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The Newsletter of the Beautiful City of Florissant, Missouri

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Christmas In Old Town Florissant – Saturday, Dec. 2nd 2:00 – 4:30pm with Christmas Tree Lighting at 5:00pm



Mark December 2nd on your calendar. This is the day of the annual "Christmas in Old Town Florissant." The festivities begin at 2:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall with seasonal music. The Tree Lighting at the end of the activities concludes the day.

Santa Claus will arrive at city hall

at 2:15 and welcomes all children to visit him. (There is a charge to have your picture with Santa).

While waiting to tell all your wishes for Christmas to the Big Man, you can enjoy these activities:

- Make a craft (sponsored by the St. Louis County Library)
 - Decorate a Christmas cookie donated by Helfer's
 - Have your face painted by the Valley of Flowers Queen and members of her court
 - Let Cookie the Clown make your very own balloon sculpture
 - Listen to the sound of wonderful seasonal music
 - And of course have cookies and hot cocoa
- Shops will be open along rue St. Francois with regular business hours. So come early before the event to have lunch and shop! All the shops will be decorated for



Christmas with so many gifts for everyone! Visit EdgyChic Boutique, Goekes Produce, Stems Florist, Phancy Fingers and Feet & Boutique, Florissant Old Town Marketplace, Village of the Blue Rose, Korte's Custom Framing & Antiques, and Dooley's Florist and

Gifts. Eat at The City Diner, Helfer's Bakery & Deli, Amore Pizza, Hendel's Market Café or Old Town Donuts.

Be sure to be there when Mayor Schneider flips the switch to light up Florissant's Christmas Tree. LET THE HOLIDAYS BEGIN!

Christmas Celebrations at St. Ferdinand Shrine



The Christmas Celebrations at St. Ferdinand Shrine will begin on Saturday the 9th and continue through Sunday December 10th.

What a wonderful and joyous time of the year... everyone loves to celebrate Christmas! St. Ferdinand Shrine will be presenting a Christmas celebration over a two day period of time and everyone is invited to attend. Activities begin on Saturday December 9th at 4:00 pm in the Schoolhouse. Activities include; a sale of Christmas items, raffles, food, and the popular annual Christmas Carriage Rides that begin at 6pm. This year two carriages will be available to lessen your wait period. Along the route, the carriages will pass by a live nativity, a choir singing Christmas Carols and other Christmas decorations as they roll through Old Town Florissant. Join the fun, bring the family as you begin your celebration of the Christmas Season. The cost of the ride is \$10.00 a person.

Also on Saturday, there will be night time tours of the Shrine. You will hear stories of the Shrine from tour guides who will be in their religious dress. The convent was built in 1818 and the Church in 1821. The Shrine is fast approaching its 200th birthday. Don't miss out on this wonderful and meaningful tour. You will be amazed at this historic church and convent. Donations are accepted for the tours.

The Shrine Christmas Celebration ends with a spectacular concert held in the Church. The concert features a Choir composed of members of all the churches in the area. All denominations are represented. The concert music is based on the religious meaning of Christmas. The concert ends with the beautiful Halleluiah Chorus. A reception in the Schoolhouse will be held after the concert.

Come and enjoy Christmas at St. Ferdinand Shrine. It will be great fun, great Stories and a presentation of the meaning of Christmas.

Save the Date... The Valley of Flowers Festival is Only a Few Months Away

"Valley of Flowers Salutes the Muny's 100th Anniversary"
May 4th through 6th, 2018

You can be part of the 2018 Valley of Flowers Festival:

• Candidates are needed for the 2018 Valley of Flowers Queen and Court selection: Application date per website. Candidates must be a resident of the City of Florissant. Contact the Valley of Flowers for qualifications. Follow us on Facebook for additional information.

Parade Units are needed for the Parade on Sunday May 6, 2018: Application date per website. Motorized, Walking, and Marching Units are welcome. Contact the Valley of Flowers for Parade Rules. Follow us on Facebook for additional information

• Sponsors are needed to support the Festival: Contributions are needed by December 1, 2017 in order to be included in all printed material. Contact Valley of Flowers for Sponsorship benefits. Valley of Flowers is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization.

- Event Sponsor - \$2,500.00
- Fleur di Lis Level- \$1,000.00
- Rose Level-\$500.00
- Daisy Level-\$250.00
- Friends of the Festival-\$100.00
- Eagan Center Booths: Applications are for the following:



Food Booth, Crafter Booth, Vendor Booth, or Informational Booth. Application date per website. Follow us on Facebook for additional information

• Off Site Booths: Application date per website. All off site booths are through the Valley of Flowers. Follow us on Facebook for additional information

To become a participant contact:
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Valley-of-flowers@sbcglobal.net
www.florissantvalleyofflowers.com



2018 Florissant City Council Election

City Council Election for Wards 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be held on Tuesday April 3, 2018.

Registered voters are eligible to file to be included on the April 3rd, 2018 ballot. Candidates are required to collect at least 200 valid nomination signatures from registered voters in their ward.

Signatures can be collected NO earlier than 8am January 2, 2018 and the deadline for delivery of the signatures is 5pm on January 16, 2018. Candidates names will appear on the ballot in the order the required signatures are validated.

Nomination forms and all other requirements will be handled by Florissant City Clerk Karen Goodwin, who can be reached at (314) 839-7630.

City of Florissant Accepting Applications for 2018 Seasonal Employment

The City of Florissant is accepting applications for 2018 seasonal employment. The application process closes and selections begin on March 1, 2018.

Applications and an informational booklet listing positions, age and qualification requirements are available at the Human Resources Department located in the Florissant Government Building, 1055 rue St. Francois, Florissant, MO 63031

Please stop by our Seasonal Job Fair on December 28th at the James J. Eagan Center from 1:30-3:00 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact the Human Resources Department at 595-3640.

Recycle, Reuse, & Reduce

Florissant residents overall have a great pride in our city. We can show that pride while helping the city meet its commitment to sustainability through some simple practices.

Curbside recycling in Florissant makes the task easy and available. Yet many of our fine citizens have yet fully embraced the practice. Our city recycles far less than the rest of the county. We at the Environmental Quality Commission hope to help you change that statistic. It is simple, go to www.florissantmo.com/department/board.php?structureid=33 and see what items can be recycled. Place plastic caps back onto containers for proper recycling. Check with the trash hauler regarding your recycling pick up schedule. Fill up the big blue recycling bin and put it out on the designated pick up day. Show your fellow neighbors by example how easy and proactive it is. Call the city to have your big blue recycling bin delivered for free if you don't already have one.

Reusing items many times cuts down on the load our landfills retain. Simply reusing a paper towel several times helps. Or you can become more creative in repurposing other items. When my iPad 2 became a brick, I discovered that it, coupled with the stand we purchased for it, makes a great book holder freeing my hands for breakfast reading.

Choosing items to buy that have the least packaging helps a great deal. The manufacturers see that trend and become more efficient in their packaging practices. This gift-giving season you can help by using



reusable gift bags to reduce the amount of stuff that then ends up in our systems. Tissue paper is not recyclable. It fouls the machines. Compost it or simply don't use it in the first place. In other countries, gifts are given without the gift wrapping or bagging. Instead, they use the personal touch and hand the gift to the recipient at the gathering.

The greatest gift you can give Mother Nature this Holiday Season is a commitment to recycle what you can, reuse items fully, and reduce packaging of all kinds. Florissant offers Christmas tree pick-up after the holidays to make that easier. You can help the city improve its percentage of recycling by helping your elderly neighbors to put out their recycling tote. Happy Holidays!

Volunteering for a Better Florissant



Be a gift to our community this holiday season by donating your time and effort to someone less fortunate. The City of Florissant is always looking for more volunteers. Throughout our community, there are those in need of assistance to improve their living environment and, in some cases, stay in their homes. Through Project IMPACT, the Initiative to Maintain Properties and Assist our Community Together, the Office of Community Development is seeking to improve our community by assisting those most in need. We provide volunteer groups to help residents of the City with yard

clean up, painting, mowing, snow removal, or any other task they may need. In order to accomplish our goals, we need kind-hearted citizens to help the community by helping one another. If you're looking to get more involved, contact our office because something as simple as cleaning a gutter or painting a fence could make all the difference for a neighbor in need. Help us build a better Florissant and volunteer!

For more information on volunteer opportunities with the City of Florissant, email us at volunteer@florissantmo.com



Leadership & Members of Your City Council

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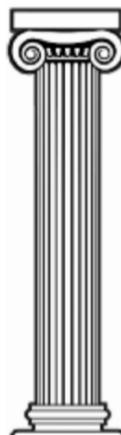
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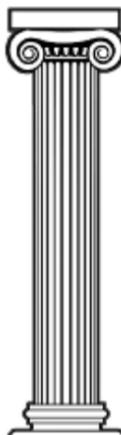


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Greetings Florissant Friends,

A very large crowd of cheerful people enjoyed sunny skies and mild temperatures at our 20th Annual Fall Festival last October 8th which once again was the best one ever. A special thanks to many volunteers including Old Town Partners, the Missouri Arts Council, St. Ferdinand Shrine and the Regional Arts Commission, our Parks and Recreation and Theatre Departments, Public Works and Police for everything they did to make the Fall Festival unforgettable. The second annual Florissant Police Car Show at the Knights Grounds was very popular. All area service and veterans groups participated.

Thousands of people spent their day on rue St. Francois enjoying an array of arts and crafts, booths, food and beverages with plenty of music and other entertainment. A few eyebrows were raised when the Click Heating & Cooling Chili Cook off was won by Council President Jackie Pagano with my wife Rachel Schneider coming in second.

The City of Florissant partnered with KMOV, Channel 4 and its Great Day St. Louis morning show during the week of October 2 leading up to the Sunday, October 8 Fall Festival. Each morning, Great Day St. Louis produced a feature about the organizations that have made Florissant a vibrant, wholesome and enjoyable community that is proud of its rich history and tradition. Great Day St. Louis week of highlights concluded Friday, October 6 with a live show that featured Laura Hettiger, Kent Ehrhardt and Matt Chambers on the front lawn of Florissant's City Hall.

Another popular Food Truck Knight to benefit TEAM was held at the Knights grounds Friday evening Oct. 13th again with great weather and tremendous turn out to benefit TEAM and other charities. The food truck events will return next April.

As of this writing a beautiful day was forecast for the 4th Annual "Race to the Shrine" on Saturday, October 21 at the Old St. Ferdinand Shrine in historic Old Town Florissant. The increasingly popular 'Race to the Shrine' benefits multiple Florissant area programs and gives everyone an opportunity to stretch their legs and enjoy our beautiful historic town.

We hosted three Halloween events for kids of all ages; another sell out youth Halloween Costume Party D.A.R.E. event for 5th through 8th grade students at the JFK Center on October 20, a Senior Halloween bash on October 26 at the Eagan Center and then the actual Halloween evening party for Florissant resident children 12 and under at the Eagan Center Saturday evening Oct 31.

Our covered Ice Rink is open for our 45th season of skating. By the way, Hockey is alive and well in Florissant for all skill levels at all ages. We will host several competitions. (To see how slow hockey can be played come watch the over 50 league!) There will be three resident appreciation free skate sessions for the 2018 season Martin

Luther King Day January 15, Presidents Day February 19 and New Year's Eve December 31st. These free sessions for residents will be from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. On Saturday March 2 there will be a Party on the Ice D.A.R.E event for 5th thru 8th grade at the Ice Rink from 6:30-9:00 PM.

The holiday season has started and is in full swing. I wanted to let you know that the police department has once again started extra patrols in the shopping centers. We want everyone to feel safe as you complete your holiday shopping in our city. I encourage each and every one of you that if you suspect any suspicious criminal activity to please call the police department immediately at 314-831-7000 or 911 in an emergency.

The Veteran's Day Parade was scheduled to be held on Sunday, November the 12th. A totally new route was used for this year's Veterans' Day Parade. Parade participants assembled and started the parade at Bangert Park and preceded North on Florissant Road and then turn left on St. Francois and ended the parade route at the VFW where the ceremony took place to honor the 2016 Veteran of the Year. Congratulations to this year's Veteran of the Year Dennis T. Klier for his military service to our nation.

On Saturday, December the 2nd Old Town Partners and the City of Florissant will be hosting "Christmas in Old Town" from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Florissant City Council Chambers. There will be light refreshments and snacks to enjoy. Santa Claus will be there and fun activities are planned like face painting, a clown making balloon animals, music, storytelling, and children's crafts. A children's boutique will feature inexpensive Christmas gifts for under \$3.

Many retail shops and restaurants will be open in Old Town so you can enjoy dining, shopping and the holiday festivities. At 5:15 p.m. the Valley of Flowers Queen Meagan Pilla, her Court, Chief Lowery and I will greet the gathering on the City Hall balcony and join in a few Carols before her majesty switches on the Christmas lights!

The famous Project Lift-Off DARE holiday party for 5th to 8th graders will be held on the same evening December 2nd right after the Christmas Tree Lighting but at the James J. Eagan Center from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. The entire center including the ice rink and swimming pool will be available for the youth to enjoy. (The Theater will be closed that night.)

Once again our Senior Office will be busy during this holiday season setting up wonderful Christmas trips for our seniors. If you are a senior and are interested in learning more about upcoming trips please call the Senior Coordinator Peggy Hogan at 314-839-7604.

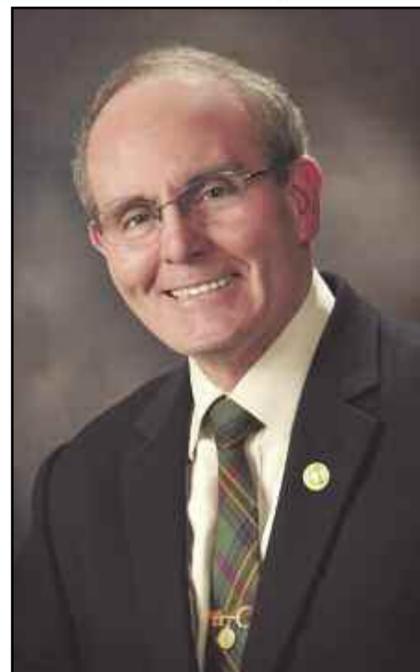
Don't forget about this year's Senior New Year's Eve party. This is one of the most popular events and it always sells out quick. This year theme is A Night to Remember. The party will be

on Sunday, December 31 at the James J. Eagan Center from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Our notorious Countdown to 12:00 "Noon" was once lampooned in good hearted fashion on the "Tonight Show" by host Jay Leno. Music will be provided by the St. Charles Big Band an outstanding 12-piece orchestra.

This holiday season our **Florissant Civic Center Theatre** will have some wonderful holiday shows for everyone to enjoy. Midwest Ballet Theatre presents: **TCHAIKOVSKY'S NUTCRACKER** - Dec. 3 at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

This is a great way to introduce young audience members to the ballet and theatre and you get to meet the Sugar Plum Fairy and the rest of the cast after the show! Come be a part of the magic! Northwinds Concert Band Presents: **HOMETOWN HOLIDAY SPECIAL** - Dec. 10 at 3:00 p.m. The band will present a wide-variety of holiday and seasonal favorites that will certainly put you in the holiday spirit! Florissant's sixty-piece Northwinds band has presented annual holiday concerts in the Civic Center for over 25 years. Hawthorne Players present: **BEST OF HAWTHORNE - COWBOY CHRISTMAS** - Dec. 16 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Cowboy Christmas will feature local actors, singers and musicians performing a tribute to singing cowboys with a holiday twist. All proceeds support the Duckie DeMere Scholarship program, which has presented more than \$50,000 to students pursuing a performing arts education. St. Louis Brass Band presents: **HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR** - Dec. 17 at 2:30 p.m. Next Generation Theatre Company presents: **A CHRISTMAS CAROL** Dec. 22 - 7:30 p.m., Dec. 23 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. On December 17 at 8:00 p.m. Florissant Fine Arts Council presents: **It's A Wonderful Life live Radio Drama**. The St. Louis Brass Band presents **Holiday Spectacular** at 2:30 p.m. For more information and reservations call 314-921-5678 or www.florissantmo.com.

We continue to have robust **Economic Development** success. Companies of all sizes, including National brands and Developers, are proving that they believe in the future of Florissant. There are many exciting projects that are in the **Due Diligence and Planning Phase** and we are working with the Developers to bring them to fruition anticipating more public announcements this year. BJC Hospitals has announced plans to develop a Multi-Million Dollar Siteman Cancer Center at the Christian Northwest Campus on Graham Road near 270 which is sure to stimulate even more economic growth. Some of the businesses and companies that have completed projects, are under construction or are in design include: (1) Total Urgent Care has opened at the corner of Lindbergh and St. Jean; (2) First Collinsville Bank will open a new facility on New Halls Ferry Road; (3) Regions Bank is ready to build a new facility on Lindbergh; (4) McAllister's Deli has opened on Lindbergh; (5) Raising Canes is under



construction; (6) U-Haul has started construction on Lindbergh; (7) D'Vita Dialysis will open a new facility in Cross Keys; (8) Popeye's Chicken is starting construction; and (9) Smoothie King opened on Lindbergh. **Since December 1, 2017 - September 2017 ... 78 New Commercial businesses & 15 Residential Businesses have opened.**

A City Council election for Wards 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 is scheduled for April 3, 2018. Candidates will be able to start collecting the 200 nominating signatures required by our Charter on January 2, 2018 and have until January 16 to turn them in to have their name on the ballot. Please be kind and answer your door for the candidates and their helpers because it is usually cold and sometimes wet for them. To determine your ward or for details on the process of electing the City Council please call City Clerk Karen Goodwin at 314-839-7630 or email her at kgoodwin@florissantmo.com.

In preparation for your holidays please reflect on the blessings of liberty that were obtained in large measure by a desperate but determined Continental Army that crossed the Delaware River with General Washington on Christmas Eve, 1776. Please say a prayer of thanks now for the sacrifice of our military around the world and our police and firefighters here at home.

On behalf of Police Chief Timothy Lowery and the members of our award winning Police Department, our dedicated Department heads and our devoted, wonderful employees in all of our departments, the Administration, Judge Boyle and the Florissant City Council, I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful and safe Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Mayor Thomas P. Schneider

Voter I.D. and Registration Information

Voter Identification

The St. Louis County Election Board requires all voters to show some form of identification in order to vote. A government issued photo I.D. is the preferred form of identification because it can be scanned, allowing the lines to move quickly. If you forget your ID, or simply do not have a government issued photo I.D., **YOU CAN STILL VOTE!** However, you will need to either present some other approved form of identification or fill out a provisional ballot and sign a statement confirming your identity.

In general, there are 3 options for showing ID in order to vote:

Option 1: A Government Issued Photo ID.

Provide a government issued photo ID (e.g. CURRENT Missouri Driver or Non-Driver License, Military ID, US Passport), you can show it to the Poll Worker at your polling place who will process you normally.

Option 2: Secondary form of ID

Provide a secondary form of identification (Voter Registration Card, ID from a MO University or College, Utility Bill, Bank Statement, Government Check, Government document showing your name and address) and sign a statement confirming your identity.

Option 3: No ID

If you have neither of the above IDs, but are a registered voter, you will cast a provisional ballot. Your vote will only be counted if the signature on the ballot matches the signature we have on the Voter Registration file.

More information about the Voter ID law can be found at the *Missouri Secretary of State's website*.

If you have any questions, please contact the St. Louis County Election Board at 314-615-1800.

Lost I.D. Card

Replacement Voter I.D. Cards may be requested by contacting the Election Board, giving your name and address. New I.D. Cards will be mailed to all voters in each even numbered year, to new voters when they register and to anyone who changes his or her address.

Retrieved from:

<http://www.stlouisco.com/YourGovernment/Elections/VoterEducation>

Voter Registration

Who Can Register:

To register to vote, you must meet the following qualifications:

- Be a U.S. citizen

- Must be 17 1/2 years of age (18 years old by Election Day)

- Be a resident of St. Louis County

Where to Register:

There are several different options to register to vote in St. Louis County:

1. The St. Louis County Election Board at **725 Northwest Plaza Dr., St. Ann MO, 63074.**
 2. Most city halls
 3. Most libraries
 4. Most schools and Special School District facilities
 5. Most local branches of the Junior College District, Universities and Colleges
 6. Various businesses, union halls and churches within St. Louis County
 7. All County Department of Motor Vehicle registration offices
 8. All State offices providing public assistance while conducting other official business at their establishment.
- State election laws also provide for registration by:

1. Mail by going to the Secretary of State's website and requesting an application to be mailed
2. Online by going to the Secretary of State's website and filling in the application.

When to Notify the Election Board to Update Your Information

Notify the Election Board if there is a legal name change either in person or in writing.

Notify the Election Board if there is a change in address either in person or in writing. **ALL** address changes must be submitted to the Election Board by the **4th Wednesday before an election** to make sure you receive your Notice of Election and that you can vote at the correct Polling Place.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Any person moving into St. Louis County is considered a new registration and must re-register by the deadline date prior to each election. (Example: If you move from St. Louis City to St. Louis County, you must re-register as your City registration does not automatically carry over into a new Jurisdiction.)

Please contact the Election Board for any additional registration information by calling (314) 615-1800.

Political party preference is only required when requesting ballots for Primary Elections.

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Florissant Police Department Has Openings in their Explorer Program

The Florissant Police Department is currently looking for additional members for their Explorer Program. The Explorers is a group of 14-21 year old young adults who are interested in law enforcement as a career. As a former Florissant Police Explorer, Chief Timothy J. Lowery can certainly attest to the benefits of the Explorer Program.

The Florissant Explorers meet twice a month on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7pm at the Florissant Police Department. At the meetings, the Explorers train and discuss various law enforcement related topics. The Explorers also are requested to assist the Florissant Police Department during community events, and they are given the opportunity to ride along with Florissant Police Officers after they meet certain conditions. There is no cost to be a Florissant Police Explorer. Each applicant must complete the application process and submit to a background check.

If any young adult is interested in joining the Florissant Explorers to learn more about law enforcement as a career, please contact Officer Jenna Carlson jcarlson@florissantmo.com or Officer Nick Osmer nosmer@florissantmo.com you can read more about the Explorer program on the Florissant Police Department's website,

www.florissantmo.com/police.



Florissant Police Department to Offer C.E.R.T. Training

The Florissant Police Department will host another C.E.R.T. training course beginning Wednesday, February 20th, 2018. C.E.R.T. is an acronym that stands for Community Emergency Response Team. Participants will meet one day a week for eight weeks. Class times will be from 6:30 P.M. until 9:30 P.M.

The goal is for citizens to be trained in basic response skills. C.E.R.T. members are then integrated into the emergency capability for their area.

If a natural or man-made disastrous event overwhelms or delays the community's professional response, C.E.R.T. members can assist others by applying the basic response and organizational skills that they learned during training. These skills can help save and sustain lives following a disaster until help arrives. C.E.R.T. skills also apply to daily emergencies.

The Police Department is currently accepting reservations, as **seating is limited to 24 participants**, for this C.E.R.T. class. Applications will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Applications can be picked up at the Florissant Police Department or by visiting the police department's website and download the application at; www.florissantmo.com/police

For more information contact Officer Steve Michael at 314-830-6042 or at smichael@florissantmo.com. Completed applications may be dropped off or mailed to:

Florissant Police Department
Public Information Unit
1700 North Highway 67
Florissant, MO 63033



Lieutenant Dan Biermann Retires

Chief Tim Lowery and the entire Florissant Police Department wish to congratulate and thank Lieutenant Dan Biermann for his many years of service. Lieutenant Biermann retired from the Florissant Police Department August 1st, 2017 after twenty eight years of service to the Florissant community. Prior to coming to the Florissant Police Department in March of 1989, Lieutenant Biermann worked as a police officer for St. Louis County Police Department. Lieutenant Biermann worked his way up through the ranks eventually retiring as the Commander of the Bureau of Investigations as well as the Deputy Commander of the Major Case Squad. Lieutenant Biermann was also an academy instructor that trained new recruits on Constitutional Law.

Lieutenant Biermann accepted a position as the Director of Security for the Ferguson Florissant School District. Thanks, Lieutenant Biermann, for your years and dedication to Florissant!



For more information visit our web page at:

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Spotters are concerned citizens from various walks of life and public safety officials who volunteer their time and energy to report on hazardous weather impacting their community. The National Weather Service encourages anyone with an interest in public service to join the SKYWARN® program. Volunteers include police and fire personnel, dispatchers, EMS workers, public utility workers and other concerned private citizens.

Training is free and typically last about 2 hours. You'll learn: basics of thunderstorm development & storm structure, identifying potential severe weather features, information to report & how to report and basic severe weather safety.

DATE: February 21, 2018

TIME: 6:30p – 9:30p

LOCATION: James J Eagan Center

1 James J. Eagan Dr, Florissant, MO 63033

Arts and Craft Room

This event is hosted by the Florissant Citizen Corp Emergency Management Commission. For more information, please call, Robert Smith at (314) 497-0028.



Safety Tips for Holiday Shopping

Shopping in Stores

- Do not buy more than you can carry. Plan ahead by taking a friend with you or ask a store employee to help you carry your packages to the car.
- Save all receipts. Print and save all confirmations from your online purchases. Start a file folder to keep all receipts together and to help you verify credit card or bank statements as they come in.
- Consider alternate options to pay for your merchandise, such as onetime or multiuse disposable credit cards or money orders, at online stores and auction sites.
- Wait until asked before taking out your credit card or checkbook. A thief could look over your shoulder to get your account information.



Walking to and From Your Car

- Deter pickpockets. Carry your purse close to your body or your wallet inside a coat or front trouser pocket.
- Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle. Check the back seat and around the car before getting in.
- Do not leave packages visible in your car windows. Lock them in the trunk or, if possible, take them directly home.

Shopping with Small Children

- If you are shopping with children, make a plan in case you are separated from each other.
- Select a central meeting place.
- Teach them to know they can ask store personnel or store security employees if they need help.



Shopping Online

- Before surfing the Internet, secure your personal computers by updating your security software. Everyone's computer should have anti-virus, anti-spyware, and anti-spam software, as well as a good firewall installed.
- Keep your personal information private and your password secure. Do not respond to requests to "verify" your password or credit card information unless you initiated the contact. Legitimate businesses will not contact you in this manner.
- Beware of "bargains" from companies with whom you are unfamiliar—if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!
- Use secure websites for purchases. Look for the icon of a locked padlock at the bottom of the screen or "https" in the URL address.
- Shop with companies you know and trust. Check for background information if you plan to buy from a new or unfamiliar company.



To find more useful shopping tips and personal safety information, visit the National Crime Prevention Council's website: www.npc.org
 *The contents of this article are taken from the National Crime Prevention Council's Website.

Don't Let the Dryness of Winter Air Make You Uncomfortable



Control Dry Air
 Dry air is also responsible for a number of the comfort issues that people experience in the winter. Air in the house that is below 35 percent RH can cause nosebleeds, sore throats and dry, itchy skin.
 To reduce damage to the home and improve health and comfort, homeowners must improve the RH of their indoor air. In fact, it can even increase the chance of getting sick. Research published on PLOS ONE, a scientific journal, found that aerosol transmission of influenza decreases when indoor relative humidity is kept above 40 percent.

Comfort and health both suffer in the winter and dry air is a major cause. When cold air from outside is heated in the home the relative humidity (RH) drops significantly.

As the air dries out it becomes damaging to both a home and its residents. Dry indoor air causes a myriad of problems, including:

- **Increased likelihood of colds, flu and upper respiratory ailments.** Viruses that cause colds and flu thrive in low humidity, so dry indoor air can spread airborne viruses more easily than air that is properly humidified. According to The American Society of Otolaryngology, dry air can make people more susceptible to infection. Dry air also aggravates allergy and asthma symptoms.
- **Damage to home furnishings.** Dry air causes walls, woodwork and hardwood floors to crack, which can lead to costly repairs or replacement.
- **Higher energy costs.** Air that is not properly humidified causes people to feel colder at higher temperatures. This leads homeowners to turn up the thermostat, increasing energy bills.

The best way to control the humidity levels in your home is with a whole-home humidifier.

Set it and forget it...

A whole-home humidifier installed as part of a heating and cooling system is designed to deliver the perfect amount of moisture to a home without constant adjustments. Unlike portable humidifiers, whole-home humidifiers are uniquely efficient and effective. With a whole-home system there is no need to refill the unit with water. Furthermore, it will accurately measure the outdoor temperature and indoor humidity levels to automatically provide the ideal amount of indoor relative humidity.

Humidity is also dispersed throughout the house, instead of in just one room.

For more information on whole-home humidification and total control of your indoor air quality, call Goldkamp Heating & Cooling at (314) 839-3332.

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Individual tickets go on sale 45 days prior to the opening of any production.

NOVEMBER

Alpha Players Auditions:

Odd Couple

Nov. 13

For more information call 314-258-3018, go to www.alphaplayers.org or check out the Alpha Players on Facebook.



****St. Louis Family Theatre Series presents:**

Dragons Love Tacos

From *TheatreworksUSA, New York, NY*

Nov. 19 – 2:00 p.m. Nov. 24 – 2:00 p.m. Nov. 25 – 2:00 p.m.



Theatreworks USA's newest musical revue includes these beloved contemporary children's books: *Dragons Love Tacos* by Adam Rubin Dragons love all sorts of tacos—except spicy ones! When a boy throws his new dragon friends a spicy salsa taco party, red-hot trouble ensues. Interrupting Chicken by David Ezra Stein It's bedtime for the little red chicken. Papa is going to read her a story, but the chicken can't help interrupting. Will the chicken ever get to sleep? *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds A story about the creative spirit in all of us. Vashti can't draw, but when her teacher says, "Just make a mark and see where it takes you," Vashti discovers she's an artist, after all. *Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride* by Kate DiCamillo, Illustrated by Chris Van Dusen Mercy, a porcine wonder, and Mr. Watson go for a ride every Saturday in Mr. Watson's automobile. But one Saturday, guess who winds up behind the wheel? *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa* School Days by Erica Silverman, painted by Betsy Lewin Yee Haw! Cowgirl Kate and her loyal horse Cocoa are the perfect pair. They do everything together, until school is in session—and horses are not allowed!

ADMISSION: \$8.00 to all; Group rates available
Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com

Alpha Players Present:

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

Nov. 30 – 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1 – 7:30 p.m.

Ralph, Imogene, Leroy, Claude, Ollie, and Gladys Herdman are an awful bunch. They set fire to Fred Shoemaker's toolshed, blackmailed Wanda Pierce to get her charm bracelet, and smacked Alice Wendelken across the head. And that's just the start! When the Herdmans show up at church (because they heard there were free snacks) and suddenly take over the Christmas pageant, the other kids are shocked. It's obvious that they're up to no good. But Christmas magic is all around and the Herdmans, who have never heard the Christmas story before, start to reimagine it in their own way. This year's pageant is definitely like no other, but maybe that's exactly what makes it so special. This delightful comedy is adapted from the best-selling book.

ADMISSION: \$10.00
Information and reservations 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com



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DECEMBER

Midwest Ballet Theatre presents:

Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker

Dec. 3 – 2:00 p.m. Dec. 3 – 6:00 p.m.

This is a great way to introduce young audience members to the ballet and theatre and you get to meet the Sugar Plum Fairy and the rest of the cast after the show! Come be a part of the magic!

ADMISSION: \$12.00

Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com

Northwinds Concert Band Presents:

Hometown Holiday Special

Dec. 10 – 3:00 p.m.



Northwinds Concert Band, under the direction of Larry Marsh, presents a "Hometown Holiday Concert" on December 10 at 3:00 p.m. The band will present a wide variety of holiday and seasonal favorites that will certainly put you in the holiday spirit! Florissant's sixty-piece Northwinds band has presented annual holiday concerts in the Civic Center for over 25 years.

ADMISSION: \$8.00 Adults; \$6.00 Seniors/Students; \$15.00 "Immediate Family"
Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com

Hawthorne Players present:

Best Of Hawthorne – Cowboy Christmas

Dec. 16 – 2:00 p.m. Dec. 16 – 7:00 p.m.

Cowboy Christmas will feature local actors, singers and musicians performing a tribute to singing cowboys with a holiday twist. All proceeds support the Duckie DeMere Scholarship program, which has presented more than \$50,000 to students pursuing a performing arts education.

ADMISSION: \$15.00

Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com



St. Louis Brass Band presents:

Holiday Spectacular

Dec. 17 – 2:30 p.m.

**ADMISSION: \$7.00 Adults;
\$5.00 Seniors/Students**
**Information and reservations:
314-921-5678
or www.FlorissantMO.com**

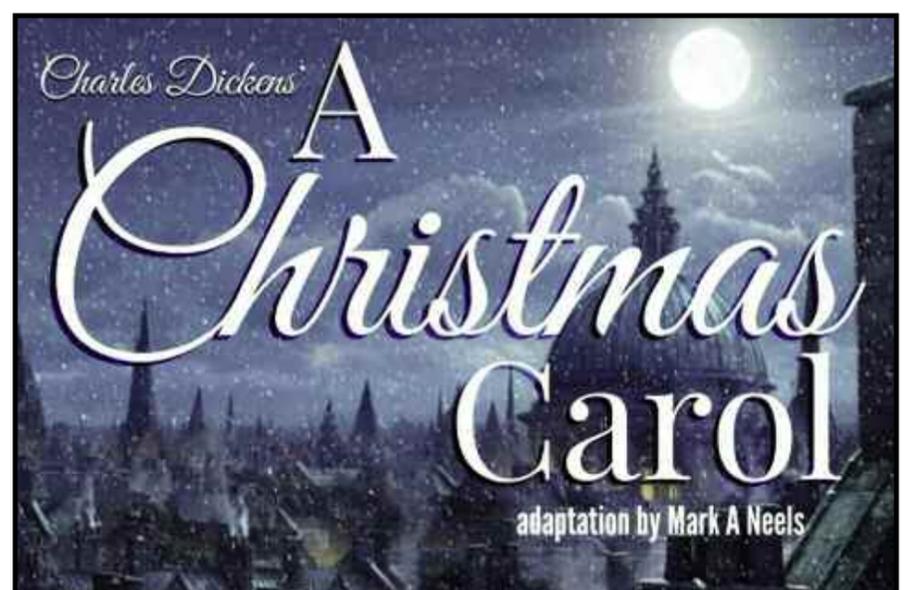


Next Generation Theatre Company presents:

A Christmas Carol

Dec. 22 – 7:30 p.m. Dec. 23 – 2:00 p.m. Dec. 23 – 7:30 p.m.

Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com



JANUARY

** St. Louis Family Theatre Series Presents:

Henry & Mudge

From *TheatreworksUSA, New York, NY*

Jan. 12 – 7:30 p.m. Jan. 13 – 2:00 p.m. Jan. 14 – 2:00 p.m.



Moving from the city to a new house in the country can be tough. Just ask Henry, who can't find a playmate in his new neighborhood! Luckily, he's got Mudge, a great big 182-pound canine buddy with whom he can share all kinds of adventures! Henry teaches his new friend to sit, heel, and shake his hand, but rolling over is one trick Henry just can't seem to teach Mudge, no matter how hard he tries. When Henry's cousin Annie comes for a visit, Mudge is so charmed by her that he finally rolls over at her command! Henry thinks Mudge must love Annie more than him because the dog only does the trick for her. Very upset, Henry runs away into the cold, dark woods to find adventures on his own. Mudge follows the boy's scent into the forest - he really does love Henry and doesn't want to be without him. Will the two friends be reunited? Find out in this Theatreworks musical, based on the best-selling series of books by Cynthia Rylant.

ADMISSION: \$8.00 to all. Group rates available
Information and reservations 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com

Next Generation Theatre Company Presents:

All Shook Up

Jan. 26 – 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27 – 2:00 p.m. Jan. 27 – 7:30 p.m.



A musical inspired by and featuring the songs of Elvis Presley.

Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com

*Florissant Fine Arts Council Presents:

I Love A Piano

From *Starvox Booking*

Jan. 28 – 3:00 p.m.

I Love a Piano is a nostalgic musical journey spanning seven decades of American history as seen through the eyes of Irving Berlin – a man whom Jerome Kern described by saying, "Irving Berlin has no place in American music.... He is American Music!" The show tracks the life of a piano with one sour key through four generations of singers and dancers who have performed with and around it with over 60 of Berlin's enduring and popular favorites.

ADMISSION: \$28.00 Adults; \$26.00 Seniors, \$13.00 Students with ID, Group rates available
Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com



FEBRUARY

** St. Louis Family Theatre Series Presents:

Pinkalicious

From *Vital Theatre Company, NY, NY*

Feb. 4 – 2:00 p.m.
Feb. 9 – 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10 – 2:00 p.m.



Pinkalicious can't stop eating pink cupcakes despite warnings from her parents. Her pink indulgence lands her at the doctor's office with Pinkitis, an affliction that turns her pink from head to toe - a dream come true for this pink loving enthusiast. But when her hue goes too far, only Pinkalicious can figure out a way to get out of this predicament.

ADMISSION: \$8.00 to all; Group rates available
Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com

*Florissant Fine Arts Council Presents:

My Funny Valentine

From *Sweetwood Creative*

Feb. 11 – 3:00 p.m.

Are you looking for the perfect Valentine's date night? Join comedians Pat Hazell, one of the original writers for NBC's *Seinfeld* and a veteran of *The Tonight Show*, and Dena Blizzard, featured comic at *The Laugh Factory* and *Gotham Comedy Club* and creator of the viral video "Chardonnay, Go!" (viewed over 23 million times) as they come together for an evening of hilarious and heartwarming stand-up comedy. Topics include relationships, dating, parenting and family life, and there will be a chance to ask for free relationship advice as Pat and Dena answer audience questions.

ADMISSION: \$28.00 Adults; \$26.00 Seniors, \$13.00 Students with ID
Group rates available
Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com

McCluer High School presents:

SHREK the Musical

Feb. 21 – 7:00 p.m. Feb. 22 – 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 23 – 7:00 p.m. Feb. 24 – 7:00 p.m.

Make room for ogre-sized family fun as the greatest fairy tale never told comes to life in a whole new way in this exciting musical adaptation of the hit movie *Shrek!*

ADMISSION: \$6.00 in advance; \$8.00 at the door
Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com

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Required Withdrawals from Retirement Plans: What Should You Know?

You may spend decades contributing to your IRA and 401(k). But, eventually, you'll need to use this money. Before that day arrives, you'll want to be familiar with the rules governing withdrawals – and you'll want to know just how much you should take out.

To begin with, withdrawals from traditional employer-sponsored retirement plans like these fall under the Internal Revenue Service's "required minimum distributions" (RMD) guidelines. (You aren't required to take these distributions from a Roth IRA.) Here are some of the key RMD points to keep in mind:

- **You need to take distributions by age 70-1/2.** You generally should begin taking RMDs in the year in which you turn 70-1/2. If you don't take your first RMD during that year, you must take it no later than April 1 of the following year. If you do put it off until April 1, you must take two distributions in one year.

If you don't take your RMDs on time, you may have to pay the IRS a 50 percent penalty tax on the taxable portion of your uncollected distribution — so make sure you know your dates.

- **You can take more than the minimum.** You can withdraw more than the RMD, but, as the word "required" suggests, you can't withdraw less.

- **You may be able to delay RMDs in an employer's retirement plan if you're still working.** If your employer's retirement plan permits it, you may not have to take RMDs if you are still working and you are 70-1/2 or older. However, this exception won't apply if you own 5 percent or more of your company.

To determine your RMD, you'll need to use either the Uniform Lifetime Table, which is

based on your life expectancy, or the Joint Life Table, if you have a spouse who is the sole beneficiary and who is more than 10 years younger. Your tax advisor can help you make this selection.

So, now that you know the basic rules of RMDs, you'll need to consider their impact on your retirement income. As mentioned above, you can certainly take out more than the RMD, but should you?

If you need the extra money, then you'll have to take it. However, when determining how much you should take beyond your RMDs, you'll need to weigh some other factors.

For one thing, if you can delay taking Social Security, you'll get bigger checks, so you might be able to lower the amounts you take from your 401(k) and IRA.

Another factor to consider is the size and composition of your investment portfolio held outside your retirement accounts. If you have a sizable amount of investments, with some of them providing regular income, you may be able to afford to take out only your RMDs, or perhaps just slightly more. On the other hand, if your 401(k) and IRA make up the vast majority of your investment holdings, you might need to rely on them much more heavily.

In any case, though, you will need to establish an appropriate withdrawal rate for all your investments to ensure you won't outlive your money. A financial professional can help you calculate this rate.

Do whatever it takes to maximize your benefits from your IRA and 401(k). They're valuable assets – so use them wisely.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

SPEAKER SERIES

What's Cooking?

Changing Foodways, Changing Lives! presented by Emily Troxell Jaycox. One of the most dramatic ways our lives are different from that of our forebears has to do with FOOD. What we eat, how it's prepared, and who does the cooking. The story of changing foodways involves politics, technology, ethnicity, labor, health and changes in family life. Emily Jaycox will illustrate some of these changes with historic menus, cookbooks, newspapers, photos, letters and objects.



DATE: Tuesday, November 14, 2017

TIME: 1:00pm

PLACE: The Nature Lodge in Sunset Park

COST: This is a FREE event but you must register with the Senior Office, 839-7605, starting Monday, October 30. Seating is limited. Refreshments will be served.

Toys of the '50s, '60s and '70s

From Barbie to Atari, toys don't just reflect a nostalgia for days gone by, they also represent changes in culture, advances in technology, and transitions in how we view childhood. This talk will show the many familiar toys of the 1950's to the 1970's that speak to these various themes. This talk is presented by Sharon Smith, Curator of Civic and Personal Identity with the Missouri History Museum.



WHEN: Tuesday, February 27, 2018

WHERE: Nature Lodge in Sunset Park

TIME: 1:00pm

COST: This is a FREE event, but you must register with the Senior Office by calling 839-7605 starting on Monday, February 12th. Seating is limited. Refreshments will be served.

Senior Citizens – Beware of Falling!

Each year, 2.8 million older people are treated in emergency departments for fall injuries. Missouri's rate of falls among adults 65 and older is almost twice that of the nation! Whether you've had a fall or just want to learn more about what you can do to prevent falls – sign up for one or both of these FREE OASIS classes.



"Free From Falls"

A balance screening will be held before the lecture to assess your mobility & balance.

WHEN: Tuesday, January 30, 2018

TIME: 10:00am – 12:00noon. Please arrive 30 minutes early if you wish to participate in the screening.

WHERE: Florissant Senior Dining Center (class only – no lunch available that day)
COST: FREE. This is a FREE class provided by OASIS. You must register by calling 314-862-4859 ext 24. There is limited enrollment.

"A Matter Of Balance"

Learn factors that can lead to a fall & practical tips to keep yourself on your feet! Improve flexibility & range of motion with stretches & light movements. Participants receive a free workbook to keep. There are 8 classes, each 2 hours long. The classes are held at the Florissant Senior Dining Center. (There will be no lunch program on these days)

WHEN: Every Tuesday from February 13 – April 3, 2018

TIME: 10:00am – 12:00noon

WHERE: Florissant Senior Dining Center (class only – no lunch available that day)
COST: FREE, This is a FREE class provided by OASIS. You must register by calling 314-862-4859 ext 24. There is limited enrollment.

Information about Florissant Senior Services is Available Online at www.florissantmo.com

DINNER/DANCES

An Evening In Paris

The Eiffel Tower, the Fleur de lis, the French Cuisine – let's celebrate France! The outstanding performers Scott & Karl will sing all your favorites! A delicious dinner will be served. Light snacks will be provided



and beer, wine & soda will be available for purchase. Watch the outstanding performance or dance the night away!

WHEN: Friday evening, November 17, 2017

TIME: 5:00pm – 9:00pm, dinner served at 5:30pm

WHERE: James J. Eagan Community Center

COST: Residents - \$12.00, Non-residents - \$15.00, includes admission, dinner, light snacks

TICKETS: Tickets go on sale starting Monday October 16, 2017 and continue through Monday November 13, 2017 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.

New Year's Eve In Florissant!

Senior Citizens: Do NOT sit home this New Year's Eve – Celebrate 2017 and ring in 2018! Come to our Daytime New Year's Eve Party with the Countdown to the New Year at noon! The St. Charles Big Band Orchestra will be playing their beautiful music for your listening and dancing pleasure. This year's theme is "A Red Carpet Affair".



WHEN: New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31st, 2017

TIME: 10:00am – 2:00pm

WHERE: James J. Eagan Center

COST: \$17.00 residents, \$22.00 non-residents, includes dinner, beer, wine, appetizers, dancing & attendance prizes.

TICKETS: Tickets will be sold to Florissant Residents only with a current resident card in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall starting Monday, November 20. If there are tickets remaining, on Monday, December 18th through Wednesday, December 27th, tickets will be sold to residents AND non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information and ticket availability.

Valentine Dinner/Dance

Start with a delicious dinner. Then sit back and listen to or dance to the wonderful music of Rocky & Michelle.

WHEN: Friday Night, February 9, 2018

WHERE: James J. Eagan Center

TIME: 5:00pm – 9:00pm, dinner served at 5:30pm

COST: \$12.00 residents, \$15.00 non-residents, includes admission, dinner, and light snacks.

TICKETS: Tickets go on sale beginning Monday, January 8 and continuing through Tuesday, February 6th, 2018 in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.



PARTIES

Wear your GREEN!

St Patrick's Party and Bingo will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2018. Corned Beef and Cabbage will be served, we'll have Irish Entertainment, attendance prizes will be raffled, chances for an Irish Pot of Gold and Gift Baskets will be sold and we'll play Bingo!



WHEN: Thursday, March 15, 2018

WHERE: James J. Eagan Center

TIME: 10:00am – 2:00pm

COST: \$12.00 residents, \$15.00 non-residents, includes entertainment, lunch, attendance prizes & Bingo

TICKETS: Ticket sales will begin on Tuesday, February 20 for residents with a current resident card. If there are tickets remaining, on Monday, March 5, tickets will be sold to residents AND non-residents through Monday March 12. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

TRIPS

The Discovery of KING TUT and Lunch at Zia's

Experience King Tut's Tomb and all its treasure as they were at the moment of discovery. Don't miss this special exhibition with a total of 1,000 breathtaking recreations that were scientifically and expertly hand-crafted over five years by leading Egyptian artisans. Then enjoy excellent service, outstanding food and a great atmosphere at ZIA's on the HILL.



DATE: Friday, January 5, 2018

TIME: 9:30am – 3:00pm

COST: \$35.00 residents, \$37.00 non-residents;

includes transportation, King Tut Exhibit and lunch at Zia's

TICKETS: Ticket sales begin on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 to residents only with a current resident card in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. If there are tickets remaining, on Wednesday, November 29 until December 12, tickets will be sold to residents and non-residents.

Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story and Lunch at Charlie Gitto's



Enjoy a delicious lunch at Charlie Gitto's, a St. Louis Landmark! Then on to the Peabody Opera House for a great experience of Classic Rock n Roll Music - That'll be the Day, Not Fade Away, Oh Boy, La Bamba, Chantilly Lace. Follow the spectacular but short career of Buddy Holly in this musical that is in its 27th year!

DATE: Saturday, February 10, 2018

TIME: 10:45am – 5:00pm

COST: \$60.00 residents, \$62.00 non-residents, includes transportation, Lunch at Charlie Gitto's & the Buddy Holly Production at the Peabody

TICKETS: This is a Silver Words Trip. Tickets go on sale to Silver Words Club Members only at the Silver Words Club Meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2018. If there are tickets remaining, tickets will go on sale in the Senior Office on Friday, January 12, 2018 to residents and non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for ticket availability or more information.

The Ambassadors of Harmony at the Cathedral Basilica and Dinner at Hodak's

Enjoy the Best Fried Chicken in St. Louis at Hodak's – a St. Louis Institution! Then experience an evening of spectacular music featuring some of the World's Best Musicians, The Ambassadors of Harmony in one of the World's Grandest Cathedrals – the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis!



DATE: Saturday, March 24, 2018

TIME: 4:45pm – 10:30pm

COST: \$50.00 residents, \$52.00 non-residents, includes transportation, Dinner at Hodak's and Ambassadors of Harmony Performance at the Cathedral

TICKETS: Ticket Sales begin on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 to residents only with a current resident card in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. If there are tickets remaining, on Wednesday, February 21 through Friday, March 9, tickets will be sold to residents and non-residents.

Tour of Bellefontaine Cemetery and Lunch at Lombardo's

Visit one of the premier cemeteries in the country, with fourteen miles of curved roadways that afford beautiful views of the landscape, including thousands of shrubs & trees and hundreds of works of art. Bellefontaine Cemetery is an outdoor museum, containing fine sculptures and memorial art reflecting the changing tastes of our culture. With 87,000 interments, Bellefontaine is the final resting place of men and women whose lives have contributed significantly to the westward expansion of our country. After this remarkable tour, we will experience Classic & Authentic Italian Cuisine with lunch at the Famous Lombardo's Restaurant.



DATE: Thursday, April 12, 2018

TIME: 9:30am – 2:30pm

COST: \$27.00 residents, \$29.00 non-residents, includes transportation, Tour of Bellefontaine Cemetery and Lunch at Lombardo's

TICKETS: This is a Silver Words Trip. Tickets go on sale to Silver Words Club Members only at the Silver Words Club Meeting on Thursday, March 8, 2018. If there are tickets remaining, tickets will go on sale in the Senior Office on Friday, March 9, 2018 to residents and non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for ticket availability or more information.

Tax Preparation

The City of Florissant and AARP has partnered to bring Senior Citizens over the age of 60 free tax preparations. This service is for senior citizens with an income of \$51,000 or less. Starting Tuesday, January 16, call the Senior Office, 839-7605, to make an appointment. Preparation begins on February 19, 2018 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at the JFK Center in Koch Park. You must have an appointment for this service.



FLORISSANT SENIOR DINING CENTER A Taste Of Florissant!

Starting on December 1, 2017, local Florissant Restaurants will cater the Florissant Senior Dining Center and share their specialties with our diners! Grab a seat or bring a table of friends and enjoy the great food that our community has to offer! Starting December 1, the center will be open for lunch on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch is served at 12:00noon. All activities begin at 11:00am. Daily lunch price is \$7.00. Call the Dining Center, 839-7603, at least 24 hours in advance to make a reservation. Pick up the monthly calendar of restaurants and activities in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall, the Dining Center, on our local Florissant Channel (992 on Charter & 99 on AT&T) or our Florissant Website at www.florissantmo.com.

Listed below is our Dining Center Calendar for the month of December.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Area churches from all faiths will join together to provide a FREE Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2017. People from all faith traditions are welcome to join together to give thanks for our blessings and share a holiday meal. This event is solely dependent on donations

from local businesses and individuals. Volunteers then serve the dinner. The dinner is served at St. Ferdinand Church at 1765 Charbonier in Florissant from 11:30am until 1:30pm, with take out from 11:30 until 2:00pm. If you would like



more information or if you would like to volunteer, please check the website, www.stferdinandstl.org or email at thanksgivingdinner@stferdinandstl.org.

SENIORS DINING CENTER CALENDAR

DATE	RESTAURANT/ MENU	ACTIVITY
Fri., Dec. 1	Free Lunch provided by SSM	Health & Wellness Day
Mon. Dec. 4	Amore's: House Salad, Breadsticks & Pizza	Word Games w/prizes
Wed., Dec. 6	Bread Co: Turkey Sandwich & Salad	Special Bingo w/prizes
Fri., Dec. 8	Bandana's: Pulled Pork: BBQ Beans & Potato Salad	Speaker: Fire Dept. on Earthquake Preparedness
Mon., Dec. 11	Helfer's: Beef Stew & Rolls	Crazy Bingo/prizes
Wed., Dec. 13	Honey Baked Ham: Ham Sandwich & Chips	Board Games
Fri., Dec. 15	Cannoli's: Rigatoni w/meat sauce, salad, bread	Rob Your Neighbor
Mon., Dec. 18	Dogs N Frys: Chicago Dog & Frys	Penny Poker
Wed., Dec. 20	Firehouse Subs: Italian Sandwich & Chips	Crafts with Elizabeth
Fri., Dec. 22	Helfer's: Chili & Corn Muffins	Christmas Party
Mon. Dec. 25	CENTER CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	
Wed., Dec. 27	Amore's: Fried Chicken, Garlic Parm. Alfredo, Green Beans	Birthday Party
Fri., Dec. 29	Bread Co: Tuna Salad Sandwich & Greek Salad	New Year's Party

Project Lift Off



Come hang out with us for the night and enjoy great DJ music, the game room, ice skating, swimming, basketball, and awesome door prizes. Invite all your friends; this will be a night you will never forget! This event is for 5th – 8th graders and will be held at the James J. Eagan Center on Saturday, December 2nd, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tickets are required for the event. Tickets may be purchased at the Eagan Center or the JFK Community Center. Cost is \$6 or \$8 the day of the event. No tickets sold at the door. This program is held in cooperation with the Parks & Recreation Department and the Dare Program. This is a Drug Free/Alcohol Free/Tobacco Free Holiday Event for 5th – 8th graders.

Winter Break Camp



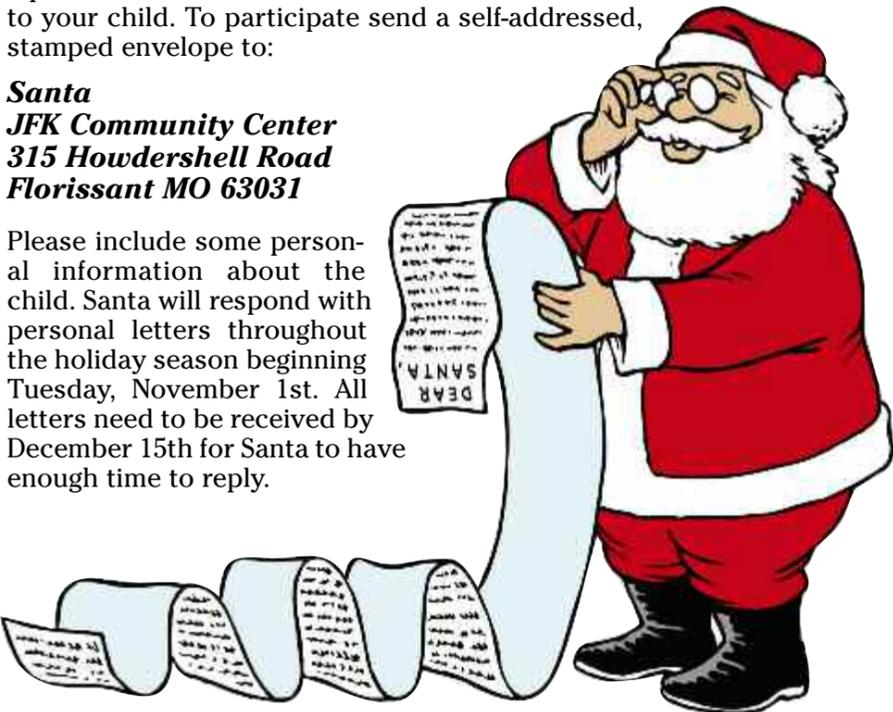
Join us over winter break for some fun games and activities. This camp will be similar to our Summer Playground program. Activities include swimming, ice skating, and much more! Camp will be held at the James J. Eagan Center December 26 - January 2nd (no camp on 1/1), 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Registration is ongoing but spots are limited so sign up early. The program is for children ages 6-10. Cost is \$60 for residents and \$120 for non-residents.

Letters from Santa

Did you know that the Parks & Recreation Department will arrange for a personalized Christmas letter from Santa to be sent to your child. To participate send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Santa
JFK Community Center
315 Howdershell Road
Florissant MO 63031

Please include some personal information about the child. Santa will respond with personal letters throughout the holiday season beginning Tuesday, November 1st. All letters need to be received by December 15th for Santa to have enough time to reply.



Visit with Santa



A great program for those little ones wanting to visit with Santa. The event is a ticketed event and will be held on, Saturday December 9th, 9:30-11 a.m. at the Sunset Park Nature Lodge. Tickets can be purchased by showing a current resident card and paying \$2, after December 4th non-residents may purchase tickets for \$5. A limited number of tickets are available, so purchase yours early. Tickets can be obtained at the JFK Center or the Eagan Center. Light refreshments will be served. Make sure and bring your camera so that you can capture all the fun.

House Decorating Contest



The Parks & Recreation Department are once again sponsoring a House Decorating Contest. Applications are FREE to Florissant Residents and will be available beginning Monday, November 20th at the James J. Eagan Center, JFK Community Center and Florissant City Hall. Parks and Recreation Department prizes are awarded to the best decorated homes.

Temporary yard signs acknowledging 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be posted. The city will remove the signs within one week. The deadline to apply is Monday, December 11th at 5 PM. Judging will begin at 6 PM on Wednesday, December 13th.

Snowman Building Contest



If you think you build the best snowman in your neighborhood, then we have a contest for you! From November 1 to February 28, anytime it snows, build a snowman. Take a picture of yourself and the snowman and send it to our office along with an application. Prizes will be awarded. The Youth Advisory Commission will be the judges. Contest entrants must be a Florissant Resident. This is for children ages 0-15. You can pick up an application at the JFK Center or the Eagan Center, or by visiting our website at www.florissantmo.com. Submit your completed application and a digital photo to jsteib@florissantmo.com or send your picture with your child's name, address, phone number and age to: Attn. Snowman Contest, JFK Community Center, 315 Howdershell Rd, Florissant, MO 63031

Sharing & Caring Food Drive

Beginning on Tuesday, November 1– December 15th a barrel for the Sharing and Caring Food Drive will be placed at the James J. Eagan Center and the JFK Community Center. We encourage all residents to donate non-perishable and canned food donations. These donations will be given to organizations and food pantries within the city limits of Florissant. Please help bring holiday cheer to those families who may not be as fortunate as most.



Ice Rink is Open



The City of Florissant's Ice Rink opened for the season on October 23rd. Public Skate sessions are scheduled on Wednesday 7-9 p.m., Friday 7-9 p.m. and Saturday 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. and Sundays 2-4 p.m. Stick and Puck sessions will be available at various times along with a Learn to Skate Lessons.

The Ice Rink also offers a Learn to Skate Program. This program helps your child gain confidence on the ice and learns the skills necessary to become an accomplished ice skater. Lessons consist of instruction for all beginning skaters. Dates for the lessons are December 26th – 30th and Saturdays, January 6th – February 3. Times for the lessons are: Kiddy (3-5) 8:30 – 9:15 a.m., Beginner (6 & older) 9:25 – 10:10 a.m., Advance Beginner: 10:20 – 11:05 a.m. Registration will begin October 15 for residents at a cost of \$20 and October 22 for non-residents at a cost of \$25.

For more information call 314-921-4470 or check the city's website at www.florissantmo.com.



New Hours of Operation for Parks & Recreation Facilities

Beginning December 1st, the hours of operation for the James J. Eagan Civic Center and the JFK Community Center will be changing. New hours will be: Monday – Friday 6 a.m. – 9 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. – 7 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Summer hours (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day) will be: Monday – Friday 6 a.m. – 8 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Cold Weather Tips For Your Pets

Take your dog outside only for as long as it takes to relieve him or herself. Small, shorthaired breeds such as Chihuahuas and terriers suffer from the cold despite their seemingly warm fur coats.

Dogs frequently lose their scent in snow and ice. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season.

Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he or she comes in out of the rain, snow, or ice. Check your dogs foot pads, which may be bleeding from snow or ice encrusted in them. He or she may also pick up salt and other chemicals on their feet accidentally. As we all know dogs lick their feet and these chemicals could hurt your pet if swallowed.

Antifreeze, even in very tiny doses, is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. But because of its sweet taste, animals are attracted to it. Be sure clean up spills thoroughly.

By law, all dogs must have a sturdy well built shelter available at all times. In the winter, but sure to pack your dogs shelter with straw to help hold in the heat and keep your animal dry. Water will freeze quickly, be sure to maintain your dogs water bowl so it will not freeze over.



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