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THE FLORISSANT PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO HOST THE 12TH ANNUAL "LIGHT THE DARKNESS" GLOW RUN ON SEPTEMBER 18TH

Mayor Lowery is pleased to announce that the city's Parks & Recreation Department will host the 12th annual "Light the Darkness" Suicide Prevention Fundraiser. The event is on Saturday September 18TH at St. Ferdinand Park. There will be Food Trucks, & Food Vendors, Games & Activities for the family and Glow Items for sale. The cost to participate in the Glow Run 5K or 1 Mile Fun Run is \$25 through September 1st and \$30 after September 1st.

You do not have to be participating in the run to enjoy the food and festivities. There will be raffle baskets filled with items donated by local businesses, a 50/50 drawing, glow in the dark photo booth and giveaways from many of the event sponsors. There will be a ton of glow and light themed course decorations and all registered participants will receive an event t-shirt and custom glow in the dark medal when they cross the finish line. It is open to walkers, joggers, crawlers and runners of all ages. The race is not officially timed and incredibly laid back so the participants can enjoy the decorations along the way and feel free to stop and take photos.

There are so many ways for anyone to contribute, and 100% of the net proceeds from the day are donated to the Eastern MO Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention as well as CHADS Coalition for Mental Health and funds programs and outreach right here in the community.

If you want to purchase just a t-shirt, you may do so for only \$15! If you purchase a t-shirt by September 1st we can guarantee your requested sizes. After that date, requested sizes cannot be guaranteed but we will make our best effort to give you the requested size if it is available. This year's shirt is a super soft bright blue unisex t-shirt featuring a deep purple and UV reactive neon green logo. You can purchase a t-shirt only by visiting the John F. Kennedy Center or James J. Eagan Center Front Desk or through the registration website.

For more information and to sign for this event visit the website at <u>https://runsignup.com/Race/MO/Florissant/LightTheDarkness</u>.