



## The City of Florissant Unveils Anti-Litter Campaign

Last Fall the City of Florissant announced the roll out of our new anti-litter campaign and held a contest to create the theme and graphics. The winning theme was "Feed the Cans, Not the Land" by Kim Miller and Gary Poenicke created the winning graphic. For their efforts, both won a gift certificate to the Florissant Restaurant of their choice and were recognized at the December 10th, 2018 City Council Meeting.



Signs were ordered and you may have seen the green anti-litter campaign signs posted around the city, in the Independent News or on the City's website. The City will be placing these green anti-litter signs on City Streets and in Parks. We also hope that commercial property owners will display these signs and welcome residents to put them in their yards. The signs are made from the same durable material as the "Drive Like Your Kids Play Here" signs and are available on request (instructions follow).

Backed by the Greater North County Chamber of Commerce, this campaign was dubbed "Florissant's New Year's resolution to reduce litter in our Beautiful City." There are plenty colorful green signs to display and if you would like a Less Litter Campaign sign please City Hall at 314-921-5700 or visit City Hall to pick one up. Signs are also available at the JFK Center located at 315 Howdershell Road or the James J. Eagan Center located at #1 James J. Eagan Center Drive.

Mayor Schneider would like to thank the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) and Council members who were formerly members of the EQC; Council President Jeff Caputa, Vice President Tim Jones and Councilman Robert Parson, who networked with EQC members to promote the campaign design contest.

## "It Is Your Responsibility to Register and Vote!" On Tuesday April 2nd

### 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 to vote:

#### Option 1: A Government Issued Photo ID.

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

#### Option 2: Secondary form of ID

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

#### Option 3: No ID

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

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

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

#### Lost I.D. Card

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

Retrieved from:

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



Or...

### Voter Registration...Who Can Register:

To register to vote, you must meet these qualifications:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Must be 17.5 years of age (18 years old by Election Day)
- Be a resident of St. Louis County

Where to Register:

There are many locations to register 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
7. All County Dept. 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.**

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## Historic Properties Available

Florissant derives identity, pride and hope from our shared heritage. We take pride in our rich history and beautiful historic homes and buildings. We want our community to flourish and attract new families who will continue our traditions and preserve our beautiful city. It is with this same conviction that Historic Florissant works toward the protection and preservation of some of the area's historic properties and calls upon the community for a cooperative effort to assure those properties are purchased by owners concerned with historic preservation and who are vested in our community. We call upon persons in the market, to seriously consider a purchase and restoration of these important properties.



The Ouvre-Bellissime House at 359 St. Jean is on the National Register of Historic Places and is listed as an endangered property. This land was once owned by Alexander Bellissime, a French soldier who came over with Lafayette to fight the English in the War of Independence. In 1810, the property was

transferred to Louis and Catherine Ouvre, Florissant pioneers, who built the house shortly thereafter. The home is the first French home to be built of brick. The Ouvre-Bellissime House will be up for auction in the very near future. The current owner is CitiCorp and at this time it is unknown as to what publication will print the auction details. It may be listed by address or by the north quarter block 38 of the New Town of St. Ferdinand. Historic Florissant will post information as their website and Facebook as it becomes available.



This beautiful turn of the century home at 111 St. Catherine was built in 1906. Designated as a local landmark, all exterior changes require a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Landmarks and Historic District Commission. The sale is AS-IS on this three bedroom home. Some interior renovation and updates are needed. The

gorgeous wrap around porch and half acre wooded lot gives a park like feel. With a new roof, 880 square foot garage with a finished office, zoned HVAC, this is truly a special property. There have only been 3 previous owners and it has not been on the market for over 40 years. Price \$150,000. For information contact Shannon Howard at 314-359-5927.



The Kramer House at 520 St. Catherine is a fine example of an early French home and needs some TLC. It is perfect for one interested in historic restoration. Without its enclosed porch it has the possibility to look similar to the French home (pictured on the top right). Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, all exterior changes require a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Landmarks and Historic District Commission. This home has 4 spacious bedrooms and two baths. It has a large yard, two car garage and out buildings. This is a Fannie Mae Homepath Property. Priced at \$59,900 there is plenty of room in the budget for improvements. For additional information contact Mark Fowler at 314-741-7600.

Example of French style home



The Louisa Garrett House, 280 Washington Street, circa 1810, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. All exterior changes require a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Landmarks and Historic District Commission. It is move-in ready, has been impeccably restored, and boasts 2 wood burning fireplaces. This three bedroom home is perfect for those interested in owning a piece of history. The current owner has updated the electric and plumbing to current standards. Some additions are needed in the kitchen area. Price \$85,000. For more information contact Denise Kirkpatrick (636)394-9300.

## Florissant Home Improvement Program



The City of Florissant's Community Development Office will have applications available for the Home Improvement Program beginning Monday, April 1, 2019. Applications are online at [www.florissantmo.com](http://www.florissantmo.com) under the Community Development Department tab or in the Community Development Office located in the Government Building at 1055 rue St. Francois.

COMPLETED applications will be accepted Wednesday, May 1, 2019 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.

A seminar explaining the 2019 Home Improvement Program will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall. For additional information contact the Community Development Office at 839-7622 or 839-7679.

## City of 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](http://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 Valley Memorial VFW Post 4105 is now "Smoke Free"

This year marks the 50th year VFW Post 4105 has been a member of the Florissant community. In their effort to revitalize, freshen up, and prepare for the next 50 years they have made quite a few updates but feel they have more work to do. In an effort to get ahead of the changing times, draw in new membership, their families, and community, they have decided to go "Smoke Free effective January 1, 2019".

This was not an easy decision and Commander Thomas Pero states that, "...this may be an unpopular decision for a few, however, even members of our smoking staff feel it is best for the strength and longevity of our post. Gulf War Era Veterans make up the largest group of Veterans at this time, we owe it to them, their families, and our workers to have a clean, smoke free environment where they can have a meal, a drink, or socialize during a community event." Commander Pero would like you, or anyone you know who hasn't been by Post 4105 in a while, to please come by to check out their weekly events, including their annual Fish Fry Fridays during Lent.

For more information or to contact Commander Thomas Pero: Florissant Valley Memorial VFW Post 4105  
410 Rue St Francois  
Florissant, MO 63031  
314-831-6121  
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## Ms. Missouri Senior America Pageant Seeks Contestants

Auditions To Be Held March 19, 2019

[www.MsMissouriSenior.org](http://www.MsMissouriSenior.org)

Are you the face of the contemporary senior woman?

Celebrating the Age of Elegance, *The Ms.*

*Missouri Senior America Pageant* invites all women of 60 years or better to audition to participate in The Pageant, which will be held July 14, 2019.

In the pageant, contestants will:

- Recite a 35 second personal philosophy of life
- Be interviewed by a panel of professional judges
- Model an age-appropriate evening gown
- Perform a 2 ½ minute talent presentation

A queen will be crowned, as well as a 1st and 2nd runner-up selected. After the pageant, all participants are invited to become members of the *Missouri Pageant Alumnae Club (aka, Missouri Cameo Club)*, a non-profit, charitable organization, which is dedicated to enriching the lives of all seniors by performing showcases at senior facilities throughout the St. Louis metro area.

For more information, please contact Susan Pellegrino at [msoseior@gmail.com](mailto:msoseior@gmail.com) or 314-640-5789.



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## St. Ferdinand Shrine St. Patrick's Day Meal

Sunday, March 17, 2019  
11:00 am - 6:00 pm



\$12 DINNER  
\$5 CHILDREN  
\$5 SANDWICHES

We now accept  
credit cards.

Tours @ Noon,  
2pm & 4 pm

Book Fair &  
Gift Shop Open



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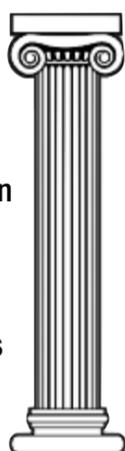
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Dear Friends,

It has come to pass that I am writing you my last Mayor's Message for the Florissant Focus. I have decided not to run for a third term as chief executive and will be officially retiring from public office in April when a new Mayor will take the oath of office that I took in 2011 and 2015. I also took the oath of office as a city Council Representative in 1979 and ten more times every 3 years. I have served with Mayor Eagan and Mayor Lowery and 44 Council Representatives either as City Engineer, City Council Representative or as Mayor of Florissant. I have learned valuable lessons from all of them to emulate, to avoid, or both.

Since 1979, first as a Council Representative and since 2011 as Mayor I have always been committed to providing our residents with all of the City services that you deserve and have come to expect. It is amazing how fast 40 years goes by and in the process I became the longest continuous serving elected office holder in the state of Missouri. The way we do business is changing ever more rapidly in this information age but the essentials of dedication, hard work, professionalism, common courtesy and mutual respect will always be valuable.

You inspire me and it has been a great honor and a most fulfilling experience to serve as the Mayor of the oldest and largest City in St. Louis County. I am very grateful for the support that you have given me and my administration. Thank you for putting me in a position to celebrate all that is beautiful about this historic City and to continue to work towards the progress of Florissant, the Metropolitan region and the State of Missouri.

I have been very fortunate to have been surrounded by so many supporters and for having such an outstanding staff that has served under me and those that are currently serving under my Administration. I could not have been successful without the commitment of my Department Heads and all of the dedicated employees who work hard for Florissant each day. I am also very grateful to all of the citizen volunteers who served on our many boards and commissions these past 40+ years.

I am pleased with the progress of the Economic Development in the City during my tenure in office. Major corporations, medical facilities, restaurants, National retailers, and many types of large and small businesses have invested over 200 million dollars and created thousands of jobs in the City of Florissant in the past eight years. A partial list includes the following: Life Care Centers of Florissant, Firestone Service Center, Siteman Cancer Center, 2 CVS Pharmacies, U-Haul Storage Facility, Regions Bank, Aspen Dental, Chic-fil-A, Culver's, Raising Canes, Firehouse Subs, Starbucks, Irma Jeans Family restaurant, Show Me's Sports Bar, Mod Pizza, Popeyes's, McAlister's Deli, Total Urgent Care, Eye Surgery Center, Ashley Furniture, Ulta Salon, Five Below, Michael's, Petco. The list goes

on and our City continues to grow.

I am grateful for the validation that the citizens have bestowed on our leadership by passing Proposition S for Safe Streets maintenance, A&R to establish rental industry fees, Prop B for out of State Car sales, and St. Louis County Prop P to fund Police Protection in Florissant and St. Louis County. (And thankfully the City of St. Louis followed that lead so the entire region is safer).

We have achieved noticeable infrastructure progress in the past 8 years. We converted the energy systems at the large Eagan Center complex to green energy efficient and maintenance efficient systems that will serve us well for many years to come especially for our Ice Rink and Indoor Swimming Pool. We are recommending a building infrastructure upgrade phase two for several other City Buildings as I depart. We have a new state of the art tennis facility at Tower Park, New amenities at our Recreation Centers and many of our parks including major improvements to Manion Park, and in 2019 a renovated St. Ferdinand Lake to enjoy as well as splash pads to be installed at Koch Park and a modern playground to compliment it next year.

We are proud of our new 30,000 square foot state of the art Court Building and Police Annex on Washington Street. With this new court facility Florissant is again setting the standard for all municipalities in St. Louis County, this time on how to create a building dedicated to access to justice. This building is also used to provide needed additional work space and modern meeting rooms for several divisions of our Police Department as well as high tech police training equipment. This building has a digital informational sign which is complimented by two additional digital signs, one at Police Headquarters and one at Koch Park. These signs give the City the ability to make announcements that are urgent or informational about city events.

Our close partnership and mutual respect with the Metropolitan Sewer District, Missouri American Water, Spire Natural Gas, Ameren UE, AT&T and Charter has resulted in Florissant receiving priority status for vital services from these companies. We have benefited from sanitary relief and storm water projects, power line preventative maintenance projects, storm recovery power restoration, water break repairs and restoration and other utility upgrade and maintenance. I thank all of my fellow engineers with all of our utility partners for keeping our electric, gas, water, phones, computers and TVs on.

For over 40 years going all the way back to my City Engineer days I have been an advocate for major bridge construction and the annual and systematic street and sidewalk maintenance. Under my Administration we have been able to add curb and pavement renovation upgrades to our city streets from Proposition S. Also we have established a more aggressive code enforcement division (with your help through Prop

A&R) and a state of the art upgraded Internet Technology Department.

Mayor James J. Eagan hired me in 1976 to work as the Florissant City Engineer and I still remember the first time I walked inside our beautiful City Hall to interview with him at the very same desk I work at daily. I learned many valuable lessons observing Mayor Eagan as a city employee. In addition to working as City Engineer I filled in as Street Superintendent due to that person being ill and after the death of Joe Kiefer I filled in as Public Works Director for several months. Little did I know that these valuable experiences would land me in the Mayor's office.

In 1979 I was elected in a six candidate race to the first of 11 three year terms as the City Council Representative for Ward 3 and served 32 years on the Council. Because of my Engineering background my early Council focus was on public works related projects and every year I used to fight to use Community Development Block Grant money to match MSD and Missouri funds to improve all of the eligible storm water drainage ditches in the city. I also was able to convince the administration and council to continue applying for and matching federal grant money to systematically replace our aging bridge infrastructure.

In 1989 I started the Project Lift - Off Holiday youth Party to help promote our new Drug Awareness and Resistance Education (DARE) program. Some of my most satisfying efforts have been in behalf of the youth of our community to provide good playground and recreation equipment for them to enjoy. One of my favorite pet projects is the Varsity Field at the corner of Charbonier and Howdershell for the use of our teenage athletes to play baseball and soccer on.

There are two words however that describes my top priorities over the years and those are Protection and Progress. I always supported prudent progress promoted by Mayor Eagan and Mayor Lowery but all three of us realized that there could be no progress without protection. Robert G. Lowery, Sr. was appointed Police Chief a few months after I was elected in 1979 and we were always on the same page in regard to giving the police department the resources needed to serve and protect the citizens of Florissant. This priority continued when Chief Lowery was elected to serve as Mayor Lowery after the passing of Mayor Eagan. I was elected Mayor in April of 2011.

Mayor Eagan and Mayor Lowery had different styles and approaches to promoting the progress of Florissant and the surrounding area and I have learned not only from observing their best efforts but also from working with and providing leadership for 44 different council members that I have served with. I used these lessons to maximize our potential to take advantage of every opportunity to attract new investors in our city and to help in any way that I could to promote progress in our region to benefit our citizens.



I felt a call to duty to serve as your Mayor similar to the one that compelled me to join the Navy Seabees (Can Do!) and that feeling became stronger in 2011. I offered my education, experience, accomplishments, and abilities for the voters to review in another six candidate race for the open seat left by retiring Mayor Robert G. Lowery, Sr. I was elected on April 5 and sworn in as the third Mayor under our 1963 Charter on April 25, 2011.

I have always been active in the St. Louis County Municipal League and the Missouri Municipal League as well as the National League of Cities. These organizations educate Municipal leaders on best practices and also advocate for and protect the collective cities in the County, State and Nation. I have testified at many Missouri State Capital hearings and have served on many Municipal league boards as well as serving on a Missouri Task Force.

My education has served me well in life and in the Mayor's office and I encourage our young readers to put a priority on education. I received a degree in Civil Engineering in 1975 from the U of MO Rolla and earned the designation of Certified Financial Planner in 1993. I learned how to use both a Scientific and a Financial Calculator. I am old enough to have known how to use a slide rule which is still a part of the Missouri University of Science and Technology Miner sports mascot. Go Miners!

I have been blessed and honored to continue the vision for the beautiful city and to emphasize the importance of protection, progress and service for the wonderful people of Florissant. With gratitude and warmest personal regards to you and your family I take my leave from public life.

Sincerely Yours,  
Thomas P. Schneider  
Mayor

## Mayor Thomas P. Schneider Comments On "Better Together" Signature Petition Threat That Would Terminate 233 Years Of Florissant Sovereignty

Florissant is the oldest and largest city in St. Louis County and only St. Genevieve, St. Louis and St. Charles are older in the entire Louisiana Purchase Territory. Founded by the Spanish Governor of the Louisiana Territory in 1786 Florissant is older than St. Louis County, older than State of Missouri, and even a few years older than the Constitution of the United States. We have been a sovereign community under three countries, Spain, France or the United States for 233 years. We appreciate our long history as a sovereign city and wish it to continue for another 233 years.

We would like to continue to be protected by Police who we know and trust. The award winning Florissant Police Department is one of the best law enforcement agencies anywhere and was one of the first to receive the gold standard in public safety, the CALEA certification from The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. Other agencies including the County and City Police Departments

have always had the highest respect and have tried to emulate our department. The Florissant Police department is our most valuable asset and is highly appreciated by our residents and is also one of reasons why many investors continue to locate and develop their business in Florissant.

We would prefer to maintain our streets, bridges, sidewalks and other infrastructure rather than surrender it to the Better Together Mega Metro. Florissant has a very proactive Public Works Department which has been validated by our voters with additional revenue to continue proven programs to maintain and systematically rebuild our streets and sidewalks. We are way ahead of the curve compared to the rest of the nation in that we have been systematically replacing our bridges and culverts for more than 40 years ever since I served under Mayor Eagan as City Engineer 1976-1978.

We want to participate in a conversation on how to be a part of a more competitive Metropolitan area but neither myself as Mayor or our City

Council Members were asked by Better Together for our opinions nor were we consulted by the County Executive or the St. Louis Mayor despite the fact that we are acquainted and have been in the same room at the same time many times.

We find it contradictory and puzzling that one day the editorial page of the Post-Dispatch laments the dysfunction of St. Louis City or County or their chief executives or their law enforcement agencies one day and the next day's editorial page proclaims that everyone should happily embrace the idea of a Statewide vote to create a one size fits all mega government controlled by the remotest of leaders.

We think any regional decisions on governance change should be made by the citizens that would be affected. We would be reluctant to entertain the idea of voting to compromise the sovereignty or the method of governing of Rolla, Poplar Bluff, Independence, Springfield, and Hannibal et al. It is hoped that the information in the 160 page Better Together report and other reports such as

the 25 page report prepared by UMSEL's Terry Jones in 2014 entitled "TOWARD REGIONALISM: THE ST. LOUIS APPROACH" and other relevant material such as the written position of SLACMA (St. Louis Area Police Chiefs Association) will be useful to the forthcoming Board of Freeholders.

We support and will participate in the initiative of the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis to collect the necessary signatures to enable a Board of Freeholders (also called Board of Electors) to be formed who will be mandated to hold open public meetings and hearings so that the will of the citizens can be heard in open dialogue and testimony. Open to the public discussions have been a bed rock tradition in our Republic called the United States of America for about as long as Florissant has been a sovereign city.

## Chief's Corner

Greetings,

It has been a very busy few months as the Florissant Police Department has not only been responding to and investigating incidents, but as I and several members of the department, participate in a number of events to assist in the betterment of our community. As the Chief of the Florissant Police Department, I speak for the entire department when I say "Thank you" to the Florissant area businesses and organizations that involve us in their community events. I always enjoy the opportunity to speak with residents and to get to know them better.

The police department has been very busy lately with several initiatives that I would like to share with you. The first, was our TEAM Food Pantry Food Drive competition with the Hazelwood Police Department. I truly enjoyed how involved the community got in donating food at several drop off locations. In the end, almost 18,000 pounds of food were donated with Florissant raising slightly more than our friends in Hazelwood. Ultimately, it was the community that won—we all came together for a common goal, and TEAM was given a sizable donation so they can continue their good work.

In December, the Florissant Police Department began our annual Summons of Joy program, where they randomly give gift cards to people who were stopped for minor traffic violations. This program has been growing every year, and we could not do it without several Florissant area churches who raise the money and purchase the gift cards. This year, the churches raised enough funds to purchase sixty-six \$100 gift cards that the Florissant Police Officers gave out to make people's Christmas a little brighter. The Police Department also continued with our 5th Annual Heroes for the Holidays event this December. In this program, started by Officer Lessie Summers, Florissant employees donate funds to purchase Christmas gifts for needy children in Florissant. This year, I am proud to say that enough funds were raised to purchase gifts for fourteen kids, which resulted in one hundred and twenty kids being helped over the five year life of this program. Lastly, the Florissant Police Department teamed up with the Florissant Elks Lodge to do a "Shop with a Cop" for ten needy middle and high school aged children in December. Due to the funds raised by the Elks, each of the kids was given a \$250 gift card to go shopping with one of the members of the Florissant Police Department. I was very fortunate enough to attend this event as the kids went shopping, and to eat breakfast with the families. After speaking with the officers who participated, we all agreed that we felt that we got as much out of the event as the ten children did. Thanks to the Florissant Elks for making ten children's holiday a little brighter.

Since the passage of Proposition P in St. Louis County, I have been working closely with Mayor Schneider and our City Council to use the funds to enhance the department's capabilities in serving our residents. With the Proposition P funds, we have changed the uniformed police employee's pay scale to make it more competitive, which allows for more success at recruitment and retention of quality officers. Recently, the department completed the purchase of a shooting simulator, both mobile and stationary license plate readers, and in car video cameras for our patrol cars—all with Proposition P Funds. The shooting simulator, located at the new Courts Building, allows officers to train in scenarios, which will further improve their decision



making capabilities in high stress situations. I have been present when several community groups utilize the simulator, and the residents leave with a much greater understanding of the difficult decisions that law enforcement officers face. Other items that residents may have seen lately are the License Plate Readers (LPR) that were mounted on two patrol cars, and at stationary locations within the City of Florissant. These LPRs scan license plates as the vehicles pass by, which alerts officers to vehicles that are stolen or wanted. Our investigators can also search the database of scanned license plates and vehicles to assist in the solving of crimes. Lastly, the in-car video cameras were recently purchased after researching several models. These camera systems, which will be installed in all Florissant patrol cars, will increase our transparency with the public.

In closing, I want to thank the public for your willingness to be involved. Whether it is at a community function or reporting a crime, the Citizens of Florissant are what makes this community so great, and we could not do our jobs without you. You are our eyes and ears in the community and we solve a lot of crimes with your help. Please continue to 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 understanding 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 be able to collect video evidence and follow up on leads.

### What are the Benefits of Registering your Camera?

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 with the Florissant Police Department, 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 Florissant Police Department and allow officers to contact you should a crime occur in or near where your



cameras are installed, please fill out the online form below.

### Terms and Conditions

The information you provide regarding your camera systems will be for official use only. Your personal information will remain confidential and not be distributed except as required by law or court order. This program is entirely voluntary and you can withdraw consent to view video footage from your camera system at any time by calling the Florissant Bureau of Investigation. If necessary, the Florissant Police Department will contact you directly, using the information provided by you at the time of registration, to request the appropriate video surveillance footage. Any footage containing or related to criminal activity collected by the Florissant Police Department may be used as evidence during any stage of a criminal proceeding. Under no circumstances shall the registrants construe that they are acting as an agent and/or employee of the City of Florissant and/or the Florissant Police Department through the program.

### Have further questions?

Contact the Florissant Bureau of Investigation at 314-831-7000.

## The Florissant Police Department and the Florissant Valley Fire Protection District to Offer C.E.R.T. Training

The Florissant Police Department and the Florissant Valley Fire Protection District will host another C.E.R.T. training course beginning Tuesday, February 19th, 2019. C.E.R.T. is an acronym that stands for Community Emergency Response Team. Participants will meet one day a week for eight weeks. Class times will be from 6:30 P.M. until 9:30 P.M.

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

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

The application process is open and reservations are being accepted, as seating is limited to 24 participants, for this C.E.R.T. class. Applications will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Applications can be



picked up at the Florissant Police Department or by visiting the police department's website and download the application at;

[www.florissantmo.com/police](http://www.florissantmo.com/police)  
For more information contact Officer Steve Michael at 314-830-6042 or at [smichael@florissantmo.com](mailto:smichael@florissantmo.com). Completed applications may be dropped off or mailed to:  
Florissant Police Department  
Public Information Unit  
1700 North Highway 67  
Florissant, MO 63033

### Mission Statement

*"The mission of the Florissant Police Department is to provide the highest quality police services to the people of the City of Florissant, by promoting a safe environment through police and citizen interaction, with an emphasis on integrity, fairness, and professionalism."*



## Summons of Joy



The Fourth annual Summons of Joy campaign kicked off in December at the Florissant Police Department. Churches in the Florissant area donated \$6,600 to this program which gave Officers with the Florissant Police Department the opportunity to give out 66 \$100 Target gift cards to individuals/families that may need a little help during the holiday season. "We are thrilled to be given

this opportunity for the fourth consecutive year. The support from the Florissant Community is like no other. When there is a call to action from our local churches, the residents of our community really come together. This truly shows the compassion and the support of our community," said Chief Lowery.

## Florissant Police Department has openings in their Explorer Program

The Florissant Police Department is currently looking for additional members for their Explorer Program. The Explorers is a group of 14-21 year old young adults who are interested in law enforcement as a career. As a former Florissant Police Explorer, Chief Timothy J. Lowery can certainly attest to the benefits of the Explorer Program. The Florissant Explorers meet twice a month on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7pm at the Florissant Police Department. At the meetings, the Explorers train and discuss various law enforcement related topics. The Explorers also are requested to assist the Florissant Police Department during community events, and they are given the



opportunity to ride along with Florissant Police Officers after they meet certain conditions. There is no cost to be a Florissant Police Explorer. Each applicant must complete the application process and submit to a background check. If any young adult is interested in joining the Florissant Explorers to learn more about law enforcement as a career, please contact Officer Jenna Carlson [jcarlson@florissantmo.com](mailto:jcarlson@florissantmo.com) or Officer Nick Osmer [nosmer@florissantmo.com](mailto:nosmer@florissantmo.com) you can read more about the Explorer program on the Florissant Police Department's website, [www.florissantmo.com/police](http://www.florissantmo.com/police).

## Check Your Air Conditioning Before a Spring Heat Wave Arrives Early

Spring brings nice cool days great for outdoor activities and opening windows to let in the cool fresh spring air. In recent years, we have experienced some unusually hot and humid summer-like weather early in spring. Those unusual hot spells have caught some people off-guard as they reached for the thermostat only to find the air condition system was either not working or not performing at peak efficiency.

The hotter and longer summers we have been experiencing cause air conditioning systems to run for longer hours and many more days. At the end of the last cooling season most of us turned off the air conditioning and shortly afterward turned on the heat. Any problems that may have been developing with the AC unit were likely unnoticed or forgotten. Calling a professional technician to inspect your system is insurance against waking up in the middle of the night in a hot and humid bedroom or waiting days to find a qualified technician to get your AC up and running again.

*Here are your considerations...*

**Technician Availability:** The transition between winter cold and summer heat is one of the less busy times of the year for HVAC technicians. The emergency service calls of winter have tapered off. Fewer emergencies makes it easier to arrange a time for your maintenance service that is more convenient for you.

**Weather Surprises Won't Cause you Discomfort:** During March and April, weather is usually unpredictable. Your heating system may be in good shape due to winter use, but your AC system might not be ready for a crazy spring heat wave. An early AC check-up will ensure that a surprise heat wave will not have you in a panic for cooling. An early AC check-up will help ensure that your comfort will not be in question.



**Save Money by Planning Ahead:** Over the past summer, your air conditioner had plenty of time to develop issues that reduced its energy efficiency. A surprise hot spell in the early spring could raise your energy bill if your AC system is not running at peak efficiency. An early maintenance check will help ensure that your system is running at peak efficiency as soon as it is needed.

**Catch any problems early:** An early spring inspection and tune-up will give you a head start in arranging any services your system may need long before the intense heat of summer arrives.

**For more information on maintaining your heating and air conditioning system to ensure total control of your indoor air quality, call Goldkamp Heating & Cooling.**

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## North County Inc. Sets Date and Seeks Nominations for Annual Leadership Celebration

St. Louis, Mo, Jan. 17, 2019 -

North County Inc. (NCI) will host its 42nd Annual Leadership Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., Friday, May 10 at the Marriott St. Louis Airport and seeks nominations for exemplary business, civic and community leadership for those who work in North County. Nominations are due March 15, and honorees will be recognized at the celebratory event. To nominate a worthy candidate(s) for an award go to:

[www.NorthStLouisCounty.com](http://www.NorthStLouisCounty.com).

The Leadership Breakfast will also showcase current initiatives under way that are helping to enhance the region's growth and quality of life.

"Our Annual Leadership Breakfast is an opportunity for NCI to recognize the many professionals, businesses and others who are making a powerful impact in North County, said NCI President and CEO Rebecca Zoll. "There are very positive developments and work happening in the community, bringing our leadership together to celebrate this growth is always fun."

Awards include:

- Elmer Belsha Leadership Award is presented to an individual who has a positive impact on the North County community.
- Business Development Awards are presented to those whose efforts have positively affected the economic development and business climate of the North County area.
- Community Development Awards are presented to those whose efforts positively benefit youth, residents, civic organizations or others through selfless acts.
- Public Service Awards are presented to individuals, elected, appointed or employed by a public body whose long-time service has had a positive impact on the community and/or public body they serve.
- Diversity and Inclusion Awards recognize individuals or organization showcasing exemplary dedication to diversity and equity initiatives while promoting a culture of inclusion.

### About North County Incorporated

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.




**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](http://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.

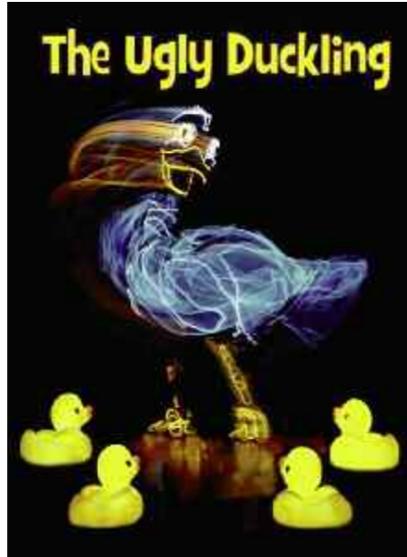
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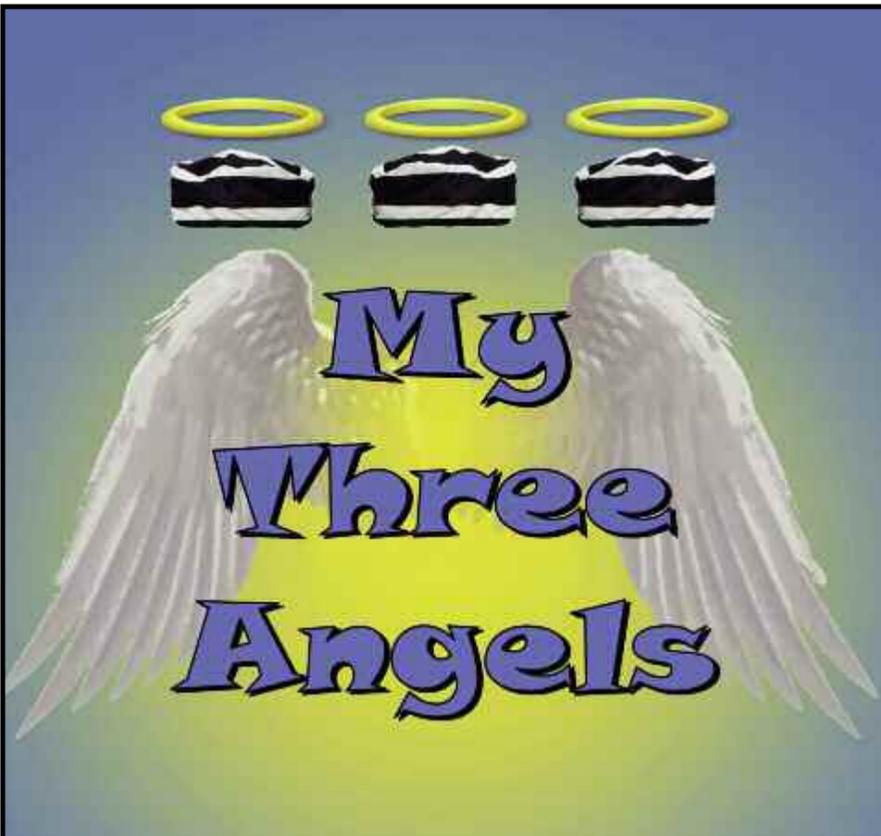
*Individual tickets go on sale 45 days prior to the opening of any production.*

**MARCH**
**\*\*St. Louis Family Theatre Series presents:**
**The Ugly Duckling**
*(Corbian & Lightwire Theater)*

Mar. 3 – 2:00 p.m.    Mar. 8 – 7:30 p.m.    Mar. 9 – 2:00 p.m.

Lightwire Theater brings a classic tale to the modern stage in an unforgettable theatrical experience. Lined with electroluminescent wire, the beloved story of The Ugly Duckling plays out on stage through a cutting-edge blend of puppetry, technology and dance. With dazzling visuals, poignant choreography and the creative use of music from classical to pop, this production brings this story into a new and brilliant light.

**ADMISSION: \$8.00 to all**
**Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or [www.FlorissantMO.com](http://www.FlorissantMO.com)**

**Alpha Players Present:**
**My Three Angels**

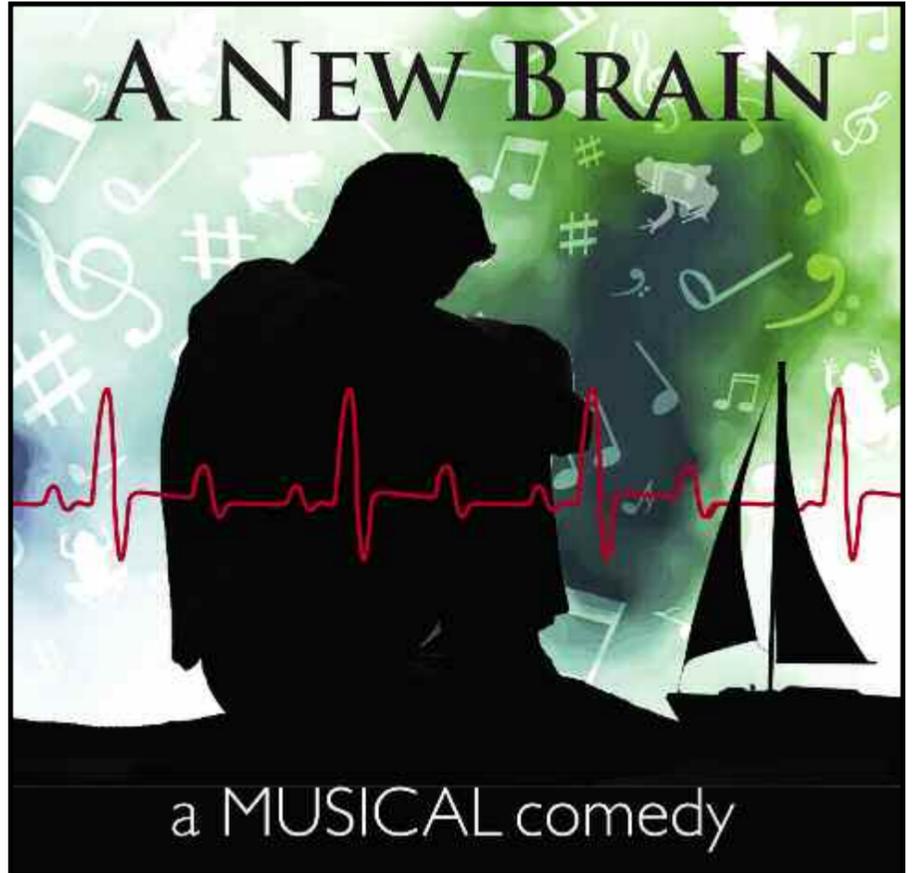
 Mar. 15 – 7:30 p.m.    Mar. 16 – 7:30 p.m.  
 Mar. 22 – 7:30 p.m.    Mar. 23 – 7:30 p.m.    Mar. 24 – 2:00 p.m.


It is 1910 French Guiana and on this Christmas day the temperature has graciously dropped to 104 degrees. Three convicts from the local penal colony stumble upon a family in dire need of a little angelic assistance to fend off a group of unscrupulous relatives. Possessing every criminal art and with the help of Adolphe (a poisonous snake), the three go about setting matters right and in doing so redeem themselves as real life angels to a grateful family.

**ADMISSION: \$18.00 Adults; \$16.00 Seniors/Students; \$12.00 Children 12 & under; Group rates available**
**Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or [www.FlorissantMO.com](http://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, Missouri Arts Council (a state agency), and the Regional Arts Commission.*
**APRIL**
**Hawthorne Players Present:**
**A New Brain**

Apr. 5 – 7:30 p.m.    Apr. 6 – 7:30 p.m.

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

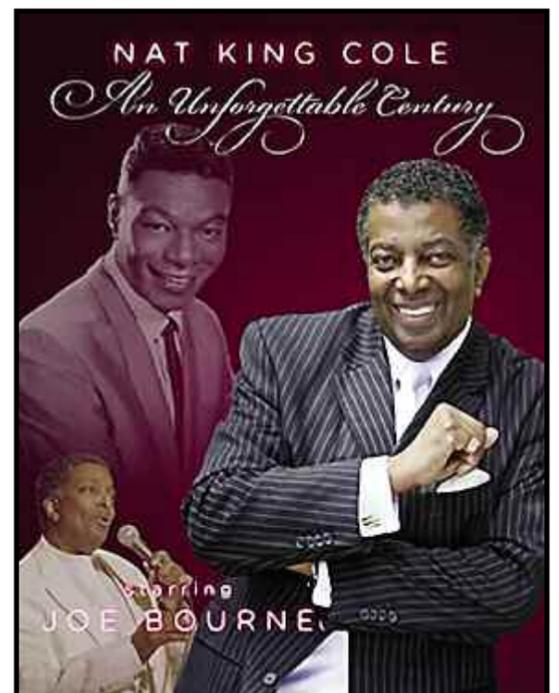


Music and Lyrics by William Finn; Book by William Finn and James Lapine An energetic, sardonic, often comical musical about a composer during a medical emergency. Gordon collapses into his lunch and awakes in the hospital surrounded by his seafaring lover, his mother, a co-worker, the doctor, and the nurses. Reluctantly, he had been composing a song for a children's television show that features a frog, Mr. Bungee. The specter of this large green character and the unfinished work haunts him throughout his medical ordeal.

**ADMISSION: \$20.00 Adults; \$18.00 Seniors/Students; Group rates available**  
**Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or [www.FlorissantMO.com](http://www.FlorissantMO.com)**
**\*Florissant Fine Arts Council Presents:**
**Nat King Cole: An Unforgettable Century**
*(CMI Entertainment, Inc.)*

Apr. 28 – 2:00 p.m.

The year 2019 will mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Nat King Cole. An incandescent voice...Unforgettable in every way! If you close your eyes and let the soft, elegant music envelope you, it will be as though Nat King Cole himself has stepped up to the microphone when Joe Bourne claims the music. Joe Bourne has been winning over music fans for years with his smooth, soft baritone voice, perfectly emulating the legendary Nat King Cole with the same quiet dignity, style, and sophistication. An Unforgettable Century is accompanied by Joe's trio consisting of Nat's original sound - piano, bass and guitar - using arrangements transcribed from the original recordings, and is accompanied by an evocative, educational narration. Presented are swinging and sophisticated arrangements of songs like: Orange Colored Sky, Walking My Baby Back Home, Paper Moon, Sweet Lorraine, Mona Lisa, Nature Boy, When I fall In Love, Route 66, Unforgettable and many more.


**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](http://www.FlorissantMO.com)**
**MAY**
**Coming to the FCC Theatre in May 2019:**
**Northwinds Concert Band Spring Concert – May 4**
**Alpha Players "Exit Laughing" – May 17, 18, 24, 25 & 26**



# Auditions - St. Louis Strutters



Do you have what it takes to become a St. Louis Strutter? Would you love to show your personality and talent through dance? Do you have the stamina and focus to learn choreographed routines from professional choreographers? Then, we're looking for you! Auditions are now being scheduled for women with professional-level tap dance experience who love to perform.

The St. Louis Strutters is an energetic group of senior tap dancing women who perform precision high-kicking fast-tapping dance routines dressed in glamorous costumes. If you are between the ages of 50 to 65 years of age at least five feet tall between sizes four to twelve we invite you to contact us to schedule an audition for a spot in our dance lineup. Dancing in unison is an art and the STLS rehearse weekly throughout the year to achieve their goal of excellence.

To schedule an appointment or to request more information please visit our website at [www.stlstrutters.com](http://www.stlstrutters.com) to email your contact information. Don't hesitate! This is a unique opportunity to audition for the STLS.



Tickets by phone @ (314) 921-5678  
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or online at [www.FlorissantMO.com](http://www.FlorissantMO.com) - anytime



Coming Spring 2019!

## Pediatric specialty services close to home.

Starting this spring, SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital will bring their specialty services and expertise to children and parents throughout the **North County** area.

The new pediatric specialty clinic, to be located at 3878 Pershall Road in Ferguson, will host a variety of specialists in areas like ENT, gastroenterology, neurology, orthopedics and urology - delivering the care a child needs where and when they need it.

To learn more, visit [ssmhealth.com/NorthCountyKids](http://ssmhealth.com/NorthCountyKids).



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### Market Outlook for 2019: Uncertainty is Certain

To say the financial markets were a bit bumpy in 2018 may be an understatement. The S&P 500 was down 6.2 percent for the year, the first time this key index fell since 2008, during the financial crisis. So what can you anticipate in 2019? And what investment moves should you make?

Let's review the causes for last year's market volatility. Generally speaking, uncertainty was a major culprit. Uncertainty about tariffs, uncertainty about the continued trade dispute with China, uncertainty about Brexit - they all combined to make the markets nervous. Furthermore, the Federal Reserve raised interest rates four times, and even though rates remain low by historical standards, the increases caused some concern, as higher borrowing costs can eventually crimp the growth prospects for businesses.

And now that we're into 2019, these same uncertainties remain, so markets are likely to remain volatile. Although the Fed has indicated it may be more cautious with regard to new rate hikes, there are indications of slower growth ahead, particularly in China, the world's second-largest economy. And after strong 2018 earnings growth, helped by the corporate tax cuts, corporate earnings may grow more slowly - and, as always, earnings are a key driver of stock prices.

Nonetheless, the U.S. economy is showing enough strength that a recession does not appear to be on the horizon, which is also likely to be the case globally - and that should be good news, because an extended "bear" market typically does need to be fueled by a recession. Ultimately, the projected continued growth of the U.S. economy and the possible resolution of some uncertainties could help markets rebound.

As investors, we cannot control the everyday ups and downs in the markets, but we can control

our decisions, look for opportunities and keep a long-term perspective within our investment portfolios. Consider these actions for 2019:

Be prepared for volatility. As mentioned, many of the same factors that led to the market upheavals of 2018 are still with us, along with the impact of the partial government shutdown - so don't be surprised to see continued volatility. The more you're prepared for market turbulence, the less startled you'll be when it arrives.

Stay diversified. At any given time, different financial assets may move in different directions: stocks up, bonds down, or vice versa. To help dilute risk and take advantage of different opportunities, you should maintain a broadly diversified portfolio containing stocks, international stocks, bonds, government securities and so on. You may need to rebalance your portfolio to maintain an appropriate proportion of each asset class, based on your risk tolerance and long-term goals. Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio, it can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses.

Take a long-term perspective. It can be disconcerting to see several-hundred point drops in the stock market. But you can look past short-term events, especially if your most important financial target - a comfortable retirement - is still years or decades away. By keeping your focus on the long term, you can make investment decisions based on your objectives - not your emotions.

If 2019 continues to be volatile, you'll need to stay prepared and make the right moves - so you can be confident that you did everything you could to keep moving toward your financial goals.

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## Groovin' Bingo

Play Bingo to the music of the 60's and be groovin' all day long! From the Beatles to the Stones to MoTown! There will be prizes, refreshments & groovy fun for all!

**Date:** Thursday, March 28, 2019

**Time:** 1:00pm – 3:00pm

**Place:** Florissant Senior Dining Center at 621 St. Francois

**Tickets:** \$2.00 residents, \$3.00 non-residents Ticket sales begin for residents on Tuesday, March 5. If there are tickets remaining, tickets go on sale to residents and non-residents on Wednesday, March 6. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for ticket availability or for more information.



## St. Pat's Party & Bingo

Wear Your Green! St. Patrick's Party and Bingo will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2019. Traditional corned beef and cabbage will be served and the beloved Irish Dancers from O'Faolain Academy of Irish Dance will entertain us.

Attendance prizes will be raffled, chances for an Irish Pot of Gold and Gift Baskets will be sold and we'll play Bingo!

**Date:** Thursday, March 14, 2019

**Time:** 10:00am – 2:00pm

**Place:** James J. Eagan Center

**Tickets:** \$12.00 residents, \$15.00 non-residents, includes admission, entertainment, lunch, attendance prizes & Bingo. Ticket sales will begin in the Senior Office on Tuesday, February 19 for residents with a current resident card. If there are tickets remaining, on Monday, March 4, tickets will be sold to residents and non-residents through Monday March 11. We will be collecting donations for TEAM FOOD PANTRY. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.



## Summertime Party & Bingo

Join us for some Fin-tastic Fun! The 2019 Summertime Party this year has an "Under the Sea" Theme! Join in the fun on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at the Eagan Center from 10:00am – 2:00pm. The Incredible MUNY KIDS will perform! We'll enjoy lunch, entertainment, attendance prizes and of course BINGO!

**Date:** Thursday, June 6, 2019

**Time:** 10:00am – 2:00pm

**Place:** James J. Eagan Center

**Tickets:** \$12.00 residents, \$15.00 non-residents, includes admission, entertainment, lunch and attendance prizes. Ticket sales begin in the Senior Office on Monday, May 13, 2019 for residents with a current resident card. If there are tickets remaining, on Monday, May 20, tickets will be sold to residents and non-residents through Monday, June 3. We will be collecting donations for TEAM FOOD PANTRY! Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.



## 2019 Senior Citizen Resource Fair

The City of Florissant has partnered with Memory Care Home Solutions, St. Catherine Retirement Center, The Pillars of North County and Mercy Home Health & Hospice Services to provide the 2019 Aging My Way Resource Fair. Gift cards will be raffled, free donuts and coffee will be available, free health screenings will be conducted and over 70 Senior Citizen Vendors will be present to give out valuable information.

The 2019 Aging My Way Resource Fair will be Tuesday, April 9, 2019 from 9:00am – 12:00noon at the James J. Eagan Center. This is a free event for all Senior Citizens – residents and non-residents. No ticket required. For more information, call the Florissant Senior Office at 314-839-7605.



## Taco Tuesday at the Dining Center

FREE TACO'S at the Florissant Senior Dining Center on March 26, 2019 provided by The Bridge at Florissant. Special Guest speakers Chief of Police Timothy Lowery and International Instructors Tom Jost & Tscharna Senn will speak about Senior Citizen Safety and Confrontation Avoidance.

**Date:** Tuesday, March 26, 2019

**Time:** 11:45am – 2:30pm,

tacos served at 12:00noon

**Place:** Florissant Senior Dining Center at 621 St. Francois

**Reservations:** This is a Free event; call the Senior Office, 839-7605 to make reservations starting on March 18, 2019.



## Trips

### The Music of Billy Joel & Elton John & Lombardo's Restaurant

Two of St. Louis' favorite musical theater performers, Ben Nordstrom & Steve Neale come together at the Sheldon Concert Hall to celebrate music icons Billy Joel and Elton John. Enjoy hits such as "New York State of Mind," "Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me," "Scenes from an Italian Restaurant" and "Your Song," performed with Ben and Steve's trademark wit and charm. Then, enjoy Authentic Italian Cuisine at St. Louis' Famous Lombardo's Restaurant.



**Date:** Saturday, May 11, 2019

**Time:** 10:00am – 3:00pm

**Tickets:** \$40.00 residents, \$42.00 non-residents - includes transportation, concert and lunch

Ticket sales begin Tuesday, March 19, in the Florissant Senior Office for residents with a current resident card. If there are tickets remaining on March 20, tickets will be sold to residents and non-residents until April 12. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for ticket availability or for more information.

### The Gateway Arch and the Old Spaghetti Factory

The New Gateway Arch: Bringing together art, nature, history and adventure! Visit the Museum at the Gateway Arch that celebrates America's pioneering spirit, and trace the story of the Native Americans, explorers, pioneers and rebels who made America possible. Watch the documentary movie "Monument to the Dream" and learn about the inspiration and the determination of the men who brought the Arch to Life! Then step into another world at the Old Spaghetti Factory, adorned with antique lighting and intricate stained glass displays, and enjoy a delicious Italian Lunch.



**Date:** Thursday, June 13, 2019

**Time:** 9:00am – 2:30pm

**Tickets:** \$34.00 residents, \$36.00 non-residents - includes transportation, museum, movie & lunch

Tickets sales begin at the Silver Words Meeting on Thursday, May 9 for Silver Words Club Members only. If there are tickets remaining, on May 10 through May 24, tickets will be sold in the Senior Office to residents and non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for ticket availability or for more information.

### Monticello Gardens at Lewis & Clark and Josephine's Tea Room



The unique beauty of the Lewis & Clark College Campus can be attributed to the Monticello Sculpture Gardens. Listen to the stories behind the monumental bronze sculptures. Explore the beautiful lily pond, the fountains and the gardens designed to inspire students and be environmentally friendly. Then enjoy an elegant soup and sandwich lunch at Josephine's Tea Room & Gift Shops followed by a delicious homemade dessert. Browse through the Gift Shops that feature clothes, shoes, handbags, jewelry, home décor & and much more.

**Date:** Tuesday, July 9, 2019

**Time:** 9:00am – 3:00pm

**Tickets:** \$36.00 residents, \$38.00 non-residents - includes transportation, tour of Monticello Gardens and lunch

Ticket sales begin in the Senior Office on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 to residents only with a current resident card. If there are tickets remaining, tickets will go on sale to residents and non-residents on Wednesday, June 5 until June 21. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for ticket availability or for more information.

## ItalianFest Dinner/Dance

Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Johnny Mathis, Perry Como, Sammy Davis, Jr. – Lamar Pilsing will sing songs from all these artists and more! First enjoy a delicious Italian Dinner. Then sit back and listen to this wonderful performance or dance the night away!

**Date:** Friday Evening, May 17, 2019

**Time:** 5:00pm – 9:00pm, dinner served at 5:30pm

**Tickets:** \$12.00 residents, \$15.00 non-residents includes admission, performance, dancing, dinner, & light snacks. Beer & wine will be available for purchase. Tickets go on sale for residents and non-residents beginning Monday, April 29 and continuing through Tuesday, May 13, 2019 in the Senior Office. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.



## Health & Wellness Days at the Dining Center

The Leader in the Healthcare Industry, SSM HEALTH will sponsor the program “Boost your Attitude & Well Being” at the Florissant Senior Dining Center.

**Date:** Tuesday, April 30, 2019

**Time:** 11:00am

**Place:** Florissant Senior Dining Center at 621 rue St. Francois

**Reservations:** This is a FREE Program provided by SSM HEALTHCARE. FREE LUNCH will be provided by SSM. You must get there at 11:00am to take advantage of the free lunch. Call for a reservation, 839-7603, starting on April 15th.



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## Make your own personalized sign!

Hundreds to choose from! No skill required. No artistic talent needed. Go home with the creation – no waiting! Make a sign for yourself or give it as a gift! The business called Mommy’s Design Farm, in the Historic Florissant Train Depot Building on St. Catherine, is hosting this event at the FLORISSANT SENIOR DINING CENTER! All materials are provided! Coffee and water are available. You are welcome to bring any other refreshments or drink that you’d like. You will pick out your sign selection when you come to sign up for the event.

**Date:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019

**Time:** 1:00pm

**Sign ups:** Tuesday, May 7 through May 30th in the Florissant Senior Office. Please allow extra time when to come to sign up as you will be making your sign selection at this time.

**Cost:** \$25.00 cash only due at sign ups. This includes everything – all supplies. You will bring home your creation on the day of the event. Coffee and water will be provided. If you want other refreshments or drinks – You may bring them.



## TEAM Food Pantry Community Day at the Dining Center

Let’s help make a child’s summer a little more fun by making snack bags for TEAM Food Pantry! Please bring an individually packed snack. The Senior Office will provide the bags and we’ll all participate in filling them with our snacks. Suggested snacks include: granola bars, individual chip packs or cookie packs, oranges, apples, snack packs of cereal, snack packs of raisins, fruit cups, fruit snacks, individual wrapped cheese & crackers or rice krispy treats, juice boxes and snack packs of muffins or donuts. Many hands make light work! After making the bags, for those that are interested, we’ll play BINGO for TEAM for \$1.00 a card with all proceeds going to TEAM. Light Refreshments will be served. Come and make a difference!



**Date:** Tuesday, May 21, 2019

**Time:** 2:00pm -4:00pm

**Tickets:** No ticket or reservation required. Just come to the Dining Center with your snack & money for Bingo (if interested)

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

## The City of Florissant has partnered with Oasis to offer Senior Citizen Classes at the Florissant Senior Dining Center.

Upcoming Classes are listed below.



## A Matter of Balance

Almost half of older adults worry about falling. Learn the factors that can lead to a fall and practical tips for staying on your feet. Stretches and light movements for improved flexibility and range of motion are introduced in the third class. This is a discussion-based program, and participants receive a workbook to keep.

**Days & Time:** Tuesdays, May 21 through July 9, 2019 10:00am – 12:00noon

**Place:** Florissant Senior Dining Center

**Cost:** This is a free class provided by Oasis

**Registration:** For more information or to register, please call Oasis at 314-862-4859 extension 24

## 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 of this program include improving balance, strength, flexibility and stamina, improving relaxation, vitality, posture and immunity, increasing functional fitness and creating a sense of achievement.

**Days & Time:** Mondays & Wednesdays, March 11 through April 29, 2019, 1:00pm – 2:00pm

**Place:** Florissant Senior Dining Center

**Cost:** \$60.00 for 15 sessions

**Registration:** For more information or to register, please call Oasis at 314-862-4859 extension 24



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## Electronics Recycling Event



The City of Florissant along with Midwest Recycling Center is proud to announce an Electronics Recycling Event on Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 9am to 1pm rain or shine at the rear parking lot of St. Ferdinand Park. Acceptable items: working or not, basically anything that has a cord or battery; computers, printers, keyboards, laptops, hard drives, cell phones, pagers, radios, scanners, speakers, VCR, DVD, fax machines, \*televisions\*, stereos, furnaces, water heaters, air conditioners, microwaves, power tools, kitchen appliances, lawn and garden equipment (lawn and garden equipment MUST have oil and gas removed)

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**Payment by Checks or Cash**

- CRT Monitors - \$5.00 each
- CRT TV's 26" or less - \$30.00 each
- CRT TV's 27" or greater - \$50.00 each
- Wood Console/True Big Screen/Projection TV's - \$50.00 each
- LED/LCD/Plasma TV's - \$20.00 each
- Any Freon containing unit - \$10.00 each

## Shredding Event



The City of Florissant, Shred-It, and Meridian Waste will be sponsoring a Recycling Event on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 9am to 12pm (Or until trucks are full) rain or shine in the rear parking lot of St. Ferdinand Park. Documents to be shredded: tax papers, bank or financial records, tax records, credit card statements, invoices, anything with your name and address on it. There is no need to remove paper clips, binder clips or staples. This will all be destroyed in a manner to which it cannot be recognized or recreated. All paper will then be recycled.

**\* NO 3 ring binders, hanging file folders, CD's, DVD's or hard bound books**

**\* OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! Hope to see you there!!**

## It's That Time of Year Again!



Grass cutting is right around the corner. Grass and weeds in excess of 8 inches is a violation of city ordinance 213.030. Once a property has been given notice for grass cutting, that will be the only notice given during a growing season. Failure to comply will result in further action from the City. When cutting grass, it is also against City Ordinance to discharge the clippings into the street. It causes driving hazards and if it gets into the sewers, it can cause blockage.

Meridian Waste offers yard waste pickup if you are in need of assistance in getting rid of your yard waste.

Any questions, please contact the Health Department at 314-839-7654

## Pet Safety in Severe Weather



Spring is officially here and we should be on the lookout for tornado warnings and other severe weather. Now is the time to plan how to handle these emergencies including how to keep pets safe and comfortable.

Our news has been filled with heart-felt stories of weather related emergencies across the nation. As you make your emergency plans for your family, don't forget about your pets. If you are like millions of pet owners across the nation, your pets are important members of your family. It will give you peace of mind to know that even your smallest family members are cared for.

The National Weather Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has tips for pet owners for weather-related emergencies, as does Ready.gov.

**Severe Weather Emergency Preparedness Tips**

- Prepare a list of kennels, friends and family members who may be able to care for your pet in an emergency
- Pack an emergency kit for your pet as well as enough supplies to last your family members for three days.
- Include a supply of pet food, water and medication along with veterinary records. Don't forget cat litter. To avoid spoilage, rotate your supply of food regularly.
- Make sure identification tags are up to date and securely fastened to your pet's collar.
- It is a good idea to have a photograph of you and your pet, as it can establish ownership if you and your pet become separated.
- A microchip can be important to reunite you with a lost pet if they lose their collar. They may become sheltered in another area outside of your home locale.

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## Florissant Fish Summer Swim Team

Join the Florissant Fish Swim Team for the 2019 summer season! This is a recreational program that involves competitive meets with other North County municipalities. Swimmers can register in the following age groups:

8 years & under, 9-10 years, 11-12 years, 13-14 years, 15-18 years

Where: Bangert Pool (Practices and home meets)

Fee: Res. \$60, NonRes. \$70,

Each additional child 25% discount

Registration: April 8 for residents and

2018 swimmers, NonRes 4/15

## Easter Hoppenings

Egg Hunt will begin promptly at 11:45AM. The Easter Bunny will be hopping in to Florissant! Children can enjoy a few fun activities and visit with the Easter Bunny before heading outside for an Easter Egg Hunt. Egg Hunt will be divided into the following age groups:

2 & under, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12

When: April 13th

Where: JJE Center.

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Fee: Res. \$2, NonRes. \$5

Registration: March 25

Tickets are required for ages 12 and under and must be purchased in advance.



## Underwater Egg Hunt



Take egg hunting to the water in this "egg"-citing event! Egg hunt will begin promptly at 6:30 PM.

Ages: 7-14

When: Friday, April 12

Time: 6:30pm (Stay after for open swim 7pm-9pm)

Fee: Res. \$10, NonRes. \$12

Registration: Res. March 18, NonRes. March 25

Pre-registration required

## Spring Break Camp

Come join us over Spring break for some fun games and activities. This camp will be similar to our Summer Day Camp program. You will be able to go swimming several days during camp. Children who will be 6 by July 31 may register.

Open to children

Ages: 6-10 (K-5th Grade)

When: March 18-22

Time: 7:30am-5:30pm

Location: JJE Center

Fee: Res. \$60, NonRes. \$120

Registration: Res. Feb. 1, NonRes. Feb. 15

## Egg Decorating

Keep the mess out of your house and give your child a chance to dye and decorate eggs alongside some new friends. Each child will be given one dozen eggs to decorate and take home. Dye and other fun decorations will be provided, along with a light snack and drink. They may even be in for a visit from the Easter Bunny!

When: Wednesday, April 17th

Time 1: 5:30 - 6:15pm

Time 2: 6:30 - 7:15pm

Where: JJE Center Room A&B

Price: Res. \$5, NonRes. \$7

Registration: Res. March 18, NonRes. March 25



## Garage Sale



Haul down the clutter from your attic and treasures from your garage for the 10th Annual Florissant Garage Sale.

When: April 27

Time: 9:00am-2:00pm

Where: JJE Center Ice Rink Pavilion

Fee to Sell: Res. \$20, NonRes. \$25

Registration: Res. Feb. 15, NonRes. March 15

## Touch A Truck

Put your imagination in gear and go! Last year's event was wildly popular and full of family fun. This is your chance to get behind the wheel of some of your favorite big trucks. Event features police and fire vehicles, a school bus, construction vehicles and more! Children can climb, take photos and explore the vehicles on display. Food trucks will also be present selling items during the event.



When: Saturday April 27 2019

Where: JJE Center Parking Lot

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Fee: Free to Attend

## Splash Pad Coming Soon

The City of Florissant was recently awarded a St. Louis County Municipal Park Grant. With this grant and a small contribution from the city, we are pleased to announce that the Florissant Parks and Recreation Department will be pursuing the construction of a brand new, state of the art splash pad at Koch Park! The splash pad will be seasonal in operation with dates dependent on weather. This new amenity will be a fantastic addition to the city's already robust parks system. Keep an eye out for expected construction and opening dates and more information regarding the completion of this project.

## Swim Lessons

Toddler Swim - Ages 12-35 months

12-23 months, Saturday 9:50-10:20am

24-25 months, Saturday 10:25-10:55am

Preschool Swim Ages 3-4

Wednesday, 5:30-6:00pm

Saturday, 11:00-11:30am

Sunday, 2:30-3:00pm

Youth Swim - Ages 5-15

Wednesday, 6:05-6:50pm

Saturday, 9:00-9:45am

Sunday, 3:05-3:50pm

## Summer Daycamp



Our Summer Day Camp is a 6 week summer camp program that is held at the JJE Center and Koch Park. You may register your child to attend one of these two sites. This is primarily an outdoor program with limited time scheduled indoors. Children must be 6 years old by July 31st and may not turn 13 until after July 31st. Applications will be available at the Community Centers and on our website beginning March 15th. Registration will be held on a space available basis.

When: June 10-July 19 (No Camp July 4th or 5th)

Location: Koch or JJE

Age: 6-12

Time: 9:00am-3:00pm

Fee: Res. First Child - \$175, NonRes. \$350

Each Additional Child - Res. \$125, NonRes. \$275

Registration: Res. April 1, NonRes. May 15 (If spaces remain)

Before & After Care

As an added convenience, we will offer "Before and After Care" for children attending Summer Day Camp. You may register for one or both. Limited spots.

Before Care: 7:30-9:00am,

Fee: Res. \$60, NonRes. \$75

After Care: 3:00-5:30pm,

Fee: Res. \$90, NonRes. \$145

Both Before & After Care

Fee: Res. \$125, NonRes. \$145

## Fitness Classes

Here are several of our Fitness Programs. Please call either Community Center for more information.

• Mixed Fit: M/W, 7:00-8:00pm

• Zumba: T/TH, 5:25-6:25pm

• Zumba Toning: TH, 6:40-7:40pm

• Body Toning: M/W, 6:30-7:30pm

• Yoga: M/W, 9:00-10:00am

7:35-8:35PM

Tues, 7:00-8:00PM

• Strength & Cardio: T/TH, 6:05-7:05am

• Judo

Adult: Tues., 7:10-8:30pm

Kids: Wed., 6:30-7:30pm

Kata: Wed., 7:30-8:30pm

• Aikido

Adult: Sat., 8:45-10:00am

Kids: Sat., 10:00-11:00am

Playgroup 3-6: Sat., 11:00-11:30am

## From the Florissant Golf Club

Hello, I am Mike Smoot and I am delighted and excited to say that I will be taking over as Clubhouse Manager at Florissant Golf Club in 2019. I am thrilled that Grant Baumgartner is continuing on as Assistant Clubhouse Manager.

As a Florissant resident since the mid-sixties, a Florissant Golf Club player since the early eighties, and as an employee of the course for the past two years I have seen many changes at the course. Never have I been so thrilled as with the improvements made over the past few years to deliver the best possible experience for our golfers.

As we move into the 2019 season, golfers will be pleased to see the continued improvements being made to the golf course by our Course Superintendent Andy Sprunt and his grounds crew along with the enhancements being made in the Pro Shop and Restaurant & Snack Bar by our Clubhouse Staff.

I invite you to come out and enjoy a wonderful round of golf. We are a full service facility offering a Pro Shop with amenities along with a Restaurant & Snack Bar. With a pleasant and caring staff and some of the best greens in town, you are assured of a great time!

Make sure you stop by and see me as I would like to shake your hand and personally welcome you to Florissant Golf Club.

Regards,  
Michael Smoot

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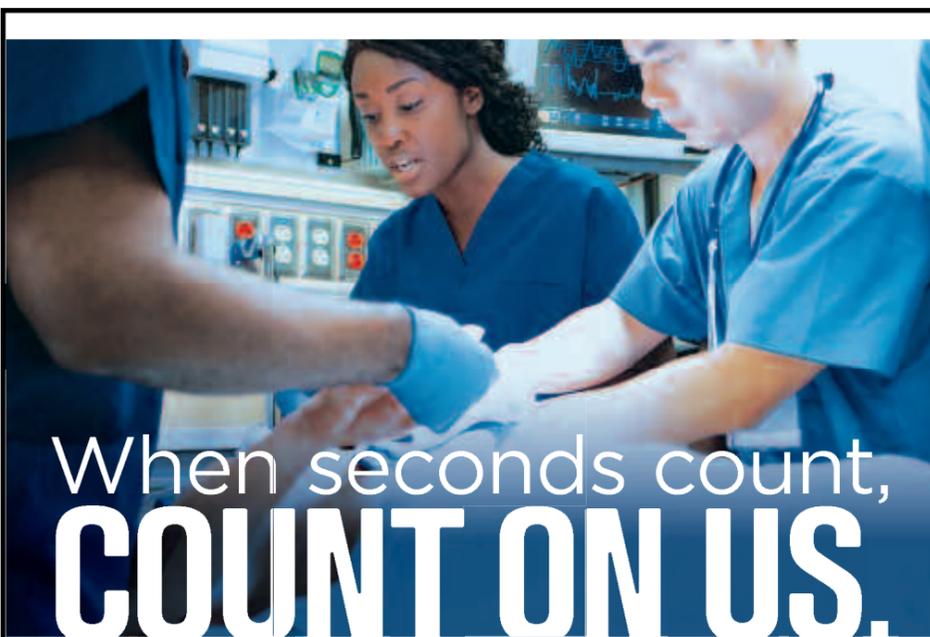
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