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MAYOR SCHNEIDER DECLARES AUGUST TO BE 'FLORISSANT CITY COUNCIL APPRECIATION MONTH' AS CITY DEDICATES PLAQUES TO BOND, REYNOLDS

Florissant Honors Former Councilmen Don Bond, Dave Reynolds on St. Francois Walk Through History

FLORISSANT, July 28, 2014 -- With former Florissant City Council members Donald L. Bond and David L. Reynolds scheduled to have "Walk Through History" plaques dedicated in their honor in August, Mayor Thomas P. Schneider is pleased to announce that August has been designated "Florissant City Council Appreciation Month."

Mr. Bond and Mr. Reynolds, both now deceased, will have the 17th and 18th "Walk Through History" plaques dedicated to someone who has made a valuable contribution to the City of Florissant. Reynolds' plaque will be hosted by the City of Florissant and the Florissant Rotary Club on August 12th. Bond's plaque unveiling will be hosted by the City of Florissant and Old Town Partners on August 27th. Bond and Reynolds will be the first former City Council members to be so honored.

Dedication for Reynolds' plaque will take place at 12 noon on Tuesday, August 12 at St. Francois and St. Charles Streets, directly across from 100 rue St. Francois, where Reynolds published the *Florissant Valley Reporter*. The ceremony will occur prior to a special outdoor

Florissant Rotary Club meeting to honor deceased Rotarians who put others above self in service to the community.

Bond's plaque will be dedicated at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, August 27, at the beginning of the monthly Old Town Florissant "Wednesday Night Out" festivities, at 301 rue St. Francois in front of Stems' Florist and Bunker's Tavern. His plaque is in site of the building which his insurance office occupied at 320 rue St. Francois.

"We are honored to include both of these distinguished gentlemen in Florissant's 'Walk Through History' series of memorial plaques," said Mayor Schneider. "As both Donald Bond and David Reynolds served selflessly for many years representing their constituents on the Florissant City Council, we think it is appropriate to designate August as 'Florissant City Council Appreciation Month' in their memory.

"It's an opportunity for all residents of our city to thank our former and current City Council members for their countless hours of dedication to making Florissant a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family," added Mayor Schneider.

Bond, who was known as "Mr. North County," served as a Florissant City Council member from 1959 to 1977. From 1977 to 1990 he served on the St. Louis County Council. Don was a successful businessman, running his own insurance office in Old Town Florissant for many years. He and his wife Lorraine raised four children, including a son, Ken, who served on the Florissant City Council from 1977 to 2000 and a daughter, Jackie Bond-Pagano, who has served as the City Council representative for Ward 7 since 2012. Don Bond died in 1990.

Reynolds, a U.S. Navy veteran, served on the Florissant City Council from 1976 to 1994, including a year as City Council president in 1979 and a year as president of the St. Louis County Municipal League in 1988. He also was elected to four consecutive terms as a Missouri state representative from 1995 to 2003. Dave, a former owner and editor of the *Florissant Valley Reporter*, belonged to many community organizations, including the Florissant Rotary Club, the Knights of Columbus and the North County Chamber of Commerce. He died in 2003.

Founded in 1786, Florissant is the largest city in St. Louis County, with a population of more than 52,000 residents. The City of Florissant regularly is listed among the safest cities in America for its population range, and provides abundant services for all sectors of the community, including children, young adults and seniors. In 2012, Florissant was ranked among the Top 75 Best Places to Live by CNN's *Money Magazine*.

Florissant has two community centers, three swimming pools, a renowned theater, a covered skating rink, an abundance of parks and recreational sites, a new championship disk golf course and the only 18-hole municipal golf course in St. Louis County. For more information please visit www.florissantmo.com or call 314-921-5700.

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