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**From the Office of Mayor Thomas P. Schneider**

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**A PLAQUE DEDICATION FOR THE LATE GRETCHEN CRANK IS SET FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 26<sup>TH</sup> ON rue ST. FRANCOIS WEST OF ST. CHARLES STREET BEFORE THE START OF THE THIRD WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT FESTIVITIES**

Mayor Thomas P. Schneider is pleased to announce that the City along with Old Town Partners will be hosting a dedication to unveil a plaque in honor of the late Gretchen Crank. This will be the 30<sup>th</sup> Walk through History plaque in honor of someone who has made a valuable contribution to the City of Florissant.

The ceremony will be held on Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. on rue St. Francois just west of St. Charles Street on the south side before the Old St. Ferdinand Shrine. The plaque dedication will take place before the start of the third Wednesday Night Out festivities **“Family Fun & Movie Night”** which is sponsored by the City of Florissant and Old Town Partners and is being hosted by **Old St. Ferdinand Shrine & Duchesne Knights of Columbus** located at 50 rue St. Francois (please enter from Washington Street for parking). The festivities will start at 6:00 p.m. and the movie will start at dusk. This year’s movie will be **“Finding Dory”**. Bring your lawn chairs & blankets and enjoy a great movie night under the stars with family, friends and neighbors.

Florissant history was Gretchen’s passion. She helped save the Myers House from demolition when Highway 170 was built and later became President of Historic Florissant Inc. Gretchen was extremely dedicated to preserving the Gettemeier House. She served on the Old Town Commission, Friends of Old St. Ferdinand, Florissant Landmark Commission and St. Louis County Historic Building Commission. She wrote and published “Reflections of the Florissant Valley.” She loved her family, traveling and life in Florissant.