker, Billy Bigelow, falls in love with and marries a mill worker, Julie Jordan. Years after he dies tragically, he is given a chance to return for a day to try to brighten the life of his unhappy 15-year-old daughter Louise. She is a lonely, friendless teenager, her father's reputation having haunted her throughout her young life. How Billy instills in both the child and her mother a sense of hope and dignity is a dramatic testimony to the power of love. It is easy to understand why, of all the shows they created, CAROUSEL was Rodgers and Hammerstein's personal favorite.

**ADMISSION: \$20.00 Adults; \$18.00 Seniors/Students; Group rates available**  
Phone information and reservations 314-921-5678 or [www.FlorissantMO.com](http://www.FlorissantMO.com)

*Hawthorne Players Auditions:*

### Nonsense

Aug 2 - 2:00 p.m.

The audition will consist of readings, vocal audition, and a tap routine. Performances will be November 6, 7, 13, 14 and 15, 2015.

Please visit the Hawthorne Players' website [www.hawthorneplayers.com](http://www.hawthorneplayers.com) for additional information and an audition form.

### Miss Metro St. Louis/Miss River City Pageant

Aug 15 – 3:30 – Junior Pageant    7:00 p.m. – Teen/Miss Pageant

The Miss Metro St Louis/ Miss River City pageants are preliminary pageants to the Miss America Pageant. The Miss America Scholarship Pageant is the largest scholarship provider for women in America. It's provided over 45 million dollars in scholarships annually. Phases of competition include interview, physical fitness, evening gown and talent. Miss Metro St Louis and Miss River City will be proud to crown four new titleholders in September.

**ADMISSION: \$10.00**

Phone information and reservations 314-921-5678 or [www.FlorissantMO.com](http://www.FlorissantMO.com)

*Miracles Entertainment Presents:*

### "How Can I Find a Good Woman"

Aug 22 – 7:00 p.m.

A romantic comedy-drama for the whole family. A love-craved husband goes over and beyond to win the affection of his spoiled, selfish wife only to be rejected by her repeatedly. He eventually finds love where he never thought he would. A hilarious romantic comedy you don't want to miss! Written, directed and produced by Donald Gill.

**ADMISSION: \$20.00 in Advance; \$25.00 at the Door**

Phone information and reservations 314-921-5678

*Next Generation Theatre Company Presents:*

### Singin' In The Rain

Aug 28 – 7:00 p.m.    Aug 29 – 2:00 p.m.    Aug 29 – 7:00 p.m.

Sep 4 – 7:00 p.m.    Sep 5 – 2:00 p.m.    Sep 5 – 7:00 p.m.

Next Generation Theatre Company presents the "Greatest Movie Musical of All Time," Singin' in the Rain! In this musical adaptation of the original screenplay, every unforgettable scene, song, and dance is accounted for, complete with the show-stopping title number and an onstage rain-storm! Hilarious situations, snappy dialogues and a hit-parade score of Hollywood standards make Singin' in the Rain the perfect entertainment for any fan of the golden age of movie musicals, so grab your tickets to come tap your toes and sing along with this splashy adaptation of the celebrated and beloved film.

**ADMISSION: \$15.00 in Advance Adults; \$12.00 Students; \$10.00 Children 12 & under**

Phone information and reservations 314-921-5678 or [www.FlorissantMO.com](http://www.FlorissantMO.com)

*Gordon's Entertainment Presents:*

### 6th Jazz Heaven Series "St. Louie Legends"

Aug 30 – 4:00 p.m.

6th Jazz Heaven Series "St. Louie Legends" will pay tribute to those who have graced and entertained us on St. Louis stages with songs, musical compositions, dance and poetry. Our wonderful cast includes the Legendary Jeanne Trevor, Linda Kennedy, Joe Mancuso, Deborah Sharn, Uvee Hayes, Tish Haynes Keys, J. Samuel Davis, Wendy L. Gordon, Mary Dyson and special guests. Come out and take a stroll down memory lane. Let us take you back in time when the words of the songs had meaning, rhythm and rhyme.

**ADMISSION: \$27.50 Single tickets; Group rates available**

Phone information and reservations 314-921-5678 or [www.FlorissantMO.com](http://www.FlorissantMO.com)

## SEPTEMBER

*Alpha Players Present:*

### Oliver!

Sept 25 – 8:00 p.m.    Sept 26 – 8:00 p.m.

Oct 2 – 8:00 p.m.    Oct 3 – 8:00 p.m.    Oct 4 – 2:00 p.m.

Nothing works on stage like a well-crafted tale, and Oliver! is just such a show. Based on the Charles Dickens' novel Oliver Twist, the plot follows the pathos and drama of the orphan Oliver who seeks his way in the world but finds himself surrounded by a gang of young pickpockets led by the conniving Fagin. Delight yourself with the memorable melodies of "Where Is Love?", "Consider Yourself", "As Long As He Needs Me", "Who Will Buy?" and "Food Glorious Food". This will be a wonderful night of musical theatre.

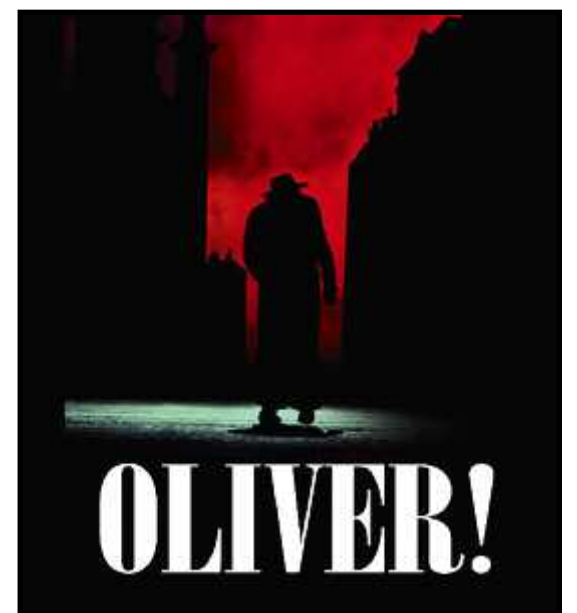
**ADMISSION: \$20.00 Adults;**

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**\$12.00 Children under 12;**

**Group rates available**

Phone information and reservations 314-921-5678 or [www.FlorissantMO.com](http://www.FlorissantMO.com)



*Alpha Players Auditions:*

### Good People

Sept 27 - 3:00 p.m.

**AUDITIONS for GOOD PEOPLE by David Lindsay-Abaire**

The Alpha Players will be holding auditions for their upcoming production of *Good People*. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. There are roles for 4 women and 2 men. Performances will be January 29 and 30 and February 5, 6 and 7, 2016.

For additional information call 314-365-2092 or check FACEBOOK (The Alpha Players) or [www.alphaplayers.org](http://www.alphaplayers.org).



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## OCTOBER

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

### Caps For Sale

From Adventure Theater MTC, Maryland

Oct 9 – 7:30 p.m.    Oct 10 – 2:00 p.m.    Oct 11 – 2:00 p.m.

Monkey Business! "Caps! Caps for sale! Fifty cents a cap!" The peddler has a huge stack of caps, balanced carefully on top of his head. Brown caps, blue caps, gray caps, and red caps. But no one wants to buy a cap. So he goes for a walk in the country, and takes a nap under a shady tree. When he wakes up, the caps are gone — all except his own checked one. Where could his caps have disappeared to? And how will he ever get them back? Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of this favorite book, this new musical will enchant the whole family!

**ADMISSION:**

**\$7.00 to all. Group rates available**  
**Phone information and reservations**  
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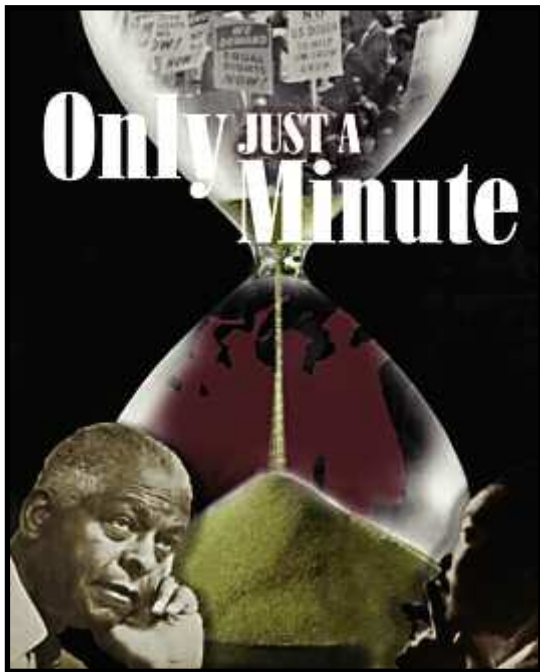
**S I Communications Presents:**

### Only Just a Minute

Oct 14 – 8:00 p.m.    Oct 15 – 8:00 p.m.

Oct 16 – 8:00 p.m.    Oct 17 – 8:00 p.m.

*Only Just a Minute* is an important new uplifting original play that tries to answer the central question, "What Price Equality?" This powerful play was presented for the first time in Atlanta last fall. It is about the relationship between Benjamin E. Mays, who was then president of Morehouse College, and his mentee, Martin Luther King, Jr., and their non-violent fight for equal rights for African Americans. It is being produced by S I Communications that for 35 years has presented award-winning programs about African-American lifestyle and culture. (The October 17 production can be included in your Florissant Fine Arts Council Applause Series season ticket package.)  
**ADMISSION: \$35.00 Adults;**  
**\$28.00 Seniors/Students**  
**Phone information and reservations 314-921-5678**  
**or www.FlorissantMO.com.**



**Northwinds Concert Band Presents:**

### Sunday Afternoon at The Pops with The Northwinds Concert Band

Oct 18 – 3:00 p.m.



Northwinds Concert Band, under the direction of Larry Marsh, will present "Sunday Afternoon at the Pops." The program will include music from the movies and Broadway, tributes to Frank Sinatra and Marvin Hamlisch, bright-spirited marches, exciting new works for band and special soloists. Northwinds has been acclaimed as the "Best Community Band in St. Louis." 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**

**Phone information and reservations 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com**

*\*The Florissant Fine Arts Council presents the Applause/Aplause 2015/2016 series with financial support from our members, the Regional Arts Commission, Missouri Arts Council (a state agency), the Employees Community Fund of Boeing St. Louis and the City of Florissant.*

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### Know the Impact of Retirement Goals On Your Finances

The concept of retirement has changed dramatically in recent decades. Today's retirees are traveling, volunteering, pursuing their hobbies — and even working for money. In fact, as a retiree, you can essentially do anything you want, as long as your health and finances permit it. Through exercise, proper diet and avoidance of bad habits, you can do a lot to stay physically healthy. And by clearly identifying your retirement goals and estimating their financial impact, you'll know how to stay financially healthy throughout your retirement years.

So, what are your retirement goals? Here are some of the more common ones:

- **Travel.** Many people can't wait to see the world once they retire. If you're one of these eager travelers, then you've got more choices than ever. Programs such as Road Scholar (formerly known as Elderhostel) provide educational travel programs to virtually every area on the planet. And, of course, you are free to journey on your own. But however you decide to hit the road, you'd better bring your wallet — because travel is expensive. One way of dealing with these costs is to place a certain amount of money each year in a liquid account that offers significant protection of principal. Set aside enough money to cover all your travels for a year, and when it's exhausted, you'll know it's time to stay home for a while.
- **Rent or buy a second home.** During retirement, many people like to spend a few months each year in a more pleasant climate or in a location nearer to their grown children. If you are considering a second home, then you'll need to decide whether you want to rent or buy. You'll find considerable differences from a financial point of view, so you'll want to think carefully about your choice.
- **Pursue your hobbies.** While you were working,

you might have wished that you had more freedom to pursue your hobbies. Once you retire, though, you'll probably have a lot more time to do what you like, whether that's driving your classic car, painting landscapes, golfing, fishing, building furniture — whatever. Be aware, however, that some people do get over-exuberant and spend more money on their hobbies than they can really afford. So have fun with your pursuits, but set a budget — and stick to it. Once you retire, though, you'll probably have a lot more time to do what you like, whether that's driving your classic car, fishing, building furniture — whatever.

• **Get back to work.** Upon your formal retirement, you may decide to do some consulting or open a small business. Any wages you receive can greatly improve your retirement income picture. For example, the more money you earn, the less you'll have to take out each year from your 401(k), IRA and other retirement plans. (You will have to take at least minimum withdrawals from some of these accounts.) Plus, if you make enough money, then you may be able to postpone Social Security for a few years, thereby increasing your monthly payments when you eventually start taking them.

As you can see, your retirement goals will be closely tied to your finances. So, think carefully about what you'd like to do when you retire — and connect these objectives to the money you'll spend and the money you may earn. By being aware of both your dreams and your financial bottom line, you should be able to enjoy the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

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## NORTH COUNTY GALA!



The Big-Band Dance of the Year with the Famous 18-piece Sentimental Journey Band is coming to the Eagan Center on Friday Night, August 14th, 2015. This dress-up dance event is brought to you by the Cities of Florissant, Ferguson, Hazelwood, Bridgeton, Maryland Heights and St. Ann. The \$15.00 ticket price includes admission to see this outstanding performance, dancing, delicious appetizers, the BEST Attendance Prizes and chances to win a Pot of Gold. There will be "dance angels" present & ready to dance with you. Don't miss the biggest event of the year!

WHEN: Friday Night, Aug. 14, 2015

TIME: 7:00 – 10:00pm

WHERE: James J. Eagan Center

TICKETS: \$15.00.

Purchase tickets in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall from July 6th until August 10th. For more information, call the Senior Office at 839-7605.

## Senior Citizen Trips

### Fairmount Park

The Powerful Horses, the Thundering Crowds and Big Chances to WIN!! Experience Live Racing at Fairmount Park and the Black Stallion Buffet Lunch!

WHEN: Tuesday, August 18, 2015

TIME: 10:30am – 3:30pm

COST: \$22.00 includes transportation, admission into Fairmount Park and lunch at the Black Stallion Buffet.

TICKETS: This is a Silver Words Club Trip. Tickets go on sale first to Silver Words Club Members at the Silver Words Club Meeting on Thursday, July 9th, 2015. If there are tickets remaining, tickets will go on sale in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall on Friday, July 10th to all Senior Citizens, resident and non-residents. Non-resident cost is \$24.00. Call the Senior Office at 839-7605 for ticket availability.

### Spirit Of Peoria and Pere Marquette

We'll take a trip back in time on the Authentic Paddlewheel Boat, The Spirit of Peoria, as we cruise the Mississippi/Illinois Rivers. After docking in Grafton, we'll proceed along the Illinois River Bluffs to the Beautiful Pere Marquette Lodge where we'll enjoy their excellent fried chicken dinner.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 23, 2015

TIME: 8:00am – 2:15pm

COST: \$41.50 includes transportation, Paddlewheel Cruise and Pere Marquette Lunch.

TICKETS: Tickets go on sale Tuesday, August 11, 2015 from 9:00 – 11:00am at the Florissant Senior Dining Center for residents only with a current resident card. If there are tickets available, a second registration will be held on Tuesday, August 18 from 9:00 – 11:00am at the Florissant Senior Dining Center for residents AND non-residents. Non-resident cost is \$43.50. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605 for more information.

### Old Cathedral, Chapel of St. John and Copia Urban Winery

See the renovations at this St. Louis Landmark and hear the fascinating story of the BASILICA OF ST. LOUIS, fondly known as THE OLD CATHEDRAL! Find out why this gem is unique both to St. Louis and across America! Maureen Kavanaugh, Famous St. Louis Tour Guide, will give the intriguing history of the Old Cathedral and the Chapel of St. John Nepomuk, the oldest Czech Church in the New World. Enjoy the unique atmosphere for lunch at the Urban Winery, COPIA RESTAURANT & WINE GARDEN.

WHEN: Thursday, October 8, 2015

TIME: 9:00am – 3:00pm

COST: \$37.00 includes, transportation, tours of Old Cathedral and St. John, and lunch at Copia

TICKETS: This is a Silver Words Trip. Tickets go on sale to Silver Words Club Members only at the Silver Words Club Meeting on Thursday, September 10th. If there are tickets remaining, anyone - resident or non-resident - can purchase a ticket in the Florissant Senior Office starting on September 11. Non-resident cost is \$39.00. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

## Medicare Savings Programs Can Reduce Your Medicare Costs

There are savings programs that help seniors pay for Part B premiums and programs that reduce the costs of deductibles, copays and coinsurance. Whether you qualify will depend on your income and the value of things you own. For information and requirements, call CLAIM, 1-800-390-3330, Missouri's State Health Insurance Assistance Program and ask for information about the MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS.

## Here Comes The Judge!

Listen to an engaging presentation by a Federal Judge from the Eastern District of Missouri. Find out how the Federal Courthouse affects YOU. What goes on in a Federal Courthouse? Have any famous or important cases ever been tried at the Federal Courthouse in St. Louis? How do Federal Judges get their jobs? Enjoy a refreshing ice cream on a hot summer's day at the Beautiful Nature Lodge in Sunset Park and find out the answers to these questions!

WHEN: Thursday, July 16, 2015

TIME: 1:00pm

WHERE: Sunset Park Nature Lodge

COST: This is a FREE event but you must register with the Senior Office by calling 839-7605 starting on Monday, June 22. Seating will be limited.

## Breakfast with the Mayor

Mayor Thomas P. Schneider will address the Senior Citizens of Florissant at the MAYOR'S TOWN HALL MEETING on Thursday, September 17th at 9:00am at the James J. Eagan Center. Enjoy a FREE breakfast and find out what's happening in YOUR city. City Department Heads will be present to address any concerns or questions you may have. Bent-Wood Nursing and Rehabilitation will provide a delicious full breakfast. Many local organizations will also be present to share valuable information with Florissant Senior Citizens.

WHEN: Thursday, September 17th, 2015

TIME: 9:00 – 11:00am

WHERE: James J. Eagan Center

TICKETS: There is no ticket required for this event however you must make reservations for breakfast by calling the Senior Office at 839-7605 starting August 17th through September 14th.

## The Muny Kids

THE MUNY KIDS from The MUNY IN FOREST PARK will perform for Florissant Senior Citizens at our Summer Party and Bingo on Thursday, July 30, 2015 at the James J. Eagan Center from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Watch these talented kids who demonstrate exceptional voice & dance talent, stage presence, dedication and discipline. A delicious lunch will be served, attendance prizes will be given away, Pot of Gold & basket chances will be sold and Bingo will top off a wonderful day.

WHEN: Thursday, July 30, 2015

TIME: 10:00am – 2:00pm

WHERE: James J. Eagan Center

TICKETS: \$10.00 each includes admission, lunch, Muny Kids Performance, attendance prizes and Bingo. Tickets sold to Florissant Residents only in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall beginning June 22nd through July 27th.

Call the Senior Office at 839-7605, for more information.





## Big Band Dance

The Big-Band, Two Star Final, will play at the Dance on Saturday Night, July 11 at the Eagan Center from 7:00 – 10:00pm. All residents AND non-residents are invited. Light snacks will be provided and beer, wine & soda are available for purchase.

WHEN: Saturday Night, July 11

TIME: 7:00 – 10:00pm

WHERE: James J. Eagan Center

TICKETS: \$8.00 if purchased prior to the dance in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall or \$10.00 at the door. Ticket price includes admission, light snacks & dancing.

Call the Senior Office, 839-7605 for more information.

## Country-Western Dance

GET YOUR BOOTS ON for our Country-Western Dance with the Gene Maynard Band! If you enjoy country-western music and wearing cowboy boots, you'll get a "kick" out of this country-western dance! All residents AND non-residents are invited. Light snacks will be provided and beer, wine & soda are available for purchase.

WHEN: Friday Night, September 18, 2015

TIME: 7:00 – 10:00pm

WHERE: James J. Eagan Center

TICKETS: \$8.00 if purchased prior to the dance in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall or \$10.00 at the door. Ticket price includes admission, light snacks & dancing.

Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.



## Halloween is Coming Soon

so grab your mask or your broom.....and come to the SENIOR CITIZEN HALLOWEEN PARTY! All Witches, Ghosts & Goblins are welcome at this SPOOKTACULAR Event!! Dress in costume for our annual costume contest or come as you are and watch! Hear one of the best vocal impressionists in the country – Karl "Trickee" Holmes" in the Scott & Karl Duo! Enjoy a delicious lunch, great attendance prizes and chances to win a Pot of Gold & gift baskets and Bingo.



WHEN: Thursday, October 29, 2015

TIME: 10:00am – 2:00pm

WHERE: James J. Eagan Center

TICKETS: \$10.00 each includes admission, lunch, entertainment, attendance prizes & Bingo. Tickets will be sold to Florissant Residents only in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall beginning September 21 through October 26th. Call the Senior Office at 839-7605 for more information.

## SENIORS EVENTS SCHEDULE

### JULY

3 - City Hall Offices closed in observance of Independence Day

6 - Ticket sales begin in Senior Office for North County Gala

9 - Silver Words Meeting, Dining Center, 1:30, Bingo, Sign-ups for Fairmount Racetrack

11 - Saturday Night Big Band Dance, Eagan Center, 7:00-10:00, with the Two Star Final Band

12 - Missouri Senior Pageant, call Theatre for information 921-5678

16 - Speaker Series, 1:00pm, Sunset Park Nature Lodge, Federal Judge Presentation

23 - TRIP: Botanical Gardens Lantern Festival

30 - Summer Party & Bingo, Eagan Ctr, 10-2pm, Lunch, THE MUNY KIDS & Bingo

### AUGUST

11 - Ticket sales begin at Dining Ctr 9:00-11:00am for Paddlewheel Cruise & Pere Marquette

14 - North County Gala: Outstanding Multi-City Big Band Event at Eagan Center with the SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY 18-PIECE BAND! 7:00 – 10:00pm

17 - Reservations begin for Town Hall Meeting, 839-7605 (September 17)

18 - SILVER WORDS TRIP: Fairmount Racetrack

### SEPTEMBER

7 - City Offices Closed – Labor Day

10 - Silver Words Meeting, JFK, 1:30, Meet Betsy Ross! Sign-ups for Old Cathedral Trip

17 - MAYOR'S TOWN HALL, Eagan Center, 9:00am Breakfast with the Mayor

18 - Friday Night Country Western Dance, Eagan Center, 7 – 10:00, with the Gene Maynard Band

21 - Ticket sales begin in Senior Office for Halloween Party (October 29)

23 - TRIP: Paddlewheel Boat Cruise & Pere Marquette

## Senior Citizens Beware

The Senior Office is constantly hearing of scams involving senior citizens. This month several Florissant Residents reported receiving a lottery/sweepstakes scam letter that reads something like this:

\*\*You receive a letter that says you have won 2nd place in a sweepstakes! The letter certainly looks authentic. It explains that this letter is from the Financial Company that has been assigned by the sweepstake organizers to inform, direct and assist all the winners in receiving their prize money. There's a check enclosed for \$3000. It states to please call your Claim Agent to start your claim processing and to activate your check. It states to please adhere to his instructions. You decide it can't hurt to call the Claim Agent. He is very helpful, very nice and very informative. He answers all your questions including questions you have about taxes. He talks about his family and asks about your family. Someone this nice & informative certainly couldn't be running a scam..... but he is!! This is just one of the many ways the scammers trick you into thinking they are a reputable company. They talk people into sending them money in order to cover the costs of processing, courier fees or transfer fees. Scammers are very good at their job – they have scammed many very intelligent people. There are many scenarios and many different ways that the scammers try to gain your trust.

If you receive a call from someone stating that you have won a lottery or a sweepstakes – just hang up. If you receive a letter stating that you have won a lottery or sweepstakes – BEWARE. Do not call the number on the letter. Call the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Hotline at 1-800-392-8222 or the Attorney General's Office at 1-573-751-3321. They can help you determine if it is legitimate or not.



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## Flea and Tick Awareness

Winter months are moving out and warmer months are moving in. With warmer weather comes the threat to your pets and homes for fleas and ticks.

Preventative care pays off in the long run considering the effects these parasites can cause to your pet and home.

### FLEAS

It only takes one flea to lay thousands of eggs and once hatched can cause biting, allergy dermatitis, tapeworm and skin irritation. Once your pet comes inside your home, the eggs from fleas drop off your pet and onto your carpet, furniture and bedding. When these eggs feel motion they hatch and the cycle continues. It may take several treatments to your pet and home to eliminate the problems.

### TICKS

Ticks thrive during late spring and early fall. The cold weather does not affect these parasites. Ticks are like fleas (they drink blood) and can cause diseases and serious risk to your pets such as Lyme disease.

**As You Can See, Preventative Care Is The Answer**

**Contact Your Local Veterinarian Or Local Pet Supply Store**

### DON'T FORGET:

In the City of Florissant it is required by

**City Ordinance** that all dogs and cats have a Florissant City Tag that can only be obtained through the Florissant's Health and Animal Control Office.

### REQUIREMENTS

- Current rabies vaccination
  - Documentation from a License Vet stating date vaccination was given, rabies tag # and breed of dog.
  - Rabies vaccinations must be administered by a **License Veterinarian.**
  - **Home Administered Shots Are Not Recognized By The City Of Florissant**
  - City tags are **FREE** of charge and valid for three years
- Rabies Shots Are Also A State Law**

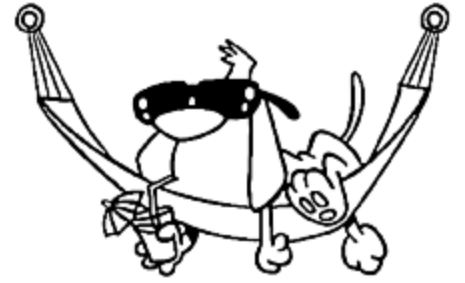


## Hot Weather Tips for You & Your Pet

Now that those long days of warm weather are here, remember that summer in the city can be hazardous for your pet if you are not careful.

A routine romp in the sun, for example, can throw your dog into shock if proper caution is not exercised. Likewise, a window left carelessly open in your home can mean tragedy if your cat falls out of it. Please remember the following twelve tips from the City of Florissant Health Department to keep your pets safe during another long, hot summer.

1. Never leave your pet in a car. An automobile can quickly turn into an oven for a dog or a cat, even with the windows open and the car parked in the shade. Open windows do not provide enough ventilation and the shade shifts along with the sun as the day progresses.
2. Always provide plenty of cool, clean water for your pet. When traveling, carry a gallon thermos filled with cool water.
3. Never let your dog or cat out to run loose. Pets can get stolen, injured and even killed while running loose. In particular, be careful with your cat. Make sure there are no open windows in your home for your cat to jump through.
4. Always keep a current Florissant City Pet Tag and current rabies vaccination tag on your pet in case your pet would get lost. Those tags do not do any good at home in your drawer.
5. Never give your pet forced exercise after feeding, especially in very hot, humid weather.
6. Always exercise your pet in the cool of the day. Early morning and early evening are optimal times to exercise your pet.
7. Never tether or cage your pet outside in the summer heat for long periods of time without shelter, food and water. Bring your pet inside during the heat of day.
8. Always keep your pet well groomed. Do not shave off your pet's coat because it gives them protection



against heat and insects. Your pet's coat also holds cool water after a refreshing swim or wetting with a hose. You may comb your pet to remove excess undercoat. Keep the coat free of mats by brushing regularly. A clean coat also helps to prevent summer skin problems.

9. Never go on vacation and leave your pet shut in an empty house or tied up outside. Be sure to plan for someone to provide for your pet when you plan your summer trip.

10. Always watch for fleas and ticks that may infest your pet. Bring your pet to your veterinarian for a thorough summer check up, including a test for heart worm. Ask your vet if they can recommend a good flea and tick repellent for your pet.

11. Never walk your pet in areas that you suspect have been sprayed by insecticides or other chemicals. Dog poisoning, in particular, always increases considerably during the summer when gardens, lawns and trees are usually sprayed for control of weeds, insects and pests. Many of these chemicals can sicken or even kill your pet. Keep your pet away from these areas, observe it closely and call your veterinarian if your pet begins to act suspiciously.

12. Lastly, if in spite of your care, the hot days of summer cause your pet to twitch, pant rapidly, bark, or have a wild "staring" expression, call your veterinarian immediately. Quick cooling may save your pet's life. Immerse your pet in water, spray it down with a hose or pack ice packs around its head, stomach and groin.

## Home Improvement Mechanical Program (HIP-Mechanical)

Are you a homeowner and have found yourself hot and without air-conditioning? Emergency assistance is available through the Home Improvement Mechanical Program (HIP-Mechanical) and could be your answer!

The HIP Mechanical Program offers a limited number of grants to home owners for the replacement of air conditioning units. The household must qualify as low to moderate income. Contact the Community Development Office for more information 314.839.7680.



## Energy Saving Tips Summer AC Efficiency

Being comfortable during summer heat is important but so is saving money. Here are some handy tips to maximize your comfort and minimize your air conditioning costs! **Check your filters often.** Standard filters need to be replaced every 30 days. If you have a pet of pets that shed, you may need to change the filter more often. A clogged filter reduces airflow which reduces the output of cooled air. Restricted airflow also puts a strain on the system that increases the possibility of failure.

**Keep drapes and blinds closed to keep out direct sun.**

**Supplement your air conditioning system with a dehumidifier.** Drier air makes you feel cooler. Reducing humidity may allow you to set the thermostat temperature higher while still feeling comfortable.

**Minimize use of heat producing appliances** (ovens, dishwasher, dryers, water heaters, etc.) during heat waves or the hottest part of the day. Use the microwave more for warm or hot foods or grill outside. Shower early or late in the day.

**Consider adding to your landscaping.** Planting shade trees can greatly reduce the amount of heat gain on your home.

**Install a programmable thermostat** to raise the temperature a few degrees while

you're away. Keep it within five degrees of your normal setting since a greater variation may be counterproductive by requiring additional energy to lower the temperature back to your original setting.

**Avoid placing lights, TV's, computers or other heat producing appliances close to the thermostat.** A false high reading of the thermostat can cause the air conditioning longer than necessary.

**Use ceiling fans to help circulate the air.** A fan doesn't change the temperature but moving air helps you feel cooler.

**Maintain your air conditioning system.** Regular maintenance helps your system run at peak efficiency and will prolong the life of the equipment. The EnergyStar program recommends two services per year; one in spring to prepare for the cooling season and one in fall for the heating season.

**Consider upgrading to a new high efficiency system.** Repairing an old air conditioning unit may save less money than replacing it. Older, lower SEER systems may cost more to run and repair than a new system. Newer technology can provide more reliable and quieter operation with better overall comfort.

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Report Provided by Kevin Kelly, Comfort Specialist with Goldkamp Heating & Cooling

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## Save the Monarch Butterfly

The monarch butterfly is one of the most recognizable species of wildlife in all of America. They undertake one of the world's most remarkable and fascinating migrations, traveling thousands of miles, over many generations from Mexico, across the U. S., to Canada.

North American monarch butterflies are in trouble. Threats, including loss of milkweed habitat needed to lay their eggs and for their caterpillars to eat, are having a devastating impact on their populations and the migration phenomenon. Unless we act now to help the Monarch, this amazing animal could disappear in our lifetime.

### Why Monarchs and Milkweed?

Monarchs are important for their pollinator role in our ecosystem. Monarchs are iconic and easily recognizable; this makes them a unique symbol and educational tool for demonstrating the importance and joy of experiencing biodiversity in our everyday lives. The monarch butterfly population has declined more than 90 percent over the last two decades due to habitat loss and chemical use. Female monarchs depend on milkweed to lay their eggs and feed their caterpillar larvae. While other flower species can serve as nectar sources for butterflies, we need milkweeds to play host to monarch caterpillars so the monarch population can grow. Conserving and connecting habitat for monarchs will benefit many other plants and animals, including critical insect and avian pollinators, and future generations of Americans. We can save the Monarch, but it will take a concerted national effort. You can help!

Every backyard can become an oasis for monarchs and other pollinators. Schools, youth and community groups, businesses, and state and local governments can engage in planting native milkweed. By enlisting a broad group of partners, from school children to CEOs, we will build a connected conservation constituency.

The Monarch Joint venture (MJV) is a partnership of federal (Fish and Wildlife Service) and state agencies, non-governmental agencies, and academic programs working together to protect monarchs and their migration. The partners are experts in the fields of monarch conservation and education and are working to make colossal progress toward our ultimate goal of monarch conservation in the U.S.



Local community plant and butterfly experts created a STL Monarch Mix to serve as a reference. These plants were chosen to flower at different times of the growing season, offering seasonal color and important butterfly food and nectar sources. The list is as follows, Whorled Milkweed, Purple Coneflower, Goldenrod, Black-Eyed Susan, and Butterfly Weed. Plant these taller species in the back, Common Milkweed, Swamp/Marsh Milkweed, Bee Balm, and New England Aster.

### For more information and planting instructions:

<https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/sustainability/>  
For an extensive list of suitable local plants:  
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The Florissant Environmental Quality Commission is pleased to be supporting this historic endeavor. During the Valley of Flowers, we educated residents and passed out over 200 packs of milkweed seed. We hope to see you at future Florissant events and you too can begin your Monarch Garden. Credit and gratitude for this article: The Fish and Wildlife Service, MJV partners and Catherine L. Werner, JD, LEED AP, Sustainability Director, City of St. Louis Mayor's Office

## Splish Splash Summer Bash



The annual Splish Splash Summer Bash July 10 for Florissant youth in 5th-8th grade is sure to be a big hit. Participants will enjoy pizza, soda, games, and a lot more. Admission will be by ticket only. Tickets may be purchased at JFK Community Center and the James J. Eagan Center beginning June 8th, Residents \$5, Non-Residents \$7. 6:30-9:00 PM at Koch Park Family Aquatic Center.

## Fourth of July Celebration

Florissant's proud tradition of celebrating Independence Day continues this year on the grounds of the James J. Eagan Center at Florissant Valley Park. Festivities begin with an outdoor concert performance by Northwinds Concert Band at 7:30 pm. Following the concert, the City of Florissant is sponsoring its renowned Fireworks Display at dusk. This year's extravaganza features a dazzling fireworks presentation combining brilliant shells, color sequencing, dimensional frontage, and low and high level aerial combinations. It will be an evening filled with great music and stupendous fireworks! Bring your blankets and your lawn chairs to enjoy this top-notch, FREE entertainment for the entire family.



## Suicide Prevention Awareness Fundraiser

The 7th Annual Suicide Prevention Awareness Fundraiser includes a 5K race and 1 Mile Fun Run as well as a men's and coed softball tournament and BBQ hosted by Florissant's Youth Advisory Commission. This event is held in loving memory of Alex McArthur. **Saturday September 19th, 2015, 8:00 A.M. at St. Ferdinand Park**





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