



North County Inc. 41st Annual Leadership Breakfast



Join us 7:30 a.m., Friday, May 18 at the Marriott St. Louis Airport for North County Inc.'s to-be and between signature Annual Leadership Breakfast! Our banner event celebrates individuals, organizations and businesses whose efforts have impacted the development of North County. It's a great networking opportunity, too!

Complete a nomination form by March 23 to recognize an individual, company or organization who has forged a strong commitment to the north St. Louis County region through business, civic and/or humanitarian efforts.

Award categories include:

Business Development: An individual, organization or business whose efforts positively impacted the economic development and business climate of

the North St. Louis County area.

Community Development: An individual, organization or business whose efforts positively benefited youth, residents, civic organizations or others through selfless acts. Contributions go beyond the individual's employment responsibilities or a business/organization's mission and scope of work.

Public Service: An outstanding individual elected, appointed or employed by a public body whose longtime service has had a positive impact on the community and/or public body.

Elmer Belsha Leadership Award: An individual whose long-term commitment to North County Inc. and the North St. Louis County area has had a positive impact.

St. Ferdinand Shrine Celebrates 200 Years In Florissant

Two Hundred years ago a small group of Sacred Heart Sisters, including St. Philippine Duchesne, left St. Charles and came to Florissant to teach the Native American children and to officially open a Church for all residents. Florissant at that time was a small village of probably forty families. The town had a log church in the middle and many of its occupants participated in farming while they hope that the Spanish government would soon leave, and the area would finally have a French government. The French did take over and Florissant and the French influence helped shape the beginnings of Florissant.

The log Church-built in what is now Spanish Land Grant park-was built by the French, the Commander of Florissant was French, people spoke French and the arrival of Mother Duchesne solidified the French influence. The City of Florissant became a city in 1787 and although controlled by the Spanish government was full of French people. Streets were named with French names, St. Pierre, St. Denis, St. Ferdinand, St. Charles, St. Francois are a few. Because of the early settlers, Florissant is recognized as one of the oldest cities in the State of Missouri.

So today, 2018, brings us to praise the strength of Florissant and the strength of Old St. Ferdinand Shrine. St. Philippine Duchesne added to this strength by coming to Florissant, in 1819. This resulted in the building of a school for Native Americans, having a Church built for her and the sisters that came with



her, a convent to house the sister, boarding school students, and bringing a Church that was a necessity for the new residents. With all these new happenings, Florissant grew, new residents built homes, St. Ferdinand Parish for the French and Sacred Heart for the Germans, became important to the growing community. The railroad became important to Florissant and it was important to the growth of this community.

Watch your local television station, the Focus, the City Council for celebration dates and become a member of St. Ferdinand Shrine to get the full information of celebrations dates. Email info@oldstferdinandshrine.com or call 314-837-2110

Save the Date... "Valley of Flowers Celebrates the Munny's 100th"



The 2018 Valley of Flowers Festival is approaching and will be held the weekend of May 4, 5 & 6.

Planning is underway, and there are many ways you can be part of the 2018 Valley of Flowers Festival:

Parade Units are needed for the Parade on Sunday May 6, 2018: Application date per website. Motorized, Walking, and Marching Units are welcome. Applications are found on our website.

Sponsors are needed to support the Festival.

Contact Valley of Flowers for Sponsorship benefits. Valley of Flowers is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization.

- Event Sponsor - \$2,500.00
- Fleur di Lis Level- \$1,000.00
- Rose Level-\$500.00
- Daisy Level-\$250.00
- Friends of the Festival-\$100.00

Eagan Center Booths: Food Booth, Crafter Booth, Vendor Booth, or Informational Booth. Applications are found on our website.

Off Site Booths: Applications are found on our website. All off site booths are through the Valley of Flowers. All applications are due by April 6, 2018.



To be a participant or for more information contact:
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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.

Volunteering for a Better Florissant



As we enter the New Year in Florissant, try to remember those who are less fortunate. The City of Florissant is always looking for more volunteers. Throughout our community, there are those in need of assistance to improve their living environment and, in some cases, stay in their homes. Through Project IMPACT, the Office of Community Development is seeking to improve our community by assisting those most in need. We provide volunteer groups to help residents of the City with yard clean up, painting, mowing, snow removal, or any other task they may need. In order to accomplish our goals, we need kind-hearted citizens to help the community by helping one another. If you're looking to get more involved, contact our office because something as simple as cleaning a gutter or painting a fence could make all the difference for a neighbor in need. Help us build a better Florissant and volunteer!

For more information on volunteer opportunities with the City of Florissant, email us at volunteer@florissantmo.com or call 314.595.363

What's New with the Florissant Disability Awareness Commission



I have served on the Florissant Disability Awareness Commission for over a year now. It has been a true labor of love for me to work for this unique group of people that are very special to me.

Over the past several months we have been doing walking through city buildings to check for accessibility issues. We toured City Hall, Koch Park, and Eagan Center. The information for these visits is being compiled for presentation to the City.

Service Dogs has been an issue we are also working on. Our commission is working with the city officials to put together an in service training session on handling Service Dog issues.

As always any Florissant Citizen who has a city related disability issue can ask the Florissant Disability Awareness Commission to look into it. Please feel free to e-mail me at brian.hallows58@gmail.com.

ON THE LOOKOUT - The Disability Commission is looking for businesses that have gone above and beyond the call of duty to serve Disabled Florissant residents. Our goal is to recognize a deserving business with an award from the disability commission. Please send your nominations to brian.hallows58@gmail.com.

Florissant Recycling

Recycling almost anything is possible, though it does take some ingenuity. After the holidays, it seems there are often mounds of items left to recycle, along with some that gets thrown in the trash. (And just a reminder, as many often forget, wrapping paper can be recycled!) Many of the items we no longer use can be upcycled into something else rather than thrown away. While this may not be a hobby for you, there is likely someone you know who would love the items. As the saying goes, one man's trash is another's treasure.

For those that may not have the creativity to upcycle items, here are a few ideas on how to recycle or responsibly dispose of those more difficult items around the house:

Appliances

For appliances that still work, consider donating to a homeless shelter or other charity that could benefit.

Toys

Simple Positive Play in Ferguson (www.simplepositiveplay.org) will accept gently used toys and stuffed animals. The stuffed animals get cleaned by Stanley Steemer and are then delivered to families that could use some cuddle buddies. Marygrove (<http://marygrovechildren.org/>) also accepts donation of toys (along with clothes, household goods, and many items.)

Shoes & Clothes

Nike's Reuse-a-Shoe program recycles shoes into playgrounds, tracks, and materials for new products. Up to 10 pairs of any brand can be taken to a participating Nike or Converse store. Patagonia has a Worn Wear program

that lets you trade in used fleeces and yoga pants for store credit. The clothes are then sold at a discount on wornwear.com

Batteries & Light Bulb Recycling

Batteries Plus – Florissant

113 North Highway 67

Florissant, MO 63031

314-838-2277

**Many Ikea and Home Depot stores will take back CFL bulbs, just double check for details.*

Carpet Recycling

Flooring Systems

4130 Meremac Bottoms Rd.

St Louis, MO 63129

314-329-9300

Mattress Recycling

<https://mattressdisposalplus.com/st-louis-mo/st-charles/> (877) 708-8329

Household Hazard Waste Collection

The St. Louis County Department of Health operates a permanent household hazardous waste collection facility for the safe disposal/recycling of materials including paint, motor oil, car batteries, gasoline, herbicides, fertilizers and pool chemicals, just to name a few. The permanent program is regional partnership available to residents of St. Louis County, St. Louis City and Jefferson County. The North St. Louis County location is at 4100 Seven Hills Drive, St. Louis MO, 63033. The drop-off facility is not staffed every day, so you must schedule an appointment, which can be done at www.hhwstl.com or by calling (314) 615-8958. Residents must show proof of address, such as a utility bill or driver's license at the appointment.

Florissant Home Improvement Program

The City of Florissant's Community Development Office will have applications available for the Home Improvement Program beginning Monday, April 2, 2018. Applications can be found by visiting www.florissantmo.com/cd/blockgrant.shtml or the Community Development Office located in the Government Building at 1055 rue St. Francois.

COMPLETED applications will be accepted Tuesday, May 1, 2018 on a "First-Come-First Serve" basis until all funds have been awarded.

The Home Improvement Program offers forgivable loans to income eligible Florissant homeowners. Applicants must be Florissant homeowners and they must have owned and occupied the house for at least two years prior to application.

Homeowners accepted into the program must remain in their home five years from the date of completion of the program requirements.

A seminar explaining the 2018 Home Improvement Program will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall. For additional information contact the Community Development Office at 839-7622 or 839-7679.



City of Florissant Accepting Applications for 2018 Seasonal Employment

The City of Florissant is currently accepting applications for 2018 seasonal employment. Applications will be received until positions are filled. *Now you can apply quicker and easier online at www.florissantmo.com*, Human Resources Department. Applications and an informational booklet listing positions, age requirements and qualifications for each position are also 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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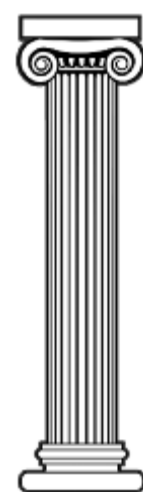
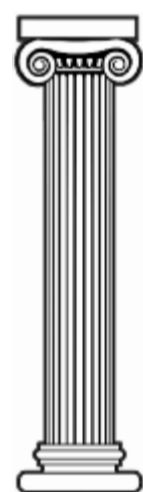
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Greetings Friends,

Welcome to the first edition of the Mayor's Message in the Florissant Focus for 2018. I am compelled to share a serious topic with the Citizens of Florissant regarding a challenge the Administration faces as a result of the Early Retirement Incentive that the City Council passed despite my Veto last year. Eligible employees had until February 1 to elect to accept and must retire by May 31 this year.

The number of employees who elected to retire early was 18. The city will go forward without almost 5 centuries of valuable experience, 481.5 years to be exact. It will cost the City \$661,725 in buy out expenses to pay for the early retirement incentives to the 18 valuable employees leaving. With that being said we will have the challenge of replacing three major department heads and top level management and support personnel. Fortunately the Police Department was not affected.

I want you to know that as Mayor I will do everything in my power to restore the high moral of our dedicated non uniformed employees and to fill the void with new leadership. I do not shrink from this challenge even though I did not welcome it. To this end I have requested a respected citizen from each ward to serve on an ad hoc advisory board to assist the Mayor and Human Resource Director Sonya Brooks White to identify our challenges and determine a sound plan of action.

I have asked former Council Representative Robert Garrett and successful Florissant Professional Howard Nimmons to serve as co-chairmen of this committee. Mr. Garrett has both an engineering degree and a law degree and is a retired patent attorney. Mr. Nimmons is both a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Financial Planner with an office in Old Town. Every member of this Advisory Board has demonstrated their devotion to our City.

The Administration stands ready to work with the City Council going forward to meet this challenge and prevail so as to continue the progress of our "The Beautiful City"!

Now I would like to share news 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 which will run from the March 18th Trash Bash to the start of the Valley of Flowers Festival.

We will kick off the pre VOF Spring Cleaning Campaign with the 10th Annual Confluence Trash Bash on Saturday, March 24th from 8 am till noon; 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 7th 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 21st 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 be held on Friday, April 20th sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the City with future food truck nights scheduled for June 15th, August 17th and October 12th. 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.

Chief Lowery and I want to share with you a wonderful community service program that has had great success. Eddie is the Florissant Police Department German Shepherd who serves the people of North County with his special gift of unconditional affection and is partnered with Officer Lori Mahn.

Eddie's Heroes is an award given to specially recognize and honor individuals whose kind and generous spirit has touched the lives of others. There are many awards offered through athletics and scholastics, but individuals who are humble, do the right thing and go out of their way to help others are often overlooked. Although these individuals are not seeking recognition, they change lives by taking action to make someone else's day better or even saving a life. These kind hearted giving individuals are the ones we tend to remember the rest of our lives.

Officer Mahn has found that while bringing Eddie to different places, Officer Mahn is constantly being told how Eddie has made someone's day better. Eddie's gift is showing love, regardless of one's gender, race, social status, or disability. Let's not neglect those that show unconditional love to their fellow man. These are the very ones that impact our lives and create forever memories and those are the memories that warm our hearts and make us smile.

So that we may recognize these individuals please submit a letter, detailing why an individual deserves this award, to Florissant Police Department, 1700 N. Hwy. 67, Florissant, MO 63033 ATTN: Eddie's Heroes. Please include contact information for both the nominee and the person making the nomination. Those selected for the award will receive an Eddie's Heroes Medal and Certificate of Recognition.

The **Public Works Department** is preparing to do **\$5,527,000 in street work** which includes \$990,000 in slurry seal resurfacing work on 112 different streets, \$450,000 in concrete pavement replacement and repairs on 23 streets, and \$1,700,000 in major street repairs with an asphalt overlay on 19 different streets. Work also includes replacement of the St. Anthony Lane Bridge over Fountain creek estimated at \$550,000 and major street and storm water work on North Lafayette Street (N.Hwy.67 to Washington) estimated at \$2,327,000. Major street repairs will begin in early spring.

The street work on N. Lafayette Street and the replacement of St. Anthony Lane Bridge over Fountain creek are made possible from grants received from East-West Gateway Coordinating Council and the Missouri Department of Transportation. Recently MoDOT completed inspections of all bridge structures in the City and found no major problems on any of our structures.

The City has been officially notified that the Insurance Services Office (ISO) an independent insurer-supported organization has upgraded our Building Code Effectiveness grade from a Class 4 to a Class 3 (Class 1 being the highest). Effective code enforcement helps keep insurance rates down and has a major influence on the economic well-being of a municipality.

The new **Justice Center** (formerly the Dick Weber Bowling Lanes on Washington Street) is undergoing a complete renovation to accommodate a modern municipal court-room facility and police sub-station. Renovations will cost over \$4 million and be completed this summer in August.

The Public Works Department has also implemented a new program to monitor and maintain **vacant properties and residential rental properties** in the City. If vacant residential property owners refuse to maintain the exterior of their

properties, than the City will contract to have the work done and will bill the owner. Vacant properties left vacant for over six months must have them registered with the City so the Police and Public Works departments can keep an eye on them. Owners of residential rental properties must attend a Crime Free Seminar before they can renew their residential rental licenses for the year. These Crime Free Seminars have become popular, very informative to landlords and explains in much more detail how the City partners with landlords to monitor and maintain their properties and help keep good tenants.

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Look for a **great schedule of Parks and Recreation activities** in this Focus and in our **Spring 2018 Parks & Recreation Guide** magazine available now at City Hall and at both recreation centers.

Florissant Golf Club manager Don Ryan and our customer friendly staff put customer service at the forefront of your golfing experience and had a very successful golf season last year. 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**.

We are very pleased with the continuous improvements at the **Florissant Golf Club** made by **Course Superintendent Andy Sprunt** who has modified our 18-hole championship golf course into a beautiful facility to appeal to golfers of all skill levels. Andy hails from Great Britain, the home of golf, and has brought a taste of the old country to his adopted new home.

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 15th**. Remember to wear your **GREEN!** For further information on all upcoming senior events contact Peggy Hogan the Senior Coordinator at 314-839-7604.

I am pleased to announce that the Senior Office has partnered with the Memory Care Home Solutions, St. Catherine Retirement Center, The Pillars of North County and Mercy Home Health & Hospice Services to host the **4th Annual Free Aging My Way Resource Fair** on Tuesday, April 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 12noon at the James J. Eagan Center.

We have **great activities lined up for our Youth**; 5th through 8th grade students sign up for the **6th Annual Party on the Ice! Join us on Friday March 2nd 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 2018 to be followed by **Splish Splash** on July 13th which will be held at Bangert Park this year, **Halloween Costume Party** at JFK October 19th, and the **30th Annual Project Lift-Off Holiday Party** December 1st. These exciting youth events complement and promote our **D.A.R.E.** program (Drug awareness and Resistance Education) taught in most 5th grade classes in Florissant.

"Easter Hoppenings" - on Saturday, March 24th starting at 2:30 p.m. at the James J. Eagan Center the Easter Bunny will be hopping in to Florissant! Children



can enjoy a few fun activities and visit with the Easter Bunny before heading outside for an Easter Egg Hunt. **The Easter Egg Hunt** will begin promptly at 3:15 p.m. and will be split into the following age groups (2 & under, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12). Tickets are required and must be purchased in advance while supplies last.

The 6th Annual **Old St. Ferdinand Shrine Benefit Dinner** on January 28th 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 continue to have robust **Economic Development** success. Companies of all sizes, including National brands and Developers, are proving that they believe in the future of Florissant. There are many exciting projects that are in the **Due Diligence and Planning Phase** and we are working with the Developers to bring them to fruition anticipating more public announcements this year. BJC Hospitals has announced plans to develop a Multi-Million Dollar Siteman Cancer Center at the Christian Northwest Campus on Graham Road near 270 which are sure to stimulate even more economic growth. Some of the companies that have completed projects are under construction or in design include:

- Total Urgent Care
- First Collinsville Bank will open a new facility on New Halls Ferry Road.
- Regions Bank is building a new facility on Lindbergh.
- Raising Canes Chicken has opened.
- U-Haul is under construction on Lindbergh.
- D'Vita Dialysis is open at Cross Keys.
- Popeye's Chicken has opened on Lindbergh.
- Dunkin' Donuts will open a new store on Lindbergh.
- The Train Depot has a new tenant. "Mommy's de SIGN Farm"
- Chick-Fil-A is coming to the Florissant Valley Shopping Center **Since September 2017 - January, 2018**
- **82 New Commercial businesses**
- **15 Residential Businesses have opened.**

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



Summons of Joy



The third annual Summons of Joy campaign kicked off yesterday at the Florissant Police Department. Churches in the Florissant area donated \$9,800 to this program which gives Officers with the Florissant Police Department the opportunity to give out 98 \$100 Target gift cards to individuals/families that are in need this holiday season. This program helps the Police Department build positive relationships with the community that we serve.

The gift cards will be handed out randomly to unsuspecting recipients over the next three weeks. Officers who had the opportunity to hand out these Summons of Joy last year received many different kinds of reactions including hugs, tears of joy, disbelief, and many handshakes. "We are excited to team up with our local churches for the third consecutive year and be given this opportunity to help others this Holiday season. It really shows the generosity of our community," said Chief Lowery.

**For General
Information Call:
(314) 831-7000**

**For Any
Emergencies
Call: 911**

**For More Information
Visit Our Web Page at:**

www.florissantmo.com/



Resident Camera Program



Do you currently utilize private video surveillance at your home or business? If you do, we'd like to hear from you.

Video surveillance is one of the best methods for apprehending criminals and convicting suspects who are caught in the act of committing a crime. Installing video surveillance is a great example of community-police partnerships and is something the Florissant Police Department values highly.

How Does it Work?

The Resident Camera Program allows residents and business owners to register locations and capabilities of their security camera systems with the Florissant Police Department. Using this information, when a crime occurs, the Florissant Police Department will know the locations of nearby video cameras and be able to collect video evidence and follow up on leads.

What are the Benefits of Registering your Camera?

Because they are caught in the act of committing the crime, video surveillance is one of the best methods to catch suspects and convict them. As crimes occur nearby, many residents and business owners are unaware that their camera systems may have captured information that could help solve a crime. Likewise, police are not always aware of who may have potentially vital video evidence.

By registering your camera with the Florissant Police Department, officers can quickly identify nearby cameras that may have captured criminal activity. After registering your camera, you will only be contacted by the Florissant Police Department if

there is a criminal incident in the vicinity of your security camera and police personnel believe viewing your video footage will assist in the investigation.

Registration

If you would like to register your security camera system with the Florissant Police Department and allow officers to contact you should a crime occur in or near where your cameras are installed, please fill out the online form below.

Terms and Conditions

The information you provide regarding your camera systems will be for official use only. Your personal information will remain confidential and not be distributed except as required by law or court order. This program is entirely voluntary and you can withdraw consent to view video footage from your camera system at any time by calling the Florissant Bureau of Investigation. If necessary, the Florissant Police Department will contact you directly, using the information provided by you at the time of registration, to request the appropriate video surveillance footage. Any footage containing or related to criminal activity collected by the Florissant Police Department may be used as evidence during any stage of a criminal proceeding. Under no circumstances shall the registrants construe that they are acting as an agent and/or employee of the City of Florissant and/or the Florissant Police Department through the program.

Have further questions?

Contact the Florissant Bureau of Investigation at 314-831-7000.



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Florissant Sees an Overall Decrease in Crime

Florissant, MO-Chief Timothy J. Lowery is happy to announce that crime in the City of Florissant has again decreased for the year 2017. Index crime statistics comparing 2016 to 2017 in Florissant show an overall reduction of 4%. The reported crimes are broken down in to two categories, Part I and Part II Crimes. Part I Crimes include Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Stealing, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson. Part II Crimes include Simple Assault, Property Damage, and Sex Offenses (other than Rape).

Chief Lowery attributed the drop in crime to the Officers who diligently patrol the streets

of Florissant and the Investigators who are identifying and getting charges on repeat offenders. Chief Lowery said that a key component to the decrease was the close partnership the Police Department has with the Citizens of Florissant. "Crime prevention through community involvement is how the residents of Florissant continue to help their police department. It's their eyes and ears within the neighborhoods that help continue to make the neighborhoods of Florissant safe." said Chief Lowery. "I encourage the residents to continue to call the police to report any suspicious activity as it is occurring."

Florissant Police Department has Openings in their Explorer Program



The Florissant Police Department is currently looking for additional members for their Explorer Program. The Explorers is a group of 14-21 year old young adults who are interested in law enforcement as a career. As a former Florissant Police Explorer, Chief Timothy J. Lowery can certainly attest to the benefits of the Explorer Program.

The Florissant Explorers meet twice a month on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7pm at the Florissant Police

Department. At the meetings, the Explorers train and discuss various law enforcement related topics. The Explorers also are requested to assist the Florissant Police Department during community events, and they are given the opportunity to ride along with Florissant Police Officers after they meet certain conditions. There is no cost to be a Florissant Police Explorer. Each applicant must complete the application process and submit to a background check.

If any young adult is interested in joining the Florissant Explorers to learn more about law enforcement as a career, please contact Officer Jenna Carlson jcarlson@florissantmo.com or Officer Nick Osmer nosmer@florissantmo.com you can read more about the Explorer program on the Florissant Police Department's website, www.florissantmo.com/police.

Trivia Night

The 11th Annual Law Enforcement Exploring Trivia Night will be held Friday April 20th, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the JFK Center.

This event raises funds for local Police Explorers to participate and continue training programs.

The cost is \$160 a table with a maximum of 8 persons per team. Tickets can be purchased in advance or the night of the event

This event is normally a "sell out." Please register early to guarantee your table.

Beer, soda, wine and snacks are included with the registration fee.

Please return form with checks payable to:

Florissant Police Explorer Post #9799

1700 North Highway 67

Florissant Mo. 63033

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Is Your Air Conditioning Ready for Spring and Summer?

With the arrival of spring we all start to think fondly about those warmer days in the near future. But those wonderfully balmy days of spring only last a month or so before the weather in our area becomes warmer and the humidity rises. As those warmer temperatures arrive, we usually experience a period of fluctuating temperatures. Those rising and falling temperatures and changes in humidity might have you looking at the thermostat. If your luck is good, your air conditioning system might be fine. But the fact is, you ran that system hard at the end of last summer and then turned it off as cooler temperatures arrived in fall and any problems that may have been developing with your AC unit were forgotten as the system switched over from cooling to heating.

Calling a professional technician to inspect your system is insurance against waking up in the middle of the night in a hot and humid bedroom or waiting days to find a qualified technician to get you AC up and running again when an early heat wave strikes.

Here are your considerations...

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.

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Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover are accepted.

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

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Alpha Players present:
The Odd Couple

Mar. 16 – 7:30 p.m. Mar. 17 – 7:30 p.m. Mar. 23 – 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 24 – 7:30 p.m. Mar. 25 – 2:00 p.m.



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ADMISSION: \$18.00 Adults; \$16.00 Seniors/Students; \$10.00 Children 12 & under Group rates available.

 Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com
APRIL
Hawthorne Players present:
The Fantasticks

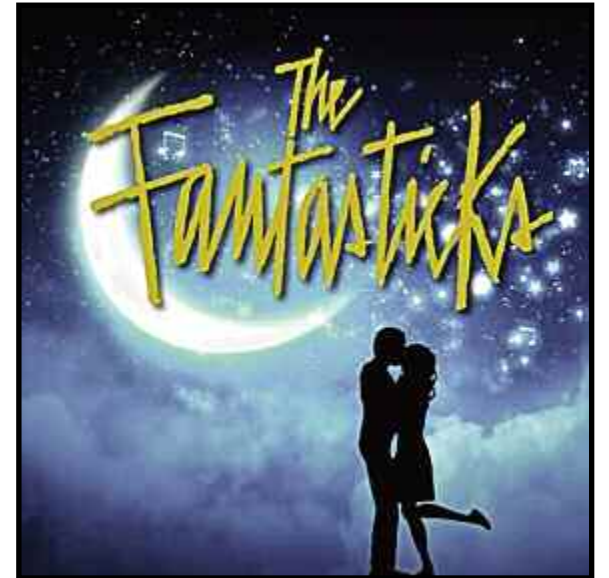
Apr. 13 – 7:30 p.m. Apr. 14 – 7:30 p.m. Apr. 20 – 7:30 p.m.

Apr. 21 – 7:30 p.m. Apr. 22 – 2:00 p.m.

Book & Lyrics by Tom Jones.

Music by Harvey Schmidt.

This often funny and romantic musical about a boy, a girl, and their two fathers who try to keep them apart will take you to a world of moonlight and magic. You'll see the couple's adolescent thrills, the growing pains of hurt and betrayal, the highs of passion, the challenges of distance, and the agonies of heartbreak to discover how to truly love. The world's longest running musical features the classic, "Try to Remember."

ADMISSION: \$20.00 Adults; \$18.00 Seniors/Students; Group rates available
Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com

Hawthorne Players Musical Auditions:
Legally Blonde

April 14 (By Appointment)


 Please visit the Hawthorne Players' website www.hawthorneplayers.info for information on how to get an appointment slot.

**Florissant Fine Arts Council Presents:*
The Baby Boomer Comedy Show
From Mainstage Management

Apr. 15 – 3:00 p.m.

The Baby Boomer Comedy Show is a hilarious 90-minute theatre event, with clean humor on topics that the "boomer generation" can relate to - family, kids, work, do-it-yourself projects, dieting, aging and all. Fellow baby boomers and veteran comedians JAN MCINNIS and KENT RADER have joined their talents in this unique show that's packed full of funny along with many "ah ha" moments for everyone! Jan and Kent have a combined 30 years of experience performing for theatres, corporations and associations throughout the country.

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*Florissant Fine Arts Council Presents:

Othello
 From National Players
 Apr. 29 – 1:30 p.m.



The classic tale of identity, bigotry and deceit is examined with contemporary clarity, combining Shakespeare's language with modern clothing to transform the drama in to powerful story for America today.

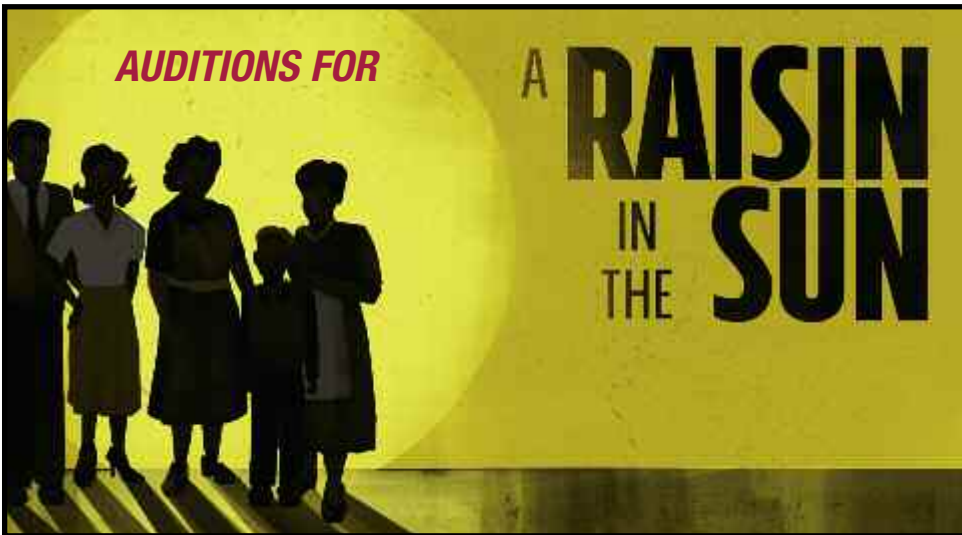
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\$13.00 Students with ID; Group rates available
 Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com

Hawthorne Players Auditions:

A Raisin In The Sun

April 30 – 6:30 p.m.

(Callbacks May 1 - 7:00 p.m.)



Go to the Hawthorne Players' website www.hawthorneplayers.info for information.

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

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What's the Investment Outlook for 2018?

By most measures, 2017 was a pretty good year for investors. But what can you expect in 2018?

It's difficult to precisely predict the immediate future of the financial markets. However, many signs point to improved global economic growth and rising corporate earnings – both of which are important drivers of stock prices. In the United States, economic growth may be more modest than in other regions, which could result in international stocks outperforming domestic ones.

Here's another consideration: Low interest rates typically benefit the financial markets – and unless inflation jumps sharply, the Federal Reserve will probably remain patient, only raising short-term rates slowly throughout 2018.

Despite these positive signs, there's also reason for caution. Political uncertainty and changes in economic policies may lead to increased market volatility. Another factor is the long-term history of the stock market, which includes a drop of 10% or more – technically called a "correction" – about once a year. We've gone two years since the last correction, so it would not be surprising if we saw one in 2018.

Given this outlook – which could be classified as "moderately optimistic" – what investment moves should you consider this year? Here are a few suggestions:

Rebalance your portfolio – The market's gains may have increased the value of your stocks so much that they now represent a greater percentage of your portfolio than you had intended – and you may not be comfortable with this increased presence.

So, you may want to rebalance your portfolio to achieve a suitable mix of stocks and bonds, based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. As part of this rebalancing, and in an effort to help reduce the impact of market volatility, you may need to add

investment-grade bonds and cash investments. (Of course, bonds carry some risks, too, including interest rate risk and credit risk.) The availability of cash will also make it easier for you to purchase stocks during a market downturn, when prices may be lower.

Look beyond U.S. borders – You may want to consider adding some international equity investments to your portfolio, if appropriate. As mentioned above, these stocks may do better than U.S. stocks in 2018, but regardless of performance, the presence of global stocks can help diversify your portfolio – and diversification can help decrease your overall risk level. (However, diversification can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses.) Keep in mind that international investing carries some inherent risks, such as those related to currency fluctuations and foreign political and economic events.

Be aware of "big" versus "little" – If you don't own many stocks of smaller companies, you might consider adding them to your portfolio. Smaller U.S. stocks have traditionally outperformed larger ones and may benefit from stronger economic growth and lower corporate tax rates. Be aware, though that small company stocks tend to be more volatile than those of larger companies. And, as with all stock investments, you may risk losing some or all of your principal.

You may want to consult with a financial professional to determine which of these moves, or any others, are right for you. You can't control the external factors affecting the financial markets, but you can take total charge of your own investment decisions – and in the long run, these decisions can help determine your success as an investor.

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DATE: Thursday, May 24, 2018

TIME: 10:00am – 2:00pm

PLACE: James J. Eagan Center

TICKETS: Residents: \$12.00, Non-residents: \$15.00 includes admission, lunch & Bingo

Ticket sales begin on Monday, April 30, 2018 in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall to residents only. If there are tickets remaining, on Monday May 14 through Monday May 21, tickets will be sold to residents and non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

Italian Fest Dinner/Dance

Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr and more!
Lamar Pilsing will be singing all your favorites! A delicious Italian meal will be served at 5:30pm: Chicken Tetrazzini, Green Beans, Italian Salad, Rolls and Italian Cookies. Watch Lamar Pilsing's wonderful performance or dance the night away!



DATE: Friday Evening, April 20, 2018

TIME: 5:00pm – 9:00pm, dinner served at 5:30pm

PLACE: James J. Eagan Center

TICKETS: Residents: \$12.00, Non-residents: \$15.00, includes admission, dinner, dancing & light snacks. Ticket sales begin on Monday, March 26 in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall to residents and non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

2018 Aging My Way Resource Fair

Gather information on housing, veteran benefits, health & wellness, Medicare, insurance, elder law, caregiving.... and much more! The goal of this fair is to provide information and resources to senior citizens who are aging in place in their homes and senior citizens who are considering senior living options such as retirement communities, assisted living and long term care facilities. This Community Resource Fair, Aging My Way, is free to the public and will include more than 70 vendors, all with valuable information.

There will be give-a-ways at the booths, Free Donuts & Coffee, Free Health Screenings and many attendance prizes. The 2018 Aging My Way Resource Fair is presented by the City of Florissant Senior Office, Memory Care Home Solutions, St. Catherine Retirement Community, The Pillars of North County and Mercy Home Health and Hospice.

The event will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at the James J. Eagan Center from 9:00am – 12:00pm. The Resource Fair is open to the public, residents and non-residents. No reservation or ticket is required. For more information call the Florissant Senior Office at 839-7605.

Living with Diabetes?

The City of Florissant has partnered with OASIS to offer these specialized classes listed below:

1. How to Become a Highly Motivated Diabetic

Learn the seven healthy habits of a motivated diabetic, including extensive nutrition and exercise specifics. These habits promote enhanced life quality. Utilizing these habits allows one to control his/her life as compared to diabetes controlling his/her life.

Florissant Senior Dining Center

621 Rue St. Francois,

Florissant, MO 63031

Tuesday, April 10, 10:00am – 12:00noon, FREE

1 Session

To register, please call 747-9355

2. Better Choices, Better Health – Diabetes

Living with diabetes can present many challenges, such as knowing how and when to eat, living your life so you can avoid complications, and getting support you want from family and friends. A Better Choices, Better Health-Diabetes workshop, developed and tested at Stanford University, can help you manage these concerns. Light refreshments included.

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Tuesdays, May 15-Jul 3, 10:00am – 12:30pm FREE

8 Sessions

To register, please call 747-9355



Name that Tune Bingo!

Play Bingo to the tunes of the 40's, 50's & 60's! A LEGENDARY SOUND will conduct this fun Singing Bingo Event!

DATE: Tuesday, June 5, 2018

TIME: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

PLACE: James J. Eagan Center, Arts & Craft Room

COST: FREE, but you must have a reservation

RESERVATIONS: This is FREE event, but you must call the Senior Office, 839-7605, and make reservations starting Monday, May 14. Seating is limited.



The Florissant Senior Dining Center is Now Catered by Our Very Own Florissant Restaurants!

Enjoy delicious meals catered by Amore's Pizza, City Diner, Cannoli's, Helpers, McAlister's, Bread Co., Honey Baked Ham, Firehouse Subs, Dogs N Frys, Lucky House Chinese, Bandanas and more! The Dining Center is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with many special events being held each day like Speakers, Health & Wellness Events, Special Bingo, Rob Your Neighbor, Birthday Parties and more! Meals are \$7.00 which includes all activities of that day. Reservations must be made by calling 839-7603. Menus can be picked up in the Florissant Senior Office in City Hall, the Dining Center, or on our Florissant website – www.florissant-mo.com. Come and meet new friends or bring a friend and enjoy lunch at our New Florissant Senior Dining Center!

Health & Wellness Special Event

This event, held at the Dining Center, will be focusing on Healthcare Decisions: Do I need an Advanced Directive, Power of Attorney, or a Living Will? This speaking event is sponsored by SSM – the Leader in Healthcare in this Community.



DATE: Friday, April 6, 2018.

TIME: 11:00am, lunch served at 12:00.

Lunch will be provided free by SSM

COST: FREE

RESERVATIONS: This is a FREE event with lunch provided but you must be there at 11:00 am for the presentation. Please call and make a reservation starting Monday, March 26, 2018 by calling the Dining Center at 839-7603.

TRIPS

Bellefontaine Cemetery & Lombardo's

Visit one of the premier cemeteries in the country, with fourteen miles of curved roadways that afford beautiful views of the landscape, including thousands of shrubs & trees and hundreds of works of art. Bellefontaine Cemetery is an outdoor museum, containing fine sculptures and memorial art reflecting the changing tastes of our culture. With 87,000 interments, Bellefontaine is the final resting place of men and women whose lives have contributed significantly to the westward expansion of our country. After this remarkable tour, we will experience Classic & Authentic Italian Cuisine with lunch at the Famous Lombardo's Restaurant.



DATE: Thursday, April 12, 2018

TIME: 9:30am - 2:30pm

COST: \$27.00 residents, \$29.00 non-residents, includes transportation, Tour of Bellefontaine Cemetery and Lunch at Lombardo's

TICKETS: This is a Silver Words Trip. Tickets go on sale to Silver Words Club Members only at the Silver Words Club Meeting on Thursday, March 8, 2018. If there are tickets remaining, tickets will go on sale in the Senior Office on Friday, March 9, 2018 to residents and non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for ticket availability or more information.

Underground Railroad Tour & Bluff City Grill



Hear the slave's tales, feel their fear and learn about Alton's remarkable past on this two hour UNDERGROUND RAILROAD TOUR by J.E. Robinson. After this historic tour, we'll stop for lunch at one of Alton's newer restaurants - Bluff City Grill.

DATE: Thursday, May 17, 2018

TIME: 9:30am - 2:30pm

TICKETS: \$32.00 residents, \$34.00 non-residents, includes transportation, tour & lunch

We are limited to one bus on this trip. Tickets go on sale Tuesday, April 17, 2018 in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall to residents with a current resident card. If there are tickets remaining, on Wednesday, April 18, tickets will be sold to residents and non-residents in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

MUNY MEMORIES at the Missouri History Museum & Lunch at the Missouri Athletic Club



The Missouri History Museum will host MUNY MEMORIES, 100 SEASONS ONSTAGE, an enlightening and in depth exploration of a tradition that is synonymous with summer in St. Louis! In this guided tour we'll experience 100 years of excitement, ambition, triumph and community that defines the MUNY'S Rich History. We'll then enjoy an outstanding lunch and tour one of the Top Private Clubs in the United States - the 100 year old Missouri Athletic Club.

DATE: Thursday, June 14, 2018

TIME: 9:15am - 3:15pm

COST: \$28.00 residents, \$30.00 non-residents

TICKETS: This is a Silver Words Club Trip. Tickets go on sale to Silver Words Club Members only at the Silver Words Club Meeting on Thursday, May 10, 2018. If there are tickets remaining, tickets will go on sale in the Senior Office on Friday, May 11, 2018 to residents and non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for ticket availability or more information.

"Singin' in the Rain" at the MUNY and Dinner at Culver's Pavilion



Don't miss this incredible MUNY EXPERIENCE! We'll begin with a Back Stage Tour of the MUNY. Then we'll enjoy Fabulous Dining right on the MUNY grounds at the CULVER PAVILION. Finally, we'll watch the timeless MUNY favorite - ranked the fifth greatest motion picture of all time adapted for the stage - SINGIN' IN THE RAIN!

DATE: Tuesday, July 3, 2018

TIME: 5:00pm - 11:00pm

COST: \$70.00 residents, \$72.00 non-residents

TICKETS: Ticket Sales begin on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 to residents with a current resident card in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. If there are tickets remaining, on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 tickets will be sold to residents and non-residents in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for ticket availability or more information.

Do You Like to Play Bingo?



How about Pinochle? or Bridge? The City of Florissant offers the following Specialty Clubs for Senior Citizens:

Monday Bingo Club:

Meets every Monday at the Eagan Center from 11:30 am - 2:30pm

Wednesday Bingo Club:

Meets every Wednesday at the Eagan Center from 11:30-2:30pm

Bridge Club:

Meets every Friday at the Eagan Center from 10:30am - 3:00pm

Pinochle Club:

Meets every Tuesday at the JFK Center from 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Line Dancing Club:

Meets every Wednesday at the Eagan Center from 12:30 - 2:00pm

Silver "WORDS" Club (widow/widowers):

Meets once a month at the Dining Center

Call the Florissant Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information!

Confrontation Avoidance and Safety For Older Adults

It is an unfortunate fact that older adults are targets of crime. Learn about techniques for avoiding violent confrontations and increase awareness of potential encounters. The City of Florissant Police Department is providing this Safety Program for Senior Citizens presented by instructors that are international experts in the field of surviving violent encounters. The City of Florissant will offer this class to residents with a current resident card, but you must register by calling the Florissant Senior Office at 839-7605 starting May 1, 2018.



CLASS: Confrontation Avoidance & Safety for Older Adults

1. Thursday, May 17, 2018, Eagan Center, 10:00am

2. Friday, May 18, 2018, JFK Center, 1:00pm

RESERVATIONS: This is a Free Class but you must call the Senior Office, 839-7605, to make a reservation, starting May 1, 2018.

Seating is limited.

Electronics Recycling Event



The City of Florissant along with Midwest Recycling Center is proud to announce an Electronics Recycling Event on Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 9:00am to 1:00pm rain or shine at the rear parking lot of St. Ferdinand Park.

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

removed) There are fees for televisions and computer monitors as well as air conditioners or other units that contain freon. (See the fee list below.)

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- CRT TV's 26" or less - \$30.00 each
- CRT TV's 27" or greater - \$50.00 each
- Wood Console/True Big Screen/Projection TV's - \$50.00 each
- LED/LCD/Plasma TV's - \$20.00 each
- Any Freon containing unit - \$10.00 each

Shredding Event



The City of Florissant, Cintas Corporation and Meridian Waste will be sponsoring a Recycling Event on Saturday, April 21, 2018 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! Hope to see you there!

Pet Safety in Severe Weather

Spring is officially here and we should be on the lookout for tornado warnings and other severe weather.



Now is the time to plan how to handle these emergencies including how to keep pets safe and comfortable.

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

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

Severe Weather Emergency Preparedness Tips

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

Easter "Hoppennings"

The Easter Bunny will be hopping in to Florissant! Children can enjoy a few fun activities and visit with the Easter Bunny before heading outside for an Easter Egg Hunt. Egg Hunt will be split into the following age groups (2 & under, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12). Tickets are required and

must be purchased in advance. The event will be on Saturday, March 24th, 2:30 p.m. with the Egg Hunt beginning promptly at 3:15 p.m. at the James J. Eagan Civic Center. Price per child is \$2 for residents and \$5 for non-residents. Tickets are limited so be sure to get your today.



Egg Decorating

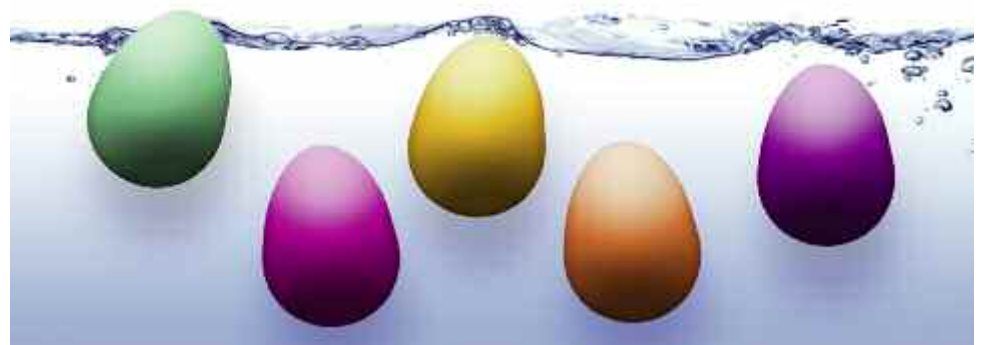
Keep the mess out of your house and give your child a chance to dye and decorate eggs alongside some new friends. Each child will be given one dozen eggs to decorate and take home. Dye and other fun decorations will be provided, along with a light snack and drink. They may even be in for a visit from the Easter Bunny! This program will be held at the JFK Community Center on Wednesday, March 28th, 6 - 6:45 p.m. Cost is \$4 for residents and \$6 for non-residents.



Underwater Egg Hunt

Join us for this exciting NEW event. Want a challenge when finding Easter Eggs? Well, let's do it underwater! Come enjoy the fun on Friday, March 23, 5:30 -

6:15 p.m. at the James J. Eagan Civic Center indoor pool. Price is \$6 for residents and \$9 for non-residents, price includes staying to swim during the open session.



Community CPR/AED Basic First Aid Training



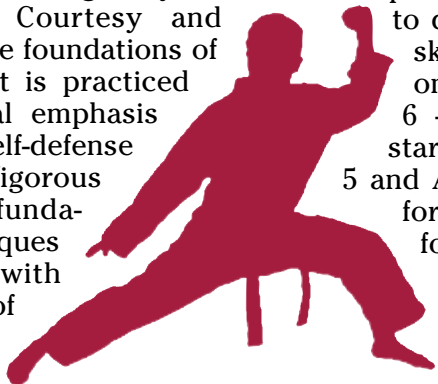
You could save a life! You never know when or where someone could be in need of emergency medical assistance and it doesn't take a lot of knowledge or training to make a difference in these situations. In this class, you will learn how to perform basic CPR and First Aid and properly use an AED. The class will be taught by our full-time aquatic trainers,

who have over 10 years of experience. You may attend the class for information only or if you wish to become certified, you will need to pay an additional \$10.

Session will be held on March 15th or April 19th, 6- 8:30 p.m. at the James J. Eagan Civic Center. Price per session is \$5 to attend or \$15 if you wish to obtain a certificate.

New Karate Classes

New Karate Classes for those ages 13+ will be offered at the JFK Community Center. Seikukan Karate strives to develop practitioners with a strong body and clear mind. Courtesy and respect are the foundations of its practice. It is practiced with an equal emphasis on health, self-defense and sport. Vigorous practice of fundamental techniques is followed with the practice of traditional forms from

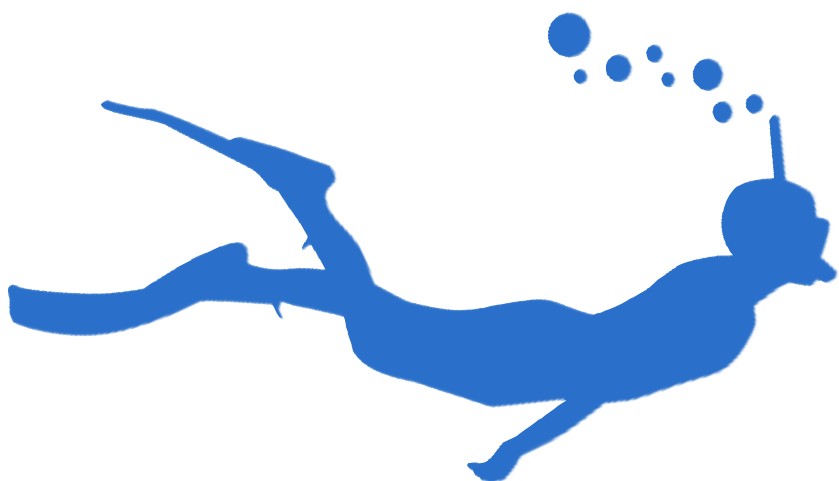


the Goju-ryu and Shotokan styles, including their practical self-defense applications. Various sparring, two person drills and pad practice are also used to develop complete karate skills. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday, 6 - 7 p.m. with sessions starting February 20 - April 5 and April 10 - May 24. Price for the classes will be \$45 for residents and \$55 for non-residents. For more information call 314-921-4250.

New Classes Being Offered Discover Scuba

A trial program will be offered to get members interested in Scuba. After a short introduction to Scuba, participants will be put in Scuba gear to allow them to experience what Scuba is all about. Equipment will be provided. Prerequisites: minimum age of 10 years, Scuba registrants need to complete paperwork, complete a statement of understanding signed by the participant or a

parent if between the ages of 10-17, a liability release form and a medical questionnaire. Students that answer "YES" to a medical question will need a Physician's Release signed by their doctor prior to any in-water activities. Paperwork can be obtained when signing up for classes. Dates of upcoming classes are 3/12, 4/20 and 5/14, 5-7 p.m. Fee for the class is \$45 for residents and \$55 for non-residents.



Discover Snorkeling

Y-kiki Divers will introduce customers to the fun of snorkeling. Participants will have a 2 hour class at which they will be fit with a mask, snorkel and fins. Tips and tricks for successful snorkeling will prove the participants to

snorkel and dive down to retrieve various items such as coins, etc. Class designed for 8+ and up. Dates of upcoming classes are 3/12, 4/20 and 5/14, 5-7 p.m. Fee for the class is \$24 for residents and \$34 for non-residents.

Upcoming Ice Rink Events

A number of seasonal activities will be happening at the Eagan Center Ice Rink. There will be a Resident Appreciation Skate on February 19th, 2 - 4 p.m., residents skate for FREE along with FREE popcorn and Soda. On March 2nd the annual Party on the Ice will be held for 5th - 8th

graders from 6:30 - 9 p.m. Tickets will be available beginning February 1st for residents and February 8th for non-residents. Attendees will participate in free soda, pizza, contests and door prizes and a DJ playing their favorite tunes. Cost is \$5 for residents and \$7 for non-residents.



Enjoy an evening without the kids for less than the cost of a babysitter! You can drop your children (6-12 years of age) off at the designated location and the Parks and Recreation Staff will keep them entertained and active while you enjoy time for a date night, to shop or just relax at home for a quiet evening. Children will enjoy pizza, drinks,

and other fun, camp-like activities. The next session will be held on March 9th at the James J. Eagan Civic Center 5:30 - 9 p.m. followed by another session on April 6th at the JFK Community Center. Cost per child is \$12 for residents and \$15 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required.

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 19 - 23rd at the James J. Eagan Center. Camp will be held daily 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at a cost of \$60 for residents

and \$120 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.



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