

## North County Inc. Honors Community Leaders

North County Incorporated (NCI), an economic and community development organization, honored several area leaders – including Florissant Chief of Police Timothy Lowery and businessmen Citizen Banks’ John Caravelli and Nimmons Wealth Management’s Howard Nimmons for their contributions and commitment to North County at its 41st Annual Leadership Breakfast. More than 500 business, civic and community leaders attended the sold-out event.

“NCI is pleased to recognize our area’s exceptional leaders. It’s so inspiring to know these individuals work so hard every day, because they believe in our community,” said NCI President and CEO, Rebecca Zoll.

Our Florissant awardees include:

**John Caravelli**, Citizens National Bank-Florissant, recipient of **Special Recognition Leadership Award**. Caravelli, president of Citizens National Bank, helps residences and North County businesses of all sizes achieve their financial goals. Caravelli spends countless hours giving back to the community including serving as president of the Rotary Club of Florissant and chairman for the strategic planning steering committee for Sacred Heart Elementary School. Caravelli served on NCI’s board as treasurer and was honored by NCI in 1997 with an Outstanding Citizen Award.

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*Pictured at right:*

First row, left to right: Natissia Small, Ed.D.; Erica Henderson; Cheryl Latham.

Second row, left to right: John Londoff, Jr.; City of Florissant Mayor Tom Schneider accepting on behalf of Howard Nimmons, CPA, CFA; Lisa Cagle accepting on behalf of Bi-State Development Research Institute; Julie Hahn accepting on behalf of Ritenour International Welcome Center; Julie Kampschroeder.

Third row, left to right: Mike Fulton, Ed.D.; Bob Hueke, Jr.; Chief Tim Lowery; City of Vinita Park Mayor James McGee; John Caravelli; Chief Frank Minnini.



## Florissant Kicks-off Summer Concert Series with July 4th Concert

*There’s nothing more magical than a night of “Music Under the Stars”!*

### 2018 Summer Concert Series

*FREE outdoor concerts proudly presented by the City of Florissant*

#### Wednesday, July 4 – Northwinds Concert Band Independence Day Concert

This annual concert precedes the Independence Day fireworks featuring patriotic marches and hits from Broadway and film – In Florissant Valley Park by the James J. Eagan Center

#### Saturday, July 14 – Rockin’ Chair

Performing hits from a great era. Featuring the music of Crosby Stills & Nash, The Eagles, Jackson Browne, Poco, Loggins & Messina, and more. – In St. Ferdinand Park

#### Saturday, July 21 – Steve Ewing Band

Former lead singer of the URGE and his band perform classic covers, new independent releases & URGE favorites. – In St. Ferdinand Park

#### Saturday, July 28 – SmashBand Superhits with Smash live on Stage

Ten-piece band playing the hits of the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s – In St. Ferdinand Park

#### Saturday, August 4 – Billy Peek Band

Rock & Blues guitarist most noted for playing seven years with Rod Stewart. – In St. Ferdinand Park

#### Saturday, August 11 – Butch Wax & The Hollywoods with Theo Peoples from The Four Tops

One of the hottest shows in town, 50s, 60s & 70s, Motown, R & B and Rock ‘N’ Roll – In St. Ferdinand Park

#### Saturday, August 18 – The Retro Band

A variety of Rock & Roll, Rhythm & Blues, Rockabilly, Oldies, Pop and a touch of Jazz. – In St. Ferdinand Park

#### Saturday, August 25 – Fanfare Band featuring Kittie Moller

Fanfare plays a variety of music that will take you all over the sound spectrum - Motown, R & B, Pop, Country and Standards, plus Jazz and Big Band! – In St. Ferdinand Park

#### Sunday, October 14 at 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm – Ralph Butler Band

Another Great Live Music Performance at the Old Town Fall Festival – In the 100 block of Rue St. Francois

#### Saturday, October 20 – The Bob Kuban Band

Performing at the “Race to the Shrine” on the Knights of Columbus grounds - Music follows 4pm race.

**Great FREE Concerts!**

Rockin’ Chair Band



The Smash Superhits Band



Billy Peek



Butch Wax & the Hollywoods



Steve Ewing Band



Northwinds Concert Band



Fanfare



All concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. except July 4th at 7:30 p.m. and Fall Festival Performances on Oct. 14th will be at 1:00 & 3:00 p.m. Performances are at St. Ferdinand Park by the lake except as noted. Weather updates call: 314-921-4466 Dates and shows subject to change. All concerts are outdoors. Bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets for lawn seating. Light refreshments are available. Call 314-921-5678 for additional information or go to [www.florissantmo.com](http://www.florissantmo.com)

## 2018 Florissant Beautiful Home Awards Presented by the Citizens Participation Committee



Ward 1 - James &amp; Joe Kuehnlein - 2280 Lindsay Lane



Ward 2 - Katie Peters - 1275 Ensenada



Ward 3 - Pamela Stutz - 910 Keeven



Ward 4 - James &amp; Patricia Vance - 560 Wren



Ward 5 - Bill &amp; Kris Brown - 325 S. Jefferson St.



Ward 6 - Sarah Weber &amp; Joe Gillam - 534 Aubuchon St.



Ward 7 - Ron &amp; Linda Meyer - 960 Cheyenne Dr.



Ward 8 - David Morley - 3115 Steed Dr.



Ward 9 - Ed Leonard - 1905 North Downs



Mayor's Choice - Lisa &amp; Tom Scherer - 1002 St. Louis

*Congratulations to ALL of the participants and winners.  
Thank You for taking pride in your homes and our City!*

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## Historic Florissant, Inc (HFI) held Open House at Historic Log Cabin

In conjunction with The Valley of The Flowers festivities, HFI opened the Log Cabin located at Tower Park. Nearly 50 interested visitors toured the home, learning of its history which included being home to 13 children. On display were some donated furnishings along with before and after photos of the cabin.

The house and land were donated to the City of Florissant by the Cougot family. The building was torn down to create space for the Florissant water tower. Historic Florissant saved the log cabin hidden under the shell of the house that had been added to through the years. In 1985 dedicated volunteers from the community lead



by Bernie Steinbruegge rebuilt the cabin for all to enjoy.

Jean Weast, one of the children who was raised in the home, was a surprise visitor, sharing memories of growing up in the house. Jean is in the photo above as a child and left during her recent visit.

Historic Florissant, Inc is dedicated to preserving and sharing the rich history of our area and may be reached at our Facebook Page, "Historic Florissant, Inc" or at our website [historicflorissant.com](http://historicflorissant.com).

For Further Information contact Gina Siebe at 314-565-1468



## The Florissant Focus

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Greetings Everyone,

We enjoyed three picture perfect days for the **Valley of Flowers and the Queen's crowning**. We had a tremendous turn out for all the wonderful events which made for a great festival. The City of Florissant has many more events and activities planned for your enjoyment this summer. This focus newspaper has information to help you know what is happening in our beautiful city. You can also visit our website at [www.florissantmo.com](http://www.florissantmo.com) or call 314-921-5700 for more information.

**Wednesday Night Out (WNO)** is sponsored by Old Town Partners and the City of Florissant. Each event will start at 6:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. There will be adult beverages, food and soft drinks and our welcoming Florissant fellowship. Wednesday, May 30th was the first (WNO) with the theme "Proud to Be an American". We also had a very special plaque dedication in honor of First Lieutenant Michael J. Blassie who was shot down on his 138th combat mission and whose remains occupied the Tomb of the Vietnam Unknown at Arlington National Cemetery. DNA science identified him and he was returned to his Florissant home for a funeral at St. Dismas. I would like to thank the members of the VFW Post 4105 for hosting the event.

The remaining Wednesday Night out schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, June 27th Korte's Custom Framing & Antiques will be hosting the event which is called "Hat Party" featuring live music by The Doo Wop Band located in the 500 block of N. Jefferson.
- Wednesday, July 25th "Movie Night" at the Old St. Ferdinand Shrine located at #1 rue St. Francois.
- Wednesday, August 29th extending from Stems Florist, Bunkers and Husband Agency. This year's theme will be "Dancing in the Street" featuring live music.
- Wednesday, September 26th enjoy an evening of light jazz on St. Denis between Hendels Café and Sacred Heart.

Before the start of the second (WNO) on June 27th we had a plaque dedication ceremony in honor of the late Dr. Paul Detrick, Sr. this was the **33rd Walk Through History plaque**. Before the start of the July 25th (WNO) the city will be dedicating a Walk Through History plaque in honor of the late Catherine "Kay" Spring. In August we will be dedicating another Walk Through History plaque in honor of the late Lowell Girardier.

The second **Florissant Food Truck Knight** was held on Friday, June 15th sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the City with future food truck nights scheduled for August 17th and October 12th. There were barrels to collect non-perishable canned and dry food for the nearby TEAM food pantry and proceeds from the event will benefit Knight's sponsored charities including TEAM.

The **Fiesta in Florissant**, which is sponsored by the Hispanic Festival, Inc. of Greater St. Louis, was a two day event held on June 23rd and June 24th and featured entertainment with live Latin bands and Folk dancers from various Latin American countries. The funds raised are used to fund scholar-

ships distributed to college bound students and underprivileged children.

The **July 4th celebration** is on a Wednesday this year and starts at 7:30 p.m. with a concert performed by the Northwinds Concert Band in front of the James J. Eagan Center followed by our exciting annual Fireworks display. Chief Lowery and I remind you that Fireworks are dangerous to all especially children in the hands of amateurs and are illegal in Florissant.

The **MUSIC UNDER THE STARS CONCERT SERIES** is a series of FREE outdoor concerts sponsored by the City of Florissant and the Florissant Fine Arts Council. Bring your favorite lawn chair and your favorite person to share these delightful evenings.

Bring some food and beverages or buy them in the park. These concerts will be held at St. Ferdinand Park by the Lake and will start at 7:00 p.m. every Saturday evening from July 14 to August 25. Please see the schedule in this latest issue of the Focus to get details for each performance.

Florissant is blessed with an outstanding Police Force. If you see something suspicious, call the **Police Department** immediately. Your assistance to our low crime rate has been an essential help appreciated by all the men and women of the Police Department. We need your eyes and ears to help to keep your neighborhood safe. I commend all the members of the Neighborhood Watch Program (over 1000 members) which continues to grow with new members. **Our Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) Steve Michael** joins me to thank you for your assistance. If you are interested in becoming a part of the **Neighborhood Watch Program** or would like more information on how to start one please call his office at 314-830-6042. I would also like to encourage residents to sign up for the NIXLE program that has been in effect since March 2013. This program allows the City to send important valuable community information directly to residents using the latest technology. Subscribers can instantly receive information via cell phone text message and/or email allowing the City to communicate with the residents during emergency situations. The website to register is [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com).

The **Law Enforcement Torch Run** which benefits the Missouri Special Olympics came through the City of Florissant again this year on Thursday, May 31st. Selected runners from the police department received the torch from officers from the St. Louis County Police Department. The runners from Florissant headed south on 67 until reaching the city limits of Hazelwood where the torch was handed off to runners with the Hazelwood Police Department.

The **Florissant Fish Swim Team's** season is underway as they seek to win the North County Swim League Championship for the 9th straight year. I would like to wish all of the coaches and swimmers the best of luck and hope they and their many fans have another great and enjoyable season. Go Fish!

"**Experience Public Golf at its Finest!**" **Florissant Golf Club manager Don Ryan** and our customer friendly staff put customer service at the fore-

front 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](http://www.florissantgolfclub.com).

**Street Work - 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 summer.

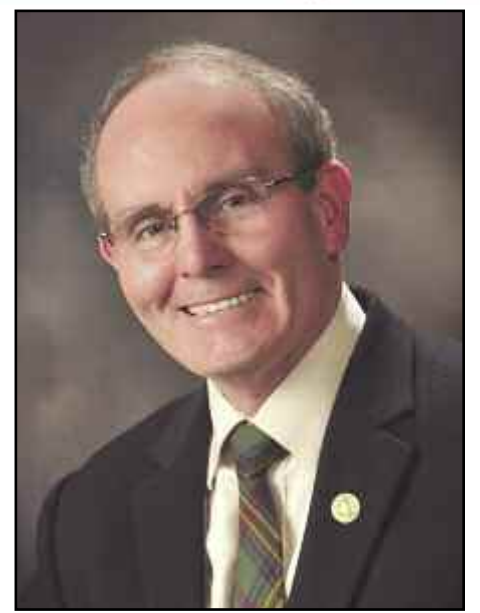
The street work on N. Lafayette Street and the replacement of St. Anthony Lane Bridge over Fountain creek are made possible from grants received from East-West Gateway Coordinating Council and the Missouri Department of Transportation. Recently MoDOT completed inspections of all bridge structures in 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 City.**

The new **Municipal Court Building and Police Substation** (formerly the Dick Weber Bowling Lanes on Washington Street) is nearing completion and will accommodate a large, modern municipal court-room, court office facility and a police sub-station. Renovations are nearing completion and a dedication ceremony is scheduled for Monday evening July 30th.

The Public Works Department has 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, then 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 mandatory **Crime Free Seminars** have been well received and are 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 thereby increasing all property values.

**Economic Development** - Companies of all sizes, including National brands and Developers, continue to invest in 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. Listed here is a partial list of recently completed projects, developments under construction, and those that have been made public that are in the design phase.

- Total Urgent Care
- First Collinsville Bank will open a new facility on New Halls Ferry Road.
- Regions Bank has opened a new facility on Lindbergh next to Dierbergs.
- Raising Canes Chicken has opened.
- U-Haul is nearly completed 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
- Crazy Bowls & Wraps is now open on Lindbergh.
- Dierbergs is undergoing a major renovation and remodeling.

Congratulations to **Sho-Me BBQ** located at 300 St. Ferdinand and 314-395-6400 for being voted one of the top eight places to get a St. Louis Pork Steak by the Riverfront Times in their May 23rd edition.

The **Mayor's Town Hall Meeting for Senior Citizens**. Seniors are invited to enjoy a complimentary breakfast with me on Thursday, September 13, 2018 from 9:00am - 11:00am at the James J. Eagan Center. Don't miss this important event where I will address the Senior Citizens of Florissant. All City of Florissant Department Heads will be present as well to answer any questions you may have. A delicious full breakfast, provided by St. Catherine Retirement Community, will be served at 9:00 a.m. Please call the Senior Office at 839-7605, starting August 20th to make reservations for the FREE breakfast.

There is so much going on in our beautiful city and I am looking forward to seeing everyone as we enjoy the summer season.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Schneider

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## North County Inc. Awards Community Leaders

**John Londoff, Jr.**, Johnny Londoff Chevrolet, recipient of a **Business Development Leadership Award** and second-generation Chevrolet dealer, born and raised in North County. Johnny Londoff Chevrolet has made a significant economic impact to North County since 1960 when it opened. Since then, Londoff has overseen the growth of the dealership from four acres to over 14 acres with a recent \$20 million investment in renovations and new construction. He works tirelessly promoting North County as a great place to do business. Londoff continues his father's legacy of giving. The dealership has awarded 600 scholarships to high school seniors. He's a former NCI board member and serves on multiple boards including UMSL Advisory Board and St. Louis Arc board among others.

**Chief Tim Lowery**, Florissant Police Department, recipient of **Public Service Leadership Award**. A Florissant native, Lowery has been with Police Department, protecting and serving for over 29 years. As Chief, Lowery works closely with his team to keep Florissant ranked as one of the safest cities of its size in the nation. His initiatives have improved service to the community including a 1,500-member Neighborhood Watch program, Citizens Emergency Response Team, Police Explorer program and D.A.R.E program among others. He has held many leadership roles with police associations and is a Florissant Rotarian.

**Howard Nimmons, CPA, CFA**, Howard Nimmons Wealth Management, recipient of the **Elmer Belsha Leadership Award**. Howard not only works and lives in North County, he

believes strongly in its quality of life and its many assets. Nimmons shares his time, talents and treasure with many local nonprofits including serving as board member and treasurer of Valley Industries, advisory board member of Commerce Bank, treasurer of Old Town Partners and commissioner of the Municipal Park Grant Commission. Nimmons joined NCI's board in 2000, serving as treasurer and chairman in 2004-05.

Other awardees:

- **Business Development Leadership Award**, presented to individuals positively affecting economic development of North County.
  - Erica Henderson, St. Louis Economic Development Partnership
- **Community Development Leadership Award**, presented to individuals benefiting youth, residents or civic organizations.
  - Bi-State Development Research Institute
  - Ritenour International Welcome Center

- **Natissia Small, Ed.D.**, the University Missouri - St. Louis

• **Public Service Leadership Award**, presented to individuals, elected, appointed or employed by a public body who is making a positive impact on the community they serve.

- **Mike Fulton, Ed.D.**, the Pattonville School District

- **Cheryl Latham**, Hazelwood School Board of Education

- **Mayor James McGee**, City of Vinita Park

- **Chief Frank Mininni**, the City of Normandy Police Department

• **Special Recognition Leadership Award**, presented to individuals who, through business and philanthropy, exemplify leadership and service dedicated to helping others and improving the community.

- **Bob Huneke, Jr.**, Community News

- **Julie Kampschroeder**, the Ritenour School District

## Follow the Florissant Police Department on Social Media



The Florissant Police Department recognized that social media was a developing way to inform the public about issues concerning the police department, so in June of 2012, the Florissant Police Department began a FACEBOOK page. The Police Department has found that residents, business owners, organizations, and the media monitor our Facebook page for updates on information. Currently, the police department has 8,758 "Likes," which means that they are being updated firsthand on information that is posted by the police department on FACEBOOK.

In September of 2014 the Florissant Police Department increased its outreach on Social Media by creating a Twitter account. The Police Department utilizes this medium to keep our followers up-to-date on current events in the Police Department and also to keep followers informed of any emergencies or developing incidents. Currently the Police Department has 860 followers. Follow the Florissant Police Department on Twitter at @FlorissantPD.

The Florissant Police Department utilizes NIXLE service which allows us to send important, valuable community information directly to residents using the latest technology. The NIXLE Community Information

Service allows us to create and publish messages to be delivered to subscribed residents instantly via cell phone text message and/or email. Notifications can also be accessed online at NIXLE's web site at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). Messages may include Missing Persons/Amber Alerts, road closures and other relevant safety and community event information. The messages can be sent specifically to residents registered within a ¼ mile radius, giving them the opportunity to receive trustworthy information relevant only to their neighborhood. Residents decide from which local agencies they want to receive information. Subscribers can also choose the way in which alerts are received, whether it is by email, text message, or over the web. Residents of the City of Florissant and those in neighboring communities can immediately begin receiving pertinent information via text message, email, and web by registering at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com).

Our other newest Social Media addition's made in March of 2017 was the Florissant Police Instagram and use of Nextdoor. These were created to show pictures and upload information so the residents can keep informed.

Follow us on these social media platforms to keep up-to-date on your Police Department.

## Home Safety Tips While You Are On Vacation

With vacation season quickly approaching, the Florissant Police Department wishes to pass along a few tips to keep your home secure while you are on your trip:

- 1). **Don't talk about it!** Be cautious about who you tell about your trip. It is okay to tell a neighbor that you trust, but be careful about letting your whole neighborhood know that your house will be empty for an extended period of time. Also, don't post comments of social networking sites that you are leaving for a trip, or post comments while you are on vacation. You never know who is seeing those comments, and you don't want to advertise the fact that no one is at your house.
- 2). **Use timers!** Hook up timers to lights, televisions, and radios, and adjust the timers to your normal routine. This will help hide the fact that no one is home.
- 3). **Lock up!** Before leaving, make sure all of your doors, windows, garages, and sheds are secured.
- 4). **Remember your mail!** It is a good idea to request the post office to hold your mail while you are on vacation. This can be done either thru their website, or you can fill out a form at your local post office. Another option is to ask a trusted neighbor to collect your mail and newspapers while you are away.
- 5). **Remember your answering machine and email!** Don't tip anyone off that you will not be home by creating a new outgoing message for your answering machine saying that you are on vacation. Also, be cautious on what you put in automatic reply email messages.
- 6). **Lock away your valuables!** Keep valuables and important documents in a fire safe box or a safe deposit box. Also, it is always a good idea to record the serial and model numbers for your valuables so you can accurately report them missing if needed.
- 7). **Park a car in the driveway!** Give your home an appearance that someone is living there by asking a



trusted neighbor to park his or her car in your driveway while you are away.

8). **Outdoor lighting!** Consider motion sensing lights on the outside of your house. Criminals typically do not want to be seen, so if a light comes on as they are walking around your house, it may prevent you from becoming a victim.

9). **Make notifications!** If you have an alarm system, make sure that they know how to get ahold of you while you are away. This can also be said about the trusted neighbor who is picking up your newspapers and mail, and who is parking a car in your driveway.

10). **Complete a Vacation Check Form!** The Florissant Police Department offers a free program to its residents where we check your house daily while you are on vacation. You can complete this form on our website at [www.florissantmo.com/police](http://www.florissantmo.com/police) or you can fill out a form at the Florissant Police Department.

The Florissant Police Department wishes all of the residents of Florissant a safe and happy summer! For any questions, call Officer Steve Michael, the police department's Community and Media Relations Officer, at 314-830-6042 or [smichael@florissantmo.com](mailto:smichael@florissantmo.com)

## Safety Town Returns for 2018



Florissant "SAFETY TOWN" is sponsored by the Florissant Police Department, Florissant Rotary Club, Stygar and Sons Funeral Homes, and the School Districts of Hazelwood and Ferguson/Florissant.

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

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

This year, Safety Town will be held from June 4th thru 15th, Monday thru Friday, from 1:00-3:00pm, at Wedgewood Elementary. The cost for the two week session is \$15.00. For more information, please contact Officer Lessie Summers [lsommers@florissantmo.com](mailto:lsommers@florissantmo.com).

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

**For Any Emergencies Call: 911**

**For More Information Visit Our Web Page at:**  
**[www.florissantmo.com/](http://www.florissantmo.com/)**



## Fireworks are Prohibited in Florissant



# NOTICE



**FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL**  
**PER CITY ORDINANCE IT IS**  
**ILLEGAL TO POSSESS**  
**AND/OR DISCHARGE FIREWORKS**  
**WITHIN FLORISSANT CITY LIMITS**  
**VIOLATORS FACE A FINE OF**  
**UP TO \$1000**  
**As Per Ordinance # 215.020**

The Police Department would like to remind our residents that the Discharge and Possession of Fireworks are illegal in St. Louis County as well as the City of Florissant. There are many dangers that come with fireworks not being properly discharged that include bodily injury as well as extensive property damage if they are not closely mon-

itored by responsible adults. Please leave the fireworks to the professionals and come enjoy the city's free fireworks display at the James J. Eagan center on July 4th 2018 at dusk. The Police Department will be strictly enforcing the fireworks ordinances which can carry up to \$1000 fine if a summons is issued to offenders.



## Home Improvement Mechanical Program Can Help with Air Conditioning

If you are a homeowner and find yourself trying to beat the heat without Air Conditioning this summer...The Home Improvement Mechanical Program (HIP-M) could be your answer!

The HIP Mechanical Program offers a limited number of grants to income eligible home owners for the replacement of air conditioner units. This Emergency assistance is available June thru August. Contact the Community Development office for information 314-839-7680.



## Take Care of "Your" Florissant Sidewalks



Help your Florissant neighbors stay safer and healthier. Many of our residents are making walking, running, biking and other physical activities a bigger part of their daily lives. The City's Centers, gyms and parks, are in full use, but the most obvious and easiest avenue, no puns intended, to get in that workout are the use of our streets and sidewalks. You can help by maintaining your sidewalks and the streets in front of your home to keep them safe, walkable and passable.

Please do not park your car on the sidewalk. Parked cars block the way of pedestrians and can cause cracks and uneven surfaces. Walkers, joggers, persons using wheelchairs, pushing strollers, or using canes, might find it difficult or impossible to navigate around or over these hazards on the sidewalk. Other ways you can help: Avoid obstructing your sidewalks with garbage and recycling carts and bins. Please place them in the parking lane or at the end of your driveway for pick up.

Please remove other sidewalk obstructions as soon as you are aware of any possible hazard. Clear sidewalks of vegetation, trim back trees and shrubs that grow over the side-

walk. Keep the sidewalk surface clean all year round by raking up leaves in the fall, sweeping off debris, especially sweetgum balls, removing any moss or other naturally occurring vegetation that tend to become slippery.

Many of our residents continue to use the sidewalks when it snows, so please clear the sidewalk along your property during the winter months. Spring/Summer is here, consider working with other residents on your block to organize a work party to clear your streets and sidewalks of obstructions and hazards such as litter, vegetation and overgrown tree limbs. Talk to your neighbors or contact the City at 314-921-5700 or 314-839-7648 to report safety concerns and obstructions.

Walking, running and biking are popular forms of exercise for Florissant's residents. It requires no special skills and takes a minimal amount of time in return for an abundance of energy and health. Please help the City and your neighbors by maintaining the streets and sidewalks in front on your homes. A little pride will go a long way in keeping Florissant safe, walkable and passable.

## Things you can do to help your AC cope with a long hot summer



Summer heat arrived early and air conditioning systems are experiencing extra work that could result in a variety of issues as the units attempt to work on through a longer than usual cooling season. Keeping the system running and running at peak efficiency is critical to managing your comfort and costs.

### Things you can do to stay cool...

- Clean or change the air filter monthly. A clean filter can lower your air conditioner's energy consumption by up to 15%.
- Keep the area around the outdoor unit clear of vegetation and debris. With two feet of space around the unit it is easier to pull in air. It increases efficiency and helps avoid maintenance issues.

### Call A Professional

A complete system check-up requires disassembling the AC unit. This task should be performed by a professionally qualified service technician who will:

- Clean the condensate drain. A clogged drain can cause the system to work harder, reduce the amount of cool air and raise energy costs.
- Clean the outdoor and indoor units. The technician can thoroughly clean the internal

parts of the inside and outside units and increase efficiency and also reduce noise.

### More Tips to Save On Energy Costs...

These general energy-saving tips will help support your HVAC system and save energy around the house.

- Install a programmable thermostat. You can set these units to raise or lower the temperature while you are at work and asleep. "Smart" WIFI capable thermostats can also be controlled from smartphones or tablets via the web, even while you are away.
- Seal your HVAC ducts and make sure doors, windows, and other possible "air leaks" are properly sealed. Less cool air escaping means less energy use and more comfort.
- Set the thermostat only as low as necessary. Setting it to a lower temperature doesn't speed up the cooling, it merely keeps the unit working longer. Each degree the thermostat is raised will significantly lower the annual cooling bill. Most people feel comfortable at about 78°, that setting can reduce costs and with the addition of fans to move the air, it can feel very comfortable.

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## JUNE

*Hawthorne Players Present:*
**Best Of Hawthorne:**
**Echoes Of Valhalla**

June 30 – 2:00 p.m. June 30 – 7:00 p.m.



Highlights from the past ten years of the highly successful October event, Voices of Valhalla (A hayride through time) will be performed inside the Florissant Civic Center Theatre, stories researched, written and directed by Larry Marsh. The intriguing life stories of people interred at Valhalla Cemetery, off of St. Charles Rock Road, will be shared. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Duckie Demere Scholarship Fund.

**ADMISSION: \$15.00**

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


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## JULY

*Missouri Pageant Alumnae Club Presents:*
**Ms. Missouri Senior America Pageant**

July 8 – 2:00 p.m.



Lovely ladies will compete for the title of Ms. Missouri Senior America. The four areas of competition are a personal interview before the pageant, a talent presentation on stage, poise in an evening gown and her philosophy of life.

**ADMISSION: \$15.00** in advance, \$12.00 for groups of 10 or more; \$17.00 at door  
Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or [www.FlorissantMO.com](http://www.FlorissantMO.com)

*Hawthorne Players Present:*
**Legally Blonde The Musical**

July 27 – 7:30 p.m. July 28 – 7:30 p.m.

Aug 3 – 7:30 p.m. Aug 4 – 7:30 p.m. Aug 5 – 2:00 p.m.



Famously perky Elle follows the boyfriend who recently dumped her to Harvard Law School to prove to him she's not just a fashion-savvy sorority sister. Through determination and her special skill set, Elle provides evidence she might be really good at this law thing. Funny and heart-warming, this musical, based on the popular movie, is ridiculously enjoyable from start to finish.

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

*Gordon's Entertainment Presents:*
**Jazz Heaven Series**
**"Under The Rainbow Part II"**

Aug 18 – 4:30 p.m.

This year's production will highlight songs & poems made popular by legendary artists who are presently residing in Jazz Heaven. They will make a one day celestial journey to Earth to perform Gospel, Jazz, Pop, Blues and R & B for us; legends like Mahalia Jackson, Billie Holiday, Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole, Janis Joplin, Mary Wells, Otis Redding and B.B. King just to name a few. We hope to see you there.


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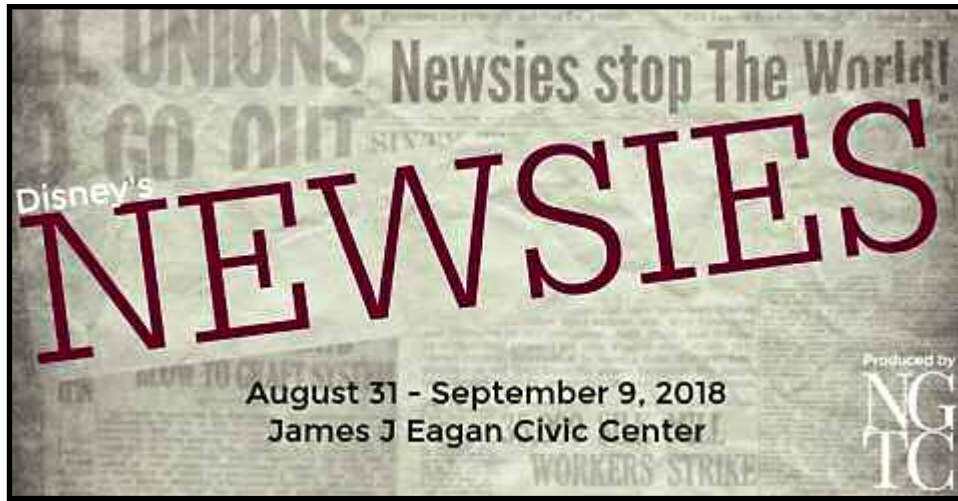
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Sep 7 – 7:30 p.m. Sep 8 – 7:30 p.m. Sep 9 – 2:00 p.m.



The Next Generation Theatre Company production of Disney's Newsies tells the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of teenaged "newsies." When titans of publishing raise distribution prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions and fight for what's right! Based on the 1992 motion picture and inspired by a true story, Newsies features a Tony Award-winning score by Alan Menken (Little Shop of Horrors, Sister Act) and Jack Feldman and a book by Tony Award winner Harvey Fierstein (Kinky Boots). Featuring the now classic songs "Carrying the Banner," "Seize the Day," and "Santa Fe," Newsies is packed with non-stop thrills and a timeless message, perfect for the whole family and every audience.

ADMISSION: \$20.00 Adults; \$15.00

Senior/Student/Military; Child 12 & under \$10.00

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

## Shrine Recognizes Geri Debo for Leadership and Service

On April 9, 2018, after 30+ years of service, Geri Debo retired from Friends of Old St. Ferdinand Shrine. Her leadership and service, not only to the Shrine but to Florissant are remarkable. Starting as a history teacher in the Hazelwood District, to being a member of the City Council, and serving as the treasurer and secretary of the Shrine, Geri has left an indelible mark.

St. Ferdinand Shrine under her leadership has undergone many



transformations, but always staying true to the mission of Mother Duchesne and the history of Florissant. Geri is a firm believer in historic preservation. She wants generations to come to see what life was like for the early settlers and what life was like for St. Philippine. As she is fond of saying "Imagine, we're walking where a saint walked."

The Shrine has withstood floods and a fire, but thanks to Geri, the Shrine is still alive with activities. She wanted people to come to the Shrine to see our collection of artifacts dating back to the 1800's.

Under her guidance the Shrine grounds have been transformed. We have a hall that can be used by the community for parties and meetings. The bookstore is open every Saturday morning, and the Church gift shop is open daily. Our Church is still alive with the sacraments, weddings, baptisms and funerals can be held here, and during the school year we have First Friday Mass and confession.

While Geri is stepping back from the day to day running of the Shrine, she holds us in her prayers and we hold her in ours.

**GERI, Thank you so much for your decades of hard work and dedication to the St. Ferdinand Shrine and the Florissant Community!**

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## Don't Let Your Investments Go on "Vacation"

Summer is here – and so is vacation season. Americans spend a lot on their summer get-aways – more than \$100 billion in 2017 alone, as reported in Travel and Leisure magazine. When you hit the road, you will enjoy getting away from your regular tasks, but there's one part of your life that should never take a break – your investments.

To keep your investments working consistently and efficiently for you, consider these suggestions:

**Match the right investment with the right "job."** You hire an electrician to install a light fixture, you employ a plumber to clear a clogged drain, and you would not expect either one to work on the other's project. In a way, this view of a division of labor is similar to how you might look at different investments. In general, you purchase stocks with the hope of achieving the growth necessary to help you meet long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement. On the other hand, when you purchase certain fixed-rate investments such as certificates of deposit (CDs) or money market accounts, you know they won't provide as much growth potential, but are available to fund a short-term goal – such as a dream vacation.

**Evaluate investments' performance relative to your goals.** Some people think the only way to evaluate their investments' performance is to track them against a well-known market index, such as the S&P 500. However, using an index as a measuring stick has some drawbacks, one of which is the lack of a personal connection to your situation. Look at it this way: In many types of organizations, you typically go through performance

reviews, where your work is assessed in terms of how well it helped you move toward your goals – and you can follow the same process with your investments. Specifically, you can measure their performance by how effective they are in helping you move toward your financial objectives. For example, if you need your portfolio to provide you with a certain rate of return to meet specific retirement goals at a designated age, but you find that you are not currently on track toward meeting these goals, you may need to adjust your investment mix to potentially provide you with a higher return. Be aware, though, that seeking higher return potential will likely mean taking on more risk. You may want to consult with a financial professional to make sure you find a risk/reward ratio suitable for your goals and risk tolerance.

**Look for hard-working investments.** Some investments work especially hard. Some stocks, or investments containing stocks, pay dividends. Instead of taking the dividends, you can choose to reinvest them, purchasing even more shares – and increased share ownership is one key to helping build financial resources for the long term. Dividend reinvestment is typically automatic, so once you have chosen this option, there's really no extra work on your part. (Keep in mind, though, that companies are not obligated to pay dividends, and they can be reduced or eliminated at any time.) In the investing arena, as in many endeavors, hard work can be rewarding. So look for opportunities to keep your investments gainfully employed throughout your life.

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## Senior Citizen Parties

### Summer Luau & Bingo

**ALOHA!** Enjoy a tropical day in Florissant! The fantastic MUNY KIDS will entertain us. We will enjoy a tropical lunch, great entertainment, chances to win a pot of gold & gift baskets and Bingo!

**Date & Time:** Thursday, August 9, 2018, 10:00am – 2:00pm

**Place:** James J. Eagan Center

**Menu:** Roasted Pork with a BBQ Teriyaki Sauce, Sliced Bun, Island Green Beans with Sweet Red Pepper, Hawaiian Potato Salad, Salad with Mandarin Oranges & Strawberries and Coconut Cream Cake.

**Tickets:** \$12.00 residents, \$15.00 non-residents. Tickets will be sold to residents with a current resident card starting on Monday, July 2 in the Senior Office. If there are tickets remaining, on Monday, July 30 tickets will be sold to residents and non-residents through Monday August 6. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.



### Have a SPOOKTAKULAR time at the City of Florissant HALLOWEEN PARTY & BINGO!

Come dressed in your Halloween attire or dress in costume to participate in the Costume Contest! Hot Jazz & Swing Singer MISS JUBILEE will give us an energetic performance of Hot Jazz, Hokum & Low-down Blues from the 20's & 30's. A delicious lunch will be served, attendance prizes will be given away, chances for a Pot of Gold and Gift Baskets will be sold and of course we will play Bingo!

**Date & Time:** Thursday, October 25, 2018, 10:00am – 2:00pm,

**Costume Contest at 10:15am**

**Place:** James J. Eagan Center

**Tickets:** \$12.00 residents, \$15.00 non-residents. Includes admission, lunch, entertainment, attendance prizes & Bingo. Tickets will be sold to Florissant Residents only with a current resident card in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall starting Monday, October 1. If there are tickets remaining, on Monday, October 15th, tickets will be sold to residents AND non-residents through Monday, October 22. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.



## Multi-City Dress Up Event The 18th Annual Senior Citizen North County Gala!



The Cities of Florissant, St. Ann, Hazelwood, Bridgeton and Maryland Heights plan this wonderful dress-up event for North County Senior Citizens – THE NORTH COUNTY GALA. This year the event will be held in the City of St. Ann. Tickets can be purchased in the Senior Office at Florissant City Hall as well as all the sponsoring cities. The outstanding 18-piece Sentimental Journey Band will perform, fantastic attendance prizes will be given away, delicious hors d'oeuvres will be served, and dance angels will be available.

**Date & Time:** Friday Night, August 17, 2018, 7:00pm – 10:00pm

**Place:** City of St. Ann Community Center, #1 Community Center Drive, St. Ann, 63074

**Tickets:** \$15.00 each, Tickets can be purchased at any of the participating cities as well as the Florissant Senior Office beginning July 24th through August 14th. The City of Florissant will have bus transportation for 50 guests - first come, first served! Call the Florissant Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

## The Mayor's Town Hall Meeting for Senior Citizens



Have breakfast with the Mayor! Mayor Thomas P. Schneider will address the Senior Citizens of Florissant at this event. All City Department Heads will be present to answer any questions or address your concerns. Senior Citizen focused organizations will also be present to give out valuable information. A full breakfast will be provided by St. Catherine Retirement Community.

**Date & Time:** Thursday, September 13, 2018, 9:00am – 11:00am

**Place:** James J. Eagan Center

**Cost:** This is a FREE event for Florissant Residents only, but you must call the Senior Office, 839-7605, starting on Monday, August 20 to make reservations for the breakfast.

## Senior Citizen Germanfest Dinner/Dance

Polkas, Waltzes & all the Traditional German Music will be performed by St. Louis Express. A delicious Dinner of German Kielbasa & Sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad & German chocolate cake will be served! Light snacks will be provided and beer, wine & soda will be available for purchase.

**Date & Time:** Friday evening, September 28, 2018, 5:00pm – 9:00pm, dinner served at 5:30pm

**Place:** James J Eagan Community Center

**Cost:** Residents: \$12.00, Non-residents: \$15.00

**Tickets:** Tickets go on sale starting Monday September 4 and continue through Tuesday, September 25 to residents and non-residents in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. There will be no ticket sales at the door. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.



## Tai Chi for Arthritis/Fall Prevention

The City of Florissant has partnered with Oasis to host the following class for Senior Citizens.

One of the most effective methods of fall prevention is Tai Chi, an evidence based approach. Studies have proven a notable reduction in fall risk after 50 hours of Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention. This class is led by a certified Tai Chi for Arthritis for Fall Prevention instructor.



**Date & Time:** Every Tuesday and Thursday, July 10 through August 30, 10:00am-11:00am

**Place:** Florissant Senior Dining Center, 621 rue St. Francois, Florissant, MO 63031

**Cost:** \$64.00 (16 Sessions)

**Register:** Call OASIS at 314-862-4859 ext 24





## Senior Citizen Trips

### Spirit of Peoria and Moonlight Inn



We'll take a trip back in time on the Authentic Paddlewheel Boat, The Spirit of Peoria, as we cruise the Mississippi/Illinois Rivers. After docking in Grafton, we'll head to the Famous Castelli's Moonlight Inn in Alton to enjoy a delicious lunch.

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, September 19, 2018, 8:00am – 2:00pm

**Tickets:** \$49.00 residents, \$51.00 non-residents, includes transportation, paddlewheel cruise & lunch

**Ticket Sales begin on Tuesday, August 14 in the Senior Office to residents with a current resident card. If there are tickets remaining, on Wednesday, August 15, tickets will be sold to residents and non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for ticket availability or more information.**

### Fairmount Park

Nothing quite matches the excitement of Live Racing at Fairmount Park! The Powerful Horses, the Thundering Crowds, and Big Chances to WIN! Enjoy a sprawling view of the live action while enjoying the lunch buffet in the BLACK STALLION ROOM.



**Date & Time:** Tuesday, August 7, 2018, 10:30am – 4:30pm

**Tickets:** \$25.00 residents, \$27.00 non-residents includes transportation, admission into Fairmount Park and Black Stallion Buffet Lunch. This is a Silver Words Trip: Tickets go on sale to Silver Words Club Members only at the Silver Words Club Meeting on Thursday, July 5, 2018. If there are tickets remaining, tickets will go on sale in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall on Friday, July 6 to residents and non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

### Spirit of Peoria and Pere Marquette

This is our second paddlewheel boat trip in 2018. We will take a trip back in time on the Authentic Paddlewheel Boat, The Spirit of Peoria as we cruise the Mississippi/Illinois Rivers. After docking in Grafton, we'll travel down the River Road to the beautiful Pere Marquette Lodge for lunch.



**Date & Time:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 8:00am – 2:00pm

**Tickets:** \$43.00 residents, \$45.00 non-residents - Includes transportation, paddlewheel cruise & lunch.

**This is a Silver Words Trip: Tickets go on sale to Silver Words Club Members only at the Silver Words Club Meeting on Thursday, September 6, 2018. If there are tickets remaining, tickets will go on sale in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall on Friday, September 7, 2018 to residents and non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.**

## Quilt Trunk Show!

Meet Cindy Bonds from the Flower Valley Quilting Guild who will share her extraordinary Journey as a Quilter! View Cindy's special creations including Civil War Quilts and Vintage Quilts.

**DATE & TIME:** Tuesday, October 9, 2018 1:00pm

**PLACE:** Sunset Park Nature Lodge

**RESERVATIONS:** Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for reservations starting on Monday, September 24. Seating is limited.



## Safety Classes For Older Adults

It is an unfortunate fact that older adults are targets of crime. Chief Tim Lowery and the Florissant Police Department, in cooperation with the Florissant Senior Citizen Office, are providing Senior Citizen Safety Programs. The instructors for these courses are Tom Jost, retired Detective Sergeant from the Florissant Police Department and Tscharna Senn, retired Lieutenant from the Gainesville, Florida Police Department. Both instructors are international experts in the field of physical skill training & surviving violent encounters. Classes are free, provided by the Florissant Police Department, but you must register by calling the Florissant Senior Office at 839-7605.

### Confrontation Avoidance & Safety Class for Older Adults

Learn about techniques for avoiding violent confrontations and increase awareness of potential encounters.

**Date & Time:** Monday, June 18, 2018, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

**Place:** JFK Center

**Registration:** Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, to make your reservation

### Advanced Confrontation Avoidance & Safety Class for Older Adults

This advanced class will include a more detailed examination of physical skills and prevention strategies for personal protection. This course is meant as a follow-up to the Confrontation Avoidance and Safety for Older Adults Class, but can be taken as a stand-alone course. There are no prerequisites.

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, June 19, 2018, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

**Place:** Eagan Center

**Registration:** Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, to make your reservation



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## Hot Weather Tips for You and Your Pets



Now that those long days of warm weather are here, remember that summer in the city can be hazardous for your pet if you are not careful.

A routine romp in the sun, for example, can throw your dog into shock if proper caution is not exercised. Likewise, a window left carelessly open in your home can mean tragedy if your cat falls out of it. Please remember the following twelve tips from the City of Florissant Health Department to keep your pets safe during another long, hot summer.

1. Never leave your pet in a car. An automobile can quickly turn into an oven for a dog or a cat, even with the windows open and the car parked in the shade. Open windows do not provide enough ventilation and the shade shifts along with the sun as the day progresses.
2. Always provide plenty of cool, clean water for your pet. When traveling, carry a gallon thermos filled with cool water.
3. Never let your dog or cat out to run loose. Pets can get stolen, injured and even killed while running loose. In particular, be careful with your cat. Make sure there are no open windows in your home for your cat to jump through.
4. Always keep a current Florissant City Pet Tag and current rabies vaccination tag on your pet in case your pet would get lost. Those tags do not do any good at home in your drawer.
5. Never give your pet forced exercise after feeding, especially in very hot, humid weather.
6. Always exercise your pet in the cool of the day. Early morning and early evening are optimal times to exercise your pet.
7. Never tether or cage your pet outside in the summer heat for long periods of time without shelter, food and water. Bring your pet inside during the heat of day.
8. Always keep your pet well groomed. Do not shave off your pet's coat because it gives them protection against heat and insects. Your pet's coat also holds cool water after a refreshing swim or wetting with a hose. You may comb your pet to remove excess undercoat. Keep the coat free of mats by brushing regularly. A clean coat also helps to prevent summer skin problems.
9. Never go on vacation and leave your pet shut in an empty house or tied up outside. Be sure to plan for someone to provide for your pet when you plan your summer trip.
10. Always watch for fleas and ticks that may infest your pet. Bring your pet to your veterinarian for a thorough summer check up, including a test for heart worm. Ask your vet if they can recommend a good flea and tick repellent for your pet.
11. Never walk your pet in areas that you suspect have been sprayed by insecticides or other chemicals. Dog poisoning, in particular, always increases considerably during the summer when gardens, lawns and trees are usually sprayed for control of weeds, insects and pests. Many of these chemicals can sicken or even kill your pet. Keep your pet away from these areas, observe it closely and call your veterinarian if your pet begins to act suspiciously.
12. Lastly, if in spite of your care, the hot days of summer cause your pet to twitch, pant rapidly, bark, or have a wild "staring" expression, call your veterinarian immediately. Quick cooling may save your pet's life. Immerse your pet in water, spray it down with a hose or pack ice packs around its head, stomach and groin.

## In Case of Emergency Don't Forget the Pets!



It's a typical summer day when you start to notice changes in the sky. Clouds begin to gather. Soon the sky darkens and begins to look threatening. Ask yourself, am I prepared for what lies ahead?

Emergencies come in many forms. The best thing you can do for you and your pets is to be prepared for one. Have a disaster plan for your family but don't forget to include your pets. To help you plan ahead we have listed a few things for you to keep in mind.

1. **During storms, bring your pets inside and make sure they have plenty of food and water.** If you are not home when the weather turns bad, plan ahead and ask a neighbor to help, just remember to keep those phone numbers handy.
2. **Arrange a safe place to take your pets in the event you have to evacuate, Do NOT leave pets behind.** Keep in mind that during a disaster many emergency shelters will not accept animals because of health and safety regulations, because of this it is very important you determine where you will take your pets ahead of time.
3. **Keep important pet papers at hand.** Put together a kit containing all vaccinations records, veterinary contacts, micro-chip/tag information, emergency contact information for someone outside the area and also include a picture of your pet(s), preferably with you in the picture. Keep all information in a water-tight container or bag. **Make sure every member of your family knows where this information is kept!**
4. **Bring along enough food/water for 7 days.** Extra collars, leashes, pet first aid supplies and portable bowls may be needed as well.
5. **Make sure your pet(s) has identification on at all times!**

Planning ahead will improve the animal outcome of an emergency as well as enhance human response to evacuations and other disaster relief efforts.

## Street Work

City crews have begun this season's maintenance of replacing deteriorating concrete slabs and patching other areas that need repair with hot asphalt mix.

Eighteen city streets will have new asphalt and curbing overlay to greatly improve the look and ride on these streets. The contracted cost is approximately \$1,227,000. This work will begin in early summer.

Missouri Petroleum will begin to slurry seal many streets throughout the City. Work should be completed this summer before school begins in late August.

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.



## North County Cowboys Football Team Looking for Players and Cheerleaders Ages K through 8



North County Cowboys Youth Sports is an organization designed to provide a fun and safe atmosphere for youth to learn life skills, the importance of a good attitude and how teamwork can and will play an important role in their lives. Our programs are supported by positive volunteer men and women who solely care about creating a positive atmosphere for our youth to succeed on and off the field.

All practices and home games are held at Koch Park, 315 Howdershell Rd.

For more information go to [www.NCCowboys.com](http://www.NCCowboys.com) or Email: [Cowboys.ncc@gmail.com](mailto:Cowboys.ncc@gmail.com).

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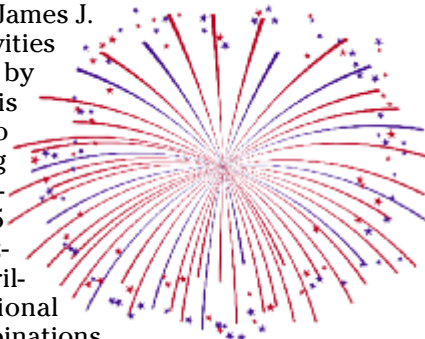
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## 4th of July Fireworks and Concert

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## Summer Soccer Camp



Florissant Parks & Recreation Department will again be offering a Soccer Camp for youths 3 – 16 years of age. Camp will be held July 30 through Aug. 3 at Koch Park. Age divisions are as follows:

- First Kicks - 3-4 yrs. - 8:00 to 9:30am - \$69
- 2 Hour Camp - 6 - 8 yrs. - 9:30 to 11:30am - \$99
- 9 - 11 yrs. - 12:00 PM to 2:00pm - \$99
- 12 - 14 yrs. - 2:00 to 4:00pm - \$99

A \$10 late fee will apply to all registration received after July 19th. Applications can be mailed to: JFK Center, 315 Howdershell Rd., Florissant, MO. 63031. For further information or questions please contact Janice e Steib at 314-921-4250 or jsteib@florissantmo.com

## Kickstarters Soccer



The Eagan Civic Center will host a youth soccer program consisting of light instructions in a fun and positive environment. Child will learn shooting, passing, dribbling, defense and other fundamentals of the game. Registration begins August 13th for residents and August 20th for non-residents. Price is residents - \$50 and non-residents \$60. These sessions will be held on Saturdays beginning 9/15. Times are 9-9:45 A.M. for 4 - 5 year olds and 9:45-10:30 AM for 6-8 year olds.

## Pom Pom Camp

The Parks & Recreation Department will be offering a Pom Pom Camp new this year. Come learn the turns, leaps, kicks and other precision movements needed to be a valued member of a dance or cheer team. Dancers will learn how to count music, synchronize movements, dance and perform as a team. Basic cheer skills will be incorporated. Participants should wear form fitted clothing and jazz or tennis shoes. The last hour on Friday will be a performance. All participants will receive a t-shirt. Camp is for children ages 8-12, July 23-27, 9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the JFK Center. Cost for the camp is \$42 for residents and \$52 for non-residents.



## Bangert Pool IS OPEN!

Mon. - Fri.: 12:30pm - 7:30pm  
 Sat. & Sun.: 11:30am - 7:30pm  
 Holidays (4th of July & Labor Day): 12:30pm - 5:00pm

## Disc Golf Tournament



The 6th Annual Dunegant Dash Disc Golf Tournament will be held at Dunegant Park. 50% proceeds will go to TEAM - The Emergency Assistance Ministry. Registration fee includes a custom stamped Dunegant Park disc. This is a one day, 27 hole tournament. For more information about the tournament, contact Brendan Kane @ 314-921-4466 / bkane@florissantmo.com. The tournament will be held on September 8th, with registration at 8:30 a.m. and players meeting at 9 a.m., cost is \$15 per person.

## Splish Splash Summer Bash

Swim and dance the night away, at our annual Splish Splash Summer Bash for Florissant youth in 5th-8th grade. Participants will enjoy DJ music, games, pizza and beverages. Admission will be by ticket only, which must be purchased in advance. Tickets may be purchased at JFK Community Center and the James J. Eagan Center. The date of the event is July 13th, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Bangert Pool. Tickets will be available June 11th for residents and June 18th for non-residents with a cost of \$5 for residents and \$7 for non-residents.

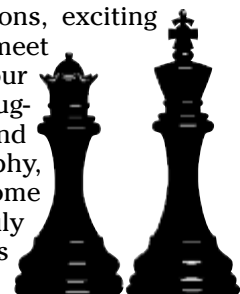


## Back to School Pool Party

End the summer with a bang and join us for our first ever Back to School Swim Party. Your ticket includes admission to the pool for a special evening filled with fun, games, music, and swimming! Guests will also receive a hot dog and soda, included in their ticket price as well as other concession items available for purchase. A limited number of tickets will be available, so get yours early. Everyone ages 4 and up must have a ticket. Party will be held at Bangert Pool on August 3rd, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Tickets will be available beginning July 9th for residents and July 23 for non-residents at a cost of \$5 for residents and \$7 for non-residents.

## Chess Wizards

Join us this summer for tons of challenging chess lessons, exciting games, and cool prizes. You'll improve your chess skills, meet new friends, and work out your most powerful muscle- your brain! Our camps include fun team chess games (like bug-house), recess time (of course), snacks, tournaments, and puzzles. Each camper receives a Chess Wizards T-Shirt, trophy, and puzzle folder. Unleash your brain power and spend some of your break time with Chess Wizards! Dates for this are July 23-27, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the JFK Center. Cost for the lessons is \$250 for residents and \$256 for non-residents.



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