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Florissant Focus

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Dectron Unit Installation Completed at Eagan Center



Mayor Thomas Schneider, Director of Public Works Louis Jearls, Ward 2 Councilman Tim Jones, Ward 4 Councilman Jeff Caputa, Ward 7 Councilwoman Jackie Pagano, Ward 8 Councilman Mark Schmidt and Director of Parks & Recreation Todd Schmidt with the Dectron unit at the Eagan Center.

One of the significant upgrades to the mechanical system at the James J. Eagan Civic Center was the recently completed installation of a Natatorium Dehumidification Component, or simply the "Dectron Unit".

The project utilized performance contracting to upgrade and improve major heat transferring aspects of our mechanical systems needed for the Ice Rink, Swimming Pool and HVAC equipment. It also addresses building envelope and lighting issues to achieve a more energy efficient building with significantly lower maintenance requirements.

Excessive heat and humidity in the swimming pool area are real concerns and can cause structural problems in the facility. This newly

installed equipment not only dehumidifies the air and provides better air quality in the swimming pool environment, it also recovers all the heat rejected from the dehumidification process and utilizes it for heat elsewhere in the facility. It also reclaims the water collected through the dehumidification process, heats the collected water with recycled energy, and returns it to the swimming pool.

Patrons will quickly notice a substantial increase in the comfort level of both the air quality and the water temperature in the J.J.E. Indoor Swimming Pool. This project will add many years of efficient enjoyment of the James J. Eagan Center amenities.

Save the Date... Valley of Flowers Festival

The list below highlights ways that YOU can be part of the 2017 Valley of Flowers Festival!

• Candidates are needed for the 2017 Valley of Flowers Queen and Court selection:

- Candidates must be a resident of the City of Florissant. Contact the Valley of Flowers for qualifications.

Candidate Application deadline is March 1, 2017.

• Parade Units are needed for the Parade on Sunday May 7, 2017:

- Motorized, Walking, and Marching Units are welcome. Contact the Valley of Flowers for Parade Rules

• Sponsors are needed to support the Festival:

(Contributions are needed by February 24, 2017 in order to be included in printed material. Contact Valley of Flowers for Sponsorship benefits. Valley of Flowers is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization.)

- Fleur di Lis Level - \$1,000.00

- Rose Level - \$500.00

- Daisy Level - \$250.00

- Friends of the Festival - \$100.00

• Eagan Center Booths:

(Applications are needed no later than April 4, 2017)

- Eagan Center Food Booth: \$100

- Eagan Center Craft Booth: \$75

- Eagan Center Informational Booth: \$50 for both days

- Off Site Booths: \$100.00 fee plus 5% of gross - permits are through Valley of Flowers. Application deadline for booths is April 3, 2017

All forms and parade rules are on our website under "Online Forms" or contact the office for more details.

For Information or to become a participant contact:

Valley of Flowers

601 St. Charles St.,

Florissant, MO 63031

Phone: 314-837-0033

Fax: 314-837-5504

Valley-of-flowers@sbcglobal.net

www.florissantvalleyofflowers.com

The Focus is Recognizing Inspiring Florissant Youth

With this issue of the Florissant Focus we will begin recognizing inspiring Florissant Youth.

Now we focus on Bridget Caldwell who was crowned USA National Miss Missouri in October 2016. She is a student at St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, and is a volunteer for many local organizations and charities such as H.E.R.O.E.S., Care, Flags of Valor, Honor Flight, and appeared in Florissant's Veterans Day Parade. When not serving her community and concentrating on her studies, she stays busy by practicing dance, and is a member of the competition dance team. She aspires to perform on Broadway someday, hopefully in CATS. This summer, 2017, Bridget will travel to Boca Raton, Florida to compete for the USA National Miss title as well as thousands of dollars in scholarships. The competition combines academic merit, community involvement, personal achievement, as well as pageantry in recognition of the excellence exhibited by the young women



across our Country.

If you know of a young man or woman you would like considered for the next issue of the Focus please send an email to kluster@florissantmo.com and put "Focus on Inspiring Youth" in the subject line.

Tourism and St. Patrick's Day Dinner at St. Ferdinand Shrine

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

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

Among the events is the upcoming Annual St. Patrick's Day Lunch on Thursday, March 17th. Serving of this delicious meal starts at 11:00am and lasts until about 4:00pm. Reservations are not needed but plan to attend early as the servings often begin to sell out near 5pm. Cost is \$9.00 per person, \$4.00 children. Carry-outs are available. Tours of the Shrine will also be available. A SPECIAL NOTE to our Catholic Patrons: Since St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday during Lent, the Archbishop has granted us special dispensation to eat meat on this day. But he does encourage us to choose another day in this week to abstain from meat.

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



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

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

For more information please visit their website:

www.oldstferdinandshrine.com

Did you know that Florissant has a Community Garden?



The Florissant Community Garden and Pollinator Park is welcoming the community to join in their efforts in growing healthy foods and learning about the importance of pollinators. The Florissant Community Garden and Pollinator Park is located behind the fire station at the corner of St. Charles St. and Rue St. Francois St.

The Community Garden consists of 30 raised beds, in ground growing space, a young fruit tree orchard and a natural prairie. You can come visit the garden at any time, volunteer

periodically, or join the garden and grow your own vegetables. Each garden member will have access to a 22' x 5' raised bed in which to grow whatever vegetables they like. Beds are available on a first come first serve basis.

To learn more about the Community Garden contact us on Facebook (Florissant Community Garden), via email at FlorissantCommunityGarden@gmail.com or by calling the Community Development Office at 314.839.7680.

Spring Cleaning Guidelines from your Environmental Quality Commission (EQC)

Aaahhhh Spring! With the emergence of Spring, as the beautiful Spring bouquet bursts forth, our own impetus to clean out the homestead roars like the lion. Remember to recycle what you can through our single stream recycling system. Reduce what goes into our overloaded landfills by recycling those electronics and hazardous wastes. There will be an Electronic Recycling Day in Florissant on April 8th at St. Ferdinand Park from 9a.m. to 1p.m.. MRC Recycling charges \$5 for monitors, \$10 for any Freon carrying units, \$5 for LED/LCD/Plasma T.V.'s, and \$30 to \$50 for CRT T.V.'s depending on size. Please bring cash or check to cover these costs. Batteries and light bulbs can be recycled at our "Cool City Business" Batteries Plus at 113 N Hwy 67, Florissant, MO 63031. And hazardous household items can be properly dealt with through our StL Household Hazardous Waste drop off center located at 4100 Seven Hills Dr., Florissant, MO 63033. Simply schedule your appointment to drop off your unused paint etc.. This link (<http://www.hhw-stl.com/reservations>) helps you make your reservation to drop off materials and helps you understand what is and what is not accepted. The Paper Shredding Event will be held at St. Ferdinand Park on



April 22nd from 9a.m. to noon. Thank you in advance from the EQC for helping us keep our beautiful city beautiful while preserving the planet as a whole. Enjoy the sunshine! It has been a long time coming.

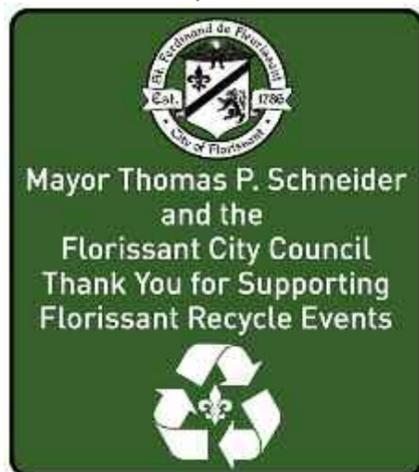
Electronics Recycling Event | Document Shredding Event

The City of Florissant along with Midwest Recycling Center is proud to announce an Electronics Recycling Event on **Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 9am to 1pm rain or shine at the rear parking lot of St. Ferdinand Park.**

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

Payment by Checks or Cash

- CRT Monitors = \$5.00 each
- CRT TV's 26" or less = \$30.00 each
- CRT TV's 27" or greater = \$50.00 each
- Wood Console and True Big Screen/Projection TV's = \$50.00 each
- LED/LCD/Plasma TV's = \$5.00 each
- Any Freon containing unit = \$10.00 each



The City of Florissant, Cintas Corporation and Meridian Waste will be sponsoring a Recycling Event on **Saturday, April 22, 2016 from 9am to 12pm rain or shine in the rear parking lot of St. Ferdinand Park.**

Documents to be shredded: tax papers, bank or financial records, tax records, credit card statements, invoices, anything with your name and address on it. There is no need to remove paper clips, binder clips or staples. *This will all be destroyed in a manner to which it cannot be recognized or recreated.* All paper will then be

recycled.

***NO 3 ring binders, hanging file folders, CD's, DVD's or hard bound books* OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

This year will be the 6th annual shredding event. Last year there was over 33,659 pounds of paper shredded! **We hope to see you there!**

A special "Thank You" to Cintas Document Management Company for professional shredding services and Meridian Waste Services for donating the cardboard recycle dumpsters.

Leadership & Members of Your City Council

<p>Council President Ward 7</p> <p>Jackie Bond Pagano 314-837-1315 ward7@florissantmo.com</p>	
<p>Council Vice President Ward 4</p> <p>Jeff Caputa 314-239-1568 ward4@florissantmo.com</p>	
<p>Ward 1</p> <p>Tim Lee 314-837-8875 ward1@florissantmo.com</p>	
<p>Ward 2</p> <p>Tim Jones 314-220-8227 ward2@florissantmo.com</p>	
<p>Ward 3</p> <p>Joseph Eagan 314-395-6838 ward3@florissantmo.com</p>	
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<p>Ward 6</p> <p>Gerard Henke 314-831-1180 ward6@florissantmo.com</p>	
<p>Ward 8</p> <p>Mark Schmidt 314-838-7410 ward8@florissantmo.com</p>	
<p>Ward 9</p> <p>Tommy Siam 314-757-2594 ward9@florissantmo.com</p>	

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 595-3640.

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Greetings Everyone-

Welcome to the first edition of the Mayor's Message in the Florissant Focus for 2017. I would like to share news about the progress in our beautiful city and what we can look forward to in the next couple of months.

Please join the Administration in an initiative to kick off a **pre Valley of Flowers Spring Cleaning Campaign to recapture the spirit of the original Valley of Flowers**. The original idea was to clean up, spruce up, fix up the city culminating in what has become the Valley of Flowers Festival. The Festival theme this year is "The Wonders of the World" and the theme for the spring cleanup, spruce up, fix up will be "Our Wonderful Clean City" which will run from the March 18th Trash Bash to the Valley of Flowers Festival.

We will kick off the "Our Wonderful Clean City" campaign with the 9th Annual Confluence Trash Bash on Saturday, March 18th from 8 am till 1 pm; the Florissant location will be at Sunset Park, starting at the lower pavilion. Volunteers are needed to walk the park along the riverfront to clean up trash and debris to keep our watersheds clean. Individual volunteers, civic groups, and youth organizations are encouraged to attend; no experience is required, all are welcome. Volunteers are asked to dress for the weather, bring gloves, and a water bottle. Breakfast will be provided at 8:00 am before the start of the event. We will also be asking all of our stake holders to find ways to be involved and anticipate that activity will accelerate the closer we get to the VOF. To volunteer please call City Engineer Tom Goldkamp at 314-839-7643.

Two other annual events will be part of this effort. The **Electronic Recycling Event**, sponsored by Midwest Recycling Center, is scheduled for Saturday April 8th from 9am to 1 pm. This event is open to nonresidents after 11 am. The **Document Shredding Day**, for residents only, is sponsored by Cintas and Meridian Waste Solutions, Inc. and will be held right after tax season on Saturday, April 22nd from 9am to 12pm. Both of these popular events will be held at St. Ferdinand Park and more information will follow as the events get closer. Neighborhood spring cleaning events to remove old newspapers and the like are encouraged and organizers are asked to coordinate with City Engineer Tom Goldkamp at 314-839-7643.

The first **Florissant Food Truck Knight** will hold on Friday, April 21st sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the City with future food truck nights scheduled for June 16th, August 18th and October 13th. 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. To donate much needed funds to Team please write a check payable to TEAM and mail it to 265 St. Catherine St. Florissant MO 63031.

The **Park Police Program** has been a great success resulting in positive direct interaction between our officers and the public enhancing the great relationship our Police have with our citizens. **The high degree of visibility of our uniform police officer's in our parks and at our events has resulted in residents sharing with me that they feel a sense of safety and personal security while they enjoy our recreation facilities and attend our many community gatherings.** This program has also resulted in positive Police Officer interaction with our citizens, especially our youth which fosters mutual respect and trust.

Every Citizen can be the eyes and ears of the Florissant Police Dept. If you see something suspicious, call the Police Department immediately at 314-831-7000 or use 911 in an emergency. Your assistance to help us achieve our low crime rate has been and will continue to be appreciated by all the men and women of the Police Department. Our new Community Police Officer (Police Dept. Spokesperson) **Steve Michael** joins Chief Timothy Lowery and me to thank you for your assistance. We encourage you to become a part of the **Neighborhood Watch Program**. For information on how to start one please call 314-830-6042.

Street Work - The Public Works Department is preparing to do \$3,350,000 in street work this year 2017 which includes \$927,000 in slurry seal resurfacing work on 130+ different streets throughout the City, \$589,000 in concrete pavement replacement and repairs on 34+ streets, and \$1,834,000 in major street repairs with an asphalt overlay on 13+ different streets. Major street repairs will begin in early spring. Thanks to the passage of Prop S last November 2015 Florissant has street maintenance funds available. These funds will be used this year to make improvements to 11 different streets plus major improvements to Keeven Lane and St. Marie Street which will include all new curbs, gutters, and asphalt overlay and other needed improvements.

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

- Design work is nearing completion for the replacement of St. Anthony Lane Bridge over Fountain Creek a \$550,000 project which will be constructed this summer.

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

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

The City has partnered with MODOT and has been awarded another 80 percent federally funded reimbursement grant to make improvements to the intersection of St. Ferdinand St. and N. Highway 67 ... the main entrance to our St. Ferdinand Park ... primarily to ease congestion entering and exiting St. Ferdinand Park and to improve safety and pedestrian access.

The City has finalized a **comprehensive energy efficiency project at our James J. Eagan Center**. Please see the article on this in this edition of the Focus.

FLORISSANT HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - the City of Florissant's Community Development Office will have applications available for the Home Improvement Program beginning Monday, April 3, 2017. Applications can be found by visiting www.florissant-mo.com/cd/blockgrant.shtml or the Community Development Office located in the Government Building at 1055 rue St. Francois. Completed applications will be accepted Monday, May 1, 2017 on a "First-Come-First Serve" basis until all funds have been awarded. For additional information contact the Community Development Office at 839-7622 or 839-7679.

HERO PROGRAM - the City of Florissant has joined the Missouri Clean Energy District this past December 2016 by adopting Ordinance No. 8286. This ordinance is known as "The City of Florissant, Missouri Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACER) Ordinance". This enables qualifying property owners, both residential and commercial, to apply for favorable financing to make energy efficient improvements or renewable energy improvements to their property. **The Home Energy Renovation Opportunity (HERO) program** is the PACER program offered by Renovate America to help home owners confidently upgrade their homes with energy-efficient and renewable energy renovations. Upgrades include energy efficient HVAC systems, windows, doors, skylights, water heaters, weatherization, insulation, lighting fixtures and many many more. More information can be found at www.MCED.MO.GOV (Missouri Clean Energy District).

Look for a **great schedule of Parks and Recreation activities** in this Focus and in our spring 2017 **Parks & Recreation Guide** magazine available now at City

Hall and at both recreation centers.

We are pleased with the improvements at the **Florissant Golf Club** made by **Course Superintendent Andy Sprunt** has modified our 18-hole championship golf course into a beautiful facility to appeal to golfers of all skill levels. Andy hails from Great Britain, the home of golf, and has brought a taste of the old country to his adopted new home. Please join me in congratulating Andrew Sprunt on becoming an American Citizen last year.

Long time Florissant resident and Metro, State and National Amateur golf competitor Dave Estes has a long list of scratch golf accomplishments including qualifying for National events and winning local championships. He says that he and his wife Sandy are grateful to live in Florissant and proud to call Florissant Golf Club their home course. Dave and Sandy have played them all and they feel that our greens are among the best and that Florissant Golf Club offers public golf at its finest level.

Florissant Golf Club manager Don Ryan and our customer friendly staff put customer service at the forefront of your golfing experience. With our large deck and banquet room we can handle any size golf outing. For a TEE TIME or to book your next special golf event contact **the Florissant Golf Club at 314-741-7444 or visit www.florissantgolfclub.com.**

Theater - Our very own 600 seat Gary Gaydos Florissant Civic Center Theater has season tickets available for purchase to see the outstanding shows coming to Florissant. Please see the Theater section of this newspaper to see the schedule of productions and shows this season. Get season tickets by visiting the FCC Theater box office or call 314-921-5678.

The Senior Office is in full swing with many activities, trips and dances coming up including the **St. Patrick's Day Party on March 16th**. Remember to wear your GREEN!

On March 21st at the Sunset Park Nature Lodge a representative from CHAMP ASSISTANCE Dog will give a presentation to Florissant seniors. The event is free and will start at 1:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

I am pleased to announce that the Senior Office has partnered again with the Memory Care Home Solutions, Bent-Wood Nursing & Rehabilitation St. Catherine Retirement Center, and Life Care Centers to host the 3rd Annual Free Aging My Way Resource Fair on Tuesday, April 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 12noon at the James J. Eagan Center. For further information on all these events contact Peggy Hogan the Senior Coordinator at 314-839-7604.

We have **great activities lined up for our Youth**; 5th through 8th grade students sign up for the **5th Annual Party on the Ice! Join us on Friday March 3rd from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** at Eagan Center Ice Rink for one last skate. Enjoy a DJ, soda, pizza and plenty of good times. Tickets are now on sale and a resident card is required to purchase tickets. This is the 1st DARE event in 2017 to be followed by Splish-Splash on July 14, Halloween Costume Party at JFK October 20th, and the 29th Project Lift-Off Holiday Party December 2. These exciting youth events compliment and promote our D.A.R.E. program (Drug awareness and Resistance Education) taught in most 5th grade classes in Florissant.

Snack with the Easter Bunny and Easter Egg Hunt Ages 12 & under will be on April 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the James J. Eagan Center. Children can enjoy a few fun activities and visit with the Easter Bunny before heading outside for an Easter Egg Hunt. Tickets are \$1 or bring in 1 non-perishable canned good.

The 5th annual **Old St. Ferdinand Shrine Benefit Dinner** on January 29th that was held at Kemoll's Restaurant was sold out and successful in raising awareness and much needed funds to preserve our most precious heritage property. (Where Famous Pioneer Jesuit Peter DeSmet was ordained in the presence of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne) We are grateful for the willingness of the Archdiocese of St. Louis to review the relevance and importance of the Shrine and to allow use of the Shrine for the sacraments of matrimony and baptism giving it a renewed relevance in the lives of the



people who appreciate the deep faith based roots in Florissant. In addition to its religious significance the Shrine has great historical significance and its importance as a pilgrimage and tourist destination increases the number of visitors to the oldest City in the County. For more information visit their website www.oldstferdinandshrine.com

We have had robust **Economic Development** success which continued in 2016. 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:

- **Total Urgent Care** @ Lindbergh at St. Jean will open their location very soon
- **Irma Jeans Family Restaurant & Sports Bar** opened recently the former **Deaver's** location at the Shoppes at Koch Park.
- **First Collinsville Bank** will soon open a new facility in the former **Bloomer's Florist** on New Halls Ferry
- **Jewel Banquet Center** closed with Commercial Bank and will open soon in the former **Yac's** restaurant.
- **Regions Bank** is building a new facility on Lindbergh near **Dierberg's**
- **McAllister's Deli** will open a new restaurant in the former **Bob Evans** location
- **Signature Sandwich**, affiliated with Max's Meats, opened in January 2017 in the **Train Depot** building next to our newly renovated Tower Park Tennis Courts.
- **Raising Canes** will build a new restaurant on Lindbergh at the Eastern end of Surrey Plaza II next to Cross Keys Shopping Center.
- **D'Vita Dialysis** will open a new facility in the former **Beauty Brands** location in Cross Keys.

There are other exciting projects that are in the Due Diligence and Planning Phase that we are working with Developers to help them assemble the property to locate even more exciting new venues to the Beautiful City.

Since October 2016 - February 2017... 16 New Commercial Businesses & 7 Residential Businesses have opened.

It is with sadness that I announce the passing of two great Florissant women Lois Koch and Gretchen Crank. Former First Lady of Florissant, Lois Koch, was the wife of Mayor Henry Koch who was the first full time Mayor from 1960 to 1963 and the last Mayor under the 1857 Charter. Gretchen Crank helped save the Myers House, became president of Historic Florissant to preserve the Gettemeier House and was on many other Historical Preservation Commissions. **Both Lois and Gretchen were faithful volunteers for many years helping a long line of City Clerks to preserve the archives of their beloved City of Florissant.** On behalf of the City we extend our sympathy and gratitude to both families.

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

Sincerely,
Mayor Schneider

Police Department Announces Retirements

Chief Tim Lowery and the entire Florissant Police Department wishes to congratulate and thank Police Officer's Dave Houghton and Lori Bethmann, Seargents: Tom Rienbold, Mike Mahaffy, and Kevin Boschert as well as Dispatcher Claudia Pennington for their many years of service.



Sgt. Mike Mahaffy

Started 11-17-1980 Retired 12-31-2016 after 36 years of service.

Sgt. Mahaffy was raised in the St. Louis area and lives in the City of Florissant with his wife and three children. Sgt. Mahaffy began his Law Enforcement career in 1977, attending the Greater St. Louis Police Academy, graduating in 1978. Sgt. Mahaffy started with the Florissant Police Department in November 1980, being promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2002.

During his career Sgt. Mahaffy has received specialized training in Criminal Investigation, Narcotics Investigation, Drug Recognition Expert, Traffic Investigation and Accident Reconstruction, Tactical Response, Firearms Instructor and Armorer, Police Supervision, and Hostage Negotiation.

Sgt. Mahaffy has been assigned to the Bureau of Field Operations, Bureau of Investigations, Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis, The Metropolitan Enforcement Group- Northeast, and Drug Enforcement Task Force.

Sgt. Mahaffy retired as a supervisor of the Florissant Police Department Bureau of Support Services, a team of School resource officers, code enforcement, DARE, and Traffic safety. Thank you Sergeant Mahaffy for your dedication to the City of Florissant!



Sgt. Kevin Boschert

Started 11-19-1980 Retire 03-07-2017 after 34 years of service.

Boschert had a break in service.

Sergeant Boschert began his law enforcement career in August of 1977 as a dispatcher with the Olivette (MO) Police Department. In February of 1978 he was commissioned as

a police officer and entered the Greater St. Louis Police Academy. He completed his basic recruit training graduating in March of 1978. During his time with Olivette he was assigned to the Uniformed Patrol Division.

In November of 1980 he was hired by Florissant (MO) Police Department and assigned to the Bureau of Field Operations as uniformed patrol officer. During his career with Florissant he has held a variety of assignments; Traffic Officer, Juvenile Detective, member of the Tactical Response Team, Administrative Aide to the Chief of Police, D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. instructor in schools, and a School Resource Officer (SRO).

He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in December of 1999 and assigned to the Bureau of Field Operations as a road supervisor and later assigned the Crime Prevention Unit as a Public Information Officer (PIO). He retires as a Sergeant in the Bureau of Field Operations. Sgt. Boschert is also the Director of Emergency Management for the City of Florissant.

Sergeant Boschert officiated various levels of ice hockey over a 35 year career, including 13 years as a linesman at the professional minor league level. He was inducted into the St. Louis Amateur Hockey Hall of Fame in 2010. Thank you Sergeant Boschert for your dedication to the City of Florissant!



Sgt. Tom Reinbold

Started 01-02-1980 Retired 12-31-2016 after 37 years of service.

Sergeant Reinbold started with the Florissant Police department in January of 1980. From there on Sergeant Reinbold worked in the Bureau of Field Operations as a patrol officer. Sergeant Reinbold received training as a Field Training Officer and helped train many new Florissant Police officers. Sergeant Reinbold eventually became part of the Mobile Reserve Unit, a team that focuses certain areas of need throughout the city. Sergeant Reinbold was promoted to the rank of Sergeant from the Mobile Reserve Unit. Throughout his career Sergeant Reinbold has received numerous commendations. Thank you Sergeant Reinbold for your dedication to the City of Florissant!



Police Officer Lori Bethmann

Started 10-01-1984 Retired 12-31-2016 after 32 years of service.

Officer Bethmann started with the Florissant Police Department in October of 1984. In her career at the Florissant Police Department, Officer Bethmann worked as a DARE officer and eventually moved to the detective bureau. Officer Bethmann was also an advisor for the Florissant Police Department explorer program. Officer Bethmann worked as a K-9 officer in which she developed a K-9 community service program with her K-9 partner Eddie. During her time with the Florissant Police Department Officer Bethmann received the Medal of Valor, numerous awards, commendations and letters of appreciation. Thank you Officer Bethmann, for your dedication to The City of Florissant!



Dispatcher Claudia Pennington

Started 03-19-1979 Retired 12-31-2016 after 37 years of service.

Claudia Pennington started with the Florissant Police Department in March of 1979. Throughout her 37 years of service Claudia received numerous commendations and letters of appreciation. She also received a certificate of merit. Thank you, Claudia Pennington, for your dedication to the City of Florissant!

New Public Information Officer

My name is Steve Michael and I am excited to announce that I am now the Florissant Police Department's Public Information Officer. I have been with the Florissant Police Department since 2008. Since then I have been assigned to Bureau of Field Operations, patrol division as well as the department's Bureau of Support Services division; traffic safety unit.

This year I will have a total of twenty years of law enforcement. I have a great deal of experience serving this community and am looking forward to this new chapter in my career.



Chief Lowery Announces Promotions

Chief Lowery would like to congratulate Detective Jarrod Coder and Detective Tony Mocca on their promotion to sergeant. Both will be assigned to the Bureau of Field Operations as supervisors.



Summons of Joy

The Florissant Police Department in partnership with North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice worked together on a Project called "Summons of Joy" during the Holiday season.

Seven area churches donated \$6,200 to this program which was turned into 62 \$100 gift cards. These gift cards were given out to people that the Florissant Police department felt would need a little extra help during the Holidays instead of a traditional summons for a violation. All of the recipients were unaware that they would be receiving a gift card instead of summons to appear in court.

This program was very successful in helping the Police Department connect with the



community that we serve and give back during the Holiday Season. The Officers that handed out the cards were elated at the positive response that they received when they gave out the gift cards. All

the officers involved expressed interest in doing the program again next year.

Chief Lowery said, "I would like to thank all the men and women of the Florissant Police

Department who participated in this project as well as the area churches who donated money for this effort. It is important that we show our continuous support to the community that we serve."



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Is it Too Early to Have an Air Conditioning Check-Up?

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The answer is "Yes!", and here are a few reasons why...

Technician Availability: The transition between winter cold and summer heat is one of the less busy times of the year for HVAC technicians. The emergency service calls of winter have tapered off. Fewer emergencies makes it easier to arrange a time for your maintenance service that is more convenient for you.

Weather Surprises Won't Cause you Discomfort: During March and April, weather is usually unpredictable. Your heating system may be in good shape due to winter use, but your AC system might not be ready for a crazy spring heat wave. An early AC check-up will ensure that a surprise heat wave will not have you in a panic for cooling. An early AC check-up will help ensure that your comfort will not be in question.

Save Money by Planning Ahead: Over the past summer, your air conditioner had plenty of time to develop issues that reduced its energy inefficient. A surprise hot spell in the



early spring could raise your energy bill if your AC system is not running at peak efficiency. An early maintenance check will help ensure that your system is running at peak efficiency as soon as it is needed.

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MARCH

**Florissant Fine Arts Council Presents:*

Churchill

Starring Andrew Edlin

Mar. 12 – 2:00 p.m.

It is April 1955. Churchill, aged 80, agonizes in his wartime bunker below London. After dinner with the Queen and Prince Philip, Churchill must decide whether to resign as Prime Minister. The Cold War is gathering pace. He does not trust his successor. Churchill is tired, forgetting names and losing his grip. As he tries to decide what to do, he reviews his unique life, filled with history-changing events and people, glorious speeches, pithy comments and funny stories. Andrew Edlin's powerful performance includes iconic speeches, private revelations, witty stories and brilliant commentary.

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

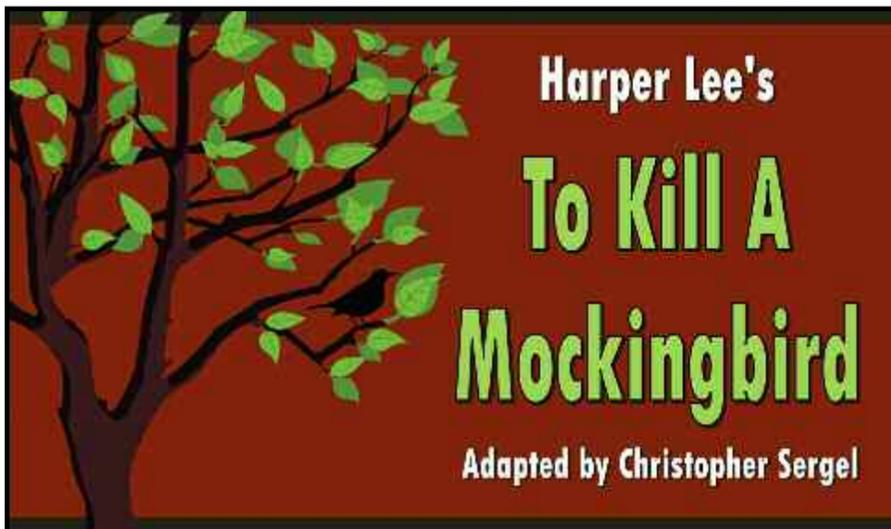


Alpha Players present:

To Kill A Mockingbird

Mar. 10 – 7:30 p.m. Mar. 11 – 7:30 p.m. Mar. 17 – 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 18 – 7:30 p.m. Mar. 19 – 2:00 p.m.



It has been more than half a century since *To Kill A Mockingbird* was first published, but Harper Lee's story of racial tension and childhood interrupted by the ugly confusions of the adult world has not lost its power to captivate! It is 1935. Scout, a young girl living in the tired old town of Maycomb, Alabama, is about to experience a summer that will affect the rest of her life. Scout lives with her brother Jem, their widowed father Atticus - a lawyer - and their housekeeper Calpurnia. Atticus has been appointed to defend Tom Robinson, a black man who has been accused of assaulting a young white woman. Through courage and compassion, Atticus seeks justice for Tom while his feisty daughter Scout's eyes are opened to the cold-hearted adult side of her community. This is a story as moving and magical as you could ever hope to find.

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

Hawthorne Players Musical Auditions:

Once Upon A Mattress

March 25

Please visit the Hawthorne Players' website www.hawthorneplayers.info for additional information and an audition form.



**The Florissant Fine Arts Council presents the Applause/Applause 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.*

***The St. Louis Family Theatre Series gratefully acknowledges financial support from the City of Florissant, American Eagle Credit Union, Missouri Arts Council (a state agency), and the Regional Arts Commission.*

APRIL

Hawthorne Players present:

Love Letters

Mar. 31 – 7:30 p.m.

Apr. 1 – 7:30 p.m.

Apr. 2 – 2:00 p.m.

Apr. 7 – 7:30 p.m.

Apr. 8 – 7:30 p.m.

Apr. 9 – 2:00 p.m.



Andy and Melissa, both born to wealth and position, are childhood friends, whose lifelong correspondence begins with birthday party thank-you notes and summer camp postcards. They continue to exchange letters through the boarding school and college years. Andy's last letter, written to Melissa's mother, makes it eloquently clear how much they really meant, and gave to, each other over the years—physically apart, perhaps, but spiritually as close as only true lovers can be.

ADMISSION: \$18.00 Adults; \$16.00 Seniors/Students; Group rates available
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**Florissant Fine Arts Council Presents:*

Men Are From Mars Women Are From Venus...Live!

With Peter Story

Apr. 2 – 7:00 p.m.

This one-man fusion of theatre and stand-up is based on the New York Times # 1 best-selling book of the last decade by John Gray. Moving swiftly through a series of vignettes, the show covers everything from dating and marriage to the bedroom. Sexy and fast-paced, this show is definitely for adults. It's a great recipe for a night out: a little storytelling blended with some comedy and a dash of sage wisdom from the book.

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Next Generation Theatre Company Presents:

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April 21 & 22



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Apr. 23 – 2:30 p.m.



Derek was born and raised in Florissant, and will grace the very same stage he performed on in high school (Hello Dolly, Music Man, and many other performances). Special guests and surprises planned! Derek currently lives in Texas and has been touring in Texas for the past six years! Derek has opened for Mark Chesnutt, Jo Dee Messina, Josh Turner, Kansas, Clint Black, Tracy Lawrence, Dierks Bentley and many, many other top grade artists!

For information and reservations: www.derekanthony.net or www.showclix.com

MAY

Alpha Players present:

Harvey

May 19 – 7:30 p.m. May 20 – 7:30 p.m.

May 26 – 7:30 p.m. May 27 – 7:30 p.m. May 28 – 2:00 p.m.

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**What's Smarter -
Paying Off Debts or Investing?**

If you're just starting out in your career, you will need to be prepared to face some financial challenges along the way - but here's one that's not unpleasant: choosing what to do with some extra disposable income. When this happens, what should you do with the money? Your decisions could make a real difference in your ability to achieve your important financial goals.

Under what circumstances might you receive some "found" money? You could get a year-end bonus from your employer, or a sizable tax refund, or even an inheritance. However the money comes to you, don't let it "slip through your fingers." Instead, consider these two moves: investing the money or using it to pay off debts.

Which of these choices should you pick? There's no one "right" answer, as everyone's situation is different. But here are a few general considerations:

- Distinguish between "good" and "bad" debt. Not all types of debt are created equal. Your mortgage, for example, is probably a "good" form of debt. You're using the loan for a valid purpose - i.e., living in your house - and you likely get a hefty tax deduction for the interest you pay. On the other hand, nondeductible consumer debt that carries a high interest rate might be considered "bad" debt - and this is the debt you might want to reduce or eliminate when you receive some extra money. By doing so, you can free up money to save and invest for retirement or other goals.

- Compare making extra mortgage payments vs. investing. Many of us get some psychological benefits by making extra house payments. Yet, when you do have some extra money, putting it toward your house may not be the best move. For one

thing, as mentioned above, your mortgage can be considered a "good" type of debt, so you may not need to rush to pay it off. And from an investment standpoint, your home is somewhat "illiquid" - it's not always easy to get money out of it. If you put your extra money into traditional investments, such as stocks and bonds, you may increase your growth potential, and you may gain an income stream through interest payments and dividends.

- Consider tax advantages of investing. Apart from your mortgage, your other debts likely won't provide you with any tax benefits. But you can get tax advantages by putting money into certain types of investment vehicles, such as a traditional or Roth IRA. When you invest in a traditional IRA, your contributions may be deductible, depending on your income, and your money grows on a tax-deferred basis. (Keep in mind that taxes will be due upon withdrawals, and any withdrawals you make before you reach 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.) Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, but your earnings are distributed tax-free, provided you don't take withdrawals until you reach 59½ and you've had your account at least five years.

Clearly, you've got some things to ponder when choosing whether to use "extra" money to pay off debts or invest. Of course, it's not always an "either-or" situation; you may be able to tackle some debts and still invest for the future. In any case, use this money wisely - you weren't necessarily counting on it, but you can make it count for you.

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WHEN: Thursday, March 16, 2017

WHERE: James J. Eagan Center

TIME: 10:00am – 2:00pm

COST: \$10.00 residents, \$15.00 non-residents

TICKETS: Ticket sales will begin on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 for residents with a current resident card. If there are tickets remaining, starting on Monday, March 6, through Monday, March 13, tickets will be sold to residents AND non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.



St Louis Cardinal Party & Bingo

Go Cards! Let's celebrate Cardinal Baseball! Outstanding performers, Scott & Karl, will entertain us and we'll have Fredbird fly in and pay us a visit! We'll enjoy a baseball lunch, attendance prizes, chances to win a Pot of Gold and Gift Baskets and we'll top it off with Bingo!

WHEN: Thursday, May 18, 2017

WHERE: James J. Eagan Center

TIME: 10:00am – 2:00pm

COST: \$10.00 residents, \$15.00 non-residents

TICKETS: Ticket sales will begin Monday, April 24, 2017 for residents with a current resident card. If there are tickets remaining, starting on Monday, May 8 through May 15, 2017, tickets will be sold to residents AND non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.



Italianfest Dinner/Dance

Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Johnny Mathis, Perry Como, Sammy Davis, Jr. – LAMAR PILSING will sing songs from all these artists and more! First enjoy a delicious Italian Dinner of Chicken Parmesan, Pasta con Broccoli, Italian Salad, Rolls, Butter & Dessert. Then sit back and listen to this wonderful performance or dance the night away!

WHEN: Friday Night, April 21st, 2017

WHERE: James J. Eagan Center

TIME: 5:00pm – 9:00pm

COST: \$12.00 residents, \$15.00 non-residents includes admission, dancing, dinner, & light snacks. Beer, wine & soda will be available for purchase.

TICKETS: There will be no ticket sales at the door. Tickets go on sale for residents AND non-residents beginning Monday, March 27, 2017 and continuing through Tuesday, April 18th, 2017 in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.



Senior Citizen Speaking Event

2017 SPEAKER SERIES: CHAMP Assistance Dogs Presentation. Learn how CHAMP Therapy Dog Teams meet over 1700 people a month during scheduled visits to over 80 locations! See the incredible joy that these special dogs provide the people in the St. Louis Area.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 21, 2017

WHERE: The Lodge in Sunset Park

TIME: 1:00pm

COST: Free, but you must call, 839-7605, starting on Monday February 27TH, 2017 to make a reservation. Refreshments will be served.



Attention All Senior Citizens!

THE 2017 AGING MY WAY RESOURCE FAIR



The City of Florissant has partnered with Memory Care Home Solutions, Bent-Wood Nursing & Rehabilitation, St. Catherine Retirement Community, and Mercy Health Services to provide this FREE event for all North County Senior Citizens called the "THE 2017 AGING MY WAY RESOURCE FAIR". Gift cards will be raffled, there will be give-a-ways at the booths, free donuts & coffee will be served, and there will be over 75 booths of Senior Citizen Information. The goal of this fair is to provide information and resources to Senior Citizens who are "Aging in Place" in their homes and Senior Citizens who are considering Senior Living Options such as Retirement Communities, Assisted Living and Long-Term Care Facilities.

This is a FREE event for all North County Residents. No ticket or reservation needed. THE 2017 AGING MY WAY RESOURCE FAIR will be Tuesday, April 4, 2017 from 9:00am - 12:00noon at the James J. Eagan Center, #1 James Eagan Drive, Florissant, MO 63033. Call the Florissant Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

Helpful Phone Numbers

Listed below are phone numbers Senior Citizens may find helpful:

- Department of Revenue in Florissant: 314-325-1004. At 650 North Hwy 67, 63031. Driver's License Bureau
- Elder Abuse & Neglect Hotline: 1-800-392-0210. 24 hour toll-free. If you suspect a senior is being abused or financially exploited
- CLAIM: 1-800-390-3330 Organization providing free, unbiased information about Medicare
- NO-CALL #'s: Missouri: 1-866-662-2551. National: 1-888-382-1222. To reduce telemarketing calls
- Federal Agencies & Programs Information Line: 1-800-333-4636. Call this number to find the right Federal Agency
- Internal Revenue Service: 1-800-908-4490. to REPORT an IRS scam
- Internal Revenue Service: 1-800-839-1040. Consumers with questions about whether a contact from the IRS is authentic
- Missouri Veterans Commission: 1-866-838-4636. to see what benefits and services are available for eligible veterans & their spouses
- Social Security Fraud Hotline: 1-800-269-0271. To Report the improper use of your Social Security Number to the Social Security Administration.

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SENIORS EVENTS SCHEDULE

MARCH

- 9 - Silver Words Club Mtg, Senior Dining Center, visit from Clara Barton, Founder of the Red Cross, 1:30 – 3:30, Ticket sales begin for Arch Riverboat Cruise
- 16 - St. Patrick's Party & Bingo, Eagan Center, 10:00-2:00, Corned Beef & Cabbage Lunch, Attendance Prices & Bingo! Beautiful Irish Dancers will entertain
- 21 - SPEAKER SERIES at the Nature Lodge: 1:00pm CHAMP ASSISTANCE DOGS
- 27 - Ticket sales begin in Senior Office for Italian Fest Dinner/Dance (April 21)

APRIL

- 4 - SENIOR CITIZEN RESOURCE FAIR, Eagan Ctr, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
- 6 - TRIP: Riverboat Cruise & Mamas on the Hill
- 14 - City Offices Closed – Good Friday
- 21 - Italian Fest Dinner/Dance, 5-9pm, Italian Dinner, Lamar Pilsing singing Frank Sinatra & Dean Martin, etc.
- 24 - Ticket sales begin in Senior Office for Cardinal Party (May 18)
- 25 - Ticket sales begin in Senior Office for Science Center Trip

Trips

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WHEN: Thursday, April 6, 2017

TIME: 10:30am - 3:30pm

COST: \$42.00 residents, \$44.00 non-residents which includes transportation, lunch at Mama's, and the Riverboat Cruise.

TICKETS: This is a Silver Words Club Trip: Tickets go on sale first to Silver Words Club Members only at the Silver Words Club Meeting on Thursday, March 9th, 2017. If there are tickets remaining, tickets will go on sale in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall on Friday, March 10, 2017 for residents AND non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for ticket availability or more information.

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WHEN: Tuesday, May 23, 2017

TIME: 9:15am - 3:15pm

COST: \$28.00 residents, \$30.00 non-residents which includes transportation, Omnimax Film, Planetarium Film and Boxed Lunch

TICKETS: Ticket sales begin on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 to residents only with a current resident card in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. If there are tickets remaining, on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 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 more information. This trip requires a lot of walking.

Do You Qualify for these Cost Reductions?

Metropolitan Sewer District offers a 50 percent rate reduction to qualified single senior citizens earning less than \$29,700 or married seniors earning less than \$40,050. Call MSD at 1-866-281-5737 to see if you qualify.

If you are over 60, and live in the city limits of Florissant, you may be eligible for half price trash service from Florissant's Trash Hauler, **Meridian Waste**. Call 314-227-7000 to see if you qualify.

The **State of Missouri** has a **MORX program** that pays 50% of your out-of-pocket costs on medications that are covered by your Medicare Part D Plan. This program will save you 50% on your deductible and 50% on your co-pays if you are single with an income of \$21,660 (or less) or married with an income of \$29,140 (or less). Call the State of Missouri RX Program at 1-800-375-1406 to see if you qualify.



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A queen will be crowned, as well as a 1st and 2nd runner-up selected. After the pageant, all participants are invited to become members of the Missouri Pageant Alumnae Club which is dedicated to enriching the lives of all seniors by performing showcases at senior and veteran facilities throughout the St. Louis metro area.

For more information, contact Susan Pellegrino at msmosenior@gmail.com or 314-640-5789. www.msmissourisenior.org



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Spring Street Work

This spring, City crews will begin this season's maintenance of replacing deteriorating concrete slabs and patching other areas that need repair with hot asphalt mix.

The Street Department continues to do the excavation work on all sewer lateral repairs for residents under the Sewer Lateral Insurance Program (SLIP).



When work is being done in your area, keep safety in mind. Drive slow and use caution. At times, there will be detours and weather related delays that cannot be avoided. Please be patient and be courteous to the workers. Everyone's safety is our main concern.

For more information, you can contact the Florissant Street Department at 314-839-7652.

Living In Harmony with Wildlife Tips for Preventing Conflicts



The City of Florissant encourages its residents and neighbors to live in harmony with wildlife. As suburban sprawl continues to displace wild animals, some conflicts with humans are inevitable. However, many can be avoided with little effort and planning.

The city's Health Department offers the following tips on preventing conflicts with our wild neighbors:

- The smell of garbage is a huge attraction to wildlife. Keep lids on trash containers and secured at all times. Store containers in garage if possible, especially overnight. Make sure to sanitize your containers often. Don't leave pet food outside, pick-up what your pet does not eat and remove animal waste from property daily.
- Clean below bird feeders, as seed can attract scavengers such as raccoons and skunks, squirrels, rats, etc.
- Pick up fruit as soon as it has fallen from the trees.
- Trim back overgrowth and any branches that overhang the roof. These branches provide easy access to your roof, vents and eventually the attic.
- Remove brush piles / yard waste from your property.
- Check your deck and block or screen off any entry points that allow wildlife access.
- Check your roof eaves, overhangs, vents, chimney stacks and even cracks around your windows or pipes that lead into the house. Caulk, screen, or make repairs if needed to prevent wildlife from entering your home.
- Make sure your chimney is capped or screened.
- Keep your lawn grub-free and you will prevent raccoons, skunks, moles, and opossums from tearing up your lawn to feast on them.
- Sprinkle plants with Epsom salts or cayenne pepper to deter wildlife from feasting on them.
- If a wild animal has made a nest on your property, you can try placing ammonia soaked rags near the nest site, shine a light continuously on the nest site and place a radio nearby tuned to loud music. In most cases, the parent will be encouraged to move the young elsewhere.

Be advised, trapping and relocating wildlife is not a solution. If your yard or home is appealing to wildlife and an animal is trapped and relocated, another animal will most likely take its place. The best long term solution is to keep your property in good repair and use appropriate and humane deterrents to discourage wildlife from taking up residence.

News from the Florissant Golf Club...



Experience Public Golf at It's Finest!

2017 Florissant Golf Club Superintendents Agronomic and Renovation Plans

Ladies and Gentlemen, patrons of Florissant and Guests to our Golf Club,

We are very enthusiastic and committed to the 2017 golf season with new golf course renovations scheduled again this year.

We have made numerous bunker and tee renovations to the golf course in the past four years to maximize the design and appeal of this golf course for all skill levels. This included adding some length to maximize the shot enjoyment value for low handicappers while replacing some bunkers with attractive contoured grassy mounds and drop offs for all to enjoy.

With new tournaments scheduled this year due to the leadership and tournament recruiting finesse of Don Ryan, I will continue to raise the bar on the presentation of this great golf course as befitting the reputation of "North County golf at its finest".

Numbers 7, 11 and 12 will be enhanced this year including some reshaping, re-contouring and re-bunkering on two of the holes. (Your curiosity about the details is our delight and will only be satisfied if you come see for yourself) I believe these renovations will add challenge and beauty to these three holes. Also, many drainage problematic areas will be addressed. Fairway renovations will be an ongoing process for years to come but, mark my word, this will improve conditions, increase play and streamline maintenance practices for better efficiency.

This has been a very mild winter which has resulted in a surprising increase in play but we have been able to get out on the golf course and work on course conditions. The maintenance department is very committed to the future success of this Golf Club and thrives on the opportunity to produce the standards that this true great golf course deserves.

If you have any questions feel free to email me on asprunt@florissantmo.com, give me a call or even stop me out on the course as I am always very happy and eager to listen to our guest's ideas.

Cheers and have a lovely 2017 golf season.
Andrew Sprunt
Superintendent @ Florissant Golf Club

Florissant Golf Club - Update

We have been working really hard here at the Florissant Golf Club. We have hosted a variety of corporate and charity golf outings throughout the season last year and this year looks to be as good or better. In addition to the many favorable changes made to the Golf course by our Greensman, Andy Sprunt, we have also put in a Golf Cage. Now all of our golfers can warm up with their swings before teeing off! That is a great addition that we felt our golfers deserved in order to help play their best.

The Clubhouse has undergone some very nice renovations as well. We've included new logos on the building, a new customer counter and new carpeting in our restaurant area. We also have our big fireplace up and running. It's a great area to socialize after your round or to just have lunch or a business meeting.

There are many more updates, more than we can mention here, so you'll have to come out and experience those changes in person.

To Schedule a tee time or for more information about the Florissant Golf Club, please call us at 314-741-7444 or visit www.florissantgolfclub.com

We look forward to seeing you!
Don Ryan & Cory Nathanson
Clubhouse Managers

The Florissant Golf Club

By: Dave Estes

During my Amateur Golf career I competed in city, state and national events against the best amateur and pro talent in the St. Louis area, Missouri and the United States and was fortunate enough to win several titles. Now as a senior, I continue to play senior events at most of the public facilities around St. Louis.

My wife, Sandy and are long time grateful Florissant residents and we are proud to call Florissant Golf Club our home course and pleased with the way the facility has reinvented itself into a well-conditioned and professionally run facility - second to none!

As a couple who have been addicted to golf our entire lives Sandy and I have seen it all when it comes to the variety of golf courses in St. Louis and we can attest that the Florissant Golf Course has become one of the "go to golf courses everyone must play" I challenge all area golfers to come see for yourself and experience public golf and hospitality at its finest!

(Recently Dave Estes won the St. Louis City Championship Men's Senior Division title in 2013 and won his second Senior Division title at Forest Park Municipal Course in 2016. He owns a host Amateur Championship Records held at the Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association that is recognized by the USGA. <http://www.metga.org/amateur-championship-records>)



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City of Florissant Parks & Recreation Host Hockey Tournament

The City of Florissant hosted a large youth hockey tournament over the MLK weekend. Aside from some adverse weather conditions, the tournament was a huge success and all of the participants enjoyed themselves. The Big Bear "Arctic Blast" event was held at 5 different ice rink facilities around the St. Louis area. There were a total of 77 teams from 8 different states including Missouri, Illinois, Georgia, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Florida, Wisconsin, and Indiana. This type of event creates a significant economic impact on the city of Florissant, as well as showing our community in a positive light for which the Parks & Recreation Department looks forward to host more similar events in the future.



Dunegant Park Disc Golf Course

Over the winter the Parks & Recreation Department, Park Maintenance Division, has been working hard installing concrete tee pads on the 18 hole disc golf course at Dunegant Park. The course is open daily for individual and team play. The park also has two updated park pavilions and two playgrounds, tennis courts and other various park amenities for you to enjoy while playing a round of disc golf.



New Fitness Classes Coming in Spring of 2017



The Parks & Recreation Department is working on the addition of new classes to our large choice of fitness classes available to participate in and get that New You started. Be looking on the city's website at www.florissantmo.com for information on the Pound Fitness Class, Zumba Toning and Body Works. For additional information call either the Eagan Center 921-4466 or the JFK Center 921-4250.

Spring Special Events and Classes for Kids

This spring a number of special events and classes will be held for kids. These include Messy Science for 3-10 year olds, on March 11th, Friendship Parties with a Purpose (based on the My Little Pony Series) for children 3-10 years old begin in March through June, A Superhero Academy on March 18th, for 2-10 year olds, and Fun With Eddie the Florissant Police Dog on March 11th. Check on the city's website for further details and fees for these special programs.

Spring Break Camp

What will your school age children be doing this year during Spring Break? Why not sign them up to participate in our Spring Break Camp, March 20-24th at the James J. Eagan Center. Camp will be held daily 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at a cost of \$50 for residents and \$100 for non-residents. Children will participate in fun games, various activities and swim several days during this week. Space is limited so sign them up today at the Eagan Center or the JFK Center.

Snack with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt

The annual Snack with the Easter Bunny will be held on Saturday, April 8th, 10 – 11 a.m. at the James J. Eagan Center. Cost for this resident program is \$1 or a canned good (must show resident I.D. card when purchasing tickets). Tickets must be purchased in advance at either the JFK Center or the Eagan Center. A lite snack and fun activities will take place before heading outside to hunt for those colorful Easter Eggs.



Egg Decorating

A fun filled Egg Decorating activity will be held for children 10 and under at the Eagan Center on April 12th, 6-6:45 p.m. This is a perfect way to keep the mess out of your house and give your child a chance to dye and decorate eggs alongside some new friends! Each child will be given one dozen eggs to decorate and take home with them. Dye and other fun decorations will be provided, along with a light snack and drink. There may even be a visit from the Easter Bunny. Cost for the event is \$4 for residents and \$6 for non-residents.



For more Parks & Recreation information, please call the "Facilities and Programs Hotline" at 314-266-7335 or find us on Facebook.

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