



Valley of Flowers Festival May 4, 5 & 6

"Valley of Flowers Celebrates the Muny's 100th"

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 6 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 and walking units, as well as 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 2018 Valley of Flowers Parade is "Muny's 100th" and will feature many floats and units decorated to reflect themes of the Muny's plays which have taken place over the last 100 years. Many City officials and

local municipal emergency responder vehicles, the Valley of Flowers reigning Queen and Court, and all seventeen 2018 Candidates as well as car clubs, walking units, horse groups, dog clubs, dance schools and scout groups, that make up the fabric of our community, 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 2018 Valley of Flowers Queen and Court at 4:00

p.m. Prior to the crowning ceremony, awards will be presented to the various winning parade units and 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 4, 5 & 6, 2018 "Valley of Flowers Celebrates the Muny's 100th"



*The 2017 Valley of Flowers Queen and Court:
Special Maid - Erin O'Brien, Special Maid - Sophie Capra, Queen - Megan Pilla,
First Runner Up - Morgan Kiel, and Special Maid - Mallory Sifford
(Photo Courtesy - Kent Miller Photography)*

Valley of Flowers Parade

1:45 p.m. on Sunday, May 6

With Mr. Richard Cox as Parade Marshall



The Valley of Flowers Committee has selected Mr. Richard Cox owner and operator of Danmark Tire and Auto Center at 735 N. Highway 67 in Florissant as the 2018 Valley of Flowers Parade Marshall. Mr. Cox has operated the business since 1976. In the early 1980's he submitted a competitive bid for servicing vehicles for the City of Florissant. Through excellent service, he has maintained that contract year after year, keeping police cars and other city vehicles running safely. He was recently awarded a similar contract for the Florissant Valley Fire Protection District.

City employees have also entrusted Mr. Cox and his team with their family vehicles for generations. As his business in Florissant continues to grow and thrive, he is pleased to

announce the acquisition of the building adjacent to his and therefore will be expanding his operations in Florissant to better serve his customers. Danmark is a family business where Mr. Cox's son Scott is an integral part of the team. They are always quick to do a favor for many of their loyal customers.

Mr. Cox is proud to be a resident of Florissant with his family. He is a very active member of the Cornerstone Christian Church and dedicates much of his time and resources to the church.

Congratulations to Mr. Richard Cox on the expansion of his business in Florissant! The Valley of Flowers Committee is proud to have Mr. Richard Cox as the 2018 Valley of Flowers Parade Marshall.

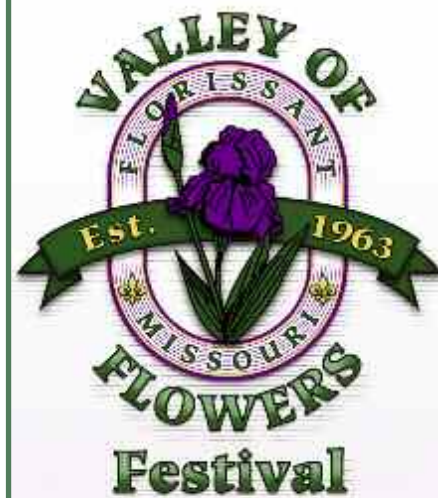
The Valley of Flowers Festival Has a Large and Diverse Offering of Entertainment

Be sure to see Pages 4 through 7 for the many events and venues that provide a great weekend full of entertainment for all ages.

The Fairgrounds at the Knights of Columbus Grounds next to Old St. Ferdinand Shrine is a site of active fun for the entire three days of the Valley of Flowers Festival. Visitors can enjoy carnival rides and games, food and beverages as well as tours of the Historic St. Ferdinand Shrine and other activities such as a book fair that the Shrine has to offer.

On Saturday, the 22nd Valley of Flowers Car Show is a half mile long street festival on rue St. Francois with food, drinks, music, flea markets, offerings from local businesses and a huge display of very impressive automobiles.

Also on Saturday, The James J. Eagan Center plays host to the Valley of Flowers Children's Celebration of Performing Arts. But don't think that events there are "only" for children, there is fun and entertainment for all ages. In addition to the many highly talented entertainers, there is a great Food Court, Crafts & Flea Market, a Plant Sale and much more. If you have never visited the Eagan Center during Valley of Flowers, you are missing one of the big highlights.



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

Event Sponsors

- Raising Cane's 
- James J. Eagan Center

- Regions Bank 
- Pre-Parade Party

Fleur de Lis Sponsors

- City of Florissant
- Citizen's National Bank
- Commerce Bank
- Don Henefer Jewelers
- Florissant Rotary Club
- Handyman True Value Hardware
- Knights of Columbus – Duchesne Council
- Missouri Arts Council
- Regional Arts Commission

Rose Level Sponsors

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- U-Haul Moving & Storage Florissant
- Universal Windows Direct

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

Special Thanks! to the Valley of Flowers Committee

The festival is organized by the Valley of Flowers Committee
Chairperson: Laurie Lowery;
Board Members: Kathy Blasingame, Kelly Eagan, Vicky Egan, Mary Gettemeier, Mike Kubiak, Michael Lunatto, Liz O'Fallon, Ron Peach and Tom Jost.

Office Coordinator: Kim Miller

The committee works in partnership with the City of Florissant.

For Information contact:
Valley of Flowers Festival
601 rue St. Charles
Florissant, MO 63031
Phone: 314-837-0033
www.florissantvalleyofflowers.com



Home Improvement Program (HIP)

The City of Florissant's Community Development Office have applications available for the Home Improvement Program Applications can be found by visiting www.florissantmo.com under the Community Development Department page or at the Community Development Office located in the Government Building at 1055 rue St. Francois.

COMPLETED applications will be accepted Tuesday, May 1, 2018 on a "First-Come-First Serve" basis until all funds have been awarded.

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

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

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



Log Cabin Open House



**Sponsored by
Historic Florissant, Inc.**

Saturday, May 5, 10:00-4:00
1065 Washington Street
FREE of charge - Donations welcomed

If you have ever been curious about that old log cabin on Washington St. at Florissant Rd., on the Saturday of Valley of Flowers weekend you will have an opportunity to learn about its history and see it upclose, both inside and out.

Historic Florissant Inc. provides an opportunity for the community to better understand its heritage through tours and special events and actively participates in preservation activities on the local, state and national level working to preserve landmarks, neighborhoods and historic district.

For more information about Historic Florissant Inc., visit:
www.historicflorissant.com



Volunteering for a Better Florissant

While you're getting ready for the Valley of Flowers celebration, try to remember those who are 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 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!

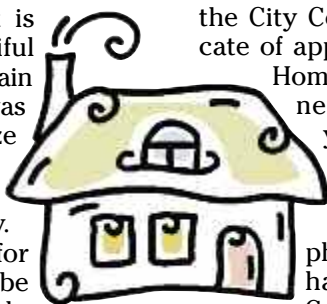
For more information on volunteer opportunities with the City of Florissant, email us at volunteer@florissantmo.com or call us at 314-595-3633

2018 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 25, 2018.

**Sponsored by
City of Florissant
Citizen Participation Committee**

CITY OF FLORISSANT 2018 BEAUTIFUL HOME AWARDS

I nominate the following home for a 2018 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
(Must attach a current photo)

DEADLINE: Friday, May 25, 2018 by Noon

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Greetings Everyone,

Welcome to the **Valley of Flowers** special edition of the Focus Newspaper. Spring is in the air and whatever your interests you're sure to find outdoor fun and fulfillment in the City of Florissant.

The **56th Annual Valley of Flowers Festival** takes place May 4, 5 and 6. The theme this year is the "Valley of Flowers celebrates the Municipal Opera (Muny) at Forest Park's 100th" anniversary. 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 4 and three on Saturday May 5. 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 (WNO)** event "Proud to be an American!" at 6:00 p.m. on May 30th in front of the VFW Post on rue St. Francois. At 5:45 we will dedicate a Walk Thru History Plaque in honor of the Vietnam Unknown who was later identified as Florissant Son, First Lieutenant Michael Blassie, a fighter pilot who was shot down May 11, 1972. The next (WNO) event in Old Town will be held on June 27th at 6:00 p.m. site to be determined and we will be dedicating a Walk Thru History plaque in honor of Dr. Paul Detrick, Sr. The third (WNO) event "Movie Night" will be on July 25th at the Old St. Ferdinand Shrine and we will dedicate a Walk Thru History plaque at 5:45 PM in honor of the late Kay Spring. August 30th will be the fourth (WNO) event "Dancing in the Street" at 6:00 p.m. from Stems Florist to Bunkers and we will dedicate our last plaque of the year in honor of the late Lowell Girardier. On September 27th we will host the last (WNO) event of the year at Hendel's starting at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact the Old Town Partners' office at 314-837-0033.

The **2018 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 or call 314-921-5678.

The first **Florissant Food Truck Night** was held on Friday, April 20th sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the City with future food truck nights scheduled for June 15th, August 17th and October 12th. 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 **10th 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 30 volunteers that turned out at Sunset Park to pick up litter along the banks of the Missouri River. The event was part of the 10th 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.

Our **Electronic Recycling Drive** was held on Saturday, April 7th and 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 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 **7th Annual Florissant Resident "Free Document Shredding Day"** was held on Saturday, April 21st 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 2017 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.

"Experience Public Golf at its Finest!" **Florissant Golf Club** manager **Don Ryan** and our customer friendly staff put customer service at the forefront of your golfing experience. With our large deck and banquet room we can handle any size golf outing. For a TEE TIME or to book your next special golf event contact the **Florissant Golf Club** at 314-741-7444 or visit www.florissantgolfclub.com. 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.

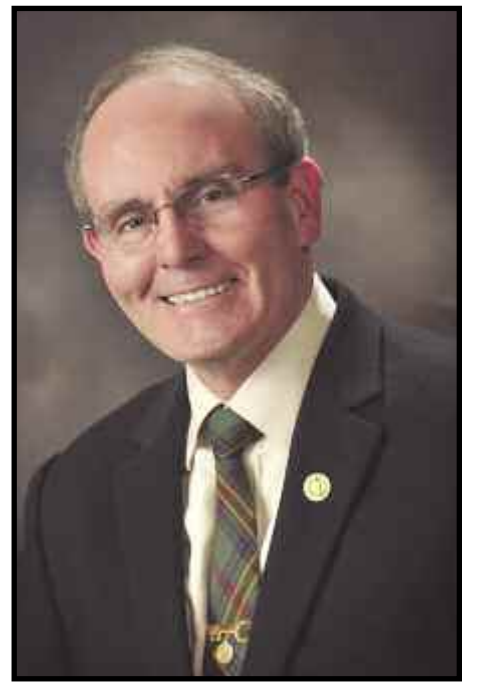
The **Public Works Department** is preparing to do **\$5,527,000 in street work** which includes \$990,000 in slurry seal resurfacing work on 112 different streets, \$450,000 in concrete pavement replacement and repairs on 23 streets, and \$1,700,000 in major street repairs with an asphalt overlay on 19 different streets. Work also includes replacement of the St. Anthony Lane Bridge over Fountain creek estimated at \$550,000 and major street and storm water work on North Lafayette Street (N.Hwy.67 to Washington) estimated at \$2,327,000. Major street repairs will begin in early spring.

The street work on N. Lafayette Street and the replacement of St. Anthony Lane Bridge over Fountain creek are made possible from grants received from East-West Gateway Coordinating Council and the Missouri Department of Transportation. Recently MoDOT completed inspections of all bridge structures in the City and found no major problems on any of our structures.

The City has been officially notified that the Insurance Services Office (ISO) an independent insurer-supported organization has upgraded our Building Code Effectiveness grade from a Class 4 to a Class 3 (Class 1 being the highest). Effective code enforcement helps keep insurance rates down and has a major influence on the economic well-being of a municipality.

The new **Municipal Court Building and Police Substation** (formerly the Dick Weber Bowling Lanes on Washington Street) is nearing completion and will accommodate a large, modern municipal court-room, court office facility and a police sub-station. Renovations will be completed and a dedication ceremony will take place this summer.

The Public Works Department has also implemented a new program to monitor and maintain **vacant properties and residential rental properties** in the City. If vacant residential property owners refuse to maintain the exterior of their properties, then the City will contract to have the work done and will bill the owner. Vacant properties left vacant for over six months must have them registered with the City so the Police and Public Works departments can keep an eye on them. Owners of residential rental properties must attend a Crime Free Seminar before they can renew their residential rental licenses for the year. These mandatory **Crime**



Free Seminars have been well received and are very informative to landlords and explains in much more detail how the City partners with landlords to monitor and maintain their properties and help keep good tenants thereby increasing all property values.

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 are sure to stimulate even more economic growth. Listed here is a partial list of completed projects, under construction, or in the design phase.

- Total Urgent Care
- First Collinsville Bank will open a new facility on New Halls Ferry Road.
- Regions Bank has opened a new facility on Lindbergh next to Dierbergs.
- Raising Canes Chicken has opened.
- U-Haul is under construction on Lindbergh.
- D'Vita Dialysis is open at Cross Keys.
- Popeye's Chicken has opened on Lindbergh.
- Dunkin Donuts will open a new store on Lindbergh.
- The Train Depot has a new tenant. "Mommy's de SIGN Farm"
- Chick Fil A is coming to the Florissant Valley Shopping Center
- Crazy Bowls & Wraps opened on April 5th.
- Dierbergs is undergoing a major renovation.

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





Visit Historic St. Ferdinand Shrine During the Valley of Flowers Festival

The Valley of Flowers is a wonderful time to stop by and visit Florissant's most famous landmark, St. Ferdinand Shrine, home of St. Philippine Duchesne. Located at the foot of Rue St. Francois, we are the oldest standing Church in the Louisiana Territory.

During the annual Valley of Flowers Festival, the friends of Old St. Ferdinand host a variety of activities with the money raised going toward the preservation of the Shrine.

The activities at the Shrine grounds will begin Saturday May 5th 11:00am – 5:00pm and Sunday May 6th 11:00am – 5:00pm

- Tours of the Shrine
- Food available inside the School house on Saturday
- Pull Tabs
- Used Book Fair on the Second Floor of the Schoolhouse - Books will go for our festival bargain price - \$5.00 per bag!
- Shrine Gift Shop open
- Historical Reenactors
- Old Time Games for Children
- Booth space is available starting at \$100



Come join us!

Walk in the “Volksmarch”

The St. Louis Stuttgart Volksmarch Club will sponsor this free “People’s Walk” through interesting and scenic areas. This is: 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 5, with registration from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in the Pavilion on the path behind the Old Town Partners & Valley of Flowers house at 601 rue St. Charles. The “Peoples Walk” begins on the path adjacent to the pavilion and continues 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 #2. Enjoy the competition of High School baseball games during the Valley of Flowers Festival week. The schedule is at right:

- Thursday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m.
 - Hazelwood West vs. Riverview Gardens
 - Friday, May 4, at 4:00 p.m.
 - Hazelwood East vs. Hazelwood Central
 - Friday, May 4, at 7:00 p.m.
 - McCluer vs. McCluer North
- (Home team is listed first.)

Pitch, Hit & Run Competition



**Thursday, May 3
6:00 p.m.**

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 with a chance to advance to Sectionals, Team Championships! This program is FREE but requires pre-registration by May 2. To register, call the JKF Community Center at (314) 921-4250 or the James J. Eagan Center at (314) 921-4466 starting March 27, 2018.

First Responders



The Florissant Police Department and the Florissant Valley Fire Protection District will be onsite and hosting various First Responders Demonstrations at the James J. Eagan

Center along Waterford Saturday, May 5, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will be canine demonstrations, one at 10:30 am and the second at 2:00 pm.

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 barbecue. 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. The beer garden will be open Friday through Sunday. On Sunday, watch the parade and experience the crowning of the queen and her court at the Knights of Columbus Pavilion. Awards will be presented to the winners of the Valley of Flowers Parade and Pretty Baby Photo contest. Rides and

activities continue on the grounds until close.

The Knights of Columbus grounds are open on Friday from 4:00 to close, on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to close, and on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to close. 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 Dierbergs, a well-enforced dress code and increased overall security. Additionally, no one will be allowed to enter the Knights Grounds after 8:00 p.m. on any evening.

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

Old Town Partners Presents the Valley of Flowers Car Show

Florissant Old Town Partners invites you to come and enjoy a spectacular Car Show set against the backdrop of the historic business district of Old Town Florissant. The Car Show will be on Saturday May 5, from 8:00 am 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 for cars is \$15.00. Trophies will be awarded at 3:00 pm. Call the Old Town Partners office at 314-837-0033 or 314-537-3425 for pre-registration and information (If necessary, a rainout date has been planned for May 12).



Visit 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. R. W. Magic among others will perform for free within the area. “Eddie” the Florissant K-9 Community Service dog will be in attendance. 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 5, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.





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 2018 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 veg-

etable 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 4. It will then continue Saturday, May 5, 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 - then search "Gardeners of Florissant," when it opens to select "Projects/Events".

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 4, from Noon to 9:00 pm and Saturday, May 5, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.



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 4, from Noon to 8:00 pm and Saturday, May 5, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. 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 4-inch by 6-inch photo (or smaller) featuring one child per photo along with a \$5.00 registration fee by May 4. Entries after this deadline will be charged a \$7.00 entry fee. 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 and the entry fee to: Valley of Flowers Festival 601rue St. Charles Florissant, MO 63031



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 6 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 Children's area.

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 4, from Noon to 9:00 pm and Saturday, May 5, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. 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.

Florissant Old Town Partners will host their annual Flea Market on the lower level of the James J. Eagan Center on Friday, May 4, from Noon to 9:00 pm and Saturday, May 5, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. 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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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 4th. It continues through Saturday, May 5th in Florissant Valley Park (grounds of the James J. Eagan Center). Free performances in the Big Top and Sideshow Tent will begin Friday evening and continue throughout the day Saturday. Young people will have abundant opportunities to enhance their festival visit with demonstrations and 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 Missouri Arts Council, Regional Arts Commission, the City of Florissant, Florissant Fine Arts Council, the Valley of Flowers Committee, Florissant Rotary Club and many of our local area businesses.

ZOPPÉ: An Italian Family Circus... with Nino the Clown



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 story-line evolving from Nino, a gentle, funny and endearing clown played by Zoppé, who has been trying unsuccessfully to join the circus.



Special thanks to Hispanic Festival, Inc. for their support and participation.



2018 Children's Celebration of Performing Arts Performance Schedule

Date/Time	Performer	Location
Friday, May 4		
4:00 pm	Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown	Big Top
5:00 pm	Babaloo Music and Fun	Sideshow Tent
6:00 pm	Kaboom	Sideshow Tent
7:00 pm	Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown	Big Top
Saturday, May 5		
11:00 am	Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown	Big Top
11:00 am	Fanfare Band with Kittie Moller	Sideshow Tent
12:00 am	RW Magic	Sideshow Tent
1:00 pm	Kaboom	Sideshow Tent
2:00 pm	Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown	Big Top
2:00 pm	Fanfare Band with Kittie Moller	Sideshow Tent
3:30 pm	Kaboom	Sideshow Tent
5:00 pm	Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown	Big Top

Saturday on the Grounds

- Kincaid Karacter Puppets
- Shows at 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm

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

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DOKTOR KABOOM! "Look Out! Science Is Coming!"



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Visit with the Florissant Environmental Quality Commission



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The Florissant Environmental Quality Commission will be hosting a table at the James J. Eagan Center ice rink during the Florissant Valley Flowers on Saturday, May 5th. Members of the Florissant EQC will be handing out re-

useable grocery shopping bags and other promotional items. There will be information available about recycling, composting, and other issues affecting the environment here in Florissant. Please stop by and see us!



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Enjoy the Music of “Fanfare” with vocalist Kittie Moller

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The Kincaid Karacter Puppets tour live nationally and present fast-paced family oriented puppet shows featuring slapstick comedy, classic one liners, audience participation, and plenty of thrills and surprises, all presented and performed in a style and manner reminiscent of the classic festival performances of the 1800's.

Kincaid Karacter Puppets will be appearing on the festival grounds Saturday, May 5, at 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., and 3:30 p.m.



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“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.

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What Should Investors Know About Recent Volatility?

As you may have heard, the stock market has been on a wild ride lately. What's behind this volatility? And, as an investor, how concerned should you be?

Let's look at the first question first. What caused the steep drop in stock prices we experienced on a few separate days?

Essentially, two main factors seem to be responsible. First, some good economic news may actually have played a significant role. A 17-year low in unemployment and solid job growth have begun to push wages upward. These developments have led to fears of rising inflation, which, in turn, led to speculation that the Federal Reserve will tighten the money supply at a faster-than-expected rate. Stocks reacted negatively to these expectations of higher interest rates.

The second cause of the market volatility appears to be simply a reaction to the long bull market. While rising stock prices lead many people to continue buying more and more shares, some people actually need to sell their stocks – and this pent-up selling demand, combined with short-term profit-taking, helped contribute to the large sell-offs of recent days.

Now, as for the question of how concerned you should be about this volatility, consider these points:

Sell-offs are nothing unusual. We've often experienced big sell-offs, but they've generally been followed with strong recoveries. Of course, past performance is not a guarantee of future results, but history has shown that patient, persistent investors have often been rewarded.

Fundamentals are strong. While short-term market movements can be caused by a variety of factors, economic conditions and corporate earnings typically drive performance in the long term. Right

now, the U.S. economy is near full employment, consumer and business sentiment has risen strongly, manufacturing and service activity is at multi-year highs, and GDP growth in 2018 appears to be on track for the best performance since 2015. Furthermore, corporate earnings are expected to rise this year.

So, given this background, what's your next move? Here are some suggestions:

Review your situation. You may want to work with a financial professional to evaluate your portfolio to determine if it is helping you make the progress you need to eventually achieve your long-term goals.

Reassess your risk tolerance. If you were unusually upset over the loss in value of your investments during the market pullback, you may need to review your risk tolerance to determine if it's still appropriate for your investment mix. If you feel you are taking on too much risk, you may need to rebalance your portfolio. Keep in mind, though, that by “playing it safe” and investing heavily in vehicles that offer greater protection of principal, but little in the way of return, you run the risk of not attaining the growth you need to reach your objectives.

Look for opportunities. A market pullback such as the one we've experienced, which occurs during a period of economic expansion and rising corporate profits, can give long-term investors a chance to add new shares at attractive prices in an environment that may be conducive to a market rally.

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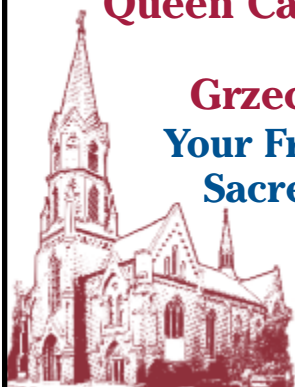
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2018 Valley of Flowers Queen Candidates

One of these seventeen outstanding young women will be chosen as the 2018 Valley of Flowers Queen with four runners-up forming her court.

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Saturday, July 14 – Rockin' Chair

Performing hits from a great era. Featuring the music of Crosby Stills & Nash, The Eagles, Jackson Browne, Poco, Loggins & Messina, and more. – In St. Ferdinand Park

Saturday, July 21 – Steve Ewing Band

Former lead singer of the URGE and his band perform classic covers, new independent releases & URGE favorites. – In St. Ferdinand Park

Saturday, July 28 – SmashBand Superhits with Smash live on Stage

Ten-piece band playing the hits of the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s – In St. Ferdinand Park

Saturday, August 4 – Billy Peek Band

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Saturday, August 11 – Butch Wax & The Hollywoods with Theo Peoples from The Four Tops

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Saturday, August 25 – Fanfare Band featuring Kittie Moller

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Northwinds Concert Band presents:

Northwinds Musical Celebration

May 5 – 7:30 p.m.



Join in the celebration when Northwinds Concert Band under the direction of Larry Marsh presents a toe-tapping program of exciting music, including classic works for symphonic band. The acclaimed 60-piece ensemble will mark the 100th anniversary of Leonard Bernstein's birth with his iconic music from West Side Story. John Williams' score for the 1992 film Far and Away is filled with lovely Irish melodies and energetic Celtic dances. Richard Rodgers' powerful music for the 1952 television series Victory at Sea will be featured in Robert Russell Bennett's original transcription. Broadway will be represented with music from Chess by Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus of the pop group ABBA. The band's saxophone section will be featured in Jazzin' It Up. Guest conductor Hadley Haux will lead the ensemble in John Philip Sousa's arrangement of Grainger's Handel in the Sand and Joseph Jenkins' classic American Overture for Band. Northwinds has presented concerts in the Civic Center Theatre for over thirty years. Maestro Marsh, who has directed the ensemble since 1982, hopes that the large crowds who attended the holiday concert in December will find their way back into the theatre this May for this great spring concert during Valley of Flowers weekend.

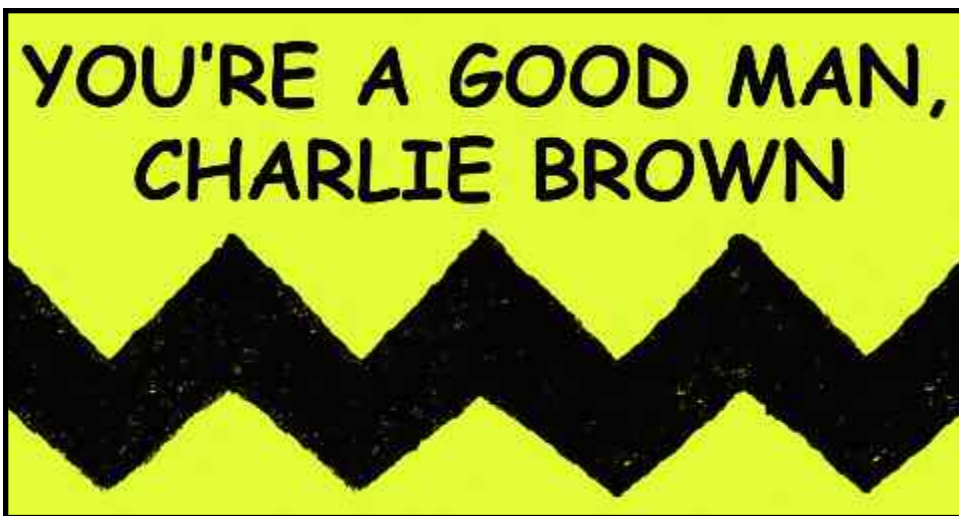
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Alpha Players present:

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

May 18 – 7:30 p.m. May 19 – 7:30 p.m.

May 25 – 7:30 p.m. May 26 – 7:30 p.m. May 27 – 2:00 p.m.



Whether you're keen to fly with the Red Baron, moon over the Moonlight Sonata, or just do your best to find "happiness," this musical will please you! Join us for an "average day in the life of Charlie Brown" – a day made up of little moments from Valentine's Day to baseball season, from wild optimism to utter despair, all mixed with the lives of his friends (both human and non-human) and strung together on the string of a single day, from bright uncertain morning to hopeful starlit evening. It's a sweet reminder of the simpler things in life.

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Aug 3 – 7:30 p.m. Aug 4 – 7:30 p.m. Aug 5 – 2:00 p.m.



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Sep 8 – 7:30 p.m.

Sep 9 – 2:00 p.m.

The Next Generation Theatre Company production of Disney's Newsies tells the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of teenaged "newsies." When titans of publishing raise distribution prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions and fight for what's right! Based on the 1992 motion picture and inspired by a true story, Newsies features a Tony Award-winning score by Alan Menken (Little Shop of Horrors, Sister Act) and Jack Feldman and a book by Tony Award winner Harvey Fierstein (Kinky Boots). Featuring the now classic songs "Carrying the Banner," "Seize the Day," and "Santa Fe," Newsies is packed with non-stop thrills and a timeless message, perfect for the whole family and every audience.



For ticket pricing and information: 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com



Senior Citizen Parties

Memorial Day Party & Bingo.

We Remember Those Who Served.



Florissant Senior Citizens will honor the brave men and women who have served our country. American Legion Post 444 will give us a Presenting the Colors Ceremony. The Florissant Men of Harmony will entertain us with a patriotic program. Our All-American lunch will include: Country fried chicken breast, creamy potato salad, home style baked beans, tossed salad, rolls & butter and all American apple pie. Attendance prizes will be given away, a pot of gold and gift baskets will be raffled and we'll top it off with Bingo!

Date & Time: Thursday, May 24, 2018, 10:00am – 2:00pm

Place: James J. Eagan Center

Tickets: \$12.00 residents, \$15.00 non-residents, includes lunch, entertainment, attendance prizes & Bingo. Ticket sales begin on Monday, April 30 for residents with a current resident card. If there are tickets remaining, on Monday, May 14, tickets will be sold to residents AND non-residents through Monday, May 21. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

Summer Luau & Bingo

ALOHA! Enjoy a Tropical Day in Florissant!

The fantastic MUNY KIDS will entertain us. We will enjoy a tropical lunch, great entertainment, chances to win a pot of gold & gift baskets and Bingo!



Date & Time: Thursday, August 9, 2018, 10:00am – 2:00pm

Place: James J. Eagan Center

Tickets: \$12.00 residents, \$15.00 non-residents. Tickets will be sold to residents with a current resident card starting on Monday, July 2 in the Senior Office. If there are tickets remaining, on Monday, July 30 tickets will be sold to residents and non-residents through Monday August 6. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

Dinner/Dance

Remember When? Dinner/Dance

Remember Days Gone By at this nostalgic event. Fantastic Entertainers Scott & Karl will sing all your old-time favorites. We'll enjoy a great dinner, light snacks, chances for a pot of gold and a wonderful time! Dance the night away or sit back and watch the great performance.

Date & Time: Friday Night, June 29, 2018, 5:00pm – 9:00pm,

dinner served at 5:30pm

Place: James J. Eagan Center

Tickets: Residents \$12.00, Non-residents \$15.00, Tickets will be sold in the Florissant Senior Office starting on Monday, June 4 through Monday, June 25, to residents and non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.



Name That Tune Bingo!

Play Bingo to the Tunes of the 40's, 50's & 60's! A LEGENDARY SOUND will conduct this fun Singing Bingo Event!

Date & Time: Tuesday, June 5, 2018, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Place: James J. Eagan Center, Arts & Craft Room

Reservations: Free Event, but you must have a reservation by calling the Senior Office, 839-7605, starting Monday, May 14. Seating is limited.



The 18th Annual Senior Citizen North County Gala!



The Cities of Florissant, Ferguson, St. Ann, Hazelwood, Bridgeton and Maryland Heights plan this wonderful dress-up event for North County Senior Citizens – The North County Gala! This year the event will be held in the City of St. Ann. Tickets can be purchased in the Senior Office at Florissant City Hall as well as all the sponsoring cities. The outstanding 18-piece Sentimental Journey Band will perform, fantastic attendance prizes will be given away, delicious hors d'oeuvres will be served, and dance angels will be available.

Date & Time: Friday Night, August 17, 2018, 7:00pm – 10:00pm

Place: City of St. Ann Community Center, #1 Community Center Drive, St. Ann, MO 63074

Tickets: \$15.00, Tickets can be purchased at any of the participating cities as well as the Florissant Senior Office beginning July 24th through August 14th. Call the Florissant Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

The Florissant Senior Dining Center is now catered by our very own Florissant Restaurants!



Enjoy delicious meals catered by Amore's Pizza, City Diner, Cannoli's, Helpers, McAlister's, Bread Co., Honey Baked Ham, Firehouse Subs, Dogs N Frys, Lucky House Chinese, Bandanas and more! The Dining Center is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with many special events being held each day like Speakers, Health & Wellness Events, Special Bingo, Rob Your Neighbor, Birthday Parties and more! Meals are \$7.00 which includes all activities of that day. Reservations must be made by calling 839-7603. Menus can be picked up in the Florissant Senior Office in City Hall, the Dining Center, or on our Florissant website – www.florissantmo.com. Come and meet new friends or bring a friend and enjoy lunch at our New Florissant Senior Dining Center!

**For more information about
Florissant Senior Programs
Visit www.florissantmo.com
select "Departments" and then
select "Senior Citizen Services"**



Trips

“Muny Memories” at the Missouri History Museum & Lunch at the Missouri Athletic Club



The Missouri History Museum will host MUNY MEMORIES, 100 SEASONS ONSTAGE, an enlightening and in depth exploration of a tradition that is synonymous with summer in St. Louis! In this guided tour we'll experience 100 years of excitement, ambition, triumph and community that defines the MUNY'S Rich History. We'll then enjoy an outstanding lunch and tour one of the Top Private Clubs in the United States – the 100-year old Missouri Athletic Club.

Date & Time: Thursday, June 14, 2018, 9:15am – 3:15pm

Tickets: \$28.00 residents, \$30.00 non-residents, includes transportation, tour at the History Museum and tour & lunch at Missouri Athletic Club. This is a Silver Words Club Trip. Tickets go on sale to Silver Words Club Members only at the Silver Words Club Meeting on Thursday, May 10. If there are tickets remaining, tickets will go on sale in the Senior Office on Friday, May 11 to residents and non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for ticket availability or more information.

“Singin' in the Rain” at the MUNY and Dinner at Culver's Pavilion



Don't miss this incredible Muny Experience! We'll begin with a Back Stage Tour of the Muny. Then we'll enjoy Fabulous Dining right on the Muny grounds at the Culver Pavilion. Finally, we'll watch the timeless Muny favorite - ranked the fifth greatest motion picture of all time adapted for the stage - ***SINGIN' IN THE RAIN!***

Date & Time: Tuesday, July 3, 2018, 5:00pm – 11:00pm

Tickets: \$70.00 residents, \$72.00 non-residents, includes back stage tour, dinner & Muny Production

Ticket Sales begin on Tuesday, May 15 to residents with a current resident card in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. If there are tickets remaining, on Wednesday, May 16 tickets will be sold to residents and non-residents in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. 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! The Powerful Horses, the Thundering Crowds, and Big Chances to WIN! Enjoy a sprawling view of the live action while enjoying the lunch buffet in the BLACK STALLION ROOM.

Date & Time: Tuesday, August 7, 2018, 10:30am – 4:30pm

Tickets: \$25.00 residents, \$27.00 non-resident includes transportation, admission into Fairmount Park and Black Stallion Buffet Lunch. This is a Silver Words Trip: Tickets go on sale to Silver Words Club Members only at the Silver Words Club Meeting on Thursday, July 5, 2018. If there are tickets remaining, tickets will go on sale in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall on Friday, July 6 to residents and non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

Spirit of Peoria and Moonlight Inn



We'll take a trip back in time on the Authentic Paddlewheel Boat, The Spirit of Peoria, as we cruise the Mississippi/Illinois Rivers. After docking in Grafton, we'll head to the Famous Castelli's Moonlight Inn in Alton to enjoy a delicious lunch.

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 19, 2018, 8:00am – 2:00pm

Tickets: \$49.00 residents, \$51.00 non-residents, includes transportation, paddlewheel cruise & lunch

Ticket Sales begin on Tuesday, August 14 in the Senior Office to residents with a current resident card. If there are tickets remaining, on Wednesday, August 15, tickets will be sold to residents and non-residents.

Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for ticket availability or more information.

The City of Florissant has partnered with OASIS to host the following classes for Senior Citizens

Fit for Function

Learn about the new research proving basic strength training can reverse muscle loss. Experience this screening & presentation to learn what it means to be functionally fit and whether or not you pass the test based on national norms. Please arrive 30 minutes early if you wish to participate in the Senior Fitness Testing.

Date & Time: Thursday, June 21, 2018,
10:00am – 12:00noon

Place: Florissant Senior Dining Center

Registration: Free class but you must register by calling
314-747-9355



Tai Chi for Arthritis/Fall Prevention

One of the most effective methods of fall prevention is Tai Chi, evidence based approach. Studies have proven a notable reduction in fall risk after 50 hours of Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention. Led by a certified Tai Chi for Arthritis for Fall Prevention instructor.

Date & Time: Every Tuesday and Thursday, July 10 through August 30,
11:00 – 12:00.

Place: Florissant Senior Dining Center,
621 rue St. Francois, Florissant, MO 63031

Cost: \$64.00 (16 Sessions)

Register: Call OASIS at 314-862-4859 ext 24



The Florissant Police Department Unitizes Social Media to get Information to the Residents



The Florissant Police Department is on several social media and information sharing websites in an attempt to get information to residents quicker. While we recognize the dangers of social media, we also recognize the effectiveness of it when it is used properly. In addition to the police department's website, we utilize Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor, Instagram and Nixle, which are all free to the users.

The Florissant Police Department uses Facebook and Twitter to provide those who "Like" or "Follow" us with information on upcoming events and announcements. Nextdoor is a community oriented platform that lets you share information directly with your neighbors. Instagram is all pictures. The Florissant Police Department will post pictures from different events. The Nixle Community Information Service allows us to create and publish messages to be delivered to subscribed residents instantly via cell phone text message and/or email. Notifications can also be accessed online at Nixle's web site at www.nixle.com. The easiest way to get to our information sharing sites is to click on the links on the bottom of the Florissant Police Department's homepage at www.florissantmo.com/police.

The Florissant Police Department will continue to evaluate new ways to get information out to its residents as technology and avenues of communication progress.

2018 AARP "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 8th, 2018
- Tuesday, July 10th, 2018
- Tuesday, September 11th, 2018
- Tuesday, November 13th, 2018



Location:

Florissant Police Department
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.

Florissant Police Selling T-Shirts to Benefit the Special Olympics

The Florissant Police is selling Missouri Law Enforcement Torch Run T-Shirts to benefit the Missouri Special Olympics. The costs for the shirts are \$15 for sizes Small-XL and \$20 for size 2XL and larger.

Please contact Officer Steve Michael for more information at (314) 830-6042 or smichael@florissantmo.com



On Saturday April 28th from 10am-2pm in the Florissant Police Department lobby residents we will be able to drop off their unused, unwanted medications. We are doing this in conjunction with the DEA for proper disposal. We will not accept any sharps or aerosol type medications.

If you do not want to wait until April, you can drop the medications in our lobby disposal box at any time 24-7.

North County Inc. Leadership Supports State Transportation Task Force Recommendations to Increase Funding

Last year, the General Assembly established the 21st Century Missouri Transportation System Task Force, a 23-member bipartisan panel comprised of participants from the House of Representatives, Senate, Executive Branch and private sector. The City of Florissant's Mayor Tom Schneider was chosen to represent the North County community as part of this panel. The Task Force was charged to evaluate and make recommendations about Missouri's transportation system and its funding.



It released its report January 2 recommending a 10 cent increase to the state's gas tax for each gallon and a 12-cent tax increase for diesel fuel to maintain Missouri's more than 3,000 miles of highway. North County Inc., along with the Greater North County Chamber of Commerce, supports the fuel tax increase.

"It is critical MoDOT receives a revenue stream that provides the ability to maintain its roads and bridges as well as funds for major capital improvements such as the reconstruction of I-270 in North County," said NCI Board Member, Florissant Mayor Tom Schneider.

"North County is among Missouri's aging, deteriorating transportation infrastructure and is in dire need of repair, maintenance and upgrades. This investment in transportation would go a long way to improving travel safety and economic development," said North County Inc. President and CEO Rebecca Zoll.

The tax increase is estimated to generate a revenue stream of \$50 to \$70 million transit and other multi-modal transportation and an additional \$430 million a year for roads and bridges. For nearly two decades, gas and diesel taxes haven't increased from 17 cents.

"Many portions of I-270 are over 50 years old and in desperate need of repair. As vehicles become more fuel efficient, there won't be sufficient funding for critical projects, such as the I-270 corridor unless the fuel tax increase recommended by the Transportation Task Force is approved by voters," said NCI Board Member, Venus Martz, president of Greater North County Chamber of Commerce and.

Transit funding in Missouri was cut to \$1.7 million for State Fiscal Year 2018. Currently, Missouri ranks 46th in the country with respect to transit funding. The proposed fuel tax hike would have to be passed by the legislature and Missouri voters.

Other organizations that are supporting additional funding for transportation infrastructure include the Kansas City area Municipal League, Kansas City Mayor Sly James, Missouri Chamber of Commerce, the Missouri Mayors United for Progress, Missouri Municipal League, Municipal League of Metro St. Louis, the St. Louis Engineers Club, along with various other leaders from design and construction engineering firms and labor organization's leadership throughout the State.

North County Incorporated (NCI), founded in 1977, is an economic and community development advocacy organization serving the North St. Louis County community with a focus on education, healthcare, infrastructure and transportation. NCI builds collaborative partnerships and coordinates resources and efforts of civic and business leaders to speak as a unified voice on regional issues.

FLEA AND TICK AWARENESS

Winter months are moving out and warmer months are moving in. With warmer weather comes the threat to your pets and homes for fleas and ticks.

Preventative care pays off in the long run considering the effects these parasites can cause to your pet and home.

FLEAS

It only takes one flea to lay thousands of eggs and once hatched can cause biting, allergy dermatitis, tapeworm and skin irritation. Once your pet comes inside your home, the eggs from fleas drop off your pet and onto your carpet, furniture and bedding. When these eggs feel motion they hatch and the cycle continues. It may take several treatments to your pet and home to eliminate the problems.

TICKS

Ticks thrive during late spring and early fall. The cold weather does not affect these parasites. Ticks are like fleas (they drink blood) and can cause diseases and serious risk to your pets such as Lyme disease.

AS YOU CAN SEE, PREVENTITIVE CARE IS THE ANSWER

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL VETERINARIAN OR LOCAL PET SUPPLY STORE

DON'T FORGET:

In the City of Florissant it is required by CITY ORDINANCE that all dogs and cats have a Florissant City Tag that can only be obtained through the Florissant's Health and Animal Control Office.

REQUIREMENTS

- Current rabies vaccination
- Documentation from a License Vet stating date vaccination was given, rabies tag # and breed of dog.
- Rabies vaccinations must be administered by a LICENSE VETERINARIAN.
- HOME ADMINISTERED SHOTS ARE NOT RECOGNIZED BY THE CITY OF FLORISSANT
- City tags are FREE of charge and valid for three years

RABIES SHOTS ARE ALSO A STATE LAW



Valley of Flowers Pickleball Tournament

Our 2nd Valley of Flowers Pickleball Tournament will be held, Saturday, May 5th at the James J. Eagan Gymnasium at 9:30 a.m... Cost is \$20 per player. Registration begins March 19th at the Eagan Center or JFK Center. Call 921-4466 for more info. Space is limited so register early. Format will be random draw mixed doubles, double elimination, one day tournament each registrant will be given a tee shirt.

Splish Splash Summer Bash

The annual Splish Splash Summer Bash for Florissant youth in 5th-8th grade is a big hit. Participants will enjoy pizza, soda, games, and more. Admission is by ticket only. Tickets may be purchased at JFK or the James J. Eagan Center after June 11th residents and June 18th non-residents. The event takes place at Bangert Pool, Friday, July 13th, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Cost is residents \$5 and non-residents \$7.



Florissant Bangert Pool Opening

Bangert Park Pool opens for the summer Saturday, May 26th, 11:30 a.m. Daily hours of operation Monday - Friday are 12:30 – 7:30 p.m., Weekends 11:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 – 5:00 p.m. on holidays. Bangert Park Pool is located at 275 New Florissant Road. We look forward to a great summer.

Outdoor Splash and Play Ages 0-6 - Bangert Pool

Parents and kids 6 and under, gather around for your own special time at Bangert Pool Mondays and Fridays. Daily Admission or membership required. Some features designed for older children may not be open during this time. Program runs May 30th - August 3rd, Monday & Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Pay daily pool admission or use your pool pass. Participants may stay for open swim at no additional charge.

Teen's Night Out Swim

Are your teens looking for something fun to do on a Friday night? This is a perfect opportunity! Bangert Pool will close to the general public on the following Friday night's and re-open only to youth ages 13-17 for a private swim time. All attractions will be open and the pool will be staffed with Lifeguards and additional staff to supervise. Time of the event is 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., June 8th and July 27th. Fees will follow our normal daily entry rates. Pool passes are accepted.

Under the Sea Princess Party

Special princess friends are making a visit to Bangert Pool this summer on Saturday, June 23rd, 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon! Join Mermaid Ariel and Moana and the Polynesian Princess, as we go "under the sea" in a fun filled program for kids ages 3-12. Children will enjoy special activities, songs, and photos with the characters. Actual costumed characters will run the program. Price per child is \$10 for residents and \$12 for non-residents.

Back to School Pool Party

End the summer with a bang at our first ever Back to School Swim Party. The ticket includes admission to the pool for a special evening filled with fun, games, music, and swimming which includes a hot dog and soda in the ticket price. A limited number of tickets are available, so get yours early. Everyone ages 4 and up must have a ticket. This is a fun, family event taking place on Friday, August 3rd at, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Bangert Pool.

Shallow/Deep Pi-Yo-Chi Fusion

Want something different in the water? This class utilizes both shallow and deep water exercise fused with Pilates, Yoga, and Tai Chi movements to improve balance, coordination, strength, and aerobic health. Flotation equipment will be used. Non swimmers may not be comfortable in this class. Class will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. at the Eagan indoor pool. There will be two sessions of this class May 30 – June 29 and July 2 – August 3. Fee for the class is \$35 residents, \$42 non-residents and \$26.25 GAP members.

Awareness as a form of Self-defense #me-too

Join Author Jo Fountain for an evening of awareness as a form of self-defense. Hands on learning activities to focus on how women should act in these situations, how to defuse something before it escalates etc. She will deal with three stages of proximity; avoid completely, evade contact, deflect and depart. Finally dealing with what is in it for you? Are you carrying too much of value, how do you give up your car and purse without giving up your house key, phone and id? Join us on Tuesday on June 5th, July 10th and August 7th at the James J. Eagan Center with a cost of \$6 residents and \$8 non-residents, per class. Chess Wizards

Join us this summer for tons of challenging chess lessons, exciting games, and cool prizes. You'll improve your chess skills, meet new friends, and work out your most powerful muscle- your brain! Our camp includes fun team chess games (like bughouse), recess time (of course), snacks, tournaments, and puzzles. Each camper receives a Chess Wizards T-Shirt, trophy, and puzzle folder. Unleash your brain power and spend some of your break time with Chess Wizards! Children ages 5 – 13 can sign up for July 23rd – 27th, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at JFK Center at a cost of \$250 for residents and \$265 for non-residents for the week.

Florissant's Proud Tradition Of Celebrating Independence Day



This year we have added an exciting feature to our 4th of July event on the grounds of the James J. Eagan Center. We have invited the following food trucks to join us New York Tom's, Midwest Kettle Corn, Mann Meats and Juicemasters. The festivities begin with an outdoor concert by Northwinds Concert Band at 7:30 pm. Following the concert, the City of Florissant sponsors its renowned Fireworks Display at 9:15 PM. This year's extravaganza features a dazzling 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.

Summer Playground Ages 6-12

Summer Playground is a 6 week summer camp held at the James J. Eagan or the JFK Centers. 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 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 2nd for residents and May 15th for non-residents. Times for the program are 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Monday – Friday, June 11th – July 20th. Cost is residents \$175 per child and \$350 for non-residents, each additional child is \$125 for residents and \$275 for non-residents. Before and after-care is available at an additional cost, but space is limited.



Yappy Hour at Florissant Dog Park

Come out and enjoy barks, licks and love from all sorts of furry friends. Kick back and relax while your pup chases their friends on the lawn. Small donations are welcome and will support the Florissant Dog Park Group. Refreshments will be provided for Owners and Pups. Dog Park Members must have the dog tags on their dog collar. Non-Dog Park members must have most recent record of vaccinations for you dog to participate. All dogs must be neutered or spayed (please no puppies under 3 months). Yappy Hour will be on June 8th, July 6th and August 3rd time is 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Ksnider@florissantmo.com or 839-7670. This is a FREE event.

Discover Scuba/Discover Snorkeling

A trial program will be offered to get members interested in Scuba. After a short introduction to Scuba, participants will be put in scuba gear to allow them to experience what Scuba is all about. Equipment will be provided. Prerequisites: · Minimum age of 10 years old. Discover Scuba registrants need to complete paperwork, complete a statement of understanding signed by the participants and a parent, if between the ages of 10 – 17, a liability release form and medical questionnaire. Students that answer "Yes" to a medical question will need a Physician's Release signed by their doctor prior to any in-water activities. (All paperwork received when you sign up at the front desk.)

Discover Snorkeling Y-kiki Divers will introduce customers to the fun of snorkeling. Participants will have a 2 hour class at which they will be fit with a mask, snorkel and fins. Tips and tricks for successful snorkeling will prove the participants to snorkel and dive down to retrieve various items such as coins, etc. Class designed for 8+ and up. Date for the class is June 4th, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Open water certification will be held on July 6, July 7th and July 8th. Watch for more info.

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