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# THE Florissant Focus

The Newsletter of the Beautiful City of Florissant, Missouri

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Fall Festival Edition

## 19th Annual Florissant Old Town Fall Festival - Sunday October 9th

The 19th Annual Florissant Old Town Fall Festival is set for Sunday October 9th, 2016.

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

**The Old Town Fall Festival kicks off at 11 am on Sunday October 9th and runs until 5pm on rue St. Francois Street in the heart of Old Town Florissant.** Eleven full blocks from Florissant Road down to the St. Ferdinand Shrine are closed off for this event. All side streets will be blocked off to accommodate the festival. The street will be filled with activities for everyone with **over 150 booths including games to play, sale items, food and beverages.** We will have the old favorites like the **Chili Cook-off, the wine garden, pumpkin decorating, Kincaid Puppets and entertainment on almost every block.**



Everyone's favorite event the **Fido Follies** returns and will be located at the Government Center at 1055 rue St. Francois at the very top of the street. This is a dog friendly event, water bowls will be provided on every block. (Properly licensed and leashed of course) and enter them in the dog show. We have categories such as smallest dog, best kisser, best costume, best trick and largest dog to name a few.

Once again, if you are looking for the **Children's Hands-On Art Projects** sponsored by the Hazelwood Head Start Program it will be up at the top of St. Francois on the City Hall lawn. Children will have the opportunity to create their own masterpiece with the help of volunteer teachers.

The Police Department in conjunction with MOCHIPS, will be offering child identification



kits free of charge. They will be set up in the Council Chambers near the Children's Hands-On art at City Hall.

**Want to get an early jump on Holiday Shopping?** The Craft Fair continues to grow each year! **More than 60 crafters** show off their talents with their hand crafted works for you to browse and shop. The craft fair is located near City Hall and Bank of America.

The **Police Welfare Association Car Show** is back again this year to host a on the Knights of Columbus Grounds on the day of the Festival. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Florissant Police Department Canine Program.

Be sure to visit St. Ferdinand Shrine and make a donation to the **Save the Shrine Campaign.**

The concert at the Lawyers Building in the 100 Block of St. Francois this year will be the **Bob Kuban Band** on the band shell! Presented by the Florissant Fine Arts Council with support from the Missouri Arts Council and Regional Arts Commission on Sunday afternoon. Performances will be at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

We also have many entertainers throughout the 11 blocks of fun to include the **Dixie Rhythm Kings, Cookie the Clown, Dan Sproat, Kraig Kalkbrenner, the Kincaid Karacter Puppets, Stiltwalker/Juggler, Story Teller, North County Big Band, Dennis Schilligo, The Buckhannon Brothers, Bucket List, the Retro Band, The Doo Wop Band, DK Dance Productions and more...**

Don't Forget! A shuttle will be provided free of charge on St. Catherine for those Festival patrons who have difficulty navigating the St. Francois hill. The FLERT bus will be transporting festival patrons from block to block on St. Catherine which is one street over from St. Francois. There will be signs directing you to the stops.

The Fall Festival is hosted by Florissant Old Town Partners and the City of Florissant. As of this publication our sponsors of the Festival are:

- **Entertainment Sponsor: Christian Hospital**
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- **Community Sponsors: Boyle Law Firm, Zykan Family Partnership**
- **Neighborhood Sponsors: Goldkamp Heating and Cooling, Improved Performance, Knights of Columbus, Rock, Paper, Scissors Salon.**

Check out our updated sponsor list on our website!

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

Look for Florissant Old Town Partners and like us on Facebook for continuous updates!

**Be sure to check us out on KMOV Channel 4 "Great Day St. Louis" every morning the week of October 3rd and live from City Hall on October 7th.**



\*SS - Photos Courtesy of Susan Schilligo

## Save the Shrine!

The last issue of the Florissant Focus informed readers of the pressing need for repairs of St. Ferdinand Shrine. The establishment of the historic St. Ferdinand Parish, now St. Ferdinand Shrine, paved the way for the growth of our community, region, state and country. The convent, built in 1819, predates Missouri being accepted as a state. The Church, built in 1821, was completed just after statehood. Two more buildings, the Rectory built in 1840 and the Schoolhouse, complete the group of buildings standing today.

The Friends of Old St. Ferdinand is a non-profit organization with the goal of preserving and managing the historically significant landmark. The group raises operational funds through a variety of efforts which include; tours of the Shrine, weekly Book Sales, rentals of the schoolhouse hall for celebrations along with offering the facilities for weddings and funerals. The Friends of Old St. Ferdinand also participate in celebrations like the Valley of Flowers Festival, Florissant Fall Festival, Old Town Christmas Celebration, Feast Day Celebration, and more.

Much of the funds raised from those efforts are used for normal day-to-day expenses and minor repairs. But a 200 year old complex needs a great deal of tender care that goes well beyond that regular upkeep.

In preparation for the upcoming 200th year anniversary celebration, a **"Save the Shrine" campaign** has begun that is aimed at raising the necessary funds to restore and preserve these historic buildings.



A huge **"Thank You"** and great appreciation goes out to supporters and friends for past donations and there is hope for their continued support. All donations of any amount are greatly needed and very important.

Everyone is invited to join a special anniversary celebration donation group, **"The 200 Club."**

**"The 200 Club"** will honor friends who make a special gift of \$200 or more or Friends of Old St. Ferdinand members who donate that sum above regular membership contributions.

Those dollars will help prepare the buildings for the celebration commemorating 200 years of service to the community. Appreciation for all donations will be noticed by publishing donor names in our newsletter. For those donations of \$200 or above, a nameplate will be mounted to the "Honor Board" on the wall outside of the Rectory Office.

Your support is needed and critical - \$200,000 is needed just to keep the doors open. You can help the continuing efforts to show others how important the Florissant area has been to the history of America! St. Ferdinand Shrine is on the National Register of Historic Places, keeping it well maintained helps preserve the historically significant landmark for future generations. Your support leading up to the 2019, "200th Year Anniversary Celebration" is important in so many ways!

**All donations help, PLEASE show your support and donate to "Save the Shrine!"**

When sending a check, make it payable to "Friends of Old St. Ferdinand". If you choose to join "The 200 club", be sure to write "200 Club" in the memo section your \$200 check. Be sure your return address is included along with the name you want printed in the newsletter list of donors and the name for "The 200 Club" honor board entry.

Checks should be sent to Friends of Old St. Ferdinand #1 rue St. Francois, Florissant MO 63031  
Office Hours: Mon-Sat. 9am-Noon  
314-837-2110 • [oldstferdinandshrine@gmail.com](mailto:oldstferdinandshrine@gmail.com)  
website: [www.oldstferdinandshrine.com](http://www.oldstferdinandshrine.com)

## Home Improvement Mechanical Program (HIP)



If you are a homeowner and find yourself cold and without heat this winter the **Home Improvement Mechanical Program (HIP-Mechanical)** could be your answer!

The HIP Mechanical Program offers a limited number of grants to income eligible home owners for the replacement of heating units. This EMERGENCY assistance is available November thru January. Contact the Community Development Office for more information 314.839.7680.

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## Antiques, Pull Tabs, Books and Children's Activities at the Shrine During the Fall Festival

Old St. Ferdinand Shrine, the Gem of Florissant, located at #1 St. Francois Street has tons of fun planned for the entire family at the 2016 Fall Festival. There are numerous activities and events at and around the shrine.

An **antique and collectible sale** will be held on the grounds with individuals showcasing and selling anything and everything antique (this is NOT a flea market). Come and view the beautiful items for sale.

Children can enter to win a prize in one of many games available in our **Kids Corner** for only \$.25 per game.

The always popular **pull-tabs** are back. Lucky individuals can win up to \$50 for only a \$.25 chance! Individuals can also try their luck at one of the **basket raffles** and/or **quilt raffle** too.

**Great food** will be available for purchase at the some of the best prices anywhere on the street. The fare will include roast beef sandwiches, chili dogs, nachos, ice cream and snow cones. Cookies "in a jar" will be offered for sale, which make great gifts for family and friends.

The Shrine gift shop will be open along with the book shop in the schoolhouse. **Love books?** The book shop will offer a special FALL FESTIVAL pricing of \$4 per bag of books. How many books fit into a bag, come and find out! *We'll hold any purchases for free until you pick them up before you go home.*

Visit the Shrine before, during or after touring the rest of the Festival.

What is going on with the "Save the Shrine" campaign?

Shrine board members will show individuals the various repairs necessary to "Save the Shrine" and protect the future our 200 year-old historic landmark for Florissant and future generations. For more information call: (314) 837-2110 or go to [www.oldstferdinandshrine.com](http://www.oldstferdinandshrine.com)



## City of Florissant Seasonal Employment

The City of Florissant is currently accepting applications for 2017 seasonal employment. The application process closes March 1, 2017 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.

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Dear Florissant Friends,

We recently wrapped up our summer weekend Music Under the Stars concerts at St. Ferdinand Lake and everyone who attended enjoyed the great music and the good weather.

"**Music Under the Stars**" is proudly sponsored by the Florissant Fine Arts Council and the City of Florissant and was blessed with outstanding weather and great attendance. We enjoyed the sounds of the Northwinds Concert Band, SSJ Rock n Roll Show Band, Coco Soul and her band, Boeing Employees Concert Band with Celebration Barbershop Quartet, Butch Wax & The Hollywoods with Theo Peoples from The Four Tops, SmashBand SuperHits, Billy Peek, Rockin' Chair Band, and Fanfare Band featuring Kittie Moller.

Our only remaining 2016 concert will be part of the Fall Festival on Sunday October 9th featuring Bob Kuban Bass with two performances there. Information on the many events sponsored by Florissant is always available on our website at [www.florissantmo.com](http://www.florissantmo.com) and on your Charter or AT & T television local government access channel. Each year we evaluate the list of performers to help us plan for the following year's lineup which usually includes at least one new group.

**Old Town Partners had added another Wednesday Night Out (WNO)** this year and we will continue to kick off the very famous WNO events next year starting at the end of May. We dedicated our 25th Walk Through History plaque in honor of the late James "Jay" Russell before the start of the May WNO which was hosted by the VFW Post 4105. In mid-June we dedicated our 26th Walk Through History plaque in honor of the late Paul Kohlen before the start of Food Truck Knight. Dooley's Florist and Kortess Custom Framing & Antiques hosted the June WNO where we dedicated our 27th Walk Through History plaque. Friends of Old St. Ferdinand Shrine hosted and ice cream social and showed the family movie Kung Fu Panda 3 in July, Stems Florist, Bunkers and Husband Insurance hosted a Tropical Island Street Party in August and Hendels Café hosted a Jazz dinner fest September 28. All events were well attended with rave reviews from all that came out to enjoy a great night with family and friends.

**National Night Out** was changed from Tuesday, August 2 and will be Tuesday, **October 4** in hopes that the weather will be cooler and more residents will want to participate in this event where the residents will get the opportunity to enjoy and get to know their neighbors. **Block Parties** continue to be very popular in our city. Pick any date you can to get your neighbors together and we will block off your street and one of our friendly Florissant Police Officer will likely stop by. To schedule a block party for your neighborhood for a future gathering please call Cheryl Entwistle at 314-839-7601. Also consider starting a **Neighborhood Watch** program for your street to encourage watching out for each other which is a tremendous help to our police Department. Call Officer Craig Dehart at 830-6042. In the police section of the Focus Newspaper you find more information about starting your own Neighborhood Watch Program.

**Season tickets are on sale now** for two great professional theatre series here at the **Florissant Civic Center Theatre**. More information can be found in this publication and on our City Website. Get your season tickets by visiting the FCC Theatre Box Office or call 314-921-5678.

Once again this year's **Summer**

**Playground** ended with our Family Night. The James J. Eagan Center had approximately 300 children registered for the programs. The theme for this year's family night was "Hip Hop". The Koch Day camp Program had over 320 enrolled in summer camp. We had great participation from the families that attended Family Night where refreshments were served and a slide show played with pictures of all the fun activities of the summer camps.

**Congratulations** to our very own **Florissant Fish Swim Team** who completed in their 14th season finishing undefeated for the sixth year in a row and **winning their seventh conference championship**. I was able to attend several events and was amazed at the large number of parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters and friends that attended each competition. This year's team comprised of around 170 swimmers and 12 coaches. The swim program is designed to accommodate a wide range of physical talent and balances between competition, participation, family values and good old fashion fun. There may be a future Olympian swimming with us.

Congratulations to Florissant Resident and accomplished championship golfer **Dave Estes who calls Florissant Golf Club his home course. Dave won the Senior Division in the 2016 City Championship played at Forest Park** with a two day 3 under total of 137 with scores of 68, 69. After a few years since his last win Dave surprised even himself and said that one of the reasons he did well was that the Forest Park greens were almost as smooth as those at the Florissant Golf Club. For tournaments or tee times call Florissant Golf Club at 314-741-7444.

**VFW Post 4105 and City hosted a 9-11 ceremony on Sunday, September 11th at the VFW Post** at 410 rue St. Francois. Members from the American Legion Post 444 will be presenting and retiring the colors. Special thanks to VFW Ladies Auxiliary President Tina Wright, VFW Men's Auxiliary President Randy Schroeder and Post Commander Bob Snider who plan this event to give us an opportunity to reflect on the sacrifice and commitment required to advance the progress of democracy and recognize the special role of the military, police, firefighters and all first responders to keep our society safe.

A totally **new route** will be used for the **Veteran Day Parade on Sunday, November 13th**. Parade participants will assemble and start the parade at Bangert Park and precede North on Florissant Road and then turn left on St. Francois and end the parade at the VFW where the ceremony will take place to honor the 2016 Veteran of the Year. (Note, the 2016 Florissant Calendar sponsored by Meridian Waste Hauling has the wrong date for this parade)

We thank all the seniors who attended the **Senior Town Hall meeting** on September 15th to be informed about the progress in the beautiful city and to get an opportunity to speak with the City Administration. We would like to thank again Bent-Wood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for graciously providing a delicious breakfast to those that attended. For all other upcoming Senior Events please contact Peggy Hogan our Senior Coordinator at 314-839-7604.

**The Florissant Old Town Fall Festival will be held on Sunday October 9th as the biggest block party in the state** blocking off St. Francois Street from Florissant Road to St. Ferdinand Shrine. The festival is sponsored by Florissant Old Town Partners, the City of Florissant and the Missouri and Regional Arts

Council. This important cultural community family friendly togetherness event runs from **11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will feature the Bob Kuban Brass** with a wide variety of other musical and performing arts entertainment. There will be almost a mile of arts and crafts and delicious food and beverages highlighted by the famous **Chili tasting contest in front of Click's Heating and Cooling**.

**The fourth and final Food Truck Knight** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the City will be held on **Friday, October 14th on the Knight's grounds from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** 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 3rd annual Race to the Shrine 5K run will be held on Saturday, October 22nd at the Old St. Ferdinand Shrine grounds.** The 1 mile Fun Run starts at 3:30 p.m. - 5k Race starts at 4:00 p.m. This promises to be a day to remember. Whether you are a runner, walker or just enjoy being a spectator, families can gather to enjoy the beauty of the City of Florissant. Experience the treasure of the Shrine of St. Ferdinand, the oldest standing church in the Louisiana Purchase territory. Enjoy some delicious BBQ by the Knights of Columbus, live music by local musicians, and have a wonderful day outside.

Weather has been a major factor in the successful completion of our street and sidewalk projects all year ... we appreciate your patience will we make every effort to complete these projects.

- **The 2016 Slurry Seal Resurfacing Program** has been going on since the late spring. The project was awarded to Missouri Petroleum for \$850,000 in slurry seal resurfacing work on 124+ different streets.

- **The 2016 Sidewalk Repair & Replacement Program** began work in September. The program will remove trip hazards and improve ADA accessibility on the City's sidewalks. The bid has been awarded to Spencer Contracting for \$200,974 and is scheduled to be completed within 120 days.

- **The 2016 Major Street Repairs** project has begun in August to repair and perform an asphalt overlay on a few of the worse streets in the City. The bid has been awarded to Spencer Contracting for \$357,728 and is scheduled to be completed within 60 days.

- **The 2016 PCC (Portland Cement Concrete) Street Repairs** project was bid out in July. Repairs will be performed on 20+ streets. Amcon Contracting was awarded the project for \$315,921 ... and is scheduled to be completed within 60 days.

- Work has begun on the renovation of the old Dick Weber Bowling Lanes into our new **Municipal Court Facility**.

- Asbestos Removal has been bid and awarded to Spray Services for \$23,861. Work is to begin the end of August and be completed in September.

- Interior Demolition Work is out for bids and due August 23rd ...

- New sign for the Municipal Courts Facility is under design and will be out for bids in September ...

- New exterior building and parking lot lighting is under design and will be out for bids in September...

- The City has applied for a grant from MoDOT to do major street renovations and asphalt overlay to Keaven Lane from Rosetta to Paul ...

- Design work and field investigations continue on the North Lafayette Street and Stormwater Reconstruction project ...

- Design work and right-of-way acquisition continues on the St. Anthony Lane Bridge Replacement project over Fountain Creek ...



- The City continues to monitor and work with MSD on many projects in and around the City of Florissant totaling over \$35 Million ...

- The City continues to monitor and work with St. Louis County on the major Shackelford Road Capital Improvement project ...

- Note that some funds from Proposition S were received and will be used in 2016 but that we will have the full benefit of those funds in 2017 and beyond. Thank you.

**Economic Development** continues to be strong and very active. Companies of all sizes that include National brands and Developers' are proving that they believe in the future of Florissant.

**Some of the businesses and companies are:**

- **Signature Sandwich** locating in the Train Depot building.

- **Popeye's Chicken** is building a new facility next to Culver's.

- **U-Haul** is constructing a large new facility on Lindbergh near the Florissant Police Department.

- **Dunkin Donut** is building a new facility on Lindbergh Blvd. near Manresa Drive.

- **Starbuck's** opened a new location on Lindbergh near Halls Ferry.

- **Urgent Care** is opening a new facility on Lindbergh and St. Jean.

- **Jewel Banquet Center** will open in the former Yac's restaurant after extensive remodeling.

- **Irma Jeans Neighborhood Restaurant & Sports Bar** will open in the former Deaver's location.

- Former **Bob Evans building** is under Contract to a national company.

- **Grandview Shopping Center** has been sold to a California Developer who I met with recently to hear about their aggressive plans to enhance the Center and attract new tenants.

- **More great news is; Oops, can't talk about those projects that are in confidential status.** There are other exciting projects that are in the **Due Diligence and Planning Phase** that we are working with the Developers.

**Our Strong Economic Engine continues to attract exciting Developments** in Florissant. **From January 2016 - August 2016 ... 43 New Commercial businesses & 15 Residential Businesses have opened.**

We have a very important general election coming up in November. To the polls ye sons and daughters of liberty! Those in uniform have already done the hard part, all we have to do is VOTE! If you are in need of a voter registration card we will have these cards available at both rec centers or you can come up to City Hall and ask for the cashier to receive your voter registration card...

I hope to see you at the Fall Festival on October 9th on rue St. Francois!

Sincerely,  
Mayor Thomas P. Schneider



## Chief Lowery Announces Promotions

Chief Lowery is pleased to announce two recent promotions within the Florissant Police Department. Detective Andy Haarmann and Detective Shawn Reiland were both promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Sergeant Reiland started at the Florissant Police Department in September of 2002. In 2007 Sgt. Reiland was transferred to the Bureau of Investigations as a Criminal Investigator. Sgt. Reiland spent nine years as a Criminal Investigator spending time in all of the assignments in the Bureau of Investigations. Sgt. Reiland was also a supervisor for the Greater St. Louis Major Case Squad. Sgt. Reiland is currently assigned as a Supervisor in the Bureau of Field Operations.

Sergeant Haarmann started his Law Enforcement Career with the Florissant Police Department in January of 2003. He has served in various roles within the Bureau of Field Operations both as a patrol officer and an officer within the department's Traffic Safety Unit where he became an accident reconstructionist. In early 2012, Sgt. Haarmann became the department's Community and Media Relations Officer. In January of 2015 Sgt. Haarmann was transferred to the Detective Bureau and served as a report writer with the Greater St. Louis Major Case Squad. Sgt. Haarmann is currently assigned as a supervisor in the department's Special Operations unit.

Congratulations to both Sergeant Haarmann and Sergeant Reiland on your promotions!

# Florissant Police Officers Welfare Association 5th Annual Car & Bike Show Benefitting **THE FLORISSANT POLICE K-9 UNIT**



**Sunday October 9th, 2016**  
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## Free Bike Helmets for Kids

**Keep Them Safe!**

The Florissant Police Department and the Florissant Valley Fire Protection District have teamed up with Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital and the Kohl's4kids program to bring a free bike helmet give-away to this years Old Town Partners Fall Festival. The Festival will take place on October 9th from 11am-5pm. The annual Fall Festival will be on St. Francois Street in Florissant and offer all kinds of food and craft booths as well as entertainment. The bike helmets will be fitted by the staff of Cardinal Glennon in front of the FVFPD fire house #1 which is located at 661 St. Ferdinand Street. All children who wish to get a bike helmet MUST be present to get the helmet properly fitted. No helmets will be given to parents to be fitted later. In conjunction with the bike helmets members of the fire department will be demonstrating how to properly secure a child in a booster seat. Come out and enjoy the festival and bring your children to make sure they are safe when riding their bikes and traveling in vehicles on the roadway.



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



The Florissant Police Department along with the Missouri Freemasons will be hosting a one day Missouri Child Identification Program (MoCHIP) during the Florissant Fall Festival on Sunday, October 9, 2016, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The event will be held at the Florissant City Hall inside the Council Chambers.

This program, FREE OF CHARGE, provides parents with critical information on their children in the event their child turned up missing or abducted. This nationally recognized program provides parents with a digital photograph, digital fingerprints, DNA swab, child information and emergency contacts, a dental bite impression, and two (2) laminated ID cards. Most

importantly, all information is turned over to a parent or legal guardian on completion of the process. No child information is stored or kept by the MoCHIP program or the Florissant Police.

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

As a result of the efforts by the Missouri Freemason through the MoCHIP program, parents/legal guardians of over 125,000 have received this critical identification information free of charge.

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

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

## Fall Tips to Improved Heating System Performance for Winter



Fall is here and it is time to make sure your heating system is ready for the winter. When cold weather arrives, you need to be sure that your heating system will turn on, but also that it will run at peak efficiency and reduce your usage costs as well as prevent unexpected problems that could result in a cold weather heating emergency.

- 1. Replacing Filters** – Dirty air filters restrict air flow which will significantly reduce the efficiency of your heating system and increase your energy costs.
- 2. Check your Thermostat** – Make sure your thermostat is reading the correct temperature by checking it against a reliably accurate thermometer. Setting your thermostat to 68 degrees for the winter will provide a comfortable indoor environment. It will also save you money since each degree higher will add about one percent to the cost of your energy. A programmable thermostat can save even more energy by adjusting the temperature while you are at work or sleeping. And listen to what your grandma said

and dress for the winter...a sweater can also save money on your energy bill!

**3. Check your Ducts** – Walk around your ductwork, listen and feel for escaping air. Scheduling a professional inspection every few years is also wise because an accurate pressure test is the only way to ensure ducts are sealed properly.

**4. Check that Vents Are Clear** – Anything constricting the airflow out of the vents in any room will negatively affect the efficiency and effectiveness of your system. Remove any dust, debris or pet hair accumulations on room vents as well as any objects placed on them which can constrict airflow. Radiators or baseboard heating with furniture placed directly in front of the heating elements can prevent heat from circulating properly throughout the room.

**5. Get a Preventive Maintenance Inspection** – An inspection and tune-up by a professional technician helps ensure your heating system is in proper working order and operating at maximum efficiency. It also helps in the detection of small problems that could escalate into major problems that might affect your comfort during approaching cold weather.

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**The dinner is served at St. Ferdinand Church at 1765 Charbonier Road in Florissant and a takeout service is available.**

As a parish organization of St. Ferdinand we are solely dependent on donations from local businesses and individuals to purchase the food served. Last year we served over 500 meals and anticipate that number to increase in 2016. **We are asking for your assistance with a donation to support our work. We appreciate any donation that you might be able to make.**

Please make checks payable to "St. Ferdinand Thanksgiving Dinner". Send your donation to:

St. Ferdinand Catholic Church  
1765 Charbonier Road  
Florissant, MO 63031

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
St. Ferdinand Thanksgiving Dinner Committee

For more information about our work, please visit our link at <http://www.stferdinandstl.org/parish>  
You can email questions or comments to: [thanksgivingdinner@stferdinandstl.org](mailto:thanksgivingdinner@stferdinandstl.org)

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Individual tickets go on sale 45 days prior to the opening of any production.

## OCTOBER

*\*Florissant Fine Arts Council Presents:*

### The Baldknobbers Jamboree

*From Branson*

Oct. 16 – 2:00 p.m.



The Branson family entertainment phenomenon began over 55 years ago in 1959 when the four Mabe brothers, known as the Baldknobbers, began entertaining visitors on the Branson Lakefront. Today, the family legacy continues with the second and third generations of the Mabe family carrying on the family tradition of great country music and hilarious comedy. Joined by a cast of dynamic singers, musicians, comedians and entertainers, they perform your favorite country classics, hot new country hits and lots of side-splitting comedy.

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

*Dayspring School of the Arts presents:*

### The Classical Ballet Sleeping Beauty

October 21 and 22

Information: 314-921-5678  
or [www.FlorissantMO.com](http://www.FlorissantMO.com)



*Northwinds Concert Band Presents:*

### Sunday Afternoon at the Pops

Oct. 23 – 3:00 p.m.



Northwinds Concert Band, under the direction of Larry Marsh, will present a "Sunday Afternoon Pops" concert on October 23 at 3:00 p.m. in the Florissant Civic Center Theatre. Don't miss the opportunity to hear one of the best wind ensembles in St. Louis as they present a lively program of marches, big band tunes and music from Broadway and movies. At each concert this season, some of the fine band directors who play in Northwinds will come to the podium and direct some of their favorite works. Expect some musical fireworks! Maestro Marsh says, "I am so honored to stand in front of these fine folks each week and look forward to sharing the podium with such talented musician-directors." Current information about this concert and the band can be found at [www.northwindsband.org](http://www.northwindsband.org).

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

## NOVEMBER

*Hawthorne Players Present:*

### Driving Miss Daisy

Nov. 4 – 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 5 – 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 11 – 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 12 – 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 13 – 2:00 p.m.



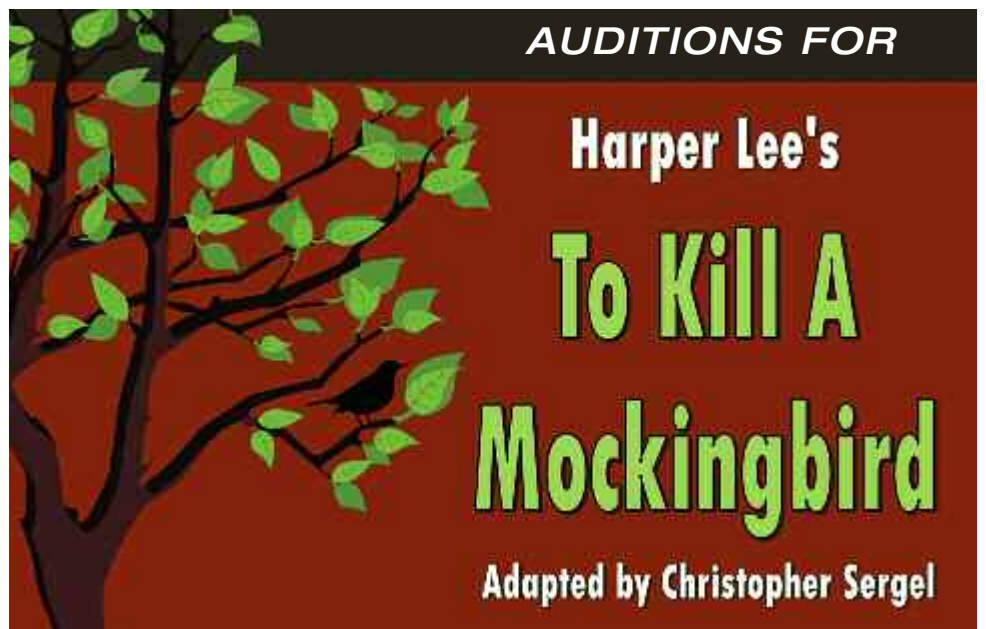
This is a warm-hearted, humorous, and affecting study of the unlikely relationship between an aging, crotchety, white Southern lady, and a proud, soft-spoken African-American man. The pairing of the two begins when Daisy's son Boolie hires Hoke to be her chauffeur when she is no longer able to drive herself. What follows is a friendship that grows over a span of 25 years, as the two, despite their mutual differences, grow ever closer to, and more dependent on, each other.

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

### To Kill A Mockingbird

Nov. 14 – 7:00 p.m.



(Callbacks November 15 if needed)

Auditions will be cold readings from the script.

For more information call 314-258-3018, go to [www.alphaplayers.org](http://www.alphaplayers.org) or check out the Alpha Players on Facebook.

*\*Florissant Fine Arts Council Presents:*

### Fabulous Fanny: The Songs & Stories of Fanny Brice

*From Mainstage Artists Management*

Nov. 19 – 8:00 p.m.

Kimberly Faye Greenberg has now created an intimate new "Fanny Brice" solo show, Fabulous Fanny: The Songs and Stories of Fanny Brice. In Fabulous Fanny Kimberly shares her extensive research to personally reveal Fanny's heart and humor, soul and song. Along the way, you'll hear the familiar My Man, Second-Hand Rose, Rose of Washington Square, Cooking Breakfast for the One I Love, When a Woman Loves A Man, Sadie Salome and others that sparked Fanny's fame.



**ADMISSION: \$28.00 Adults; \$26.00 Seniors/Students; Group rates available**

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



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

**A Christmas Carol**

From *TheatreworksUSA, New York, NY*

Nov. 20 – 2:00 p.m.

Nov. 25 – 2:00 p.m.

Nov. 26 – 2:00 p.m.

This musical interpretation of the Charles Dickens' classic captures both the humorous and touching moments of the classic story with witty dialogue and fresh new songs, conveying Dickens' original message that the holiday season should be a "kind, forgiving, charitable time," a sentiment which still rings true today.



**ADMISSION:**  
\$8.00 to all  
**Information and reservations:**  
314-921-5678  
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\*The Florissant Fine Arts Council presents the Applause/Aplause 2016/2017 series with financial support from our members, the Regional Arts Commission, Missouri Arts Council (a state agency), the Employees Community Fund of Boeing St. Louis and the City of Florissant.

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**What Can Investors Learn from Roller Coaster Rides?**

If you have an interest in looking up obscure holidays and celebrations, you will find that August 16th is National Roller Coaster Day. As you know, a roller coaster is used as a metaphor for many areas of life – including the financial markets. As an investor, what can you learn from this thrill ride?

**Here are a few suggestions:**

- **Don't jump off.** This is pretty standard advice for all roller coaster riders – but it's also a good recommendation for investors. Specifically, you don't want to exit the financial markets when they turn volatile. It can be tempting to do so, because the markets do indeed experience dizzying drops from time to time. But if you jump out of the markets when they're down, you may be on the outside when they start their climb, potentially missing out on gains.
- **Protect yourself.** When you're on a roller coaster, you are typically advised to keep your arms and legs inside the car to protect your extremities from dangerous contact with the track and other cars. As an investor, you also need to protect yourself from dangers such as a market downturn. If you owned just one type of asset, such as aggressive growth stocks, and a downturn occurred, you'd likely take a big hit. One of the best ways to help avoid this possibility is to diversify your holdings among stocks, bonds and other investments. Although diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against losses, it can help reduce the impact of volatility on your portfolio.

- **Keep looking forward.** When you're on a roller coaster, you don't want to look backward. Not only could you strain your neck, but you'll also be unprepared for the ups, downs, twists and turns that await you. When you invest, you want to keep looking forward as well. By keeping your eyes, and your focus, on your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement, you can be better prepared to follow a consistent strategy designed to help get you to your destination.
- **Don't bring extra baggage.** For obvious reasons, it's not a good idea to bring any loose or extra baggage inside a roller coaster car that may have you going upside down at 90 or so miles per hour. As an investor, you don't want to be saddled with any extra "baggage," either – and one of the biggest sources of this baggage is unrealistic expectations. If you think you will earn double-digit returns every year, you will likely be disappointed – and your disappointment could lead you to make unwise decisions, such as constantly buying and selling investments to improve your performance. This type of activity is expensive, time-consuming and usually futile. So, when you invest, maintain realistic expectations – it can help you stay on track toward your goals.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.*

## Halloween Party & Bingo

**A Florissant Spooktakular Event!**  
Come dressed in your Halloween attire or dress in costume to participate in the Costume Contest! ELVIS will be in the building & will shake it up. A delicious lunch will be served, attendance prizes will be given away, chances for a Pot of Gold and Gift Baskets will be sold and of course we will play Bingo!



**WHEN:** Thursday, October 27, 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 Monday, October 3rd through October 14th. If there are tickets remaining, on Monday, October 17th, tickets will be sold to residents AND non-residents until Monday, October 24th. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

## New Year's Eve Party

Don't miss the most spectacular event of the year (in Florissant!). Light up the Night will be the theme for the evening. A wonderful dinner will be served, the decorations will be fantastic and the outstanding 12-piece St. Charles Big Band will play your favorite music! Do NOT sit home this New Year's Eve - Celebrate 2016 and ring in 2017! Come to our DAYTIME New Year's Eve Party with the Countdown to the New Year at Noon!

**WHEN:** Saturday, December 31st, 2016

**TIME:** 10:00am - 2:00pm

**WHERE:** James J. Eagan Center

**COST:** \$17.00 residents, \$22.00 non-residents, includes dinner, drinks, appetizers, dancing & attendance prizes

**TICKETS:** Tickets will be sold to Florissant Residents ONLY with a current resident card in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall starting Monday November 21. If there are tickets remaining, on Monday, December 19th through Thursday, December 22nd, tickets will be sold to residents AND non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information and ticket availability.



## Christmas Dance!

Ring in the Holidays at our Christmas Dance with the 10-piece St. Charles Big Band! Light snacks will be served and beer, wine and soda will be available for purchase. Sit and listen to the beautiful sounds of the Big Band or dance the night away.

**WHEN:** Friday Night, December 2, 2016

**TIME:** 7:00pm - 10:00pm

**WHERE:** James J. Eagan Center

**COST:** \$8.00 for residents AND non-residents if purchased in the Senior Office prior to the dance and \$10.00 at the door.

**TICKETS:** Tickets are sold in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall starting November 1st. Tickets will be sold to residents and non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 314-839-7605 for more information.



## City Of Florissant Senior Citizen Christmas Trips

### Conservatory Concert & Lunch at the Mother-in-Law House



Confluence Chamber Orchestra

Enjoy a private **Christmas Concert by the Confluence Chamber Orchestra** at one of the most beautiful venues in the St. Louis Area - **The Conservatory** on St. Charles Main Street. We'll enjoy a wonderful lunch of chicken cordon bleu with rice, garden salad & scrumptious peach pie alamode at the historic, quaint restaurant, **The Mother-In-Law House** - awarded the *Diner's Choice Award* in 2015.



**WHEN:** Tuesday, December 6, 2016

**TIME:** 9:15am - 1:30pm

**COST:** \$35.00 residents, \$37.00 non-residents

**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 at the JFK Center on Thursday, November 10, 2016. If there are tickets remaining, tickets will go on sale in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall on Friday, November 11, 2016 to residents and non-residents. Non-resident cost is \$37.00. Call the Senior Office at 839-7605 for ticket availability.

## Our Lady of The Snows Way of Lights & Dinner



Start out your Holiday Season with a visit to Our Lady of the Snows! Enjoy an outstanding buffet dinner at the Famous Shrine Restaurant. Then drive through the breathtaking Way of Lights Christmas Display, focusing on the Birth of Christ.



**WHEN:** Tuesday, December 13, 2016

**TIME:** 3:45pm - 9:00pm

**COST:** \$29.00 residents, \$31.00 non-residents, includes transportation, donation to Shrine for lights, and dinner

**TICKETS:** Ticket sales begin on Tuesday, November 15, 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, November 16, tickets will be sold to residents AND non-residents in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. Call the Senior Office at 839-7605, for ticket availability or more information.

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## Volunteers Needed in St. Louis County

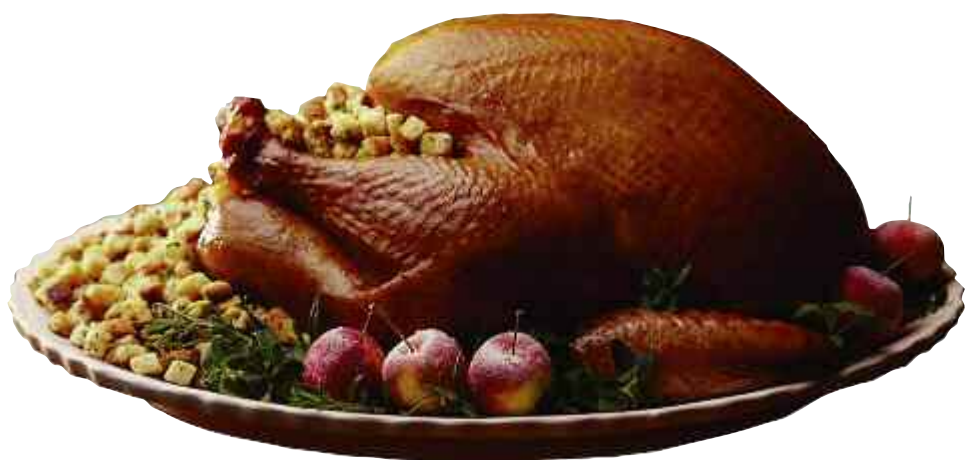


The County Older Resident Program provides services for Senior Citizens in St. Louis County – programs that Florissant Residents can take advantage of. Listed below are requests for volunteers from St. Louis County for a few of these programs.

1. The St. Louis County Older Resident Programs (CORP) needs Volunteer Drivers who live in Florissant to provide transportation to and from doctor's appointments and other essential destinations for our senior residents. Our Volunteer Drivers are individuals or couples who provide notable and worthwhile service. A few hours of your time could make all the difference in the world to a senior that lives near you. No weekends and mileage reimbursement is available. Become a CORP Volunteer Driver by calling Lawanna Hawkins, the Neighborhood Coordinator at (314) 615-7442.

2. The St. Louis County Older Resident Program is also seeking a Volunteer Paralegal to prepare final documents that the CORP Volunteer Attorneys drafted such as; affidavits, beneficiary deeds, quit claim deeds, powers of attorney, healthcare directives and wills. The CORP Legal Services are at no cost to St. Louis County seniors who meet the income eligibility guideline. Paralegal work experience is preferred. Interested individuals should call Robin Gillespie at (314) 615- 4435.

## Thanksgiving Day Dinner



St. Ferdinand Catholic Church in Florissant, along with many area churches, offers a free Thanksgiving Dinner with in-house Dining on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2016. Come one, come all - everyone is welcome! Enjoy a delicious Turkey Dinner with all the fixings on Thanksgiving Day from 11:30am until 1:30pm at St. Ferdinand Church at 1765 Charbonier Road in Florissant. The non-denominational Thanksgiving Committee that provides this dinner needs your help! Please consider supporting this event by making a donation or by volunteering to help with the dinner. For questions or more information, please email: [thanksgivingdinner@stferdinandstl.org](mailto:thanksgivingdinner@stferdinandstl.org).

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  - "You can't afford to miss this high profit, no risk offer...."
- Be careful! – do NOT become a victim.

## Did You Know?



- The City of Florissant has a Missouri Veterans Commission Officer at Florissant City Hall every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 8:00am until 3:00pm to provide information on compensation/pensions for Veterans and their families?

- The City of Florissant offers half price trash service for senior citizens over the age of 60? Call Meridian Trash, 227-7000, to see if you are eligible.



- The State of Missouri has Prescription Drug Assistance which pays for 50% of your out-of-pocket costs on medications. Call 1-800-375-1406 for more information.

- CLAIM, The State Health Insurance Assistance Program, can help find a program to assist Medicare enrollees with their out-of-pocket costs for services. There is prescription help, eye care help, and help with choosing the right Medicare supplemental insurance and more. Call CLAIM at 1-800-390-3330.

## SENIORS EVENTS SCHEDULE

### OCTOBER

- 3 - Ticket sales begin in Senior Office for Halloween Party (Oct 27)
- 5 - Paddlewheel & Pere Marquette Trip
- 13 - SILVER WORDS TRIP:  
Trolley Tour of Forest Park & Lunch at the Zoo
- 27 - Halloween Party & Bingo,  
Eagan Center 10:00am-2:00pm – ELVIS!

### NOVEMBER

- Tickets for December 2 Christmas Dance are available in the Senior Office throughout November
- 10 - Silver Words Club Mtg, JFK, 1:30, Boards Games,  
Ticket Sales begin for Conservatory Christmas Trip
  - 15 - Ticket sales begin in Senior Office, 8:00-5:00,  
Our Lady of Snows Way of Lights Trip
  - 21 - Ticket Sales begin in Senior Office for  
NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY (Dec 31)
  - 24 & 25 - City Hall Offices closed for Thanksgiving Holidays

## Ms. Missouri Senior America – 2016



On Sunday, July 10th, the Florissant Civic Center was the scene as 10 beautiful, talented, and spirited ladies came together from all parts of the "Show Me" state to compete for this coveted title. Peggy Lee Brennan wowed the judges with her song and dance to Rogers and Hammerstein's song from Oklahoma, "People Will Say We're in Love." Peggy Lee Brennan from Branson, Missouri was crowned Queen 1st runner-up – Ann Leath from Chesterfield, Missouri 2nd runner-up – Linda J. Tiedt from Bridgeton, Missouri Ms. Congeniality – Mary Kay Spencer from South County, Missouri "The Age of Elegance" was the theme and the ladies certainly lived up to it. Other contestants included: Servisa Croff, Shirley J. Kamps, Moira McGhee, Suzanne Carol Pratl, Marie Ciarleglio Robertson, Kathryn Ryan-Hogan.

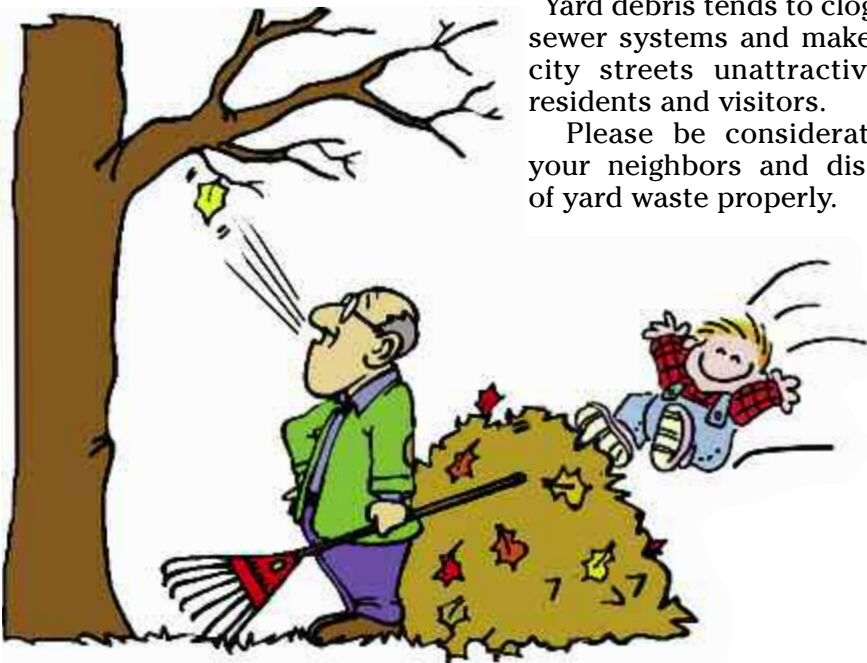
The Senior Pageant celebrates women over the age of 60 – "The Age of Elegance". These women exemplify dignity, poise, maturity and inner beauty. They are a vital part of our community. They love living life to the fullest and want to share this spirit with others.

Peggy Lee Brennan will participate in the Ms. Senior America Pageant in October, 2016 in Atlantic City, N.J.

For more information, please visit the website [www.MissouriSenior.org](http://www.MissouriSenior.org).

## Autumn Leaves Are Falling But You Should Know...

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



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

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

## Fall Tips for Pets



Here come the changing seasons again. Crisp, cool air, luscious foliage and a welcome break from summer's hot sticky weather. As much as we enjoy it, there are lurking dangers for our furry family members as well.

Here are some tips to keep your pets happy and healthy during the autumn months.

**• Be cautious of Rodenticides and Cold Weather Poisons**

Rat and mouse poisons are used more in the winter to keep the rodents from attempting to move indoors. Rodenticides are highly toxic to pets and can be fatal if ingested. If you use these products, please do so with caution and put them in a location inaccessible to your pets.

In the fall when you are changing your car's engine coolant, the ethylene glycol based coolants are highly toxic so please make sure spills are cleaned up immediately and keep away from pets. Propylene glycol based coolants aren't completely nontoxic but much less than other engine coolants

**• School Supplies**

We all know back to school time and time to stock up on school supplies.

Most school supplies (glue sticks, pencils, magic markers) are low toxicity to pets but can cause gastrointestinal upset and blockages can occur if ingested. Please keep school supplies out of reach of all pets

**• Mushrooms**

Fall and spring are mushroom seasons. While 99% of mushrooms have little or no toxicity the 1% that are highly toxic can cause life-threatening problems in pets. Since it is difficult to distinguish from nontoxic ones, the best way to prevent pets from ingesting these poisonous plants is to keep animals away from areas where mushrooms grow. Contact your vet or ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435 immediately if you witness your pet eating a wild mushroom

Also, *please remember ALL dogs and cats need to be registered with the City of Florissant Animal Control. The pet license is free to residents* and can be obtained at the Florissant Health Department #1 Saint Ferdinand Park Dr. Florissant, MO 63031 by bringing in a valid proof of rabies shot from a licensed vet.

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## Halloween Dance & Costume Party

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

*The dance will be held at the JFK Center on Friday, October 21st.*

*This event is for 5th – 8th grade, tickets must be purchased in advance after September 26 at either the JFK Center or the Eagan Center, \$5 for residents and \$7 for non-residents. No tickets will be sold at the door.*

## Halloween Party

Come join us at the Eagan Center 6 – 8 p.m., on Halloween for a spooky, fun-filled evening. Children will get to show off their costumes while having fun playing games and winning prizes. This event is Co-Sponsored by the Florissant Parks and Recreation and the Florissant Police Explorers Unit. *Any child with a Florissant resident card, 12 and under may attend FREE of charge. Costumes are encouraged.*



## Winter Break Camp

Come join us over winter break for some fun games and activities. This camp will be similar to our Summer Playground program. You will be able to go swimming, ice skating, and much more!

*Camp will be held at the Eagan Center, December 26 – 30th, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Cost is residents \$60 and non-residents \$120. Registration for residents begins October 10th and non-residents October 17th. Spots are limited so sign up early!!*

## Sharing & Caring Food Drive

Beginning on Tuesday, November 2– December 16th a barrel for the Sharing and Caring Food Drive will be placed at the James J. Eagan Center and the JFK Community Center. We encourage all residents to donate non-perishable and canned food donations. These donations will be given to organizations and food pantries within the city limits of Florissant. *Please help bring holiday cheer to those families who may not be as fortunate as most.*

## Preschool Programs

The City of Florissant is offering various preschool programs this fall. These include a Preschool Pool Parties, My First Art Class, Drop-in Preschool Play, Game Day and Halloween Stories and Crafts.

*Prices for the programs vary and are geared towards children under 5. For more information call 314-921-4466 or the city's website at [www.florissantmo.com](http://www.florissantmo.com).*

## A Soldier's Wish List

Please join the City of Florissant and A Soldiers Wish List in showing our support for our Combat Troops that are serving and protecting our Country all over the world and cannot be at home for Christmas.

All items must be received no later than, November 10th 2016 to be shipped in time for Christmas!

Items can be dropped off at any of these locations: JFK Community Center, JJE Community Center, Florissant City Hall, Florissant Police Station and the Florissant Senior Dining Center.

Items needed and appreciated are: New DVD movies, Xbox games (slightly used), New twin sheets and pillows, (also flannel ones for Afghanistan), Volleyballs, Baseballs, Basketballs, Flavored coffees, True crime novels (can be slightly used), Various tea variety packs, Mini flash lights, Mio flavored drops for the water (good for Kuwait, Iraq and Africa), Flavored sunflower seeds, Power bars, New towels and wash cloths, I-tune gift cards, Hand held games, AA and AAA batteries, Board Games, Socks (9-11), Music CD's.

We also encourage you to make out personal Christmas card to show the men how much you appreciate their service.

## Sunset Nature Lodge Painting for Adults

Time for the adults to have a painting party. Paint a nice picture while overlooking the magnificent Missouri River. Bring snacks and drinks and alcoholic beverages are allowed at the adult painting program. Instructor will take you through step by step how to create a masterpiece.

*(Please bring your own apron.) Classes are for adults 21+, 7- 9 p.m. on the following themed evenings: 9/24 - Fall Leaves, 10/15 – Halloween, and 1/28 - St. Louis Blues Theme.*

## Recreation Classes

The Parks & Recreation Dept. offers many classes for residents and non-residents. Classes include, Swimming Lessons & Fitness, Zumba, Body Toning. Various sports leagues are offered ranging from volleyball to softball. Please call the Eagan Center at 314-921-4466 or the JFK Center at 314-921-4250 or check the city's website at [www.florissantmo.com](http://www.florissantmo.com) for specific dates, times and costs for these classes.

## Ice Rink Opening



The City of Florissant's Ice Rink will open for the season on October 24th. Public Skate sessions are scheduled on Wednesday 7-9 p.m., Friday 7-9 p.m. and Saturday 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. and Sundays 2-4 p.m. Stick and Puck sessions will be available at various times along with a Learn to Skate Lessons. *For more information call 314-921-4470 or check the city's website at [www.florissantmo.com](http://www.florissantmo.com).*

## 4th Annual "Dunegant Dash" Disc Golf Tournament

The City of Florissant held its 4th Annual "Dunegant Dash" disc golf tournament on Saturday, September 3rd at Dunegant Park. The tournament was started as a fundraiser that benefits TEAM food pantry in Florissant to provide area residents with supplemental food and basic household items.

There were 3 divisions of competition, advanced, intermediate, and recreational with a total of 26 players. Mayor Schneider was on hand to help kick things off. A special thanks to the rules committee members Tim Gory with the City of Florissant Parks Board and Jason Robertson with Godfathers Disc Golf Crewe for their help.

*This year's winners:*

*Advanced – Tim Kaltenback (with a score of 77)*

*Intermediate – Jim Niebling (with a score of 86)*

*Recreational – Drew Cantrell (with a score of 83)*



## Florissant Resident Dave Estes Wins Second St. Louis City Championship Golf Tournament

Florissant resident Dave Estes, and a regular player at the Florissant Golf Club, won his second St. Louis City Championship, Senior Division at Forest Park municipal course on Sunday, July 31.

Estes, who shot 1-under-par 69 on the first day of competition and concluded with a 2-under-par 68 in the second, finished the two-day event with a 3-under par total of 137.

Estes and the other tournament's winners, Chad Niezing in the regular division and Terry Tessary in the Super Senior Division played in tribute to Bart Collida who is retiring as City Championship Director. Collida has been organizing championships in St. Louis for more than 50 years and is well known and well respected throughout the world of golf.

In an interview with the Post-Dispatch, Dave Estes remarked "He's been special," "This tournament combines a little bit of everyone...private club players, municipal players; you have people from all walks of life. That's what's neat about this. That's what makes this special, and it would have never happened without Bart."

In 2013 Estes won his first Men's Senior Division title. After winning this year's event he told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch "is a big surprise to me," "I have not been playing that often or that well, to be honest. But I played good the last two days. The (putting) surfaces (at Forest Park) were pretty darn good. (Almost as good as those at Florissant Golf Club). So, if you could get things going your way, the surfaces were good enough to make some (putts)." Estes, who plays regularly at the Florissant Golf Club, stated that "The putting surfaces at the Florissant Golf Club provide an excellent opportunity for all golfers to hone their short game skills"

Florissant Mayor Thomas Schneider, who oversees the only 18-hole municipal golf course in St. Louis County, said that "Mr. Estes has been kind enough to lend his time and ideas to assist the Florissant City Council/Administration's Golf Course planning committee. We are fortunate to have someone, with the ability to continue to win championships, help us with our golf-related, decision-making process."

Mayor Schneider would like to invite all area golfers to experience the Florissant Golf Course, perhaps you'll see Mr Estes or Mayor Schneider and pick up a few pointers!



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