



Christmas In Old Town Florissant – Saturday, Dec. 3rd 2:00 – 4:30pm with Christmas Tree Lighting at 5:00pm



Mark December 3rd on your calendar. This is the day of the annual "Christmas in Old Town Florissant." The festivities begin at 2:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall with seasonal music. The Tree Lighting at the end of the activities concludes the day.

Santa Claus will arrive at city hall

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

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

- Make a craft (sponsored by the St. Louis County Library)
- Decorate a Christmas cookie donated by Helfer's
- Have your face painted by the Valley of Flowers Queen and members of her court
- Let Cookie the Clown make your very own balloon sculpture
- Listen to a Christmas story
- Listen to the sound of wonderful seasonal music
- And of course have cookies and hot cocoa

Shops will be open along rue St. Francois with regular business hours. So come early before the event to have lunch and shop! All



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

Antiques, and Dooley's Florist and Gifts. Eat at Helfer's Bakery & Deli, Amore Pizza, Hendel's Market Café or Old Town Donuts.

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

Christmas Celebrations at St. Ferdinand Shrine



The Christmas Celebrations at St. Ferdinand Shrine are Sunday the 10th and Saturday 11th of December. Activities include a visit from Santa Claus, Carriage Rides, Tours of the Shrine, Ye Olde Christmas Shoppe, Living History Re-Enactors and the outstanding Christmas Concert.

Saturday December 10th:

Beginning at 5 P.M. Ye Old Christmas Shoppe, Book Sale, and Gift Shop will be open in the old schoolhouse. Delicious chili and hot-dogs will be available as well as drinks. Individuals can also purchase tickets at that time for a carriage ride and candlelit tour. Cost is only \$15 per adult and \$10 per child for the carriage ride and tour combined!

Carriage rides will leave the Shrine every 20 minutes taking passengers through Old Town Florissant. There will be a living Nativity and carolers will be heard singing familiar Christmas Carols. This is only the second year for Carriage Rides through Florissant – come join in this beautiful, wonderful ride! If you want to take a ride, make a reservation by calling the Shrine – 314-837-2110. Checks should be made out to "Friends of Old St. Ferdinand" and sent to:

St. Ferdinand Shrine
#1 rue St. Francois
Florissant MO. 63031

Tours of the Shrine will take place at night with the lights off in the Church so those tours will be guided by candlelight. This awesome tour is enjoyed by families and all ages.

Living History Re-Enactors invite you to join them while they tell the tales of the early settlers. Sit around an open fire, enjoy some food and drink while listening to the tales of yore.

Sunday December 11th: The Christmas celebration concludes with the traditional Christmas Concert in the Church beginning at 3:00pm. The concert features the choirs of Florissant Valley Baptist Church, Ferguson Baptist Church, Florissant Presbyterian Church, St. Sabina Parish and St. Rose Philippine Duchesne. The concert is very beautiful and last year it drew some unexpected visitors such as Father DeSmet. Keep an eye open for special guests. Following the concert, there will be a reception in the Schoolhouse that will include light refreshments. There is no charge for the concert but of course, we gladly accept donations.

Please plan to attend!

Save the Date... Valley of Flowers Festival



"Valley of Flowers Celebrates... The Wonders of the World" May 5th through 7th, 2017

Planning for the 2017 Valley of Flowers Festival is underway and you can participate in various ways:

- Candidates are needed for the 2017 Valley of Flowers Queen and Court selection:

Candidates must be a resident of the City of Florissant. Contact the Valley of Flowers for qualifications.

- Parade Units are needed for the Parade on Sunday May 7, 2017: Motorized, Walking, and Marching Units are welcome. Contact the Valley of Flowers for Parade Rules

- Sponsors are needed to support the Festival: Contributions are needed by February 24, 2017 in order to be included in printed material. Contact Valley of Flowers for Sponsorship benefits. Valley of

Flowers is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization.

- Fleur di Lis Level- \$1,000.00
- Rose Level-\$500.00
- Daisy Level-\$250.00
- Friends of the Festival-\$100.00
- Eagan Center Booths (Friday and Saturday): Applications are needed by April 4, 2017
- Eagan Center Food Booth: \$100.00
- Eagan Center Crafter Booth: \$75.00
- Eagan Center Informational Booth: \$100.00

- Off Site Booths: \$50.00 plus 5% of gross- All permits are through the Valley of Flowers for May 5-7, 2017

To become a participant contact:

Valley of Flowers
601 St. Charles St., Florissant, MO 63031

Phone: 314-837-0033

Fax: 314-837-5504

Valley-of-flowers@sbcglobal.net

www.florissantvalleyofflowers.com



From the Florissant Disability Awareness Commission

Hello, and thank you for being a part of our mission to make the public aware of folks with disabilities. Actually, every one of us has a disability; some mild, some severe, some physical, some mental. What we all want to do is just live in harmony with each other and enjoys the same advantages, opportunities and access as everybody else. I'm going to try to highlight each month, something important to one disability or another. During October, the highlight was on blind and visually impaired. October the fifteenth has been designated as White Cane safety day. On October 6th, 1964, the U.S. Congress signed the White Cane Safety day in to law. In 2011 it was also named by Barack Obama to be Blind American Equality day. On this day you may see sighted and visually impaired people alike, advocating to inform the public about the White Cane law in their state which spells out to drivers the procedure of yielding to persons with a white cane and the penalty if the law is broken.

October 10th is recognized as World Mental health day. On this day advocates strive to inform the public about mental illness and it's effects on people who suffer from this condition. They also want to make folks aware that there is help for persons diagnosed with mental illness to be able to lead a normal life and they advocate dispelling the stigma of mental illness.

November is filled with many so called (awareness days) but the only disability recognized in November is Lennox-Gastaut syndrome which is recognized on November first. Lennox-Gastaut syndrome (LGS) is a difficult-to-treat form of childhood-onset Epilepsy that most often appears between the second and sixth year of life. LGS is characterized by frequent seizures and moderate to severe intellectual impairment. All disabilities are something that requires strength knowledge and advocacy to understand and overcome. We at the Florissant Disability Awareness Commission are here to provide this assistance to persons with disabilities, as well as their family members. If you have questions, or need direction on a certain topic, please take advantage of this valuable resource in your home town by contacting the Florissant Community Development Office at 314-839.7680. Thank you so much for reading and have a happy and safe holiday season!



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Recycling During the Holidays

With the holidays nearly upon us, it's important to focus on the environmental impact that comes with the Christmas season. We can all take steps to lessen the waste from the holiday by using less packaging material in our gifts and making sure that the materials we do use are recyclable. Try to avoid using Styrofoam fillers such as packing peanuts, but if you do, use the peanuts made from corn starch which are biodegradable and will break down over time in the landfill.

Meridian Waste Services will once again offer curbside pickup for real Christmas trees this year free of charge for all Florissant residents regardless of their having weekly yard waste service. The tree must be free of all contaminants such as lights, tinsel, garland and ornaments. Any tree that is six foot long or taller should be cut in half. Trees can be brought to your curb on the day of the week that yard waste would usually be picked up in your neighborhood through the entire month of January. If you have any questions pertaining to Christmas tree free curbside pickup, you can call Meridian Waste Services at 314-291-3131.

Meridian will also provide a recycling container in St. Ferdinand Park near their old recycling center for the specific purpose of disposal

of holiday lights. The container will arrive prior to the holiday and remain through the month of January. If you require any information about the recycling your holiday lights, please contact the Health Department located in St. Ferdinand Park at 314-839-7654.

From all of us on the Environmental Quality Commission, have a safe and satisfying holiday season.



City of Florissant 2017 Seasonal Employment

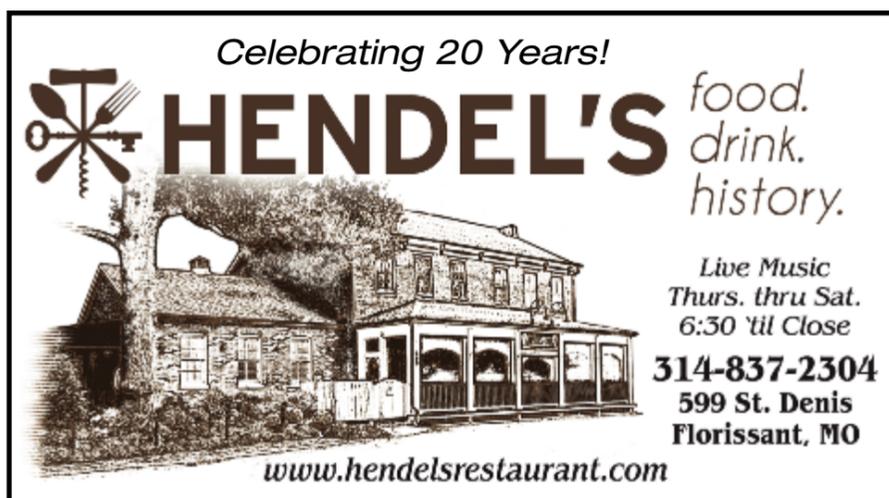
The City of Florissant is currently accepting applications for 2017 seasonal employment. The application process closes March 1, 2017 when the selection process begins.

Applications and an informational booklet listing positions, age requirements and qualifications for each position are available at the Human Resources Department



located in the Florissant Government Building, 1055 rue St. Francois, Florissant, MO 63031. Please stop by our Seasonal Job Fair on December 28th at the James J. Eagan Center from 1-3 pm.

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



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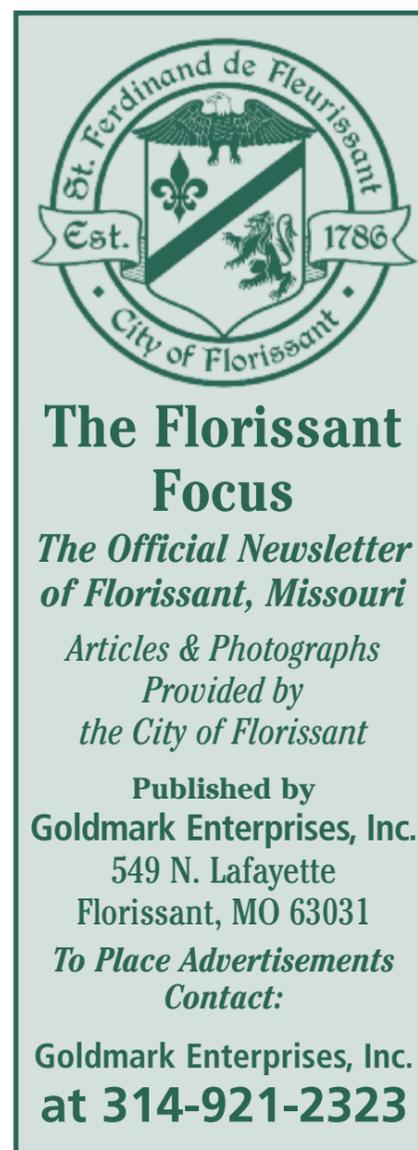
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Greetings Florissant Friends,

Our 19th Annual Fall Festival last October was one of the best one yet with help from the outstanding weather the entire weekend. A special thanks to all of the volunteers including Old Town Partners, the Missouri Arts Council, and the Regional Arts Commission, our Parks and Recreation and Theatre Departments, Public Works and Police for everything they did to make the Fall Festival unforgettable. Thousands of people spent their day on rue St. Francois enjoying an array of arts and crafts, booths, food and beverages with plenty of music and other entertainment.

The City of Florissant partnered with KMOV, Channel 4 and its Great Day St. Louis morning show during the week of October 3 leading up to the Sunday, October 9 Fall Festival. Each morning, Great Day St. Louis produced a feature about Florissant and all that Florissant has to offer to people of all ages and backgrounds. The Great Day St. Louis week of highlights concluded Friday, October 7 with a live show that featured Laura Hettiger and Matt Chambers on the front lawn of Florissant's City Hall.

Another popular Food Truck Knight to benefit TEAM was held at the Knights grounds Friday evening Oct. 14th. This was the last food truck event for the year and will start up again next April.

Held under bright sunny skies and a beautiful day was the 3rd Annual "Race to the Shrine" on Saturday, October 22 at the Old St. Ferdinand Shrine in historic Old Town Florissant. The 'Race to the Shrine' benefits multiple programs locally in the Florissant area.

We hosted three Halloween events; another sell out youth Halloween Costume Party D.A.R.E. event for 5th through 8th grade students at the JFK Center on October 21, a Senior Halloween bash on October 27 at the Eagan Center and then the actual Halloween evening party for Florissant resident children 12 and under at the Eagan Center Saturday evening Oct 31.

Our covered Ice Rink is open for our 44th season of skating. There will be three resident appreciation free skate sessions this season on New Year's Eve December 31, Martin Luther King Day January 16, and Presidents Day February 20. These free sessions for residents will be from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. On Saturday March 4 there will be a Party on the Ice D.A.R.E. event for 5th thru 8th grade at the Ice Rink from 6:30-9:00 PM.

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

The Veteran's Day Parade was held on Sunday, November the 13th. A totally new route was used for this year's Veterans' Day Parade. Parade participants

assembled and started the parade at Bangert Park and preceded North on Florissant Road and then turn left on St. Francois and ended the parade route at the VFW where the ceremony took place to honor the 2016 Veteran of the Year. Congratulations to this year's Veteran of the Year John F. Demos for his military service to our nation in the United States Army and his continued service to VVA of Florissant.

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

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

The famous Project Lift-Off DARE holiday party for 5th to 8th graders will be held on the same evening December 3rd right after the Christmas Tree Lighting but at the James J. Eagan Center from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. The entire center except for the Theater will be available for the youth to enjoy.

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

Don't forget about this year's Senior New Year's Eve party. This is one of the most popular events and it always sells out quick. This year theme is "A Night to Remember". The party will be on Saturday, December 31 at the James J. Eagan Center from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Our notorious Countdown to 12:00 "Noon" was once lampooned in good hearted fashion on the "Tonight Show" by host Jay Leno. Music will be provided by the St. Charles Big Band an outstanding 12-piece orchestra.

This holiday season our Florissant Civic Center Theatre will have some wonderful holiday shows for everyone to enjoy. On December 4 Midwest Ballet Theater presents: Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker (Act 1) 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. On December 11 Northwinds Concert Band presents "Hometown Holiday Special at 3:00 p.m.

On December 17 at 8:00 p.m. Florissant Fine Arts Council presents "It's A Wonderful Life" live Radio Drama. The St. Louis Brass Band presents Holiday Spectacular at 2:30 p.m. For more information and reservations call 314-921-5678 or www.florissantmo.com.

I would like to commend Finance Director Randy McDaniel, all of our Department heads for working together in preparing the FY2017 budget. I would also like to commend the City Council and the members of the Administration for working together to craft a prudent financial plan for the 2017 Florissant Budget. This budget contains a blueprint to continue to operate the city in a professional manner and with the same high level of programs and services that our residents expect. One of my goals with this budget, as with my past budgets, is to anticipate expenditures for the next fiscal year so as to reduce the need for supplemental appropriations. There will always be economic challenges and your City Council and Administration will continue to strive for progress.

We have had a robust **Economic Development** success which continued in 2016. Economic development continues to be strong and very active. Companies of all sizes that include National brands and Developers' are proving that they believe in the future of Florissant.

Some of the businesses and companies are:

- CVS opened a second store. The Florissant Meadows Shopping Center store is open 24 hrs.
- **Grandview Shopping Center** has been sold to a California Developer who I met with recently to hear about their aggressive plans to enhance the Center and attract new tenants.
- **Starbuck's** opened a new location on Lindbergh near Halls Ferry.
- **Urgent Care** is building a state of the art medical facility on Lindbergh at St. Jean.
- **Irma Jeans Family Restaurant & Sports Bar** will open in the former **Deaver's** location.
- **U-Haul** will build a large climate controlled storage facility on Lindbergh at Jefferson.
- **Jewel Banquet Center** will open in the former **Yac's** restaurant after extensive remodeling.
- **Popeye's Chicken** is building a new restaurant next to **Culver's**.
- **Dunkin' Donuts** will build a new restaurant on Lindbergh near Manresa Drive.
- The Former **Bob Evans** restaurant building is under Contract to a national company.



• **Signature Sandwich** will open this fall in the Train Depot building There are other exciting projects that are in the **Due Diligence and Planning Phase** that we are working on with the Developers to bring to fruition.

From January through September 2016... 43 New Commercial Businesses and 15 Residential Businesses have opened.

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

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

Sincerely,
Mayor Thomas P. Schneider

Florissant Home Improvement Mechanical Program (HIP)



Are you a homeowner and have found yourself cold and without heat? Emergency assistance is available through the **Home Improvement Mechanical Program (HIP-Mechanical)** and could be your answer!

The HIP Mechanical Program offers a limited number of grants to homeowners for the replacement of heating units. The household must qualify as low to moderate income. Contact the Community Development Office for more information 314.839.7680.

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

The Florissant Police Department will host another C.E.R.T. training course beginning Tuesday, February 21st, 2017. 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 fol-

lowing a disaster until help arrives. C.E.R.T. skills also apply to daily emergencies.

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

For more information contact Officer Craig DeHart at 314-830-6042 or at cdehart@florissantmo.com. Completed applications may be dropped off or mailed to: Florissant Police Department Public Information Unit 1700 North Highway 67 Florissant, MO 63033



The Florissant Police Department is a Safe Exchange Zone

The Florissant Police Department encourages the use of their front parking lot and lobby to be used as a Safe Exchange Zone for purchasing items online, custody exchanges, or any other type of exchange that you feel would be safer at the Police Department. Our parking lot and Police Department Lobby are under 24-hour surveillance. We encourage everyone to use this Safe Exchange Zone even if you are not a Florissant resident. If you have any issues during the exchange, contact an Officer inside the Police Department to further assist you. If you have any questions about the program please contact Officer Craig DeHart at 314-830-6042.

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Chief Lowery Commends Officers



At a recent City Council meeting Chief Lowery had the opportunity to present letters of Commendation and Certificates of Merit to Officers who have done an exceptional job serving the City of Florissant. A total of thirteen Officers were recognized for the following actions:

Sgt. Shawn Reiland and Detective Jarrod Coder were honored for their work during a child abuse case in which a two year old victim suffered extensive injuries. Sgt. Reiland and Detective Coder quickly identified and arrested the suspect and brought this case to a close.

Officer Dustin Edwards was honored for his diligent patrol techniques in which stolen vehicles on two separate occasions were recovered and the suspects taken into custody.

Officer Dan Cushing and Officer Tim Green were honored for their quick actions that led to the arrest and confession of three suspects that were involved in a home invasion. The investigation also removed two firearms off the streets.

Officer Steve Beekman was honored for his involvement in locating and preventing a suicidal subject from jumping off of the overpass on Washington at I-270. Officer Beekman started speaking with a calm demeanor and when

the subject made an obvious attempt to jump, Officer Beekman was able to grab the subject's shirt and shoulder, saving him from falling off the bridge to a certain death.

Officer Dewitt Edwards an Officer Josh Smith were honored for their quick actions that led to the apprehension and confession of two suspects that committed and armed robbery as well as the recovery of a stolen firearm.

Certificates of Merit were given to Officer Michael Kiefer and Officer Steve Michael for going out of their way to help a homeless family of seven. Officers Michael and Kiefer gave some of their own money and also started a collection in order to pay for two rooms at a local motel for over a week while they assisted the family in finding a more permanent place to live.

Certificates of Merit were given to Officers Lessie Summers, Kim Berry, and Dustin Owen for their involvement in the first annual Florissant Police Department DARE to be GREAT camp for area 6th, 7th and 8th graders. The Officers worked very hard to put this camp together and gave the department an excellent opportunity to create an even stronger bond between the Police Department and the community we serve.

Lt. Dennis DeHart Recognized by North County Incorporated



Chief Lowery is pleased to announce that a member of his Command Staff, Lt. Dennis DeHart, received the North County Incorporated (NCI) 30 Leaders in their Thirties Leadership Award at the annual luncheon in October. This award recognizes young professionals, all of whom are making a significant difference in the North County area.

Lieutenant DeHart began his Law Enforcement career in October of 2000 after graduating from the Eastern Missouri Police Academy and joined the Florissant Police Department in December of 2000. In November of 2005, Lt. DeHart was transferred to the Bureau of Investigations as a Criminal Investigator. Lt. DeHart spent eight years as a Criminal

Investigator spending time in all of the assignments in the Bureau of Investigations. Lt. DeHart was then promoted to the rank of Sergeant and was assigned to the Bureau of Field Operations as a Platoon Supervisor from January of 2013 to November of 2013 when he was transferred as a Sergeant to the Bureau of Investigations. Lieutenant DeHart is currently assigned as a Watch Commander in the Bureau of Field Operations.

"Lt. DeHart has truly had a positive impact on the Florissant Police Department and the greater North County area, he is an asset to this department, and is a great example of the dedication and professionalism that the Officers of the Florissant Police Department exhibit on a daily basis" said Chief Lowery.

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Safety Tips for Holiday Shopping

Shopping in Stores:

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

Walking to and From Your Car:

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

Shopping with Small Children:

- If you are shopping with children, make a plan in case you are separated from each other.

Select a central meeting place. Teach them to know they can ask store personnel or store security employees if they need help.

Shopping Online:

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

To find more useful shopping tips and personal safety information, visit the National Crime Prevention Council's website: www.npc.org

*The contents of this article are taken from the National Crime Prevention Council's Website.

Dry Air in Homes is Costly, Uncomfortable and Unhealthy!



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

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

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

Control Dry Air

Dry air is also responsible for a number of the comfort issues that people experience in the winter. Air in the house that is below 35 percent RH can cause nosebleeds, sore throats and dry, itchy skin.

To reduce damage to the home and improve health and comfort, homeowners must improve the RH of their indoor air. In fact, it can even increase the chance of getting sick. Research published on PLOS ONE, a scientific journal, found that aerosol transmission of influenza decreases when indoor relative humidity is kept above 40 percent.

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

For more information contact Officer Craig DeHart at 314-830-6042 or at cdehart@florissantmo.com. Completed applications may be dropped off or mailed to: Florissant Police Department Public Information Unit 1700 North Highway 67 Florissant, MO 63033

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

DECEMBER

Midwest Ballet Theatre presents:

Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker (Act I)

Dec. 4 – 2:00 & 6:00 p.m.

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

ADMISSION: \$12.00 Adults; \$5.00 Children 12 & under

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

Northwinds Concert Band Presents:

Hometown Holiday Special

Dec. 11 – 3:00 p.m.



Northwinds Concert Band, under the direction of Larry Marsh, presents a "Hometown Holiday Concert" on December 11 at 3:00 p.m. The band will present a wide-variety of holiday and seasonal favorites that will certainly put you in the holiday spirit!

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

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

**Florissant Fine Arts Council Presents:*

It's a Wonderful Life: Live From WVL Radio

Live Radio Drama – From Immediate Theatre Project, NC

Dec. 17– 8:00 p.m.



It's Christmas Eve in 1945, and only a handful of WVL Radio's actors have braved the blizzard to perform that evening's broadcast of *It's a Wonderful Life* and keep the station afloat. This clever stage adaptation breathes new life into the poignant story of George Bailey and Bedford Falls. When Frank Capra and his co-writers were working on the original screenplay of *It's a Wonderful Life*, the Great Depression was a vivid memory. The story of George Bailey and Bedford Falls is juxtaposed against a time of failing banks, devastatingly high unemployment and a shortage of affordable housing. The circumstances are eerily familiar, and over 60 years later, this story remains as fresh and relevant as ever. Its message of hope and optimism is the perfect antidote to holiday cynicism.

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

St. Louis Brass Band Presents:

Holiday Spectacular

Dec. 18 – 2:30 p.m.

ADMISSION:

\$7.00 Adults;

\$5.00 Seniors/Students

Information and reservations:

314-921-5678

or www.FlorissantMO.com



JANUARY

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

Skippyjon Jones Snow What

From *TheatreworksUSA*, New York, NY

Jan. 13 – 7:30 p.m. Jan. 14 – 2:00 p.m. Jan. 15 – 2:00 p.m.

Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the bravest Chihuahua of them all? Skippyjon Jones the Siamese cat who thinks he's a Mexican Chihuahua of course! While his sisters listen to Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, Skippy heads off for the REAL adventure awaiting him in his closet. There, as his alter ego Skippito Friskito, and with the help of his friends the Seven Chimichangos, Skippyjon must rescue the beautiful princess Nieve Qué (Snow What), battle the evil dragon and defeat the Bruja. A brand new musical based on the book by Judy Schachner, *Skippyjon Jones Snow What* is a twist on the classic fairytale Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.



ADMISSION: \$8.00 to all. Group rates available

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

**Florissant Fine Arts Council Presents:*

Pump Boys & Dinettes

From *Troupe America*, MN

Jan. 29 – 2:00 p.m.

Drive a ways outta town, somewhere between Frog Level and Smyrna, North Carolina and you'll come to a filling station run by L. M. and Jim. Across the blacktop is the Double Cupp Diner, operated by Rhetta and Prudie Cupp. To look at it, you wouldn't know that this little stop on Highway 57 is where all the action is, but trust us – once the boys get that guitar and bass fiddle revved up, you won't want to be anywhere else. *Pump Boys and Dinettes* is a countrified musical packed with highly entertaining toe-tappers such as *Drinkin' Shoes*, *Farmer Tan* and *The Night Dolly Parton Was Almost Mine!*

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

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

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

A Year with Frog & Toad

From *Casa Manana*, TX

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

A Broadway hit, *A Year with Frog and Toad* is perfect for the whole family! Based on the well-loved books, this whimsical musical follows two great friends – the cheerful, popular Frog and the rather grumpy Toad – through the year. Waking from hibernation in the spring, Frog and Toad plant gardens, eat cookies, swim in funny bathing suits, rake leaves, go sledding, and learn life lessons along the way. Part vaudeville, part make-believe and all charm, *A Year with Frog and Toad* tells the story of a friendship that endures, weathering all seasons.



ADMISSION: \$8.00 to all. Group rates available

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

*The Florissant Fine Arts Council presents the Applause/Aplause 2016/2017 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.

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Visit www.florissantmo.com/
Select "Departments" then "Theatre"**

*Florissant Fine Arts Council Presents:

Route 66

From State Theatre of Georgia

Feb. 11 – 8:00 p.m.



A rip-roaring, pedal-to-the-medal road trip down memory lane featuring hits such as Dead Man's Curve, King of the Road, Little Old Lady from Pasadena, Six Days on the Road, GTO, Fun, Fun, Fun, I Get Around and, of course, Route 66. Four snappy young pump jockeys take the audience to various stops along the historic "Mother Road," where a menagerie of characters sing and dance to timeless pop and country tunes. The '50s music in this show is energizing and fun for all ages. From the jazzy pop of Chicago, the two-stepping hoedown of Texas and the beach-bumping car jams of California — this show has it all. "Get your kicks.....on Route 66."

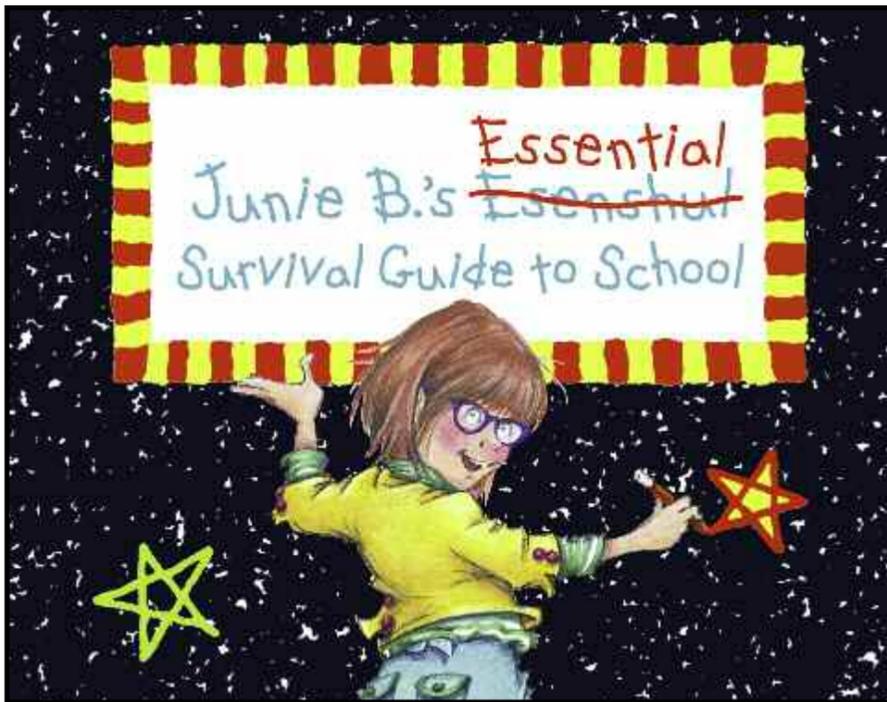
ADMISSION: \$28.00 Adults; \$26.00 Seniors/Students; Group rates available
Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com

** St. Louis Family Theatre Series Presents:

Junie B's Essential Survival Guide to School

From TheatreworksUSA, New York, NY

Feb. 26 – 2:00 p.m. Mar. 3 – 7:30 p.m. Mar. 4 – 2:00 p.m.



Now that JUNIE B. JONES has been going to school for over one-and-a-half years, who better to write the book on EVERYTHING you need to know? From bus rules to band-aids, carpools to cookies, Junie B. and friends deliver the definitive word on surviving and thriving in style. With a jillion tips, tricks and trip-ups, Junie B. shares her hard-won expertise and shows us all how school is sometimes scary, sometimes super -fun, and ALWAYS something to sing about! An all-new musical adventure based on Barbara Park's popular book.

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

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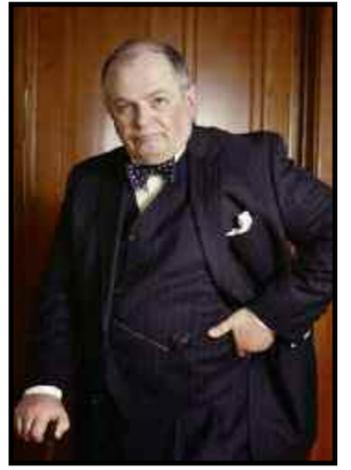
Churchill

Starring Andrew Edlin

Mar. 12 – 2:00 p.m.

It is April 1955. Churchill, aged 80, agonizes in his wartime bunker below London. After dinner with the Queen and Prince Philip, Churchill must decide whether to resign as Prime Minister. The Cold War is gathering pace. He does not trust his successor. Churchill is tired, forgetting names and losing his grip. As he tries to decide what to do, he reviews his unique life, filled with history-changing events and people, glorious speeches, pithy comments and funny stories. Andrew Edlin's powerful performance includes iconic speeches, private revelations, witty stories and brilliant commentary.

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



Alpha Players present:

To Kill a Mockingbird

Mar. 10 – 7:30 p.m. Mar. 11 – 7:30 p.m. Mar. 17 – 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 18 – 7:30 p.m. Mar. 19 – 2:00 p.m.

It has been more than half a century since To Kill A Mockingbird was first published, but Harper Lee's story of racial tension and childhood interrupted by the ugly confusions of the adult world has not lost its power to captivate! It is 1935. Scout, a young girl living in the tired old town of Maycomb, Alabama, is about to experience a summer that will affect the rest of her life. Scout lives with her brother Jem, their widowed father Atticus - a lawyer - and their housekeeper Calpurnia. Atticus has been appointed to defend Tom Robinson, a black man who has been accused of assaulting a young white woman. Through courage and compassion, Atticus seeks justice for Tom while his feisty daughter Scout's eyes are opened to the cold-hearted adult side of her community. This is a story as moving and magical as you could ever hope to find.

ADMISSION: \$18.00 Adults; \$16.00 Seniors/Students; \$10.00 Children 12 & under
Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com

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Time for a Year-End Investment Review

With the holiday season upon us, you may well be busier than usual. However, by spending a few minutes reviewing your investment scenario of this past year, you can see where you've been, where you might be going, and what you need to do to keep moving forward toward your long-term financial goals.

So, as you look back at 2016, pay close attention to these elements of your investment picture:

Performance – Reviewing your investment performance over time is important in helping you determine if you're on track to achieve your financial goals. So, in evaluating how your investments did in 2016, ask yourself some key questions: How did your investments do relative to their performance in past years? If there was a big difference, what might have accounted for it? Were your returns relevant to your long-term goals? In other words, if you have already established a return rate you'll need to reach your goals – and you should indeed set such a rate – were your actual returns "on track" to help you make progress toward your objectives? And, just as importantly, were your return expectations realistic, based on your investment mix and the market environment?

Investment mix – If you are a diligent investor following a well-designed strategy, you probably started out in 2016 with an investment mix that reflects your risk tolerance, time horizon, and short- and long-term goals. But over time, your investment mix can change, even without your having done so on purpose. If you owned a certain percentage of an asset, such as growth

stocks, and those stocks appreciated in price substantially, they could take up a larger percentage of your portfolio than you had intended, thereby exposing you to a higher risk level than that with which you are comfortable. So now that the year is coming to a close, examine your investment mix to see if it needs "rebalancing."

Contribution levels – Are you taking full advantage of your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan? Specifically, if you got a raise this past year, did you boost your contributions to your plan? The more you invest now, and throughout your working life, the less likely it will be that you have to play "catch up" in the years immediately preceding your retirement.

Mistakes – We all make mistakes in every walk of life – including the way we invest. In looking back over 2016, can you spot some investment mistakes you might have made? Did you temporarily "bail out" on investing immediately after the "Brexit" vote, only to find, a few weeks later, that the markets had soared to record highs? Did you act on impulse and buy a so-called "hot" stock that turned out to be inappropriate for your needs and risk level? While mistakes like these might be costly in the short term, they can ultimately prove invaluable – if you learn from them.

We're just about ready to turn the page on the 2016 calendar. So, as you review your investment decisions for the past year, try to determine what worked, what didn't – and what you can do to improve your results in 2017.

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Christmas Dance



Listen to the beautiful sounds of the 10-piece St. Charles Big Band or dance the night away! All residents and non-residents are invited. Ticket price includes admission, entertainment and light snacks. Beer, wine & soda are available for purchase.

DATE: Friday Night, December 2, 2016

TIME: 7:00pm – 10:00pm

PLACE: James J. Eagan Center

TICKETS: \$8.00 each for residents and non-residents if purchased prior to the dance and \$10.00 at the door. Tickets are sold in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

NEW YEAR'S EVE!

Senior Citizens: Do NOT sit home this New Year's Eve – Celebrate 2016 and ring in 2017! Come to our DAYTIME New Year's Eve Party with the Countdown to the New Year at noon! This year's theme is "Light up the Night!"

WHEN: New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31st, 2016

TIME: 10:00am – 2:00pm

WHERE: James J. Eagan Center

COST: \$17.00 residents, \$22.00 non-residents, includes dinner, drinks, 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 21. If there are tickets remaining, on Monday, December 19th through Thursday, December 22nd, tickets will be sold to residents AND non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information and ticket availability.



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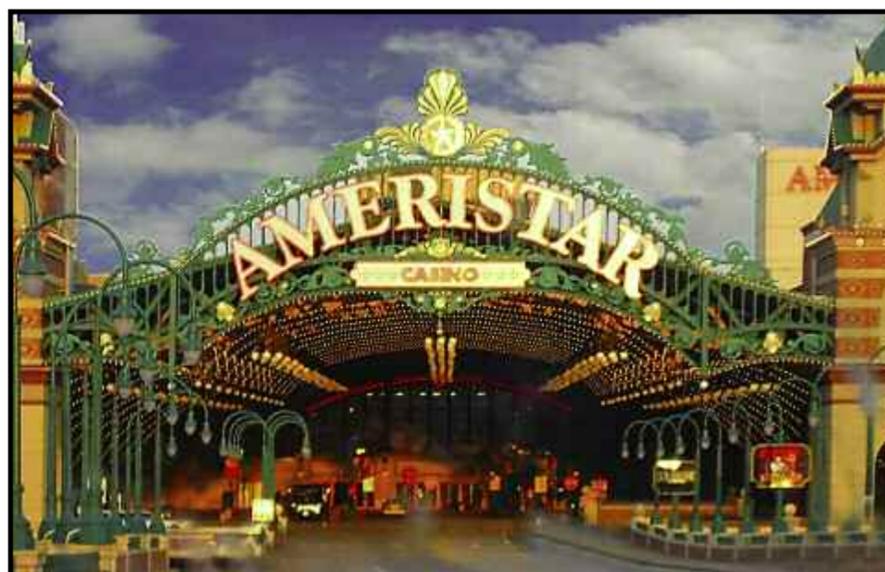
WHEN: Sunday, February, 26, 2017

TIME: 11:00am – 4:30pm

COST: \$54.00 residents, \$56.00 non-residents which includes transportation, lunch and performance

TICKETS: Sales will begin on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 to RESIDENTS ONLY with a current resident card in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. If there are tickets remaining, on Thursday, January 5, 2017, tickets will be sold to residents AND non-residents in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605 for ticket availability or more information.

Ameristar Casino



Feel the excitement – the slots, video poker and table games! Enjoy the Landmark Buffet – a buffet that serves up delicacies from all over the world!

WHEN: Thursday, February 16, 2016

TIME: 10:30am – 3:00pm

COST: \$23.00 residents, \$25.00 non-residents which includes transportation and lunch at the Landmark Buffet

TICKETS: This is a Silver Words Trip. Tickets go on sale first to Silver Words Club Members only at the Silver Words Club Meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2017. Any remaining tickets will go on sale in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall on Friday, January 13, 2017 for residents AND non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605 for ticket availability or more information.

Valentine Dinner/Dance

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

WHEN: Friday Night, February 10, 2017

WHERE: James J. Eagan Center

TIME: 5:00pm – 9:00pm

COST: \$12.00 residents, \$15.00 non-residents.

TICKETS: Tickets go on sale beginning Monday, January 9 and continuing through Tuesday, February 7th, 2017 in the Senior Office in Florissant City Hall. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.



I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop anytime.

If You're Lucky Enough to Be Irish – You're Lucky enough!



St Patrick's Party and Bingo will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2017. Corned Beef and Cabbage will be served, Beautiful Dancers from O'Faolain Academy of Irish Dance will entertain, attendance prizes will be raffled, chances for an Irish Pot of Gold and Gift Baskets will be sold and we'll play Bingo!

WHEN: Thursday, March 16, 2017

WHERE: James J. Eagan Center

TIME: 10:00am – 2:00pm

COST: \$10.00 residents, \$15.00 non-residents

TICKETS: Ticket sales will begin on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 for residents with a current resident card. If there are tickets remaining, starting on Monday, March 6, through Monday, March 13, tickets will be sold to residents AND non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

CHAMP Assistance Dogs Presentation



Learn how CHAMP Therapy Dog Teams meet over 1700 people a month during scheduled visits to over 80 locations! See the incredible joy that these special dogs provide the people in the St. Louis Area.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 21, 2017

WHERE: The Lodge in Sunset Park

TIME: 1:00pm

COST: Free, but you must call and make a reservation by calling 839-7605. Refreshments will be served.

Senior Citizens - Beware of Falling!

According to the Centers for Disease Control: Each year, 2.8 million older people are treated in emergency departments for fall injuries.

One out of five falls causes a serious injury such as a broken bone or a head injury.

Over 800,000 patients a year are hospitalized because of a fall injury, most often because of a head injury or hip fracture.

Take action!

Sign up for the OASIS Class "A MATTER OF BALANCE".

Learn factors that can lead to a fall & practical tips to keep yourself on your feet! Improve flexibility and range of motion with stretches and light movements. Participants receive a free workbook to keep. There are eight classes, each 2 hours long, and the classes are held at the James J.Eagan Center. Light refreshments will be served. Listed below is information on this class:

CLASS: OASIS "A MATTER OF BALANCE"

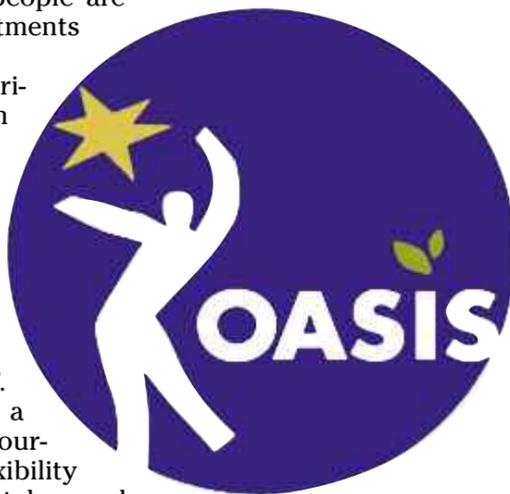
WHEN: Tuesdays, March 7 through April 25

TIME: 10:00am – 12:00noon

WHERE: James J. Eagan Center

COST: Free, provided by OASIS

REGISTER: Call 314-747-9355, Classes are free, but you must register. There is limited enrollment.



Income Tax Preparation

The City of Florissant Senior Office is pleased to offer Senior Citizens, over the age of 60 with a total income under \$55,000.00, the opportunity to have their Federal, State or Property Tax Credit prepared at NO CHARGE by AARP volunteers. This free service is for Senior Citizens with BASIC Federal and State Taxes (or Circuit Breaker). The Florissant Senior Office, 839-7605, will begin making appointments for this service starting on Tuesday, January 17th, 2017. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.



Peggy Lee Brennan Crowned Ms. Senior America 2016

In October, Ms. Peggy Lee Brennan, current Ms. Senior Missouri, was crowned Ms. Senior America 2016 in Atlantic City, NJ. The last time Missouri had a National Queen was in 1994. The Pageant celebrates women, 60 years of age or older. These women exemplify dignity, poise, maturity and inner beauty. They love living life to the fullest, and want to share this spirit with others.

Forty-five beautiful, talented and spirited ladies, all 60 years of age or older, came to compete for the coveted title. Peggy wowed the judges with her song and tap dance to Rogers and Hammerstein's song from Oklahoma "People Will Say We're in Love."

The Ms. Senior America Pageant is the world's first and foremost pageant to emphasize and give honor to women who have reached the "Age of Elegance". It is a search for the gracious lady who best exemplifies the dignity, maturity and inner beauty of all senior Americans. The Ms. Senior

America Philosophy is based upon the belief that seniors are the foundation of America, and our most valuable treasure.

Born and raised on Staten Island, New York, Ms. Brennan's acting career took her from Broadway to Hollywood to Branson, Missouri. She performed in the original Broadway production of GREASE on Broadway; played Radar's girlfriend in the TV show MASH; and co-starred with Vic Morrow playing Princess Meia in the film "Message from Space". Ms. Brennan also co-wrote and produced the TV sitcom pilot PEG OF MY HART, co-starring Mickey Rooney.

Peg loves performing but her favorite roles are wife to Geoffrey Haberer and mother to Heleena (Branson's Miss Outstanding Teen 2016).

In 1994, the state of Missouri was honored to have Ms. Dell Hoffman crowned Ms. Senior America.

Missouri is so proud of Peg and wish her good fortune in her upcoming reign.



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To Feed or Not to Feed

As autumn approaches and the leaves begin to fall, the City of Florissant would like to remind its residents that raking, sweep The City of Florissant is home to many different species of birds. Throughout the spring, summer, and fall seasons the birds in our area can count on an abundance of food, including the many feeders available in just about any backyard in town.

Although sources of food for birds may be harder to find in the winter, residents still do their part to provide our feathered friends with plenty to eat. However, a simple desire to feed the birds may set up a food chain that includes predators and scavengers such as squirrels, rats, raccoons, opossums or even larger birds of prey.

Bird feeders not only attract the birds in the area but will also attract some not so welcome

guests. Our Health Department and Animal Control Officers deal with these types of nuisance situations on a daily basis. In almost every case the root of the problem can be traced back to something as simple as a bird feeder, spilled bird seed lying on the ground or as in some cases, uneaten dog or cat food left outside and believe it or not, even dog waste.

So remember, keep your yard clean and look for other ways to take care of our birds and keep those unwanted guests where they belong!

For more information on bird feeding tips contact the Florissant Health Department at 839-7655 or the Missouri Department of Conservation at Powder Valley (314) 301-1500 or visit their web site at www.mdc.mo.gov.



Cold Weather Tips for Your Pets

1. Take your dog outside only for as long as it takes to relieve him or herself. Small, shorthaired breeds such as Chihuahuas and terriers suffer from the cold despite their seemingly warm fur coats.
2. Dogs frequently lose their scent in snow and ice. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season.
3. Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he or she comes in out of the rain, snow, or ice. Check your dogs foot pads, which may be bleeding from snow or ice encrusted in them. He or she may also pick up salt and other chemicals on their feet accidentally. As



- we all know dogs lick their feet and these chemicals could hurt your pet if swallowed.
4. Antifreeze, even in very tiny doses, is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. But because of its sweet taste, animals are attracted to it. Be sure clean up spills thoroughly.
 5. By law, all dogs must have a sturdy well built shelter available at all times. In the winter, but sure to pack your dogs shelter with straw to help hold in the heat and keep your animal dry. Water will freeze quickly, be sure to maintain your dogs water bowl so it will not freeze over.

Living In Harmony with Wildlife Tips on Preventing Conflicts

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.

- 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.



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

- 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 Crime Free Rental Housing Program

The City is excited to be a part of a new Crime Free Housing program. This program will provide a partnership with landlords and /or their designated agents, their tenants and the City while improving personal safety for all residents of the City. The free one day seminar offered by the Police Department will be a requirement to obtain your residential rental license. Information will be provided about understanding crime prevention,



property management, combating criminal problems as well as other helpful topics. The Crime Free Housing Program is a nationwide program that has been proven successful where implemented and we are sure you will appreciate the information obtained. To sign up for classes or to get additional information visit our website at www.Florissantmo.com or call Officer Shaun Kummer at 314-831-7000 ext. 1053.

2017 Residential Rental License

It is that time of year again....your 2017 Residential Rental License is due by January 31, 2017. Renewal notices and applications have been mailed. If you have not received your application please visit our website at www.Florissantmo.com. In addition to the Residential Rental application each homeowner or their designated agent will be



required to attend a 1 day seminar on "Crime Free Housing" The Crime Free Housing program will provide a partnership with landlords and/ or their designated agents their tenants and the City. For more information on the Crime Free Housing program see our website at www.Florissantmo.com or call Officer Shaun Kummer at 314-831-7000 ext. 1053.

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Project Lift Off



Come hang out with us for the night and enjoy great DJ music, the game room, ice skating, swimming, basketball, and awesome door prizes. Invite all your friends; this will be a night you will never forget! This event is for 5th – 8th graders and will be held at the James J. Eagan Center on Saturday, December 3rd, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tickets are required for the event. Tickets may be purchased at the Eagan Center or the JFK Community Center. Cost is \$6 or \$8 the day of the event. No tickets sold at the door. This program is held in cooperation with the Parks & Recreation Department and the Dare Program. This is a Drug Free/Alcohol Free/Tobacco Free Holiday Event for 5th – 8th graders.

Winter Break Camp

Join us over winter break for some fun games and activities. This camp will be similar to our Summer Playground program. Activities include swimming, ice skating, and much more! Camp will be held at the James J. Eagan Center December 26-30, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Registration is ongoing but spots are limited so sign up early. The program is for children ages 6-10. Cost is \$60 for residents and \$120 for non-residents.

Snowman Building Contest



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

Visit with Santa



A great program for those little ones wanting to visit with Santa. The event is a ticketed event and will be held on, Saturday December 10, 9:00-10:30AM at the Sunset Park Nature Lodge. Tickets can be purchased by showing a current resident card and paying \$1 or by donating a canned food item that will be given to TEAM Food pantry. Only Florissant residents may purchase tickets with a limited number of tickets available. Tickets can be obtained at the JFK Center or the Eagan Center. Light refreshments will be served. Make sure and bring your camera so that you can capture all the fun.

Sharing & Caring Food Drive

Beginning on Tuesday, November 2– December 16th 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.

Letters from Santa

Did you know that the Parks & Recreation Department will arrange for a personalized Christmas letter from Santa to be sent to your child. To participate send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Santa c/o JFK Community Center, 315 Howdershell Road, Florissant MO 63031. Please include some personal information about the child. Santa will respond with personal letters throughout the holiday season beginning Tuesday, November 1st. All letters need to be received by December 15th for Santa to have enough time to reply.

House Decorating Contest

The Parks & Recreation Department are once again sponsoring a House Decorating Contest. Applications are FREE to Florissant Residents and will be available beginning Monday, November 21st at the James J. Eagan Center, JFK Community Center and Florissant City Hall. Parks and Recreation Department prizes are awarded to the best decorated homes.

Temporary yard signs acknowledging 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be posted. The city will remove the signs within one week. The deadline to apply is Monday, December 12th at 5 PM. Judging will begin at 6 PM on Wednesday, December 14th.



Florissant Elks Lodge
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