



Valley of Flowers Festival on May 1st, 2nd & 3rd "Valley of Flowers Celebrates Those Who Serve"

For 53 years, since 1963, the Valley of Flowers Festival celebration has been the "first festival of spring." It features a variety of events, including a superb parade!

This three-day weekend festival has activities for everyone from a flower and plant sale to culturally diverse musical performances. There are baseball games, craft and flea market sales, children's activities, a classic car show and of course good food. Carnival games and exciting rides are featured at the Duchesne Knights of Columbus Fairgrounds.

The official parade on Sunday, May 3 is a highlight of the weekend that leads up to the crowning of the Valley of Flowers Queen and her Court at the Duchesne Knights of Columbus Pavilion.

The festival is organized by the Valley of Flowers Committee: Chairman, Pat Stinnett; Coordinator, Kati Mahoney; Board Members; Jerry Ahlert, Kathy Blasingame, Vicky Egan, Mary Gettemeier, Mike Kubiak, Pamela Lee and Michael O'Fallon. The Committee works in partnership with the City of Florissant.



The 2014 Valley of Flowers Queen and Court: (back row left to right) Special Maids Emily Haarmann, Jackie Gamma and Kylie Johns. (front row left to right) Queen Alex Phifer, 1st Runner-Up Libby Freesmeier
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Valley of Flowers Festival Offers Something for Everyone at the Duchesne Knights of Columbus Fairgrounds

There will be many activities all weekend at the Duchesne Knights of Columbus grounds on Washington Street between St. Ferdinand and Lindbergh Blvd. (N. Hwy 67) next to St. Ferdinand Shrine. During the entire three-day festival, the grounds are reserved for families. Anyone under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult. On Friday night only, all rides are one ticket. Enjoy the rides, games, great food, and famous barbecue. There are many rides available for younger children, as well as the grand Ferris Wheel for everyone. On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday visit the beer and wine garden. The Knights will serve their delicious barbecue ribs, pork steaks, brats, hot dogs, and hamburgers Friday through Sunday. Booths, sponsored by local not-for-

profit organizations, will offer a variety of festival foods and games. The beer garden will be open Friday through Sunday.

On Sunday, watch the parade. Immediately afterwards, the Valley of Flowers Queen and her court will be crowned at the Knights of Columbus pavilion. Awards will be presented to the winners of the Valley of Flowers parade, and Pretty Baby photo contest. After the crowning of the queen and her court at the large pavilion, the Knights invite everyone to their Charity Raffle with fabulous items. All proceeds from the Raffle go to help those in need in the Florissant area.

The Knights of Columbus grounds are open on Friday from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m., on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please do not park on the

local shopping center lots, Dierbergs, and Florissant Meadows. There is ample parking in the field on St. Charles Street or at St. Ferdinand Park and walk over the path to the festival.

To maintain a family friendly and neighborhood atmosphere, the festival committee has implemented changes to better manage the crowds and traffic flow in and around the festival grounds. The plan includes temporary traffic regulations to prevent festival traffic from interfering with local businesses including the no parking policy at Florissant Meadows Shopping Center and Dierbergs, a well-enforced dress code, and increased overall security. Additionally, no one will be allowed to enter the Knights Grounds after 9:00 p.m. on any evening.

53rd Valley of Flowers Parade at 1:45pm on Sunday May 3rd

Since 1963, the Valley of Flowers parade has been on the first Sunday afternoon in May. This year's parade features more than 120 units. It will begin with the vehicle units and floats departing from the James J. Eagan Center at 1:45 pm and proceeding up Parker Road to Florissant Road where the parade turns left. At that point the vehicles and floats will be joined by youth and other special units, as well as the marching bands, who will be waiting in the Atonement Lutheran Church parking lot. From there the parade will proceed along Florissant Road turning right on rue St. Francois and past the official parade stands then left on St. Ferdinand Street. Proceeding to Washington Street the parade will turn right and end at the Knights of Columbus fairgrounds.

The parade theme is "Valley of Flowers Celebrates Those Who Serve" and will feature many City and local municipal emergency responders vehicles along with many veter-

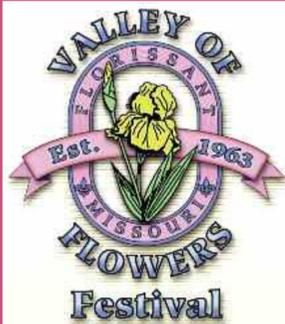


ans groups and local government officials. Other units will include the Valley of Flowers Queen candidates, the current 2014 Queen and Court, numerous themed floats, decorated cars, antique cars, marching bands, horses, dogs and many other entertaining and unique parade units.

After the parade concludes at the Knights of Columbus grounds, the candidates will proceed to the pavil-

ion stage for the crowning of the 2015 Valley of Flowers Queen and her court. Prior to the Queen and Court crowning ceremony, awards will be presented to the various winning parade units and their sponsors.

So come early and get good seats for one of the largest parades in St. Louis County and then meet us at the Knights of Columbus for the exciting awards and crowning ceremonies.



These area businesses and organizations sponsor the Valley of Flowers Festival:

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Valley of Flowers Queen and Court Crowning



Sixteen high school juniors from seven area schools will compete for the honor of being crowned the Valley of Flowers Queen who reigns over Festival activities for the coming year. (see them in the middle pages of this issue). In addition to the queen, a first runner-up and three special maids will be selected. Everyone is invited to attend the crowning at the Knights of Columbus Pavilion following the parade at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 3rd.

Valley of Flowers Events Include the Unveiling of the Restored Old St. Ferdinand Shrine!



For the past several years, Old St. Ferdinand Shrine has undergone a tremendous restoration.

The convent of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne has been restored to 1819 when Mother Duchesne arrived in what is now Florissant.

But wait - that's not all that is going on during the Festival at the Shrine.

...A Giant Flea Market! ...Plus Great Food ...Plus The Book Store's Unbelievable Sale

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Come inside the Schoolhouse, enjoy everything, sit down rest, and enjoy food and drink.

On Saturday Morning come by early and enjoy Free Doughnuts and Coffee. Doors will open at 9am.

St. Ferdinand Shrine is the number one tourist attraction in the City of Florissant.

When you visit, don't forget to sign our Visitors Roll of Attendance.

High School Baseball Games

High school baseball games will be played during the Valley of Flowers Festival week.

- Thur., April 30 - 4:15pm - Hazelwood West vs. Central
• Fri., May 1 - 4:00pm - McCluer North vs. Lutheran North
• Fri., May 1 - 7:00pm - McCluer North vs. McCluer
• Sat., May 2 - 2:00pm - Barat Academy vs. Trinity

Pitch, Hit & Run Competition

Thursday, April 30, at 6:00 p.m. at Koch Park Field #2

Children ages seven to fourteen may participate in the Pitch, Hit and Run competition.

Council Members list with photos and contact info for Ward 1-9: Tim Lee, Tim Jones, Joseph Eagan, Jeff Caputa, Keith Schildroth, Gerard Henke, Jackie Bond Pagano, Mark Schmidt, Ben Hernandez.

Walk in the "Volksmarch"

The St. Louis Stuttgart Volksmarch Club will sponsor this "People's Walk" (a noncompetitive, recreational walk meant for family participation).

The Volksmarch will be held Saturday, May 2nd, with registration from 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. in the pavilion behind the Girardier House at 601 St. Charles Street.

Valley of Flowers Car Show

Florissant Old Town Partners invites you to come and enjoy a spectacular Car Show set against the backdrop of the historic business district of Old Town Florissant.

While enjoying the cars along rue St. Francois, take time to visit the retail shops in Old Town. There is plenty of parking available on the side streets with a short walk to the fun.

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Greetings Everyone,

Welcome to the Valley of Flowers special edition of the Focus Newspaper. Spring has finally arrived! Whatever your interests, you're sure to find plenty of springtime fun and excitement in the City of Florissant.

The 53rd Annual Valley of Flowers Festival takes place May 1, 2 and 3. This is the oldest and perhaps largest and most enjoyable community festival in the metropolitan area every year.

The Wednesday Night Out events in Old Town sponsored by Old Town Partners will be held on June 24th in front of Korte's, July 29th at the Old St. Ferdinand Shrine, August 26th at Bunkers and Stems and September 30th at Hendel's.

The 2015 Music Under the Stars Summer Concert Series schedule listing times and dates will be in the Parks and Recreation section of this newspaper.

The first Florissant Food Truck Knights was held on Wednesday, April 22nd sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the City with future food truck nights scheduled for June 18th and August 28th.

As the days get warmer and longer I would like to remind parents to keep an eye on their children as they play outside and to be aware of their surroundings.

Department at 831-7000 at once. The 7th Annual Trash Bash litter cleanup was a huge success. I want to thank City Engineer Tim Barrett along with all the City staff for all of their hard work. We had 80 volunteers who turned out at Sunset Park to do their part to pick up litter along the banks of the Missouri River.

Preparation of the Valley of Flowers.

As we prepare for the 53rd Valley of Flowers Festival it is important to remember that the City of Florissant is the Beautiful City for many reasons. Get your neighborhood ready for Valley of Flowers. I am suggesting that we all pitch in and remove unwanted newspapers, trash, debris that is lying about.

Electronic Recycling Drive. I would like to send out a thank you to Midwest Recycling Center for providing the additional equipment and manpower for our electronic recycle drive on April 11 at St. Ferdinand Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The 4th Annual Florissant Resident "Free Document Shredding Day" was scheduled on Saturday, April 18 at St. Ferdinand Park-rear parking lot from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

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Material was then recycled. A special thanks to Meridian Waste Services for assisting the City with this event. These two events were coordinated by Health Department Supervisor Greg Koester and his staff at the Health Department.

Economic development continues to be strong in the City with many success stories from last year. Our focus has always been to keep the City moving forward while preserving its rich history.

"CVS Pharmacy #2" - City Council Approved Florissant Meadows Development "Wal-Mart Super Center" - Under construction on Lindbergh (Open August 2015)

"Imo's Pizza Restaurant" - New Retail Center with Imo's on Halls Ferry coming soon "Brite Worx Car Wash" - Under construction scheduled to open in May 2015

With summer right around the corner the Parks and Recreation Department is busy planning summer day camps, swim team activities, baseball, softball, volleyball and all of the other outdoor events we all enjoy playing or watching our children play.

This past tax preparation season the Senior Office helped more than 1,000 senior residents prepare their 2014 tax returns. I would like to commend Senior Coordinator Peggy Hogan and her staff, who always do an outstanding job in assisting seniors with this service that uses many valuable volunteers to make this available free of charge.

2014 was a remarkably active year in the Building Division. With a surging workload staffing levels were increased to assist meeting escalating public demands.



and 7 days and wait time for complaint-based inspections has been reduced to 2 to 3 days.

The added staff has enabled the Building Division to accomplish certain tasks which have not been possible for several years, such as a full commercial sign inventory.

Large construction jobs are peaking, such as Walmart and school district building projects, and require daily inspections. Risen staffing levels will also assist meeting our property maintenance goals, which continue to be pro-actively inspecting every home in the City twice annually and every commercial property once annually.

The Public Works Department has already started bidding out street projects for the year. This will include surface sealing, major street repairs and asphalt and concrete pavement improvement for various locations in the City.

I look forward to seeing you at the Valley of Flowers Festival and other wonderful outdoor events in our Beautiful City.

Sincerely Yours, Thomas P. Schneider Mayor of the City of Florissant

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CITY OF FLORISSANT - PRESS RELEASE

Nino The Clown & the Zoppé Italian Family Circus Returns to Florissant's Valley Of Flowers Festival May 1st & 2nd



Based in suburban Chicago, Zoppé an Italian Family Circus features 20 circus artists, including aerialists, acrobats, jugglers, dancing dogs, equestrian ballerinas and Nino the Clown. The circus is propelled by a central story.

The City of Florissant presents its Festival performing arts events with financial support from the



The City of Florissant is pleased to announce that the Zoppé Italian Family Circus, which performs in its own 500-seat black-out tent, will return once again to the James J. Eagan Civic Center at the corner of Parker Road and Waterford Drive as part of the 2015 Valley of Flowers Festival. Free, public performances of the 60-minute circus where "No seat is further than 20 feet from the action," will be held at 4 pm and 7 pm on Friday, May 1 and again at 11 am, 2 pm and 5 pm on Saturday, May 2.

"We are thrilled once again to offer visitors at our annual Valley of Flowers Festival the opportunity to see one of the greatest examples of the traditional Italian circus still performing," said Thomas P. Schneider, Mayor of Florissant. "Nino the Clown who has delighted audiences for decades in St. Louis, around the country and throughout Europe is returning. We have the pleasure of bringing him back with Zoppé an Italian Family Circus to Florissant after last year's great success..."

Regional Arts Commission and the Missouri Arts Council. Due to their financial help local schools will also once again be able to apply for special School Matinees that will be scheduled earlier in the festival week. Interested teachers can contact the Florissant Civic Center Theatre box office at 314-921-5678 after March 1 for more information on those. More information on the family performances scheduled for the James J. Eagan Civic Center grounds appear elsewhere in this special edition of the "Florissant Focus".

Family Festival of Fun at the James J. Eagan Center



The James J. Eagan Center will host many performances and activities for young children and families. This is a one-of-a-kind celebration with all the performances FREE of charge. Nowhere in St. Louis County will you

SATURDAY ONLY

- Pony rides - Noon - 4pm
- Inflatable rides - 10am to 4pm
- Children's hands-on arts & crafts - 10am - 2pm
- Performances by:
 - Dr. Kaboom
 - Babaloo Music and Fun
 - Zoppé Family Circus
 - RW Magic
 - Kaput
 - Kinkaid Karacter Puppets
- On the grounds from 10am to 5pm
 - The Gypsy Rose III Pirate Ship
 - The Bubble Bus full of bubble fun



The Gypsy Rose III Pirate Ship

Pretty Baby Photo Contest



The Pretty Baby Photo Contest will open on the ice rink pavilion of the James J. Eagan Center on Friday, May 1, from Noon until 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, May 2, from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. The contest, for children two years or younger, is very popular. Photos of the young children are great! View all the photos and cast your vote to help decide the winner! Entries are judged in two categories - "Personality" as depicted in the photo and "Popularity" demonstrated by donations from the public who vote at the booth.

To enter your favorite baby, send in a 4" x 6" photo (or smaller - one child per photo) with a \$5.00 registration fee by May 1. Entries after the deadline will be charged a \$7.00 entry fee. Make checks payable to Valley of Flowers Festival. On the back of the photo include - the name of the child, parents' names, address, phone number and age of baby. Send the photo with info and the entry fee to:

Valley of Flowers Festival
601 rue St. Charles
Florissant, MO 63031

To have your photo returned, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your entry.

The winners will receive a plaque and gift basket at the awards ceremony on Sunday, May 4, preceding the crowning of the queen and her court at the Knights of Columbus Pavilion. The Valley of Flowers Festival Committee sponsors this contest and all of its proceeds are used for the Valley of Flowers Children's area.

SUBWAY NOW SERVING BREAKFAST!

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Home Grown Plants from the Gardeners of Florissant



The plant sale at the Valley of the Flowers Festival is sponsored by the local Gardeners of Florissant, a not-for-profit Club that is committed to protecting and beautifying the environment and sharing their knowledge with others. This year's sale will include another huge selection of flowers, outdoor and house-plants, vegetables, and herbs at most reasonable prices. Visitors to the sale will find offerings that bloom from spring through late fall and that are suitable for most home environments whether sunny, shady, moist, or dry. There will also be many lovely foliage or flowering hanging baskets as well as pre-planted decorative containers that make outstanding Mothers' Day gifts. (May 10 is Mothers' Day.)

Along with the above offerings, there will be several raffles for valuable garden-related prizes. Anyone interested

in growing a vegetable garden this year will find tables of different kinds of tomatoes, peppers, and herbs along with Club members who are happy to help them decide on particular varieties that will grow well in their yards. Several members are certified as "Master Gardeners" who are always willing to share their expertise with customers.

The Gardeners of Florissant plant sale will be held in the Ice Rink Pavilion at the James J. Eagan Center. It will run from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, and from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 2. Arrive early for best selection. Additional information on the Club and the plant sale, including information about various plants, can be found on www.florissantmo.com; then search Gardeners of Florissant. When it opens select Projects/Events.

A Food Court with Multicultural Flavors

The food court tent on the James J. Eagan grounds is a culinary delight. Enjoy the variety of foods from the many nationalities that includes: old-fashioned, American-style barbecued meats and side dishes; kettle corn; funnel cakes; chicken strips; nachos; ice cream; foods of various Hispanic cultures; and Asian delicacies including egg rolls and crab Rangoon, and much more. Various beverages will be available.

The food court opens on Friday at Noon and continues until 9:00 pm. Saturday hours begin at 9:00 am and continue into the evening.



Sponsor's Informational Booths



Visit with some of the many businesses that help financially sponsor the Festival. These local business offer a variety of excellent goods or services and they will have booths set up in the crafts and flea market area in the James J. Eagan Ice Rink from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm on Saturday, May 2.

Please support our festival sponsors - without them we could not provide this great community festival.

Craft Fair & Flea Market



The annual Pre-Mothers Day Craft Fair will be on the ice rink pavilion of the James J. Eagan Center on Friday, May 1, from 12 noon to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 2, from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. At this ever-popular event, local crafters and vendors have a wide variety of products that make for the perfect Mother's Day gift. Returning favorites include: jewelry, one-of-kind gift baskets, gourmet food mixes, unique accessories, and garden ornaments. To reserve a booth,

call the Valley of Flowers office at (314) 837-0033 or apply online at www.florissantvalleyofflowers.com.

Florissant Old Town Partners will host their annual Flea Market on the lower level of the James J. Eagan Center on Friday, May 1, from Noon to 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 2. This event features a wide variety of things including antiques, garden items, and Christmas items.

Is a Spring Air Conditioning Check-Up Necessary?

The answer to the question above may depend on how well you can physically or emotionally deal with no air conditioning if it happens to fail during a spell of very hot weather. A check-up can spot potential issues that may cause a failure when the system is working its hardest. But the discussion goes beyond the chance of a system failure during a hot spell. Preventive maintenance of your air conditioning system components can improve the efficiency of the system and result in significant energy cost savings as well as extend the life of the system by years. An AC check-up can easily save you more than the cost of the preventative maintenance service. Most of us know that it is a good idea to have our automobiles checked over by a good mechanic before taking a really long drive, getting the AC system of your house checked before the hot weather arrives is the same idea.

Most AC systems are a big investment, preventative maintenance protects that investment. A well-maintained AC system can last up to 15 years as opposed to about 7 years for systems which have the maintenance totally ignored.

Homeowners can help by changing the air filters 4 times a year. Those filters get dirty and constrict the airflow of both the heat and AC systems. That constriction reduces efficiency and worse, it can result in damage to the system. Unmaintained systems tend to lose capacity. In general, the costs of maintenance are far cheaper than the resulting cost for energy and repairs of an unmaintained system.

With many older AC units, the cost to upgrade them with one of the newer-technology high-efficiency units easily pays for the upgrade in a short time with the energy cost savings. There are also rebates that may be available for your upgrade.

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Report Provided by Kevin Kelly, Comfort Specialist with Goldkamp Heating & Cooling

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Florissant Civic Center Theatre Presents Valley of Flowers Children's Celebration of Performing Arts

The Children's Celebration of Performing Arts is a fun-filled, exciting family-oriented event beginning on Friday, May 1st. It will continue throughout the day on Saturday, May 2nd in Florissant Valley Park (grounds of the James J. Eagan Center). There is no admission fee charged for any of the performances, concerts, strolling entertainers, puppet shows, hands-on arts and craft activities and the wide array of theatre events filled with audience participation! Performances in the Big Top and Sideshow Tent will begin Friday evening and continue throughout the day Saturday. Young peo-

ple will have abundant opportunities to enhance their festival visit with demonstrations and plenty of space just to play and have fun using their own imagination.

A Missouri Arts Council festival grant, financial assistance from the Regional Arts Commission, the City of Florissant, Florissant Fine Arts Council, the Valley of Flowers Committee, Florissant Rotary Club and donations from many local area businesses have allowed the FCC Theatre to coordinate this "Children's Celebration of Performing Arts."

ZOPPÉ: An Italian Family Circus



Nino the Clown is Back in Town!



Zoppé: an Italian Family Circus, featuring Nino the Clown, has all the story and excitement of a Circus Big Top-complete with clowns, acrobats, aerialists, horses and performing dogs-just the way it used to be when Florissant was called the village of St. Ferdinand. "No seat is further than 20 feet from the action" in the 500-seat black-out tent says Giovanni Zoppé, a 6th generation performer and now the patriarch of the family-run circus. This up-close, personal and participatory circus

even has a storyline evolving from Nino, a gentle, funny and endearing clown played by Zoppé, who has been trying unsuccessfully to join the circus.

Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown will appear in the Big Top on Friday, May 1st at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm and on Saturday, May 2nd, there will be three more performances at 11:00 am, 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

Doktor Kaboom... "Look Out! Science Is Coming!"



Doktor Kaboom! is an interactive one-man Science variety show suitable for all audiences. Creatively blending theatre arts with the wonders of scientific exploration, Doktor Kaboom keeps his crowds riveted with interest and rolling with laughter. Join him for a sidesplitting journey of increasingly spectacular, and often successful, experiments and demonstrations. Using masterful improvisational skills, the artist takes his audience on a sidesplitting tour of the modern scientific method while demonstrating spectacular applications of the physical sciences. Doktor Kaboom is the creation of Actor / Comedian David

Epley. David has been fortunate enough to discover two passions in his life. His first, science, took him to studies at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. His second, performing, became his career, and for 20 years David has made his living writing, performing, and directing original interactive comedy across the US and Canada. He now brings his passions together with an explosive style that refuses to allow his audiences time to catch a breath.

Doktor Kaboom! will appear in the Sideshow Tent on Friday, May 1 at 6:15 pm and Saturday, May 2 at 10:00 am, 1:15 pm and 3:00 pm.

Kaput, the Clumsy "Mr. Fixit"



Kaput is the story of a clumsy 'Mr. Fixit' who, despite his best efforts to perform the simplest of tasks, only manages to fuel the catastrophe unfolding around him. Described as 'physical comedy at its best' (Entertainment Hive), KAPUT revives the art of silent movie-esque slapstick, exploring the simple and universally engaging charm of one of the oldest forms of humor. Tom Flanagan is one of Australia's youngest leading acrobatic clowns and a graduate of the internationally renowned circus school, The Flying Fruit Flies. He has performed at festivals and venues around the world collecting nominations including the Little Creatures Circus Award - Perth Fringe World 2013 and Best Circus and Physical Theatre - Adelaide Fringe - 2012. Tom is also the winner of the Spirit of the Fringe Award - Edinburgh Festival Fringe - 2012.

Kaput will be appearing in the Sideshow Tent on Friday, May 1 at 5:15 p.m. and on Saturday, May 2 at 12:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m.

"Babaloo" Music and Fun



"Babalooing" is best described as a stand-up comedy act for kids. A "Babaloo" show is a raucous, fast-paced, high-energy event, involving original songs, slapstick, one-liners, and loads of audience participation with kids (and parents) singing, dancing, throwing bean bags, beating on buckets, and laughing - lots of laughing. Children are kept happy with funny, irreverent songs; they will also sing uplifting songs dealing with sharing, acceptance, and character issues. Every show is different and tailored to the particular audience.

"Babaloo" will be appearing in the Sideshow Tent on Friday, May 1 at 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday, May 2 at 10:45 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. and throughout the day on the festival grounds.

The Gypsy Rose III



Ahoy Mateys!! Climb aboard the Gypsy Rose III Pirate Landship, where kids can shoot and chase cannon balls, have sword fights and search for buried treasure. ARGH!

The Gypsy Rose III provides pirate fun on the festival grounds throughout the day on Saturday, May 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Kincaid Karacter Puppets "The Marvelous Misfit Revue"



The Kincaid Karacter Puppets tour live nationally and present fast-paced family oriented puppet shows featuring slapstick comedy, classic one liners, audience participation, and plenty of thrills and surprises, all presented and performed in a style and

manner reminiscent of the classic festival performances of the 1800's.

Kincaid Karacter Puppets will be appearing on the festival grounds Saturday, May 2 at 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC! WITH RW MAGIC

R W Magic is an accomplished practitioner in the art of magic; he will amaze, astonish and entertain audiences of all ages with his magic show. "Experience the Magic!" with RW Magic, a gregarious entertainer, who has enthralled thousands throughout the country with his close-up magic.

RW Magic will be appearing in the Sideshow Tent on Saturday, May 2 at 11:30 a.m. and throughout the day on the festival grounds.



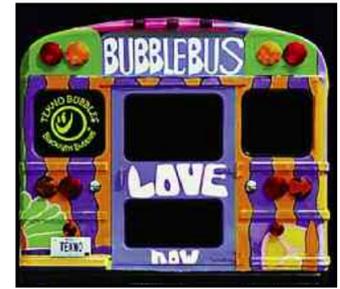
2015 Children's Celebration of Performing Arts Performance Schedule

| Date/Time | Performer | Location |
|--|--|---------------|
| Friday, May 1 | | |
| 4:00 pm | Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown | Big Top |
| 4:30 pm | Babaloo Music and Fun | Sideshow Tent |
| 5:15 pm | Kaput | Sideshow Tent |
| 6:15 pm | Doktor Kaboom | Sideshow Tent |
| 7:00 pm | Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown | Big Top |
| Saturday, May 2 | | |
| 10:00 am | Doktor Kaboom | Sideshow Tent |
| 10:45 am | Babaloo Music and Fun | Sideshow Tent |
| 11:00 am | Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown | Big Top |
| 11:30 am | RW Magic | Sideshow Tent |
| 12:15 pm | Kaput | Sideshow Tent |
| 1:15 pm | Doktor Kaboom | Sideshow Tent |
| 2:00 pm | Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown | Big Top |
| 2:15 pm | Babaloo Music and Fun | Sideshow Tent |
| 3:00 pm | Doktor Kaboom | Sideshow Tent |
| 3:45 pm | Kaput | Sideshow Tent |
| 5:00 pm | Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown | Big Top |
| 6:00 pm | Los Patrones Band | Sideshow Tent |
| Saturday on the Grounds | | |
| • Kincaid Karacter Puppets - Shows at 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm | | |
| • The Gypsy Rose III Pirate Ship - Tours throughout the day 10:00 am to 5:00 pm | | |
| • Bubble Bus - Bubble fun throughout the day 10:00 am to 5:00 pm | | |

The Bubble Bus

It's fun, hip, unique, totally awesome and incredibly cool! Come visit the colorful bubble bus and run through a sea of tiny bubbles, then watch the biggest bubbles you will ever see get launched into the sky. This display of awesome bubbleness will put a smile on your face!

The Bubble Bus will fill the air with bubbles on the festival grounds throughout the day on Saturday, May 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Enjoy The Music of Los Patrones de STL



After the "daytime events" wind down come and dance to the music of Los Patrones of St. Louis. They play a variety of music such as rancheras, guajapos, cumbias, etc. This band will perform on Saturday, May 2 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Sideshow Tent (Presented by Hispanic Festival Inc.).

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Control Your Emotions in Volatile Markets

For the past few years, the stock market has moved up fairly steadily, with no major "corrections." But thus far in 2015, we've already seen periods of volatility — enough, in fact, to make some investors jittery. Nervous investors may be more prone to make decisions based on short-term market movements — so how can you stay calm?

First of all, when evaluating your investment decisions, stay focused on those factors that have historically driven stock prices. The U.S. economy is growing at a reasonably good pace, and corporate earnings remain fairly strong. Plus, stocks may not be as undervalued as they were a few years ago — as measured by the price-to-earnings ratio (P/E) — but they still aren't overly expensive, either. Things can change, of course, but when market volatility seems to be primarily caused by short-term events, such as plunging oil prices, it's important to look beyond the headlines to these less glamorous, but probably more important, fundamentals of good investing. By doing so, you can help avoid making fear-driven investment choices.

What else can you do to help ensure that you don't let feelings of anxiety influence your investment moves? For one thing, evaluate your investment mix. If you own too many stocks and stock-based vehicles, you could take a big hit if stock prices fall sharply during periods of volatility. Historically, however, bond prices have typically increased when stock prices fell — although, of course, there are no guarantees. So, if your portfolio consists of stocks and bonds, you are better positioned to weather the harshest effects of market turbulence.

To further prepare yourself for downturns, you may also want to diversify your fixed-income holdings to include investments such as U.S. Treasury bills, certificates of deposit (CDs) and municipal bonds. The percentages of each type of investment within your portfolio should be based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

Finally, you can help yourself maintain an even-keeled approach to investing by always looking for quality. Typically, higher quality investments fare better during market declines and recover more quickly when the markets rebound. How can you judge whether a particular investment is of good "quality"? A long-term track record is useful to study. It's certainly true that, as you have no doubt heard, "past performance is no guarantee of future results," but it's nonetheless valuable to know how a particular stock, for example, has performed in various economic environments. If it seems to have done well relative to others in its industry and over long periods of time, that may give you a good idea of its quality.

It's never easy to take all the emotions out of investing, especially during periods of market volatility. After all, you count on your investments to help provide you with the type of future you've envisioned. But by focusing on the fundamentals, putting together an appropriate investment mix and constantly looking for quality, you can help "de-stress" yourself — and, as the American poet, novelist and historian J.G. Holland once said, "Calmness is the cradle of power."

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The 2015 Valley of Flowers Queen Candidates
One of these Sixteen outstanding young women will be chosen as the 2015 Valley of Flowers Queen. The coronation will take place at the conclusion of the parade on Sunday, May 3rd in the Knights of Columbus Pavilion at the festival ground just east of the Lindbergh and Washington intersection.



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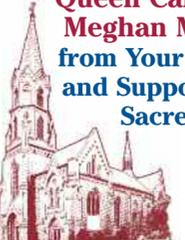
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City of Florissant and Florissant Fine Arts Council
Announces

Music Under the Stars 2015 Summer Concert Series
Tentative Schedule

A Series of Free Outdoor Concerts

Saturday - July 4 – Northwinds Concert Band
followed by fireworks
- Florissant Valley Park



Northwinds Concert Band

Saturday - July 11 – Rockin' Chair Band
performs a tribute to an era of great music
- St. Ferdinand Park

Rockin' Chair Band

Saturday - July 18 – Ralph Butler Band
- St. Ferdinand Park

The Ralph Butler Band

Saturday - July 25 – Bob Kuban Brass
- St. Ferdinand Park



Bob Kuban Brass

Saturday - Aug. 1 – SmashBand Superhits
- St. Ferdinand Park

The Smash Superhits Band

Saturday - Aug. 8 – Billy Peek Band
- St. Ferdinand Park



Billy Peek

Saturday - Aug. 15 – Butch Wax & The Hollywoods with Theo Peoples from The Four Tops
- St. Ferdinand Park

Butch Wax & the Hollywoods

Sunday - Aug. 22 – Fanfare Band
featuring Kittie Moller
- St. Ferdinand Park



Fanfare

Sunday - October 11 – The SSJ Rock and Roll Show Band
the Old Town Fall Festival
100 Rue St. Francois



SSJ Rock & Roll Show Band

All Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. except the July 4th performance which starts at 7:30 p.m. and October 11 at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

"Music Under the Stars" 2015 summer concert series gratefully acknowledges financial support from the Regional Arts Commission and the Missouri Arts Council and the Boeing Employees Community Fund of St. Louis.

Contract negotiations are underway. 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.florissantfinearts.com or www.florissantmo.com

Lobby Box Office Hours: Mon. and Fri., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tues., Wed., Thur., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Box Office will close each day from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. for lunch. Arrangements to purchase tickets can be made by phone at (314) 921-5678, by e-mail at FCCT@FlorissantMO.com, online at 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 and Discover are accepted. Individual tickets go on sale 45 days prior to the opening of any production.

MAY

Northwinds Concert Band presents:

Saturday Night Pops

May 2 – 7:30 p.m.

Northwinds Concert Band, under the direction of Larry Marsh, will present a high-spirited concert on Saturday evening, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. Special guests will include the acclaimed vocalist Patricia Scanlon and the 40-voice Bel Canto Chorus under the direction of Bruce Vantine. Northwinds' Concerts always have something for everyone and this concert will again feature a wide variety of tuneful, uplifting music including marches and big band tunes. A highlight will feature Patty Scanlon singing a beautiful medley of classic Gershwin love songs. The band will play a delightful novelty piece that blends ragtime and Klezmer music, followed by a medley of Mambo greats, then music from James Bond films, and folk tunes from Scotland. The Bel Canto Chorus will be featured in its own numbers and then join the band in a medley of tunes by Andrew Lloyd Webber plus a lovely arrangement of "God of Our Fathers" by Missouri composer Claude T. Smith. The program will conclude with a patriotic salute. Northwinds has been acclaimed as the "best community band" in St. Louis, so please come out and support the work of these fine local musicians! For more information about the band visit www.northwindsband.org. There you will also find links to YouTube clips from their recent concerts. Northwinds is a program of Ferguson Florissant's Community Education Department.

ADMISSION: \$8.00 Adults, \$6.00 Seniors/Students
Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com

Alpha Players present:

King O' The Moon

May 15 – 8:00 p.m. May 16 – 8:00 p.m.
May 22 – 8:00 p.m. May 23 – 8:00 p.m. May 24 – 2:00 p.m.



Putting a man on the moon is easy. Being part of a family is hard. This fast-paced tale will keep you laughing while it tugs at your heart. It is the summer of 1969. The Vietnam War is raging. The Sexual Revolution is in high gear and to top it all off, an astronaut is about to walk on the moon! The Pazinski family has gathered to honor their late father's memory and they quickly become entangled in each other's problems – as families often do. Rudy is reconsidering his future as a priest. Eddie is preparing to leave for Vietnam and the birth of his first child. Annie is dealing with a disappointing marriage. Georgie has lost his lucky medal and Mother Ellen is trying to figure out if there is time in her life for romance. These wonderful characters and Tom Dudzick's sincere dialogue will put a smile on your face and give you something to think about on the way home!

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

Hawthorne Players present:

Best Of Hawthorne – Cowboy Swing

May 30 – 8:00 p.m.



On a Saturday in May, we will gather 'round the chuck wagon campfire to enjoy an evening of comedy and cowboy songs in Cowboy Swing. Written and directed by veteran musician and musical director Joe Paule, this show will benefit Hawthorne's Duckie DeMere Scholarship Program which has awarded over \$50,000 to North County high school seniors active in the performing arts. The cast will include the Jameson Quartet and members of the Jeweltones, as they present an evening of song and laughter, including tributes to music made famous by Gene Autry, Roy Rogers and the Sons of the Pioneers. Gerry Love emcees.

ADMISSION: \$15.00
Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com

Alpha Players Musical Auditions:

Oliver!

May 31 – 1:00 p.m.

Auditions will be by appointment at the Florissant Civic Center Theatre. This show will include a large children's chorus. Children will be given the earliest appointment times (beginning at 1:00 p.m.) All people auditioning should prepare 12-16 bars of music and be prepared to learn a very simple dance. See the website for specific information regarding choice of song.

For information, visit www.alphaplayers.org or Facebook (The Alpha Players). To obtain an appointment email alphaplayAud@aol.com or call 314-838-1734. Performances will be September 25, 26 and October 2, 3 & 4.

JULY

Missouri Pageant Alumnae Club Presents:

Ms. Missouri Senior America Pageant

July 12 – 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

Hawthorne Players Present:

Carousel

July 31 – 8:00 p.m. Aug 1 – 8:00 p.m.
Aug 7 – 8:00 p.m. Aug 8 – 8:00 p.m. Aug 9 – 2:00 p.m.

A smooth-talking carousel barker, Billy Bigelow, falls in love with and marries a mill worker, Julie Jordan. Years after he dies tragically, he is given a chance to return for a day to try to brighten the life of his unhappy 15-year-old daughter Louise. She is a lonely, friendless teenager, her father's reputation having haunted her throughout her young life. How Billy instills in both the child and her mother a sense of hope and dignity is a dramatic testimony to the power of love. It is easy to understand why, of all the shows they created, CAROUSEL was Rodgers and Hammerstein's personal favorite.

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Scott Laytham & Karl Holmes Duo!



Karl "Tricke" Holmes is one of the best vocal impressionists in the country. Karl can sound like any singer you can imagine. Scott Laytham's skills as a musician are well known in the St. Louis Area. Scott & Karl will be performing at the Senior Citizen Dance on Friday Night, May 29th, 7:00 - 10:00pm, at the James J. Eagan Center. Tickets are just \$8.00 each if purchased prior to the dance in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall or \$10.00 at the door. All residents AND non-residents are welcome. Come dance the night away or sit back and watch this duo perform! Light snacks will be provided and beer, wine & soda are available for purchase. Call the Senior Office for more information 839-7605.

In the Good Old Summertime!

THE MUNY KIDS return to Florissant for their annual performance at our Senior Citizen Summer Party on Thursday, July 30th, 2015. Mark your calendars now to enjoy an outstanding performance, delicious lunch, attendance prizes, Pot of Gold and Bingo. Ticket sales begin on June 22 and continue through July 27th for Florissant Residents with a current resident card. Call the Senior Office at 839-7605.



THE MUNY KIDS!

SENIORS EVENTS SCHEDULE

MAY

- 1, 2, 3 - Florissant Valley of Flowers Celebration
- 14 - Silver Words Meeting, JFK Center, 1:30, Entertainment - Tall Bertal
- 22 - FRIDAY! Memorial Day Party & Bingo, Eagan Center, 10:00am - 2:00pm Banjos & Brass! Lunch, Pot of Gold, gift baskets, attendance prizes and Bingo
- 24 - TRIP: Glenn Miller Orchestra at Lindenwood & Lunch at Concetta's
- 25 - City Offices Closed - Memorial Day
- 29 - Friday Night Dance, Scott & Karl - ROCKIN' TO THE 60'S & 70'S, 7-10:00pm

JUNE

- 9 - Ticket Sales begin at Dining Ctr 9:00 - 11:00am, LANTERN FESTIVAL
 - 14 - SILVER WORDS TRIP: Sounds of Simon & Garfunkel at Powell Hall & Maggie O'Brien's
 - 22 - Ticket Sales begin in Senior Office for Summer Party & Bingo (July 30)
 - 22 - Reservations taken for Federal Judge Speaking Event at Nature Lodge
- JULY**
- 3 - City Hall Offices closed in observance of Independence Day
 - 9 - Silver Words Mt, Dining Center, 1:30, Bingo, Sign-ups for Fairmount Racetrack
 - 11 - Saturday Night Dance, Eagan Center, 7:00 - 10:00pm, Big Band Dance with Two Star Final
 - 12 - Missouri Senior Pageant, call Theatre 921-5678 for tickets or information
 - 16 - Speaker Series: U.S. Courts/Federal Judge Presentation - Nature Lodge 1:00pm
 - 23 - TRIP: Botanical Gardens Lantern Festival
 - 30 - Summer Party & Bingo, Eagan Center, 10am-2pm, THE MUNY KIDS, Lunch, Bingo, attendance prizes, Pot of Gold and gift baskets



IDENTITY THEFT

Identity theft is a form of taking, accessing, or using someone's personal information such as their name, Social Security Number, or credit card number, without their permission, pretending to be someone else, assuming another's identity, or creating a fake identity. There are many types of identity theft:

- Financial - occurs when someone uses another's identity to obtain credit, goods, or services.
- Medical - occurs when someone uses another's identity to obtain medical care or drugs
- Insurance - occurs when someone uses your information to obtain insurance coverage or benefits or to obtain credit, goods, or services. Auto insurance, personal property insurance, and health insurance are all subject to abuse.
- Synthetic - occurs when someone uses various data elements to others in order to create a synthetic or fake person.
- Driver's License - occurs when someone obtains a driver's license using your personal information.
- Criminal - occurs when someone poses as another person when being investigated or apprehended for a crime.
- Social Security - occurs when someone uses your social security number to start a new life.

The Attorney General's Office has set up a hotline to help you recognize and report identity theft. Complaint investigators will also help advise victims of identity theft. Call the Attorney General's Consumer hotline at 1-800-392-8222.

Senior Citizens Stay Alert

Common scams against Senior Citizens include home repair fraud, door-to-door sales, travel scams and telemarketing fraud. There are scam artists who deliberately target seniors, hoping to take their money before they are exposed. Spring is here - storms are bound to occur. Scam artists wait for this chance to prey on senior citizens. If someone comes to your door and you don't know them - don't answer the door. If they don't leave - call the police at 831-7000. The police can come by and make sure the person at your door or in your neighborhood is legitimate and has a license to go door-to-door. If you need home repair - you should call a company or a person that you know you can trust. If you receive a phone call from someone saying they are from Social Security, your medical or car insurance company, the Department of Revenue, your bank - under any circumstance - do NOT give them ANY of your personal information. If you have a letter, or received a phone call or were approached by someone that you think is a scam artist - call the Attorney General's Office at 1-800-392-8222 and report that.

Senior Citizen Trips

The Chinese Lantern Festival at the Missouri Botanical Gardens is back by popular demand! The Missouri Botanical Garden will play host to an international exhibition of 22 lighted works of art from Zigong, China when it debuts "Lantern Festival: Magic Reimagined" in 2015.
 WHEN: Thursday, July 23, 2015
 TIME: 5:30pm - 10:30pm
 COST: \$26.50, includes transportation & admission to the festival
 TICKETS: Tickets go on sale on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 from 9:00 - 11:00am at the Florissant Senior Dining Center for residents with a current resident card. If there are tickets remaining, a second registration will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 from 9:00 - 11:00am at the Florissant Senior Dining Center for residents and non-residents. Non-resident cost is \$28.50. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for 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 as well as a lunch buffet in the BLACK STALLION ROOM.
 WHEN: Tuesday, August 18, 2015
 TIME: 10:30am - 3:30pm
 COST: \$22.00 per person - includes transportation, admission into Fairmount Park and Black Stallion Buffet Lunch
 TICKETS: THIS IS A SILVER WORDS CLUB TRIP: Tickets go on sale first to Silver Words Club Members at the Silver Words Club Meeting on Thursday, July 9th, 2015. If there are tickets remaining, tickets will go on sale in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall on Friday, July 10th to all Senior Citizens, residents and non-residents. Non-resident cost is \$24.00. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

Here Comes The Judge!

How does the Federal Courthouse affect you & your family? What goes on in a Federal Courthouse? Have any famous or important cases ever been tried at the Federal Courthouse in ST. LOUIS? You are invited to listen to a Federal Judge from the Eastern District of Missouri at the Beautiful Nature Lodge in Sunset Park give an engaging presentation designed to educate and inform adults in the community about the federal courts.
 This is a FREE presentation but you must call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for reservations starting on June 22. Ice cream will be served on this summer afternoon event. Seating is limited.
 DATE: Thursday, July 16th, 2015
 TIME: 1:00pm
 PLACE: Sunset Park Nature Lodge

Spring Street Work Projects

Now that spring is here and we are getting some great weather for construction, the Street Department is very busy repairing the streets from winter. We are currently concentrating on potholes and patching the 100-plus streets that will get a slurry seal this summer. There will be a lot of other street work, as well, as we are contracting out over \$300,000 of major street repairs that will have concrete slabs repaired and then an asphalt overlay. Approximately 25 to 30 other streets will receive concrete repairs by our contractors.

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.
 Our sewer lateral crew is very busy, as always, repairing sewers and restoring the yards when the work has been completed.
 For more information or to report any street problems, you can contact the Florissant Street Department at 314-839-7652.

2015 City of Florissant Beautiful Home Awards

The City of Florissant is conducting its Beautiful Home Award Program again this year. The program was established to celebrate the American Dream of home ownership and recognize homeowners who take pride in the appearance of their home and community.
 In order to be eligible for the contest a home must be an owner-occupied single family dwelling. Residents may nominate either their own home or other homes in the city. The judging criterion includes, but is not limited to, landscaping, attractive exterior, overall curb appeal and maintenance of the property.
 One winner will be chosen from each of the city's nine wards. The



winners will receive recognition from the City Council, including a certificate of appreciation and a Beautiful Home yard sign. Previous winners must wait three (3) years before consideration for another award. Nominations must be submitted with a current photo and may be mailed or hand delivered to the Community Development Office in the Government Building @ 1055 St. Francois or sent via email to tkammermeyer@florissantmo.com. All nominations must be received no later than noon Friday May 29, 2015.
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2015 BEAUTIFUL HOME AWARDS**

I nominate the following home for a 2015 Beautiful Home Award:

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DEADLINE: Friday, May 29, 2015 by Noon

HAPPY EARTH DAY!

What is Earth Day? How did it begin? How did it affect the city of Florissant? These are questions that are frequently asked every year around April 22nd. The idea of Earth Day actually evolved over a period of seven years starting in 1962. U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson had been troubled for some time about the state of our environment and felt that the environment was simply a non-issue in the politics of the country. So in November, 1962, he and others in the government persuaded President John Kennedy to go on a national conservation tour and in September, 1963, the evidence of environmental degradation was appearing in many parts of the nation. It wasn't until 1969, however, when Senator Nelson was on a speaking tour about the environment, that he had the idea of a grassroots protest over what was happening to our environment. So, in the spring of 1970 Nelson made the idea of Earth Day one of his major priorities. The press picked up on the movement idea and reports were seen in newspapers around the U.S.



still need an Earth Day? You bet! The problems of the environment have increased with global climate change taking center stage. Our fight to protect and preserve the environment is more important than ever.
 What is Florissant's response to the world's environmental crisis? In the year 2005, Mayor Robert Lowery Sr. signed the Sierra Club's U.S. Mayoral Climate Protection Agreement, making Florissant a "Cool City." In doing so, Mayor Lowery committed the city of Florissant to curbing global warming in our community. The reestablishment of the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) in 2006 and changes in the city's building and operation practices, based on an energy audit done in 2009, were the first steps toward the goal. By signing on to the original agreement in November 2011, our current Mayor Schneider continued the city's commitment to curb our carbon emissions. He did this by increasing conservation and by investing in clean technology, such as installing solar panels on government buildings and replacing existing incandescent with fluorescent cool bulbs in city buildings. The Environmental Quality Commission is actively partnering with local businesses that have instituted or are willing to institute environmentally friendly policies and practices. This initiative is known as the Cool City Business Agreement. The city is actively seeking additional businesses that wish to join our six current cool city businesses! Our single stream recycling program developed in association with Meridian Waste Haulers has made recycling a city wide priority!
 So what does the future hold? It is our hope that our city and its residents, YOU, will continue to be the environmental model for the rest of St. Louis and St. Louis County. Let's make "Earth Day" mean something more than just words on paper!
 Fast forward to the present day. Do we

Florissant's Proud Tradition of Celebrating Independence Day

The tradition continues this year on the grounds of the James J. Eagan Center at Florissant Valley Park. Festivities begin with an outdoor concert performance by Northwinds Concert Band at 7:30 pm. Following the concert, the City of Florissant is sponsoring its renowned Fireworks Display at dusk. This year's extravaganza features a dazzling fireworks

presentation combining brilliant shells, color sequencing, dimensional frontage, and low and high level aerial combinations. It will be an evening filled with great music and stupendous fireworks! Bring your blankets and your lawn chairs to enjoy this top-notch, FREE entertainment for the entire family.

The Florissant Golf Club



With spring 2015 fast approaching, we encourage all you golfers who haven't been out to play Florissant Golf Club in the last few years to come out and see the new look on the course and in the golf shop. Check out all of the ongoing golf course improvements and changes to make your rounds more enjoyable! We have renovated several holes taking out the bunkers and replacing them with creative mounding to enhance short game shots, built new tee grounds, and added several landscaped areas around the golf course. Our customers are saying that the golf course is in the best condition they have ever seen it and our entire golf course staff is on a mission to provide you with exceptional customer service to make Florissant Golf Club your course of choice for your next round of golf.

If you are interested in playing in a charity or fundraising scramble we

have a lot of good golf events from April through October so check out our website or Facebook page where you can sign up, or just call the golf shop. Also, don't forget to sign up for our annual Match Play Tournament in August. Open to all levels of players.

Florissant Golf Club is the perfect spot for your business meetings followed by lunch and a round of golf. We have a full service bar and grill and large banquet area for up to 75 people that we can partition off for your private meetings. Please call Don Ryan at 314-741-7444 for more information concerning this type of meeting, or banquet room rentals!

Golf lessons are available from either 4-time PGA Teacher of the Year, Terry Grosch, or Certified Golf Instructor, Eric Ogles. We can help you improve every aspect of your golf game this year, so just give us a call and get started on playing better golf!

Family Fishing Tournament

An annual event put on by the Florissant Parks & Recreation Department and City Youth Advisory Commission. A current Florissant Resident Card is required to register. Awards and consolation prizes will be given in various categories throughout the event. The tournament is open to all ages, however, individuals 16-65 years of age are required by state law to have a Missouri State Fishing License.

Date: Saturday, June 27
Time: 9:00-11:00AM
Location: St. Ferdinand Park
Price: FREE
- Florissant Residents only pre-registration required
Registration: Begins June 9th at both Community Centers



Splish Splash Summer Bash



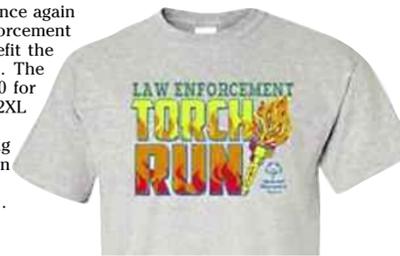
The annual Splish Splash Summer Bash for Florissant youth in 5th-8th grade is sure to be a big hit. Participants will enjoy pizza, soda, games, and a lot more. Admission will be by ticket only. Tickets may be purchased at JFK Community Center and the James J. Eagan Center.

Ages: 5th - 8th graders
Date: Friday, July 10
Time: 6:30 - 9:00 PM
Location: Koch Park Family Aquatic Center
Tickets Available: Monday June 8th
Price: Res. \$5, Non-Res. \$7
Tickets Available: Res. 6/9, Non-Res. 6/23

Florissant Police Selling T-Shirts to Benefit the Special Olympics

The Florissant Police is once again selling Missouri Law Enforcement Torch Run T-Shirts to benefit the Missouri Special Olympics. The costs for the shirts are \$10 for sizes youth medium to 2XL and \$15 for size 3XL.

Please contact Officer Craig DeHart for more information at (314) 830-6042 or cdehart@florissantmo.com.



Safety Town Returns For 2015

The Florissant "SAFETY TOWN" program will be returning for the eighteenth year. Florissant "SAFETY TOWN" is sponsored by the Florissant Police Department, Florissant Rotary Club, Stygar and Sons Funeral Homes, and the Hazelwood and Ferguson/Florissant School Districts.

"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 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 July 6th thru July 17th Monday thru Friday. There will be two sessions offered either 10:00am-12:00pm or 1:00pm- 3:00pm. Both sessions will be held at Parker Road Elementary. The cost for the two week session is \$15.00. For more information, please contact Officer Lessie Summers lsummers@florissantmo.com.

Home Security Tips for 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 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 Craig DeHart, the police department's Community and Media Relations Officer, at 314-830-6042 or cdehart@florissantmo.com.

AARP "Driver Safety Program" Schedule for 2015

The Florissant Police Department will be hosting another series of the AARP "Driver Safety Program" during 2015. The dates are:

Tuesday, May 12, 2015
Tuesday, July 14, 2015
Tuesday, September 8, 2015
Tuesday, November 10, 2015

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 pro-



gram 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 Craig DeHart 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.

Free Gun Locks Available from the Florissant Police

The Florissant Police Department has received free gun locks from the Project ChildSafe program for distribution free of charge for local residents. The Project ChildSafe program is a nationwide firearm safety education program developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation and supported by the firearm industry.

The Florissant Police Department encourages everyone who owns a firearm to store it in a location inaccessible to children or other unauthorized persons. Ammunition should be stored in a separate location. A key goal of the program is to prevent a loaded firearm from being left lying around the house where a child could pick it up and play with it. If you have any



questions or need further information about Project ChildSafe, see the Program's website, projectchildsafe.org.

To obtain a free gunlock please contact Officer Craig DeHart at the Florissant Police Department by phone 314-830-6042 or by e-mail cdehart@florissantmo.com.

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