



21st Annual Florissant Old Town Fall Festival - Sunday October 14th

Florissant Old Town Partners and the City of Florissant, along with the entertainment sponsors, the Florissant Fine Arts and Employees Community Fund of Boeing host the Florissant Old Town Fall Festival on rue St. Francois each year on the 2nd Sunday in October. In past years over 30,000 visitors attended the weekend events and we expect this to be the biggest and best ever!

The Old Town Fall Festival kicks off at 11 am on Sunday October 14th and runs until 5pm on rue St. Francois Street in the heart of Old Town Florissant. Eleven full blocks from Florissant Road down to the St. Ferdinand Shrine are closed off for this event. All side streets will be blocked off to accommodate the festival. The street will be filled with activities for everyone with over 150 booths including a full craft fair area, games to play, sale items, food and beverages. We will have the old favorites like the Chili Cook-off, the wine garden, pumpkin decorating, and entertainment on almost every block.

Fido Follies Dog Contest!

Everyone's favorite event the Fido Follies dog show returns and will be located at the Government Center at 1055 rue St. Francois at the very top of the street. This is a dog friendly event, water bowls will be provided on every block. Bring your furry friends (Properly licensed and leashed of course) and enter them in the dog show. We have categories such as smallest dog, best kisser, best costume,



best trick and largest dog to name a few. .

Free Children's activities!

Once again, if you are looking for the Children's Hands-On art projects sponsored by the Hazelwood Early Childhood Program it will be up at the top of St. Francois on the City Hall lawn. Children will have the opportunity to create their own masterpiece

*SS - Photos Courtesy of Susan Schilligo



with the help of volunteer teachers.

Free Child Identification Kits!

The Police Department in conjunction with MOCHIPS, will be offering child identification kits free of charge. They will be set up in the Council Chambers near the Children's Hands-On art at City Hall.

Craft Fair!

Want to get an early jump on Holiday Shopping? The Craft Fair continues to grow each year!!! More than 60 crafters show off their talents with their hand crafted works for you to browse and shop. The craft fair is located near City Hall and Bank of America.

Car Show!

The Police Welfare Association is back again this year to host a Car Show on the Knights of Columbus Grounds on the day of the Festival. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Florissant Police Department Canine Program.

Shrine Activities!

Be sure to visit St. Ferdinand Shrine and make a donation to the Save the Shrine Campaign and participate in activities sponsored by the Friends of Old St. Ferdinand.

Entertainment!

The concert at the Lawyers Building in the 100 Block of St. Francois this year will be the Ralph Butler Band on the band shell! Presented by the Florissant Fine Arts Council with support from the Missouri Arts Council and Regional Arts Commission on Sunday afternoon. Performances will be at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

We also have many entertainers throughout the 11 blocks of fun to include Cookie the Clown, Dan Sprout Solo Musician, Kraig Kalkbrenner - Flint Knapper, Story Teller, North County Big Band, Dennis Schilligo Solo Singer Guitarist, , Bucket List Band, the Retro Band, DK Dance Productions, After Hours Community Band, The Florissant Men of Harmony, and more...

Free Shuttle!

Don't Forget! A shuttle will be provided free of charge on St. Catherine for those Festival patrons who have difficulty navigating the St. Francois hill. The FLERT bus will be transporting festival patrons from block to block on St. Catherine which is one street over from St. Francois. There will be signs directing you to the stops.



Thank You Sponsors!

The Fall Festival is hosted by Florissant Old Town Partners and the City of Florissant. As of this publication our sponsors of the Festival are:

• Entertainment Sponsors:

- Christian Hospital
- SSM Health Depaul Hospital

• Corporate Sponsors

- Click Heating and Cooling
- Florissant Glass
- Dooley's Florist and Gifts
- Baronwood Kennels
- Meridian Waste Services
- Raising Canes

• Community Sponsors:

- Missouri Right to Work/ Regional Office
- Kay Bee Electric
- Boyle Law Firm
- Resler-Kerber Optometry

Check out our updated sponsor lists on our website!

Join us in the historic Old Town area of Florissant for a great day of entertainment for the whole family. For more information or to join the activities please call the Old Town Partners office at 837-0033 or visit the website at www.florissantoldtown.com and click on the Fall Festival link.

Look for Florissant Old Town Partners and like us on Facebook for continuous updates!

Visit Old St. Ferdinand Shrine During the Fall Festival!



Have you ever wished **Fredbird** could be at the Fall Festival? Wish no more! The St. Louis Cardinal's Fredbird will be at Historic St. Ferdinand Shrine from 12:30-1:00pm. Come and meet Fredbird and don't forget your cameras!

While at the shrine you can visit the **petting zoo** where guests of all ages can enjoy up-close interactions with wonderful animal. The **Children's area at the Shrine** will also have game and snow cones.

The **Book Store** will be open with **special Fall Festival prices**. There will also be food and drink in the newly painted, air conditioned school house. We will have **baskets to raffle and pull tabs** will be sold...this might be your year to win big!

Walk where a saint walked. If you have never had a **tour of the Church and Convent**, you should include this as part of your Fall Festival visit. While on the tour you learn how the early settlers lived and their determination to have a thriving community with farms, schools and churches.

Next year we will celebrate our **200th anniversary of Mother Duchesne** coming here to Florissant and her 250th birthday!

This year our feast day Celebration, November 18, 2018 will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica at 2:30pm. The Shrine is renting a bus to help get to the celebration. If your



interested call the Shrine for reservations.

Save the Date: Our Winter Gala this year will be held at Norwood Hills Country Club on Sunday, January 27, 2019.

The Shrine is a part of our community and has survived and thrived because of the generosity of so many of you. **All donations go to the upkeep of the Shrine.**

Mayor Schneider Discusses "Wednesday Night Out" and "Walk Through History" Plaque Presentations

I would like to thank Old Town Partners who co-sponsors with the City the popular Wednesday Night Out (WNO) events and to all the hosts for another successful year.

All WNO events were well attended by folks that came out to enjoy a great night with family and friends. We kicked off the May (WNO) with "Proud to be an American" theme that was sponsored by the VFW Post 4105. On that night we dedicated our 32nd Walk Through History plaque in honor of the First Lieutenant Michael J. Blassie, Repatriated Vietnam Era "Unknown Soldier". His name is also etched with his comrades who gave all on the Vietnam Memorial Obelisk at the entrance to Koch Park.

Rachel and I recently had the honor to attend the military retirement ceremony of Colonel Patricia Blassie which celebrated her 40 year Air Force Career as well as reflect on the sacrifice of her Brother Michael and the epic journey he and the Blassie Family went through before he was returned home to Florissant. Florissant is proud of the entire Blassie Family and the sacrifice they made for our Nation. Members of that family still live and work in our beautiful city.

First Lieutenant Michael Joseph Blassie Vietnam era Unknown Soldier 4 April 1948 – 11 May 1972

Florissant patriot graduated Air Force academy, fighter pilot 8th Special Ops Squadron Vietnam. Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal. May 11, 1972 his A-37 Dragonfly shot down during 138th combat mission! His remains, classified unknown but to God, randomly chosen Vietnam Unknown at Arlington with full military honors, Medal of Honor by Pres. Reagan. Advances in DNA identified remains 1998 and he returned home to Florissant for funeral at St. Dismas, internment at Jefferson Barracks.

In June before the 2nd (WNO) event which was hosted by Kortess Custom Framing & Antiques, we dedicated our 33rd plaque in honor of Paul Detrick, Sr.

Paul F. Detrick, Sr. 6 September 1923 – 31 August 1999 Christian Hospital Founding Father

Paul Detrick named President of Christian Hospital 1960. Paul and Mary raised three children in North County, their home for life. His vision and leadership instrumental developing Florissant healthcare services opening Christian Hospital Northwest 1968 and Northeast Campus 1973. Worked with Florissant civic leaders and board member of community organizations including Boatmen's Bank. Committed to the prosperity and well-being of Florissant area residents and businesses. He and Family were proud to serve the community.

Historic Florissant, Inc Announces Three Events

Family Homecoming and 'Fund the Need' at the Gittemeier House

Did you know if your last name is Gittemeier, Gettemeier, Keeven, Behlmann, Moellering, Spring, Stroer, Nick, Timme, Gray, Greunloh, Vierdag, Hurt, Boos, Kohnen, Stratman, Otten, Meyer, Burcke, Hartman or Winter, you are a descendant of Franz Gittemeier? Franz Gittemeier built an 1860's farmhouse, the Gittemeier House, and is your first ancestor to immigrate to Florissant.

Please join us at the Gittemeier House on Sunday, October 21, 2018 11:30-2:30 to connect with extended families, enjoy lunch, tour the Gittemeier House, share photos and family history and contribute to Fund a Need to help restore and maintain our family legacy. Seven generations can call this property their family home. Please join us!

Family Homecoming and Fund the Need Event at the Gittemeier House
1067 Dunn Rd. / Florissant, MO 63031
Sunday, October 21, 2018 - 11:30-2:30 pm
\$15 per adult/children free.
RSVP 314-565-1468

Historic Florissant's Annual Holiday House Tour

1:00 – 6:00 Sunday, November 25
Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for children 18 and under and are available at Dooley's, Korte's Custom Framing, The Myer House and The Gittemeier House

A Spirited Holiday Past

presented by Historic Saint Louis and Historic Florissant
Twenty-six historic houses, museums, and privately-owned homes are joining together to present a splendid grand tour on Saturday, December 1 from 10:00-4:00. Each venue will be decorated with a festive flair and may offer costumed skits, music, and refreshments. Visit www.historicsaintlouis.org for additional information. Fees vary by location.

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The July (WNO) event was movie night at the Knights pavilion hosted by Friends of Old St. Ferdinand Shrine and Knights of Columbus. We also dedicated our 34th plaque in honor of the late Catherine "Kay" Spring.

Catherine "Kay" Spring Historic Preservationist

28 May 1936 – 11 December 2017

Kay dedicated her life working for the City of Florissant with a genuine affection for everyone she met. Kay played key roles in renovating many treasures including the John B. Meyers House/Barn, Archambault House, the Log Cabin and the Gittemeier House. She served on numerous committees and volunteered for Historic Florissant Inc., Florissant Valley Historical Society and Old St. Ferdinand Shrine. Kay loved all things Florissant and set a great example for our historic preservation.

In August the 4th (WNO) was "Dancing in the Street, Totally Awesome 80s & 90s" theme hosted by the businesses between Stems Florist and That 90s Shop. We also dedicated our 35th plaque in honor of the late Lowell Girardier.

Lowell E. Girardier

7 March 1929 – 26 March 2010
"Community Volunteer & Builder"

Lowell founded Girardier Building & Realty contracting 1955 & built many Florissant homes, churches, schools, stores, offices. Donated & moved VOF/OTP HQ Bldg. Co-founder DePaul Foundation, SSM DePaul Health Center advisory board, President Florissant Rotary, Chamber 1992 Business Person of the Year, Rosary High Ambassador's Award, Director Marygrove, Florissant Valley Shelter Workshop, Emerson Electric YMCA. President NCI, received Elmer Belsha Leadership Award. He & Bev exemplified pride in North County through volunteerism helping many organizations.

Before the start of the September and last (WNO) which was hosted by Hendels Café, we held a very special plaque dedication in front of City Hall in honor of the late Mayor Robert G. Lowery, Sr. who had recently passed away in July. His plaque reads

Robert G. Lowery, Sr.

29 December 1938 – 30 July 2018
Police Chief 1979-2001, Mayor 2001-2011

Bob Lowery began his 50 year career of service to Florissant residents as a Patrolman in 1961 advancing to Chief in 1979 & excelling in that position until elected Mayor in 2001. He loved Carole and his family. He loved the people and always placed a priority on their safety. Mayor Lowery delivered excellent municipal services, completed major renovations to recreation facilities, business development thrived and surrounding subdivisions were annexed increasing the size & prestige of Florissant.

Mayor Schneider Appoints New Department Directors

Kimberlee Johnson Director Of Finance

Mayor Schneider is pleased to announce that Kimberlee Johnson has been selected as the City of Florissant's new Director of Finance effective June 11, 2018. Ms. Johnson has over twenty-five years of accounting experience with privately held corporations, non-profit organizations and with municipal government, serving most recently as the Sr. Financial Manager with MCR, LLC/Paragon Technology Group Inc. which provides financial management to federal agencies with contracts with the U.S. Department of Defense. She also served as the Finance Director for the City of Centreville, IL. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Missouri, St. Louis.

Ms. Johnson replaces Randall McDaniel who retired effective, May 31, 2018 after serving the City for twenty-nine years maintaining high standards for keeping the City fiscally responsible.

Todd Hughes, P.E. Director of Public Works and Health Dept.

Mayor Schneider is pleased to announce that Todd Hughes has been selected as the City of Florissant's new Director of Public Works. Todd has over twenty years of engineering experience working most recently as a Project Manager for the City of St. Charles, and served formerly as the Assistant Director of Public Works with the City of Webster Groves. Todd holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri, St. Louis/Washington University. He is also a licensed Professional Engineer (P.E.).

Louis Jearls, P.E. retired as Director of Public Works and Health effective, May 31, 2018 after serving the City for over thirty-five years setting high standards of infrastructure maintenance with city forces and contractors and implemented a strong code enforcement team and vector control team to assist in the health and safety of our residents and maintain property values.

The Mayor would like to thank Lou for his many valuable years of service and also for his willingness to stay on as a consultant during the transition and indoctrination of the new Director.

The Mayor is looking forward to working with Mr. Hughes and is grateful to Mr. Jearls for his dedication to his staff, employees and the residents of the City of Florissant. Lou will be missed but as a Florissant Resident who loves our gatherings we will not have to say Good Bye and we wish him the very best in his retirement.



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Greetings Everyone,

Please take the time to familiarize yourself with **Proposition D** which the State Legislature has placed on the **November 6, 2018 Ballot**. Prop D, which has the support of Governor Mike Parson and many organizations from both rural and urban Missouri will ask Voters to **increase the fuel user fee 2 ½ cents per year for the next four years** in order to address the maintenance of our valuable MO transportation highway infrastructure.

The **last time the flat gas user fee was increased was 1996** and inflation has resulted in a loss in purchasing power of that revenue stream ranking **Missouri 46th in highway revenue trying to maintain the 7th most miles in the nation**. This proposal follows the recommendation of the 21st Century Transportation Task Force that Senator Gina Walsh appointed me to last year. That task force heard from stakeholders at public hearings at seven locations voices their **confidence in MODOT and the need for revenue for Highway infrastructure maintenance and construction**.

The City Council, the Environmental Quality Commission and I are looking for a catchy theme for a campaign from the Fall Festival to next year's Valley of Flowers Festival to **reduce litter in Florissant**. We are soliciting support from our great business community and the Greater North County Chamber and asking them to volunteer to provide more trash receptacles and help us to encourage good manners and citizenship when it comes to disposal of that food cup or wrapper etc.

We hope to enlist the involvement of our public and parochial schools to help educate each member of every family to **adopt manners that will advance a litter free city**. Please send suggestions on a theme and ideas for a cleaner Florissant to City Hall or to your Council Representative listed on page two of this publication.

We recently wrapped up our summer weekend **"Music Under the Stars"** concerts at St. Ferdinand Lake which are sponsored by the Florissant Fine Arts Council and the City of Florissant. We enjoyed the sounds of the Northwinds Concert Band, Rockin' Chair, Steve Ewing Band, SmashBand, Billy Peek Band, Butch Wax & the Hollywoods with Theo Peoples, Retro Band and Fanfare Band featuring Kittie Moller.

The 21st annual Fall Festival on Sunday October 14th features a variety of performing arts highlighted by the Ralph Butler Band with two performances to close out the concert series. Information on the many events sponsored by Florissant is always available on our website at www.florissantmo.com and on your Charter or AT & T television local government access channel. Each year we evaluate the list of performers to help us plan for the following year's lineup which often includes a new group.

The **Florissant National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, October 2nd** where residents will get the opportunity to enjoy and get to know their neighbors. **Block Parties** continue to be very popular in our city. Pick any date you can to get your neighbors together and we will block off your street and one of our friendly Florissant Police Officer will likely stop by.

To schedule a block party for your neighborhood for a future gathering please call Cheryl Entwistle at 314-839-7601. Also consider starting a **Neighborhood Watch program** for your street to encourage watching out for each other which is a tremendous help to our police Department. Call Officer Steve Michael at 830-6042. In the police section of the Focus Newspaper you find more information about starting your own Neighborhood Watch Program.

I am pleased to inform you that Chief Timothy J. Lowery is excited to announce a new program for the Florissant Police Department, **"Cops 'N Schools."** This program will allow for patrol officers to visit one school per day in their patrol area to build positive relationships between the

police, students, staff, and parents. Our goal is to both make the schools safer by increasing our presence in the schools, as well as giving the students a chance to see police officers in a friendly setting and understand that the police officers are there to help them whenever they are in need.

The officers interaction may consist of greeting the students as they arrive for the day, toss a ball during recess, or visits the kids during lunch, no classroom time will be taken by this program. Many times kids only have an opportunity to interact with officers during difficult circumstances; this program will allow the students to know that we are here for them all of the time and they can count on us to be a friendly, trustworthy resource.

The **Florissant Police Department** has always been a department that strongly encourages positive interactions between the public that we serve and the police officers. The department has several existing programs and initiatives that provides for that positive interaction and this program is another example of our dedication to our youth.

Season tickets are on sale now for two great professional theatre series here at the **Florissant Civic Center Theatre**. More information can be found in this publication and on our City Website. Get your season tickets by visiting the FCC Theatre Box Office or call 314-921-5678.

Congratulations to our Florissant Fish Swim Team who competed in their 16th season **winning their ninth conference championship**. A large number of parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters and friends attended each competition for all participating teams. The swim program is designed to accommodate a wide range of physical talent and balances between competition, participation, family values and good old fashion fun. There may be a future Olympian swimming with us. **Congratulations Florissant Fish!**

VFW Post 4105 and City of Florissant hosted a 9-11 ceremony on Tuesday, September 11th at the VFW Post located at 410 Rue St. Francois. Members from the 12th District VFW Post presented and retired the colors. Special thanks to everyone involved at VFW Post 4105 who plan this event to give us an opportunity to reflect on the sacrifice and commitment required to advance the progress of democracy and recognize the special role of the military, police, firefighters and all first responders to keep our society safe.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WW1 ARMISTICE DAY!

Florissant is very proud to co-host with the Veterans Coalition an annual **Veterans Day Parade which will be held on Sunday, November 11th** which happens to be the 100th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the brutal hostilities of World War I at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th Month. Parade participants will assemble and start the parade at Bangert Park and precede North on Florissant Road and then turn left on St. Francois and end the parade at VFW Post 4105 where the ceremony will take place to honor the 2018 Veteran of the Year.

We hosted our annual **Mayor's Senior Town Hall meeting** on September 13th to inform Seniors about progress in the beautiful city and to give them an opportunity to speak with the City Administration. We would like to thank the **St. Catherine Retirement Community** for graciously providing a delicious breakfast to those that attended. For all other upcoming Senior Events please contact Peggy Hogan our Senior Coordinator at 314-839-7604.

The **21st annual Florissant Old Town Fall Festival will be held on Sunday October 14th and will be the biggest block party in the state** blocking off St. Francois Street from Florissant Road to St. Ferdinand Shrine! The festival is sponsored by Florissant Old Town Partners, the City of Florissant and the Missouri and Regional Arts Council. This important cultural com-

munity family friendly togetherness event runs from **11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will feature the Ralph Butler Band** with a wide variety of other musical and performing arts entertainment.

There will be a mile of arts and crafts and delicious food and beverages highlighted by the Florissant Police Antique and Classic Car Show and the famous **Chili tasting contest in front of Click's Heating and Cooling**.

The fourth and final Food Truck Knight sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the City will be held on Friday, October 12th on the Knight's grounds from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All Food Truck Knights have been packed and successful again this year so come early and bring a donation for TEAM. 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 5th annual Race to the Shrine 5K run will be held on Saturday, October 20th at the Old St. Ferdinand Shrine grounds. The 1 mile Fun Run starts at 3:30 p.m. - 5k Race starts at 4:00 p.m. Participants will be entertained by the **Bob Kuban Brass**. Whether you are a runner, walker or just enjoy being a spectator, families can gather to enjoy the beauty of the City of Florissant. Experience the Shrine of St. Ferdinand, the oldest standing church in the Louisiana Purchase territory. Enjoy some delicious BBQ by the Knights of Columbus, enjoy live music by Bob Kuban Brass and have a wonderful day outside. **Also on that day the Greater North County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Kickball Tournament** at the Knights of Columbus. The first round starts at 9:00 a.m. The Chamber will also be having a Family Fun Zone on the Knight's Grounds that will have bounce houses, a petting zoo, games & activities, music, food and refreshments. Don't miss out on a full action packed day at the Knights of Columbus. The **Family Fun Zone** is for families participating in the Kickball Tournament and the Race to the Shrine event. For more information contact Jaime Jenkins at Jaime@greaternorth-countychamber.com or call the Chamber office at 314-831-3500.

The **Public Works Department is doing \$5,527,000 in street work** which included \$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 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.

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. This comes as no surprise because former Florissant City Engineer Tom Schneider started a program of taking advantage of Federal Grants to systematically replace aging bridges almost every year 40 years ago in 1978!

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 City.**

The new **Municipal Court Florissant Division and Police Annex** (Florissant bought and renovated the former Dick Weber Bowling Lanes on Washington Street) is complete and a building dedication was held on July 30th. The new



court facility will accommodate a large, modern municipal court-room, court office facility and a police annex and training facility.

The Public Works Department has 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. 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.

Economic Development: National Brands and Developers continue to invest in Florissant.

There are projects in the **Due Diligence and Planning Phase**. We continue to work with Developers to bring them to fruition and anticipate more public announcements this year. Listed here is a partial list of recently completed projects, developments under construction, and those that have been made Public that are in the design phase.

RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS:

- Total Urgent Care
- Popeye's Chicken
- U-Haul Storage
- Regions Bank
- Raising Canes Chicken
- Crazy Bowls & Wraps
- D'Vita Dialysis

UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

- First Collinsville Bank on New Halls Ferry Road.
- Dunkin Donuts on Lindbergh.
- Chick Fil A in Florissant Valley Shopping Center
- Aspen Dental in Florissant Valley Shopping Center
- MOD Pizza in Florissant Valley Shopping Center
- Siteman Cancer Center / Graham & Hwy 270

PLANNING STAGE:

- **"Ross Dress for Less"** will locate in the **"Barnes & Noble"** location in Cross Keys!!

(This will be a full remodel of the store.)

We continue to work with Developers to help in the assembly of properties for future locations.

I hope to see you at the Fall Festival on October 14th on St. Francois Street!

Sincerely,
Mayor Thomas P. Schneider

Chief's Corner

Greetings,

It has been a very busy summer as I, and several members of the Florissant Police Department have visited numerous neighborhood events, and I am excited to see so many events on the calendar for this fall. Whether it was while unloading food donations at TEAM, a Coffee with a Cop, or one of our excellent summer concerts, these events allow for me and the police department to get to know the members of the community that I am proud to say that we serve.

The police department has been very busy lately with several initiatives that I would like to share with you. The first is our new "Cops N Schools" program. This program allows for patrol officers to stop in one elementary school within their patrol area per day to get to know the students and staff. The program has been well received with area school officials, and the officers enjoy the opportunity to spend a few minutes with our young people.

With the growing number of active shooter/workplace violence incidents across the country, I felt that it was necessary that the Florissant Police Department offers additional training for these events. The department has been very busy providing the workplace violence/active shooter training to area schools and businesses. The training program, "4E," instructs the participants on how to Educate, Evade, Escape, and Engage during an active shooter incident. The department has 6 instructors for this program, and it will give the participants the knowledge to survive such a traumatic incident. If you have a school, nursing home, daycare center, or any other business, and your employees have not had this training, I would encourage you to contact Officer Steve Johnson at 314-831-7000 or sjohnson@florissantmo.com.

The year has flown by, but the Holiday Shopping season will be here before we know it. The Florissant Police Department will once again increase patrols in Florissant Shopping Centers during the busy holiday season. Our goal is to provide peace of mind to our residents and visitors who utilize our great retail centers, as well as the employees.

In closing, I have one request-BE INVOLVED. Attend the many events that are taking place within our community this fall. These will allow you to get to know the members of our community better, which benefits everyone. Also, get to know your police department. We offer several programs that allow our residents to get to know the workings of the Florissant Police Department and our officers, and we enjoy doing them. Whether it is the Police Explorer Program for teens, our annual Public Safety Citizens Academy, Neighborhood Watch, CERT, or Coffee with a Cop to name a few, I promise you that you will walk out with a better understand on the operations of YOUR Florissant Police Department. The programs also allow us to get to know our residents a little better. Please check the Florissant Police Department's website or social media pages for more information on upcoming programs and classes.

If you ever have any questions, please call me or stop by, and if you see me at one of our community events, please say hello-I would love to get to know you better.

Sincerely,
Timothy J. Lowery
Chief of Police



Resident Camera Program

Do you currently utilize private video surveillance at your home or business? If you do, we'd like to hear from you.

Video surveillance is one of the best methods for apprehending criminals and convicting suspects who are caught in the act of committing a crime. Installing video surveillance is a great example of community-police partnerships and is something the Florissant Police Department values highly.

How Does it work?

The Resident Camera Program allows residents and business owners to register locations and capabilities of their security camera systems with the Florissant Police Department. Using this information when a crime occurs, the Florissant Police Department will know the locations of nearby video cameras and will be able to collect video evidence, and follow up on leads.

Benefits of Program

Because they are caught in the act of committing the crime, video surveillance is one of the best methods to catch suspects and convict them. As crimes occur nearby, many residents and business owners are unaware that their camera systems may have captured information that could help solve a crime. Likewise, police are not always aware of who may have potentially vital video evidence.

By registering your camera, officers can quickly identify nearby cameras that may have captured criminal activity. After registering your camera, you will only be contacted by the Florissant Police Department if there is a criminal incident in the vicinity of your security camera and police personnel believe viewing your video footage will assist in the investigation.

Registration

If you would like to register your security camera system with the City of Florissant and allow officers to contact you should a crime occur in or near where your cameras are installed, please visit www.florissantmo.com/police and complete the online form.



Get involved...

Neighborhood Watch
C.E.R.T.
Explorer Program
Citizen Public Safety Academy
Nixel Alert System
Crime Prevention
Vacation Check program

For more information, please contact the Florissant Police Department Bureau Of Investigations at 314-831-7000

Partnering with our community to ensure the safety of our citizens. Crime prevention through community involvement.

Florissant Police Department
Visit us on our website or social media to learn more about the Florissant Police Department.

www.florissantmo.com/police
Florissant Police Department
1700 US Hwy. 67
Florissant, MO 63031
314-831-7000



Neighborhood Watch Program

This program encourages citizens to take an active role in keeping their neighborhoods safe by reporting suspicious activity, practicing effective personal safety techniques to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of a crime, watching out for each other in their neighborhood and staying in touch with fellow neighbors to encourage keeping your neighborhoods safe and free from crime. Chief Lowery says, "Our residents are our eyes and ears in the neighborhoods, I encourage every resident in the city to participate in this very important program."

Those who volunteer to become a block captain will be trained on how to conduct a neighborhood watch meeting, pass along important safety information, discuss issues in the neighborhoods and keep their group members up to date on crime trends in their neighborhoods. Once a block captain you'll receive daily updates, via emails from the police department, on notable criminal activity.

You can also register for the Florissant Neighborhood Watch Program by picking up a form at the Florissant Police Station or by visiting our Department website and filling out the registration form online.

If you're interested in finding out more about the Florissant Neighborhood Watch Program or you're considering becoming a Block Captain contact Officer Steve Michael at (314) 830-6042 or visit



our website at www.florissantmo.com/police.

October is National Crime Prevention Month. The Police Department would like to take this opportunity to encourage our residents to keep their outside lights on all night long to help illuminate our streets and deter criminal activity in our neighborhoods. New LED bulb technology allows this to be done at a minimal cost in electricity to our residents. Please join this effort to increase safety in our community.

Florissant Night Out



The City of Florissant will celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday October 2nd, 2018. Neighborhoods throughout the Florissant are being invited to participate in this crime and drug prevention event. Beginning at 5:30 pm, residents are

encouraged to turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors. This event provides neighbors the opportunity to meet or reconnect with neighbors.

Registered block parties may receive visits from the Police Department and the Fire Department.

Florissant Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
 - Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs
 - Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
 - Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.
 - Promote the importance of the Neighborhood Watch Program
- Contact the Mayor's office to schedule a block party 314-839-7601



Safeguard Your Children Get them ID'd with MoCHIP! IT'S FREE!

The Florissant Police Department along with the Missouri Freemasons will be hosting a one day Missouri Child Identification Program (MoCHIP) during the Florissant Fall Festival on Sunday, October 14, 2018, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The event will be held at the Florissant City Hall inside the Council Chambers.

This program, FREE OF CHARGE, provides parents with critical information on their children in the event their child turned up missing or abducted. This nationally recognized program provides parents with a digital photograph, digital fingerprints, DNA swab, child information and emergency contacts, a dental bite impression, and two (2) laminated ID cards. Most importantly, all information is turned over to a parent or legal guardian on completion of the process. No child information is stored or kept by the MoCHIP program or the Florissant Police.

If you've been through the MoCHIP program and have had your child ID'd, bring the mini CD back and we'll update it for you. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) strongly urges parents to have the most up-to-date information, including pictures – so if you've had your 0-4 year old ID'd in the last 6 months, it's time to do it again. It is recommended to have children ages 5-10 ID'd once a year,



and when children 10 and over enter puberty you should consider having them ID'd every 6-12 months, as their features and bodies are changing drastically. Often overlooked are older teens and young adults who are actually most at risk – please urge your 14 - 21 year olds to get ID'd. It typically takes only 10-15 minutes.

As a result of the efforts by the Missouri Freemason through the MoCHIP program, parents/legal guardians of over 125,000 have received this critical identification information free of charge.

Make sure you mark your calendars for this event and keep your eyes open as the date approaches for more information.

For more information visit the MoCHIPS web site at: www.mochip.org, MoCHIP on Facebook, or contact the Florissant Police Department Public Information Office at (314) 830-6042.

Florissant Once Again to Participate in the Nationwide D.E.A. "Drug Take Back Program"

The City of Florissant will again join forces with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) along with other government, community, public health and law enforcement partners to participate in a nationwide prescription drug "Take-Back" initiative that seeks to prevent increased pill abuse and theft.

The City of Florissant will have a collection site for people to drop off their expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs for destruction on Saturday, October 27, 2018 (10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.). The service is free and anonymous, with no questions asked.

Tablets, capsules, and all other solid dosage forms will be collected. Intravenous solutions, injectibles, and syringes will not be accepted. Florissant will provide a collection site at:

Florissant Police Department
1700 North Highway 67
Florissant, MO 63033

Visit www.dea.gov for more information on the program and for additional collection sites.



Florissant Police and AAA are Offering Winter Weather Driving Tips

With the winter months fast approaching we at the Florissant Police Department would like our citizens to take a few minutes to review their winter driving habits. As we all know hazardous driving conditions due to rain, sleet and snow can result in hazardous highway conditions. Here are some tips from the American Automobile Association, AAA.

Severe weather can be both frightening and dangerous for automobile travel. Motorists should know the safety rules for dealing with winter road emergencies. AAA reminds motorists to be cautious while driving in adverse weather. For more information on winter driving, the association offers the How to Go on Ice and Snow brochure, available through most AAA offices. Contact your local AAA representative for more information.



AAA recommends the following winter driving tips:

- Avoid driving while you're fatigued. Getting the proper amount of rest before taking on winter weather tasks reduces driving risks.
- Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- Make certain your tires are properly inflated.
- Never mix radial tires with other tire types.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze-up.
- If possible, avoid using your parking brake in cold, rainy and snowy weather.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface (wet, ice, sand).
- Always look and steer where you want to go.
- Use your seat belt every time you get into your vehicle.

"It Is Your Responsibility to Vote!"

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 questions, 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.

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 located 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.

A political party preference is only required when requesting a ballot for a Primary Election. Retrieved from: <http://www.stlouisco.com/YourGovernment/Elections/VoterEducation>

North County Inc. Board of Directors Supports Prop D

North County Inc. (NCI) Board of Directors voted to support Missouri Proposition D, the Gas Tax Increase, Olympic Prize Tax Exemption and Traffic Reduction Fund Measure. Proposition D will be on the ballot November 6, and NCI encourages the St. Louis community to support this critical measure for our state and local communities.

If passed, the 10 cents 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, there has been no gas tax increase.

Proposition D will allow Missouri Department of Transportation to better maintain major corridors through our community, such as I-70 and I-270. It will also bring more than \$5 million to the North County communities and north St. Louis County to help improve local roads.

"North County highways are among Missouri's aging, deteriorating transportation infrastructure and are 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. Board President Dr. Chris Kilbride.

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.

"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 Florissant Mayor Tom Schneider.

NCI is an economic and community development advocacy organization serving the North St. Louis County community with a focus on economic investment, transportation, education and healthcare.




Box Office Hours:

Mon. thru Fri., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

Arrangements to purchase tickets can be made by phone at (314) 921-5678, online at www.FlorissantMO.com, or by mail addressed to: FCC Theatre, #1 James J. Eagan Dr., Florissant, MO 63033. Call 314-921-5678 for additional information 24 hours a day. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover are accepted.

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



OCTOBER

Alpha Players Present:
Bells Are Ringing

Oct. 5 – 7:30 p.m. Oct. 6 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Step back to the 1950's with this charming romantic comedy that follows the exploits of Ella, a telephone answering service operator with a fascination for her client's private lives. At Susanswerphone, Ella uses a variety of voices and personae to keep herself entertained. As she follows the lives of her customers, Ella becomes inextricably involved with a handsome playwright, a fledgling record company, and a dangerous crime ring. The tuneful score, with lyrics by Comden & Green, features some of Jule Styne's most popular songs, including "Just in Time," "The Party's Over," "Long Before I Knew You" and "Better Than a Dream."



ADMISSION: \$20.00 Adults; \$18.00 Seniors/Students; \$12.00 Children 12 & under; Group rates available
Information and reservations 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com

Northwinds Concert Band Presents:
Sunday at the Pops

Oct. 21 – 3:00 p.m.



Northwinds Concert Band, under the direction of Larry Marsh, will present "Sunday at the Pops" on October 21, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the Florissant Civic Center Theatre. Maestro Marsh has planned an upbeat and uplifting program featuring marches, overtures, film scores and Broadway medleys, swing tunes and novelty numbers. Featured vocalist Ike Eichenberger will have you singing along with Cab Calloway's classic "Minnie the Moocher" and you'll be dancing in the aisles (not really) to a great new arrangement by Robert Buckley entitled "Jitterbug." Two giants in American music will be honored as the band plays Aretha Franklin's "Think" and celebrates the 100th anniversary of Leonard Bernstein's birth with dances from "West Side Story." Music has always been a key feature of Disney movies, and this concert features exciting highlights from "Aladdin" and "The Incredibles." The heart of the program will be inspiring new works from three of America's best composers for band. Brian Balmage's lovely new composition "Infinite Hope" was inspired by Martin Luther King, Jr.'s words noting that "We must accept finite disappointment but never lose infinite hope." Robert Sheldon's "Skydance" is a musical celebration of the human spirit, and Rossano Galante's "The Falls" shows the beauty and power of nature as sparkling wind and brass fanfares depict water rushing forward and exploding over the edge. The sixty-piece Northwinds ensemble has presented concerts in Florissant for over 50 years and is a program of Ferguson-Florissant's Marketing and Communications Department.

More information on the band can be found at www.northwindsband.org.

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

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

**The Florissant Fine Arts Council presents the Applause/Applause 2018/2019 series with financial support from our members, the Regional Arts Commission, Missouri Arts Council (a state agency), the Employees Community Fund of Boeing St. Louis and the City of Florissant.*

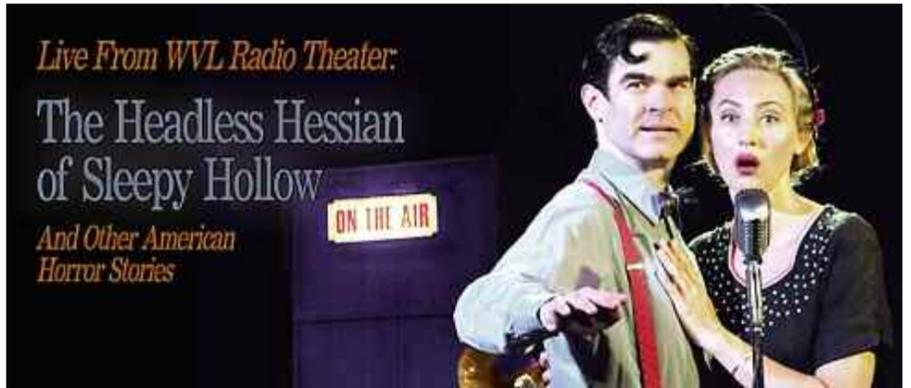
***The St. Louis Family Theatre Series gratefully acknowledges financial support from the City of Florissant, American Eagle Credit Union, Missouri Arts Council (a state agency), and the Regional Arts Commission.*



Tickets by phone @ (314) 921-5678
 - M-F from 9am to 5pm
 or online at www.FlorissantMO.com - anytime

**Florissant Fine Arts Council Presents:*
Live from WVL Radio Theater: The Headless Hessian of Sleepy Hollow and Other American Horror Stories
(Immediate Theatre Project)

Oct. 26 – 7:30 p.m.



The intrepid actors of WVL Radio Theatre are back, this time with a series of classic American horror stories, including one by Edgar Allen Poe, a creative retelling of the Lizzie Borden axe murders, and of course a re-imagining of Washington Irving's The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. Four actors, live sounds effects, and original music transport you back to 1946 when the imagination created horrors far more vivid than any that might actually be lurking in your living room... or your radio station!

ADMISSION: \$28.00 Adults; \$26.00 Seniors; \$13.00 Students w/ID; Group rates available

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

NOVEMBER

Hawthorne Players Present:
A Raisin in the Sun

Nov. 2 – 7:30 p.m. Nov. 3 – 7:30 p.m.

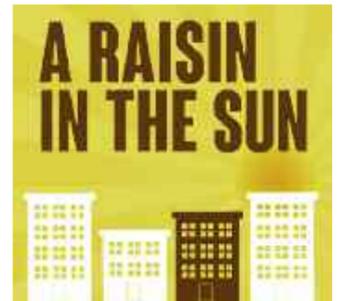
Nov. 9 – 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10 – 7:30 p.m. Nov. 11 – 2:00 p.m.

The highly praised play follows the Youngers, an African-American family living together in 1950s Chicago. The family receives a \$10,000 insurance check from the death of the father, but each member wants that money to fund a different dream. Tensions increase as each tries to escape the lower-class neighborhood – bringing up questions of identity, class, values, race and love – and outside forces work against them.

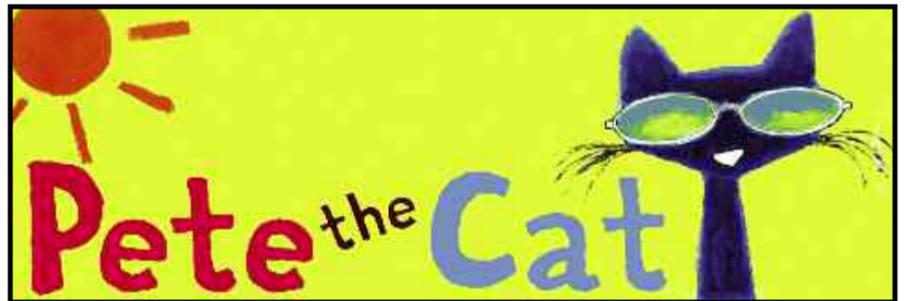
ADMISSION: \$18.00 Adults; \$16.00

Seniors/Students; Group rates available

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


***St. Louis Family Theatre Series presents:*
Pete the Cat
(TheatreworksUSA, New York, NY)

Nov. 17 – 2:00 p.m. Nov. 18 – 2:00 p.m.



When Pete the Cat gets caught rocking out after bedtime, the cat-catcher sends him to live with the Biddle family to learn his manners - and boy are they square! But for the groovy blue cat, life is an adventure no matter where you wind up, so the minute Pete walks in the door, he gets the whole family rocking. The whole family that is, except for young Jimmy Biddle, the most organized second grader on planet earth. As the end of second grade approaches, Jimmy has a lot of tests, and the last thing he needs is some groovy cat in his life, changing his family and turning everything upside down. But when Jimmy draws a blank in art class during the last week of school, it turns out Pete is the perfect friend to help him out. Together, they set out on a mission to help Jimmy conquer second grade art, and along the way, they both learn a little something new about inspiration. Join Jimmy and Pete on an adventure of friendship, all the way to Paris and back in a VW Bus.

ADMISSION: \$8.00 to all

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

Alpha Players Holiday Show

Nov. 29 – 7:30 p.m. Nov. 30 – 7:30 p.m.

ADMISSION: \$10.00

**Information and reservations
 314-921-5678**

or www.FlorissantMO.com





DECEMBER

Midwest Ballet Theatre presents:
Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker
 Dec. 2 – 2:00 & 6:00 p.m.
ADMISSION: \$15.00
 Information and reservations:
 314-921-5678
 or www.FlorissantMO.com



**Florissant Fine Arts Council Presents:*
Luisa Marshall's Simply The Best: A Tina Turner Tribute
(Robin Klinger Entertainment, LLC)
 Dec. 8 – 7:30 p.m.

Superstar Tina Turner, born Anna Bullock and a graduate of Sumner High School, got her 1956 start in St. Louis' night clubs beginning a life-long career which landed her an award at the 2005 Kennedy Center Honors. Luisa Marshall captures Tina's life in this Tribute Show, developed over 16 years and now toured around the world. From Tina's days with Ike Turner to her breakthrough Grammy-winning album Private Dancer, to her latest greatest hits collection, Luisa Marshall lends her unique and explosive style to this new, groundbreaking show.



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

Northwinds Concert Band Presents:
Hometown Holiday Special
 Dec. 9 – 3:00 p.m.

Northwinds Concert Band, under the direction of Larry Marsh, has been playing concerts in the Florissant Civic Center Theatre for over thirty years, and the band will continue a proud annual tradition of bringing holiday cheer to the theatre when they present a "Hometown Holiday Concert" on Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. This year's concert includes traditional favorites, including "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," "Sleigh Ride," and Leroy Anderson's "Christmas Festival." The band also will feature Alan Silvestri's marvelous score for "A Christmas Carol." Northwinds is a program of Ferguson-Florissant's Marketing and Communications Department.

More information on the band can be found at www.northwindsband.org.
ADMISSION: \$8.00 Adults; \$6.00 Seniors/Students; "Immediate Family" \$15.00
 (call box office for details)
 Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com

St. Louis Brass Band presents:
Holiday Spectacular
 Dec. 16 – 6:00 p.m.
ADMISSION: \$12.00 Adults;
\$8.00 Seniors/Students
 Information and reservations:
 314-921-5678
 or www.FlorissantMO.com



Next Generation Theatre Company presents:
It's a Wonderful Life
 Dec. 21 & 22 – 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 23 – 2:00 p.m.
 Information and reservations:
 314-921-5678 or
www.FlorissantMO.com



Coming to the FCC Theatre in January 2019:

- Auditions for Alpha Players "My Three Angels" – Jan. 13
- St. Louis Family Theatre Series "The Cat in the Hat" (TheatreworksUSA) – Jan. 19 & 20
- Next Generation Theatre Company "Jekyll & Hyde" – Jan. 26 & 27 and Feb. 1 & 2

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Can You Benefit From an Annuity?

Retirement isn't cheap. You may have heard that you will need 70 percent to 80 percent of your pre-retirement income, but the real figure might even be higher, depending on your circumstances. And retirement isn't short, either – you could spend two or three decades as a retiree. Taken together, these factors highlight the need to identify as many sources of retirement income as possible – and one of these sources might be an annuity.

A fixed annuity is an insurance product that allows you to make a lump-sum investment and can provide insured payments to you for a designated number of years, or for life. A fixed annuity guarantees a rate of interest for a stated period that will be unaffected by market fluctuations. Your principal investment and the specified interest rate are guaranteed based on the claims-paying ability of the issuing company.

A fixed annuity offers some key benefits, including the following:

- No contribution limit – No IRS contribution limits apply to non-qualified annuities – that is, annuities held outside a tax-advantaged retirement plan, such as a defined benefit pension plan, Section 403(b) plan (TSA) or an IRA. This can be especially valuable if you are already close to retirement age and think you might be short on savings.
- Tax deferred accumulation – The interest you earn is tax deferred and will compound annually, meaning your money may accumulate faster than it would if it were placed in a taxable investment. Earnings will be taxed at your ordinary income rate once you start taking withdrawals, and withdrawals prior to age 59-1/2 may be subject to a 10% federal tax penalty. (You will want to consult with your tax

advisor before withdrawing from your annuity.)

- Income for life – You can take your annuity payout as a lump sum or choose to receive payments for a set number of years, or for the rest of your life. Your income amount will be determined by the value in your contract and your life expectancy.
- Death benefit – If your annuity is still in the "accumulation" phase at the time of your death (meaning you haven't yet begun collecting payments), it might provide a death benefit to the beneficiary you've named. Typically, this lump sum will be the greater of your account balance or the total of all premiums paid, although some annuities provide additional options. Be aware, though, that the death benefit may be taxable.

As is the case with all investments, a fixed annuity does have some caveats. Most important, an annuity is a long-term investment – if you pull money out within the first several years after your purchase, you likely will face some prohibitive surrender charges. These charges decline each year, typically reaching zero after seven years. Such withdrawals also may be subject to a market value adjustment.

One more thing to keep in mind: Different annuities come with different fees, and the higher the fee, the lower your "real" return will be. Consequently, you will want to compare fees before investing.

If a fixed annuity is appropriate for your situation, you may find it can join your other income pools – Social Security, 401(k), IRA, etc. – to provide you with the resources you need to enjoy the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

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Quilt Trunk Show

Meet Cindy Bonds from the Flower Valley Quilting Guild who will share her extraordinary Journey as a Quilter! View Cindy's special creations including Civil War Quilts and Vintage Quilts.

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 9, 2018
Time: 1:00pm
Place: Sunset Park Nature Lodge
Reservations: This is a free event but you must call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for reservations starting on Monday, September 24.
Seating is limited.



Halloween Party & Bingo

Have a SPOOKTAKULAR time at the City of Florissant HALLOWEEN PARTY & BINGO! Come dressed in your Halloween attire or dress in costume to participate in the Costume Contest! Hot Jazz & Swing Singer MISS JUBILEE will give us an energetic performance of Hot Jazz, Hokum & Low-down Blues from the 20's & 30's. A delicious lunch will be served, attendance prizes will be given away, chances for a Pot of Gold and Gift Baskets will be sold and of course we will play Bingo!



Date & Time: Thursday, October 25, 2018, 10:00am – 2:00pm,
Costume Contest at 10:15am
Place: James J. Eagan Center
Cost: \$12.00 residents, \$15.00 non-residents; includes admission, lunch, entertainment & Bingo
Tickets: Tickets will be sold to Florissant Residents only with a current resident card in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall starting Monday, October 1. If there are tickets remaining, on Monday, October 15th, tickets will be sold to residents AND non-residents through Monday, October 22. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information

Volunteers Needed!

Do you know someone who enjoys helping people use technology more effectively? Volunteer as an Oasis Connections Instructor. Your enthusiasm and patience along with a good working knowledge of the computers, the Internet, tablets and/or smart phones are required. Oasis Connections is a curriculum of technology literacy courses supported by the AT&T and Spectrum Foundations and designed specifically for adult learners. We need instructors to teach at the Florissant Senior Dining Center weekdays between 9:30am and 3:30pm. Connections classes cover a variety of topics including: tablet and smart phone skills, searching the Internet, online safety and privacy. Classes vary in session length from one to three sessions, and each session lasts approximately two hours. **All teaching materials are provided!

Please Contact Amy VanDeVelde by phone 314-862-2933 x 272 or by email: avanvelde@oasisnet.org.

Join St. Louis Oasis for Tai Chi for Arthritis for Fall Prevention!

One in three adults age 65 years or older fall each year. A growing number of older adults have a fear of falling, and this fear limits their activities, social engagements and physical activity. As a result, older adults may experience reduced mobility, depression, social isolation, feelings of helplessness and loss of functional fitness, which increases actual risk of falling. Tai Chi for Arthritis for Fall Prevention is evidence-based, and according to medical studies, has been proven to enhance the health of older adults. The goals this program include:

- Improving balance, strength, flexibility and stamina
- Improving relaxation, vitality, posture and immunity
- Increasing functional fitness
- Creating a sense of achievement

Tai Chi for Arthritis for Fall Prevention:
Tuesdays/Thursdays, 10/23 – 12/13,
11:00am – 12:00noon
Florissant Senior Dining Center,
Fee: \$98.00

For more information or to register, please call 314-862-4859 ext 24.



TRIPS

Scott Air Force Base

Scott Air Force Base is a global mobility and transportation hub for the Department of Defense. The base is home to several command and control elements that represent logistics for the United States Military in the air, over land and across the sea in a true joint environment that brings together the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard members – Active Duty, Guard and Reserve! We will tour Scott Air Force Base and enjoy lunch at their beautiful golf course on the base.



Date & Time: Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 9:30am – 3:15pm
Cost: \$26.00 residents, \$28.00 non-resident; includes transportation, tour and lunch on the base
Tickets: Tickets are limited as Scott Air Force Base will only allow one bus for this trip. Tickets will be sold to residents only with a current resident card on Tuesday October 2, 2018 in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. If there are tickets remaining, on Wednesday, October 3, 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 for more information.

The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows WAY OF LIGHTS



See how wintertime sparkles at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows at the Annual Way of Lights Christmas Display illuminating the grounds. We'll enjoy a delicious buffet dinner at the Shrine Restaurant and browse through the Shrine Gift Shop.

Date & Time: Thursday, December 13, 2018, 4:00pm – 9:30pm
Cost: \$30.00 residents, \$32.00 non-residents; includes transportation, lunch and the Way of Lights Christmas Display
Tickets: This is a Silver Words Trip. Tickets will be sold to Silver Words Club Members only at the Silver Words Club Meeting on November 8. On November 9, if there are tickets remaining, 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 for more information.

Holiday Celebration at Powell Hall and Favazza's on the Hill

Enjoy a fantastic lunch at "The Little Italy" in St. Louis – Favazza's Restaurant - in the Historic "Hill" Italian Neighborhood. Next experience St. Louis' favorite holiday tradition, sure to make your season merry and bright! Gather together at Powell Hall for a performance filled with festive sounds of the season with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and Santa Claus!



Date & Time: Friday, December 21, 2018, 10:15am – 4:15pm
Cost: \$59.00 residents, \$61.00 non-residents, includes transportation, lunch and performance
Tickets: Tickets will be sold to Florissant residents only with a current resident card on Tuesday, November 6 in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. On Wednesday, November 7, if there are tickets remaining, tickets will be sold to residents and non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for ticket availability or for more information.

New Year's Eve In Florissant!

Senior Citizens: Do NOT sit home this New Year's Eve – Celebrate 2018 and ring in 2019 at this daytime celebration. Walk into a Winter Wonderland in the beautifully decorated Eagan Center Gym, enjoy a delicious dinner & appetizers, fantastic attendance prizes, wine, beer and soda, and chances to win a pot of gold and gift baskets. Raise your glasses of champagne and noisemakers as we countdown to the New Year at 12:00 noon! Enjoy the wonderful performance of the 10 piece St. Charles Big Band as we celebrate 2018 and ring in another great year in the City of Florissant!



Date & Time: New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31st, 2018; 10:00am – 2:00pm
Place: James J. Eagan Center

Cost: \$17.00 residents, \$22.00 non-residents, includes dinner, beer, wine, soda, 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 19. If there are tickets remaining, on Monday, December 17th through Thursday, December 27th, tickets will be sold to residents AND non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information and ticket availability.

Senior Citizen Information

Income Tax Information

The City of Florissant operates one of the largest AARP Tax Preparation Sites in the St. Louis Area. Tax Preparation is Free for senior citizens with basic Federal & State Taxes or those who file for the Missouri Property Tax Credit. The City of Florissant Senior Office takes appointments for this service starting the end of January 2019. Senior Citizens: you may be eligible for the Missouri Property Tax Credit (commonly called the Circuit Breaker) and receive a credit for a portion of your real estate taxes or rent that you paid for the year. There are age and income requirements. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

Medicare Help

Do you have questions about Medicare? The organization, CLAIM, is a nonprofit organization that provides free, unbiased information about Medicare to Missourians. Their goal is to provide local counselors to help you get the most from your Medicare benefits. Call CLAIM at 1-800-390-3330 for more information.

Meals On Wheels

MEALS ON WHEELS of Greater St. Louis: Meals on Wheels is an all-volunteer meal delivery service for elderly, homebound or convalescent people who cannot shop for or prepare their own meals. Call 314-953-6800 for more information or to volunteer.

St. Louis HELP

Do you have a wheelchair, walker, hospital bed, or any medical equipment in good working condition that you no longer need? St. Louis HELP accepts donations of nearly every type of home medical equipment. They revitalize and clean the equipment and have it ready to loan to people in need. If you have equipment or need equipment, call St. Louis HELP at 314-339-3311, for more information.

***If you suspect a senior or disabled adult is being abused, bullied, neglected, or financially exploited: Make a difference: Call the Adult Abuse & Neglect Hotline: 1-800-392-0210.**

FREE Thanksgiving Dinner

Enjoy a free Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Ferdinand Catholic Church at 1765 Charbonier Road, Florissant, MO 63031. This dinner is provided by volunteers from 7 area churches. Dinner is served from 11:30am – 1:30pm, with take out from 11:30am – 2:00pm. This dinner is free to all in the community. For more information about enjoying this dinner, volunteering or donating to this wonderful event, please email at thanksgivingdinner@stferdinand-stl.org.



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Autumn Leaves



As autumn approaches and the leaves begin to fall, the City of Florissant would like to remind its residents that raking, sweeping, or blowing leaves or grass onto the sidewalk or street is illegal.

Yard debris tends to clog our sewer systems and make our city streets unattractive to residents and visitors.

Please be considerate of your neighbors and dispose of all yard waste properly and in a timely manner.

Living In Harmony with Wildlife Tips on Preventing Conflicts

With the fall season upon us the City of Florissant encourages its residents and neighbors to live in harmony with wildlife. As suburban sprawl continues to displace wild animals, some conflicts with humans are inevitable. However, many can be avoided with little effort and planning.

The city's Health Department offers the following tips on preventing conflicts with our wild neighbors:

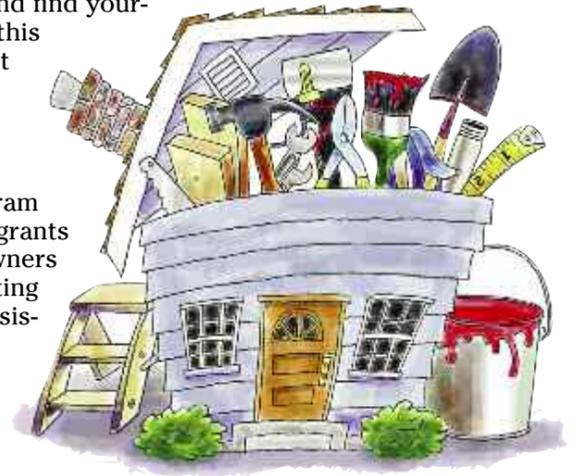
- The smell of garbage is a huge attraction to wildlife. Keep lids on trash containers and secured at all times. Store containers in garage if possible, especially overnight. Make sure to sanitize your containers often. Don't leave pet food outside, pick-up what your pet does not eat and remove animal waste from property daily.
- Clean below bird feeders, as seed can attract scavengers such as raccoons and skunks, squirrels, rats, etc.
- Pick up fruit as soon as it has fallen from the trees.
- Trim back overgrowth and any branches that overhang the roof. These branches provide easy access to your roof, vents and eventually the attic.
- Remove brush piles / yard waste from your property.
- Check your deck and block or screen off any entry points that allow wildlife access.
- Check your roof eaves, overhangs, vents, chimney stacks and even cracks around your windows or pipes that lead into the house. Caulk, screen, or make repairs if needed to prevent wildlife from entering your home.
- Make sure your chimney is capped or screened.
- Keep your lawn grub-free and you will prevent raccoons, skunks, moles, and opossums from tearing up your lawn to feast on them.
- Sprinkle plants with Epsom salts or cayenne pepper to deter wildlife from feasting on them.
- If a wild animal has made a nest on your property, you can try placing ammonia soaked rags near the nest site, shine a light continuously on the nest site and place a radio nearby tuned to loud music. In most cases, the parent will be encouraged to move the young elsewhere.

Be advised, trapping and relocating wildlife is not a solution. If your yard or home is appealing to wildlife and an animal is trapped and relocated, another animal will most likely take its place. The best long term solution is to keep your property in good repair and use appropriate and humane deterrents to discourage wildlife from taking up residence.

Florissant Home Improvement Mechanical Program (HIP-Mechanical)

If you are a homeowner and find yourself cold and without heat this winter the City of Florissant Home Improvement Mechanical Program (HIP-Mechanical) could be your answer!

The HIP Mechanical Program offers a limited number of grants to income eligible home owners for the replacement of heating units. This EMERGENCY assistance is available November thru January. Contact the Community Development Office for more information 314.839.7680.



Florissant 2019 Seasonal Employment

The City of Florissant is currently accepting applications for 2019 seasonal employment. Applications will be received until positions are filled.

Now you can apply quicker and easier online at www.florissantmo.com, Human Resources Department. Applications and an informational booklet listing positions, age requirements and qualifications for each position are also available at the Human Resources Department located in the Florissant Government Building, 1055 rue St. Francois, Florissant, MO 63031.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Human Resources Department at 595-3640.



Florissant Environmental Quality Commission Cool City Business Program

Dooley's Florist was the first "Cool City Business" sign I saw in the neighborhood. Looking it up, I found that the program members have committed to cleaner business practices that promote a smaller carbon footprint. My company, Improved Performance Inc., already lived up to the requirements outlined. So I signed up and am now a proud member of the "Cool City Business" program. It made sense since I am also a proud member of the Environmental Quality Commission in Florissant. Easy practices like turning off your computers at night, using energy efficient lighting, having a programmable thermostat, and recycling can reduce your carbon footprint. When enough businesses utilize these simple and cost effective business lifestyle changes, the impact toward reducing greenhouse gases and minimizing climate change can be great.

How do I recycle? There is no curbside business recycling! First, I ask you to contact your landlord or your trash hauler directly and request curbside business recycling. Second, I simply collect the recycling at my office and bring it to my residence to dispose of in my curbside recycling bin. Easy and done.

So next time you're looking for a service or retail outlet, consider supporting the ones who are in the "Cool City Business" program. And, if you are a Florissant Business, consider joining our program and helping to reduce the impact of global climate change. It's easy and it's the right thing to do for the future generations who will enjoy the beautiful city that is Florissant.

Stay tuned. Soon there will be a "Cool City Home" program where you can adopt simple and cost



effective changes to your residential lifestyle that create the same responsible legacy impact.

Here are the Florissant "Cool City Businesses":

U-Haul
1800 North Highway 67
314-837-2227

Click Heating and Cooling
124 Saint Francois St.
314-656-7698

Batteries Plus and Bulbs
113 North Highway 67
314-838-2277

The Bedroom Store
13225 New Halls Ferry Rd.
314-831-8900

Dooley's Florist and Gifts
690 Rue St Francois
(314) 837-7444

Improved Performance Inc.
895 Rue St. Francois
(314)921-3366

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210 St Francois St
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Halloween Dance & Costume Party

This event is co-sponsored by the Florissant Parks & Recreation Department and D.A.R.E. Join us for a night of fun and dancing. Pizza and soda are included along with a DJ, candy, games, and prizes. Costumes are strongly encouraged. The dance will be held at the JFK Center on Friday, October 19th this event is for 5th – 8th grade, tickets must be purchased in advance after October 1st at either the JFK Center or the Eagan Center, \$5 for residents and \$7 for non-residents. No tickets will be sold at the door.



Winter Break Camp

Come join us over winter break for some fun games and activities. This camp will be similar to our Summer Playground program. You will be able to go swimming, ice skating, and much more! Camp will be held at the Eagan Center, December 26th – January 2nd, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (no camp 12/31 & 1/1) Cost is residents \$60 and non-residents \$120. Spots are limited so sign up early!!

Family Boo Bash 2018

Kids come dressed in costume and trick or treat at the James J Eagan Center from Florissant Parks and Recreation Department staff, other city departments and local business and organizations. There will be food trucks, activities and games, and plenty of treats and candy! This Event is free and open to everyone Saturday October 27th 12-2pm James J Eagan Center



Attention local businesses and organizations: we are inviting local business and organizations to participate in our first ever Family Boo Bash. We will provide you with a space to distribute coupons, flyers and any other marketing material you wish and all you have to do is pass out candy or treat to the community attending this event. Spaces are limited, so secure yours today. Best decorated business space will receive an advertising package from the Parks and Recreation department. Contact Beth Carr at Bcarr@florissantmo.com for more information.

Sharing & Caring Food Drive



Beginning on November 12– 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.

A Soldier's Wish List

Please join the City of Florissant and A Soldiers Wish List in showing our support for our Combat Troops that are serving and protecting our Country all over the world and cannot be at home for Christmas.

All items must be received no later than, November 10th, 2017 to be shipped in time for Christmas!

Items can be dropped off at any of these locations: JFK Community Center, JJE Community Center,

Florissant City Hall, Florissant Police Station and the Florissant Senior Dining Center. Items needed and appreciated are: New DVD movies, Xbox games (slightly used), New twin sheets and pillows, (also flannel ones for Afghanistan), Volleyballs, Baseballs, Basketballs, Flavored coffees, True crime novels (can be slightly used), Various tea variety packs, Mini flash lights, Mio flavored drops for the water (good for Kuwait, Iraq and Africa), Flavored sunflower seeds, Power bars, New towels and wash cloths, I-tune gift cards, Hand held games, AA and AAA batteries, Board Games, Socks (9-11), Music CD's. We also encourage you to make out personal Christmas card to show the men how much you appreciate their service.

Check out New Fall Classes

The City of Florissant's Parks & Recreation Department offers many recreational classes for residents and non-residents. New Classes this FALL include Restorative Yoga Workshops, Self Defense classes, Special Safety /Self-defense seminars, Shallow Deep Pi-Yo Fusion and Tai Chi for Arthritis and fall prevention. The department also offers volleyball and softball sports leagues please call either the Eagan Center at 314-921-4466 or the JFK Center at 314-921-4250 or check the city's website at www.florissantmo.com for specific dates, times and cost of any of the classes that are offered.

Yappy Hour

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's collar. Non-Dog park members must have most recent record of vaccinations for your dog to participant. All dogs must be neutered or spayed (please no puppies under 3 months)

Free Event!

When: Friday, October 5th - 5-8pm

When: Friday, November 9th - 5-8pm



Ice Rink Opening

Oct. 22



The City of Florissant's Ice Rink will open for the season on October 22nd Public Skate session are scheduled on Wednesday 7-9 p.m., Friday 7-9 p.m. and Saturday 1:30-4:30 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. For more information call 314-921-4470 or check the city's website at www.florissantmo.com.

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:

Holiday Lessons 12/26-12/30

Saturday Lessons 1/5-2/2

a. Kiddy 8:30-9:15am

b. Beginner Lessons (ages 6+) 9:25-10:10am

c. Advanced Beginner lessons: 10:20-11:05am

Registration: Resident: 10/14 NR: 10/21

Fee Resident: \$20, Non-Resident: \$25

Is Your Heating System Ready for the Arrival of Winter?



As winter approaches it is time to think about the readiness of your heating system. Don't wait for cold weather to arrive, check your heating system ahead of time to make sure it is working and take some steps to ensure your comfort and safety as well as to help the system run more efficiently, but also that it will run at peak efficiency.

Here are some things you can do to reduce your heating costs and help prevent problems that could create uncomfortable, unhealthy or possibly dangerous situations:

1. Replace Filters – Dirty air filters restrict air flow, this significantly reduces the efficiency of your heating system and increases your energy costs.

2. Check the Thermostat – Make sure your thermostat is reading the correct temperature by checking it against a reliably accurate thermometer. Setting your thermostat to 68 degrees for the winter will provide a comfortable indoor environment. It will also save you money since each degree higher will add about one percent to the cost of your energy. A programmable thermostat can save even more energy by adjusting the temperature while you are at work or sleeping. And listen to what your grandma said and dress for the winter...a sweater can also save money on your energy bill!

3. Check the Ducts – Walk around by your ductwork, listen and feel for escaping air. Scheduling a professional inspection every few years is also wise because an accurate pressure test is the only way to ensure ducts are sealed properly.

4. Check that Vents Are Clear – Anything constricting the airflow out of the vents in any room will negatively affect the efficiency and effectiveness of your system. Remove any dust, debris or pet hair accumulations on room vents as well as any objects placed on them which can constrict airflow. Radiators or baseboard heating with furniture placed directly in front of the heating elements can prevent heat from circulating properly throughout the room.

5. Get a Fall Preventive Maintenance Inspection – An inspection and tune-up by a professional technician helps ensure your heating system is in proper working order and operating at maximum efficiency. It also helps in the detection of small problems that could escalate into major problems that might affect your comfort during approaching cold weather.

Don't forget to check your Carbon Monoxide Detector! If you don't have one, please get one for your safety and peace of mind!

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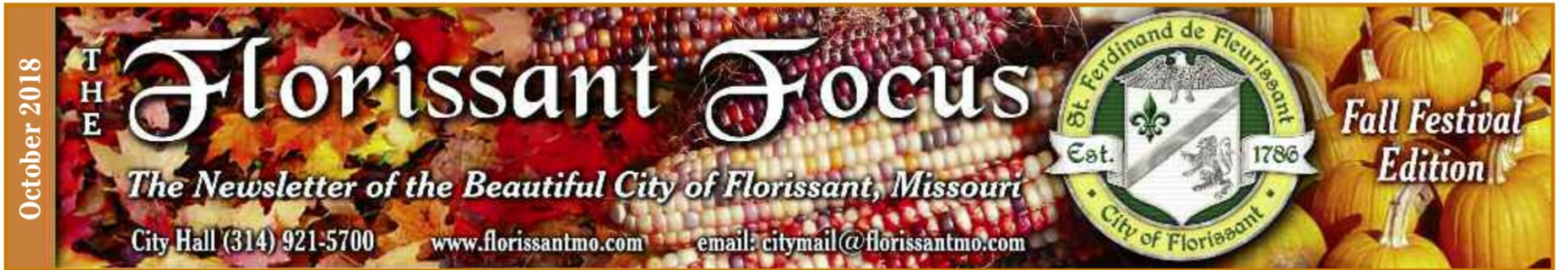


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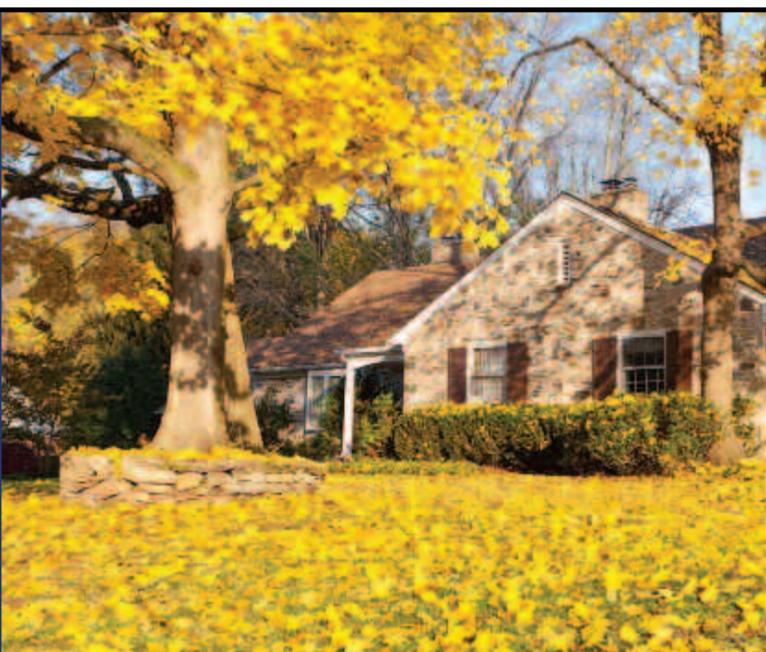

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