



Information on the April 10th storm will be included in the next edition of the Florissant Focus.

Valley of Flowers Festival on May 3rd, 4th, & 5th "Valley of Flowers Celebrates Children's Literature"



The 2012 Valley of Flowers Queen and Court from left to right: Paola Ramirez, Courtney Brooks, Queen Monica Wilson, Delaney Callan, and Lauren Lemp. - Photo courtesy of Rick Niblett Photography

For 51 years, since 1963, the Valley of Flowers Festival celebration has been the "first festival of spring." It features a variety of events, including a magnificent parade with Grand Marshal Patricia McKissack!

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 Tot Wheels Parade for our youngest participants and the official "Big Parade" highlight the weekend. The festival culminates on Sunday, May 5, with the crowning of the Valley of Flowers Queen

and her Court at the Duchesne Knights of Columbus Pavilion following the parade.

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

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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. Please note the change this year, 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 barbeque. 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, Tot Wheels parade, and Pretty Baby photo con-

test. After the crowning of the queen and her court at the large pavilion, the Knights invite everyone to their Charity Raffle with fabulous items to the winners. 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 9:00 p.m., on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 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 8:00 p.m. on any evening.

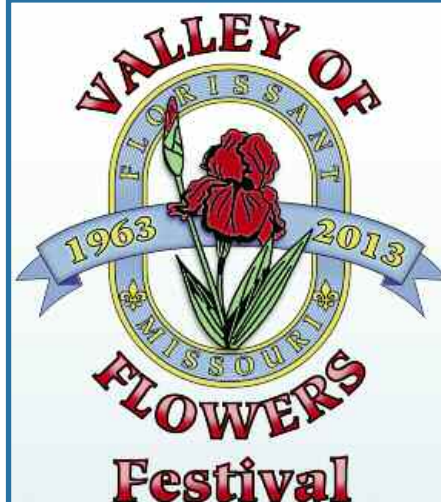
A Magnificent 51st Parade at 1:45pm on Sunday May 5th

The fifty-first Valley of Flowers Parade, featuring more than 120 units led by Grand Marshal Patricia McKissack (local children's author), will be magnificent! All parade units will depart from their designated line up positions at the same time. Since 1963, the parade has been on Sunday afternoon. This year, on May 5, at 1:45 p.m., the parade will feature floats, decorated cars and antique cars, Valley of Flowers queen candidates, marching bands, horses, dogs and many other unique units. The parade will travel west on Parker Road to New Florissant Road. Walking units made up of District 9 Girl Scouts and Rhythmettes leave from Little Woods Park, and marching bands leave from Atonement Lutheran Church at Parker Road and New Florissant Road traveling south to rue St. Francois. The parade will continue



west on rue St. Francois, turning south again on St. Ferdinand Street to Washington Street. The parade will conclude at the Knights of Columbus grounds, where the candidates will be on stage for the crowning of the

Valley of Flowers Queen and her court. The awards for the parade winners will be announced prior to the crowning. Come early to get good seats for one of the largest parades in St. Louis County.



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Visit Florissant's Historic Old St. Ferdinand Shrine During Valley of Flowers Festival



The Friends of Old St. Ferdinand encourage everyone to visit Florissant's most celebrated landmark, St. Ferdinand Shrine, at the foot of rue St. Francois. The Shrine is the oldest Catholic Church in the area of the Louisiana Territory. The convent wing was built in 1819 and the Church proper was completed in 1820.

During the Festival the Friends of Old St. Ferdinand will host a variety of fund raising activities with proceeds going toward the preservation of this fascinating historic landmark. Activities at the Shrine begin Friday, May 3, from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m., Saturday, May 4, from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Sunday, May 5, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tours of the Shrine will be available both Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Walk in the "Volksmarch"

The St. Louis Stuttgart Volksmarch Club will sponsor this "People's Walk" (a noncompetitive, recreational walk meant for family participation) through interesting and scenic areas. It is not a contest of speed or endurance but a leisurely stroll. This Volksmarch is free. Volksmarchers may (for a small fee) keep track of their event/distance in official record books that are available.

The Volksmarch will be held on Saturday, May 4, with registration between 8:00 a.m. and Noon in the pavilion located behind the Girardier House at 601 St. Charles Street (Old Town Partners/Valley of Flowers Office). The "People's Walk" begins on the path adjacent to the pavilion and continues through the streets of Old Town Florissant. Many of the activities of the Festival will be highlighted. While on the tour, you will see some of the historic homes located throughout Old Town Florissant, will enjoy the Car Show on St. Francois, and will experience the friendliness of Florissant residents.

High School Baseball Games

High school baseball games will be played during the Valley of Flowers Festival week. This year three games will be played at Koch Park field #1. The schedule is as follows: Wed., May 1, at 7:00pm – Hazelwood Central vs. Hazelwood East Friday, May 3, at 7:00pm -- McCluer North vs. McCluer Saturday, May 4, at 2:00pm – Dubourg vs. Trinity

Pitch, Hit & Run Competition

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

Children ages seven to fourteen may participate in the Pitch, Hit and Run competition. Entrants compete in three stations: pitching, hitting, and running. Winners have a chance to advance to sectionals, and team championships! This program is FREE but requires pre-registration by May 1. To enter, call the JFK community Center at (314) 921-4460.

Valley of Flowers Queen & Court Crowning

Fifteen high school juniors from eight area schools are competing for the honor of Valley of Flowers Queen who will reign over the Festival activities for the coming year. (See their photos and information elsewhere in this paper). 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 5.

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. The Car Show will be on Saturday, May 4, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. along rue St. Francois. Fifty classes will feature approximately 200 cars. The Car Show will line rue St. Francois from St. Pierre Street to Lafayette Street. This section of rue St. Francois will be closed to traffic beginning at 8:00 a.m. Only cars in the show will be allowed admittance to the street. 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.

Registration for the show is \$10.00 in advance and \$12.00 the day of the event. Trophies will be awarded at 3:00 p.m. For pre-registration and information call (314) 837-0033. (If necessary, a rain-out date has been planned for May 11.)

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Greetings Everyone,

Welcome to our special Valley of Flowers edition. Whatever your interests, you're sure to find plenty of springtime fun and excitement in the City of Florissant. The 50th Annual Valley of Flowers festival takes place May 3, 4 and 5. This is the oldest and perhaps largest and most enjoyable community festival in the Metropolitan Area every year with a wide variety of family fun at two main venues. Visit the Eagan Center for indoor and outdoor entertainment or the Knights of Columbus Grounds for a day of family fun on the rides and midway followed by some famous Knights Barbecue. Sunday May 5 find your spot for the best parade ever followed by the Queen crowning at the Knights grounds.

Florissant is becoming a Hot Town for BBQ. We always had Valley of Flowers BBQ but now on Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11, the Optimist Club of North St. Louis County will be holding their 6th Annual Kick Off-Cook Off BBQ Competition. This will be the second one held at the James J. Eagan Center. They will be raising money for the Optimist International Childhood Cancer Campaign. Also the 1st Annual Florissant Fraternal Fires & BBQ Competition, Wing Ding, Kickball and BBQ throw down which was hosted by the Knights of Columbus was held on April 12-13. All proceeds that were raised go towards Police and Fire Department charities. Thank you to everyone that participated and attend the event.

The 2013 Music Under the Stars Summer Concert Series will be coming back to our City. A list of dates, times and who is coming is in the Parks and Recreation section of this newspaper. Be sure to check on the schedule of performances coming to our fantastic indoor Civic Center Theatre at JJE this spring and summer by visiting our website at www.florissantmo.com or call 314-921-5678. Congratulations to the St. Louis Theater Circle Awards founding members on their successful inaugural Awards Ceremony for Professional Performing Artist that was presented before a crowd of 400 people at our Florissant Civic Center Theatre on March 18.

The 5th Annual Trash Bash litter cleanup was a huge success. I want to thank City Engineer Tim Barrett along with Greg Koester, Rob Morris, Ralph Meresicky and Fred Schaljo

from the Health Department, Tim Lemp and Marc Foskett from the Parks Department and Gary Meyer from the Street Department for all of their hard work. 15- 20 cubic yards of trash and 5 tires were collected. The areas that were cleaned were St. Ferdinand Park, John Knox Church and a number of properties along Paddock Creek near the Intersection of Parker Road and Derhake.

The Bard, William Shakespeare's play "King John" was performed in Old Town in City Hall on Friday night April 19th in conjunction with the Shakespeare Festival. The Wednesday Night Out in Old Town series which is sponsored by Old Town Partners will be held on June 26, July 31, August 28, and September 25 at different locations in Old Town and will start around 6:00 p.m. More information will be forthcoming in the next Focus and on the City Web site and local newspapers or contact Old Town Partner's office at 314-837-0033.

The 2nd Annual Florissant Resident "Free Document Shredding Day" which will be held on Saturday, May 11 at St. Ferdinand Park- rear parking lot from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Bring your sensitive tax, bank or financial records from home to be shredded right in front of you. Cintas Document Management Company will professionally shred your information. All information will be destroyed in a manner to which it can not be recognized or recreated. All paper will then be recycled. A resident card is required. A special thanks to Meridian Waste Services for assisting the city with this event.

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 27 at St. Ferdinand Park from 10 to 2 PM. By recycling your electronic equipment, you save the energy that would be required to produce useful material and prevent hazardous components from entering the environment in landfills. These two events are coordinated by Greg Koester, Rob Morris and the staff at the Health Department.

I have been pleased with the new commercial developments that were completed last year at the Value City site with Michael's and Chipotle being the last two stores to recently open up for business. We are looking forward to a new Eye Surgery

Center and a new Bank on Lindbergh that is coming soon. Several large properties are under contract for future developments. Two national name brand chains are planning future developments in Florissant. We welcome Tocco Custom Sound, Bonzer Pet Bakery, Certified Auto Repair Specialist, CAMS Engineering Company and Apex Financial Credit Union to our city.

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. For more information call 314-921-4466.

This past tax preparation season for the seniors that was set up by the Senior Office was very successful. Peggy Hogan the Senior Coordinator and her staff did an outstanding job in accommodating the seniors by having this service provided for them free of charge. For information on senior events that are planned for the upcoming months contact the Senior Office at 314-839-7604.

As always we encourage you to become involved by joining Neighborhood Watch or by organizing a block party in your neighborhood. Neighbors helping neighbors is a recipe for a safe and prosperous city.

On March 27 a permanent Drug Disposal Box was installed in the lobby of the Florissant Police Headquarters to collect expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs for destruction. The public is invited to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To draw attention to this service the Police Department joins forces with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) along with other government, community, public health and law enforcement partners in a nationwide prescription drug "take-back" initiative that seeks to prevent increased pill abuse and theft. The program will take place on April 27 to drop off expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs for destruction at the Police Headquarters lobby.

The City of Florissant Community Garden kicked off their season on April 6th with a work day for the installation of berms, planting of seeds and seedlings, layout of mulch and construction of compost bins.



We are pleased to announce that our Community Garden was selected as the St. Louis site for the P.A.U.S.E. (Pollinators/Art/Urban Agriculture/Society/and the Environment) project. The P.A.U.S.E project is a joint program between the St. Louis Zoo, National Museums of Kenya and Tohono Chul (Tucson, AZ) and funded by the US State Dept. To find out more about this exciting project you can contact the Community Development Office at 314-839-7680.

The Public Works Department has already started bidding out street projects for the year which will include surface sealing, major street repairs and asphalt and concrete pavement improvement for various locations in the City. We will also be doing some HVAC improvements to City Hall, Police Headquarters and the James J. Eagan Center. Tower Court Park improvements are underway and will be done by various contractors. MSD remains very active in our City finishing up \$7,900,000 in projects. The latest one is a storm sewer project on Harrison Street and St. Marie totaling \$271,000.

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

Winter Storm Virgil Unloads Record Snow



A Winter Storm... in Early Spring? That is just plain wrong! Just when we thought we were out of the woods, Mother Nature throws us a nasty knee buckling curve snowball. On March 24th and 25th, Florissant and the St Louis area were hit by Winter Storm Virgil, a long persistent winter storm that dumped 10 to 12 inches of snow over the City.

However, much to the chagrin of Mother Nature, Street and Parks Department employees were more than up to the task. Working through the night, crews were able to keep up with the onslaught of snow keeping businesses and City Hall open for work on Monday.

By the numbers: 475 tons of salt were used, 450 gallons of gasoline,

147 gallons of diesel fuel, only \$5,000 in equipment repairs, 288 hours of overtime hours equaling \$14, 131.35 plus an additional 136 hours in straight time amounting to \$4,448.78 ... all total this winter storm cost about \$49,701.43. This was our 7th winter storm event this season. The total of all winter storms so far this year (hoping this was the last one) came to a total of \$140,057.73. Except for this storm, we have had a relatively mild winter.

Our Street and Parks Department employees deserve our heart felt thanks and appreciation for persevering under long and adverse winter conditions and succeeding with yet another job well done.

Another Successful Easter Egg Hunt and Snack with the Easter Bunny



Mayor Thomas P. Schneider is pleased to announce the City of Florissant's Parks and Recreation Department held another successful Easter Egg Hunt and Snack with the Easter Bunny this past Saturday at the James J. Eagan Center. The event was enjoyed by over 150 children who were watched with joy by their parents and grandparents.

Thank you to the staff with the Parks and Recreation Department for organizing the event and to everyone that participated.

For more information on any other upcoming events contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 314-921-4466 or visit our website at www.florissantmo.com.



Family Festival of Fun at the James J. Eagan Center



The James J. Eagan Center will host many activities for young children and families. This is a one of a kind celebration with all the performances being FREE. Nowhere in St. Louis County will you find an event with all of the wonderfully talented performers that you will discover in the Valley of Flowers Festival. Performances begin on Friday, May 3, at 5:30 p.m. and continue all day on Saturday, May 4, until 6:00 p.m. There will be entertainment for children as

well as entertainment for all ages.

The Festival features on-going performances in large tents and on the grounds. These free performances include storytellers, puppeteers, music, comedy and much more. Times and schedules are listed later in this edition. There will be many other fun activities on the grounds surrounding the tents. Some are free and others require a small fee:

Pretty Baby Photo Contest – Free – Open during festival times

SATURDAY ONLY

- The Gypsy Rose III Pirate Ship – Limited Tours for only \$1.00 per child from 10:00am to Noon and from 1:30pm to 2:30pm
- Pony rides – Great fun for only \$2.00 per ride – Noon – 4:00pm
- Inflatable rides and train – \$1.00 per child – 10:00am – 4:00pm
- Children's hands-on arts & crafts – Free – 10:00am – 2:00pm
- Kincaid Puppets – free performances at 11:00am, 1:30 and 3:30pm
- On the grounds from 10:00am to 5:00pm
 - The Bubble Bus full of bubble fun
 - R. W. Magic experience the magic
 - Professor Farquar and Polecat Annie
 - Joe the Juggler
- Sponsor and informational booths
- Florissant Police Canine Demonstration – Free at 2:30pm
- Dog Show - 3:00pm



The Gypsy Rose III Pirate Ship

Sponsor's Informational Tent

Visit with some of the many businesses that help financially sponsor the Festival on the grounds of the James J. Eagan Center from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 4.

Please support our sponsors – without them we could not have this festival.



Pretty Baby Photo Contest



The Pretty Baby Photo Contest will be on the ice rink pavilion of the James J. Eagan Center on Friday, May 3, from Noon until 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, May 4, 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 2. 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 5, 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.

Tot Wheels Parade Celebrates with Children's Literature Theme



Children up to age six may bring bikes, trikes, wagons or other wheels decorated for the parade theme: Tot Wheels Celebrates Children's Literature. This free event, on Saturday, May 4, is fun for everyone. It includes clowns, a gift bag, and light refreshments for all who participate. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. and the parade starts at 9:30 a.m.

There are prizes for the best theme decorated unit (child and wheels). The parade is videotaped for broadcast on Florissant Cable TV channel 992. Registration is free and participation is open to Florissant residents and non-residents. To pre-register call (314) 837-0033 or go on-line at www.florissantvalleyofflowers.com.



Home Grown Plants from the Gardeners of Florissant



The "Gardeners of Florissant" plant sale offers a great selection of plants to bring life to your home and garden. Arrive early for the greatest selection of flowers, vegetables, herbs and houseplants. There will be a variety of unique plants suitable for most home environments that include sunny or shaded planting sites. All flowers and plants were locally grown and are displayed in blooming order for those who want something continuously flowering in their garden from spring through fall. The sale will feature many beautiful hanging baskets as well as a large variety of flowers for the home gardener to enjoy. The Gardeners will have pre-planted decorative containers for those who want an instant arrangement. There will also be several raffles for garden related prizes. 2013 will again feature

tables with an assortment of vegetables and herbs suited for cooking, many varieties of tomatoes, and different types of peppers.

Garden club members will assist with your plant selections. They willingly share their knowledge of plants and their expertise with gardening. The Gardeners of Florissant are incredibly fortunate to have several of their members certified as "Master Gardeners" who are very well informed about plants.

The Gardeners of Florissant flowers and plant sale begins at Noon and continues to 9:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday on the Ice Rink Pavilion at the James J. Eagan Center. Additional information is available at: www.florissantmo.com/GOF

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 3, from 12 noon to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 4, 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 3, from Noon to 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 4. This event features a wide variety of things including antiques, garden items, and Christmas items.

Dog Show & Canine Demonstration

Children 13 and younger may enter, at no charge, their favorite dog in the contests. Competitions begin at 11:00 a.m. Trophies will be awarded for several categories: Best Costume, Best Kisser, Fastest, Best Tail Wagger, and Best Trick. Choose which category you want to enter your dog when you register.

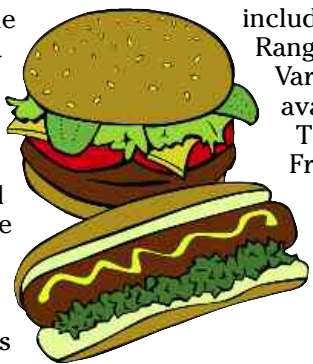
The Florissant Police Department will conduct a K-9 Dog demonstration at 2:30 p.m.

All Dog events will be held in the open area of Florissant Valley Park near the inflatable rides.



The Food Court Takes On An International Flavor

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 p.m. Saturday hours begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 10:00 p.m.

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Is your portfolio truly diversified?

Life is full of ups and downs — and the financial markets are no different. As an investor, you're no doubt happy to see the "ups" — but the "downs" can seem like a real downer. Isn't there any way to help smooth out the volatility in your investment portfolio?

First of all, to cope with volatility, it's helpful to know what causes it — and there can be many causes. Computers that make trades in milliseconds, based on mathematical models, are sometimes blamed for intraday volatility, but large price swings can also occur following the release of government economic reports, such as those dealing with unemployment and housing starts. Global events, such as the European economic malaise, can also send the financial markets into a tizzy.

By being aware of the impact of these events, you can see that the workings of the markets — especially their volatility — may not be as mysterious as you thought. Still, while knowing the causes of volatility can help you prepare for market swings, it won't blunt their impact on your portfolio. To do that, you need to create a diversified mix of investments because your portfolio can be more susceptible to negative price movements if you only own one type of asset.

To illustrate: If you owned mostly bonds, and interest rates rose sharply, the value of your bonds would likely drop, and your portfolio could take a big hit. But if you owned stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit (CDs) and other investment vehicles, the rise in interest rates would probably affect your portfolio less significantly.

Unfortunately, many investors think that if

they own a few stocks and a bond, they're diversified. But you can actually extend your diversification through many levels — and you should. For the equity portion of your portfolio, try to own stocks representing many market sectors and industries. Also, consider international stocks. And rather than just owning U.S. Treasury bonds, consider corporate bonds and municipal bonds, and diversify your fixed-income holdings further by purchasing short-term, intermediate-term and long-term bonds. Work with your financial advisor to determine the mix of asset classes and investments that are appropriate for your financial goals and objectives.

How you ultimately diversify your portfolio depends on your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals — there's no one "correct" asset mix for everyone. And over time, your diversification needs may change. To cite one example, as you enter your retirement years, you may need to increase your percentage of income-producing investments while possibly reducing the amount of growth investments you own. These growth-oriented investments tend to be more volatile, and you may want less volatility during your retirement. However, even during retirement, you will need to own a certain percentage of growth investments to provide you with the growth potential you'll need to stay ahead of inflation.

Keep in mind that diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss. Nonetheless, building a diversified portfolio may help take some of the volatility out of investing — so look for diversification opportunities whenever possible.



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 3rd. It will continue throughout the day on Saturday, May 4th 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 huge Circus Tent will begin Friday evening and continue throughout the day Saturday with the addition of live performances and fun

aboard the Gypsy Rose III Pirate Ship. Young people will have abundant opportunities to enhance their festival visit with demonstrations and plenty of space to just 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."

Marionetas de la Esquina Sleeping Beauty Dreams

Marionetas de la Esquina, a puppet company from Mexico, has given more than 11,000 performances since its creation. The company has helped to disseminate and develop the art of puppetry in Mexico. Its repertoire of ten shows is a testimony to the company's wish to experiment with all aspects of Puppet Theatre, from set and puppet design to dramaturgy. The company has a variety of themes, stages and puppets that have won recognition in Mexico and abroad. Artistic Director Amaranta Leyva co-commissioned SLEEPING BEAUTY DREAMS with the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C.; in it she re-imagines the famous princess as an overprotected daughter looking for a way to break free of her castle walls in order to search for true love...and her true self in a contemporary look at this classic tale. The company has received Mexico's National prize for Children's Theatre and the National Critics of Mexico Award.

Marionetas de la Esquina will appear in the Circus Tent on Friday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 4 at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.



The Gizmo Guys "Comedy Jugglers"

Performing as the Gizmo Guys, Allan Jacobs and Barrett Felker have amazed and amused audiences around the world. They work in a great variety of venues including theaters, corporate functions of all types, cruise ships...you name it, they've done it. Sure, they've made numerous television appearances, won international juggling competitions, and taught at top circus schools, but what makes their act so appealing is their uniquely winning combination of dazzling technique and infectious humor. The Gizmo Guys' rapid-fire act exhilarates and inspires sidesplitting laughter in audience members of all ages.

The Gizmo Guys will perform in the Circus Tent on Friday, May 3 at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 4 at 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.



Terrance Simien & the Zydeco Experience Creole for Kidz and the History of Zydeco



For more than two decades Grammy award-winning artist Terrance Simien, 8th generation Louisiana Creole, has been shattering the myths about what his indigenous Creole Zydeco music is and is not. Leading his Zydeco Experience Band, Simien has become not only a highly respected, internationally recognized touring and recording artist but also the Cultural Ambassador for his state. He has presented thousands of performances, traveled millions of miles to over 40 countries and reached at least a million people during his eventful career.

Terrance Simien is blessed with an extraordinary talent that expresses the deepest human emotions through the original instrument: The Voice. Incorporating diverse

music styles he creates a hypnotic blend of Zydeco-roots-New Orleans funk-reggae-flavored-Afro-Caribbean-world music that will get you up on your feet. His lively performances have garnered him a level of international success and his fully engaged audiences around the globe have become more Zydeco experienced than ever before!

Terrance Simien and The Zydeco Experience will appear on Friday, May 3 in the Circus Tent at 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 4 at noon and 3:00 p.m.

EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC! WITH RW MAGIC

RW 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 will be doing impromptu magic throughout the grounds on Saturday, May 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 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 Circus Tent on Friday, May 3 at 5:00 p.m. and at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 4.

Pirate School from the Deck of the Gypsy Rose III Pirate Ship



During the show the bumbling pirate professor Billy Bones, played by David Engel, teaches youngsters how to be good pirates with zany lessons on how to stand, talk, sing and laugh like jaunty Buccaneers. Audiences engage in boisterous competitions and learn the finer points of light-hearted mischief while cannons boom, skulls talk, cutlasses drop, bubbles pop and pets run amok.

Pirate School is in session on the Gypsy Rose III Pirate Ship at 12:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 4.



Joe the Juggler



Once certified by the state of Missouri as an EMT, Joe the Juggler now throws around machetes and torches while on stilts. He is a homegrown talent with great technical skill and the comedic timing to match. Come see Joe's "amazing feats of skill and talent" and his "ridiculous feats of absurdity and nonsense." This master of entertainment uses his college background in English and Language to describe the level of his work, "...for me, 'quality' is more than just a word – it's a noun."

Joe the Juggler will perform Saturday, May 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the Festival grounds at Florissant Valley Park.

Kincaid Karacter Puppets Presents "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.

The Kincaid Karacter Puppets will perform Saturday, May 4 at 11:00 a.m., 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. on the Festival grounds at Florissant Valley Park.

Professor Farquar's Great American Medicine Show



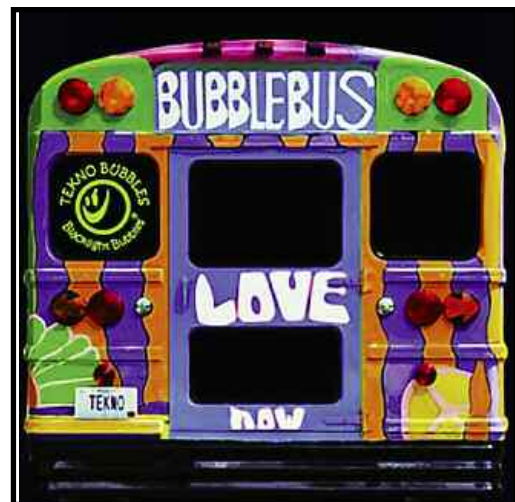
Farquar's "Great American Medicine Show" is an authentic re-creation of one of the 19th Century's most popular diversions, presenting traditional toe-tapping tunes, incredible magic, plus lots of laughs and audience participation. A special feature of the Medicine Show is Polecat Annie. She gives hands-on instruction in rope twirling, plate spinning, Victorian amusements, Indian games and palm reading.

Professor Farquar and Polecat Annie entertain throughout the day on the Festival grounds from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 4.

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 throughout the day on Saturday, May 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Hispanic Festival Inc. Presents Grupo M-314



After the "daytime events" wind down, stick around for a special performance in celebration of Cinco de Mayo. Grupo M-314 will fill the evening air with music on Saturday, May 4 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the Circus Tent.

2013 Children's Celebration of Performing Arts Performers Schedule

Time	Performer	Location
Friday, May 3		
5:00pm	Babaloo Music and Fun	Circus Tent
6:00pm	Sleeping Beauty Dreams	Circus Tent
7:00pm	The Zydeco Experience	Circus Tent
8:00pm	The Gizmo Guys	Circus Tent
9:00pm	The Zydeco Experience	Circus Tent
Saturday, May 4		
10:00am	Babaloo Music and Fun	Circus Tent
11:00am	Sleeping Beauty Dreams	Circus Tent
12:00am	The Zydeco Experience	Circus Tent
12:30pm	Pirate School	Pirate Ship
1:00pm	The Gizmo Guys	Circus Tent
2:00pm	Sleeping Beauty Dreams	Circus Tent
3:00pm	The Zydeco Experience	Circus Tent
3:00pm	Pirate School	Pirate Ship
4:00pm	The Gizmo Guys	Circus Tent
4:30pm	Pirate School	Pirate Ship
5:00pm	Babaloo Music and Fun	Circus Tent
6:00pm	Grupo M-314	Circus Tent

Saturday on the Grounds


- The Gypsy Rose III Pirate Ship
- Limited Tours - 10am to noon & 1:30 to 2:30pm
with \$1.00 Ride Ticket
- Kincaid Karacter Puppets: The Marvelous Misfit Revue
- 11:00am, 1:30 & 3:30pm
- R. W. Magic – Up close magic continuous
10:00am to 5:00pm
- Professor Farquar – Shows throughout the day
10:00am to 5:00pm
- Joe the Juggler – Roaming the grounds
10:00am to 5:00pm
- Bubble Bus – Bubble fun throughout the day
10:00am to 5:00pm

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Valley of Flowers 2013 Queen Candidates

One of these fifteen outstanding young women will be chosen as the 2013 Valley of Flowers Queen. The coronation will take place at the conclusion of the parade on Sunday, May 5th in the Knights of Columbus Pavilion at the festival ground just east of the Lindbergh and Washington intersection.



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- July 4 - Northwinds Concert Band
– Florissant Valley Park
- July 13 - Ground Flow Fusion...
High Energy multi-genre group:
Rock, Blues, Jam, Funk and Groove
– St. Ferdinand Park
- July 20 - Chaz45 Band... Put on your dancin'
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R & B and Funk” – St. Ferdinand Park
- July 27 - SmashBand Superhits
– St. Ferdinand Park
- Aug. 3 - Billy Peek Band – St. Ferdinand Park
- Aug. 10 - Bob Kuban Brass – St. Ferdinand Park
- Aug. 17 - Butch Wax & The Hollywoods
– St. Ferdinand Park
- Aug. 24 - Boeing Employees Concert Band
– St. Ferdinand Park
- Oct. 13 - Fanfare Band featuring Kitty Moller
at the Old Town Fall Festival,
100 Rue St. Francois

All Concerts begin at 7:00pm except July 4th at 7:30pm. and October 13 at 1:00pm and 3:00pm

“Music Under the Stars” 2013 summer concert series gratefully acknowledges financial support from the Regional Arts Commission and the Missouri Arts Council.

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

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The Smash Band



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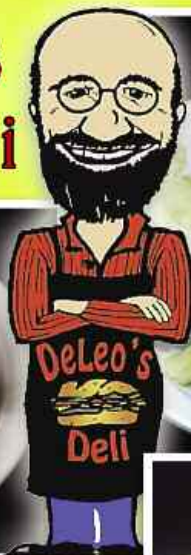
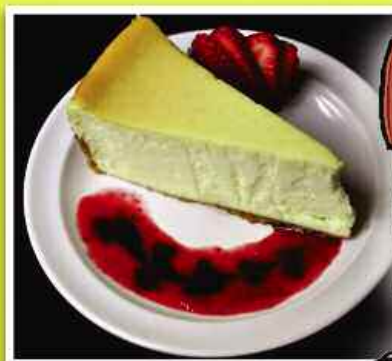


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Northwinds Concert Band Presents:

SOUNDS OF COURAGE

May 3 – 7:30 p.m.



Northwinds Concert Band, under the direction of Larry Marsh, will present "Sounds of Courage," a program of heroic and inspirational music. The concert will feature the American premiere of a new composition by noted Austrian composer Otto Schwarz entitled "White Rose." The work is dedicated to the young men and women who resisted Nazi Germany. A special lobby display created for UMSL's German Culture Center will present the stories of courageous individuals and groups. Other works will include upbeat marches and music from film and Broadway, plus music commemorating stories of heroism from American history.

Northwinds is a program of Ferguson Florissant's Community Education Department.

ADMISSION: \$8.00 Adults, \$6.00 Seniors/Students

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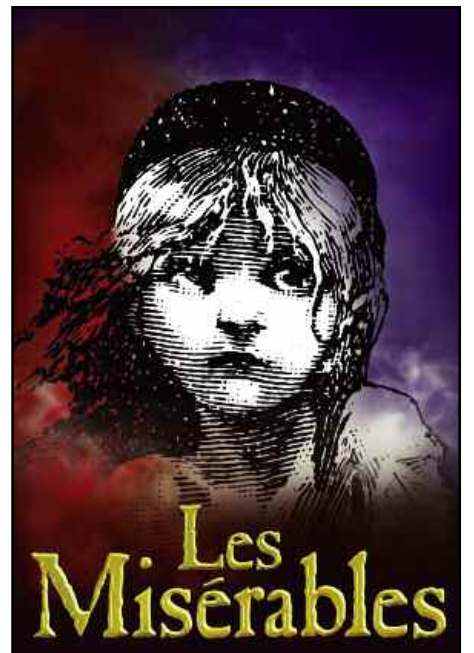
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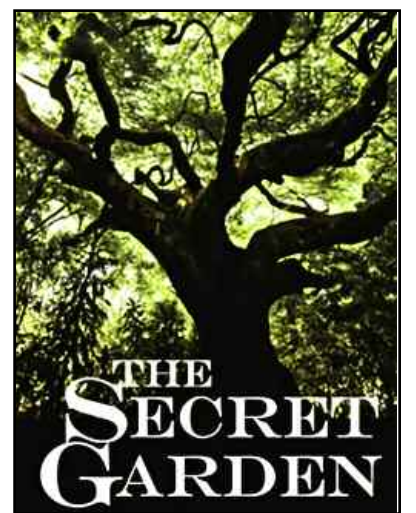
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Senior Citizen Trips

Affordable, Fun Day Trips are offered by the City of Florissant for Senior Citizens. Listed below are the upcoming trips:

- **Tuesday, June 4th Tour of the Cathedral Basilica and Lunch at Cunetto's on the Hill.** Tour the Beautiful Cathedral Basilica in St. Louis and then find out why Cunetto House of Pasta tops the Best Restaurant Polls year after year! Cost: \$27.00 (Covers transportation, Cathedral tour and Lunch) Buses leave the Eagan Center at 9:00am and return around 2:30pm. Tickets will be available on Tuesday, April 30th at the Florissant Senior Dining Center from 9:00am until 11:00am for residents with a current resident card. If there are tickets left, a second registration will be held on Tuesday, May 7th at the Florissant Senior Dining Center from 9:00am until 11:00am for residents AND non-residents. Cost for a non-resident is \$29.00. Call the Senior Office at 839-7605 for more information.
- **Wednesday, June 19th “Always... Patsy Cline” at Stages and Dinner at Tucker's Place.** The touching & true story of Country Music Legend Patsy Cline & her friendship with Texas Housewife Louise Seger comes to life in the musical Always...Patsy Cline. Enjoy this outstanding musical and then a delicious dinner at Amici's Italian Restaurant in Kirkwood. Cost: \$46.00 (Includes transportation, and Stages admission. dinner is at your own expense.) Buses will leave the Eagan Center at 4:30pm and return at approximately at 11:00pm. Tickets will be sold to Silver Words Club Members first on May 9th. On May 10th, residents and non-residents may purchase tickets in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. Cost for a non-resident is \$48.00. Call the Senior Office at 839-7605 for more information.

To participate in Senior Activities, get your City of Florissant Resident Card at the James J. Eagan Center or the JFK Center. If you are over 60, a yellow frame will be added around your picture – showing that you are over 60 and eligible for City of Florissant Senior Programs.

Salute the St. Louis Cardinals



The City of Florissant Senior Citizens St. Louis Cardinals Party & Bingo will be Thursday, August 1st from 10:15 until 2:00pm at the James J. Eagan Center. Tickets will be sold from Monday, June 24th until Monday, July 29th in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall for just \$7.00. Ticket price includes a Fabulous Lunch catered by Tornatores, bingo, a Special Performance by The Munny Kids, attendance prizes, which includes 2 FREE Tickets to a St. Louis Cardinal Game, and an Autographed Baseball by Major League Player, Ricky Horton! Chances will be sold for a pot of gold and gift baskets. Please support our local food pantry, Team, by bringing a

monetary donation or canned food items to the St. Louis Cardinals Party! Call the Senior Office at 839-7605 for more information.

Do You Like to Listen to Live Music?

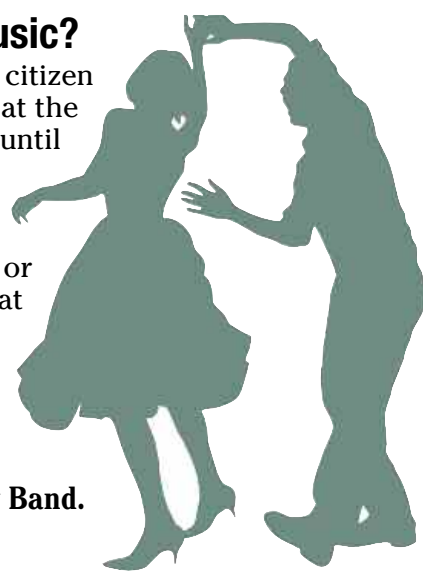
The City of Florissant holds senior citizen dances for residents AND non-residents at the James J. Eagan Center from 7:00pm until 10:00pm. Come dance the night away or sit back and watch the live performance! Purchase your tickets in the Senior Office in City Hall for just \$7.00 or \$9.00 at the door. Call the Senior Office at 839-7605 for more information.

Dates for the 2013 dances are below:

Saturday, June 8th – the Music Men

Saturday, Aug. 17th – the Rhythmaires

Saturday, Oct. 26th – the Michael Lacey Band.



SENIOR CITIZEN EVENTS SCHEDULE

JULY

2nd - Tickets go on sale for River Cruise & Pere Marquette Senior Trip

4th - City Offices Closed – Independence Day

11th - Silver Words Meeting, JFK, 1:30pm – 3:30pm
- Trip sign-ups for River City Casino

14th - Ms. Mo. Senior Pageant – Theatre (921-5678)

18th - Speaker Series, 1:00pm, A/B Room, Eagan Center

AUGUST

1st - St. Louis Cardinal Party & Bingo, 10:15am-2:00pm
at the Eagan Center

5th - Tentative Start date to sell North County Gala tickets

8th - Silver Words Trip to River City Casino

17th - Senior Dance, Eagan Center, Saturday, 7:00-10:00pm,
- The RhythmAires

28th - Alton Cruise and Pere Marquette Senior Trip

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2013 DARE "Party on the Ice"



The City of Florissant's very first Party On The Ice was held on March 8. There were over 100 kids in attendance for this event that brings together 5th through 8th grade students to the ice. The party included

a live DJ, full concessions with pizza and soda, skate rental, and ice skating from 6:30-9:30pm. Party on the Ice is co sponsored by the D.A.R.E. program to ensure it was a drug and alcohol free event.

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.

Please contact Officer Andy Haarmann for more information at (314) 830-6042 or ahaarmann@florissantmo.com.



Prescription/Non-Prescription Drug Disposal Box Now Located at the Florissant Police Department



Chief Timothy J. Lowery is happy to announce that the Florissant Police Department now has a prescription/non-prescription drug disposal box permanently located in the lobby of the Florissant Police station. This box was made possible by the Missouri Prescription Pill and Drug Disposal organization. The box provides a safe location for citizens to properly dispose of unused prescription and an environmentally safe alternative to disposing of both prescription non-prescription medications in landfills and sewer systems that may negatively affect the environment.

The secured, steel collection box in the lobby of the police department is accessible to citizens any time of the day or night 365 days a year. Once collected, the drugs will be properly disposed of by incineration.

Items that will be accepted include:

- Prescription medications
- All over-the-counter medications
- Pet medications
- Vitamins and supplements
- Medicated ointments, lotions, creams, and oils
- Liquid medications in leak-proof containers
- Homeopathic and herbal remedies
- Suppositories

Items that are not accepted include:


- Illegal drugs
- Needles/sharps
- Syringes with needles
- Thermometers
- IV bags and tubing
- Bloody or infectious waste
- Personal care products
- Empty containers
- Hydrogen peroxide
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Please schedule an appointment go to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: OfficerVernon or contact Officer Andy Haarmann at 314-830-6042 or ahaarmann@florissantmo.com

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The City of Florissant Invites You to a FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING DAY!

**Saturday, May 11, 2013 – St. Ferdinand Park – Rear Parking Lot
9:00 am – 12:00 noon – Rain or Shine – Resident Card Required!**

Bring your sensitive records from home to be shredded right in front of you! **Cintas Document Management Company** will professionally shred your sensitive information while you watch! All information will be destroyed in a manner to which it can not be recognized or recreated. All paper will then be recycled!

What to bring to be shredded

- Bank statements
 - Tax records
 - Credit card statements
 - Invoices
 - Anything with your name and address on it
- * No need to remove paper clips, binder clips or staples

This event is sponsored by the City of Florissant with special thanks to Meridian Waste Services for providing cardboard recycling during the event.



You are allowed to bring up to five bags or boxes

- Types of boxes include copy paper boxes, banker & shoe boxes
- Types of bags include shopping bags, grocery & trash bags
- PLEASE...NO three ring binders, hanging file folders, CD's, DVD's or hard bound books.

Please Leave Your Pet at Home in HOT Weather!



On an 85° day it may only take ten minutes for the inside of your car to reach in excess of 100°, even when the vehicles windows have been left open an inch or two. The inside of a car can be 20 degrees hotter even on a pleasant 70° day. Pets most at risk are: young animals, elderly and overweight animals, those with short muzzles and pets with thick or dark-colored coats.

Hot Weather Traveling Tips

- Provide shade when your pet is outside on a warm day.
- Exercise your pet during the coolest parts of the day and never exercise a pet immediately following a meal.
- Walk your pet (s) on grass or dirt when possible as hot asphalt and tar can burn sensitive paw pads.
- Carry a large container of cold water for you AND your pet!
- Get a veterinary checkup before

traveling and make sure you have with you all vaccination certificates as well as flea and tick treatments.

If Your Dog Is Overcome By The Heat Immediately bring down your pet's body temperature by soaking the animal in cool water. Make sure water does not get in to the mouth or nose of an unconscious animal and seek immediate veterinary care.

Animal Cruelty
Most states, county and municipal governments have laws that prohibit leaving an animal unattended in a vehicle under dangerous conditions, which include hot weather. Law enforcement officials including animal control officers, may be authorized to enter your vehicle by whatever means necessary to remove the animal if they feel the life of the animal is threatened. You could have your car damaged, be charged with a crime and fined or imprisoned.

SPECIAL THANKS

The City of Florissant would like to say thank you to its residents for again making our holiday lights recycling season a success.

Residents were able to drop off old holiday lights at the City's recycling Center between the months of November and March.

Meridian Waste Services not only donated the container for collection but provided the pick-up and recycled just over 1,600 lbs of lights, free of charge to our residents.

Thank you Meridian!



FREE Recycling Tote

The City of Florissant has 65 gallon recycle totes available for Florissant residents. If you would like to receive one of these totes, call the Florissant Health Department

at 314-839-7655 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8am and 5pm. The recycle totes are to be used for recycling only and are not to be used for trash pick up or yard waste. Thank you!



2013 City of Florissant Beautiful Home Awards

Sponsored by City of Florissant Citizen Participation Committee

The City of Florissant is conducting its Beautiful Home Award Program again this year. The program was established to celebrate the American Dream of homeownership and to recognize single family 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 24, 2013.

CITY OF FLORISSANT 2013 BEAUTIFUL HOME AWARDS

I nominate the following home for a 2013 Beautiful Home Award:

Name (if known) Ward

Street Address Phone #

Submit to:

Community Development Office
Florissant Government Building
1055 rue St. Francois
Florissant, MO 63031

DEADLINE:

Friday, May 24, 2013 at noon

MUST ATTACH A CURRENT PHOTO

How to Heal Your Dry Skin

By Mary Noel George, MD

Spring is here, but you might still have dry, brittle skin left over from the harsh winter weather. If your skin feels dehydrated, dull or looks like a dilapidated brick wall, then it's time to restore its moisture barrier.

Most cases of dry skin are mild and manifest in fine flakes and dry, itchy patches. Some people may even have cracks in their skin that bleed slightly or their skin might feel tight after showering, bathing or swimming.

These symptoms can be treated with liberal applications of thick over-the-counter topical creams. The thicker and greasier the moisturizer is, the better it is. In fact, the Cadillac of creams is Vaseline petroleum jelly (yes, the grease in the tub). Otherwise, Cera Ve cream, Vanicream Skin Cream or Cetaphil Cream ointments work well and are better than standard lotions. Apply any one of these creams several times a day and within three minutes of getting out of the shower to trap moisture in the skin and keep it supple.

Severely dry skin can cause open



wounds and itching bad enough to interfere with your sleep. At this point, you need to be treated by a dermatologist who will typically prescribe topical corticosteroids to prevent eczema and other secondary skin infections. A dermatologist will also teach you how to make changes to your lifestyle to prevent outbreaks.

You can prevent dry skin by avoiding hot showers, drinking lots of water and using a humidifier in your home. Also, wash your skin with mild cleansers like Cetaphil Gentle Cl, Cetaphil Restoraderm or CeraVe and avoid harsh soaps, such as Irish Spring, Zest and Lever 2000.

Your skin is your body's number one defense against the outside world so keeping it soft and healthy should be your number one priority.

Dr. Mary Noel George is a board-certified dermatologist on staff at SSM DePaul Health Center. She can be reached at 314-344-0004 for more information or to make an appointment.

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Florissant Home Improvement Program

The City of Florissant's Community Development Office has applications available for the Home Improvement Program and can be found by visiting www.florissantmo.com/cd/blockgrant.shtml or the Community Development Office located in the Government Building at 1055 rue St. Francois.

COMPLETED applications will be accepted Wednesday, May 1, 2013 thru Friday, May 31, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Applications are NOT selected on a "First-Come-First Serve" basis.

The Home Improvement Program offers forgivable loans to income eligible Florissant homeowners. Applicants must be Florissant homeowners and they must have owned and occupied the house for at least two years prior to application.

Homeowners accepted into the program must remain in their home five years from the date of completion of the program requirements.

A seminar explaining the 2013 Home Improvement Program will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 6:00pm in the Government Building.

For additional information contact the Community Development Office at 839-7622 or 839-7679.



Mommy and Me Tea Party

Mom's day is coming, what a better way to spend the morning. Kids can dress up in a pretty dress or play dress clothes. Finger sandwiches and tea will be served. We will eat, make a craft and have lots of fun.

Date: May 8

Time: 11:00AM-12:00PM

Location: JFK

Price: R \$5NR\$7

Registration: Res. 4/2, Non-Res. 4/9

Pitch, Hit, & Run

Kids ages 7-14 are invited to participate in the Pitch, Hit, & Run competition.

Participants compete in 3 stations: pitching, hitting, and running with a chance to advance to Sectionals, Team Championships!

Date: Thursday, May 2nd

Time: 6pm

Locations: Koch Park Field #2

Ages: 7-14

This program is free but requires pre-registration at either JFK or JJE Centers beginning March 25th.

Summer Playground

Days: Monday-Friday

Dates: June 10-July 19

Time: 9:00AM-3:00PM

Ages: 6-12

Sites: James J. Eagan Center & JFK Community Center

Resident Fee: 1st Child - \$80, Additional Child - \$60

Non-Res. Fee: \$200/child

Registration: Res. 4/1, Non-Res. 6/1

An Overflow Crowd Celebrated the 25th "Taste of North County"



The Greater North County Chamber held its 25th Anniversary Business Showcase on Saturday, March 23 at the James J. Eagan Community Center. This year, the Chamber partnered with The City of Florissant and added the "Taste of North County".

Over 900 people attended the event that purchased over 400 tickets to the Taste of North County. This was a

sold-out event featuring 60 showcase vendor booths and 10 local restaurants sampling their delicious foods.

Greater North County Chamber President Carolyn Marty said everyone had a great time and joins me in thanking everyone that supported the event and to everyone that attended.

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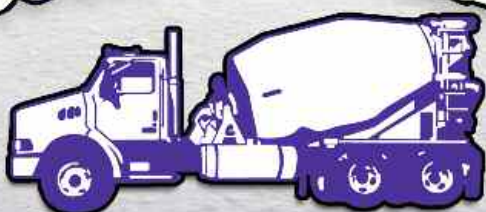
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