



## Valley of Flowers Festival May 5, 6 & 7 "Valley of Flowers Celebrates The Wonders of the World"

Since 1963, the Valley of Flowers Festival celebration has been the "first festival of spring" featuring a variety of events, including a superb parade!

This three-day celebration has activities for everyone. It includes a flower and plant sale, culturally diverse performances, baseball games, a classic car show, vendor/craft fair, flea market, a pretty baby photo contest, children's activities, and of course good food. (See related articles throughout this paper). Carnival games and exciting rides are featured at the Duchesne Knights of Columbus Fairgrounds.

The official parade on Sunday, May 7 is a highlight of the weekend that leads up to the crowning of the Valley of Flowers Queen and Court at the Duchesne Knights of Columbus Pavilion. This year's parade will feature more than 100 participants beginning with mobile units departing from the James J. Eagan Center at 1:45 p.m. Decorated vehicles and floats will proceed west on Parker Road to New Florissant Road where youth, walking units, and the marching bands will merge. The complete parade will then travel south on New Florissant prior to turning west on rue St. Francois past the official parade reviewing stands, then left on St. Ferdinand, proceeding then to Washington Street and concluding at the Knights of Columbus Fairgrounds.

The theme for the 2017 Valley of Flowers Parade is "Wonders of the World." The parade will feature many floats and units decorated to reflect any of the wonders found

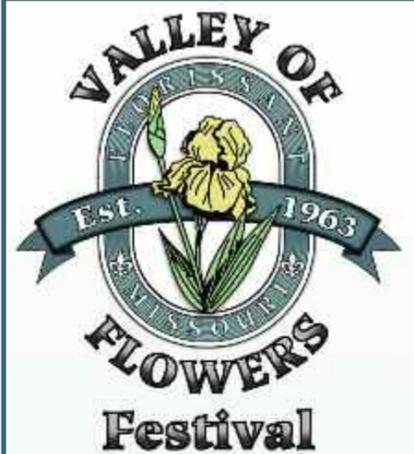
throughout the world.

Many City officials, local municipal emergency responder vehicles, the Valley of Flowers reigning Queen and Court, all seventeen 2017 Candidates, car clubs, walking units, horse groups, dog clubs, dance schools, and scout groups will participate to help create a colorful and fun parade!

When the parade concludes at the Knights of Columbus Grounds, the Candidates will proceed to the pavilion stage where Mayor Thomas Schneider will crown the 2017 Valley of Flowers

Queen and Court at 4:00 awards will be presented to the winning parade units, their sponsors, and the Pretty Baby Photo Contest winners.

Please arrive early to get good seats along the parade route for one of the largest and most colorful spring parades in the St. Louis Metro area; then join us at the Knights of Columbus Pavilion for the exciting award and crowning ceremonies! Valley of Flowers Festival May 5, 6 & 7, "Valley of Flowers Celebrates the Wonders of the World"



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

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- Sam's Club
- Trinity Catholic High School

A special "Thank You!" to the Florissant Police and Fire Departments for all of their help, dedication and service!



The 2016 Valley of Flowers Queen and Court: Special Maid-Tori Turpin, First Runner Up-Ally Frey, Queen-Katie Wissler, Special Maid-Rebecca Bazan, Special Maid-Jennifer Welch

## Valley of Flowers Parade 1:45 p.m. on Sunday, May 7 With Dr. Randy Jones as Parade Marshall



The Valley of Flowers committee named Dr. Randy of Cross Keys Animal Clinic as the 2017 Valley of Flowers Parade Marshall. Dr. Jones is a lifetime resident of Florissant. He graduated from McCluer North High School and the University of Missouri, Columbia Veterinary School. After practicing veterinary medicine away from Florissant, he returned to work at and to eventually buy his father's animal hospital, Cross Keys Animal Clinic.

In 1986 Florissant Police Officer Tom Jost tried to start a police K-9 unit on a shoestring budget. Tom approached his old high school buddy Dr. Jones to see if he might be able to help. Dr. Jones said he would gladly help the police department and the City of Florissant by donating all the veterinary care for the working dog. Neither one of them could foresee then how successful

the unit would become. Now over 30 years later, Dr. Jones still graciously donates his care for the unit which has grown to 4 dogs.

Dr. Jones reputation has grown throughout the police canine community and he also cares for working dogs from around the entire greater St. Louis area. He has become one of the top working dog veterinarians in the region. He has been presented with multiple awards over the years for his knowledge and generosity not only to the City of Florissant, but the St. Louis region. His care and advice to the Florissant Police Dog Handlers has helped keep the animals in top condition to help serve the citizens of Florissant and the entire north county region.

The Valley of Flowers Committee is proud to have Dr. Randy Jones as the Valley of Flowers Parade Marshall.

## Special Thanks! to The Valley of Flowers Committee

Chairperson: Laurie Lowery;  
Board Members: Kathy Blasingame, Kelly Egan, Vicky Egan, Mary Gettemeier, Mike Kubiak, Michael Lunatto, Michael O'Fallon, Ron Peach and Tom Jost.  
Office Coordinator: Liz O'Fallon

## Clean-Up, Pick-Up, Fix-Up...

The Valley of Flowers weekend is a community wide event that all citizens can enjoy and gain a sense of pride as an example of community spirit, cooperation and effort. There are many visitors and attendees from the region and from distant communities who also come to participate in this yearly celebration and leave our town with a positive view of that sense of community.

Whether we help organize some facet of the festival or take part in the events or just enjoy the celebration as a spectator, the Valley of Flowers Festival is a demonstration of our sense of community.

Every year, in conjunction with spring and the Valley of Flowers Festival, the City hopes citizens will help promote this goodwill and pride in our community by taking a fresh look at our own homes, gardens and yards with an honest inventory of their condition. Could something use a fresh coat of paint or cleaning? Do gutters need cleaning or are there any tree limbs or twigs on the roof? How about mowing the lawn, clean-



ing and edging flower beds, cleaning driveways, sidewalks and removing debris from the curb in front of your home? These are just a few basic things you can do to enhance your property. These basic home maintenance efforts go a long way to increase property values of our homes and add to the quality of our neighborhoods and community.

There are many ways to enhance the curb appeal of our property. To find detailed tips from the pros, search the WEB for "Home and Garden Spring Clean-Up."

## Message From the EQC Spring Into Action While Saving the Planet!

The Florissant Environmental Quality Commission



joins you in celebrating the arrival of Spring. Our city-wide celebration known as the Valley of Flowers Festival excites the community this May 5th through the 7th. Join us at our table in the skating rink on the James J. Eagan Center Grounds to learn more about what can and cannot be recycled, why it is important to recycle correctly, and learn about other innovative ways to conserve the planet's resources while enjoying modern living.

Our table will be open 9am to 4pm Saturday only. Meet your commissioners who are volunteer citizens of Florissant interested in helping our fine community reduce our carbon footprint. We can easily incorporate simple solutions into our lives (e.g. L.E.D. lights, insulation, energy saving home improvements, as well as, recycling responsibly). And the innovations in renewable energies for our homes are very exciting and the costs are coming down.

Businesses in the City are not being left out. We have a program called the "Cool City Business" where business owners have committed to reducing their carbon footprint by making easy changes in how they do business. So stop by the EQC table and say hello!

Here are our enlightened Cool City Businesses:

Dooley's Florist, Click Heating and Cooling, Stem's Florist, Improved Performance Inc., U-Haul, The Bedroom Store, and Batteries Plus.

Look them up and thank them for their vision in a healthier planet and a vibrant Florissant.

## Pit Bull Ban Repealed

As of March 14, 2017, City Council amended ordinance 8302 Section 205.395 Regulation of Pit Bull Dogs. Pit Bull/Pit Bull Mix dogs CAN now be legally owned in the City limits of Florissant. In order to register a pit bull/pit bull mix with the City, the dog MUST be spayed or neutered and have a current rabies vaccine from a licensed vet. Once all requirements are met and brought into the Health Department/Animal Control, a free City tag will be issued.

With the warmer weather approaching, we would like to take a moment to remind all residents that dog waste must be cleaned up every 24 hours from the yard. Remember too, when taking animals for a ride in the car, they should not be left in the car unattended. The temperature in a vehicle can increase very rapidly and put your animal in danger. Also, every dog and cat must be registered with the City of Florissant Animal Control. In order to obtain a free City tag, proof of rabies from a licensed vet must be brought into the Health Department/Animal Control.

Dogs and cats are NOT allowed to run at large. All animals must be on a leash no longer than 6 foot and be under direct control of the owner. Our pets are family. Let's keep them safe. If you have any questions, please contact the Health Department/Animal Control at 314-839-7654.

## Florissant's Inspiring Youth McCluer High Pommies Capture First Place In State Dance Competition

The McCluer High School Pommies competed in the Missouri State Dance Team Championships (Division 3A) and placed first in the "Prop" category with their "Clean Up Mix" routine. The Pommies also placed third in the "Kick" category with their "New Attitude" routine.

In addition to the team honors, individual Pommies were also recognized for their academic success during the state competition. Lauren Peterson

and Elyse Frazier received certificates and medals for maintaining cumulative grade point averages (GPA) of 4.0. Samantha Hobson, Bria Caldwell, Shanna Whitley, Daya Clinton and Sherrell Kent received certificates for their cumulative GPAs of 3.5-3.9.

Coached by McCluer staffers, Rega Wesley-Stewart and Jackie Allen, the Pommies have consistently ranked among the top teams in state competitions.



The McCluer High Pommies celebrate after their "Clean-Up Mix" first-place winning routine. (l to r) Latia Jackson, Rakell Lee, Samantha Hobson, Bria Caldwell, Lauren Peterson, Elyse Frazier, Sherrell Kent, Daya Clinton, Shanna Whitley, Nadia Stone

## 2017 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 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 26, 2017.

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**CITY OF FLORISSANT**  
**2017 BEAUTIFUL HOME AWARDS**

I nominate the following home for a 2017 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**  
*(Please attach a current photo)*

**DEADLINE: Friday, May 26, 2017 by Noon**

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Greetings everyone-

Welcome to the **Valley of Flowers** special edition of the Focus Newspaper. Spring arrived early and whatever your interests, you're sure to find plenty of spring-time fun and excitement in the City of Florissant.

The **55th Annual Valley of Flowers Festival** takes place May 5, 6 and 7. This is the oldest, largest and most enjoyable community festival in the metropolitan area every year, with a wide variety of family fun at two main venues. Long-time Circus Flora performer **Nino the Clown** is bringing his **Zoppe Italian Family Circus** back to Florissant for free performances at the Valley of Flowers Festival, two for the public on Friday evening May 5 and three on Saturday May 6. 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 Valley of Flowers barbecue.

Old Town Partners will kick off their first **Wednesday Night Out** which will be held on May 31st in front of the VFW Post on rue St. Francois. The next Wednesday Night Out event in Old Town will be held on June 28th in front of Korte's, July 26th at the Old St. Ferdinand Shrine, August 30th from Stems Florist to Bunkers and September 27th at Hendel's with each starting at 6 p.m. For more information contact the Old Town Partners' office at 314-837-0033.

The **2017 Music Under the Stars Summer Concert Series** schedule listing times and dates will be in the Parks and Recreation section of this newspaper. Be sure to check on the scheduled performances coming to our fantastic indoor Civic Center Theatre at JJE this spring and summer by visiting our website at [www.florissantmo.com](http://www.florissantmo.com) or call 314-921-5678.

The first **Florissant Food Truck Knight** was held on Friday, April 21st sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the City with future food truck nights scheduled for June 16th, August 18th and October 13th. There will be barrels to collect non-perishable canned and dry food for the nearby TEAM food pantry, and proceeds from the event will benefit Knight's sponsored charities including TEAM.

The **9th Annual Trash Bash** litter cleanup was a huge success. I want to thank City Engineer Tom Goldkamp along with all the City staff for all of their hard work. We had over 60 volunteers that turned out at Sunset Park to pick up litter along the banks of the Missouri River. I am pleased to announce that the Florissant volunteers collected roughly 8 cubic yards of trash! This year nearly 3 cubic yards of the trash will be recycled! The event was part of the 9th Annual Trash Bash which was organized by MSD, Greenway Network, Great Rivers Greenway, Missouri American Water, St. Louis County, Missouri Department of Conservation, St. Louis Audubon Society and various municipalities and agencies, including Florissant.

Florissant is blessed with an outstanding Police Force. If you see something suspicious, call the **Police Department** immediately. Your assistance to our low crime rate has been an essential help appreciated by all

the men and women of the Police Department. We need your eyes and ears to help to keep your neighborhood safe. I commend all the members of the Neighborhood Watch Program which continues to grow with new members.

Our Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) Steve Michael joins me to thank you for your assistance. If you are interested in becoming a part of the **Neighborhood Watch Program** or would like more information on how to start one please call his office at 314-830-6042.

**Clean-Up, Spruce-Up, Pick-Up in preparation of the Valley of Flowers Festival.**

As we prepare for the 55th Valley of Flowers Festival it is important to remember that the City of Florissant is the Beautiful City for many reasons. Please 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. Winter is over, so please grab your rake and garden tools. By setting an example you could start a chain reaction that will contribute to continuing the great tradition of sprucing up the Beautiful City in time for the Valley of Flowers.

**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 8th at St. Ferdinand Park. By recycling your electronic equipment, you saved the energy that would be required to produce useful material and prevented hazardous components from entering the environment in landfills.

The **6th Annual Florissant Resident "Free Document Shredding Day"** was held on Saturday, April 22nd at St. Ferdinand Park. The service allows residents to have their sensitive tax, bank or financial records from home shredded right in front of their eyes for peace of mind. Cintas Document Management Company was there to professionally shred the material, which was processed in a manner in which it can not be recognized or recreated. All 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.

This past tax preparation season the **Senior Office** helped more than 1,000 senior residents prepare their 2016 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. For information on the outstanding calendar of Senior Events that are planned for the upcoming months contact the Senior Office at 314-839-7604 or view the Senior Section of this newspaper.

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.

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The Florissant Golf Club celebrated its 20th anniversary on April 5th. We are pleased with the improvements at the **Florissant Golf Club** made by **Course Superintendent Andy Sprunt** who has modified our 18-hole championship golf course into a beautiful facility to appeal to golfers of all skill levels. Andy hails from Great Britain, the home of golf, and has brought a taste of the old country to his adopted new home. Please join me in congratulating Andrew Sprunt on becoming an American Citizen last year.

**Street Work:** - The Public Works Department is preparing to do \$3,350,000 in street work this year 2017 which includes \$927,000 in slurry seal resurfacing work on 130+ different streets throughout the City, \$589,000 in concrete pavement replacement and repairs on 34+ streets, and \$1,834,000 in major street repairs with an asphalt overlay on 13+ different streets. Major street repairs will begin in early spring. Thanks to the passage of Prop S last November 2015 Florissant has the street maintenance funds available to keep up with our miles of streets and to begin a program of restoration. These funds will be used this year to make improvements to 11 different streets plus major improvements to Keven Lane and St. Marie Street which will include all new curbs, gutters, and asphalt overly and other needed improvements.

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

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

- Design work and pre-construction work continues for the North Lafayette Reconstruction project which will include repaving the street, installing storm sewers, and adding ADA-compliant sidewalk and bicycle facilities from North Highway 67 to Washington Street with a total estimated budget of approximately \$2.7 million. Construction is scheduled for 2018.

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

The City has partnered with MODOT and has been awarded another 80 percent federally funded reimbursement grant to make improvements to the intersection of St. Ferdinand St. and N. Highway 67 ... the main entrance to our St. Ferdinand Park ... primarily to ease congestion entering and exiting St.



Ferdinand Park and to improve safety and pedestrian access.

We have had robust **Economic Development** success which continued in 2016. Economic development continues to be strong and very active. Companies of all sizes that include National brands and Developers' are proving that they believe in the future of Florissant.

Some of the businesses and companies are:

- **Total Urgent Care @ Lindbergh** at St. Jean as opened.
- **Irma Jeans Family Restaurant & Sports Bar** opened last January in the former Deaver's location at the Shoppes at Koch Park.
- **First Collinsville Bank** will soon open a new facility in the former **Bloomer's Florist** on New Halls Ferry
- **Jewel Banquet Center (the former Yac's restaurant)** was approved by Council March 27th and was scheduled to open in April.
- **Regions Bank** is building a new facility on Lindbergh near Dierbergs.
- **McAllister's Deli** will open a new restaurant in the former **Bob Evans** location
- **Signature Sandwich**, affiliated with Max's Meats, opened in January 2017 in the **Train Depot building** next to our newly renovated Tower Park Tennis Courts.
- **Raising Canes** will build a new restaurant on Lindbergh at the Eastern end of Surrey Plaza II next to Cross Keys Shopping Center.
- **D'Vita Dialysis** will open a new facility in the former **Beauty Brands** location in Cross Keys.

There are other exciting projects that are in the Due Diligence and Planning Phase that we are working with Developers to help them assemble the property to locate even more exciting new venues to the Beautiful City.

**Since October 2016 – March 2017 ... 16 New Commercial businesses & 7 Residential Businesses have opened.**

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



## St. Ferdinand Shrine Has Added New Events for the Valley of Flowers Festival

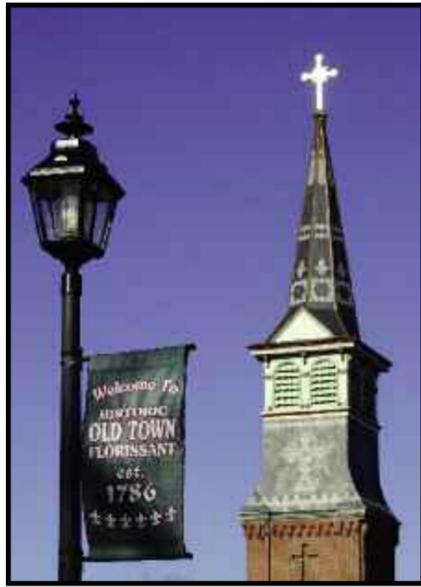
This year will bring new events to St. Ferdinand Shrine. During the Valley of Flowers Festival we encourage you to visit us and take part in our many activities.

St. Ferdinand Shrine – Take a tour of the Shrine. Reenactors who portray early settlers of Florissant will guide you. Some dressed in the garments similar to those worn by the early nuns who lived in the convent will whisk you back in time where you will hear the true stories of the settlement of the City of Florissant.

Go to the front doors of the Church to begin a tour, cost \$1.00 per person.

The Schoolhouse will host the annual flea market plus great sandwiches and drinks as well as a special sale of children's books. The flea market, filled with great items, is a 'must visit' during the Valley of Flowers. The second floor of the schoolhouse has the very popular Book Store. There will be a special Valley of Flowers pricing for the books of \$4 per bag.

Outside activities - Try your luck with the annual pull tab sale, browse gift shop items, and check out the gift baskets. Visit the dessert bar and sit outside under a tent while you enjoy some of the delicious desserts. Sunday afternoon you can participate in fun and free Line Dancing.



Last year was the first year for line dancing and the participants had such a good time that the event was added to this year's activities.

Be sure to put the Old St. Ferdinand Shrine on your Valley of Flowers weekend itinerary! Take a tour through history, enjoy delicious foods, play games, add to your reading list, line dance, and have fun with all the proceeds used to preserve the St. Ferdinand Shrine, the crown jewel of Florissant's rich history.

## Valley of Flowers Festival Fairgrounds Offers Something for Everyone!

There will be many activities at the Knights of Columbus Duchesne Council grounds on Washington Street between St. Ferdinand and Lindbergh Blvd. (N. Hwy 67) next to St. Ferdinand Shrine. All weekend enjoy the rides, games, beverages, great food, and famous barbeque. There are even more rides available for younger children as well as the grand Ferris Wheel for everyone. **On Friday night only, all rides will be one ticket.** On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday treat yourself to an ice-cold beer from one of our beer trailers or a delicious Margarita from the Margarita stand. The Knights will serve their delicious barbecue ribs, pork steaks, walking tacos, boneless wings, brats, hot dogs, and hamburgers Friday through Sunday. Other food and game booths, all sponsored by local not-for-profit organizations, will offer a variety of Festival foods and games.

On Sunday, watch the parade then experience the crowning of the queen and her court at the Knights of Columbus Pavilion. Awards will also be presented to the parade winners and pretty baby photo contest. Rides and activities will continue on the grounds until 8:00 p.m.

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. There is ample parking in the field on St. Charles Street or at St. Ferdinand Park and walk the path to the festival.

To maintain a family friendly and neighborhood atmosphere, the festival committee will once again require that anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. There are other short-term 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 Dierberg's, 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.

We invite everyone to come enjoy a weekend of fun and friendship at Valley Of Flowers Fairgrounds at the Knights of Columbus Grounds.

## Old Town Partners Presents Valley of Flowers Car Show

Florissant Old Town Partners invites you to come and to 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 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. along rue St. Francois. The open-class show will feature approximately 150 cars. The car show line up will be from rue St. Pierre to Lafayette Street on rue St. Francois. Through traffic will be closed and only cars in the show will be allowed admittance to the street beginning 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm along rue St. Francois. The Open Class show will feature approximately 150 cars. The Car Show line up will be from St. Pierre Street to Lafayette Street on St. Francois. Through traffic will be closed and only cars in the show will be allowed admittance to the street beginning 8:00 am. 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 is \$15.00 with registration on the day of the event only if space permits. Trophies will be awarded at 3:00 p.m.. Call the Old Town Partners office at 314-837-0033 for pre-registration and information (If necessary, a rainout date has been planned for May 13).



## Walk in the "Volksmarch"

The St. Louis Stuttgart Volksmarch Club will sponsor this free "People's Walk" through interesting and scenic areas. This event is a non-competitive, recreational, family-time stroll. Volksmarchers may (for a small fee) keep track of their event/distance in official record books that are available.

The Volksmarch will be held Saturday, May 6, with registration from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the pavilion on the path behind the Old Town Partners and Valley of Flowers house at 601 rue St. Charles. The "Peoples Walk" begins on the path adjacent to the pavilion and contin-



ues through the friendly streets of Old Town Florissant. Along the way, many of the activities of the Festival will be highlighted as well as some of the historic homes located throughout Old Town Florissant.

## Suburban XII North Varsity High School Baseball Games

All six conference teams will play.

Location: Koch Park Field #1.

Enjoy the competition of High School baseball games during the Valley of Flowers Festival week.

The schedule is at right:

(Home team listed first.)

- Thursday, May 4, at 7:00 p.m.
- Hazelwood West vs. Riverview Gardens
- Friday, May 5, at 4:00 p.m.
- Hazelwood East vs. Hazelwood Central
- Friday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m.
- McCluer vs. McCluer North
- Saturday, May 6, at 2:00 p.m.
- Trinity vs. John F. Kennedy

## Pitch, Hit & Run Competition

Thursday, May 4, at 6:00 p.m. at Koch Park Field #4

Children ages seven to fourteen are invited to participate in the Pitch, Hit and Run competition. Participants compete in three stations; pitching, hitting, and running. Winners will have a chance to advance to sectionals and team championships!

This program is FREE but requires pre-registration by May 3. To register, call the JKF Community Center at (314) 921-4250 or J.J. Eagan Center at (314) 921-4466.

## Kid's World

Kid's World will be on the grounds of the James J. Eagan Center and will feature many activities to stimulate young minds and bodies. Children will enjoy the opportunity to participate in the many ongoing activities or just enjoy a day in the park. There will be many free performances in the area. The Florissant Police Department's canine unit will have a demonstration; "Eddie" the Florissant K-9 community-service dog will be in attendance; and the Florissant Valley Fire Protection District will have free demonstrations and displays. In addition to all



the free entertainment and activities there will be a petting zoo, pony rides, and a bounce house for a small fee. Kid's World will be on Saturday, May 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Pretty Baby Photo Contest

The pretty baby photo contest will be held on the ice rink of the James J. Eagan Center on Friday, May 5, from noon to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The contest is for children two years of age or younger. The 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 four-inch by six-inch photo or smaller with one child per photo along with a \$5.00 registration fee (\$7.00 after April 28). Make checks payable to the Valley of Flowers Festival. On the back of the photo include the name of the child, parents' names, address, phone number and age of the baby. Send the photo with info



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

The winners will receive an award and gift basket at the awards ceremony on Sunday May 7, preceding the crowning of the queen and the court at the Knights of Columbus Pavilion. The Valley of Flowers Festival Committee sponsors this contest and the proceeds are used for the Valley of Flowers Kid's World.



## Gardeners of Florissant Plant Sale



The Valley of Flowers plant sale is sponsored by the local Gardeners of Florissant a not-for-profit organization which is committed to protecting and beautifying the environment and sharing their knowledge with others.

The 2017 sale will once again feature another huge selection of flowering plants, (both garden and indoor), vegetables, and herbs at reasonable prices. Visitors to the sale will find offerings that bloom from spring through late fall and are suitable for most home environments whether sunny, shady, moist or dry. There will also be various lovely foliage and flowering hanging baskets and pre-planted decorative containers that make outstanding Mother's Day gifts.

The plant sale will also have several raffles for valuable garden related prizes. Anyone interested in growing

a vegetable garden this spring will find tables of different types of tomatoes, peppers, and herbs. Club members are happy to help decide on varieties that will grow well in their gardens. Several members are certified as "Master Gardeners" and are always willing to share their expertise with patrons.

The Gardeners of Florissant plant sale will be held in the ice rink pavilion at the James J. Eagan Center beginning at 12 noon until 9:00 p.m. on Friday, May 5. It will then continue Saturday, May 6, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Plan to arrive early for the best plant selections. Additional information about the club, its activities and various plants can be found at [www.florissantmo.com](http://www.florissantmo.com) - then search Gardeners of Florissant. When it opens select Projects/Events.

## Craft/Vendor Fair and Flea Market



The annual Craft and Vendor Fair will be on the Ice rink pavilion of the James J. Eagan Center on Friday, May 5, from noon to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. At this ever-popular event local crafters and vendors will have a wide variety of products that make for the perfect gift for any occasion. Returning favorites include: jewelry, one-of-a-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](http://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 5, from noon to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This event will offer a wide variety of items that includes antiques, garden items, Christmas items, and more.

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

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## 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 cultures; and much more. Various beverages will also be available. The food court opens Friday, May 5, from noon to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



## HealthWorks Kids

Saturday, May 6, 10:00 am  
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This area will have various exercises for the kids to be involved in. There will also be a spin the wheel for prizes.



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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.

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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 5. It will continue throughout the day on Saturday, May 6, on the grounds of the James J. Eagan Center. There is no admission fee charged for any of the performances, 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 people will have abundant opportuni-

ties to enhance their festival visit with demonstrations, plenty of space just to play, and have fun using their own imagination.

The Florissant Civic Center Theatre coordinates this free "Children's Celebration of Performing Arts." The festival is presented with financial support or volunteer assistance from these organizations; Missouri Arts Council, 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.

### 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 Friday, May 5, at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 6, at 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.



#### 2017 Children's Celebration of Performing Arts Performance Schedule

Date/Time	Performer	Location
<b>Friday, May 5</b>		
4:00 pm	Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown	Big Top
4:30 pm	Babaloo Music and Fun	Sideshow Tent
5:15 pm	Greg Kennedy Innovative Juggler	Sideshow Tent
6:00 pm	Pirate School	Sideshow Tent
7:00 pm	Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown	Big Top
<b>Saturday, May 6</b>		
10:00 am	Babaloo Music and Fun	Sideshow Tent
10:45 am	Greg Kennedy Innovative Juggler	Sideshow Tent
11:00 am	Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown	Big Top
11:30 am	RW Magic	Sideshow Tent
12:15 pm	Pirate School	Sideshow Tent
1:15 pm	Greg Kennedy Innovative Juggler	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	Greg Kennedy Innovative Juggler	Sideshow Tent
3:45 pm	Pirate School	Sideshow Tent
5:00 pm	Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown	Big Top
5:00 pm	Live music (Hispanic Festival Inc.)	Sideshow Tent

#### Saturday on the Grounds

- Kincaid Karacter Puppets  
– Shows at 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm
- Bubble Bus  
– Bubble fun throughout the day 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

*Contract negotiations are underway, all programs and performance times are subject to change.*

#### "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 5, at 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. and throughout the day on the festival grounds.



#### Greg Kennedy Innovative Juggler

Originally trained as an engineer, Greg uses the principles of geometry and physics to create groundbreaking work with original apparatus. As a young juggler, he quickly made a name for himself in the juggling community not only by his mastery of traditional juggling technique, but also for creating entirely new forms of manipulation. He is now renowned for

his many original contributions to juggling as an art form. Jugglers know him for his award-winning creativity; audiences know him for his entertaining performance, making visual spectacles by combining art and science.

Greg Kennedy will appear in the Sideshow Tent on Friday, May 5, at 5:15 p.m. and Saturday, May 6, at 10:45 a.m., 1:15 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.





## Pirate School

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.

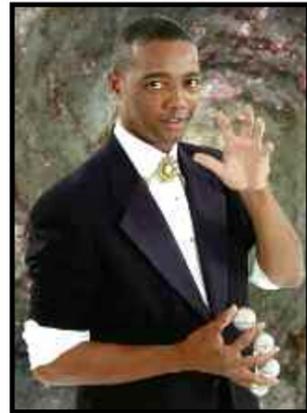
Pirate School is in session in the Sideshow Tent at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 5, and 12:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. on Saturday, May 6.



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## Kincaid Karacter Puppets

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## 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 fills the air with bubbles on the festival grounds throughout the day on Saturday, May 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Hispanic Festival, Inc. will present live music on Saturday, May 6, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Sideshow Tent.



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### Can You Free Yourself of Some Investment-Related Taxes?

Tax Freedom Day generally falls around this time each year. This is the day when the nation as a whole has earned enough money to pay off its total tax bill for the year, according to the calculations made by the Tax Foundation. So you may want to use Tax Freedom Day to think about ways you can liberate yourself from some of the investment-related taxes you may incur.

Of course, Tax Freedom Day is something of a fiction, in practical terms, because most people pay their taxes throughout the year via payroll deductions. Also, you may not mind paying your share of taxes, because your tax dollars are used in many ways – law enforcement, food safety, road maintenance, public education, and so on – that benefit society. Still, you may be able to reduce those taxes associated with your investments, leaving you more money available to help you work toward your important goals, such as a comfortable retirement. Here are some suggestions for making investing less "taxing":

- Contribute regularly to tax-advantaged retirement plans. Contribute as much as you can afford to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Traditional IRA earnings grow tax deferred, and your contributions may be tax-deductible, depending on your income. (Taxes will be due upon withdrawal, however, and withdrawals made before you turn 59½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty.) Your 401(k) or similar plan also provides the opportunity for tax-deferred earnings growth. Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, but your earnings are distributed tax-free, provided you don't take withdrawals until you're 59½ and you've had your account at least five years.
- Follow a "buy-and-hold" strategy. If you sell investments you've owned for less than

a year, and their value has increased, you will have to pay capital gains taxes at your personal income tax rate, which, in early 2017, could be as high as 39.6%. But if you hold investments for at least a year before selling them, you'd be assessed the long-term capital gains rate, which tops out at 20%. Be aware, though, that the Trump administration and Congress seem likely to change the tax rates. Early plans call for a maximum personal income tax rate of 33%, with the top rate for capital gains and dividends either staying at 20%, or possibly being reduced to 16.5%. In any case, you'll still come out ahead, tax-wise, by holding your investments long enough to receive the long-term capital gains rate.

- Consider municipal bonds. If you are in one of the higher income brackets, you might benefit from investing in municipal bonds, which are typically used to finance public projects, such as roads, schools, airports and infrastructure-related repairs. Interest payments from "munis" are typically exempt from federal income taxes and may also be exempt from state and local taxes, depending on the state in which the bond issuer is located. Interest payments from some types of municipal bonds may be subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT). Again, though, watch for developments from Washington, as both the Trump administration and some congressional leaders favor eliminating the AMT.

When charting your investment strategy, consider your risk tolerance, time horizon, family situation and estate plans. But investment-related taxes should also be in your strategic mix – so look for opportunities to keep these taxes under control.

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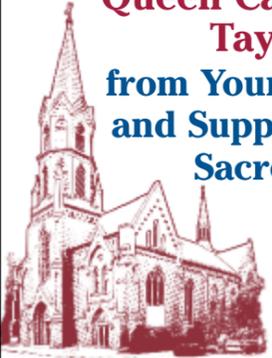
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One of these seventeen outstanding young women will be chosen as the 2017 Valley of Flowers Queen with four runners-up forming her court.

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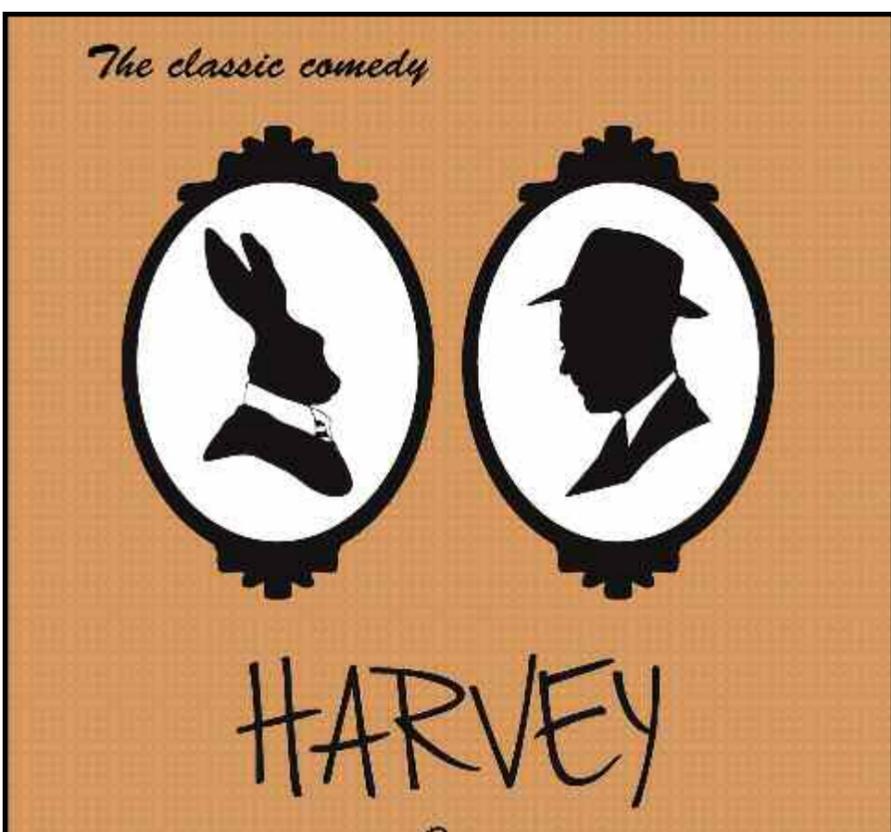
Northwinds Concert Band's Spring Concert is filled with foot-tapping music from the movies (and more), beginning with the opening theme from "Rocky." The acclaimed 60-piece wind ensemble, directed by Larry Marsh, will present great music from films, old and new, including Franz Waxman's score for 1954's "Prince Valiant," based on America's longest-running comic strip. The music is notable for showing just how much John Williams and other modern film composers owe to past masters such as Waxman. Vocalist Ike Eichenberger will sing a great novelty swing tune called "Down With Love," and Northwinds' principal clarinetist Michael Montague will be featured in Astor Piazzolla's sensuous Argentinian tango "Oblivion." The sticks will be flying when Cliff McDaniel adds a fifth drum to his usual four timpani for a new work called "Blenkief." John Powell's score for the 2010 acclaimed animated film "How to Train Your Dragon" features bombastic brass and joyous percussion for the Scottish and Irish-flavored melodies and rhythms. Don't miss this great concert during Valley of Flowers weekend.

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**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](http://www.FlorissantMO.com)

Alpha Players Musical Auditions:

**Into The Woods**

June 18 (Callbacks June 19)  
 For more information: [www.alphaplayers.org](http://www.alphaplayers.org)



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Missouri Pageant Alumnae Club Presents:

**Ms. Missouri Senior America Pageant**

July 9 - 2:00 p.m.

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Hawthorne Players Present:

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July 28 - 7:30 p.m.    July 29 - 7:30 p.m.  
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Due to an unhappy curse, King Sextimus is unable to speak. Meanwhile, his terror-of-a-wife, Queen Aggravain, has taken over control of the kingdom. In an attempt to keep Prince Dauntless single, she has decreed that only the princess that can pass her test may marry her son. Luckily, Sir Harry is able to find an amazing princess who instantly catches the attention of Prince Dauntless. In the end, Winnifred is able to pass the Queen's impassable sensitivity test.



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## Senior Citizen Parties!

### St Louis Cardinal Party & Bingo

Go Cards! Let's celebrate baseball in St. Louis! Outstanding performers, Scott & Karl, will entertain us and we'll have Fredbird fly in and pay us a visit! We'll enjoy a delicious baseball lunch of bratwurst on bun, cole slaw, baked beans, pasta salad & apple pie, attendance prizes, chances to win a Pot of Gold and Gift Baskets and we'll top it off with Bingo!



**WHEN:** Thursday, May 18, 2017  
**WHERE:** James J. Eagan Center  
**TIME:** 10:00am - 2:00pm

**COST:** \$10.00 Residents, \$15.00 non-residents

**TICKETS:** Ticket sales will begin Monday, April 24, 2017 for residents with a current resident card. If there are tickets remaining, starting on Monday, May 8 through May 15, tickets will be sold to residents AND non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

### Senior Citizen Summertime Party!



Outstanding, talented children ranging in age from 8 -20 years old from the Pat Holt Singers will perform their adorable "Broadway for Kids" Show and a "Tribute to Disney". Don't miss this outstanding performance! We'll serve a delicious summertime lunch of BBQ hamburgers, potato salad, corn, salad, watermelon and ice cream & cookie for dessert. We'll have attendance prizes, Bingo and chances to win a Pot of Gold & Gift Baskets!

**WHEN:** Thursday, July 27, 2017  
**TIME:** 10:00am - 2:00pm

**WHERE:** JFK COMMUNITY CENTER IN KOCH PARK

**COST:** \$10.00 residents and \$15.00 non-residents

**TICKETS:** Tickets go on sale Monday, June 26 for residents only with a current resident card. If there are tickets remaining, on Monday, July 17 through Monday, July 24, tickets will go on sale for residents AND non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for ticket availability or more information.

## Senior Citizen Dinner/Dances

### Senior Citizen Country Western Dinner/Dance

Put your boots on and get to the Eagan Center for the Country Western Dinner Dance! Start the evening with a good down home BBQ Dinner of BBQ Pork Steak, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans, Salad, Rolls & Butter & Texas Sheet Cake. Then listen to the Retro Band play all your Country-Western Favorites. Light snacks will be served and beer, wine & soda will be available for purchase.



**WHEN:** Saturday Evening, June 24, 2017  
**TIME:** 5:00pm - 9:00pm, dinner served at 5:30pm  
**WHERE:** James J. Eagan Center

**COST:** Residents: \$12.00, Non-residents: \$15.00

**TICKETS:** Tickets go on sale starting May 22 and continue through June 21 to residents and non-residents in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. There will be no ticket sales at the door. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

## 17th Annual North County Gala!



The dress-up event of the year! The cities of Florissant, Ferguson, St. Ann, Hazelwood, Bridgeton and Maryland Heights plan this wonderful event for North County Senior Citizens! Dance to, or sit and listen to, the beautiful sounds of the Best Big Band in St. Louis, the 18-piece Sentimental Journey Dance Band! Fantastic attendance prizes will be given away, delicious hors d'oeuvres will be served, and dance angels will be available.

**WHEN:** Friday Night, August 18, 2017

**TIME:** 7:00pm - 10:00pm

**WHERE:** James J. Eagan Community Center

**COST:** \$15.00 each

**TICKETS:** Tickets can be purchased at any of the participating cities as well as the Florissant Senior Office beginning July 24th through August 15th. Call the Florissant Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

## Dining Center Day at the Lodge



Enjoy lunch at the Beautiful Nature Lodge in Sunset Park with Mayor Schneider, Florissant City Council Representatives and Lou Jearls, Public Works Director for the City of Florissant. Mr. Jearls will give us up-to-date information on Florissant's Code Enforcement Program. Enjoy this relaxing day while talking & mingling with city officials.

**DATE:** Friday, June 23, 2017

**TIME:** 11:00am - 1:00pm

**WHERE:** Sunset Park Nature Lodge

**COST:** \$5.00 for lunch

Call the Florissant Senior Dining Center, 839-7603, for reservations starting on Monday, June 12.

## Senior Citizen Speaker Series

### "The St. Louis Crime Story"



"The St. Louis Crime Story" presented by Historian, Adam Kloppe from the Missouri History Museum Speaker's Bureau. St. Louisans are fascinated by the mafia & our City of St. Louis has a gangland history all its own! Hear exciting stories full of colorful characters on both sides of the law on this tour of the underworld of the past! Meet notorious mobsters, learn about the street battles & shady deals & hear how law enforcement attempted to clean it up. Come hear this fascinating speaker, Adam Kloppe!

**DATE:** Tuesday, August 22, 2017

**TIME:** 1:00pm

**PLACE:** Sunset Park Nature Lodge

**COST:** FREE

This is a FREE speaking event but you must make reservations by calling the Senior Office, 839-7605, starting Monday, August 7, 2017. Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited!

## The Mayor's Town Hall Meeting For Senior Citizens

Have breakfast with the Mayor! Mayor Thomas P. Schneider will address the Senior Citizens of Florissant at this event. All City Department Heads will be present to answer any questions or address your concerns. Senior Citizen focused organizations will also be present to give out valuable information. A full breakfast will be provided by THE BRIDGE AT FLORISSANT, the beautiful independent and assisted living community in the City of Florissant.



**WHEN:** Thursday, September 14, 2017

**TIME:** 9:00am - 11:00am

**WHERE:** James J. Eagan Center

**COST:** This is a FREE event for Florissant Residents only, but you must call the Senior Office, 839-7605, starting on Monday, August 21 to make reservations for the breakfast.

## Senior Citizen Trips:

### Saint Louis Science Center!

We'll experience a Theater Experience like no other - the OMNIMAX THEATRE. The massive, crystal clear images project on a 5-story, 79ft. diameter dome combined with 15,000 watts of surround sound to create a truly impressive sight & sound experience. This experience will transport you out of the theater to someplace else entirely! We'll visit the Planetarium which has just re-opened with newer, brighter stars! To top off our day we will eat a special boxed lunch right there in the Science Center!



**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017

**TIME:** 9:15am - 3:15pm

**COST:** \$28.00 residents, \$30.00 non-residents which includes transportation, Omnimax Film, Planetarium Film and Boxed Lunch at the Science Center

**TICKETS:** Ticket sales begin on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 to residents only with a current resident card in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. If there are tickets remaining, on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, tickets will be sold to residents and non-residents in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. Call the Senior Office at 839-7605 for ticket availability or more information. This trip requires a lot of walking.

### The Missouri Botanical Garden "Garden of Glass"

The Missouri Botanical Garden will bring another colorful, fragile exhibit to its grounds in 2017- THE GARDEN OF GLASS, with over 30 larger than life fused glass works of art by Craig Mitchell Smith. His work has been featured on HGTV and at Walt Disney World's Epcot Center. This evening event will feature food & beverage sales & live entertainment.



**WHEN:** Thursday Evening, June 8, 2017

**TIME:** 6:30pm - 10:00pm

**COST:** \$21.00 residents, \$23.00 non-residents; includes transportation and admission into the Garden of Glass Exhibit.

**TICKETS:** This is a Silver Words Trip. Tickets will go on sale to Silver Words Club Members only at the Silver Words Club Meeting on Thursday, May 11th. If there are tickets remaining, tickets will go on sale in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall on May 12 to residents and non-residents. This trip requires a lot of walking. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for ticket availability or more information.

### Fairmount Park

Nothing quite matches the excitement of live racing at Fairmount Park with the powerful horses, thundering crowd and big chances to win! Enjoy a delicious buffet lunch in the Black Stallion Room.



**WHEN:** Tuesday, June 27, 2017

**TIME:** 10:30am - 3:30pm

**COST:** \$24.00 residents, \$26.00 non-residents; includes transportation, admission and lunch

**TICKETS:** Ticket sales begin on Tuesday, May 30th to residents with a current resident card in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. If there are tickets remaining, on Wednesday, May 31st, tickets will be sold to residents AND non-residents in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. Call the Senior Office at 839-7605 for more information.

## Blues Museum and the Spaghetti Factory

Take a guided tour through the only museum dedicated exclusively to preserving & honoring the national & international story of the Blues & its impact on the American Culture - the National Blues Museum! After this fascinating tour, we'll enjoy the ever-popular Old Spaghetti Factory where guests feel as though they're stepping into another world - adorned with antique lighting and intricate stained glass displays.



**WHEN:** Thursday, August 10, 2017

**TIME:** 9:15am - 2:30pm

**COST:** \$36.00 residents, \$38.00 non-residents; includes transportation, tour & admission to the Blues Museum and lunch at the Old Spaghetti Factory.

**TICKETS:** This is a Silver Words Trip. Tickets go on sale to Silver Words Club Members only at the Silver Words Club Meeting on July 13. If there are tickets remaining, tickets will go on sale in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall on July 14 to residents and non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for ticket availability or more information.

## Senior Citizens Beware!

Spring is here. Scammers are out in YOUR neighborhood. Keep in mind: Do not hire a contractor that just happens to be in your neighborhood. The City of Florissant has had reports of people who approach homeowners saying things like:



Their truck just broke down & they need to make just enough money so they can pay to get it fixed (playing on your sympathy).

They need money for their family & some even have some children with them to make them seem more believable!

Some say they are giving you a break because they have "leftover" product from another job in their truck.

These are just a few scenarios that have been reported but there are many more. These people will sound believable - they are good at scamming homeowners. JUST SAY NO! Then, call the non-emergency police line at 831-7000, and ask if they could send someone to your neighborhood to see if these people have a license to go door-to-door. Chances are they will not and the police can make sure they leave the neighborhood and possibly save someone else from being scammed!

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## Outdoor Swimming Pools Opening

Bangert Park Pool will open for the summer on Saturday, May 27 at 12:30 p.m. The daily hours of operation are 12:30 – 7:30 p.m. daily and 12:30 – 5:30 p.m. on holidays. Bangert Park Pool is located at 275 New Florissant Road. Then on June 3rd, Koch Park Family

Aquatic Center will open for the season at 12 p.m. The daily hours of operation are Monday – Friday 12 – 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 12 – 7 p.m. and holidays 12 – 5 p.m. Koch Park Family Aquatic Center is located at 305 Howdershell.

## Member Appreciation Twilight Swim

Experience Koch Park Family Aquatic Center after hours for this special member/resident only twilight swim! Anyone with a valid Florissant Resident card or membership valid at the facility can come cool off as the sun goes down and experience the

park after hours. Dates for the Twilight Swim are June 15 and July 20, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Enter using either a valid membership or pay the daily use fee. This event is for Florissant Residents with valid resident card or members of the facility only.

## Outdoor Splash and Play Ages 0-6 Koch Park Family Aquatic Center

Parents and kids 6 and under, gather around for your own special time in the Koch Park Family Aquatic Center Mondays and Wednesdays during the Summer. Daily Admission or membership required. Lazy River and Lily Pad

area, are not open during this time. Dates for this program are June 5th - August 4th, Monday & Wednesday, 10:15 - 11:30AM. Pay daily pool admission or use your pool pass.

## Daddy/Daughter & Mommy Son/Dance



Dance the night away with your special little one at The Nature Lodge at Sunset Park. Create memories to last a lifetime at this event for young ones with their dads, grandpas, uncles, moms, grandmas, aunts or a special escorts. Grownups can treat their children to a lovely evening filled with fun, music, and dancing, along with cookies and punch. Formal dress is required. Tickets will be available May 2nd through June 3rd, or when dance is full, whichever comes first. Be sure to register early to avoid disappointment. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For children ages 12 and under with an adult. The event will be held on Friday, June 2nd from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Cost of the program is residents \$25 and non-residents \$30.

## Florissant's Proud Tradition of Celebrating Independence Day

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 9:15 PM. This year's extravaganza features a daz-

zling 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.

## 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 after June 6th for residents and June 12th for non-residents. The event will take place at Koch Park Family Aquatic Center, Friday, July 7th, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Cost for residents is \$5 and non-residents \$7.



## Summer Playground Ages 6-12

Our Summer Playground is a 6 week summer camp program that is held at the James J. Eagan and John F. Kennedy Community Centers. You may register your child to attend one of these two sites. This is primarily an outdoor program that may have some time scheduled indoors. On hot days, you are welcome to keep your children home. Children must be 6 years old by July 31st, 2016 and may not turn 13 until after July 31st. Registration is held at both Community Centers. Applications will be available at the Community Centers and on our website beginning March 15th. Registration will be held on a space available basis. Registration begins April 3 for residents and May 30th for non-residents. Times for the program are 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Monday – Friday, June 5 – July 14. Cost is residents \$120 per child and \$80 For each additional resident child, non-resident price is \$275 per child. Before and aftercare care is available at an additional cost, but space is limited.

## Mental Health + First Aid +

Everyone is welcome to attend a Mental Health First Aid Training on Saturday, April 22nd from 8:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M. This course uses a program manual, lecture, role-playing and simulations for offering initial help in a mental illness crisis. Trainees learn the common risk factors and warning signs of specific types of illnesses, like anxiety, depression, substance abuse, bipolar disorder, eating disorders, and schizophrenia. Mental Health First Aid teaches participants a five-step action plan to help loved ones, colleagues, neighbors and others cope with mental health problems.

A fee of \$17.00 will cover the cost of the manual. A light breakfast and lunch will be included. Training is hosted by Lutheran Church of the Atonement and is located at 1285 North New Florissant Road, where Parker Road and Florissant Road intersect. Call Joyce Pingel, (314)740-2137 or email Rev. Williams from Behavior Health Network at gharwilliams@me.com

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## Florissant Police Department is a Weather Ready Nation Ambassador

The Florissant Police Department is now a National Weather Service Weather Ready Nation Ambassador.

The Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador™ initiative is the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) effort to formally recognize NOAA partners who are improving the nation's readiness, responsiveness, and overall resilience against extreme weather, water, and climate events. As a WRN Ambassador, partners commit to working with NOAA and other Ambassadors to strengthen national resilience against extreme weather. In effect, the WRN Ambassador initiative helps unify the efforts across government, non-profits, academia, and private industry toward making the nation more ready, responsive, and resilient against extreme environmental hazards. Weather-Ready Nation (WRN) is a strategic outcome where society's response should be equal to the risk from all extreme weather, water, and climate hazards. The WRN Ambassador initiative is a:

- Unifying effort;
- Action-oriented;
- Inclusive; and
- Force multiplier (i.e., new partnerships lead to even more partnership opportunities).

WRN Ambassadors serve a pivotal role in affecting societal change — helping to build a nation that is ready, responsive, and resilient to the impacts of extreme weather and water events.

To be officially recognized as a WRN Ambassador, an organization must commit to:

- Promoting Weather-Ready Nation messages and themes to their stakeholders;
- Engaging with NOAA personnel on potential collaboration opportunities;
- Sharing their success stories of preparedness and resiliency;
- Serving as an example by educating employees on workplace preparedness

As a WRN Ambassador, you will serve as a change agent and leader in your community. You will inspire others to



be better informed and prepared, helping to minimize or even avoid the impacts of these natural disasters.

To support your efforts, NOAA can:

- Provide outreach content about creating a Weather-Ready Nation;
- Explore innovative approaches for collaboration with your organization
- Assist with the StormReady® and TsunamiReady™ opportunities for local communities;
- Recognize your organization as a WRN Ambassador; and
- Share the WRN Ambassador logo for your use.

Building a Weather-Ready Nation requires more than government alone. It requires the entire Weather Enterprise to provide information for better community, business, and personal decision making, and innovative partnerships across all segments of society. We must involve everyone in an effort to move people — and society — toward heeding warnings, taking action, and influencing their circles of family, friends, and social network to act appropriately.

The WRN Ambassador initiative is the connecting hub of a vast network of federal, state, and local government agencies; emergency managers and city planners; researchers, the media; the insurance industry; non-profit organizations; the private sector; and many others who are working together to address the impacts of extreme weather on daily life.

Together we will inform and empower communities, businesses, and people to make pre-event decisions that can be life-saving and prevent or limit devastating economic losses. We are a nation of many communities, and it is only through connected communities that we will achieve this goal.

## Eddie's Heroes

Eddie is the Florissant Police Department German Shepherd who serves the people of North County with his special gift of unconditional affection.

Eddie's Heroes is an award given to specially recognize and honor individuals whose kind and generous spirit has touched the lives of others. There are many awards offered through athletics and scholastics, but individuals who are humble, do the right thing and go out of their way to help others are often overlooked. Although these individuals are not seeking recognition, they change lives by taking action to make someone else's day better or even saving a life. These kind hearted giving individuals are the ones we tend to remember the rest of our lives.

I have found that while bringing Eddie to different places, I am constantly told how he has made someone's day better. Eddie's gift is showing love, regardless of one's gender, race, social status, or disability. Let's not neglect those that show unconditional love to their fellow man. These are the very ones that impact our lives and create forever memories and those are the memories that warm our hearts and make us smile.

So that we may recognize these individuals please submit a letter, detailing why an individual deserves this award, to Florissant Police Department, 1700 N. Hwy 67,



Florissant, MO 63033 ATTN: Eddies Heroes.

Please include contact information for both the nominee and the person making the nomination. Those selected for the award will receive an Eddie's Heroes Medal and Certificate of Recognition.

## Safety Town Returns for 2017



The Florissant "SAFETY TOWN" program will return for the Nineteenth year. Florissant "SAFETY TOWN" is sponsored by the Florissant Police Department, Florissant Rotary Club, 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 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's session will consist of a 1-two week session, Monday through Friday and will be located at Wedgewood Elementary School 4275 New Halls Ferry Road, Florissant, MO 63033.

The date for this year's session is:

- 1 - two week session – July 10th-July 21st – 1:00pm- 3:00 pm

Please contact Officer Summers AT 314-831-7000 OR lsummers@florissantmo.com if any questions.

## AARP.org 2016 Driver Safety Program

The Florissant Police Department will be hosting four AARP "Driver Safety Program" classes for the 2017 calendar year.

The dates are:

- Tuesday, May 9th, 2017
- Tuesday, July 11th, 2017
- Tuesday, September 12th, 2017
- Tuesday, November 14th, 2017

LOCATION: Florissant Police Dept. 1700 N. Highway 67 Florissant, MO 63033

TIME: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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

The A.A.R.P. "Driver Safety Program" is a 4-hour classroom refresher that can help you learn the

effects of aging on driving and how you can adjust one's driving habits to remain safe on the road. This program is sponsored and presented by AARP and targets drivers 50 years of age and older. AARP provides a certified instructor to teach the program.

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

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

## D.A.R.E. to be



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Please do your best to come to DARE to be GREAT camp every day. DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES

- June 11 Sunday – Drop off - 10am – Pick up - 5pm
  - June 12 to June 15 Mon-Thur – Drop off - 9am – Pick up - 4 pm
- DARE to be GREAT Camp:  
• Lessons taught by DARE and G.R.E.A.T. instructors

- St. Louis Cardinals Baseball Game
  - Police Station Tour
  - Science Center
  - Zoo
  - Grant's Farm
  - Swimming
  - Movies
  - Kickball Game vs Florissant Police Officers
  - Eddie the Florissant Police Dog
- Sunday – bring money to eat at the baseball game {no outside food allowed}  
Monday – bring a packed lunch or money to eat at Dairy Queen  
Tuesday – bring a packed lunch or money to eat at the St. Louis Zoo  
Wednesday – bring a packed lunch or money to eat at a TBD place  
Thursday – lunch will be provided by the Police Department

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