



Three Florissant Propositions Will Be On April 5th Ballot

On April 5th an election will be held with three Florissant propositions on the ballot:

Propositions B, R and A
Please plan to attend one of two informational Ward Meetings scheduled for Wednesday, March 23rd at JFK and March 30th at JJE.

PROPOSITION B

**Fair Play For Local Business
 More Resources For Our Community
 What Problem Does Prop B Address?**

Car dealers are being put at an economic disadvantage because those making car purchases outside of the state are not paying use tax on their vehicles as do those who buy from Missouri dealers. They are losing business and our community is losing tax revenue. It also is a simple matter of fairness that everyone should be treated the same.

For local car businesses this is very important. They have employees who work here, pay other local taxes, and support our community. By not having an out-of-state use tax in place, it is like paying people to drive out of state to buy a car, hurting our local car dealers and their employees. It is a particularly bad problem for businesses and their communities near the borders of adjoining states.

City voters can correct this problem which is why the issue is being placed on the ballot for you to decide. Other cities and counties in the state have already passed similar propositions.

What Caused This Problem?

In 2012 the Missouri Supreme court reversed the practice that had been in place for decades of charging sales tax on out-of-state vehicle purchases. The State Legislature passed a temporary measure to close the tax loophole this created, but they **require city residents across Missouri to ratify that measure at the ballot by 2016; otherwise the tax loophole on cars, motorcycles, boats, trailers, campers, and RVs will remain open forever** and that city will not be able to reverse it.

A YES vote passes the measure and closes the loophole. A NO vote means the city would not receive revenue from these out-of-state vehicle sales and local car deals would remain at a competitive disadvantage to those in adjoining states.

What Does Proposition B Say?

Shall the City of Florissant, Missouri continue applying and collecting the local sales tax on the titling of motor vehicles, trailers, boats, and outboard motors that were purchased from a source other than a licensed Missouri dealer? Rejection of this measure will result in a reduction of local revenue to provide for vital services for the City of Florissant, Missouri and it will place Missouri dealers of motor vehicles, outboard motors, boats, and trailers at a competitive disadvantage to non-Missouri dealers of motor vehicles, outboard motors, boats, and trailers?

PROPOSITION R

A Proposition to authorize the City to increase the fee for a rental license fee to \$50 per unit.

The City's biggest challenge with rental property is to notify and assist owners and management companies with problems and/or violations for the properties they represent. This proposal will better provide the information needed by city staff to contact the responsible person for every individual rental property located within the city, better equip staff and provide funding to help manage this process.

What Does Proposition R Say?

Shall the City of Florissant, Missouri increase the fee for the residential rental license to \$50 per rental unit?

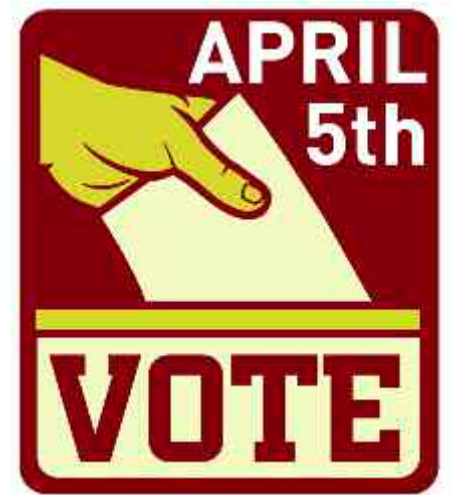
PROPOSITION A

An Ordinance of the City of Florissant, Missouri, calling for an election to authorize the City to impose an annual registration fee of \$200.00 which shall be charged to the owner of property improved by a residential structure (including a structure containing multiple dwelling units) which has been vacant for six months or more.

This ordinance is not meant to replace the current Vacant Property Ordinance #7071 and #7890 but to amend the Ordinance by adding a "Vacant Property Registration" form and fee requirement. This registration form would be an additional resource for the City to obtain information on vacant and abandoned properties and the responsible person of that property. In addition this amendment would address the "chronic vacancy issue" that is not currently addressed.

What Does Proposition A Say?

Shall the City of Florissant be authorized to impose an annual registration fee of \$200 to be paid by the owner of any residential structure in the City which has been vacant for six months or more?



In order to maintain Florissant's reputation as an excellent place for people of all ages to live and work, we require the dedication of our Public Works Department to continue to excel in providing the many infrastructure and health services we need, with **an increased emphasis on code enforcement inspections of both residential and commercial properties.** Goals for the new fiscal year include increased, pro-active inspections of commercial building exteriors; doubling inspection of exterior property maintenance; increased tracking and enforcement of rental vacant home codes; closing of outstanding court cases; and continuation of Florissant's highly successful Distressed Home Repair program.

Save the Date... Valley of Flowers Festival



**Valley of Flowers Celebrates...
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The list below highlights ways that YOU can be part of the 2016 Valley of Flowers Festival!

- Candidates are needed for the 2016 Valley of Flowers Queen and Court selection:
- Candidates must be a resident of the City of Florissant. Contact the Valley of Flowers for qualifications.
- Parade Units are needed for the Parade on Sunday May 8, 2016:
- Motorized, Walking, and Marching Units are welcome. Contact the Valley of Flowers for Parade Rules
- Sponsors are needed to support the Festival:

(Contributions are needed by March 1, 2016 in order to be included in printed material. Contact Valley of Flowers for Sponsorship benefits.

Valley of Flowers is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization.)

- Fleur di Lis Level - \$1,000.00
- Rose Level - \$500.00
- Daisy Level - \$250.00
- Friends of the Festival - \$100.00
- Eagan Center Booths:
(Applications are needed no later than April 4, 2016)
- Eagan Center Food Booth: \$100.00
- Eagan Center Crafter Booth: \$75.00
- Eagan Center Informational Booth: \$100.00 for two days
- Off Site Booths: \$50.00 plus 5% of gross- permits are through Valley of Flowers

**To become a participant contact:
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Tourism at St. Ferdinand Shrine

St. Ferdinand Shrine continues to be a tourist attraction for the City of Florissant. With over 15,000 visitors each year the Shrine is indeed a very busy place.

Visitors come for tours, retreats and rent the, over 100 person capacity, Schoolhouse Hall for parties and celebrations. Visitors stop at the Gift Shop and enjoy the weekly book sale on Saturday mornings. The Shrine can be used to host weddings, have a First Friday mass or hold funeral services. Come join in the many activities including the Valley of Flowers, Florissant Fall Festival, Christmas activities and much more.

Among the events is the upcoming Annual St. Patrick's Day Lunch on Thursday, March 17th. Serving of this delicious meal starts at 11:00am and lasts until about 5:30pm. Reservations are not needed but plan to attend early as the servings often begin to sell out near 5pm. Cost is \$8.00 per person, \$4.00 children. Carry-outs are available. Tours of the Shrine will also be available.

St. Ferdinand Shrine is located at the foot of St. Francois Street in Old Town Florissant and is next to the Knights of Columbus grounds, the site of the Valley of Flowers Festival.

The buildings on the Shrine grounds include a convent,



church and schoolhouse. The convent and church was built in 1819 and the additional buildings were constructed in the 1840's. All are on the National Register of Historic Places.

Office hours for the Shrine are Mon. thru Sat. from 9am-Noon. However, events can often be scheduled to meet your timeline. To schedule a tour or an event call the shrine at 314-837-2110 or email them at oldstferdinandshrine@gmail.com and they will respond as soon as possible.

For more information please visit their website:
 www.oldstferdinandshrine.com

Talk Trash with the Environmental Quality Commission

The City Of Florissant and North County is falling behind the rest of the metro region in successful recycling. We would like to help increase the level recycling by raising awareness in our community.

Here are some common questions.

• Do I have to use the large recycle tote?

No. You can use any clean container to carry or roll to the curb.

• Can I recycle plastic bags?

Some plastic bags are recyclable (such as grocery bags), but not curbside. Please take recyclable bags to stores with bag recycling containers. Placing plastic bags in the curbside container causes major problems for the sorting process! Recyclables are separated utilizing mainly automated systems; the plastic bags end up wrapping around the equipment. When this happens the system shuts down and the bags cut out.

• Does it really get recycled?

Yes, there are three processors in Saint Louis County and one in St. Louis City. The recyclables are being sent to a recycling facility, creating local jobs and diverting valuable resources.

• Do I have to wash my recyclables? How clean do my recyclables have to be?

No, it's not necessary to wash your recyclables in the dishwasher or by hand. Just wipe out or rinse the excess and dump out any leftover liquids.

Eco-Tip: Reuse dishwasher at the end of dishwashing to rinse recyclables.

• What about caps or lids?

Leave the caps or lids on containers. If the cap or lid is placed in the recycling separate from the container,

it is so small it is likely to be removed at the end of the process with all the other small residuals and discarded as trash.

• Can I recycle pizza boxes with cheese stuck to the inside?

Yes, scrape off excessive food residue and recycle cardboard pizza boxes or fast food containers.

• Do I have to flatten boxes and plastic bottles?

NO. However, the hauler may not collect boxes that are next to the recycling cart. If you run out of room for recycling, flattening plastic bottles and boxes will increase storage capacity between collections.

• Can I recycle disposable plates, cups, and utensils?

Plastic utensils **cannot** be recycled. Paper cups and plates that aren't very soiled with food can be recycled.

• Can I still recycle at my local church/school?

Yes! Saint Louis County encourages you to do so. Please take your paper and aluminum cans to these locations and support their efforts.

• What is a bulky item?

Bulky items are large items like furniture, household items, wood etc. that will not fit in a residential waste container. Major appliances (refrigerators, washers, microwaves, hot water heaters and other "white goods") are not included in the bulky waste collection. There is a free bulk pick up day on the customer's third pick up day of the month January through October. The item must weigh under 60 lbs and must be scheduled with office at least 24 hours in advance.

For more item pickups:

Bulk items: \$15.00 each - Senior Rate: \$7.50 per each

White Goods: \$20.00 - Senior Rate: \$10.00 each

Electronics Recycling Event

The City of Florissant along with Midwest Recycling Center is proud to announce an Electronics Recycling Event on **Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 9am to 1pm rain or shine at the rear parking lot of St. Ferdinand Park.**

Acceptable items: working or not, basically anything that has a cord or battery; computers, printers, keyboards, laptops, hard drives, cell phones, pagers, radios, scanners, speakers, VCR, DVD, fax machines, *televisions*, stereos, furnaces, water heaters, air conditioners, microwaves, power tools, kitchen appliances, lawn and garden equipment (**lawn and garden equipment MUST have oil and gas removed**)

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Document Shredding Event

The City of Florissant, Cintas Corporation and Meridian Waste will be sponsoring a Recycling Event on **Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 9am to 12pm rain or shine in the rear parking lot of St. Ferdinand Park.**

Documents to be shredded: tax papers, bank or financial records, tax records, credit card statements, invoices, anything with your name and address on it. There is no need to remove paper clips, binder clips or staples. This will all be

destroyed in a manner to which it cannot be recognized or recreated. All paper will then be recycled.

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Clean-Up, Pick-Up, Fix-Up... Flowers Are Nice Too!

Jump onboard as we reinstate an old Florissant tradition of beautifying the City in conjunction with the Annual Valley of Flowers Festival! All City residents and stakeholders are strongly urged to become involved in this initiative. We are now organizing and will officially kick off this campaign with the Annual Trash Bash on Saturday March 19th. Also part of this effort is the Electronic Recycling Event scheduled for Saturday April 16th and the Document Shredding day on Saturday April 23rd.

The hope is to increase the beauty of the City by creating and reinforcing pride of ownership in and around

homes, businesses, streets, parks, near schools, etc. In order to accomplish this goal, the plan is to identify and give attention to those areas in the coming months, throughout the year and beyond.

For additional events and information please check the City's Facebook page, website - www.florissantmo.com, Florissant City Television - Charter Channel 992, Uverse Channel 99 and Florissant City Media - YouTube Channel.

This is only the beginning, it's up to you to help keep the momentum of going!



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Greetings Everyone,

Welcome to the first edition of the Mayor's Message in the Florissant Focus for 2016. I would like to share news about the progress in our beautiful city and good things that are coming up the next couple of months.

Many residents in our City experienced sewer backups and basement flooding resulting in the record heavy rainfall in late December. I would like to thank Meridian Waste Services, Inc., the National Guard, the US Army Corps of Engineers and FEMA for coming to our City and assisting our residents that needed help getting their debris removed from their property. The President of the United States later declared a disaster declaration for the state of Missouri which triggered individual assistance for our area. This allowed disaster aid for individuals needing housing assistance, disaster grants, low-interest disaster loans and other disaster aid programs.

For more information visit the website www.DisasterAssistance.gov

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our valuable local business community for continuing to operate here in the City of Florissant. Chief Lowery and I would like to encourage our valuable business owners to help protect their employees and customers by investing in, and maintaining, a good interior and exterior **video surveillance system**. These systems are a proven solid investment in your business and community. Many superior, technologically advanced systems can be found at local electronics stores and purchased for less than \$500. If you would prefer to leave it to the professionals I encourage you to get multiple bids with similar specifications and always check the companies background and reputation with the North County Chamber of Commerce and the Better Business Bureau.

If we can convince most businesses in our city the value of deploying **state-of-the-art surveillance systems**, it would be a deterrent to those who are thinking of committing criminal activity within the City of Florissant. If you have questions concerning Video Surveillance Systems please contact the Florissant Police Department's Public Information Officer at 314-830-6042. We would like to make this a city-wide initiative to drive out potential criminals looking to take advantage of businesses without these **surveillance systems**.

Please join the Administration in an initiative to kick off a **pre Valley of Flowers Spring Cleaning Campaign to recapture the spirit of the original Valley of Flowers** which was to clean up, spruce up, and fix up the city culminating in what has become the Valley of Flowers Festival. We are in the process of identifying a catchy theme for this period which will run from the March 19th Trash Bash to the Valley of Flowers Festival.

We will kick off this "Valley of Flowers Spring Cleaning" with the **annual Trash Bash on Saturday March 19th** this year. We will be asking all of our stake holders to find ways to be involved and anticipate that activity will accelerate in April the closer we get to the VOF.

Two annual events will be part of this effort; This year's **Electronic Recycling Event**, which will be sponsored by Midwest Recycling Center, is scheduled for Saturday April 16th from 9am to 1 pm and **Document Shredding Day**, which is sponsored by Cintas and Meridian Waste Services, will be held on Saturday, April 23rd from 9am to 12pm. Both events will be held at St. Ferdinand Park more information to follow as the events gets closer. Additional spring cleaning events may also be announced.

We will ask City Employees, the Chambers, Old Town Partners, our Boards and Commissions, and our Service, Patriotic and Faith Based organizations to participate. Our hope is that by giving positive attention and example in the spring of cleaning up and beautifying our City that there will be positive momen-

tum the rest of the year resulting in better property maintenance overall and fewer code enforcement issues.

Street Work: - The Public Works Department is preparing to do **\$1,650,000 in street work** which includes \$850,000 in slurry seal resurfacing work on 100+ different streets, \$500,000 in concrete pavement replacement and repairs on 22+ streets, and \$300,000 in major street repairs with an asphalt overlay on 5+ different streets. Major street repairs will begin in early spring. **Thanks to the passage of Prop S last November Florissant will eventually have additional street maintenance funds available.** These funds will begin to be collected May of 2016 and the City will start receiving this revenue in June or July and every month thereafter. The administration will identify additional work for 2016 to ask the Council to fund when Prop S funds are available.

The Public Works Department has three grant projects in progress this year that are funded at 80 percent by a federal grants received in 2014 and 2015.

- Design work continues for the replacement for the **St. Anthony Lane Bridge** over Fountain Creek as part of a \$550,000 project which will be constructed in 2017.

- Design work will be commencing for the **North Lafayette Reconstruction project** which will include repaving the street, installing storm sewers, and adding ADA-compliant sidewalk and bicycle facilities from North Highway 67 to Washington Street with a total estimated budget of approximately **\$2.7 million**. Construction is scheduled for 2018.

- Design is also beginning for the **Replacement of the Pedestrian Signal on Derhake Rd. at Robinwood Elementary**. This project will replace the aging signal and bring the crossing into compliance with ADA requirements. It has a budget of approximately **\$140,000** and will be complete in 2018.

The City is partnering with MoDOT to apply in March for another 80 percent federal fund grant to make improvements to the intersection of St. Ferdinand St. and N. Highway 67 to ease congestion exiting St. Ferdinand Park and to improve safety and pedestrian access.

The final phase of ball field light replacements is wrapping up at St. Ferdinand. Fields 3 and 7 should be complete in March as part of a **\$242,000 project**. The lights at Fields 5 and 6 were replaced in 2014 and the lights at Fields 1 and 2 were replaced in 2015.

The City Council and Administration is in the process of finalizing a **comprehensive energy efficiency project** for the James J. Eagan Center. The project will utilize performance contracting to upgrade the major heat transfer mechanical systems needed for the Ice Rink, Swimming Pool and HVAC and address building envelope issues and lighting to achieve a more energy efficient building with significantly lower maintenance requirements. This project will add many years of efficient enjoyment of the James J. Eagan Center amenities.

We are pleased with the improvements at the **Florissant Golf Club** made by Course Superintendent Andy Sprunt who has modified our 18-hole championship golf course into a beautiful facility to appeal to golfers of all skill levels. If you are planning golf outing please visit **Florissant Golf Club House manager Don Ryan** and our customer friendly staff who put customer service at the forefront of your golfing experience. With our large deck and banquet room we can handle most any size golf outing. For more information or to book your next golf outing or special event **contact the Florissant Golf Club at 314-741-7444**

The **Senior Office** is in full swing with many activities, trips and dances coming up including the St. Patrick's Day Party on March 10th. On March 31st at the Sunset Park Nature Lodge Tom Durkin with the Missouri Attorney General's Office and a member of the Florissant Police

Department will be giving an informative presentation on types of frauds and scams that are affecting our Florissant Senior Citizens. The event is free and will start at 1:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

I am pleased to announce that the Senior Office has partnered again with the Tri-Parish Nursing Ministry, Memory Care Home Solutions, St. Catherine Retirement Center, Life Care Centers and have added Bentwood Nursing Center to host the 2nd Annual Free Aging My Way Resource Fair. For further information on all these events contact Peggy Hogan the Senior Coordinator at 314-839-7604.

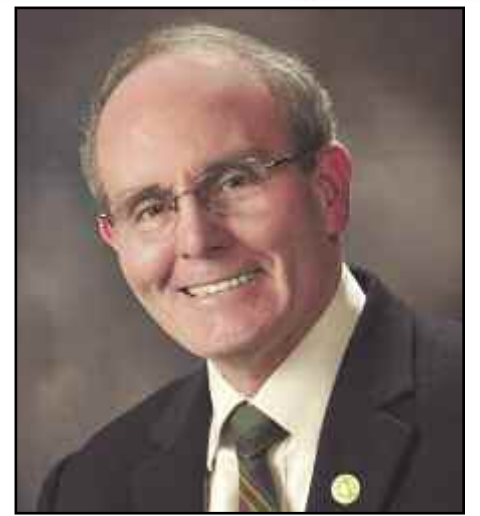
We have activities lined up for our Youth; if you are in 5th through 8th grade, the place to be on Friday March 4th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. will be at Eagan Center Ice Rink for the 4th Annual End of the Year Party on the Ice! There will be a DJ, soda, pizza and plenty of good times. Tickets have already been on sale and a resident card is required to purchase tickets. This is the 4th DARE event in conjunction with Project Lift-Off, Splish Splash and last October's Halloween Costume Party. All these exciting events are geared towards our youth that ties in with our DARE program. Snack with the Easter Bunny and Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the James J. Eagan Center. Tickets are \$1 or bring in 1 non-perishable canned good.

Our very own **Florissant Civic Center Theater** has season tickets available for purchase to see the great shows we have lined up. Check out the Theater section of this newspaper to see the productions and shows we have on tap. Get season tickets by visiting the FCC Theater box office or call 314-921-5678. I would like to mention that **THE UNITED STATES ARMY FIELD BAND & SOLDIERS' CHORUS** - The Musical Ambassadors of the Army, Washington, DC will be here March 25th. The event will start at 8:00 p.m. Admission is free please call the Theater to reserve your seat.

FLORISSANT HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - the City of Florissant's Community Development Office will have applications available for the Home Improvement Program beginning Friday, April 1, 2016. Applications can be found by visiting www.florissantmo.com/cd/block-grant.shtml or the Community Development Office located in the Government Building at 1055 rue St. Francois. Completed applications will be accepted Monday, May 2, 2016 on a "First-Come-First Serve" basis until all funds have been awarded. A seminar explaining the 2016 Home Improvement Program will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall. For additional information contact the Community Development Office at 839-7622 or 839-7679.

The 4th annual **Old St. Ferdinand Shrine Benefit Dinner** on January 31st that was held at Kemolls Restaurant was another sold out and successful event. We are grateful for the willingness of the Archdiocese of St. Louis to review the relevance and importance of the Shrine and to allow use of the Shrine for the sacraments of matrimony and baptism giving it a renewed relevance in the lives of the people who love Florissant. In addition to its religious significance the Shrine has great historical significance and its importance as a pilgrimage and tourist destination is sure to increase the number of visitors to the oldest City in the County.

The 2016 **Greater North County Chamber Business Showcase** will be held on Saturday, March 19th at the James J. Eagan Community Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Last year there were over 1000 people that attended the event. The Chamber will partner again with the City of Florissant and we hope to have another successful turnout and I would also like to thank everyone that supported and sponsored the event.



Economic development is strong in the City with many success stories from last year. Our focus has always been to keep this City moving forward while still preserving its rich history. Progress is measured in more ways than brick and mortar but we are all gratified by the tangible results of our efforts for progress. We continue to have economic progress as the New Year begins. As Mayor I will insist that we will continue to do our part in bringing new businesses to the area to continue to achieve encouraging levels of retail and commercial investment to our beautiful city. We are looking forward to the new developments that are currently in the Planning or Due Diligence phase. Jimmy John's Restaurant is scheduled to open in mid-February. In addition the following businesses are also to either already open or will be soon:

- Jimmy John's
- Fort Taco Restaurant
- Starbuck's
- A Chocolate company in the Train Depot building.
- CVS Pharmacy on the Florissant Meadows Shopping Center in the former Culpepper's location

Our next Focus will be out before our annual Valley of Flowers festival. With warm thoughts I look forward to seeing you soon in the beautiful city in the Valley of Flowers.

Sincerely,
Mayor Thomas P. Schneider

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Lieutenant Fodde Retires



Chief Tim Lowery and the entire Florissant Police Department wishes to congratulate and thank Lieutenant Tim Fodde for his many years of service. Lt. Fodde will retire from the Florissant Police Department on April 1st 2016 after thirty five years of service to the Florissant community. Prior to coming to the Florissant Police Department in December of 1980, Lt. Fodde worked as a police officer for three years with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department in the third district and served his country in the United States Marine Corps. Lt. Fodde served in Florissant as a Patrol Officer and Detective before he was promoted through the ranks of Sergeant and Lieutenant. Lt. Fodde served as a Commander in Special Operations, and he was most recently assigned as a Patrol Shift Commander in the Bureau of Field Operations. Lieutenant Fodde is a graduate from the 199th class of the FBI National Academy.

Lieutenant Fodde will be spending more time with his family and his grandchild. Congratulations Lt. Fodde on your retirement and thank you for your service to the Florissant community.

Chief Lowery Announces Promotions



Chief Lowery is pleased to announce two recent promotions within the Florissant Police Department. These promotions were necessary after the retirement of Lieutenant Timothy Fodde who worked for the city for 35 years.

Sergeant Dennis DeHart was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and Detective Dave Rohlfling was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Lieutenant DeHart began his Law Enforcement career in October of 2000 after graduating from the Eastern Missouri Police Academy and joined the Florissant Police Department in December of 2000. In November of 2005, Lt. DeHart was transferred to the Bureau of Criminal

Investigator. Lt. DeHart spent eight years as a Criminal Investigator spending time in all of the assignments in the Bureau of Investigations. Lt. DeHart was then promoted to the rank of Sergeant and was assigned to the Bureau of Field Operations as a Platoon Supervisor from January of 2013 to November of 2013 when he was transferred as a Sergeant to the Bureau of Investigations. Lieutenant DeHart is currently assigned as a Watch Commander in the Bureau of Field Operations.

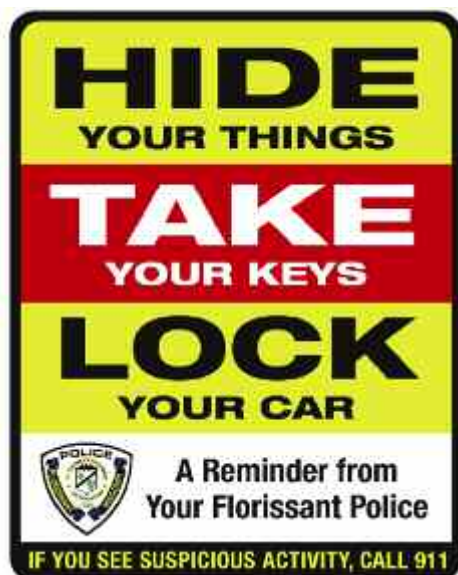
Sergeant Rohlfling began his Law Enforcement career in April of 2005 after graduating from the Eastern Missouri Police Academy and joined the Florissant Police

Department in May of 2005. In May of 2007, Sgt. Rohlfling was transferred to the Mobile Reserve Anti-Crime unit focusing on narcotics investigations and special assignments. In January 2010 Sgt. Rohlfling was transferred to the Bureau of Investigations and spent 6 years as a Criminal Investigator spending a majority of his career as a Detective in the burglary unit. Sgt. Rohlfling at that time also served as a member of the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis as a homicide investigator. Sgt. Rohlfling is currently assigned to the Bureau of Investigations as a supervisor.

Congratulations to both Lt. DeHart and Sgt. Rohlfling on your promotions!

Automobile Security

Police Chief Timothy Lowery would like to remind everyone to refrain from leaving your car running in the driveway in order to heat it up on cold days. Also never leave your car unlocked while sitting in your driveway or in front of your home. This creates a "theft of opportunity" scenario whereby the possible thief is tempted to take advantage of the open vehicle. Be always vigilant and make common sense decisions to help thwart the criminals.



Florissant Police Department Helps Kids in Need



Chief Timothy Lowery is happy to announce that on Thursday, December 17, 2015, members of the Florissant Police Department were able to deliver gifts to three local schools within the City of Florissant as a part the second annual Hero's for the Holidays campaign. The gifts were given to parents of 35 kids so they can make their kid's Holiday Season special. Florissant Police DARE

Officer Lessie Summers coordinated this effort between the Florissant Police Department, and school officials who identified families within their school who needed a little extra help this year. Several members of the department as well as city employees donated over \$2,200 which Officer Summers and Officer Owen used to purchase the gifts.

"I commend each of the Officers

and City Employees involved for giving their time and money to make these kids' Holidays a little happier," said Chief Lowery. Mayor Schneider added, "I would also like to thank all of the City Employees for their continuous support to the Florissant community. The Hero's for the Holidays campaign is a great example of the how the employees come together as a TEAM to do great



Florissant Police Hand Out Summonses of Joy During the Holiday Season



The Florissant Police Department in partnership with North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice worked together on a Project called Summons of Joy during the Holiday season. Seven area churches donated \$4,500 to this program which was turned into 45 \$100 gift cards. These gift cards were given out to people that the Florissant Police department felt would need a little extra help during the Holidays instead of a traditional summons for a violation. All of the recipients were unaware that they would be receiving a gift card instead of summons to appear in court. This program was very suc-

cessful in helping the Police Department connect with the community that we serve and give back during the Holiday Season. The Officers that handed out the cards were shocked at the positive response that they received when they gave out the gift cards, and expressed interest in doing the program again next year. Chief Lowery said, "I would like to thank all the men and women of the Florissant Police Department who participated in this project as well as the area churches who donated money for this effort. It is important that we show our continuous support to the community that we serve."

Newly Designed Neighborhood Watch Street Signs

The Florissant Police Department and Neighborhood Watch volunteers announced the plans to redesign and post Neighborhood Watch street signs in the City's residential neighborhoods. The announcement was made public at the direction of Chief of Police Timothy Lowery attending a recent meeting of the organization's Ward Captains.

The blue, white, and black signs display the Florissant Police Department emblem and warn potential criminals they are not welcome in the area. The signs also provide the Police Department phone number for residents who are reporting suspicious activities in the vicinity. A rigorous Neighborhood Watch presence on the block is required for the neighborhood to qualify for the signs.

"The signs serve as an effective crime deterrent," according to Craig DeHart, Community and Media Relations Officer for the Florissant Police Department. "Volunteers compile residential crime statistics from information provided by the police and are able to draw a correlation between sign placement and the minimization of criminal incidents."

To qualify for the signs, 50% of the block's residents participate in the Neighborhood Watch program. "It's a high standard; but a highly effective one," according to DeHart. "It puts a real 'bite' behind the sign's warning," he explained. "The Chief gives final approval to each sign's placement."

The signs will be located at specific intersections designated by the Neighborhood Watch Ward Captains and Block Captains requesting the signage. The volunteers receive Police Department training spotting and reporting crime in progress and suspicious activities in their area. The captains recruit and organize

additional block residents as Neighborhood Watchers.

Residents can expect to see the new signs over the next year as more and more participants enroll in the program and blocks meet the qualification requirements.

Residents interested in joining Neighborhood Watch can apply on line by filling out a registration form on the Florissant Police Department website: www.florissantmo.com/police or by calling Officer DeHart at 314-830-6046. Block Captains can obtain the Street Sign Application form and additional information from Officer DeHart. Citizens serving as Florissant Neighborhood Watch Ward Captains are: Carole Webb, Diana Sikora, Cindy Daughtery, Linda Rose, Pat Blaisdell, and Jeff Cook. Volunteer coordinators at-large are Sonny Pondrom and Dr. Norman Currington.



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Arrangements to purchase tickets can be made by phone at (314) 921-5678, by e-mail at FCCT@FlorissantMO.com, online at 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.

MARCH

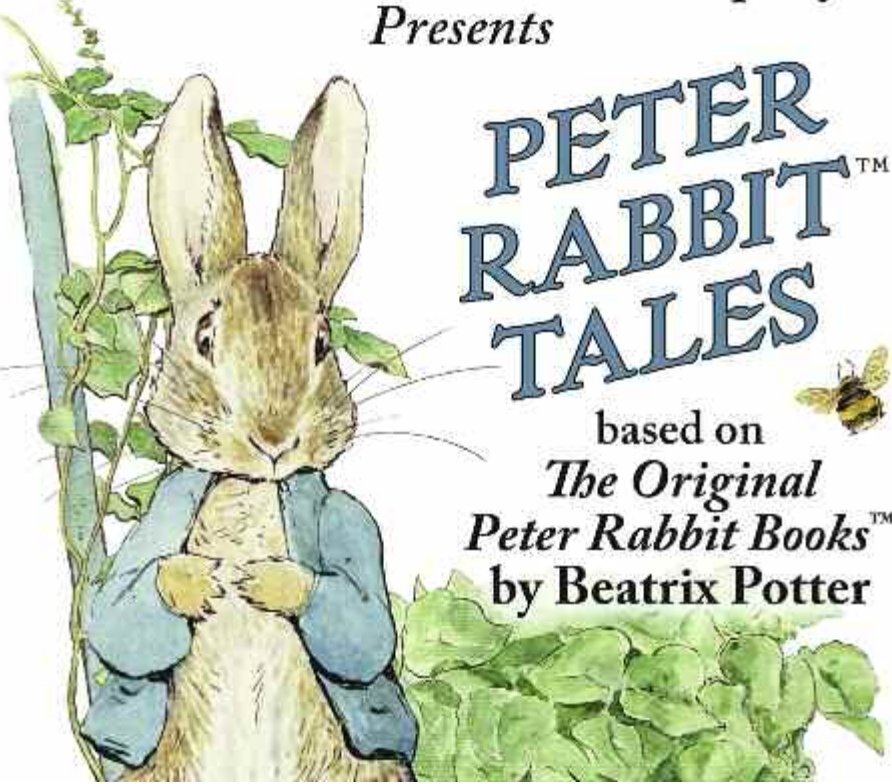
**** St. Louis Family Theatre Series Presents:**

Peter Rabbit Tales

From Enchantment Theatre Company, Philadelphia, PA

Mar. 11 – 7:30 p.m. Mar. 12 – 2:00 p.m. Mar. 13 – 2:00 p.m.

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From the State Theatre of Georgia

Mar. 19 – 8:00 p.m.

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From Washington, DC

Mar. 25 – 8:00 p.m.



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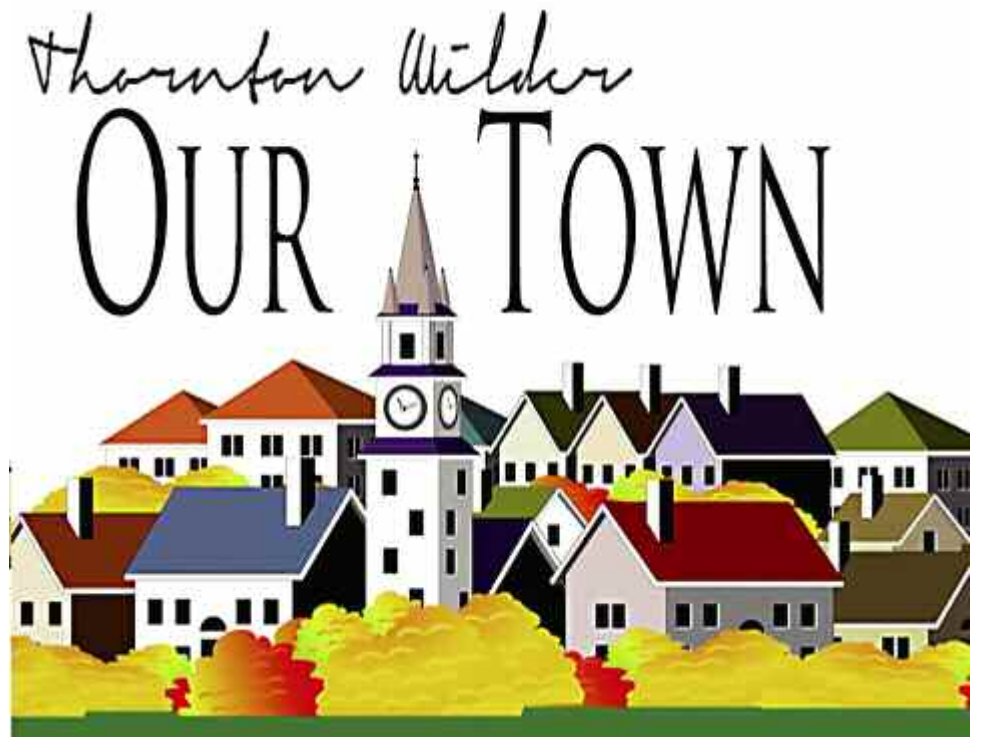
APRIL

Hawthorne Players present:

Our Town

Apr. 8 – 7:30 p.m. Apr. 9 – 7:30 p.m. Apr. 15 – 7:30 p.m.

Apr. 16 – 7:30 p.m. Apr. 17 – 2:00 p.m.



This American classic depicts the everyday life of two families in a small New England town in the early years of the 20th Century. A narrating Stage Manager guides the audience through the romance that develops between Emily Webb and George Gibbs, from their schooldays through to their marriage. Living, then as now, reflects many quietly meaningful moments, as well as hardships and sorrows—all leading to a profound awareness and appreciation of the beauty of life.

ADMISSION: \$18.00 Adults; \$16.00 Seniors/Students; Group rates available
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Hawthorne Players Musical Auditions:

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April 10 (Callbacks April 11)

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Apr. 24 – 2:00 p.m.



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MAY

Alpha Players present:

Dearly Departed

May 20 – 7:30 p.m. May 21 – 7:30 p.m.

May 27 – 7:30 p.m. May 28 – 7:30 p.m. May 29 – 2:00 p.m.



Dearly Departed

In the Baptist backwoods of the Bible Belt, the beleaguered Turpin family proves that living and dying in the South are seldom tidy and always hilarious. Despite their earnest efforts to pull themselves together for their father's funeral, the Turpin's other problems keep overshadowing the solemn occasion. What will Raynelle put on the tombstone? Will Junior pull over to the side of the road and shoot his wife or will she have the last laugh? Why isn't Bud's corpse wearing shoes? Will Marguerite get her useless son to church? And what's fried chicken got to do with all of this? You've just got to join the family to find out!

ADMISSION: \$18.00 Adults; \$16.00 Seniors/Students; \$10.00 Children 12 & under; Group rates available
Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com

Alpha Players Musical Auditions:

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May 22 (Callbacks May 23)

For more information:

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Will the Presidential Election Affect Investment Outlook?

We're just a few weeks away from the first caucuses and primaries, so presidential election season is in full swing. As a voter, you may be keenly interested in the election process. But as an investor, should you be concerned?

If you take a look back, you might be somewhat encouraged over the prospects of the financial markets this year. In the last 12 presidential election years, the Dow Jones Industrial Average has been up nine times and down just three. So, election years must be good for the financial markets, right?

Not necessarily. In every year, the markets are influenced by a variety of factors: interest rates, inflation, corporate profits, geopolitical events, economic growth, even the weather. And it's safe to say that 2016 will be no different. At this early stage of the year, one could say that some of these factors, such as continued low interest rates and a reasonably strong economy, might bode well for investors. But there's a lot of 2016 ahead of us – and it's notoriously difficult for anybody, even so-called experts, to accurately predict the market's performance over a relatively short time, such as a year.

Still, the market's history of pretty good results in presidential election years may not be entirely random. For one thing, the White House is never the only office being contested; elections are also held for every congressional district and many seats in the Senate. Consequently, during these election years, campaigning often takes precedence over legislating. This legislative inactivity tends to be welcomed by the financial markets, which generally dislike surprises, big changes and new directions.

However, you can't really count on past trends to provide a certain roadmap for the year ahead, in terms of the performance of the financial markets. As mentioned above, many factors influence this performance, and at this early stage in the year, we just can't predict which of these factors will take precedence.

So, instead of worrying about things you can't control, focus on those that you can. For starters, review your investment mix. Does it still properly reflect your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon? Over time, even if you haven't made many changes to your portfolio, it can become "unbalanced." For example, if you own some stocks that have increased greatly in value over the years, these stocks may now be taking up a larger percentage of your holdings than you had intended, bringing with them a higher degree of risk. Consequently, you might want to consider selling off some of these stocks and using the proceeds to fill in other gaps in your portfolio.

On the other hand, if you think your mix of investments is not providing you with the returns you need to help make progress toward your long-term objectives, you may need to add some vehicles that can provide you with more growth potential. After all, it's 2016 now, so whatever your age, you are another year closer to retirement.

Will this year look like past presidential election years, as far as good returns from the stock market? No one can say for sure. But if you "vote" for smart investment moves, you won't be sorry.

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Speaking Event

Recognize and Fight Fraud: Arm yourself with information! TOM DURKIN from the MISSOURI ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE will give an informative presentation on types of frauds and scams that are affecting Florissant Senior Citizens. Find out what to look for and how to keep from becoming a victim! Light refreshments will be served.

WHEN: Thurs., March 31st, 2016

PLACE: Sunset Park Nature Lodge

TIME: 1:00pm

RESERVATIONS: This is a FREE event, but you must call the Senior Office at 839-7605, to make a reservation starting on Monday, March 7th, 2016



Beware of... Bogus IRS Phone Scam

An aggressive phone scam has been making the rounds throughout the country. Callers claim to be employees of the IRS, but are not. These con artists sound convincing when they call. They use fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. They usually alter caller ID and they even know information about YOU. Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly. If the victim refuses to cooperate, they are threatened with arrest or suspension of your driver's license. Sometimes the caller will tell the victim that they have a refund due to try to trick them into sharing private information.

NOTE: The IRS will never:

- Call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill



- Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe
 - Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card
 - Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone
 - Threaten to bring in local police or other law enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.
- If you think you have been a victim of an IRS Impersonation Scam, you can report this to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, www.tigta.gov or call 1-800-366-4484.

Senior Citizen Resource Fair



Gather information on housing, veteran benefits, health and wellness, Medicare, insurance, elder law, caregivers..... and much, much more at the 2016 Senior Citizen Resource Fair! The goal of this fair is to provide information and resources to senior citizens who are aging in place in their homes AND senior citizens who are considering senior living options such as retirement communities, assisted living and long term care facilities. This Community Resource Fair, "Aging My Way" is free to the public and will include more than 70 vendors, all with valuable information. If you are a senior citizen – you don't want to miss this event!

There will be give-aways at the booths, FREE donuts and coffee and attendance prizes will be raffled. The 2016 Aging My Way Resource Fair is presented by the City of Florissant Senior Office, Memory Care Home Solutions, Life Care Center of Florissant, St. Catherine Retirement Community and Bent-Wood Nursing and Rehabilitation. The event will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at the James J. Eagan Center from 9:00am – 12:00noon. The Fair is open to the public, residents and non-residents - no reservation or ticket is required. For more information call the Florissant Senior Office at 839-7605.

Senior Citizen Trips

Tour of the Hill & Lunch at Favazza's

Take a tour of one of St. Louis's most storied neighborhoods – THE HILL – by experienced tour guide & Hill native, JOE DEGREGORIO. We'll visit the neighborhood known for its restaurants, specialty groceries, and bakeries, stopping for lunch at Favazza's Restaurant - voted the best Italian Restaurant in St. Louis.

WHEN: Thursday, April 14, 2016

TIME: 9:15am– 3:00pm

COST: \$38.00, includes transportation, Tour of The Hill and lunch at Favazza's Italian Restaurant

TICKETS: THIS IS A SILVER WORDS CLUB TRIP. Tickets go on sale first to Silver Words Club Members only at the Silver Words Club Meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2016. If there are tickets remaining, tickets will go on sale in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall on Friday, March 4, 2016 to all Senior Citizens – residents AND non-residents. Non-resident cost is \$40.00 Call the Senior Office at 839-7605 for ticket availability.



Sound of Music at the Fox Theatre & Zia's

Maria & the Von Trapp Family will once again thrill audiences with songs including "My Favorite Things", "Do-Re-Mi," "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," and "Edelweiss". We'll then enjoy classic, Italian Food at the Famous Zia's on the Hill.

WHEN: Thursday, May 5, 2016

TIME: 12:00 noon – 6:00pm

COST: \$56.00, includes transportation, Sound of Music Production and Dinner at Zia's

TICKETS: Ticket sales begin on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 in the SENIOR OFFICE in Florissant City Hall from 8:00am – 5:00pm for RESIDENTS ONLY with a current resident card. If there are tickets remaining, tickets will be sold to residents AND non-residents starting Wednesday, March 9, 2016 from 8:00am – 5:00pm in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. Non-Resident Cost is \$58.00. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for ticket availability.



Kimmswick Strawberry Festival & Lunch at the Blue Owl

Over 100 booths line the streets of the Quaint City of Kimmswick for the annual Strawberry Festival! Eat lunch at the FAMOUS Blue Owl Restaurant, where everything is homemade! Lunch will be at your own expense.

WHEN: Saturday, June 4, 2016

TIME: 10:00am – 4:00pm

COST: \$8.00 includes transportation only (lunch is at your own expense)

TICKETS: Ticket sales begin on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 in the SENIOR OFFICE in Florissant City Hall from 8:00am – 5:00pm for RESIDENTS ONLY with a current resident card. If there are tickets remaining, tickets will be sold to residents AND non-residents starting Wednesday, May 4, 2016 from 8:00 – 5:00 in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. Non-resident cost is \$10.00. Call the Senior Office at 839-7605 for ticket availability.



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WHEN: Friday, June 17, 2016

TIME: 11:00am – 3:30pm

COST: \$26.00 includes transportation to Soulard and lunch at Hodak's

TICKETS: THIS IS A SILVER WORDS CLUB TRIP. Tickets go on sale first to Silver Words Club members only at the Silver Words Meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2016. If there are tickets remaining, tickets will go on sale in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall on Friday, May 13 in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall to residents AND non-residents. Non-resident cost is \$28.00. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for ticket availability.

Senior Citizen Dances

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: Saturday, April 30, 2016

TIME: 7:00pm – 10:00pm

WHERE: James J. Eagan Center

TICKETS: \$8.00 for residents AND non-residents 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.



Groovin' to the 50's & 60's

Turn back time to the 50's & 60's—drive-ins, poodle skirts & diners – at the City of Florissant 50's & 60's Dance! Jordan with Mid-America Entertainment will D.J. the dance.

WHEN: Friday, June 10, 2016

TIME: 7:00pm – 10:00pm

WHERE: James J. Eagan Center

TICKETS: \$8.00 for residents AND non-residents 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.



St. Louis Cardinal Party & Bingo! Batter Up!

You'll enjoy outstanding entertainment at this party – the most talented Scott Laytham & Karl Holmes Duo! Bring your cameras for a great photo opportunity with Fred Bird! Fantastic attendance prizes will be raffled, an All-American lunch will be served, and we'll top the day off with Bingo!

WHEN: Thursday, May 26, 2016

TIME: 10:00am – 2:00pm

WHERE: James J. Eagan Center

TICKETS: Residents: \$10.00, Non-residents: \$15.00: includes admission, lunch, entertainment, attendance prizes & Bingo. Tickets will be sold to Florissant Residents only with a current resident card in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall from May 2 through May 13, 2016. If there are tickets remaining, on May 16 through May 23, 2016, tickets will be sold to residents AND non-residents in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.



SENIORS EVENTS SCHEDULE

MARCH

- 3 - Silver Words Club Meeting. Florissant Senior Dining Center, Speaker: Florissant City Council Reps., 1:30 – 3:30pm, - Ticket sales begin – Tour of the Hill & Favazza's
- 7 - Reservations taken for Attorney General Speaking Event on Frauds/Scams, Nature Lodge March 31st - Call for reservations – 839-7605
- 8 - Ticket Sales begin in Senior Office from 8:00am – 5:00pm for the Sound of Music at the Fox & Zia's
- 10 - St. Patrick's Party & Bingo, Eagan Center, 10-2, Corned Beef & Cabbage Lunch, Irish Dancers, Attendance Prizes & Bingo!
- 18 - TRIP: Shriner's Circus & Stefanina's Pizzeria & Restaurant
- 25 - City Hall Offices Closed – Good Friday
- 31 - SPEAKER SERIES: Tom Durkin from Attorney General's Office - 1:00pm, Nature Lodge

APRIL

Tickets for April 30 Dance available in the Senior Office in City Hall throughout April

- 12 - SENIOR CITIZEN RESOURCE FAIR 2016! Eagan Center 9:00am – 12:00 noon
- 14 - SILVER WORDS TRIP: Tour of the Hill & Favazza's
- 30 - Country Western Dance, Saturday Night, Eagan Center, 7-10 pm

MAY

Tickets for June 10 Dance available in the Senior Office in City Hall throughout May

- 2 - Ticket sales begin in Senior Office for ST. LOUIS CARDINAL PARTY (May 26)
- 3 - Ticket sales begin in Senior Office from 8:00 – 5:00 for Kimmswick Trip
- 5 - TRIP: The Sound of Music at Fox and Zias on the Hill
- 6, 7, 8 - Florissant Valley of Flowers Celebration!
- 12 - Silver Words Club Meeting, JFK, 1:30 Entertainment: Brad from Musical Memories. - Ticket Sales for Soulard & Hodak's Trip
- 26 - St. Louis Cardinal Party & Bingo, Eagan Ctr, 10:00-2:00, Lunch, Entertainment: Scott & Karl Duo, Bring your camera for a photo opportunity with Fredbird!
- 30 - City Hall offices are closed in observance of Memorial Day

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A map of the approximate pipeline locations can be found at the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS) website: www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov. The location of buried pipelines are marked with posts identifying the material being carried, the pipeline operator, and the operator's emergency contact phone number. At the bottom of the post is a Post Identification Number that helps pinpoint issues.

Here are examples of pipeline marking posts:



Residents can help ensure the safety of the areas around these pipelines by following these steps:

- Be aware of pipeline locations by reviewing the maps on the NPMS website or by looking for the pipeline marker posts.
- Call before you Dig! Make a free call to Missouri's One Call system, 1-800-DIG-RITE, or the national One Call number, 811, to have public utilities marked.
- Report unusual conditions or activity by contacting the emergency number on the marking post.

Seasonal Employment with the City of Florissant

The City of Florissant is currently accepting applications for 2016 seasonal employment. The application process closes March 1, 2016 when the selection process begins.

Applications and an informational booklet listing positions, age requirements and qualifications for each position are available at the Human Resources Department located in the Florissant Government Building, 1055 rue St. Francois, Florissant, MO 63031.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Human Resources Department at 839-7623.

Come Join Us for the 8th Annual Confluence Trash Bash!

Volunteers wanted! The 8th Annual Confluence Trash Bash will take place on Saturday, March 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Hundreds of volunteers participated regionally in last year's Trash Bash. In Florissant the event was a huge success with nearly 80 participants helping the cleanup effort!

The City of Florissant will again be hosting a sign in, cleanup, and lunch location at the lower pavilion at our Sunset Park, 2300 Sunset Park Drive. Volunteers will gather at the pavilion in the morning, collect their equipment and instructions, and then spread out to clean along the Missouri River and Sunset Trail. After the cleanup everyone will gather back at the park for a BBQ lunch. Prizes will be awarded for the largest, weirdest, and most valuable pieces of trash.

Those interested in volunteering may register online at: <https://behrmann.wufoo.com/forms/8th-annual-confluence-trash-bash/>.



Volunteers are encouraged to dress warmly. Conditions will be muddy so waterproof boots are recommended. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. Come join us for this family-friendly event!

Sidewalk Safety & Responsibilities



There are over 200 miles of sidewalk in the City. Sidewalks provide a critical link between residences, city amenities, businesses and transit. They provide a healthy alternative to driving and offer recreational opportunity. Sidewalks must be maintained to ensure the safety of the pedestrians that use them. The responsibility for maintaining the sidewalk is divided between the City and the property owner.

Property owners are responsible for keeping the sidewalk free of obstructions (i.e. leaves, grass, overhanging vegetation, sweet gum balls, trash, snow and ice, etc.). Renters should carefully read your lease agreement to see what, if any, responsibilities are yours.

The most problematic sidewalk obstruction is often overlooked... your vehicle! City Ordinances prohibit blocking the sidewalk with your vehicle. Imagine if you were in a wheelchair or were visually impaired and had to go into the lawn or the street to get around a vehicle in a driveway... it is not safe! Further, the police may issue the vehicle's owner a ticket for it.

The City is responsible for repairing sidewalk trip hazards. The City defines a trip hazard as having a vertical offset of at least one inch. If you observe a trip hazard please report it to the City's Engineering Division at 314-839-7618 so it can be investigated. The City bids out a contract in the summer each year to repair or replace the sidewalk where trip hazards have been verified by City Staff.

Benefits of a Regular Maintenance Schedule for Heating & Air Conditioning

Don't wait until you need a major repair to contact a professional. Scheduling HVAC maintenance once in the spring to check your cooling system and again in the fall for your heating system offers numerous benefits for your system as well as for your wallet.

- **Improve Energy Efficiency**
Twice a year tuneups can help maintain efficiency and provide a greener system that's better for environment while saving you money. Well-maintained HVAC systems lower utility bills throughout the year.
- **Increase HVAC System Life Span**
Over time, the Filters, wiring, lubrication and other parts of an HVAC system are all subject to wear. With regular HVAC maintenance visits a technician can clean the heat exchanger and coils, lubricate moving parts, tighten electrical connections, and check all parts for proper operation. Not only does this increase the life of the system, it keeps it running at peak performance.
- **Prevent Costly Repairs**
Preventative maintenance helps avoid more significant repairs later. This minimizes your overall expenses on HVAC care.
- **Reliability and Confidence**
Scheduling heating and air conditioning maintenance twice a year, reduces the chances of needing an emergency call to repair a problem that might have been prevented. Regular maintenance visits also allow



you to build a good relationship with your HVAC service provider and assess their quality of service. Then if you should need an emergency service, you will know you can trust and rely on the technician that shows up.

• When is it the right time to replace your system?

Always consider the age of your Air Conditioning and Heating system before having any major repairs. If your system is 10 years or older, Energy Star asks to consider replacement. Replacing aging equipment will increase your efficiency and improve your comfort. Goldkamp Heating & Cooling offers free on site proposals, provides financing options and leave you with a better understanding of your current equipment.

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Cleaning Siding, Decks and Fences

The Building Department suggests that a good way to preserve your property value and protect the character and stability of residential property is to properly maintain the exterior of your property including stained or deteriorated siding, fences and decks. With warmer weather on the way, homeowners should start thinking about these projects. You could consider complete replacement to get rid of moldy, mildewed or dirty material. But that is not always necessary or feasible. Often, cleaning is a fairly simple and cost effective remedy. Choosing the best method of cleaning presents many choices with varying effectiveness and different environmental implications:

- **Bleach** - It is not environmentally friendly and requires good ventilation as well as protective gloves and masks for safety.
- **Machines** - Pressure washers or deck cleaners blast off the stains, but care must be taken to prevent damage or etching to the surface. It is an effective and accepted method prior to painting.
- **Oxygenated Cleaners** - These are safer for the environment, but they may not tackle stubborn mold and algae that has set into wood decks. Regular use can act as a preventive.
- **Mold and Algae Killers** - These are usually safer for the environment. They can contain 40 percent potassium salts of fatty acids. Safer's Moss and Algae Killer and Surface Cleaner is made from naturally occurring, biodegradable fatty acids. This water-based product is non-corrosive to metals, contains no zinc or iron, and is non-staining on most sur-



faces. And it is listed by the Organic Materials Review Institute.

- **Spray and Forget it Products** - Glenn Otto, Vice-President of Handyman Hardware, offers details about this type of solution: "The green mold on fences, decks, patio furniture, etc. can usually be removed within one week, by using a product called Wet & Forget Moss Mold Mildew & Algae Remover. You mix the concentrate with water and apply with a pump sprayer. Do not use if heavy rain is expected within 4-5 hours. It may take longer to remove the algae if the stains have turned to a black color rather than green. These are deeper stains which will take much longer to remove, but they also will eventually go away. This product does not affect the stain or paint on the surface and one-half gallon makes three gallons of mix, and covers about 1,000 square feet. The cost is \$27.99. One gallon make six gallons of mix, and covers about 2,000 square feet. The cost is \$37.99."

Lifeguard Training



Would you like to get a summer job as a Lifeguard for the City of Florissant?

If so, this course is for you. The course will certify you to become an Ellis & Associates International Lifeguard. Attendance at all sessions is mandatory.

This 8 week course is Pass/Fail and no exceptions can be made. If a participant does not pass the prerequisite course requirements, a full refund will be issued. If a participant continues in the course beyond the prerequisite and does not pass, no refund will be issued.

Prerequisite Course Requirements: Must swim 100 yards continuously. Candidates may swim using the front crawl, breaststroke or a combination of both. Must tread water for 1 minute without using hands. Feet surface dive to retrieve 10 lb. brick from 12' depth. Ages 15 +. Questions about class call Kelly at 839-7670 or ksnider@florissantmo.com

The course will be offered on Tuesday & Wednesday, 3:30 – 5 p.m., at the James J. Eagan Civic Center beginning February 23rd – April 6th. Cost is \$175 for residents and \$200 for Non-residents.

Kickstarters Soccer

This youth soccer program consists of light instructions in a fun and positive environment. Children will learn shooting, passing, dribbling, defense and other fundamentals of the game. Ozzie's Camps offer the perfect combination of expert training and FUN! Bottom line: Ozzie's instructors are experienced teachers who relate well to the players. They are organized, motivating, and expectant of players.

Registration begins February 8th for Residents and February 15th for Non-residents. Sessions begin March 3rd – April 9th, 9 – 10 a.m. for 3-5 year olds and 10-11 a.m. for 6-9 year olds. Classes will be held at the JFK Community Center. Cost is \$60 for residents and \$70 for Non-residents. For further information contact the JFK Center at 921-4250 or visit the website at www.florissantmo.com.

Florissant Fish Swim Team

This summer, the Florissant Fish will begin their 13th season as a swim team. This is a recreational program that involves competitive meets with other North County municipalities. Practice and home meets are held at Bangert Pool. Swimmers can register in the following age groups 8 years & under, 9-10 years, 11-12 years, 13-14 years, and 15-18 years. Registration begins March 31 for residents and all 2015 swimmers, and April 8th for Non-residents. Cost for participation per child is \$60 for residents and \$70 for non-residents and each additional child gets a 25% discount. Practices are held at Bangert Pool along with a number of swim meets.



Florissant Garage Sale



Florissant residents can haul down the clutter from their attics and treasures from their garages for the 6th Annual Florissant Garage Sale. The Garage Sale will be held in the James J. Eagan ice rink area on April 30th, 9 AM - 12 noon. All of the usual garage sale items can be found throughout the sale as well as some unusual items. There is sure to be a treasure with your name on it! Each

applicant will only receive one space. Only Florissant residents receive a space to sell. The selling of craft items will not be approved. Fill out an application and return it by April 22nd.

Applications will be available beginning February 15th at JJE, JFK, and on our website. Space is limited. The fee is \$20 per table and the event is **FREE to attend**.

Tea with the Princess

Come have Tea with the Princesses at the Enchanted Sunset Park Nature Lodge. We will make a craft, play and enjoy tea and snack with the princesses. Princesses will entertain us with an interactive story. Photos with our special guests will be taken, so they can cherish this memory forever!

Children 3 - 7 years old may participate on Saturday, April 9th, 11 a.m. – 12 noon. Cost is \$11 for residents and \$15.50 for non-residents.

Please register at the Eagan Civic Center or the JFK Community Center for this fun filled day.

Jedi Knight Training

Is the Force within you? Explore the possibilities of Jedi Knight training with us at the JFK Center. Training will include working with a real Jedi Knight and a snack to re-fuel, before our surprise guest. Cost will include practice light saber to take home. Training will be held on Sunday, March 6th, 2-3 p.m. for 2-5 year olds and 3:30-4:30 p.m. for 6-10 year olds. Price is \$11 for residents and \$15.50 for non-residents. Register at the JFK Center or the Eagan Civic Center.

Snack with the Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt Ages 12 & Under

Join us for a light snack and drink with the Easter Bunny. Children can enjoy a few fun activities and visit with the Easter Bunny before heading outside for an Easter Egg Hunt! Tickets will be required upon entry for all children. Tickets must be obtained by a Florissant Resident showing a valid resident card. Parents, do not forget your camera to capture memories that will last a lifetime. This event is held at the James J. Eagan Center on Saturday, March 19th, 10 – 11 a.m. Cost is \$1 per person or 1 canned good. Tickets will be available beginning March 3rd.



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Saturday, March 19

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Single Booth for Member: \$95

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