



Valley of Flowers Festival May 3, 4 & 5

“Valley of Flowers Celebrates the Florissant Valley Fire Protection District’s 100th Anniversary” – A Centennial of Caring... Then, Now, and Tomorrow”

Spring marks the arrival of the 57th celebration of the Valley of Flowers Festival. This Florissant family-oriented event, the North County’s “First Festival of Spring,” features a variety of attractions, highlighted by the Grand Parade and by the crowning of Florissant’s Queen and her Court!

Activities during the three-day festivities will appeal to all ages. At the James J. Eagan Center fair-goers will find a Flower and Plant Sale, culturally diverse performances, a Vendor/Craft Fair, a Pretty Baby Photo Contest, and children’s activities. Carnival games and exciting rides are featured at the Duchesne Home Association Fairgrounds (formerly called the Knights of Columbus Fairgrounds). Rounding out the fun, at Koch Park baseball games on Friday, at rue St. Francois on Saturday the annual Car Show, and of course mouth-watering food everywhere. (See related articles throughout this paper).

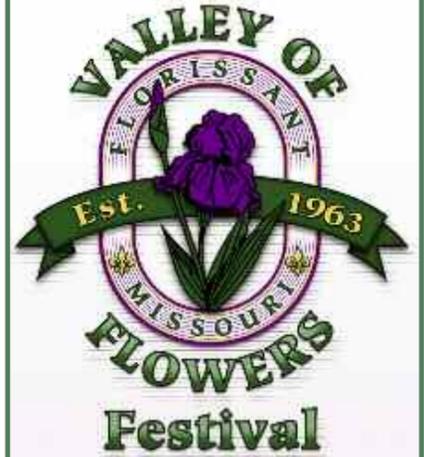
The Grand Parade on Sunday, May 5, the highpoint of the weekend, leads to the crowning of the Valley of Flowers Queen and Court at the Duchesne Home Association Pavilion (formerly called the Knights of Columbus Pavilion). The parade with more than 100 units features mobile units departing from the James J. Eagan Center at 1:45pm. Decorated vehicles and floats proceed west on Parker Road to New Florissant Road where the walking units and the marching bands merge with them. The parade travels south on New Florissant, turns west on rue St. Francois past the official review stands, then left on St. Ferdinand to Washington Street and concludes at the Duchesne Home Association Fairgrounds.

The parade theme is the “Florissant Valley Fire Protection District’s 100th Anniversary” so decorations on floats and units reflect this theme. Participating in the parade are many city officials, local municipal emergency responder vehicles, the Valley of Flowers reigning Queen and Court and this year’s 19 candidates, car clubs, walking units, horse groups, dog clubs, dance schools, and scout groups. Groups that make up the fabric of our community participate and create a colorful and fun parade!

The parade ends at the Duchesne Home Association Fairgrounds where the win-

ning parade units and their sponsors, and the Pretty Baby Photo Contest winners receive their awards. At 4:00pm Mayor Tim Lowery crowns the 2019 Valley of Flowers Queen and Court.

Please arrive early to get good seats along the parade route for one of the largest and most colorful spring parades in the St. Louis Metropolitan area; then join us at the Knights of Columbus Pavilion for the exciting award and crowning ceremonies! Valley of Flowers Festival is on May 3, 4, and 5 with the theme “Valley of Flowers Celebrates the Florissant Valley Fire Protection District’s 100th Anniversary.”



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

To ALL Event Sponsors

Our most sincere thanks to these many local individuals, groups and businesses for their kindness and support for the Valley of Flowers Festival. The Valley of Flowers Committee hopes everyone will remember their generosity.

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



The 2018 Valley of Flowers Queen and Court:
(Back Row) Special Maid - Sally Gacheru & Special Maid - Victoria Dickson
1st Runner Up - Samantha Eaker, Queen - Yen Nguyen & Special Maid - Elizabeth Goldstein
(Photo Courtesy - Kent Miller Photography)

Valley of Flowers Parade 1:45 p.m. on Sunday, May 5th

This Year’s Parade Marshals are the Florissant Fire Chief and Six Retired Chiefs with Junior Parade Marshal “Cooper”

The 2019 Parade Marshals are the Florissant Valley Fire Protection District’s Current Fire Chief and six retired Fire Chiefs.

Jason M. Hoevelmann - the current Chief was hired on March 1, 2000 and promoted to Chief in February, 2019; Scott A. Seppelt was hired on May 26, 1988, promoted to Chief in March, 2014, and served until he retired in February, 2019; Robert S. Corey was hired on February 1, 1979, promoted to Chief and served until he retired March, 2014; John M. Wheadon was hired on April 15, 1978, promoted to Chief in July, 1994, and served until he retired in May, 2006; William S. Bogue was hired on June 29, 1989 as Chief and served



until he retired in July, 1994; Wayne D. Patterson was hired on March 1, 1966, promoted to Chief in 1988 and served until he retired in July, 1989; Raymond E. Laramie was hired on January 1, 1957 and served as Chief from 1977 until he retired in May, 1978.

The Valley of Flowers Committee has selected “Cooper” as the Junior Parade Marshal. Cooper, who has battled Neuroblastoma since October of 2017, is completing his treatments. Cooper a fun-going son, brother, nephew, and grandson has kept the fighting spirit and still manages to be himself. Cooper, recently honored as an honorary firefighter, will wear his own Fire Fighter’s gear.



The Valley of Flowers Festival Fairgrounds Offers Something for Everyone!

For the enjoyment of visitors, all weekend the Duchesne Home Association Fairgrounds (formerly the Knights of Columbus Fairgrounds) on Washington Street between St. Ferdinand and Lindbergh Blvd. (N. Hwy 67) next to St. Ferdinand Shrine will feature carnival rides, games, beverages, and traditional festival foods including their famous barbecue. Focused on families having fun together, rides will be available for younger children, for older children and adults, with the Grand Ferris Wheel for everyone. Friday night only will be “Discount-Ride Knight.” During the weekend the Knights will serve their delicious barbecue ribs, pork steaks, chicken strips, brats, hot dogs, and hamburgers. Friday through Sunday

your favorite beverages will be in ready supply and adults may treat themselves to an ice-cold beer from one of the beer trailers, wine, or a delicious margarita from the Margarita Stand. Visit the other food and game booths, sponsored by local not-for-profit organizations, which will offer a variety of Festival foods and games.

On Sunday, watch the parade and experience the crowning of the queen and her court at the large pavilion on the grounds. Awards will be presented to the winners of the Valley of Flowers Parade and Pretty Baby Photo contest. Rides and activities will continue until close.

The Duchesne Home Association grounds are open on Friday from 4:00 to close, on Saturday from 11:00am to close,

and on Sunday from 11:00am to close. **Please note a major change this year. Since there have been groups from outside the community trying to disrupt the festival on Saturday evenings, no one will be allowed to enter the grounds after 6:00pm on Saturday. Those on the grounds may enjoy the Festival until close.**

Please **do not park on the local shopping center lots.** There is ample parking in the field on St. Charles Street or at St. Ferdinand Park and walk the path to the festival.

To maintain a family friendly and neighborhood atmosphere, the festival committee will once again require that anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied

by an adult. Other short-term changes allow for better crowd management and traffic flow in and around the festival grounds. The plan includes temporary traffic regulations to prevent festival traffic from interfering with local businesses including the no parking policy at Florissant Meadows Shopping Center and Dierbergs, a well-enforced dress code and increased overall security. Also this year there will be a new layout for rides and ticket booths. There will be standalone, self-service ticket kiosks. Finally, all ticket booths will be equipped with credit card machines for added convenience.

We invite everyone to come and to enjoy a weekend of fun and friendship at the Duchesne Home Association Fairgrounds.



Home Improvement Program (HIP)

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

COMPLETED applications will be accepted starting Wed., May 1, 2019 at 8am on a "First-Come-First-Serve" basis until all funds have been awarded.

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

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

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

Home Improvement Mechanical Program

If you are a homeowner and find yourself trying to beat the heat without Air Conditioning this summer...The Home Improvement Mechanical Program (HIP-M) could be your answer!

The HIP Mechanical Program offers a limited number of grants to income eligible home owners for the replacement of air conditioner units. This Emergency assistance is available June thru August. Contact the Community Development office for information 314-839-7680.



Down Payment Assistance

The City of Florissant is offering Down Payment Assistance to income eligible, first-time home buyers. The Down Payment Assistance Program provides interest-free forgivable loans of \$3,500 to be used towards the down payment and closing costs for the purchase of a home within Florissant city limits. Please contact the Housing and Community Development Office for more information. 314.839.7680

Florissant Disability Awareness



My name is Quoran Brown-El and I am a member of the Florissant Disability Awareness Commission representing Ward 9. Though I do not have a disability, I was drawn to this committee because I was raised with a sibling with a disability. I understand how some things often taken for granted can have an impact on others and how a few small adjustments can go mean so much. The work we do on this Commission helps make life a little easier for the residents of Florissant who have disabilities.

Recent efforts include; ADA compliance checks at some of the city governmental buildings and facilities, a Service Animal In-Service Review, and productive discussions on ways to let residents know that we are a resource to assist with various needs and concerns they might have regarding disability/accessibility issues.

We are extremely proud to announce the creation of the Florissant Disability Awareness Commission Accessibility Award. This award will recognize a local community establishment or individual making extraordinary efforts on behalf of people with disabilities or their families. It recognizes

efforts toward accessibility, transportation, employment, services or independent living.

If you know an establishment or individual you would like recognized, please go to the Florissant city website at www.florissantmo.com to access our application which gives more detailed information including the criteria, deadlines, and ways to submit the application.

Our group is small but our work is extremely important. A full commission with representation from each Ward will allow us to serve more residents by offering a broader perspective of ideas on different issues. Having a disability is not needed to be a part of our team, just a passion for helping others and a modest commitment of time. Meetings are 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every other month (Next meeting is May 8, 2019) at the 1055 Government Building, 1055 Rue St. Francois, Florissant, MO 63031.

If you are interested in being part of the commission or have ideas on what we could do to better serve the residents of Florissant, we would love to hear from you. We can be reached via email at disabilityawareness@florissantmo.com.

2019 City of Florissant Beautiful Home Awards

The City of Florissant is conducting its Beautiful Home Award Program again this year. The program was established to recognize homeowners who take pride in the appearance of their home and community.

In order to be eligible for the contest a home must be an owner-occupied single-family dwelling. Residents may nominate either their own home or other homes in the city. The judging criterion includes, but is not limited to, landscaping, attractive exterior, overall curb appeal and maintenance of the property.

One winner will be chosen from each of the city's nine wards. The winners will receive recognition from the City Council, including a



certificate of appreciation and a Beautiful Home yard sign. Previous winners must wait three (3) years before consideration for another award.

Nominations must be submitted with a current photo and may be mailed or hand delivered to the Community Development Office in the Government Building at 1055 St. Francois or sent via email to jsperry@florissantmo.com. All nominations must be received no later than noon Friday, May 24, 2019.

Sponsored by
City of Florissant
Citizen Participation Committee

CITY OF FLORISSANT 2019 BEAUTIFUL HOME AWARDS

I nominate the following home for a 2019 Beautiful Home Award:

Name (if known) _____ Ward _____

Street Address _____ Phone # _____

Submit to: Community Development Office
Florissant Government Building
1055 rue St. Francois
Florissant, MO 63031
(Must attach a current photo)

DEADLINE: Friday, May 24, 2019 by Noon

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Mosquito Season is Upon Us

Here come the pesky mosquitos again. The City of Florissant is already taking measures to control mosquito populations. We will continue to do so, but our residents need to assist us by using these helpful tips:



- Get rid of old tires, tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles or any water holding containers
- Fill in or drain any low places (puddles, ruts) in yard
- Keep drains, ditches and culverts clean of weeds and trash so water will drain properly
- Cover trash containers to keep out rainwater
- Repair leaky pipes & outside faucets
- Empty plastic wading pools at least once a week and store it indoors when not in use
- Make sure your backyard pool is properly cared for while on vacation
- Fill in tree root holes and hollow stumps that hold water with sand or concrete

- Make sure gutters and downspouts are free of debris to allow water to flow properly
- Change water in bird baths and plant pots or drip trays at least once each week
- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well-trimmed around the house so adult mosquitos will not hide there.

Products can be purchased through a hardware store that can help treat yards and plants to help deter mosquito populations. Also remember to use products with DEET during peak mosquito times.

The CDC has several website links with information on mosquitos and diseases that are caused from them. Here is the best site we have found: www.cdc.gov/westnile. Here are some additional sites for persons traveling outside of the United States: www.cdc.gov/dengue and www.cdc.gov/chikungunya and www.cdc.gov/zika.

Always remember we as residents are the best defense.

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Should You Borrow from Your 401(k)?

If you work for a business that offers a 401(k) plan, consider yourself fortunate, because a 401(k), with its tax advantages and variety of investment options, is a great way to save for retirement. But what if you need to tap in to your plan before you retire? Is it a good idea to borrow from your 401(k)?

To begin with, you need to determine if a loan is even available. You can only borrow from your 401(k) if you're still working for the company that offers the plan, but even so, you'll have to check with your human resources area to determine if loans are allowed. If they are, you'll want to weigh the pros and cons before taking action.

On the "pro" side, it's pretty easy to get a 401(k) loan – there's no formal loan application and no minimum credit score required. Plus, you're only borrowing from yourself, and you can generally repay the loan with automatic paycheck deductions, typically over a five-year period.

However, you'll also encounter some "cons" when taking out a 401(k) loan, particularly concerning taxes. If you had not borrowed from your 401(k), the money you took out could have been growing on a tax-deferred basis, assuming you used pre-tax dollars to fund your plan, and your withdrawals will only be taxed once. But when you borrow from your plan, you will have to repay it, along with interest, with money you've earned – and been taxed on – and then, when you withdraw it later, you'll pay taxes on it again.

Furthermore, if you leave your employer before fully repaying your loan, the outstanding balance likely will be taxable,

although you may have a grace period in which to pay it off and avoid taxes.

And perhaps even more important, taking money from your 401(k), even if you repay it later, will almost certainly slow the growth potential of your account – which, in plain terms, means you may have less money available for retirement.

Of course, if you encounter an emergency, and you have nowhere else to turn, you may need to borrow from your 401(k). And some plans allow hardship withdrawals for medical expenses and other needs, although you'll still be taxed on the amount you withdraw.

But you'd probably be better off if you can prepare, well in advance, for situations in which you need immediate access to a sizable sum. One way of doing this is to build an emergency fund containing six months' to a year's worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. You also might find some resources in the part of your investment portfolio held outside your 401(k). For example, you can always withdraw contributions to a Roth IRA without incurring taxes (although the earnings on these contributions could be taxable if you take the money out before you're 59½ and you've had your account less than five years).

In any case, you work hard to build your 401(k) – so, no matter where you are in life, think carefully about how you will use the money.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor

"THIS PLACE MATTERS" Sunday, May 19, 2019

A Cooperative Presentation of Community Events!



Ferguson and Florissant are so excited to be included in this Missouri statewide roadshow! – Come enjoy these great events!

10:00 am
Historical Wood Window Repair and Restoration Demonstration
 485 Airport Rd, Ferguson MO – Main Street District
fergusonmainstreet.org

12:00 Noon
High Tea & Tours of The Gittemeier House -1860's Farmhouse
 1067 Dunn Rd, Florissant MO • historicflorissant.com
 Cost \$5

2:00 pm
Old St Ferdinand Shrine Tours, Reenactors, Music & Food
 1 rue St. Francois, Florissant MO • oldstferdinandshrine.com
 Cost \$5

Florissant Old Town Partners
 601 rue St. Charles • Florissant, MO 63031
 (314)837-0033 • FlorissantOldTown.com

For more cities in Missouri participating in the roadshow go to www.momainstreet.org



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.



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

The Valley of Flowers Festival is the perfect time to visit Florissant's most famous landmark, St. Ferdinand Shrine, home of St. Philippine Duchesne. Located at the foot of Rue St. Francois, St. Ferdinand is the oldest standing Church in the Louisiana Territory.

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

The activities at the Shrine grounds will begin Saturday May 4th 11:00am – 5:00pm and Sunday May 5th 11:00am – 5:00pm.

- Tours of the Shrine
- Food, Activities & Gift Shop
- Used Book Fair on the Second Floor of the Schoolhouse
- Booth space is available starting at \$100

Come join us!



Log Cabin Open House

Saturday, May 4, 10:00-3:00 • 1065 Washington Street

The Florissant log cabin originally belonged to the Cougot family who owned the plot of land between St. Catherine and Washington Streets. In its original state the cabin had two floors and according to an interview with Mrs. Cougot in 1982, 13 children were raised in it. Through the years additions were added and the log cabin began to look like all the other homes in the area complete with multiple rooms, wood siding, and a cedar shake roof.

The Cougot family donated a portion of land to the City of Florissant. At this time the home had deteriorated and the city had plans for demolition to pave the way for a new water tower and tennis courts. Mrs. Rosemary Davison, a local historian and founder of Historic Florissant, fought to preserve the original log cabin lost inside the depreciated home. Mrs. Davison being a persistent woman, was eventually able to convince the city of the cabin's historic significance. Soon, the city agreed, during the demolition, to save the logs belonging to the cabin for the purpose of rebuilding.

Volunteers from the community came together to recreate a one story log cabin at Water Tower Park; the area the cabin is located today. Bernie Steinbruegge, Nelson Crank, Danny Crank, Josh Crank, Andy Lucas, Steve Siebe and others volunteered countless hours recreating the first floor of the log cabin. Some of the original logs were usable, yet many were disintegrated. Bernie Steinbruegge located and used replacement logs from other dismantled



cabins. In an attempt to be as authentic as possible, chinking and wood shakes were used. A volunteer from the brick layers union (name unknown), built the working fireplace and chimney. As the roof was added, Keith English and boy scouts added shakes for a more realistic look.

Today the Florissant log cabin continues to be owned and maintained by the City of Florissant and is managed by Historic Florissant, Inc. It is opened for tours, field trips and special events by appointment. Saturday, May 4 the log cabin will be open 10:00-3:00 for a Valley of the Flowers Open House. Suggested donation is \$5 per family; however, any donation is greatly appreciated. Proceeds will be used by Historic Florissant, Inc. for the continued preservation and restoration work taking place in our city.

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

Suburban XII North Varsity High School Baseball Games

Enjoy the competition of High School baseball games with local team during the Valley of Flowers Festival at Koch Park Field #1. The schedule is at right:

Friday, May 3, at 4:00pm
- Hazelwood East vs. Hazelwood Central
Friday, May 3, at 7:00pm
- McCluer North vs. McCluer
(Home team is listed first.)

Pitch, Hit & Run Competition



Thursday, May 2
6:00 p.m.
Koch Park Field #4

We invite children ages seven to fourteen to participate in the Pitch, Hit and Run competition. Participants will compete in three stations; pitching, hitting and running and they will have chance to advance to Sectionals, Team Championships! This program is FREE but requires pre-registration by May 1. To register, call the JKF Community Center at (314) 921-4250 or the James J. Eagan Center at (314) 921-4466.

Old Town Partners Presents the Valley of Flowers Car Show

On Saturday, May 4, from 8:00am until 3:00pm Florissant Old Town Partners will host the ever-popular and spectacular Car Show which is set against the backdrop of the historic business district of Old Town Florissant along rue St. Francois. The open-class show will feature about 150 cars from St. Pierre Street to Lafayette Street. Through traffic will be closed and only cars in the show will be allowed admittance before 8:00am until shortly after the end of the show at 3:00pm. Enjoy the cars and take time to visit the retail shops in Old Town.

There is plenty of parking available on the side streets with a short walk to the fun. Registration for cars is \$20.00. Trophies will be awarded at 3:00pm. Call the office at 314-837-0033 or 314-537-3425 for pre-registration and information (If necessary, a rainout date has been planned for May 10).



Visit Kid's World

Kid's World will be on the grounds of the James J. Eagan Center. It will feature many activities to stimulate young minds and bodies. Children will enjoy the opportunity to "Make their own Crafts," participate in the many ongoing activities or just enjoy a day in the park. Kincaid Karacter Puppets among others will perform for free in the area. In addition to all the free entertainment and activities there will be inflatable rides, face painting, balloon animals, and pony rides small fee. Eddie the K-9 Community Service dog will be in attendance. In addition to all the free entertainment and activities there will be a petting zoo, pony rides, and a bounce house for a small fee. Kid's World will be on Saturday, May 4, from 10:00am to 5:00pm.



Walk in the "Volksmarch"

The St. Louis Stuttgart Volksmarch Club will sponsor the free "People's Walk" which is a non-competitive, recreational, family-time stroll through interesting and scenic areas. Volksmarchers may (for a small fee) keep track of their event/distance in official record books that will be available. The Volksmarch will be held Saturday, May 4, with registration from 9:00 am to 11:00am in the gazebo on the path behind the Old Town Partners and Valley of Flowers house at 601 rue St. Charles. The "Peoples Walk" will begin on the path adjacent to the gazebo and will con-



tinue through the friendly streets of Old Town Florissant. Along the way, many of the activities of the Festival will be highlighted as well as some of the historic homes located throughout Old Town Florissant.

First Responders



The Florissant Police Department and the Florissant Valley Fire Protection District will host and will be onsite at various First Responders Demonstrations at

the James J. Eagan Center along Waterford Saturday, May 4, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Various demonstrations will be held at 10:30am and at 2:00pm. Be sure to visit the ARCH Helicopter, St Louis County Bomb Squad, Fire demonstration and much more.



Gardeners of Florissant Plant Sale



The local Gardeners of Florissant, a not-for-profit organization, will sponsor the Festival plant sale. The organization is committed to protect and to beautify the environment, and to share their knowledge with others. Available for purchase at reasonable prices they will have a huge selection of flowering plants, (both garden and indoor), vegetables, and herbs. There will be plants and flowers which bloom from spring through late fall and which are suitable for most home environments whether sunny, shady, moist, or dry. There will also be various lovely foliage and flowering hanging baskets and pre-planted decorative containers that make outstanding Mother's Day gifts. The plant sale will also have several raffles for valuable garden related prizes.

Anyone interested in growing a vegetable garden this spring will find tables of different types of tomatoes, peppers, and herbs. Club members are happy to help decide on varieties that will grow well in their gardens. Several members are certified as "Master Gardeners" and are always willing to share their expertise with patrons. The Gardeners of Florissant plant sale will be held in the ice rink pavilion at the James J. Eagan Center beginning at 12 noon until 9:00pm on Friday, May 3. It will then continue Saturday, May 4, 9:00am to 6:00pm. Plan to arrive early for the best plant selections. Additional information about the club, its activities and various plants can be found at www.florissantmo.com - then search "Gardeners of Florissant," when it opens to select "Projects/Events".

Craft and Vendor Fair



The annual Craft and Vendor Fair will be on the Ice rink pavilion of the James J. Eagan Center on Friday, May 3, from Noon to 9:00pm and Saturday, May 4, from 9:00am to 6:00pm. At this ever-popular event local crafters and

vendors will have a wide variety of products, the perfect gifts for any occasion. Returning favorites include: jewelry, one-of-a-kind gift baskets, gourmet food mixes, unique accessories, and garden ornaments.

Visit with some of the many businesses that help financially sponsor the festival. These local businesses offer a variety of excellent goods or services. They will have booths set up in the crafts and flea market area in the James J. Eagan Ice Rink from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 5.

Please support our festival sponsors. Without them we could not provide this great community festival.

Food Vendor Rows

Food vendors from all areas will be lined up on the James J. Eagan grounds. Enjoy the culinary treats including: old-fashioned, American-style, barbecued meats and side dishes; kettle corn; funnel cakes chicken strips; nachos; ice cream; and foods of many nationalities and various cultures. Various beverages will also be available. Food vendors will be open Friday, May 3, from Noon to 9:00pm and Saturday, May 4, from 9:00am to 6:00pm.



Pretty Baby Photo Contest

The Pretty Baby Photo Contest will be held on the ice rink of the James J. Eagan Center on Friday, May 3, from Noon to 8:00pm and Saturday, May 4, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. The contest is for children two years old or younger. View all the wonderful photos of the children and cast your vote to help decide the winner. Entries are judged in two categories: "Personality" - as depicted in the photo and "Popularity" - demonstrated by donations from the public who vote at the booth.

To enter your favorite baby, send in a 4-inch by 6-inch photo (or smaller) featuring one child per photo along with a \$5.00 registration fee by May 1. Entries after this deadline will be charged a \$7.00 entry fee. Make checks payable to the "Valley of Flowers Festival." On the back of the photo include the name of the child, parents' names, address, phone number and age of the baby. Send the photo with info and the entry fee to:
Valley of Flowers Festival
601rue St. Charles
Florissant, MO 63031



To have your photo returned, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your entry.

The winners will receive an award and gift basket at the awards ceremony on Sunday May 5 preceding the crowning of the queen and the court at the Duchesne Home Association Fairgrounds. The Valley of Flowers Festival Committee sponsors this contest and the proceeds are used for the Valley of Flowers Children's area.

You might be ready for summer, but is your Air Conditioning Ready?

The best way to tell if your air conditioning system is ready for intense summer heat is to have it checked by a qualified air conditioning service person.

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Florissant Civic Center Theatre Presents 2019 Valley of Flowers Children's Celebration of Performing Arts

May 3 & 4 - Outdoors - James J. Eagan Center (Parker Rd. and Waterford Dr.)
Theatre, Music and Comedy! - FREE Admission to ALL Performances!

The Children's Celebration of Performing Arts is a fun-filled, exciting family-oriented event. Performances in the Big Top and Sideshow Tent will begin Friday evening and continue throughout the day Saturday. (See Schedule Below) Young people will have abundant opportunities to enhance their festival visit with demonstrations and plenty of space just to play and have fun using their own imagination. **SPECIAL THANKS** to Hispanic Festival, Inc. for their support and participation. The City of Florissant, Florissant Fine Arts Council, Valley of Flowers Festival Committee and volunteers and donations

from many local area businesses have allowed the FCC Theatre to coordinate this "Children's Celebration of Performing Arts."



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



Zoppé: an Italian Family Circus, featuring Nino the Clown, has all the story and excitement of a Circus Big Top-complete with clowns, acrobats, aerialists, horses and performing dogs-just the way it used to be when Florissant was called the village of St. Ferdinand. "No seat is further than 20 feet from the action," in the 500-seat black-out tent says Giovanni Zoppé, a 6th generation performer and now the patriarch of the family-run circus. This up-close, personal and participatory circus even has a storyline evolving from Nino, a gentle, funny and endearing clown played by Zoppé, who has been trying unsuccessfully to join the circus.



The Chef Bananas Show

Chef Bananas will cook up the recipe that guarantees everyone is having the time of their lives. With a focus on comedy, chef's family magic show recipe is unlike anything you have seen before. He will have you rolling on the floor laughing one minute, and on your feet clapping the next. His typical show includes hot dogs, fire, carrots, frogs, cupcakes, balloons and a load of BANANAS!

Kincaid Karacter Puppets

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



2019 Children's Celebration of Performing Arts Performance Schedule

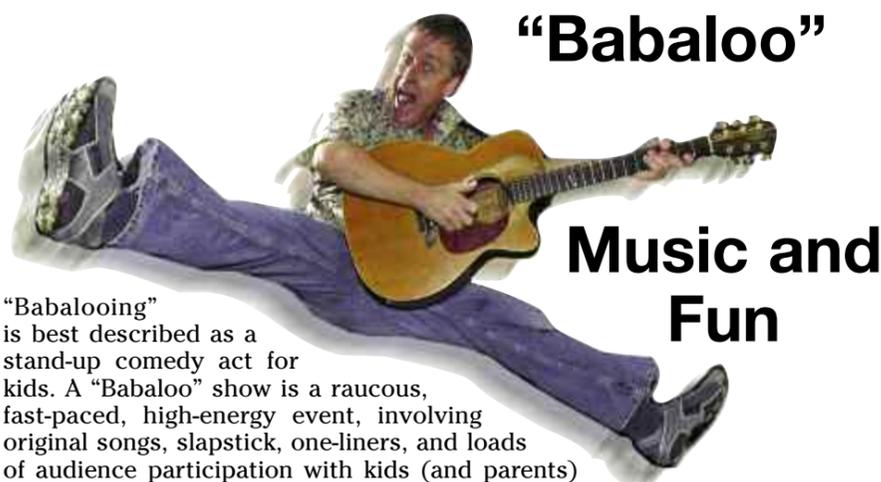
Date/Time	Performer	Location
Friday, May 3		
4:00 pm	Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown	Big Top
5:00 pm	Babaloo Music and Fun	Sideshow Tent
6:00 pm	The Chef Bananas Show	Sideshow Tent
7:00 pm	Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown	Big Top
Saturday, May 4		
11:00 am	Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown	Big Top
11:30 am	Babaloo Music and Fun	Sideshow Tent
12:30 am	The Chef Bananas Show	Sideshow Tent
1:30 pm	Babaloo Music and Fun	Sideshow Tent
2:00 pm	Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown	Big Top
2:30 pm	The Chef Bananas Show	Sideshow Tent
3:30 pm	Babaloo Music and Fun	Sideshow Tent
4:30 pm	The Chef Bananas Show	Sideshow Tent
5:00 pm	Zoppé Family Circus with Nino the Clown	Big Top
5:30 pm	Hispanic Festival Inc. - music	Sideshow Tent

Saturday on the Grounds

- Kincaid Karacter Puppets - 12:00pm, 2:00pm & 3:30pm
- The Bubble Bus - 10:00am to 5:00pm

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

For additional information please call (314) 921-5678



"Babaloo"

Music and Fun

"Babalooing" is best described as a stand-up comedy act for kids. A "Babaloo" show is a raucous, fast-paced, high-energy event, involving original songs, slapstick, one-liners, and loads of audience participation with kids (and parents) singing, dancing, throwing bean bags, beating on buckets, and laughing - lots of laughing. Children are kept happy with funny, irreverent songs; they will also sing uplifting songs dealing with sharing, acceptance, and character issues. Every show is different and tailored to the particular audience.

Contract negotiations are underway.
Programs and performers are subject to change.

For additional information please call (314) 921-5678
Or visit our website: www.florissantmo.com and click on the Valley of Flowers link.



Box Office Hours: Mon. thru Fri., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

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

Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover are accepted.

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

SPRING/SUMMER 2019

Northwinds Concert Band presents:

Northwinds Spring Concert

May 4 – 7:30 p.m.



Northwinds Concert Band, under the direction of Larry Marsh, will present a special spring concert on May 4 at 7:30 p.m. in a program that includes a wide variety of exciting music, ranging from marches and pop tunes to thrilling symphonic works. The program will also highlight soloists from the band, including a duet for piccolo and tuba (entitled "High-Lo"), a tribute to Scott Joplin, and "Blessed Bones" featuring the trombone section. Jesse Frederickson returns with another soaring tenor aria. Marsh is pleased to announce that Northwinds' principal clarinetist, Michael Montague, has written a lovely new book, "The Science of Music and the Music of Science," which will be released at the concert. Dr. Montague, who is himself a scientist and musician, will be on hand for a book signing, and the concert will feature his arrangement of themes from Alexander Borodin, the famous Russian composer who was also a world-class chemist. The program will take a Latin turn with music from Santana, the rock band that first came to public attention 50 years ago at Woodstock. Northwinds has presented concerts in the Civic Center Theatre for over thirty years. Maestro Marsh, who has directed the ensemble since 1982, hopes that the large crowds who attended the holiday concert in December will find their way back into the theatre this May for this great spring concert during Valley of Flowers weekend.

ADMISSION: \$8.00 Adults; \$6.00 Seniors/Students
 Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or www.FlorissantMO.com

Alpha Players present:

Exit Laughing

May 17 – 7:30 p.m. May 18 – 7:30 p.m.
 May 24 – 7:30 p.m. May 25 – 7:30 p.m. May 26 – 2:00 p.m.

If you like your jokes bold and laugh-out-load funny and your plays to be full of surprises, Exit Laughing might be just the show for you! Exit Laughing focuses on a single night in the lives of three middle-aged women, who meet weekly for a game of cards. When their fourth player, Mary, passes away, the ladies "borrow" her ashes from the funeral parlor for one last game. Surprisingly, Mary still has a lot to say and she unleashes it upon them through after-life messages and gifts - setting into motion a new path for her friends. This is a feel-good comedy with plenty of laughs and appeal to anyone who is part of a group of old friends.



ADMISSION: \$18.00 Adults; \$16.00 Seniors/Students; \$10.00 Children 12 & under;
 Group rates available
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Alpha Players Summer Show Auditions:

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May 19
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Alpha Players Musical Auditions:

Bridges of Madison County

July 7
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Missouri Pageant Alumnae Club Presents:

Ms. Missouri Senior America Pageant

July 14 – 2:00 p.m.

Lovely ladies will compete for the title of Ms. Missouri Senior America. The four areas of competition are a personal interview before the pageant, a talent presentation on stage, poise in an evening gown and her philosophy of life.



ADMISSION: \$15.00 in advance, \$12.00 for groups of 10 or more; \$17.00 at door
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Hawthorne Players Present:

FOOTLOOSE The Musical

Aug 2 – 7:30 p.m. Aug 3 – 7:30 p.m.
 Aug 9 – 7:30 p.m. Aug 10 – 7:30 p.m. Aug 11 – 2:00 p.m.

Based on the movie full of Top 40 hits and with dynamic new songs! Ren and his mother have moved from Chicago to a small town. As the new kid, he finds himself at odds with most of the town and struggles against the local preacher's ban on dancing. When the reverend's rebellious daughter sets her sights on Ren, her boyfriend tries to sabotage Ren's reputation. What emerges is a heartfelt story of longing.

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



**Florissant Fine Arts Council Presents:*

Saint Louis Musicians Orchestra with Charles Glenn & Patricia Scanlon

May 27 – 2:00 p.m.

Journey through the history of the American musical with the area's top theatre musicians featuring Charles Glenn and Patricia Scanlon! This unique orchestra joins our series in cooperation with the American Federation of Musicians Local 2-197 to bring audiences the brightest moments in Broadway history from the inception of musicals to the current day. The son of an accomplished opera singer, Charles received early musical training in both voice and percussion. Charles has utilized both his strong vocal and percussion talents as the opening act for such national groups as Smokey Robinson, Huey Lewis and the News, and the Allman Brothers. Charles can often be seen and heard singing the National Anthem for the St. Louis Blues home games. Patricia has been a soloist, cover soprano, and section leader for 14 years with the St. Louis Symphony Chorus. She is also a soloist with the St. Louis Theatre Musicians Orchestra since 2003 and has worked extensively with the Florissant Northwinds Concert Band and the Hawthorne Players of Florissant. *(This event was originally scheduled for February 10 but was postponed due to inclement weather)*

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2019 Valley of Flowers Queen Candidates

One of these nineteen outstanding young women will be chosen as the 2019 Valley of Flowers Queen. The runners-up forming her court.

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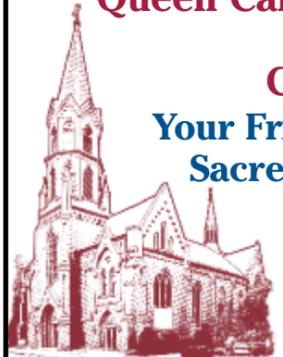
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Florissant's "A Walk Through History" Program

Florissant's Walk Through History program was the creation of former Mayor Robert G. Lowery, Sr. and former City Clerk and President of Florissant Historic, Inc. Rosemary Davison. Mayor Thomas P. Schneider enthusiastically continued the program with input from many individuals with historic ties to the city.

The Walk Through History recognizes those individuals who have made valuable contributions to the wholesome fabric of our beautiful city and North County as well as historically significant individuals with a connection with Florissant. The program provides an interesting feature that attracts visitors to Old Town Florissant who reflect on our rich history and hopefully frequent Old Town businesses.

The first plaque was dedicated in honor of Francois Dunegant dit Borosier who in 1786 was appointed military commandant of the new village of St. Ferdinand by the Spanish Governor of the Louisiana Territory. On August 23, 2008 a ceremony was held presided by then Councilman, Tom Schneider, Mayor Bob Lowery and Florissant Historian Rosemary Davison.

Two more plaques are scheduled to be ded-

icated this year in 2019. The first one will be on May 29 near the VFW Post 4105. Vietnam KIA/MIA/POW Staff Sgt. Charles Prevedel will be honored. His name is on the Florissant Vietnam Memorial obelisk and the Federal Building on Page Ave is named for Green Beret Special Forces Staff Sgt. Charles F. Prevedel. On August 28, near St. Francois and Clark, a plaque will honor Hal Schuchmann, who was a former Florissant Councilman, a member of the Board of Freeholders who drafted our current City Charter, and who was honored as a Lord of the Valley of Flowers.

Eleven plaques were commissioned by Mayor Lowery and twenty-nine plaques were commissioned by Mayor Schneider; two mentioned above still to be dedicated in 2019. The Walk Through History is located along Rue St. Francois Street between Florissant Road and St. Ferdinand Shrine. Walking west from Florissant Road, the first plaque you will encounter is shown at right. The texts below are from the 38 plaques as they appear by walking west on the north side of the street to the Old St. Ferdinand Church and then returning on the south side of the street.

Francois Dunegant dit Borosier b. Canada 1752

d. Florissant September 13, 1825

Commissioned by the Spanish Governor as the Military and Civil Commandant of the Village of St. Ferdinand de Florissant throughout the Spanish regime, often described as a man of honesty and integrity who shaped and guided the little settlement of Florissant in its earliest days.

Gregorie Aubuchon

Florissant's First Mayor

He was a descendant of Joseph Aubuchon who was in Florissant as early as 1799. In 1857 when the Missouri State Legislature changed Florissant's form of government from trusteeship to mayor-council. He became the first mayor under the Special Charter.

Charles Castello

22 May 1839 – 11 December 1893

Elected twenty-seven times to the office of Mayor he served from 1865 to 1890 and then again from 1892 to 1893, dying in office. He helped to bring the West End Narrow Gauge Railroad to Florissant and under his leadership Florissant offered land and \$10,000 if it were made the county seat.

While Charles remained in Florissant his father who is believed to have been the first Republican Sheriff of St. Louis County traveled to Colorado, settling there and giving the name of his hometown to Florissant, Colorado. Charles was Chairman of the St. Louis County Democratic Committee from 1888 to 1892 and a street in Florissant has been named for him.

Joseph Peters

1832 – 1913

A founder of the first bank in Florissant and of the Florissant Canning Factory, he owned the Joseph Peters Furniture Company in St. Louis. He has been described as "one of the industrial builders of St. Louis."

His home stood on the grounds of the 1970 City Hall and he is responsible for many of its beautiful trees.

John Mullanphy

Born 1758 In Enniskillen, Ireland

Died In St. Louis September 29, 1833

It has been said "One man's name towers above all others as a giant among the great men of North County's past." When Missouri became a State, he offered to build the State House at his own expense if Florissant were made the capital. He founded the first hospital west of the Mississippi and paid one-sixth of the cost of building St. Ferdinand's Church. He acquired Taille de Noyer in 1804 and his descendants lived there until 1961.

Two more plaques are scheduled to be ded-

Robert G. Lowery, Sr.

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

Bob Lowery began his 50 year career of service to Florissant residents as a Patrolman in 1961 advancing to Chief in 1979 & excelling in that position until elected Mayor in 2001. He loved Carole & his family. He loved people & always placed a priority on their safety.

Mayor Lowery delivered excellent municipal services, completed major renovations to recreations facilities, business development thrived & surrounding subdivisions were annexed increasing the size prestige of Florissant.

James J. Eagan

Born March 4, 1926

Died in office November 2, 2000

He was the first Mayor elected under the 1963 Charter. During his administration a new Community Center and Civic Center were built. He initiated the LSV program and free bus service for older residents. Proud of his Irish ancestry, he was affectionately referred to as the "Jolly Green Giant". A lawyer and judge, he served as Mayor for thirty-seven years.

Jules Oneil

He served as Mayor from 1955 to 1959.

He was a staunch supporter of the 1821 St. Ferdinand Church recognizing its historical significance. Through his efforts and with community support, the building was saved. The preservation movement in Florissant began during his administration.

John H. "Johnny" Londoff, Sr.

"Family Businessman, Veteran, Philanthropist & Celebrity!"

24 August 1924 – 11 May 2010

In 1940, John Londoff Sr. founded a Motor Co. with his dad Harry. Then joined the Marines in WWII. Famous jingle, Florissant building and lot and scholarships circa 1960. Variety Club Telethon Man of the Year, raised millions for children helped by celebrity friends.

His newspaper column promoted citizenship, philanthropy & community In 1999, John Londoff, Jr. became President of Johnny Londoff Chevrolet & with his sons continues his father's legacy of customer satisfaction & community service.

Richard "Dick" A. Weber

23 December 1929 – 14 February 2005

Dick moved to Florissant in 1955 and opened Dick Weber Lanes in 1971. Founding member and longtime star of the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) from 1950's to 1990's. He was a bowling legend and one of the sport's most popular figures. Dick promoted bowling around the world and was a frequent competitor on the ABC broadcasts of PBA events. Along with his son Pete Weber, he is a member of the US Bowling Congress Hall of Fame. He is in the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame and on the St. Louis Walk of Fame.

A WALK THROUGH HISTORY



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Paul F. Detrick, Sr.

Christian Hospital Founding Father
6 September 1923 – 31 August 1999

Paul Detrick named President of Christian Hospital 1960, Paul & Mary raised three children in North County, their home for life. His vision & leadership instrumental developing Florissant healthcare services opening Christian Hospital Northwest 1968 & Northeast Campus 1973.

Worked with Florissant civic leaders & board member of community organizations including Boatmen's Bank. Committed to the prosperity & well being of Florissant area residents & businesses. He & family were proud to serve the community.

Philip A. "Phil" Foeller

"Business Owner & Community Volunteer"
5 December 1929 - 25 November 2013

One of the original German families of Sacred Heart Church. A lifelong community oriented resident & businessman of Florissant. He & his wife Rose Marie raised five children in Old Town & founded Florissant Auto Radiator still at 865 N. Lafayette. U.S. Army Veteran, 1979 Chamber President, 1980 Sacred Heart Man of the Year, 4th Degree Knight of Columbus. He never met a stranger & was always willing to lend a helping hand to his Florissant friends.

Arthur Bangert

Mayor of Florissant 1938-1950

Called the Father of Modern Florissant. He gave the City piped water, a sewer system, the first City library and established the Planning and Zoning, Public Works and Police Departments. He brought financial stability and legally changed the name from St. Ferdinand to Florissant.

Henry F. Koch

Born September 2, 1921

Died May 21, 1988

He was Florissant's first full-time salaried City Clerk, serving from 1950 to 1960. In that ten year period, the population of Florissant increased 92%. In 1960, he was elected as the first full-time Mayor and the last Mayor under the 1857 Charter. He spent 10 years with the St. Louis Cardinals as a pitcher.

Sidney R. Garrett

1864-1933

Served Florissant first as Town Marshal, then Postmaster and from 1915 to 1929 as Mayor. He was a partner in the St. Ferdinand Milling Company and as Mayor had the first street lights installed and established the Volunteer Fire Department.

Donald R. Zykan, Sr.

25 September 1932 – 1 March 1999
"If Nobody Can - Zykan"

Don Zykan, Sr. co-owned Zykan Bros. Solid Waste with his brothers Ed and Joe. Their Florissant based business was founded in 1932 by their father John M. Zykan. In 1951

Don married Florissant native Grace Ebbesmeyer and they raised 5 children and served their community on the boards of many civic organizations with a passion for philanthropy. His priorities were Family, Friends and Community Service with a mission to always give back and help others.

Henry F Hendel

11 October 1917 – 1 August 2011

A life-long resident of Florissant and World War II Army Veteran. He was an active member of American Legion post 444 and Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Henry operated Hendel's Market for forty-seven years as a popular neighborhood grocery store. He loved Florissant and was an Ambassador for the City.

The Legacy of Hendel's Market continues.

Paul J. Kohnen

17 April 1922 – 31 October 2009

Paul was a lifelong resident of Florissant. In 1945 he married Thelma Korte & raised 6 children. Sergeant Kohnen served with the US Army Air Corps in England during WWII.

In 1955 he opened Bergjan's Dairy later renamed Kohnen's Dairy. Past President Florissant Rotary Club & Chamber of Commerce. Board member Florissant Bank, Citizens Bank, & Christian Hospital. Lifelong parishioner at Sacred Heart Church. Paul lived for his family & invested in his church & community.

James E. Fischer

29 March 1924 - 1 August 2012

Co-Owned Fischer's Department Store with his brother Al, the oldest business in Florissant still in operation. Served as a Flight Engineer on a B17 Crew during World War II. Charter Member and past President of Florissant Rotary Club and Rotary District Governor. He was active on many Boards and had a strong passion for the Business Community in Florissant and the people that live here.

Judge Timothy W. Kelly, Sr.

Presided over Florissant Municipal Court for thirty-two years (1979-2011)

5 October 1947 - 4 June 2011

Second son of Florissant Judge John J. Kelly (1956-1958). Tim grew up in Florissant attending Fatima and St. Thomas Aquinas. He presided over a firm but fair court and was elected eleven times. Tim Kelly inspired troubled young adults to strive to be good citizens and promoted leadership through athletics. Lt. Cmdr. Timothy Kelly served in the US Navy J.A.G. Corps Reserve.

Donald L. Bond*"Mr. North County"*

17 June 1931 - 21 April 1990

Florissant Councilman 1959 - 1977
St. Louis County Councilman 1977 - 1990
Don earned a reputation for fighting for his constituents, and for a high quality of life in Florissant and North County. Always easily accessible, he hosted annual picnics that are legendary. First and foremost a family man, he and Loraine raised four children. Son Ken and daughter Jackie also served on the Florissant City Council. Don was also a successful businessman with an insurance office on St. Francois Street.

St. Ferdinand III of Castile*b. 1199 - d. 5-30-1252*

King of Spain from 1217 to 1252, he was canonized by Pope Clement X in 1671. He was a capable and just administrator, spreading Christianity throughout his kingdom. He drove the Moors out of most of Spain, founded monasteries, established the University of Salamanca and endowed hospitals.

Charlotte Ballard

19 November 1909 - 13 August 1999

Sole owner of Ballard Plumbing after her husband Lawrence died. First woman in MO to hold a Master Plumber license. Charter member Florissant Valley Historical Society and Florissant Old Town Partners. President Florissant Valley Sheltered Workshop. Founding Member Friends of Old St. Ferdinand, Soroptimist Member and TEAM volunteer. No matter how busy, she always made time to help others and did these kindnesses quietly, touching many lives. Her example of community service will always inspire us.

David L. Reynolds

7 November 1936 - 9 January 2003

A United States Navy veteran, Dave served on the Florissant City Council from 1976 - 1994 and was Council President in 1979. He served as President of the St. Louis County Municipal League in 1988 and was elected to four terms as a Missouri State Representative, 1959 - 2003. Former owner/editor of the Florissant Valley Reporter and member of many community organizations including Rotary, Knights of Columbus and Chamber of Commerce.

Pierre-Jean De Smet, S.J.*b. 1-30-1801 - d. 5-23-1873*

Born in Termonde, Belgium, he came to the United States in 1821 and entered the Jesuit novitiate at White Marsh, Maryland. In 1823, he was sent to establish a new Jesuit mission in Florissant where he was ordained on September 23, 1827. Called the Black Robe by the Indians, it is said he traveled more than 180,000 miles on foot, horseback and ship, crossing the ocean 18 times to bring Christianity to the Native Americans.

Lowell E. Girardier*Community Volunteer & Builder*

7 March 1929 - 26 March 2010

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

Catherine "Kay" Spring*Historic Preservationist*

28 May 1936 - 11 December 2017

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

Rosemary Straub Davison

7 August 1918 - 23 September 2014

"Preservationist & Historian"

Rosemary was committed to preserving historically significant homes and buildings that helped shape Florissant. She was on the Board of Freeholders that formed our current city charter, was City Clerk from 1963 - 1979 and was a founding member of the Missouri Heritage Trust, Florissant Valley Historical Society, Friends of Old St. Ferdinand, Heritage Foundation, and Historic Florissant, Inc. For years she was a columnist for the Florissant Valley Reporter and was the author of the book "Florissant, Missouri" published in 2002.

Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne*b. 8-29-1769 - d. 11-18-1852*

To the Native Americans, she was the Woman Who Always Prays. Born in France, she came to Florissant in 1819. Her convent home still stands and with Old St. Ferdinand's Shrine is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. She opened the first school in Florissant for the village children and a boarding school for the daughters of wealthy St. Louis families. In her time, she was described as the foremost educator in the State of Missouri. She was canonized by the Roman Catholic Church in 1988.

Gretchen Baum Crank

2 March 1948 - 17 November 2016

Florissant history was her passion from childhood. Gretchen helped save the Myers House from demolition when Highway 170 was built & later became President of Historic Florissant dedicated to preserving the Gittemeier House. She served on the Old Town Commission, Friends of Old St. Ferdinand, Florissant Landmark Commission & St. Louis County Historic Building Commission. She wrote & published "Reflections of the Florissant Valley." She loved her family, traveling & life in Florissant.

Patrick G. Click, Sr.

17 March 1940 - 18 October 2015

Pat co-owned Click Heating & Cooling with his wife Lora during 50 years of marriage. A mainstay on "Old Town" St. Francois for 41 years. Pat served 10 years in the U.S. Navy, & was at tip of spear during Cuban Missile Crisis. Rotary Paul Harris Fellow, Old Town Partners, Fine Arts Council & Valley of Flowers. Pat & Lora were honored as Business Couple of the year by GNC Chamber. Pat served his Church, supported Veterans & lived for his family.

James (Jay) Russell*Born on November 4, 1928 in St. Louis.*

Statesman and Florissant businessman. Jay was Missouri State Legislator from 1962 - 1990 Lewis & Clark Democratic Committeeman 1970 - 2008 House of Representatives - Chairman - Appropriations - member of numerous committees. He appropriated funds with MSD to contain many creeks eroding resident and city properties. He authored the bill creating The School of Optometry at University of Missouri - St. Louis. Jay sponsored the law for sports medicine. Established BJ's Bar and Restaurant in 1955. MO State Committeeman - 4th Degree Knight of Columbus. Veteran of U.S. Marine Corps.

Harry S. Truman

While campaigning for the 1934 State Senate Race, Harry S. Truman gave a speech, at this spot, to the residents of the farming community of Florissant. Upon completion of his speech, he visited with shop owners on St. Francois Street. In 1945, Truman was sworn in as the 33rd President of the United States.

Kenneth J. "Ken" Otto*"Handyman Hardware Humanitarian"*

16 November 1927 - 6 January 2006

Ken had a lifetime of community service in two cities & St. Louis County. He served Pine Lawn as Mayor, Alderman & businessman. In Florissant he owned two popular hi touch Handyman Hardware stores with wife Kathleen & sons Dave & Glenn, was Marygrove Man of the Year & Business Person of the Year & was a leader in the Florissant Rotary efforts to help others. He served 20 years on the County Planning Commission.

First Lieutenant Michael J. Blassie*Vietnam Era Unknown Soldier*

4 April 1948 - 11 May 1972

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

Thomas Jefferson

13 April 1743 -

4 July 1826 (50th annv. of 1776)

Third President of the United States from 1801 to 1809; a principal American founding father & author of the Declaration of Independence; Father of the 1804 Louisiana Purchase that doubled the Nation's size bringing St. Ferdinand De Fleurissant into the USA & enabling Missouri to become a State with a capital named in his honor; He used his intellect & eloquence to advance democracy, republicanism & science.

Frank B. Korte

8 Sept. 1916 - 5 Nov. 2002

Josephine "Jo" Korte

23 Jan. 1920 - 12 April 2015

Frank and Jo married in 1943 and opened Korte Hardware, 610 St. Francois, in 1946. Devoted to family and faith they put a priority on community service with leadership roles in Fire Department, Hospital, Chamber, Valley of Flowers, Historical Preservation, St. Ferdinand Shrine, Knights, Rotary, Marygrove and others receiving prestigious recognition. Married over 50 years raising 11 children, their successful hard work and commitment is an example of dedication to inspire future generations of Florissant Families.

John M. & Pearl Dooley

15 May 1927 - 5 March 1986

18 June 1924 - 13 May 2015

John & Pearl opened Dooley's Florist July, 1966 raising 6 children & 1 niece in the family business with all working at the store. Pearl ran the accredited florist shop while John, a WWII veteran was a proud member of the Pipefitters Local 562 & later opened Dooley Travel Svc. They both felt family, church & community were important & were active members in the Chamber, Rotary, Soroptimist, Lions, Historic Florissant & Old Town Partners.

Their Last Full Measure



Florissant Honors Its Vietnam War Fallen Heroes with a timeless obelisk that was dedicated on July 4, 1969. A ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of that dedication will take place at Noon on July 4, 2019.

The United States conflict in Vietnam lasted from 1961 to 1975. Among those who gave their lives in this war were at least forty-one young men from Florissant. A timeless obelisk was commissioned by a

patriotic Florissant Community to honor those brave souls who gave the last full measure of devotion to our Nation during the Vietnam War.

The Florissant Vietnam Memorial was dedicated on July 4, 1969. U.S. Congressman James Symington was the Master of Ceremonies at the dedication ceremony at the entrance to Koch Park near the JFK Center on Howdershell Road.

Some names of the fallen were etched on the monument when it was dedicated and more names were added later when knowledge of their deaths became known. The first name on the monument is that of Charles E. Delassus who is the Great, Great, Great Grandson of the last Spanish/French Lt. Governor of the Louisiana Territory when the sovereignty of the territory was transferred to the United States.

Additional names were added to the monument after the dedication as knowledge of their deaths became known. Among those added was the name of Michael Blassie, originally interred at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. First Lt. Blassie's remains were returned home for a funeral at St. Dismas with internment at Jefferson Barracks. Charles F. Prevedel's name was also added. The federal building on Page Ave is named for Green Beret Staff Sgt. Prevedel, who is interred at Arlington, and who will join Lt. Blassie as an honoree in the Florissant Walk Through History May 29.

article submitted by former Mayor Tom Schneider

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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 of Chicken Piccata, pasta in white cream sauce, green beans, Italian Salad & Italian Dessert. 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 at 5:30pm

Menu: Chicken Piccata, Pasta in White Cream Sauce, Seasoned Green Beans, Rolls & Butter, Italian Salad & Italian Dessert

Place: James J. Eagan Center, #1 James Eagan Drive, 63033

Tickets: \$12.00 residents, \$15.00 non-residents includes admission, performance, dancing, dinner, & light snacks. Beer, wine & soda will be available for purchase. Tickets go on sale for residents and non-residents beginning Monday, April 29 and continuing through Tuesday, May 14, 2019 in the Senior Office. There are no ticket sales at the door. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.



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 – 3:00pm

Signups: 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.

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



“Under the Sea” 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, Bingo 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.

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



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 a bag or a box of individual packaged snacks. 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

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



Trips

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.

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

Recognize and Fight Fraud

For the first time in history, Impostor Scams topped the list of consumer complaints in 2018 with the Federal Trade Commission. Crooks use clever schemes to defraud millions of people every year. There are literally hundreds of different impostor scams. Listed here are four of the most common:



- **Social Security Scams:** In one version of the scam, the caller says your Social Security number has been compromised. He says your Social Security Number is now blocked for your protection. He might ask you for a fee to reactivate it. He will ask you to confirm your Social Security Number. THAT is the SCAM. Now they have your Social Security Number. OR... he says somebody used your Social Security number to apply for credit cards. Your bank account is about to be seized and he will proceed to tell you how to keep your bank account safe. He will ask you for your bank account information. THAT is the Scam. Now they have your bank account information, your social security number and access to your money.

- **IRS Scams:** The caller says they are from the IRS and you owe them money. You can clear this up right now so they don't have to call your local police department by paying the balance over the phone. THIS IS A SCAM. The IRS will never call you informing you of any balance that you owe.

- **Tech Support Scams:** Unfortunately, older adults are very vulnerable to this scam. The caller says there's a problem with your computer and they are calling to help you fix it before your computer crashes. They just need you to get on your computer while you are talking to them and they will walk you through the process to fix it. When you do this, the scammer has full access to your computer and can steal any personal information in this process.

- **The Grandparent Scam:** You pick up the phone and hear a young man say "Grandpa?" The caller says he has been arrested for drunk driving and needs money to hire a lawyer who will help him get out of jail. He even gives you to phone number for the lawyer (which is the phone number of his accomplice). The caller proceeds to say "Please don't tell mom and dad". What grandparent wouldn't want to help their grandchild? **THIS IS A SCAM.**

Here are a few practical tips to help you stay a step ahead:

1. **Spot impostors:** Scammers often pretend to be someone you trust – like a government official, a family member, a charity or a company you do business with. Do not send money or give out personal information in response to an unexpected request - whether it comes as a text, a phone call, or an email.

2. **Don't believe caller ID.** Technology makes it easy for scammers to fake caller ID information, so the name & number you see aren't always real.

3. **Don't pay upfront for a promise.** Someone might ask you to pay in advance for things like debt relief, credit & loans, mortgage assistance, or they might say you've won a prize, but you first have to pay the taxes or fees.

One of the easiest ways to handle anyone on the other line that you're not sure about – **HANG UP.**

To report a scam, please contact the Federal Trade Commission at <http://www.ftc.gov/complaint> or call 1-877-382-4357.

The Florissant Senior Office is Now Located at the Dining Center

Exciting News! The Senior Office has moved! At the Senior Office Request, the Senior Office has moved from Florissant City Hall to the Florissant Senior Dining Center location at 621 St. Francois, on the corner of St. Francois and Jefferson Street. Our office phone numbers will remain the same. For more information call us at 314-839-7605.



Florissant has partnered with Oasis to offer the following classes:

Learn Not To Fall!



About one third of the elder population over the age of 65 falls each year, and the risk of falls increases proportionately with age. At 80 years, over half of all seniors fall annually. As alarming as these figures are, these documented statistics fall short of the actual number since many incidents are unreported by seniors and unrecognized by family members or caregivers. Those who fall are two to three times more likely to fall again.

Take action! Sign up for the OASIS Class called "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 Florissant Senior Dining Center. Light refreshments will be served. Listed below is information on this class:

Class: Oasis "A MATTER OF BALANCE"

When: Every Tuesday, May 21 through July 9, 2019

Time: 10:00am – 12:00noon

Where: Florissant Senior Dining Center, 621 St. Francois, 63031

Cost: Classes are FREE, but you must register

Register: Registration begins in April. Call OASIS at 314-862-4859, ext. 24; there is limited enrollment.

Aging Mastery Program

Join the adventure for FREE! The Florissant Senior Dining will be running the Aging Mastery Program! This Program encourages mastery – developing behaviors across many dimensions that will lead to improved health, stronger financial security, and overall well-being. By participating in this program, you will: 1. make & maintain small but impactful changes in your health behaviors, financial well-being, and enrichment in later life. 2. Get incentives & rewards for taking small steps that can improve your well-being. 3. Meet new friends, provide support and encouragement to your peers, and become more involved in your community.

Class: Oasis Aging Mastery Program

When: Thursdays, May 16 through July 25, 2019

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Where: Florissant Senior Dining Center, 621 St. Francois, 63031

Cost: The program is Free, but you must register

Register: To register call Oasis at 314-862-4859, ext. 24.

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Chief's Corner

Greetings,

As the warm weather months approach, the Florissant Police Department is very busy getting ready for several community programs that will be taking place, while we still maintain a strong level of service to our residents. Before I get to the programs, I just want to say "Thank You" to all of the residents, business, and organizations that involve us in their events. The members of the department always enjoy the opportunity to interact with our residents during these functions.

The police department has been very busy lately with several initiatives that I would like to share with you, but our main focus is still the response to calls for service and the prevention of criminal activity. Recently, members of the Florissant Police Department responded to a call of a carjacking where a small child was still in the car. Within two minutes, we had officers on the scene, with an additional 30 Florissant Police Officers beginning a search of the area for the vehicle and child. A Florissant Police D.A.R.E. Officer was canvassing the area after teaching for the day, and within minutes, the D.A.R.E. Officer located the victim's vehicle with the child still inside. One suspect was apprehended on foot minutes later, and after an investigation by our Detective Bureau, the second suspect was identified and taken into custody a few hours later. This is an excellent example of the dedication and resources that we can provide to our community on a daily basis.

As you make your summer vacation plans, please remember the Florissant Police Department's Vacation Check Program and Security Camera Registration. Residents can request officers to check their homes while they are out of town by simply completing a form at the Florissant Police Department on or our website. After we are notified, Officers will check your home on a daily basis to ensure it is secure while you are away. The other program is the Security Camera Registration. This program encourages residents with security or doorbell cameras to register them with the department, so we know where the camera footage is within the residential areas. In the event of a crime, officers will check with the homeowners on the registry within a certain geographical area to inquire if their camera footage captured the event.

One new program that I am very excited to pass along to you is the Florissant Police Department's Future Leader Academy. This program was created by Officers Berry and Lee and will be for two weeks during the summer. The program is designed to give a group of high school aged males an



opportunity to get to know the Florissant Police Department better while learning about topics such as college preparation, military service, fitness and health, community service, public speaking, and conflict resolution. I am very proud of the officers for their "out of the box" thinking on how to better serve our community, and I am excited to see this program succeed.

Other programs that are taking place this summer is the Safety Town Program as well as the D.A.R.E. to be G.R.E.A.T. camp, which are both organized by dedicated Florissant Police Officers. All of the above programs, and the many more that were not mentioned that occur year-round, such as the Police Explorer Program, Public Safety Citizens Academy, Neighborhood Watch, CERT, and Coffee with a Cop shows the commitment that we have to Community Policing, while maintaining an excellent response rate to calls for service. The Florissant Police Department prides itself on maintaining the best level of service that we can provide to our residents, and the members of our department will continue to do so. Please check the 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, such as the upcoming Valley of Flowers Festival, please say hello-I would love to get to know you better.

Sincerely,
Timothy J. Lowery
Chief of Police



2019 AARP "Driver Safety Program"

The Florissant Police Department will be hosting four AARP "Driver Safety Program" classes for the 2019 calendar year. The dates are:

- Tuesday, May 21st, 2019
- Tuesday, July 9th, 2019
- Tuesday, September 10th, 2019
- Tuesday, November 12th, 2019

LOCATION:

Florissant Justice Center and Municipal Court building
4575 Washington
Florissant, MO 63033

TIME: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

FEE: \$15 for AARP Members, \$20 for Non-AARP Members

The A.A.R.P. "Driver Safety Program" is a 4-hour classroom refresher that can help you learn the effects of aging on driving and how you can adjust one's driving habits



to remain safe on the road. This program is sponsored and presented by AARP and targets drivers 50 years of age and older. AARP provides a certified instructor to teach the program.

Many insurance companies offer reduced insurance rates for those who successfully complete the course. Check with your insurance company to see if you qualify.

To register contact Officer Steve Michael at the Florissant Police Department's Public Information Unit at (314) 830-6042. Seating is limited so drivers are encouraged to register early to reserve a spot in the class. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Torch Run Shirts

The Florissant Police is once again selling Missouri Law Enforcement Torch Run T-Shirts to benefit the Missouri Special Olympics. The costs for the shirts are \$15 for sizes Small to 2XL. The Florissant Police Department will be participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run this year on the morning of May 29th. Our leg of the North St. Louis County run will start near the intersection of the Cross Keys Shopping Plaza and travel down Lindbergh to the Goodwill store lot located at 455 N. Highway 67. Please come out and support us on our run for this great organization.

Please contact Officer Steve Michael for more information at



(314) 830-6042
or smichael@florissantmo.com

Safety Town Returns For 2019

The Florissant "SAFETY TOWN" program will be returning for the 2019 summer. Florissant "SAFETY TOWN" is sponsored by the Florissant Police Department, Florissant Rotary Club, Stygar and Sons Funeral Homes, and the Hazelwood and Ferguson/Florissant School Districts.

"SAFETY TOWN" is a nationally recognized safety program for 4, 5, and 6 year old pre-school children. Topics such as Walking Safety, Bicycle/Tricycle Safety, School Bus Safety, Poison Safety, Playground Safety, Stranger Danger, Tool and Toy Safety will be covered. A visit from Eddie the Florissant Police Dog and the Florissant Valley Fire Protection District is also scheduled.

This comprehensive program allows children ages 4-6 the opportunity to see a Police Officer as their friend and teacher. They learn about safety issues through classroom interaction as well as through interactive play in a miniature town, complete with stop signs, buildings, electric signals and the like.

This year, Safety Town will be held from June 15th thru June 19th Monday thru Friday. The session will be held from 1:00pm- 3:00pm. This year Safety Town will be held at Cross Keys Elementary. The cost for the two week session is \$10.00. For more information, please contact Officer Lessie Summers lsummers@florissantmo.com.

Home Safety Tips When You Go On Vacation

With vacation season fast approaching, the Florissant Police Department wishes to pass along a few tips to keep your home secure while you are on your trip:

- 1). Don't talk about it! Be cautious about who you tell about your trip. It is okay to tell a neighbor that you trust, but be careful about letting your whole neighborhood know that your house will be empty for an extended period of time. Also, don't post comments of social networking sites that you are leaving for a trip, or post comments while you are on vacation. You never know who is seeing those comments, and you don't want to advertise the fact that no one is at your house.
- 2). Use timers! Hook up timers to lights, televisions, and radios, and adjust the timers to your normal routine. This will help hide the fact that no one is home.
- 3). Lock up! Before leaving, make sure all of your doors, windows, garages, and sheds are secured.
- 4). Remember your mail! It is a good idea to request the post office to hold your mail while you are on vacation. This can be done either thru their website, or you can fill out a form at your local post office. Another option is to ask a trusted neighbor to collect your mail and newspapers while you are away.
- 5). Remember your answering machine and email! Don't tip anyone off that you will not be home by creating a new outgoing message for your answering machine saying that you are on vacation. Also, be cautious on what you put in automatic reply email messages.

6). Lock away your valuables! Keep valuables and important documents in a fire safe box or a safe deposit box. Also, it is always a good idea to record the serial and model numbers for your valuables so you can accurately report them missing if needed.

7). Park a car in the driveway! Give your home an appearance that someone is living there by asking a trusted neighbor to park his or her car in your driveway while you are away.

8). Outdoor lighting! Consider motion sensing lights on the outside of your house. Criminals typically do not want to be seen, so if a light comes on as they are walking around your house, it may prevent you from becoming a victim.

9). Make notifications! If you have an alarm system, make sure that they know how to get ahold of you while you are away. This can also be said about the trusted neighbor who is picking up your newspapers and mail, and who is parking a car in your driveway.

10). Complete a Vacation Check Form! The Florissant Police Department offers a free program to its residents where we check your house daily while you are on vacation. You can complete this form on our website at www.florissantmo.com/police or you can fill out a form at the Florissant Police Department.

The Florissant Police Department wishes all of the residents of Florissant a safe and happy summer! For any questions, please contact the Florissant Police Department at 314-831-7000.

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."

Garage Sale

On April 27th Florissant residents will haul down the clutter from their attics, drag out treasures from their garages and organize accumulations from their attic for the Florissant Garage Sale. All of the usual garage sale items can be found throughout the sale as well as some unusual items. There is sure to be a treasure with your name on it!

When: April 27, 2019

Time: 9:00am - 12:00noon

Where: JJE Center Ice Rink Pavilion

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 - 12:00 noon

Fee: Free to Attend

Summer Day Camp

Our Summer Day Camp is a 6 week summer camp program that is held at the JJE and Koch Park. This is primarily an outdoor program with limited time scheduled indoors. Children must be 6 years old by July 31 and may not turn 13 until after July 31. Registration is held at both Community Centers. Applications will be available at the Community Centers and on our website. Registration will be held on a space available basis. Deadline to register is June 4.

Registration: Res. 4/1/19, Non-Res 5/15/19 (If spaces remain)

***Children must have completed Kindergarten and may not be entering 7th grade – Ages 6 to 12 Yrs.**

Days	Dates	Time	1st Child Res/Non-Res.	Add'l Children Res/Non-Res.
Mon.- Fri.	6/10/19 - 7/19/19	9:00am-3:00pm	\$175/\$350	\$125/\$275

Youth Tennis Learn To Play



This program uses games and drills to introduce basic tennis skills and coordination. All equipment including balls and rackets will be provided. The Learn To Play program is held at the beautiful Tower Court tennis facility on New Florissant Road next to Fritz's Frozen Custard.

Day	Dates	Time	Ages	Res/Non-Res.
Sat.	6/1/19 - 7/6/19	9:00am	6-13 Yrs.	\$45/\$55
Sat.	6/1/19 - 7/6/19	10:30am	14+ Yrs.	\$45/\$55
Sat.	7/20/19 - 8/24/19	9:00am	6-13 Yrs.	\$45/\$55
Sat.	7/20/19 - 8/24/19	10:30am	14+ Yrs.	\$45/\$55

Chess Wizards

Chess Wizards offers summer and holiday vacation camps for children aged 6-12. As much as we love chess and champion its cognitive and character benefits, we don't believe in asking an 8-year old to stay inside for 3 or 6 hours and just play chess during their vacation. We've developed an interactive day-camp format which includes all kinds of activities to keep kids both physically and mentally engaged during their time with us. Team chess games, puzzles, skill-building, and team and individual physical games are just some of the ways we integrate the whole person into our camp activities. A sample day might include exploration of a technical chess concept, fun group challenges which hone specific chess thinking patterns, a healthy snack, a mini-tournament, capture-the-flag, and blob tag. After all, it's camp and we want our students to make memories that they will carry with them through the upcoming school year and beyond. Camp meets for 3 hours each day.

Days	Dates	Time	Place	Res/Non-Res.
Mon.- Fri.	7/29/19 - 8/29/19	9:00am	JFK	\$175/\$190

Pom Pom Camp

Come learn the turns, leaps, kicks and other precision movements needed to be a valued member of a dance or cheer team. Dancers will learn how to count music, synchronize movements, dance and perform as a team. Basic cheer skills will be incorporated. Participants should wear form fitted clothing and jazz or tennis shoes. The last hour on Friday will be a performance. All participants will receive a t-shirt.

Days	Dates	Time	Place	Res/Non-Res.
Mon.- Fri.	7/22/19 - 7/26/19	9:00am - 12:00pm	JFK	\$50/\$60

Youth Basketball Camp

Camp consists of training in jump stop, cross over dribbling, between the legs, fitness drills, quickness drills, defensive positioning, reaction drills, mid-range shooting, 3 point shooting, finishing drills, reading passing lanes and defensive anticipation. Scrimmages will be played to enable campers to put their newly acquired or refined skills to work immediately. All camps take place at the JJE Center.

Camp for 4-6 Yrs. meets for 1.5 hours and camp for 7-14 Yrs. meets for 2.5 hours.

Registration begins: Res. 5/13/19, Non-Res. 5/20/19

Days	Dates	Time	Ages	Res./Non-Res.
Mon.-Thurs.	7/22/19 - 7/25/19	8:30A	4-6 Yrs.	\$45/\$50
Mon.-Thurs.	7/22/19 - 7/25/19	8:30A	7-14 Yrs.	\$65/\$75

Discount Tickets to Six Flags & Silver Dollar City

Purchase a one day pass or season pass to Six Flags St. Louis through our Parks and Recreation Department for a discounted price. We also have one day passes to Silver Dollar City available at a discounted rate. Tickets may only be purchased during office hours at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office. This is M-F 8:00A-5:00P and SA 8:00A-12:00P (except holiday weekends including 7/6). Call 314-839-7670 for ticket availability. No refunds will be given on amusement park ticket purchases.



Bangert Pool

Hours of Operation

Mon. - Fri.* - 12:30pm - 7:30pm

Sat. & Sun. - 11:30am - 7:30pm

Holidays - 12:30pm - 5:00pm

***Bangert will be open weekends only beginning 8/5/19**

Bangert will close at 4:00pm for swim meets. Dates TBD.

Bangert will close at 5:00pm for a special event 7/12.

Please note: The pool hours are subject to change due to local school schedules, inclement weather, and other unforeseen circumstances.

Daily Entry Rates

	Resident	Non-Res.
3 yrs. & Under	FREE	FREE
Youth 4-17 Yrs.	\$3	\$8
Adult 18+ Yrs.	\$4	\$10
Senior 60+ Yrs.	\$3	\$8

Membership Rates

	Res.	Non-Res.
3 yrs. & Under	FREE	FREE
Youth 4-17 Yrs.	\$60	\$140
Adult 18+ Yrs.	\$80	\$200
Senior 60+ Yrs.	\$60	\$140
Family**	\$120	\$275

Outdoor Splash N Play

Parents and their young children Ages 6 years old and under can enjoy their own special time at Bangert before the pool opens to the public. This is a great time to enjoy the facility with younger children in a more relaxing and less crowded environment. Please note: not all features are open during this time. Older siblings may join as long as a member within the 0-6 age range is in attendance. Pay daily admission or present an active outdoor pool pass to take advantage of this time.

Days: Wed. & Fri.

Dates: 6/5/19 - 7/31/19

Time: 11:30am - 12:30pm

Youth Swimming Lessons at Bangert Pool

Children in this program will learn swimming skills based on their current abilities. They will be placed into groups with others at the same skill level, and taught the skills needed to progress from there. Lessons are for children ages 5-15YRS.

Days	Dates	Time	Res./Non-Res
Mon. & Wed.	6/3/19 - 6/26/19	10:10am - 10:45am	\$48/\$52
Mon. & Wed.	6/3/19 - 6/26/19	10:50am - 11:25am	\$48/\$52
Mon. & Wed.	7/8/19 - 7/31/19	10:10am - 10:45am	\$48/\$52
Mon. & Wed.	7/8/19 - 7/31/19	10:50am - 11:25am	\$48/\$52

Spish Splash Summer Bash

Spish splash summer bash is an Annual summer pool party for 5th - 8th graders that is sure to make a splash! Participants will enjoy pizza, soda, games, DJ music, prizes and swimming. Tickets go on sale to Florissant Residents on June 10 and nonresidents on June 17.

Ticket required and must be purchased in advance.

Date: July 12 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Location: Bangert Pool

Price: Res. \$6 - Non-Res. \$8

Youth Swim Lessons (Ages 5 - 15 Yrs.)

Want your child to learn how to swim? Children in this program will learn swimming skills based on their current abilities. They will be placed into groups with others at the same skill level, and taught the skills needed to progress from there.

Day	Dates	Time	Place	Res./Non-Res.
Wed.	6/5/19 - 7/10/19	6:05pm	JJE Pool	\$36/\$39
Sat.	6/8/19 - 7/13/19	10:40am	JJE Pool	\$36/\$39

Toddler Swim Lessons (Ages 12 - 35 Months)

Children in these classes will explore some basic movements and working towards being comfortable in the water so that further skills can be developed in the future. This class is a fun, engaging environment where parents can help their young children gain the confidence they need around water. Much of this is done through games and song as this helps facilitate learning and confidence. Shrimp classes will focus on more basic skills with a lot of support and assistance, while Jellyfish classes will work on slightly more advanced concepts and begin to lessen support to work towards independence.

Day	Dates	Time	Place	Res./Non-Res.
Sat.	6/8/19 - 7/13/19	10:00am	JJE Pool	\$24/\$27

Preschool Swim Lessons (Ages 3 - 4 Yrs.)

Children can expect to gain confidence in and around water and build their independence. Children at this level will still most likely not be learning to swim completely on their own, but they will increase their independence over time. Preschool lessons will lay a foundation and build on basic swimming skills that will be needed to succeed in higher levels of swimming.

Day	Dates	Time	Place	Res./Non-Res.
Mon.	6/3/19 - 7/8/19	5:30pm	JJE Pool	\$30/\$33
Wed.	6/5/19 - 7/10/19	5:30pm	JJE Pool	\$30/\$33



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