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# THE Florissant Focus

The Newsletter of the Beautiful City of Florissant, Missouri

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Fall Festival Edition

## 20th Annual Florissant Old Town Fall Festival - Sunday October 8th

Florissant Old Town Partners and the City of Florissant along with the the Missouri Arts Council co-sponsor the festival on rue St. Francois each year on the 2nd Sunday in October. In the past few years over 30,000 visitors attended the weekend events and we expect this to be the biggest and best ever!

The Old Town Fall Festival kicks off at 11 am on Sunday October 8th and runs until 5pm on rue St. Francois Street in the heart of Old Town Florissant. Eleven full blocks from Florissant Road down to the St. Ferdinand Shrine are closed off for this event. All side streets will be blocked off to accommodate the festival. The street will be filled with activities for everyone with over 150 booths including a full craft fair area, games to play, sale items, food and beverages. We will have the old favorites like the Chili Cook-off, the wine garden, pumpkin decorating, Kincaid Puppets and entertainment on almost every block.

### Fido Follies Dog Contest!

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



### Free Children's activities!

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

\*SS - Photos Courtesy of Susan Schilligo



### Free Child Identification Kits!

The Police Department in conjunction with MOCHIPS, will be offering child identification kits free of charge. They will be set up in the Council Chambers near the Children's Hands-On art at City Hall.

### Craft Fair!

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

### Car Show!

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

### Shrine Activities!

Be sure to visit St. Ferdinand Shrine and make a donation to the Save the Shrine Campaign and participate in activities sponsored by the Friends of Old St. Ferdinand.

### Entertainment!

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

We also have many entertainers throughout the 11 blocks of fun that include Cookie the Clown, Dan Sproat Solo Musician, Kraig Kalkbrenner Flint Knapper, the Kincaid Karacter Puppets, Stiltwalker/Juggler, Story Teller, North County Big Band, Dennis Schilligo Solo Singer Guitarist, Bucket List Band, The Retro Band, DK Dance Productions, After Hours Community Band, The Florissant Men of Harmony, and more...

### Free Shuttle!

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



## Thank You Sponsors!

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

**Corporate Sponsors:** Baronwood Kennels, Christian Hospital, Kaybee Electric, Pyramid Home Health Services, Bath Fitter, Click Heating and Cooling, Florissant Glass, Dooley's Florist and Gifts, Meridian Waste, Applied Scholastics  
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Check out our updated sponsor lists on our website!

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

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

## Visit Old St. Ferdinand Shrine During the Fall Festival!



Have you ever wished Fredbird could be at the Fall Festival? Well your wish has come true! The St. Louis Cardinal's Fredbird will be at Historic St. Ferdinand Shrine from 1:15pm - 1:45 pm. Come and meet Fredbird and don't forget your cameras!

While at the Shrine you can also visit the petting zoo where guests of all ages can enjoy up-close interactions with wonderful animals. This is a first time event at the Shrine, so be sure to attend and help make the petting zoo a welcome addition to the festival. The Children's area at the Shrine will also have a bubble machine, face painting, and snow cones along with other refreshments.

There are many additional events and activities at the Shrine. The Antiques and Treasures Sale will have many items for sale, including some that have been a part of the Shrine such as furniture, religious items and much more. Get to the sale early as these items will sell fast. The Book Store will be open with special Fall Festival prices. There will also be food and drink in the comfortable, air conditioned schoolhouse. Pull tabs will be sold outside of the Schoolhouse...this might be your year to win big!

The Shrine Gift Shop will also be open. If you have never had a tour of the Church and Convent, you should include that impressive experience as part of your Fall Festival visit. While on the tour you will learn how the early settlers lived and their determination to have a thriving community with farms, schools and churches. The Shrine site will be celebrating a 200 year anniversary in 2019. If these buildings could talk, just think of the stories they could tell about early life in Florissant!

Everyone at St. Ferdinand Shrine wants to say "Thank You!" to all who have contributed to our



'Save the Shrine' campaign. Those donations have been outstanding and made it possible to complete projects such as restoring the old windows in the convent and other much needed work. But much more still needs to be done. Take a tour of the Shrine and see what has been accomplished as well as the work that still lies ahead.

See you at the Fall Festival!

## City of Florissant Accepting Applications for 2018 Seasonal Employment



The City of Florissant is currently accepting applications for 2018 seasonal employment. The application process closes March 1, 2018 when the selection process begins.

Applications and an informational booklet listing positions, age requirements and qualifications for each position are available at the Human Resources Department located in the Florissant Government Building, 1055 rue St. Francois, Florissant, MO 63031

**Please stop by our Seasonal Job Fair on December 28th at the James J. Eagan Center from 1:30-3:00 pm.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Human Resources Department at 595-3640.



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## Volunteering for a Better Florissant



As fall descends on Florissant and thoughts turn to pumpkins, turkeys, and family dinners, 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 the Community Oriented Problem Solving (C.O.P.S) program, 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](mailto:volunteer@florissantmo.com)

## Home Composting

Why start a household compost heap? I can reel off a long list of reasons for keeping your food scraps and other household waste out of the trash can. Compost adds nutrients and organic matter back into the soil. Composting diverts methane-producing organic materials from landfills, and improves soil water retention when put into soil, so you don't need to water as much.

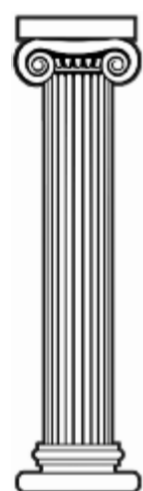
You just want to make the food break down. You can compost vegetable and fruit peelings and cores, left-over greens and grains. But don't add meat, poultry, fish or their bones and byproducts. Don't put animal feces in the pile. Some people add dead leaves and grass.

To start a compost heap, buy or make bins or buckets to contain your compost and mix with a little dirt. (Some people recommend adding lime to help it break down, but it's not required.) Mix it with a small shovel and cover the bucket. Do this each time until the bin or bucket is full. Then about one week later, mix it up again and bury it in the ground about four inches deep.

When I compost, I separate my leaves and grass clippings from my other organic waste. I pile and

mix dirt on my yard waste, and turn it over every week. Then I put it on top of my garden. More and more local governments are recognizing that food waste is the bulk of what goes to their landfills and they are starting to do something about it. With landfills filling up quickly everyone should have some kind of plan to help reduce the land fill waste.

An interview on composting will be coming up on "Green Like Me" on FCTV-Florissant City Television on Charter channel 992, ATT Uverse channel 99 or on Florissant City-Media on YouTube. - EQC member Craig Andert,



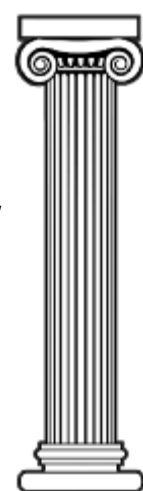
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Dear Florissant Friends,

We recently wrapped up our summer weekend Music Under the Stars concerts at St. Ferdinand Lake. **"Music Under the Stars"** is proudly sponsored by the Florissant Fine Arts Council and the City of Florissant and was blessed with outstanding weather and great attendance. We enjoyed the sounds of the Northwinds Concert Band, SSJ Rock n Roll Show Band, Boeing Employees Concert Band, Butch Wax & the Hollywoods with Theo Peoples from The Four Tops, SmashBand SuperHits, Billy Peek, Rockin' Chair Band, and Fanfare Band featuring Kittie Moller.

Our only remaining concert will be part of the **20th annual Fall Festival** on Sunday October 8th featuring Bob Kuban Bass with two performances. Information on the many events sponsored by Florissant is always available on our website at [www.florissantmo.com](http://www.florissantmo.com) and on your Charter or AT & T television local government access channel. Each year we evaluate the list of performers to help us plan for the following year's lineup which often includes a new group. Next year we are contemplating inviting Florissant based bands to compete in a "Florissant's got talent" contest with two or three finalist scheduled for a Saturday night playoff performance at St. Ferdinand Lake. To express an interest in competing contact the James J. Eagan Center.

**I would like to thank Old Town Partners who co-sponsors with the City the popular Wednesday Night Out (WNO) events and to all the hosts for another successful year.** We kicked off the May WNO with **"Proud to be an American"** theme that was hosted by the VFW Post 4105. We dedicated another Walk Through History plaque in honor of the late Pat Click, Sr. before the start of the June WNO which was hosted by Kortess Custom Framing & Antiques. In July the WNO activity was a movie night at the Knights pavilion sponsored by Friends of Old St. Ferdinand Shrine and Knights of Columbus. In August the fourth WNO was a Tropical Island Street Party sponsored by Stems Florist, Bunkers Tavern, Husband State Farm agency and KayBee electric. That night we also dedicated our 30th Walk Through History plaque in honor of the late Kenneth "Ken" Otto. The last WNO was hosted by Hendel's Café in September. All events were well attended by folk that came out to enjoy a great night with family and friends.

On September 10 Florissant was host to the **Prince Hall Americanism Parade** sponsored by the Prince Hall Masons. The parade route began and ended at the James J. Eagan Center using Waterford, St. Catherine, Meadowgrass and Parker. Our new ward 8 Council Representative Robert Parson is proud to be a member of this historic fraternal organization which seeks to develop good citizenship in men by helping their communities. Florissant Golf Club was proud to host the Prince Hall Charity Golf tournament on September 2.

**National Night Out** was changed from Tuesday, August 1st and will be **Tuesday, October 3rd** in hopes that the weather will be cooler and more residents will want to participate in this event where the residents will get the opportunity to enjoy and get to know their neighbors. **Block Parties** continue to be very popular in our city. Pick any date you can to get your neighbors together and we will block off your street and one of our friendly Florissant Police Officer will likely stop by. To schedule a block party for your neighborhood for a future gathering please call Cheryl Entwistle at 314-839-7601. Also consider starting a **Neighborhood Watch** program for

your street to encourage watching out for each other which is a tremendous help to our police Department. Call Officer Steve Michael at 830-6042. In the police section of the Focus Newspaper you find more information about starting your own Neighborhood Watch Program.

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

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

**Congratulations to our Florissant Fish Swim Team** who completed in their 15th season **winning their eighth conference championship**. I was able to attend several events and was amazed at the large number of parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters and friends that attended each competition for all participating teams. This year's team comprised of around 165 swimmers and 8 coaches. The swim program is designed to accommodate a wide range of physical talent and balances between competition, participation, family values and good old fashion fun. There may be a future Olympian swimming with us. The Bellefontaine Neighbors swim team ended our 6 year undefeated streak during head to head competition but we were able to edge them out in the conference finals. **Congratulations Florissant Fish!**

**VFW Post 4105 and City hosted a 9-11 ceremony on Monday, September 11th at the VFW Post at 410 rue St. Francois.** Members from the American Legion Post 444 presented and retired the colors. Special thanks to VFW Auxiliary President Tina Wright, Friends of VFW President Randy Schroeder and the new Post Commander Ron Scanlon who plan this event to give us an opportunity to reflect on the sacrifice and commitment required to advance the progress of democracy and recognize the special role of the military, police, firefighters and all first responders to keep our society safe. Ward 8 Councilman Robert Parson, who is a Navy Seabee Reserve Veteran and Fire Chief Scott Seppelt were the guest speakers. I was attending the Missouri Municipal League annual Conference with Council President Pagano and Councilmen Caputa and Jones. (A personal note, I was at the MML conference at the same venue on 9-11-01 and happened to be at Breakfast with David Prater who is now the Mayor of Desloge MO. I expect we will reflect on this infamous hour together at this year's conference.)

Florissant is very proud to host this year's **Veteran Day Parade which will be held on Sunday, November 12th.** Parade participants will assemble and start the parade at Bangert Park and precede North on Florissant Road and then turn left on St. Francois and end the parade at VFW Post 4105 where the ceremony will take place to honor the 2017 Veteran of the Year.

We thank all the seniors who attended the **Senior Town Hall** meeting on September 14th to be informed about the progress in the beautiful city and to get an opportunity to speak with the City Administration. We would like to thank the Bridge at Florissant for graciously providing a delicious breakfast to those that

attended. For all other upcoming Senior Events please contact Peggy Hogan our Senior Coordinator at 314-839-7604.

**The 20th annual Florissant Old Town Fall Festival will be held on Sunday October 8th as the biggest block party in the state** blocking off St. Francois Street from Florissant Road to St. Ferdinand Shrine. The festival is sponsored by Florissant Old Town Partners, the City of Florissant and the Missouri and Regional Arts Council. This important cultural community family friendly togetherness event runs from **11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will feature the Bob Kuban Brass** with a wide variety of other musical and performing arts entertainment. There will be a mile of arts and crafts and delicious food and beverages highlighted by the Florissant Police Antique and Classic Car Show and the famous **Chili tasting contest in front of Click's Heating and Cooling.**

**The fourth and final Food Truck Knight sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the City will be held on Friday, October 13th on the Knight's grounds from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** The August event was packed so come early and bring a donation for TEAM. There will be barrels to collect non-perishable canned and dry food for the nearby TEAM food pantry and proceeds from the event will benefit Knight's sponsored charities including TEAM.

**The 4th annual Race to the Shrine 5K run will be held on Saturday, October 21st at the Old St. Ferdinand Shrine grounds.** The 1 mile Fun Run starts at 3:30 p.m. - 5k Race starts at 4:00 p.m. Whether you are a runner, walker or just enjoy being a spectator, families can gather to enjoy the beauty of the City of Florissant. Experience the Shrine of St. Ferdinand, the oldest standing church in the Louisiana Purchase territory. Enjoy some delicious BBQ by the Knights of Columbus, live music by local musicians, and have a wonderful day outside.

**Street Work:** - The Public Works Department has nearly completed \$3,350,000 in street work this year 2017 which includes \$931,000 in slurry seal resurfacing work on 130+ different streets throughout the City, \$565,000 in concrete pavement replacement and repairs on 34+ streets, and \$1,854,000 in major street repairs with an asphalt overlay on 15+ different streets. Major street repairs have begun with the completion of major repairs, new curbing and an asphalt overlay on Keaven Lane.

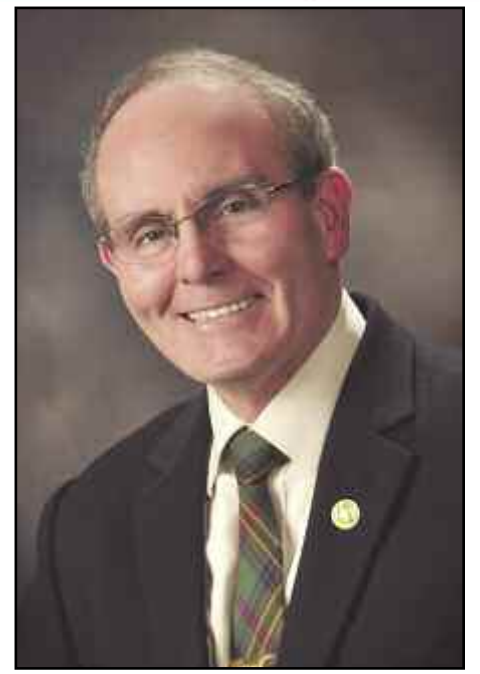
Thanks to the passage of Prop S in November 2015 Florissant has the street maintenance funds available to keep up with our 167 miles of streets and to establish a program of restoration. These funds were used this year to make improvements to 13 different streets plus major improvements to Keven Lane (completed) and St. Marie Street which will include all new curbs, gutters, and asphalt overlay and other needed improvements.

St. Louis County continues to make progress on the Shackelford Road Improvements and have just begun making much needed improvements to Washington Street.

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

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

- Design work and pre-construction work continues for the North Lafayette Reconstruction project which will include repaving the street, installing storm sewers, and adding ADA-compliant sidewalk and bicycle facilities from North Highway



67 to Washington Street with a total estimated budget of approximately \$2.7 million. Construction is scheduled for 2018.

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

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

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

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

- **Total Urgent Care @ Lindbergh** at St. Jean has opened.
- **First Collinsville Bank** will soon open a new facility in the former Bloomer's Florist on New Halls Ferry.
- **Regions Bank** has told the City they are "ready to build" the new facility on Lindbergh near **Dierbergs**.
- **Mc Allister's Deli** has opened with "record breaking sales" in the former **Bob Evans** location.
- **Raising Canes** is under construction with an expected opening the late November.
- **D'Vita Dialysis** will open a new facility in the former **Beauty Brands** location in Cross Keys.
- **U-HAUL** has started construction on Lindbergh. Estimated opening, late 2017.
- **POPEYE'S CHICKEN** will be starting construction very soon.
- **Smoothie King** has recently opened on Lindbergh and reported they are #5 out of 900 stores in the United States.

There are other projects in the Due Diligence and Planning Phase including Emo's Pizza on Halls Ferry at Greenway Chase. We are working with Developers to help in the assembly of properties for future locations.

I hope to see you at the Fall Festival on October 8th on St. Francois Street!

Sincerely,  
Mayor Thomas P. Schneider



## Last 2017 AARP "Driver Safety Program"



The Florissant Police Department will be hosting its' final AARP "Driver Safety Program" for the 2017 calendar year.

**DATE: Tuesday, November 14th, 2017**

**LOCATION: Florissant Police Department**

**1700 N. Highway 67**

**Florissant, MO 63033**

**TIME: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**FEE: \$15 for AARP Members \$20 for Non-AARP Members**

The A.A.R.P. "Driver Safety Program" is a 4-hour classroom refresher that can help you learn the effects of aging on driving and how you can adjust one's driving habits to remain safe on the road. This program is sponsored and presented by AARP and targets drivers 50 years of age and older. AARP provides a certified instructor to teach the program.

Many insurance companies offer reduced insurance rates for those who successfully complete the course. Check with your insurance company to see if you qualify.

To register contact Officer Steve Michael at the Florissant Police Department's Public Information Unit at (314) 830-6042. Seating is limited so drivers are encouraged to register early to reserve a spot in the class.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

## 33rd Annual National Night Out



### POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The "33rd Annual National Night Out" (NNO) campaign has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2017. National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Florissant residents are being encouraged to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outside with their neighbors between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Activities such as block parties, cookouts, visits from police officers, or scheduling a tour of the police station are encouraged.

Residents are required to apply for a no cost "Block Party" permit. Permits may be obtained in person from the Mayor's Office at the Florissant City Hall, or by downloading a permit from the City of Florissant website at, [www.florissantmo.com](http://www.florissantmo.com)

For additional information contact Officer Steve Michael at 314-830-6042, or visit the police department's website, [www.florissantmo.com/police](http://www.florissantmo.com/police), or you may also visit the National Night Out website, [www.natw.org](http://www.natw.org)

## Florissant Police Encourage Use of Business Surveillance Systems

Chief Lowery would like to take this opportunity to encourage all of our businesses in the City of Florissant to invest in a video surveillance system to help protect employees and customers that are at that business.

Surveillance systems are better than ever and get cheaper as the technology advances. When these systems first became popular they were very expensive and hard to set up and operate. The new systems are easier to setup and operate, and can often be purchased and installed by the business owner.



Many local electronics stores offer surveillance systems for less than \$500. If the business owner prefers to leave it to the professionals it would be a good idea to get multiple bids on a system with similar specifications and make sure to check out the companies you are getting bids from with the North County Chamber of Commerce and the Better Business Bureau.

If we could get most of our businesses in the city to have state-of-the-art surveillance systems it could be a deterrent to would-be criminals that are thinking of doing criminal activity within the City of Florissant. If you have any questions concerning Video Surveillance Systems please notify the Public Information Unit at the Florissant Police Department at 314-830-6042.



## Neighborhood Watch Program

This program encourages citizens to take an active role in keeping their neighborhoods safe by reporting suspicious activity, practicing effective personal safety techniques to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of a crime, watching out for each other in their neighborhood and staying in touch with fellow neighbors to encourage keeping your neighborhoods safe and free from crime. Chief Lowery says, "Our residents are our eyes and ears in the neighborhoods, I encourage every resident in the city to participate in this very important program."

Those who volunteer to become a block captain will be trained on how to conduct a neighborhood watch meeting, pass along important safety information, discuss issues in the neighborhoods and keep their group members up to date on crime trends in their neighborhoods. Once a block captain you'll receive weekly updates, via emails from the police department, on notable criminal activity.

You can register for the Florissant Neighborhood Watch Program by picking up a form and the Florissant Police Station or by visiting our Department website and filling out the online registration form.



If you're interested in finding out more about the Florissant Neighborhood Watch Program or you're considering becoming a Block Captain contact Officer Steve Michael at (314) 830-6042 or visit our website at [www.florissantmo.com/police](http://www.florissantmo.com/police).

October is National Crime Prevention Month. The Police Department would like to take this opportunity to encourage our residents to keep their outside lights on all night long to help illuminate our streets and deter criminal activity in our neighborhoods. New LED bulb technology allows this to be done at a minimal cost in electricity to our residents. Please join this effort to increase safety in our community.



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



The Florissant Police Department along with the Missouri Freemasons will be hosting a one day Missouri Child Identification Program (MoCHIP) during the Florissant Fall Festival on Sunday, October 8, 2017, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The event will be held at the Florissant City Hall inside the Council Chambers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Winter is Coming: How's the Health of your Heating System



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

**1. Replace Filters** – Dirty air filters restrict air flow, this significantly reduces the efficiency of your heating system and increases your energy costs.

**2. Check the Thermostat** – Make sure your thermostat is reading the correct temperature by checking it against a reliable accurate thermometer. Setting your thermostat to 68 degrees for the winter will provide a comfortable indoor environment. It will also save you money since each degree higher will add about one percent to the cost of your energy. A programmable thermostat can save even more energy by adjusting the temperature while you are at work or sleeping. And listen to what your grandma said and dress for the winter...a sweater can also save money on your energy bill!

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

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

heating elements can prevent heat from circulating properly throughout the room.

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

**Don't forget to check your Carbon Monoxide Detector!** If you don't have one, please get one for your safety and peace of mind!

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Arrangements to purchase tickets can be made by phone at (314) 921-5678, online at [www.FlorissantMO.com](http://www.FlorissantMO.com), or by mail addressed to: FCC Theatre, #1 James J. Eagan Dr., Florissant, MO 63033. Call 314-921-5678 for additional information 24 hours a day. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover are accepted.

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

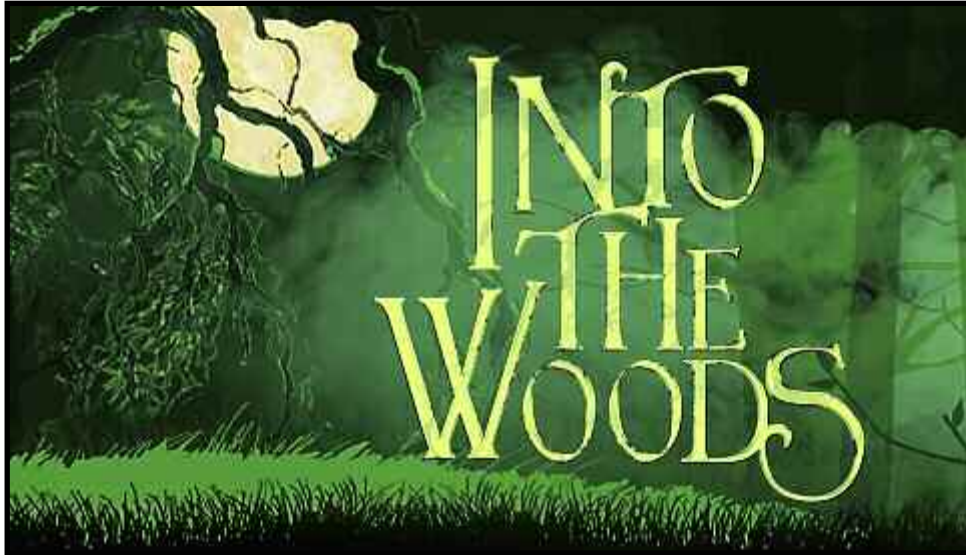
## OCTOBER

*Alpha Players Present:*

### Into the Woods

Oct. 6 – 7:30 p.m. Oct. 7 – 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 13 – 7:30 p.m. Oct. 14 – 7:30 p.m. Oct. 15 – 2:00 p.m.



The Brothers Grimm hit the stage with an epic fairytale about wishes, family and the choices we make. The story follows the Baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King's festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk. When the Baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a Witch's curse, the two set off on a journey into the woods to break the curse. Everyone's wish is granted, but the consequences of their actions return to haunt them later with unexpected results.

**ADMISSION: \$20.00 Adults; \$18.00 Seniors/Students; \$12.00 Children 12 & under; Group rates available**

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

*Dayspring School of the Arts presents:*

### The Classical Ballet Napoli

Oct. 20 – 7:00 p.m. Oct. 21 – 7:00 p.m.

The story of a small town struck by tragedy and the young man who has the courage to maintain hope against all odds.

**ADMISSION: \$12.00 Adults; \$8.00**

**Children 12 & under**

**Information and reservations:**

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



*Northwinds Concert Band Presents:*

### "From Sea to Shining Sea"

#### Sunday Afternoon at the Pops

Oct. 22 – 3:00 p.m.



Northwinds Concert Band, under the direction of Larry Marsh, will present "From Sea to Shining Sea." The concert will celebrate the landscapes of America both in time and place, including a lovely arrangement of "Autumn Leaves" and "Until September" by John Barry. Robert Sheldon's new composition will bring you a spirited rendition of Blue Ridge Mountain folk songs and the essence of America will be captured in a profound new work by Rossano Galante entitled "Liberty," and the awe-inspiring legacy of the Pony Express comes alive in William Owens' "Across the Plains." This one promises thrills for all, so get ready for a wild ride! Northwinds is especially pleased to welcome guest violin soloist (and Florissant native) Leah McGougan Poe. Leah will join the band for Miklos Rosza's beautiful score for the 1970 film "The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes." She'll also be featured in a lovely, sentimental work by Italian composer Enrico Toselli and in John Williams's haunting theme from "Schindler's List." Music from Broadway and film will round out the program. Northwinds is a program of Ferguson-Florissant's Marketing and Communications Department, and Maestro Marsh is celebrating his 51st year of association with the school district, including 35 years as conductor of the Northwinds ensemble.

More information on the band can be found at [www.northwindsband.org](http://www.northwindsband.org).

**ADMISSION: \$8.00 Adults; \$6.00 Seniors/Students**

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

## NOVEMBER

*Hawthorne Players Present:*

### The Spitfire Grill A Musical

Nov. 3 – 7:30 p.m. Nov. 4 – 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 10 – 7:30 p.m. Nov. 11 – 7:30 p.m. Nov. 12 – 2:00 p.m.



Percy Talbot is trying to find a place for a fresh start, and ends up in the small town of Gilead, Wisconsin. The local sheriff finds her a job at the only eatery in this struggling town. The Spitfire Grill has been for sale for the last 10 years. Percy suggests the gruff owner, Hannah, try raffling it off. The entry fee is one hundred dollars and an essay on why you want the grill. This musical is an inspiring celebration of new beginnings and the power of what one person can do.

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

*Alpha Players Auditions:*

### Odd Couple

Nov. 13

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

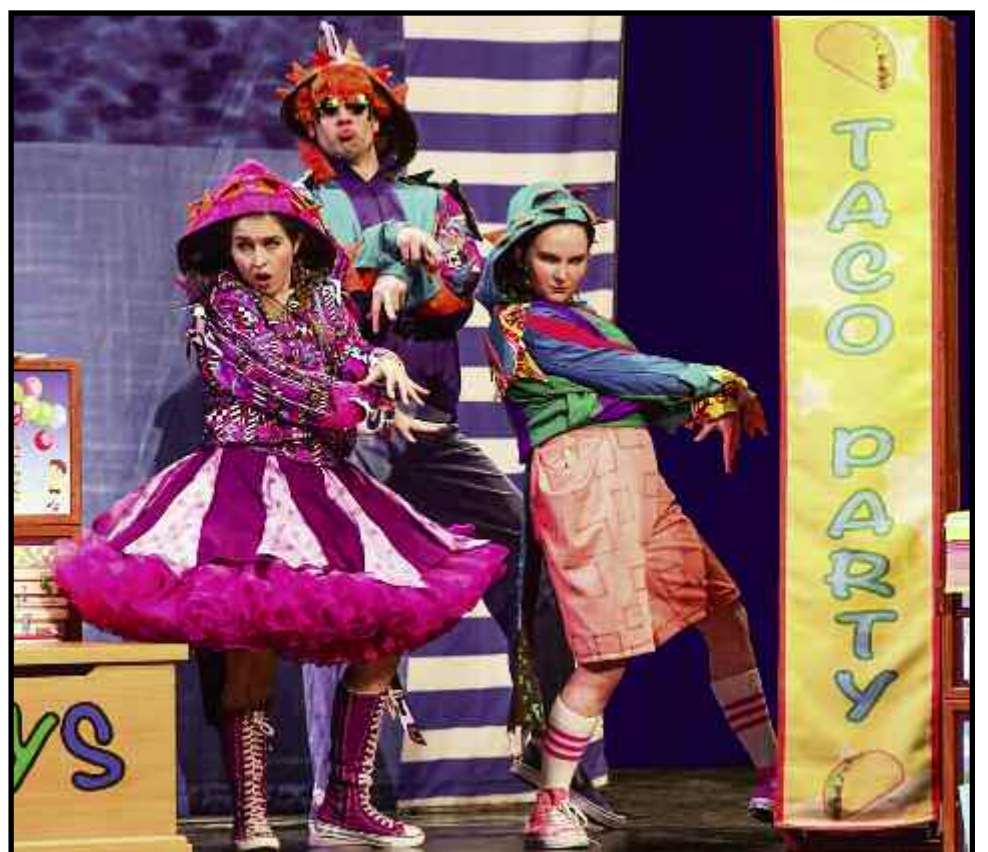


*\*\*St. Louis Family Theatre Series presents:*

### Dragons Love Tacos

*From TheatreworksUSA, New York, NY*

Nov. 19 – 2:00 p.m. Nov. 24 – 2:00 p.m. Nov. 25 – 2:00 p.m.



Theatreworks USA's newest musical revue includes these beloved contemporary children's books: Dragons Love Tacos by Adam Rubin Dragons love all sorts of tacos - except spicy ones! When a boy throws his new dragon friends a spicy salsa taco party, red-hot trouble ensues. Interrupting Chicken by David Ezra Stein It's bedtime for the little red chicken. Papa is going to read her a story, but the chicken can't help interrupting. Will the chicken ever get to sleep? The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds A story about the creative spirit in all of us. Vashti can't draw, but when her teacher says, "Just make a mark and see where it takes you," Vashti discovers she's an artist, after all. Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride by Kate DiCamillo, Illustrated by Chris Van Dusen Mercy, a porcine wonder, and Mr. Watson go for a ride every Saturday in Mr. Watson's automobile. But one Saturday, guess who winds up behind the wheel? Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa School Days by Erica Silverman, painted by Betsy Lewin Yee Haw! Cowgirl Kate and her loyal horse Cocoa are the perfect pair. They do everything together, until school is in session—and horses are not allowed!

**ADMISSION: \$8.00 to all**

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



Alpha Players Present:

**The Best Christmas Pageant Ever**

Nov. 30 – 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 1 – 7:30 p.m.

In this hilarious Christmas classic, a couple struggling to put on a church Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdman kids - probably the most inventively awful kids in history. You won't believe the mayhem - and the fun - when the Herdmans collide with the Christmas story head on!

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**Here's Your Retirement Countdown**

If you want to enjoy a comfortable retirement lifestyle, you don't need to have been born rich or even to have earned scads of money during your working years. But you do need to make the right moves at the right time - which means you might want to start a "retirement countdown" well before you draw your final paycheck.

What might such a countdown look like? **Here are a few ideas:**

**Ten years before retirement** - At this stage of your career, you might be at, or at least near, your peak earning capacity. At the same time, your kids may have grown and left the home, and you might even have paid off your mortgage. All these factors, taken together, may mean that you can afford to "max out" on your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. And that's exactly what you should do, if you can, because these retirement accounts offer tax benefits and the opportunity to spread your dollars around a variety of investments.

**Five years before retirement** - Review your Social Security statement to see how much you can expect to receive each month at various ages. You can typically start collecting benefits as early as 62, but your monthly checks will be significantly larger if you wait until your "full" retirement age, which will likely be 66 (and a few months) or 67. Your payments will be bigger still if you can afford to wait until 70, at which point your benefits reach their ceiling. In any case, you'll need to weigh several factors - your health, your family history of longevity, your other sources of retirement income - before deciding on when to start taking Social Security.

**One to three years before retirement** - To help increase your income stream during retirement, you may want to convert some - but likely not all - of your growth-oriented investments, such as stocks and stock-based vehicles, into income-producing ones, such as bonds. Keep in mind, though, that even during your retirement years, you'll still likely need your portfolio to provide you with some growth potential to help keep you ahead of inflation.

**One year before retirement** - Evaluate your retirement income and expenses. It's particularly important that you assess your health-care costs. Depending on your age at retirement, you may be eligible for Medicare, but you will likely need to pay for some supplemental coverage as well, so you will need to budget for this.

Also, as you get closer to your actual retirement date, you will need to determine an appropriate withdrawal rate for your investments. How much should you take each year from your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement accounts? The answer depends on many factors: the size of these accounts, your retirement lifestyle, your projected longevity, whether you've started taking Social Security, whether your spouse is still working, and so on. A financial professional can help you determine an appropriate withdrawal rate.

These aren't the only steps you need to take before retirement, nor do they need to be taken in the precise order described above. But they can be useful as guidelines for a retirement countdown that can help ease your transition to the next phase of your life.

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

## Halloween Party & Bingo: Eat, Drink & Be Scary!



Come dressed in your Halloween attire or dress in costume to participate in the Costume Contest! "Just the 2 of us" will perform your favorites from Johnny Cash, Everly Brothers, Ray Charles & more! A delicious lunch will be served, attendance prizes will be given away, chances for a Pot of Gold and Gift Baskets will be sold and of course we will play Bingo!

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 26, 2017

**TIME:** 10:00am – 2:00pm

**WHERE:** James J. Eagan Center

**TICKETS:** \$10.00 residents, \$15.00 non-residents. Includes admission, lunch, entertainment, attendance prizes & Bingo. Tickets will be sold to Florissant Residents only with a current resident card in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall starting Monday, October 2nd. If there are tickets remaining, on Monday, October 16th, tickets will be sold to residents AND non-residents through Monday, October 23rd. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

## What's Cooking? Changing Foodways, Changing Lives! Presented by Emily Troxell Jaycox

One of the most dramatic ways our lives are different from that of our forebears has to do with FOOD. What we eat, how it's prepared, and who does the cooking. The story of changing foodways involves politics, technology, ethnicity, labor, health and changes in family life. Emily Jaycox will illustrate some of these changes with historic menus, cook-books, newspapers, photos, letters and objects.

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 14, 2017

**TIME:** 1:00pm

**PLACE:** The Nature Lodge in Sunset Park

**COST:** Free

This is a FREE speaking event but you must make reservations by calling the Senior Office, 839-7605, starting Monday, October 30. Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited.



## An Evening In Paris



The Eiffel Tower, the Fleur de lis, the French Cuisine – let's celebrate France! Outstanding entertainers, Scott & Karl, will perform all your favorites! A delicious dinner will be served. Light snacks will be provided and beer, wine & soda will be available for purchase. Watch the outstanding performance or dance the night away!

**WHEN:** Friday evening, November 17, 2017

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

**WHERE:** James J. Eagan Center

**COST:** Residents - \$12.00, Non-residents - \$15.00, includes admission, dinner, light snacks

**TICKETS:** Tickets go on sale starting Monday October 16, 2017 and continue through Monday November 13, 2017 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.

Information about Florissant Senior Services  
is Available Online at [www.florissantmo.com](http://www.florissantmo.com)



## Thanksgiving Dinner

Area churches from all faiths will join together to provide a FREE Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2017. People from all faith traditions are welcome to join together to give thanks for our blessings and share a holiday meal. This event is solely dependent on donations from local businesses and individuals. Volunteers then serve the dinner. The dinner is served at St. Ferdinand Church at 1765 Charbonier in Florissant from 11:30am until 1:30pm, with take out from 11:30 until 2:00pm. If you would like more information or if you would like to volunteer, please check the website, [www.stferdinandstl.org](http://www.stferdinandstl.org) or email at [thanksgivingdinner@stferdinandstl.org](mailto:thanksgivingdinner@stferdinandstl.org).

## Health & Wellness Day In October



This event will be sponsored by Christian Hospital and will focus on Influenza Prevention. This is a FREE Program provided by Christian Hospital starting at 11:00am at the Florissant Senior Dining Center. Christian Hospital will also provide a FREE lunch of chicken salad croissant, garden crisp salad and seasonal fresh fruit.

**DATE:** Friday, October 20, 2017

**TIME:** Program begins at 11:00am

**COST:** Free, but you must make a reservation by calling the Dining Center, 839-7603, starting on October 9.

## City Of Florissant Senior Citizen Clubs

Do you like to play Pinochle or Bridge? How about Bingo? Have you always wanted to learn to Line Dance? Join other Senior Citizens, doing what you like to do, at one of the following City of Florissant Senior Citizen Specialty Clubs.

- **Monday Bingo Club:** meets every Monday, Eagan Center, 11:30am – 2:30pm
- **Pinochle Club:** meets every Tuesday, JFK Center, 7:00pm – 9:00pm
- **Wednesday Bingo Club:** meets every Wednesday, Eagan Center, 11:30am – 2:30pm
- **Line Dancing Club:** meets every Wednesday, Eagan Center, 12:30 – 2:00pm
- **Bridge Club:** meets every Friday, Eagan Center, 10:30am – 3:00pm
- **Silver Words Club:** This club is for widow/widowers and single seniors. They meet once a month – usually the second Thursday of the month with either a meeting or a trip.

\*Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information on any of the City of Florissant Senior Citizen Clubs.





## SENIOR TRIPS

### Christmas Concert at the Sheldon & Lunch at Hodaks



Kick off your Holidays with the Swingin' Sounds of the Season! Tim Schall and music director/arranger Carol Schmidt deliver fresh takes on favorites including "Let it Snow," "Little Drummer Boy," "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" and more. We'll enjoy coffee & pastries at 9:00am in the Beautiful Louis Spiering Room just before our one-hour concert "We Need a Little Christmas" in the Historic Sheldon Concert Hall. We'll then visit Hodak's – the restaurant known for the Best Fried Chicken in St. Louis, to enjoy a delicious buffet lunch of Hodak's Famous Golden Fried Chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad & dessert.

**DATE:** Wednesday, December 6, 2017

**TIME:** 8:15am – 1:30pm

**COST:** \$40.00 resident, \$42.00 non-resident, includes transportation, Christmas Concert at the Sheldon and lunch at Hodak'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, November 9, 2017. If there are tickets remaining, tickets will go on sale in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall on Friday, November 10, 2017 for residents and non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for ticket availability or more information.

### A Christmas Carol at The Fox & Zia's On The Hill



We'll begin our day with a trip to ZIA's, the nationally acclaimed restaurant on the HILL, to enjoy a delicious lunch of chicken parmesan, a side order of pasta, dinner salad, bread with homemade seasoned oil, and dessert! Then we'll arrive at the Beautiful Fox Theatre to enjoy the Yuletide Tradition, A CHRISTMAS CAROL, a fully staged musical version of Charles Dickens Classic Tale. Listen to the timeless Christmas Carols such as "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "Away in a Manger" and "Here We Come A-Wassailing" which are interwoven within the classic story of a tight-fisted, middle-class merchant Ebenezer Scrooge and all the beloved characters from Dickens' 1843 novel.

**DATE:** Saturday, December 16, 2017

**TIME:** 11:15am – 5:15pm

**COST:** \$65.00 residents, \$67.00 non-residents, includes transportation, the CHRISTMAS CAROL production at the Fox Theatre and lunch at Zia's.

**TICKETS:** Tickets sales begin on Tuesday, October 17th, 2017 to residents only with a current resident card in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. If there are tickets remaining, on Wednesday, October 18th, 2017 tickets will be sold to residents and non-residents in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. Call the Senior Office at 839-7605, for more information.

## SENIORS EVENTS SCHEDULE

### OCTOBER

- 2 - Ticket Sales begin in Senior Office for Halloween Party (Oct 26)
- 5 - SILVER WORDS TRIP: Grafton Winery (the Vineyards)
- 13 - TRIP: Friday the 13th Halloween Trip
- 16 Ticket Sales begin in Senior Office for "An Evening in Paris" Dinner/Dance (Nov 17)
- 20 - Health & Wellness Day at the Florissant Senior Dining Center
- 26 - HALLOWEEN PARTY & BINGO: Eagan Center 10am -2pm, Lunch, attendance prizes & "Just the 2 of Us" will perform Johnny Cash, Elvis, Everly Brothers, Ray Charles & all your favorites!

### NOVEMBER

- 9 - Silver Words Meeting, JFK, 1:30, Board Games, Ticket Sales begin for Christmas Trip to the Sheldon
- 14 - SPEAKER SERIES: What's Cooking? Changing Foodways, Changing Lives 1:00pm Sunset Park Nature Lodge
- 17 - "An Evening in Paris" Dinner/Dance, Friday Night, 5-9pm, Watch the outstanding performance of SCOTT & KARL!
- 20 - Ticket sales begin in Senior Office for the Grand New Year's Eve Party!
- 23 & 24 - City Hall Offices closed in observance of Thanksgiving

## Ms. Missouri Senior America – 2017



On Sunday, July 9, 2017, the Florissant Civic Center was the scene where eight lovely, talented and spirited ladies came together from all parts of the "Show Me" state to compete for this coveted title of Ms. Missouri Senior America for 2017. Judy Davis, wowed the judges with her tap dance to "Dancin Fool".

- Judy Davis from Robertsville, MO was crowned queen
- Sandi Wright from St. Louis, MO was 1st Runner-up
- Suzette Allinger of Creve Coeur, MO was 2nd Runner-up and Ms. Congeniality

The "Elegant Mystique" was the theme this year. Other contestants included; Jackie Johnson, Karin Krakover, Virginia Leitner (102 years young), Linda Stewart and Ann Wallace.

The Senior Pageant celebrates women over the age of 60 – The Age of Elegance. They are a vital part of our community. They love living life to the fullest and want to share this spirit with others.

Judy Davis will participate in the Ms. Senior America Pageant in October in Atlantic City, N.J.

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## Halloween Dance & Costume Party



This event is co-sponsored by the Florissant Parks & Recreation Department and D.A.R.E. Join us for a night of fun and dancing. Pizza and soda are included along with a DJ, candy, games, and prizes. Costumes are strongly encouraged. The dance will be held at the JFK Center on Friday, October 21st. This event is for 5th – 8th grade, tickets must be purchased in advance after September 26 at either the JFK Center or the Eagan Center, \$5 for residents and \$7 for non-residents. No tickets will be sold at the door.

## Winter Break Camp

Come join us over winter break for some fun games and activities. This camp will be similar to our Summer Playground program. You will be able to go swimming, ice skating, and much more! Camp will be held at the Eagan Center, December 26th – January 2nd, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (no camp 1/1) Cost is residents \$60 and non-residents \$120. Registration for residents begins October 9th and non-residents October 16th. Spots are limited so sign up early!!

## Halloween Party



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

## New Fall Classes

The City of Florissant's Parks & Recreation Department offers many recreational classes for residents and non-residents. The classes include, swimming lessons, Zumba, Body Toning, Yoga, Strength & Cardio, Slimnastics, Aikido, a variety of swimming fitness classes, soccer, dance and Judo classes. The department also offers various sports leagues ranging from volleyball to softball. Please call either the Eagan Center at 314-921-4466 or the JFK Center at 314-921-4250 or check the city's website at [www.florissantmo.com](http://www.florissantmo.com) for specific dates, times and cost of any of the classes that are offered.

## Ice Rink Opening



The City of Florissant's Ice Rink will open for the season on October 23rd. Public Skate sessions are scheduled on Wednesday 7-9 p.m., Friday 7-9 p.m. and Saturday 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. and Sundays 2-4 p.m. Stick and Puck sessions will be available at various times along with a Learn to Skate Lessons.

The Ice Rink also offers a Learn to Skate Program. This program helps your child gain confidence on the ice and learns the skills necessary to become an accomplished ice skater. Lessons consist of instruction for all beginning skaters. Dates for the lessons are December 26th – 30th and Saturdays, January 6th – February 3. Times for the lessons are: Kiddy (3-5) 8:30 – 9:15 a.m., Beginner (6 & older) 9:25 – 10:10 a.m., Advance Beginner: 10:20 – 11:05 a.m. Registration will begin October 15 for residents at a cost of \$20 and October 22 for non-residents at a cost of \$25.

**For more information call 314-921-4470 or check the city's website at [www.florissantmo.com](http://www.florissantmo.com).**



## Preschool Programs

The City of Florissant is offering various preschool programs this fall. These include Messy Science, Pumpkin Decorating, and Spooky Snacks & Crafts. Prices for the programs vary and are geared towards children 3 and up. Watch for more programs during the holidays. For more information call 314-921-4466 or the city's website at [www.florissantmo.com](http://www.florissantmo.com).

## A Soldier's Wish List

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

All items must be received no later than, November 10th, 2017 to be shipped in time for Christmas!

Items can be dropped off at any of these locations: JFK Community Center, JJE Community Center, Florissant City Hall, Florissant Police Station and the Florissant Senior Dining Center. Items needed and appreciated are: New DVD movies, Xbox games (slightly used), New twin sheets and pillows, (also flannel ones for Afghanistan), Volleyballs, Baseballs, Basketballs, Flavored coffees, True crime novels (can be slightly used), Various tea variety packs, Mini flash lights, Mio flavored drops for the water (good for Kuwait, Iraq and Africa), Flavored sunflower seeds, Power bars, New towels and wash cloths, I-tune gift cards, Hand held games, AA and AAA batteries, Board Games, Socks (9-11), Music CD's. We also encourage you to make out personal Christmas card to show the men how much you appreciate their service.

## Fall Tips for Pets



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

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

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

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

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

**• School Supplies**

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

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

**• Mushrooms**

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

Also, please remember ALL dogs and cats need to be registered with the City of Florissant Animal Control. The pet license is free to residents and can be obtained at the Florissant Health Department #1 Saint Ferdinand Park Dr. Florissant, MO 63031 by bringing in a valid proof of rabies shot from a licensed vet. Please call (314) 839-7654 with any questions.

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

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

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

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



## Sharing & Caring Food Drive

Beginning on Tuesday, November 1– December 15th a barrel for the Sharing and Caring Food Drive will be placed at the James J. Eagan Center and the JFK Community Center. We encourage all residents to donate non-perishable and canned food donations. These donations will be given to organizations and food pantries within the city limits of Florissant. Please help bring holiday cheer to those families who may not be as fortunate as most.





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