



## Valley of Flowers Festival May 6th, 7th & 8th "Valley of Flowers Celebrates The World of Entertainment"

Since 1963, the Valley of Flowers Festival celebration has been the "first festival of spring" featuring a variety of events, including a superb parade! This three day celebration has activities for everyone. It includes a flower and plant sale, culturally diverse performances, baseball games, a classic car show, vendor/craft fair, flea market, a pretty baby photo contest, children's activities, and of course good food. (See related articles throughout this paper). Carnival games and exciting rides are featured at the Duchesne Knights of Columbus Fairgrounds.

The official parade on Sunday, May 8th is a highlight of the weekend that leads up to the crowning of the Valley of Flowers Queen and Court at the Duchesne Knights of Columbus Pavilion. This year's parade will feature more than 100 participants beginning with mobile units departing from the James J. Eagan Center at 1:45 p.m. Decorated vehicles and floats will proceed west on Parker Road to New Florissant Road where youth and walking units, as well as the marching bands will merge. The complete parade will then travel south on New Florissant prior to turning west on rue St. Francois past the official parade reviewing stands, then left on St. Ferdinand, proceeding then to Washington Street and concluding at the Knights of Columbus Fairgrounds.

The theme for the 2016 Valley of Flowers Parade is "Valley of Flowers Celebrates...The World of Entertainment" and will feature many

floats and units decorated to reflect the arts, movies, music, plays, etc. This parade will celebrate the impact that the arts affect and enrich our lives. Many City officials and local municipal emergency responder vehicles, the Valley of Flowers reigning Queen and court, and all twenty 2016 candidates as well as car clubs, walking units, horse groups, dogs clubs, dance schools and scout groups, that make up the fabric of our community, will participate to help create a colorful and fun parade!

When the parade concludes at the Knights of Columbus Grounds, the

candidates will proceed to the pavilion stage where Mayor Thomas Schneider will crown the 2016 Valley of Flowers Queen and Court at 4:00 p.m. Prior to the crowning ceremony, awards will be presented to the various winning parade units and their sponsors, and the Pretty Baby Photo Contest winners.

Please arrive early to get good seats along the parade route for one of the largest and most colorful spring parades in the St. Louis Metro area; then join us at the Knights of Columbus Pavilion for the exciting award and crowning ceremonies!



The 2015 Valley of Flowers Queen and Court:  
(First Row L to R) Josie Urhahn, Queen Courtney Neisler, Rebecka Connor,  
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## Valley of Flowers Parade 1:45pm on Sunday May 8th Gary Gaydos Selected as 2016 Parade Marshall



The Valley of Flowers Committee has chosen the theme, "Valley of Flowers Celebrates...The World of Entertainment" for the 2016 festival and parade. They realized no one in the community is more qualified to be the Parade Marshall than Gary Gaydos.

Mr. Gaydos has been the manager of the Florissant Civic Center Theatre since 1978. The theatre has been the cultural hub of the community for many years under his direction.

Gary Gaydos is the artistic director and also serves as Board of Directors advisor to the Florissant Fine Arts Council (FFAC) and the St. Louis Family Theatre Series. He has booked all of the FFAC productions in the theatre for the Applause/Applause Series as well as the Music Under the Stars Concert Series in the Parks during the summer and performing arts groups for the Fall Festival. It was always his dream to bring art to all in the community, especially to young

people. He was instrumental in joining forces with the Junior League of St. Louis, thus forming the St. Louis Family Theatre Series which allows school field trips at the theatre to see live professional touring shows during weekday matinees and for families on weekends.

When the Valley of Flowers Committee wanted to expand the festival's offerings at the Eagan Center by using the ice rink pavilion and grounds, Mr. Gaydos was enthusiastic about bringing performing arts to the park. He brought together the Committee, City officials, and the FFAC to create a plan forming the "Children's Celebration of Performing Arts". He has explored and found the most exciting shows featuring everything from puppet shows, musical groups, and Chinese acrobats, to a full circus all without admission fees for families. Hats off to Entertainment Mr. Gary Gaydos!

## Special Thanks! to The Valley of Flowers Committee

Chairman, Laurie Lowery;  
Coordinator, Kati Mahoney  
Board Members: Kathy Blasingame,  
Kelly Eagan, Vicky Egan,  
Mary Gettemeier, Mike Kubiak,  
Michael O'Fallon and Ron Peach.

## Clean-Up, Pick-Up, Fix-Up... Are You Up To The Challenge?

We are well underway for the reinstatement of beautifying the City of Florissant in conjunction with the Annual Valley of Flowers Festival! The campaign was kicked off with the Annual Trash Bash at Sunset Park, the Electronic Recycling Event and the Document Shredding Day and all were a huge success.

Spring is here and it's time to take a fresh look at your home and garden! Start by taking an honest inventory of your property. Could it use a fresh coat of paint or just a touch up? Do your gutters need cleaning, any tree limbs or twigs on your roof? How about mowing the lawn, cleaning and edging flower beds, cleaning driveways, sidewalks and removing debris from the curb in front of your home? These are just a few things you can do, that take very little time, in order to begin beautifying your property. To find detailed tips from the pros, search the WEB for "Home and Garden Spring Clean-Up."



In the next issue of the Florissant Focus we will talk about creating neighborhood cooperation in keeping your streets and yards clean. In the meantime, as you walk your neighborhood take a bag with you; if you see trash or litter on the streets, pick it up and bag it! Just a little bit goes a long way in helping to keep your City in general and your neighborhood in particular nice and Livable.

## Recycling Responsibly

Physicians of Oriental Medicine focus on the five elements: earth, wind, fire, metal, and water, and therefore view the preservation and enhancement of our environment as paramount to our own personal well-being. Thomas Moore said, "Earth is not a platform for human life. It's a living being. We're not on it but part of it. Its health is our health." So true!

Recycling responsibly doesn't just make the environment look better. It allows our waterways to recover thus nourishing our bodies. Our soil regains richness so as to support life-affirming produce. And our atmosphere regains the clarity to support a zest filled existence. What we drink, eat, and breathe is our acquired energy. Breath moves the energy throughout the system. Fluids nourish our cells. And food provides the energy needed to regenerate healthy cells while also affording us the energy to motivate. In other words: waking up with a satisfied great yawn and stretch with the attitude to embrace the day with joy directly depends on the health of our air, land, and water.

You can make a difference by choosing to recycle those items that will be accepted; by knowing what items will cause the recycling bin to be rejected and then trashed; by composting kitchen scraps and sprinkling them in your yard and flower beds to enrich the soil.

By so doing, you'll feel better, our community will be healthier, and your children's children will thank you for your efforts as they enjoy a planet rich with life.

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## 2016 City of Florissant Beautiful Home Awards

The City of Florissant is conducting its Beautiful Home Award Program again this year. The program was established to recognize homeowners who take pride in the appearance of their home and community.

In order to be eligible for the contest a home must be an owner-occupied single-family dwelling. Residents may nominate either their own home or other homes in the city. The judging criterion includes, but is not limited to, landscaping, attractive exterior, overall curb appeal and maintenance of the property.

One winner will be chosen from each of the city's nine wards. The winners will receive recognition from

the City Council, including a certificate of appreciation and a Beautiful Home yard sign. Previous winners must wait three (3) years before consideration for another award.

Nominations must be submitted with a current photo and may be mailed or hand delivered to the Community Development Office in the Government Building @ 1055 St. Francois or sent via email to tkammermeyer@florissantmo.com. All nominations must be received no later than noon Friday May 27, 2016.

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### CITY OF FLORISSANT 2016 BEAUTIFUL HOME AWARDS

I nominate the following home for a 2016 Beautiful Home Award:

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Florissant Government Building  
1055 rue St. Francois  
Florissant, MO 63031

(Please attach a current photo)

DEADLINE: Friday, May 27, 2016 by Noon

## Pet Safety in Severe Weather

Spring is officially here and we should be on the lookout for tornado warnings and other severe weather. Now is the time to plan how to handle these emergencies including how to keep pets safe and comfortable.

Our news has been filled with heart-felt stories of weather related emergencies across the nation. As you make your emergency plans for your family, don't forget about your pets. If you are like millions of pet owners across the nation, your pets are important members of your family. It will give you peace of mind to know that even your smallest family members are cared for.

The National Weather Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has tips for pet owners for weather-related emergencies, as does Ready.gov.

Severe Weather Emergency Preparedness Tips

- Prepare a list of kennels, friends and family members who may be able to care for your pet in an emergency
- Pack an emergency kit for your pet as well as enough supplies to last your family members for three days.
- Include a supply of pet food, water and medication along with veterinary records. Don't forget cat litter. To avoid spoilage, rotate your supply of food regularly.
- Make sure identification tags are up to date and securely fastened to your pet's collar.
- It is a good idea to have a photograph of you and your pet, as it can establish ownership if you and your pet become separated.
- A microchip can be important to reunite you with a lost pet if they lose their collar. They may become sheltered in another area outside of your home locale.



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**Greetings Everyone,**

Welcome to the **Valley of Flowers** special edition of the Focus Newspaper. Spring has finally arrived! Whatever your interests, you're sure to find plenty of springtime fun and excitement in the City of Florissant.

The **54th Annual Valley of Flowers Festival** takes place May 6, 7 and 8. This is the oldest and perhaps largest and most enjoyable community festival in the metropolitan area every year, with a wide variety of family fun at two main venues. Visit the Eagan Center for indoor and outdoor entertainment or the Knights of Columbus grounds for a day of family fun on the rides and midway followed by some famous Knights barbeque.

Old Town Partners have added another **Wednesday Night Out** which will be held on May 25th in front of the VFW Post on rue St. Francois. The next **Wednesday Night Out** event in Old Town will be held on June 29th in front of Korte's, July 27th at the Old St. Ferdinand Shrine, August 31st from Stems Florist to Bunkers and September 28th at Hendel's with each starting at 6 p.m. For more information contact the Old Town Partners' office at 314-837-0033.

The **2016 Music Under the Stars Summer Concert Series** schedule listing times and dates will be in the Parks and Recreation section of this newspaper. Be sure to check on the scheduled performances coming to our fantastic indoor Civic Center Theatre at JJE this spring and summer by visiting our website at [www.florissantmo.com](http://www.florissantmo.com) or call 314-921-5678.

The first **Florissant Food Truck Knights** was held on Friday, April 15th sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the City with future food truck nights scheduled for June 17th, August 19th and October 14th. 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 **8th Annual Trash Bash** litter cleanup was a huge success. I want to thank City Engineer Tim Barrett along with all the City staff for all of their hard work. We had 31 volunteers that turned out at Sunset Park to do their part to pick up litter along the banks of the Missouri River. I pleased to announce that the Florissant volunteers collected roughly 8 cubic yards of trash! This year nearly 3 cubic yards of the trash will be recycled! The event was part of

the 8th Annual Trash Bash which was organized by MSD, Greenway Network, Great Rivers Greenway, Missouri American Water, St. Louis County, Missouri Department of Conservation, St. Louis Audubon Society and various municipalities and agencies, including Florissant.

If you see something suspicious, call the **Police Department** immediately. Your assistance to our low crime rate has been and will continue to be appreciated by all the men and women of the Police Department. With that being said we do need your help to keep your neighborhood safe we need your eyes and ears. I would also like to commend all the members of the Neighborhood Watch Program which continues to grow with new members. Our Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) Craig Dehart joins me to thank you for your assistance. If you are interested in becoming a part of the **Neighborhood Watch Program** or would like more information on how to start one please call his office at 314-830-6042.

**Clean-Up Spruce-Up Pick-Up in preparation for the Valley of Flowers.**

As we prepare for the 54th Valley of Flowers Festival it is important to remember that the City of Florissant is the Beautiful City for many reasons. Get your neighborhood ready for Valley of Flowers. I am suggesting that we all pitch in and remove unwanted newspapers, trash, debris that is lying about. We have had a long hard winter, so grab your rake and let's start sprucing things up. By setting an example you will start a chain reaction that will contribute in continuing the great tradition of the Beautiful City in the Valley of Flowers.

**Electronic Recycling Drive.** I would like to send out a thank you to Midwest Recycling Center for providing the additional equipment and manpower for our electronic recycle drive on April 16th at St. Ferdinand Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. By recycling your electronic equipment, you save the energy that would be required to produce useful material and prevent hazardous components from entering the environment in landfills.

The **5th Annual Florissant Resident "Free Document Shredding Day"** was held on Saturday, April 23rd at St. Ferdinand Park was another success. The service allows residents to have their sensitive tax, bank or financial records from home shredded right in front of their eyes for peace of mind. Cintas Document Management

Company was there to professionally shred the material, which was processed in a manner in which it can not be recognized or recreated. All material was then recycled. A special thanks to Meridian Waste Services for assisting the City with this event. These two events were coordinated by Health Department Supervisor Greg Koester and his staff at the Health Department.

This past tax preparation season the **Senior Office** helped more than 1,000 senior residents prepare their 2015 tax returns. I would like to commend Senior Coordinator Peggy Hogan and her staff, who always do an outstanding job in assisting seniors with this service that uses many valuable volunteers to make this available free of charge. For information on the outstanding calendar of Senior Events that are planned for the upcoming months contact the Senior Office at 314-839-7604 or view the Senior Section of this newspaper.

With summer right around the corner the **Parks and Recreation** Department is busy planning summer day camps, swim team activities, baseball, softball, volleyball and all of the other outdoor events we all enjoy playing or watching our children play. For more information call 314-921-4466.

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, proactive 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; continuation of Florissant's highly successful Distressed Home Repair program; and development of our Abandoned Property Program.

**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 124+ 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 different streets. Major street repairs will begin in early spring. Thanks to the passage of Prop S last November Florissant will eventu-



ally have additional streets 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.

**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 year moves along. 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 late March. In addition the following businesses are also to either already open or will be soon: Fort Taco Restaurant, Starbuck's, CVS Pharmacy on the Florissant Meadows Shopping Center in the former Culpepper's location.

I look forward to seeing you at the Valley of Flowers Festival and other wonderful outdoor events in our Beautiful City.

Sincerely Yours,  
Thomas P. Schneider  
Mayor of the City of Florissant



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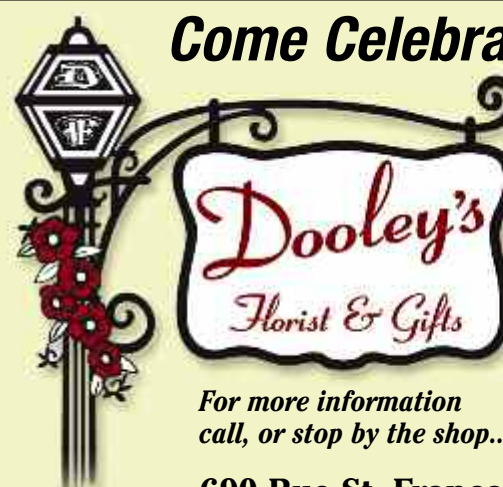
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## Make The Valley of Flowers Festival a Real Happening, Visit St. Ferdinand Shrine

This year there will be a large tent on the front lawn of the Shrine property. Inside the tent you will find snow cones, hot dogs and water all for \$1.00 each. The tent will have a table of Children's books for the low price of 25 cents each. There will also be an area with tables and chairs where you can rest as you enjoy the activities. As in years past, free tours of the Shrine will be available and any much needed donation are greatly appreciated, even if you choose to not take the tour.

While on the subject of tours, we are seeking new people to become tour guides. We will help you learn about the Shrine and give you as much guidance as possible. If you are interested in helping us as a tour guide, please call us Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am until

noon at 314-837-2110 or email us at [oldstferdinandshrine@gmail.com](mailto:oldstferdinandshrine@gmail.com)



During the Valley of Flowers Festival, the Shrine will also host the very popular Flea Market in the Schoolhouse. There is a wide range of items available that include household furnishings, antiques, collectibles, everyday living items, holiday offerings and much more at very affordable prices! The Flea Market opens at 10am and continues throughout the weekend. The Great Book Sale takes place in the Book Store on the second floor of the schoolhouse with books for \$4 a bag! If you buy books or items at the Flea Market, you will be able to leave them at the Shrine and pick them up on your way home. To complete your visit to the Shrine don't forget to stop and view our Gift Shop. We have a wide variety of gift items. If you like getting started early, we

have free coffee and doughnuts beginning at 10am in the schoolhouse. Another popular event at the Shrine is the "Pull Tabs" table that will be right in front of the Schoolhouse. Everyone has a chance to win and there are plenty of winners with profit going to help support a good cause. Be sure to visit the Shrine and join in the activities.

The Shrine has become a popular tourist attraction for out-of-town visitors and drew approximately 15,000 people last year. Florissant and local residents can easily visit this very interesting and historically significant Florissant tourist attraction and landmark. Enjoy the Valley of Flowers Festival activities or come by anytime to enjoy this very popular attraction. Your support keeps us going...THANK YOU!

## Walk in the "Volksmarch"

The St. Louis Stuttgart Volksmarch Club will sponsor this free "People's Walk" through interesting and scenic areas. This is: non-competitive, recreational, family time stroll. Volksmarchers may (for a small fee) keep track of their event/distance in official record books that are available. The Volksmarch will be held Saturday, May 7, with registration from 8:00 am to 10:00 am in the Pavilion on the path behind the Old Town Partners & Valley of Flowers house at 601 rue St. Charles. The "Peoples Walk" begins on the path adjacent to the pavilion and continues through the friendly streets of



Old Town Florissant. Along the way, many of the activities of the Festival will be highlighted as well as some of the historic homes located throughout Old Town Florissant.

## Kid's World



Kid's World will be on the grounds of the James J. Eagan Center and will feature many activities to stimulate young minds and bodies. Children will enjoy the opportunity to "Make their own Crafts", participate in the many ongoing activities or just enjoy a day in the park. Kincaid Karacter Puppets, and R. W. Magic among others will perform for free in the area. The Florissant Police Department

along with "Eddie" the Florissant K-9 Community Service dog and the Florissant Valley Fire Protection District will have free demonstrations and displays. In addition to all of the free entertainment and activities there will be a petting zoo, pony rides, and knockerball for a small fee. Kid's World will be on Saturday, May 7, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

## Valley of Flowers Car Show



Florissant Old Town Partners invites you to come and enjoy a spectacular Car Show set against the backdrop of the historic business district of Old Town Florissant. This is the 20th year for the Car Show. It will be held Saturday May 7, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm along rue St. Francois.

The Open Class show will feature approximately 150 cars. The Car Show line up will be from St. Pierre Street to Lafayette Street on St. Francois. Through traffic will be closed and only cars in the show will be allowed admittance to the street beginning 8:00 am. While enjoying the cars along rue St. Francois, take time to visit the retail shops in Old Town.

There is plenty of parking available on the side streets with a short walk to the fun. Registration for cars is \$12.00 in advance or \$15.00 on the day of the event. Trophies will be awarded at 3:00 pm. Call the Valley of Flowers office at 314-837-0033 or 314-537-3425 for pre-registration and information (If necessary, a rainout date has been planned for May 14th).

## Pitch, Hit & Run Competition

Thursday, May 5 at 6:00 pm  
at Koch Park Field #2

Children ages seven to fourteen are invited to participate in the Pitch, Hit and Run competition. Participants compete in three stations; pitching, hitting and running with a chance to advance to Sectionals, Team Championships! This program is FREE but requires pre-registration by May 1st.

To register, call the JKF Community Center at (314) 921-4250 or the James J. Eagan Center at (314) 921-4466.

## High School Baseball Games

Enjoy the competition of High School baseball games during the Valley of Flowers Festival week. May 2 thru May 6 at Koch Park Field #1. The schedule is as follows:

- Mon., May 2, at 4:00 & 6:00 pm  
- McCluer vs. Hazelwood East
- Tues., May 3, at 4:00 pm  
- Hazelwood West vs. Riverview Gardens
- Thurs., May 5, at 7:00 pm  
- McCluer vs. Hazelwood Central
- Fri., May 6, at 6:00 pm  
- McCluer vs. McCluer North

## Pretty Baby Photo Contest

The Pretty Baby Photo Contest will be held on the ice rink of the James J. Eagan Center on Friday, May 6, from Noon to 8:00 pm and Saturday, May 7, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. The contest is for children two years of age or younger. The Photos of the young children are great! View all of the photos and cast your vote to help decide the winner. Entries are judged in two categories: "Personality" - as depicted in the photo and "Popularity" - demonstrated by donations from the public who vote at the booth.

To enter your favorite baby, send in a 4" by 6" photo-or smaller with one child per photo along with a \$5.00 registration fee by May 4th. Entries after this deadline will be charged a \$7.00 entry fee. Make checks payable to the Valley of Flowers Festival. On the back of the photo include the name of the child, parents' names, address, phone number and age of the baby.



Send the photo with info and the entry fee to:

Valley of Flowers Festival  
601rue St. Charles  
Florissant, MO 63031

To have your photo returned, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your entry.

The winners will receive an award and gift basket at the awards ceremony on Sunday May 8th preceding the crowning of the queen and the court at the Knights of Columbus Pavilion. The Valley of Flowers Festival Committee sponsors this contest and the proceeds are used for the Valley of Flowers Children's area.

## Health Screening Digital Mobile Mammography Service



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## Gardeners of Florissant Plant Sale



The Valley of Flowers plant sale is sponsored by the local Gardeners of Florissant, a not-for-profit organization, which is committed to protecting and beautifying the environment and sharing their knowledge with others. The 2016 sale will once again feature another huge selection of flowering plants, (both garden and indoor), vegetables, and herbs at reasonable prices. Visitors to the sale will find offerings that bloom from spring through late fall and are suitable for most home environments whether sunny, shady, moist or dry. There will also be various lovely foliage and flowering hanging baskets and pre-planted decorative containers that make outstanding Mother's Day gifts. The plant sale will also have several raffles for valuable garden related prizes. (Mother's Day is May 8th). Anyone interested in growing a vegetable garden this

spring will find tables of different types of tomatoes, peppers, and herbs. Club members are happy to help decide on particular varieties that will grow well in their gardens. Several members are certified as "Master Gardeners" and are always willing to share their expertise with patrons.

The Gardeners of Florissant plant sale will be held in the ice rink pavilion at the James J. Eagan Center beginning at 12 noon until 9:00 p.m. on Friday, May 6th. It will then continue on Saturday, May 7, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Plan to arrive early for the best plant selections. Additional information about the club, its activities and various plants can be found at [www.florissantmo.com](http://www.florissantmo.com) - then search Gardeners of Florissant. When it opens select Projects/Events.

## Craft/Vendor Fair and Flea Market



The annual Pre-Mother's Day Craft and Vendor Fair will be on the Ice rink pavilion of the James J. Eagan Center on Friday, May 6, from Noon to 9:00 pm and Saturday, May 7, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. At this ever popular event local crafters and vendors will have a wide variety of products that make for the perfect Mother's Day gift. Returning favorites include: jewelry, one-of-a-kind gift baskets, gourmet food mixes, unique accessories, and garden ornaments. To reserve a

booth, call the Valley of Flowers office at (314) 837-0033 or apply online at [www.florissantvalleyofflowers.com](http://www.florissantvalleyofflowers.com).

Florissant Old Town Partners will host their annual Flea Market on the lower level of the James J. Eagan Center on Friday, May 6, from Noon to 9:00 pm and Saturday, May 7, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. This event will offer a wide variety of items that includes antiques, garden items, Christmas items and more.

Visit with some of the many businesses that help financially sponsor the Festival. These local business offer a variety of excellent goods or services and they will have booths set up in the crafts and flea market area in the James J. Eagan Ice Rink from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm on Saturday, May 2.

**Please support our festival sponsors – without them we could not provide this great community festival.**

## A Food Court with Multicultural Flavors

The food court tent on the James J. Eagan grounds is a culinary delight. Enjoy the variety of foods from the many nationalities that includes: old-fashioned, American-style, barbecued meats and side dishes; kettle corn; funnel cakes chicken strips; nachos; ice cream; foods of various Hispanic cultures; and Asian delicacies including egg rolls and crab Rangoon; and much more. Various beverages will also be available. The food court opens Friday, May 6, from Noon to 9:00 pm and Saturday, May 7, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.



## Advantages of a "Spring Air Conditioning Check-Up"

The answer to the question above may depend on how well you can physically or emotionally deal with no air conditioning if it happens to fail during a spell of very hot weather. A check-up can spot potential issues that may cause a failure when the system is working its hardest. But the discussion goes beyond the chance of a system failure during a hot spell. Preventive maintenance of your air conditioning system components can improve the efficiency of the system and result in significant energy cost savings as well as extend the life of the system by years. An AC check-up can easily save you more than the cost of the preventative maintenance service. Most of us know that it is a good idea to have our automobiles checked over by a good mechanic before taking a really long drive, getting the AC system of your house checked before the hot weather arrives is the same idea.

Most AC systems are a big investment, preventative maintenance protects that investment. A well-maintained AC system can last up to 15 years as opposed to about 7 years for systems which have the maintenance totally ignored.

Homeowners can help by changing the air filters 4 times a year. Those filters get dirty and constrict the airflow of both the heat and AC systems. That constriction reduces efficiency and worse, it can result in dam-



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age to the system. Unmaintained systems tend to lose capacity. In general, the costs of maintenance are far cheaper than the resulting cost for energy and repairs of an unmaintained system.

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## Florissant Civic Center Theatre Presents Valley of Flowers Children's Celebration of Performing Arts

The Children's Celebration of Performing Arts is a fun-filled, exciting family-oriented event beginning on Friday, May 6th. It will continue throughout the day on Saturday, May 7th in Florissant Valley Park (grounds of the James J. Eagan Center). There is no admission fee charged for any of the performances, concerts, strolling entertainers, puppet shows, hands-on arts and craft activities and the wide array of theatre events filled with audience participation! Performances in the Big Top and Sideshow Tent will begin Friday evening and continue throughout the day Saturday. Young people will have

abundant opportunities to enhance their festival visit with demonstrations and plenty of space just to play and have fun using their own imagination.

A Missouri Arts Council festival grant, financial assistance from the Regional Arts Commission, the City of Florissant, Florissant Fine Arts Council, the Valley of Flowers Committee, Florissant Rotary Club and donations from many local area businesses have allowed the FCC Theatre to coordinate this "Children's Celebration of Performing Arts."

### ZOPPÉ: An Italian Family Circus... *Nino the Clown is Back in Town!*



Zoppé: an Italian Family Circus, featuring Nino the Clown, has all the story and excitement of a Circus Big Top-complete with clowns, acrobats, aerialists, horses and performing dogs-just the way it used to be when Florissant was called the village of St. Ferdinand. "No seat is further than 20 feet from the action" in the 500-seat black-out tent says Giovanni Zoppé, a 6th generation performer and now the patriarch of the family-run circus. This up-close, personal and participatory circus even has a storyline evolving from Nino, a gentle, funny and endearing clown played by Zoppé, who has been trying unsuccessfully to join the circus.

Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown will appear in the Big Top on Friday, May 6 at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 7 at 11:00 a.m., 2:00 and 5:00 p.m.



#### 2016 Children's Celebration of Performing Arts Performance Schedule

Date/Time	Performer	Location
<b>Friday, May 6</b>		
4:00 pm	Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown	Big Top
5:00 pm	Babaloo Music and Fun	Sideshow Tent
6:00 pm	Johnny Peers & the Muttville Comix	Sideshow Tent
7:00 pm	Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown	Big Top
<b>Saturday, May 7</b>		
10:00 am	Doktor Kaboom	Sideshow Tent
10:45 am	Babaloo Music and Fun	Sideshow Tent
11:00 am	Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown	Big Top
11:30 am	RW Magic	Sideshow Tent
12:15 pm	Johnny Peers & the Muttville Comix	Sideshow Tent
1:15 pm	Doktor Kaboom	Sideshow Tent
2:00 pm	Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown	Big Top
2:15 pm	Babaloo Music and Fun	Sideshow Tent
3:00 pm	Doktor Kaboom	Sideshow Tent
3:45 pm	Johnny Peers & the Muttville Comix	Sideshow Tent
5:00 pm	Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown	Big Top
5:00 pm	Los Patrones Band	Sideshow Tent

#### Saturday on the Grounds

- Kincaid Karacter Puppets  
– Shows at 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm
- Professor Farquar & Polecat Annie  
– Roaming entertainment 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Bubble Bus  
– Bubble fun throughout the day 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

#### "Babaloo" Music and Fun

"Babalooing" is best described as a stand-up comedy act for kids. A "Babaloo" show is a raucous, fast-paced, high-energy event, involving original songs, slapstick, one-liners, and loads of audience participation with kids (and parents) singing, dancing, throwing bean bags, beating on buckets, and laughing – lots of laughing. Children are kept happy with funny, irreverent songs; they will also sing uplifting songs dealing with sharing, acceptance, and character issues. Every show is different and tailored to the particular audience.

"Babaloo" will be appearing in the Sideshow Tent on Friday, May 6 at 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday, May 7 at 10:45 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. and throughout the day on the festival grounds.



#### Johnny Peers & The Muttville Comix



Sit! Stay! Get ready to howl! Johnny Peers and his personality-plus canines are coming to tickle your funny bone! A Ringling Brothers Clown College graduate, Johnny Peers has been working with dogs since he got his first puppy, Freckles, a Beagle mix, from the Humane Society. Since their 1980 debut, the Muttville Comix have appeared on David Letterman, Primetime Live and Circus of the Stars, and at

Disneyland, Busch Gardens, the Big Apple Circus, the Royal Hanneford Circus, even The White House! A show for the whole family and the dog lover in all of us, the show stars mostly dogs rescued from shelters or pounds.

Johnny Peers and the Muttville Comix will be appearing in the Sideshow Tent on Friday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday, May 7 at 12:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m.



## EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC! WITH RW MAGIC

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RW Magic will be appearing in the Sideshow Tent on Saturday, May 7 at 11:30 a.m. and throughout the day on the festival grounds.



## Doktor Kaboom...

**"Look Out! Science Is Coming!"**



Doktor Kaboom! is an interactive one-man Science variety show suitable for all audiences. Creatively blending theatre arts with the wonders of scientific exploration, Doktor Kaboom keeps his crowds riveted with interest and rolling with laughter. Join him for a sidesplitting journey of increasingly spectacular, and often successful, experiments and demonstrations. Using masterful improvisational skills, the artist takes his audience on a sidesplitting tour of the modern scientific method while demonstrating spectacular applications of the physical sciences. Doktor Kaboom is the creation of Actor/Comedian David

Epley. David has been fortunate enough to discover two passions in his life. His first, science, took him to studies at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. His second, performing, became his career, and for 20 years David has made his living writing, performing, and directing original interactive comedy across the US and Canada. He now brings his passions together with an explosive style that refuses to allow his audiences time to catch a breath.

Doktor Kaboom! will appear in the Sideshow Tent on Saturday, May 7 at 10:00 a.m., 1:15 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

## Kincaid Karacter Puppets "Grouchie's Gator Tales"

The Kincaid Karacter Puppets tour live nationally and present fast-paced family oriented puppet shows featuring slapstick comedy, classic one liners, audience participation, and plenty of thrills and surprises, all presented and performed in a style and manner reminiscent of the classic festival performances of the 1800's.

Kincaid Karacter Puppets will be appearing on the festival grounds Saturday, May 7 at 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.



## Professor Farquar and Polecat Annie

Professor B. T. Farquar presents an old-time "medicine show" but unlike hucksters of old, he peddles no elixirs. Instead, he freely dispenses best medicine of all, laughter. He uses music, magic and merriment to enchant audiences of all ages.

According to legend, Polecat Annie was a child of the wilderness; raised deep in the Ozark Mountains by a family of weasels. Now Polecat Annie roams throughout the countryside, pulling an antique farm wagon full of archaic artifacts, telling tall tales and (upon occasion) playing percussion for Professor Farquar's Great American Medicine Show.



## The Bubble Bus

It's fun, hip, unique, totally awesome and incredibly cool! Come visit the colorful bubble bus and run through a sea of tiny bubbles, then watch the biggest bubbles you will ever see get launched into the sky. This display of awesome bubbleness will put a smile on your face!

The Bubble Bus will fill the air with bubbles on the festival grounds throughout the day on Saturday, May 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



## Live Music by Los Chavos

Hispanic Festival, Inc. will present "Los Chavos" on Saturday, May 7 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Sideshow Tent.



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## Here's How To Keep Your Portfolio Healthy

If you have a medical appointment this week, you might want to wish your nurse a happy National Nurses Week. This annual event is designed to celebrate the important role nurses play in health care. Of course, while nurses and doctors can help you in many ways, you can do a lot of good for yourself by adopting healthy living habits, such as eating right, exercising frequently, and so on. But you can also do much to help your financial health. Here are a few suggestions:

- Stay invested. During times of market volatility, it can be tempting to head to the investment "sidelines" until things "cool off." Going to the sidelines can mean a few different things – you could simply not invest anything for a while, or you could move a substantial portion of your portfolio to "cash" instruments, which are safe in the sense of preserving your principal but offer almost nothing in the way of return or protecting against inflation. If you're not investing during a market downturn, or if you've moved heavily into cash, you might well miss out on the beginning of the next market rally.
- Rebalance your portfolio. It's a good idea to periodically rebalance your portfolio to make sure it still reflects your goals and your comfort level with risk. Over time, and without any effort on your part, your portfolio can become unbalanced. For example, following a long "bull" market, the value of your stocks could have risen to the point where they make up a greater percentage of your portfolio than you had intended. When that happens, you may

need to rebalance by adding bonds and other fixed-income vehicles.

- Diversify. Rebalancing is important. But a balanced portfolio should also be a diversified portfolio. If you only owned one type of financial asset, such as U.S. growth stocks, you could take a big hit during a market downturn. But different types of financial assets don't always move in the same direction at the same time, so by owning a wide variety of investments – U.S. stocks, international stocks, government securities, corporate bonds, real estate, certificates of deposit (CDs) and so on – you may help reduce the effects of market volatility on your portfolio. Keep in mind, though, that diversification by itself can't guarantee profits or protect against loss.

- Maintain realistic expectations. If you expect the financial markets to always move upward, you will be disappointed many times. Market downturns are a normal part of the investment process, and they will always be with us. Once you accept this reality, you will be less likely to make questionable decisions, such as abandoning a long-term strategy. If you've designed an appropriate strategy, possibly with the help of a financial professional, you can stick with it through all market environments.

By following the suggestions mentioned above – staying invested, rebalancing your portfolio as needed, diversifying your holdings and maintaining realistic expectations, you can go a long way toward maintaining the fitness of your financial situation.

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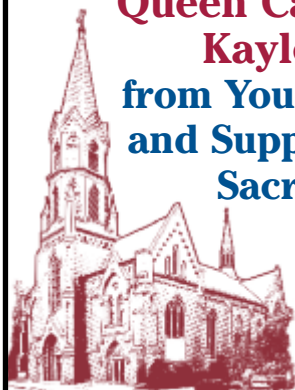
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**Saturday Night Pops**

May 7 – 7:30 p.m.



Northwinds Concert Band, under the direction of Larry Marsh, will present a "Saturday Night at the Pops" concert at the Florissant Civic Center Theatre at 7:30 p.m. on May 7, 2016. The acclaimed 60-piece ensemble will offer a program of traditional favorites, patriotic songs, music from film and Broadway, exciting marches and ragtime and big band tunes. Special guests include vocalist Kimmie Kidd, who has returned to her hometown St. Louis after a successful career of performing in Las Vegas. A highlight of the evening will be her singing of music from Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess." Other featured artists are the popular Jameson Quartet and euphonium soloist, Hadley Haux. The band will play a symphonic suite of music by John Williams and will commemorate the 100th anniversary of World War I with a moving rendition of "In Flanders Fields." The program will conclude with a medley of Glenn Miller big band favorites. More information can be found at [www.northwindsband.org](http://www.northwindsband.org).

Northwinds is a program of Ferguson-Florissant's Community Education program.

**ADMISSION: \$8.00 Adults, \$6.00 Seniors/Students**  
**Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or [www.FlorissantMO.com](http://www.FlorissantMO.com)**

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.



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 Turpins' 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](http://www.FlorissantMO.com)**

Alpha Players Musical Auditions:

**1776**

May 22 (Callbacks May 23)

For more information: [www.alphaplayers.org](http://www.alphaplayers.org)



**JULY**

Missouri Pageant Alumnae Club Presents:

**Ms. Missouri Senior America Pageant**

July 10 – 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 door**  
**Information and reservations 314-921-5678 or [www.FlorissantMO.com](http://www.FlorissantMO.com)**

Hawthorne Players Present:

**Hairspray**

July 29 – 7:30 p.m.    July 30 – 7:30 p.m.  
 Aug 5 – 7:30 p.m.    Aug 6 – 7:30 p.m.    Aug 7 – 2:00 p.m.

It's 1962 in Baltimore and lovable plus-size teen Tracy Turnblad dreams of dancing on the local TV dance program. When her dreams come true, she becomes an instant celebrity, able to use her new-found powers to dethrone the reigning Teen Queen, win the affection of a heartthrob and integrate a TV network. This witty and charming family-friendly musical offers much that will both entertain and enlighten an audience.



**ADMISSION: \$20.00 Adults; \$18.00 Seniors/Students;**  
**Group rates available**  
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## PARTIES!

### 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 cur-

rent 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.

### Summer Luau & Bingo



Lunch, Entertainment, Attendance Prizes & Bingo! The Outstanding MUNY KIDS will perform at this party. Attendance prizes will be given away, chances will be sold for a pot of gold and gift baskets. We'll top off the day will Bingo!  
**WHEN:** Thursday, July 28, 2016  
**TIME:** 10:00am – 2:00pm  
**WHERE:** James J. Eagan Center  
**TICKETS:** \$10.00 residents, \$15.00 non-residents. 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 starting Tuesday, July 5 through July 15. If there are tickets remaining, on Monday, July 18, tickets will be sold to residents AND non-residents until July 25. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

### The 16th Annual North County Gala!



This outstanding dress-up event sponsored by the Cities of Florissant, Ferguson, Bridgeton, Hazelwood, Maryland Heights and St. Ann will be held at the Eagan Center featuring the 18-piece band, *The Sentimental Journey Dance Band!* Outstanding attendance prizes will be raffled, "Dance Angels" will be present, delicious appetizers will be served, and beer, wine & soda will be available for purchase.

**WHEN:** Friday, July 15, 2016  
**TIME:** 7:00pm – 10:00pm  
**WHERE:** James J. Eagan Center  
**TICKETS:** \$15.00 residents AND non-residents, tickets can be purchased in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall starting on Monday, June 13th, 2016. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.  
**NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR!**

### Dining Center Day at the Lodge!



Enjoy a delicious lunch at the Beautiful Nature Lodge in Sunset Park. See the spectacular view of the river, enjoy the outstanding scenery and relax in the company of neighbors & friends. Mayor Thomas Schneider and members of our Florissant City Council will be present to visit and speak with residents.

**WHEN:** Friday, May 20, 2016  
**WHERE:** Sunset Park Nature Lodge  
**TIME:** 11:00 – 1:00  
**MENU:** Oven-baked chicken, parsley new potatoes, fire-roasted vegetables, house salad & rolls with butter and dessert  
**COST:** \$5.00. You must call to make a reservation at least 24 hours in advance by calling 839-7603. If bus reservations are needed, please call by May 17th. SEATING IS LIMITED!

### SENIORS CITIZENS EVENT SCHEDULE

#### 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 & Bingo
- 3 - Ticket Sales begin in Senior Office from 8:00 – 5:00 for Kimmswick Trip
- 5 - TRIP: Sound of Music at Fox and Zias on the Hill
- 6,7,8 - Florissant Valley of Flowers Celebration!
- 12 - Silver Words Club Mtg. JFK, 1:30, Entertainment: Brad from Musical Memories! Ticket sales begin for Soulard & Hodak's Trip
- 20 - Dining Center Day at the Lodge, Call 839-7603 for reservations
- 26 - St. Louis Cardinal Party & Bingo, Eagan Ctr, 10:00-2:00, Lunch, Entertainment: Scott & Karl Duo and photo opportunities with Fred Bird
- 30 - City Hall Offices Closed – Memorial Day

#### JUNE

- Tickets for June 10th Dance available in the Senior Office in City Hall
- 4 - TRIP: Kimmswick Strawberry Festival
- 6 - Reservations taken for Big Papa G's Game Show on June 23rd, 839-7605
- 10 - Groovin to the 50's & 60's Dance, Friday Night, 7-10pm, Eagan Center, DJ Jordan with Mid America Entertainment will host this dance
- 13 - Ticket Sales begin in Senior Office for the North County Gala! (July 15)
- 17 - SILVER WORDS TRIP: Soulard & Hodak's
- 23 - Speaker Series: BIG PAPA G'S LIVE GAME SHOW! 1:00pm, Nature Lodge
- 28 - Ticket Sales begin in Senior Office for Fiddler on the Roof at the Muny

#### JULY

- 4 - City Hall offices closed in observance of Independence Day
- 5 - Ticket sales begin in Senior Office for the Summer LUAU Party & Bingo (July 28)
- 10 - Missouri Senior Pageant, call the Civic Center Theatre, 921-5678, for information
- 14 - Silver Words Club Mtg: Senior Dining Ctr, 1:30, Bingo, ticket sales for Grants Farm
- 15 - North County Gala: Outstanding Multi-City Big Band Event, Sentimental Journey Dance Band, Eagan Center, 7-10 pm
- 28 - Summer LUAU & Bingo, Eagan Ctr, 10 – 2, Eagan Ctr, Lunch, Bingo & MUNY KIDS!

### BIG PAPA G is coming to Florissant! with a LIVE GAME SHOW!

Prizes, Laughter & Comedy!  
**WHEN:** Thursday, June 23, 2016  
**TIME:** 1:00pm  
**WHERE:** Sunset Park Nature Lodge  
**COST:** This is a FREE event for SENIOR CITIZENS ONLY!  
 But you must call the Senior Citizen Office, 839-7605, to make a reservation starting on Monday, June 6th. SEATING IS LIMITED!



### Hummingbirds, Yellow Finches, Red Cardinals...

Attract these beautiful, colorful birds to your yard! Wild Birds Unlimited will visit our Beautiful Nature Lodge and share their knowledge of bird feeding, how to stop squirrels and blackbirds from getting into your bird feeders, and the hottest new products on the market! Enjoy a wonderful day at the Lodge while learning about the birds in your garden!  
**WHEN:** Tuesday, August 23, 2016  
**WHERE:** Sunset Park Nature Lodge  
**TIME:** 1:00pm



**COST:** This is a FREE speaking event, but you must call the Senior Office, 314-839-7605, and make a reservation starting August 8. Refreshments will be served. SEATING IS LIMITED.

## TRIPS!

### 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:** Tickets 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.



## DANCES!

### 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. this 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.



## Historic Soulard Market & Hodaks



Begin your trip with lunch at the St. Louis' Premiere Stop for Chicken Lovers since 1962-Hodak's! Then, meander through Soulard Farmer's Market featuring locally grown produce, meats, cheeses, spices, gourmet kettle corn, flowers, baked goods, and general merchandise.  
**WHEN:** Friday, June 17, 2016  
**TIME:** 11:00am – 3:30pm  
**COST:** \$26.00 includes transportation 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 "Germanfest" with the "Larry Hallar Band"!

German Music, German Dinner, Dancing, & Beer!  
**WHEN:** Friday Night, September 23, 2016  
**TIME:** 5:00pm – 9:00pm  
**WHERE:** James J. Eagan Center  
**TICKETS:** \$10.00 (residents AND non-residents) Ticket price includes admission, dinner, light snacks and dancing!  
 Tickets sold in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall starting Monday, August 29, 2016 until Tuesday, September 20, 2016. **NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR!**



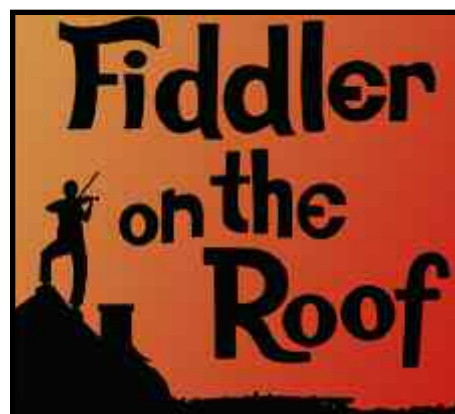
## Discounts for Seniors

If you are 60 or older and live in the City Limits of Florissant, you could be eligible for half-price trash service! Call the City of Florissant Trash Hauler, Meridian Waste Services, at 314-227-7000, to see if YOU qualify.



## Fiddler on the Roof at the MUNY in Forest Park

One of the Greatest Musicals ever written celebrates Family, Tradition and Community!  
**WHEN:** Tuesday, August 2, 2016  
**TIME:** 6:45pm – 11:45pm  
**TICKETS:** \$39.00 residents, \$41.00 non-residents, includes transportation and Muny Performance only. Tickets will be sold on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 to residents only with a current resident card in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall from 8:00am – 5:00pm. If there are tickets remaining, on Wednesday, June 29, tickets will be sold to residents AND non-residents until July 18th in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall from



8:00am – 5:00pm. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for ticket availability or more information.

## Volunteer with Your Heart in 2016 and Bring Comfort Into Someone's Life

Everyday people say "I would like to be a part of helping someone" and just don't know where to start...you can start here! Perhaps you cannot help others financially but you can give of your time and self which is priceless.

Hospice is a special kind of care designed to provide sensitivity and support for people in the final phase of a terminal illness. Heartland Hospice's goal is to provide palliative and supportive services to meet physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs of patients and their families in a health care facility or other residential settings. Volunteers can provide one-on-one attention to residents who are lonely or cut off from their families, thereby reducing feelings of isolation and contributing to their sense of belonging. Veterans dedicated to visiting with other Veterans are also needed in our hospice care. The benefits are endless when one can make a "DIFFERENCE"..

**Volunteers Are the Heart of the Hospice Team.** We depend on our Hospice volunteers to help us provide the extra love and care our clients and their families need at this time in their life. Heartland volunteers offer support, companionship and practical, caring help to this special group of people. Staying with the patient so family members can take a break, reading scripture to patients, or holding their hand. The help and support our volunteers give is returned to them in countless ways. You can make a DIFFERENCE. All assignments are in close proximity to your home, work or school. You can donate as little or as much of your time as you desire.

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## Florissant's Proud Tradition of Celebrating Independence Day

The tradition 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 9:15 PM. This year's extravaganza features a dazzling fire-

works 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.

## Daddy/Daughter and Mommy Son/Dance

Dance the night away with your special little one at The Nature Lodge at Sunset Park. Create memories to last a lifetime at this event for young ones with their dads, grandpas, uncles, moms, grandmas, aunts or a special escort. Grownups can treat their children to a lovely evening filled with fun, music, and dancing, along with cookies and punch. Formal dress is required. Tickets will be available May 2nd through June 3rd, or when dance is full, whichever comes first. Be sure to register early to avoid disappointment. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For children ages 12 and under with an adult.

**Ages: 12 and under with an adult**  
**When: Friday June 10th**  
**Time: 6:30-8:30PM**  
**Location: Nature Lodge at Sunset Park**  
**Tickets Available: Res. 5/2, Non-Res. 5/16**  
**Price: Res. \$25, Non-Res. \$30**



## Splish Splash Summer Bash



The annual Splish Splash Summer Bash 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.

**Ages: 5th - 8th graders**  
**Date: Friday, July 10**  
**Time: 6:30 - 9:00 PM**  
**Location: Koch Park Family Aquatic Center**  
**Tickets Available:**  
**Res. 6/6, Non-Res. 6/20**  
**Price: Res. \$5, Non-Res. \$7**

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## St. Ferdinand Lake Maintenance Underway Affects Annual Family Fishing Event

St. Ferdinand Lake is a jewel in our City's parks system. Like any well used recreation facility, it requires occasional maintenance to ensure it remains a beautiful and a great recreation anemity for citizens.

Recent maintenance efforts at the lake are almost complete but the timing makes it necessary to cancel the annual Family Fishing Tournament sponsored by the Florissant Parks & Recreation Department and City Youth Advisory Commission.

We know that many residents look forward to this event each year as do those involved in sponsoring it. We are disappointed to announce the cancellation of this year's event but we look forward to it's return next year with the thought that the lake will be in better condition.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We look forward to the rerturn of the Family Fishing Tournament next year!



**FLORISSANT GETTING 'COMPLETE STREETS,' THANKS TO MAYOR SCHNEIDER AND THE CITY COUNCIL.**

Florissant streets will be safer and more accessible for all, thanks to Mayor Tom Schneider and the Florissant City Council. They supported and approved a 'Complete Streets' ordinance this past February. AARP, Trailnet and other organizations are thrilled that city leaders want to make it easier for us to get around town – whether by car, bike, foot or public transit. If you too want to make your community safer and more accessible, contact AARP right here in the St. Louis region. We are here, working with you to help make St. Louis an even better place to live, work and play.

Learn more and get involved at [aarp.org/stlouis](http://aarp.org/stlouis).



## Florissant Police Department Re-Accredited with CALEA Gold Standard

On Saturday, April 2nd, 2016, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., re-accredited the Florissant Police Department during the Commission's conference in St. Louis, MO. The Department was awarded its second "Gold Standard Accreditation" which is the highest level of accreditation for our continuous demonstration of success in the accreditation process.

The CALEA accreditation process is a voluntary process to which the Florissant Police Department subscribes in an effort to adopt and apply "best practices" intended to strengthen crime prevention and control capabilities; formalize essential management procedures; establish fair and non-discriminatory personnel practices; improve service delivery; solidify interagency coop-



eration and coordination; and, increase community and staff confidence in the department.

The accreditation process requires that the agency develop and implement policy and procedure in accordance with over 480 standards developed by Commission. The agency must demonstrate ongoing compli-

ance with all applicable standards and must undergo a rigorous assessment every three years in order to maintain accredited status. An assessment team from CALEA visited Florissant this past December and reported their findings to the Commission.

The Florissant Police Department was first accredited by CALEA in March of 2001, after then Chief of Police Robert G. Lowery recognized accreditation as a proven management model. The department was successfully re-accredited in 2004, 2007, 2010 and 2013. The Florissant Police Department is one of only 21 law enforcement agencies in Missouri that are internationally accredited by CALEA, and one of only 9 accredited municipal agencies in St. Louis County.

Florissant Chief of Police Timothy Lowery states "the accreditation process has contributed to the overall professionalism of the department. It ensures that we regularly review and revise policy and procedures to implement best practices, continuously train officers and staff, and continuously look for new methods to prevent, investigate and suppress crime."

Additional information regarding CALEA, and the standards or the accreditation process, may be obtained through the Commission's web-site at [www.calea.org](http://www.calea.org). Additional information regarding the department's accreditation compliance activities may be obtained from Captain Randy Boden or Sergeant Kyle Lewis who serve as the department's accreditation managers.

## Follow the Florissant Police Department on Social Media

The Florissant Police Department recognized that social media was a developing way to inform the public about issues concerning the police department, so in June of 2012, the Florissant Police Department began a FACEBOOK page. The Police Department has found that residents, business owners, organizations, and the media monitor our Facebook page for updates on information. Currently, the police department has 4,148 "Likes," which means that they are being updated firsthand on information that is posted by the police department on FACEBOOK.

In September of 2014 the Florissant Police Department increased its outreach on Social Media by creating a Twitter account. The Police Department utilizes this medium to keep our followers up-to-date on cur-



rent events in the Police Department and also to keep followers informed of any emergencies or developing incidents. Currently the Police Department has 319 followers. Follow the Florissant Police Department on Twitter at @FlorissantPD.

The Florissant Police Department utilizes NIXLE service which allows us to send important, valuable community information directly to residents using the latest technology. The NIXLE Community Information Service allows us to create and publish messages to be delivered to sub-

scribed residents instantly via cell phone text message and/or email. Notifications can also be accessed online at NIXLE's web site at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). Messages may include Missing Persons/Amber Alerts, road closures and other relevant safety and community event information. The messages can be sent specifically to residents registered within a ¼ mile radius, giving them the opportunity to receive trustworthy information relevant only to their neighborhood. Residents decide from which local agencies they want to receive information. Subscribers

can also choose the way in which alerts are received, whether it is by email, text message, or over the web. Residents of the City of Florissant and those in neighboring communities can immediately begin receiving pertinent information via text message, email, and web by registering at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com).

Our newest Social Media addition made in March of 2016 was the Florissant Police Department's YouTube Channel. We created this channel to post videos that the Police Department has created as well as links to our monthly TV show FPD Roll-call. This channel will also be used to post surveillance footage of crimes that we are trying to solve. Follow us on these social media platforms to keep up-to-date on your Police Department.

## Florissant Police Selling T-Shirts to Benefit the Missouri Special Olympics

The Florissant Police is once again selling Missouri Law Enforcement Torch Run T-Shirts to benefit the Missouri Special Olympics. The cost for the shirts are \$10 for sizes Small to 2XL. The Florissant Police Department will be participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run this year on May 12th at 11:00am. Our leg of the North St. Louis County run will start at the Shop-N-Save at 175 Flower Valley and go down Lindbergh to the Sears Hardware store at 455 N. Highway 67. Please come out and support us on our run for this great organization.

Please contact Officer Craig DeHart for more information at (314) 830-6042 or [cdehart@florissantmo.com](mailto:cdehart@florissantmo.com).



## Safety Town Returns for 2016



The Florissant "SAFETY TOWN" program will be returning for the nineteenth year. Florissant "SAFETY TOWN" is sponsored by the Florissant Police Department, Florissant Rotary Club, Stygar and Sons Funeral Homes, and the Hazelwood and Ferguson/Florissant School Districts.

"SAFETY TOWN" is a nationally recognized safety program for 4, 5, and 6 year old pre-school children. Topics such as Walking Safety, Bicycle/Tricycle Safety, School Bus Safety, Poison Safety, Playground Safety, Stranger Danger, Tool and Toy Safety will be covered. A visit from Eddie the Florissant Police Dog and the Florissant Valley Fire Protection District is also scheduled.

This comprehensive program allows children ages 4-6 the opportunity to see a Police Officer as their friend and teacher. They learn about safety issues through classroom interaction as well as through interactive play in a miniature town, complete with stop signs, buildings, electric signals and the like.

This year, Safety Town will be held from June 6th thru June 17th Monday thru Friday. The session will be held from 1:00pm- 3:00pm. This year Safety Town will be held at Cross Keys Elementary. The cost for the two week session is \$15.00. For more information, please contact Officer Lessie Summers [lsummers@florissantmo.com](mailto:lsummers@florissantmo.com).

## 2016 AARP "Driver Safety Program"



The Florissant Police Department will be hosting four AARP "Driver Safety Program" classes for the 2016 calendar year.

The dates are:

- Tuesday, May 10th, 2016
- Tuesday, July 12th, 2016
- Tuesday, September 13th, 2016
- Tuesday, November 8th, 2016

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

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. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.



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