

22nd Annual Florissant Old Town Fall Festival - Sunday October 13th

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

The Old Town Fall Festival kicks off at 11 am on Sunday October 13th and runs until 5pm on rue St. Francois Street in the heart of Old Town Florissant. Eleven full blocks from Florissant Road down to the St. Ferdinand Shrine are closed off for this event. All side streets will be blocked off to accommodate the festival. The street will be filled with activities for everyone with over 150 booths including a full craft fair area, games to play, sale items, food and beverages. We will have the old favorites like the Chili Cook-off, the wine garden, pumpkin decorating, and entertainment on almost every block.

Fido Follies Dog Contest!

Everyone's favorite event the Fido Follies dog show returns and will be re-locating to the old Bank of America drive-through parking lot in the 900 block of rue St. Francois toward the top of the street. This is a dog friendly event, water bowls will be provided on every block. Bring your furry 📖 friends (Properly licensed and leashed



of course) and enter them in the dog show. We have categories such as smallest dog, best kisser, best costume, best trick and largest dog to name a few.

Free Children's Activities!

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

Free Child Identification Kits!

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

Craft Fair!

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

Car Show!

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

Shrine Activities!

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

Entertainment!

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

We also have many entertainers throughout the 11 blocks of fun to include Cookie the Clown, Dan Sproat, Kraig Kalkbrenner, Story Teller, North County Big Band, Dennis Schilligo, , Bucket List,

who have difficulty navigating the St. Francois hill. The FLERT bus will be transporting festival patrons from block to block on St. Catherine which is one street over from St. Francois. There will be signs directing you to the stops.

Thank You Sponsors!

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

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

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



Visit Old St. Ferdinand Shrine During the Fall Festival!

Have you ever wished Louie, from the Blues and Fredbird from the Cardinals, could be at the Fall Festival? Wish no more! The St. Louis Blue's Louie will be at the Shrine from 1pm to 1:30 and the St. Louis Cardinal's Fredbird will be at Historic St. Ferdinand Shrine from 4:00 – 4:30pm. Come and meet Louie Fredbird and don't forget your cameras!

While at the Shrine you can take your chance with Pull Tabs, enjoy our food and drink in our air conditioned school, kids can play games, and as always take a chance on our

The Book Store will be open with special Fall Festival prices.

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

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

November 9,2019 we are launching our Speaker Series "In the Shadow of a Saint". This starts at 10am in the School House, followed by a guided reflection in the Church. A suggested donation of \$10 is appreciated.

This year our feast day Celebration, November 18, 2019 will be celebrated here at the Shrine at 7pm. Our celebrant will be Msgr. Schuler.

Save the Date: Our Winter Gala this year will be held at Norwood Hills Country Club on Sunday, January 26,2020.

If you have any questions you may contact me at the office 314-837-2110, my cell 314-420-5535 of info@oldstferdinandshrine.org.

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

the Retro Band, DK Dance Productions, After Hours Community Band, The Florissant Men of Harmony, and more... Free Shuttle! Don't Forget! A shuttle will be provided free of charge on St. Catherine for those Festival patrons



Saturday, October 26 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Connect to the history of your community! Representatives of St. Louis-area historical organizations will be on hand to discuss their work in documenting, preserving and promoting the history and heritage of their local communities.

St. Louis County Library Headquarters-Auditorium

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St. Louis County Library

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Are You Interested in the **Rich History of Florissant?**

Historic Florissant, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation formed in 1969 to meet the need for a local group with broad preservation interest and capable of responding quickly to protect and preserve landmark structures.

Historic Florissant Inc. is an all volunteers organization with no paid employees. We work hard to protect and preserve Florissant's rich history. Please help Historic Florissant keep local history alive.

With no dues paying membership, we must rely on donations. Our Capital Improvement Campaign has a goal to raise \$25,000 for a new roof and other important repairs for the Gittemeier House, this campaign has raised just under \$3500 to date. Additionally, operating expenses are close to \$800 per

YOU CAN'T PUT A PRICE ON THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORY, BUT A **DONATION IS A START!**

For \$25 or more, we will add your name to our virtual brick wall which is posted on our website and Facebook page. Businesses donating \$100 or more will have their business name displayed. Your contribution is needed and will be greatly appreciated.

Please consider a donation today by calling 314-565-1468 or send funds to: Historic Florissant, Inc. 1067 Dunn Rd.

Florissant, MO 63031

Historic Florissant's Annual Holiday House Tour

1:00 - 6:00 Sunday, December 1, 2019

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for children 18 and under and are available at Dooley's, Korte's Custom Framing, The Myer House, The Gittemeier House and the Fall Festival. Look for Historic Florissant's booth near City Hall. This event sells out fast, so buy your tickets early!

A Spirited Holiday Past

presented by Historic Saint Louis and Historic Florissant

Twenty-six historic houses, museums, and privately-owned homes are joining together to present a splendid grand tour on Saturday, December 7 from 10:00-4:00. Each venue will be decorated with a festive flair and may offer costumed skits, music, and refreshments. The Gittemeier House, Taille de Noyer, Myer House, and Old St. Ferdinand Shrine will be on tour in this area.Visit www.historicsaintlouis.org for additional information or call 314-565-1468. Fees vary by location.



Adults. No registration needed

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October 2019

We recently wrapped up our summer weekend Music Under the Stars concerts at St. Ferdinand Lake. "Music Under the Stars" which is proudly sponsored by the Florissant Fine Arts Council and the City of Florissant and was blessed with outstanding weather and great attendance. This was the first year that we had food trucks at the concerts and it was very successful. We enjoyed the sounds of the Northwinds Concert Band, Power Play, Steve Ewing Band, SmashBand, Abbey Road Warriors, Billy Peek, Butch Wax & the Hollywoods with Theo Peoples from The Four Tops, Southside Johnny Band, Rockin Chair and Fanfare Featuring Kittie Moeller who will be performing on September 21st in conjunction with the suicide prevention fundraiser.

The 22nd annual Florissant Old Town Fall Festival will be held on Sunday October 13th as the biggest **block party in the state** blocking off St. Francois Street from Florissant Road to St. Ferdinand Shrine. The festival is sponsored by Florissant Old Town Partners, the City of Florissant and the Missouri and Regional Arts Council. This important cultural community family friendly togetherness event runs from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will feature the Bob Kuban Brass with a wide variety of other musical and performing arts entertainment. There will be a mile of arts and crafts and delicious food and beverages highlighted by the Florissant Police Antique and Classic Car Show and the famous Chili tasting contest in front of Click's Heating and Cooling. The fourth and final Food Truck Knight sponsored by the Knights of

ties including TEAM. in Overland MO.

Dear Florissant Friends-

Columbus and the City will be held on Friday, October 11th on the Knight's grounds from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All Food Truck Knights have been packed and successful again this year so come early and bring a donation for TEAM. There will be barrels to collect non-perishable canned and dry food for the nearby TEAM food pantry and proceeds from the event will benefit Knight's sponsored chari-

I would like to thank Old Town **Partners** who co-hosts with the City the popular Wednesday Night Out (WNO) events and to all the sponsors for another successful year. We kicked off the May WNO with "Proud to be an American" theme that was sponsored by the VFW Post 4105. We dedicated our 39th Walk Through History plaque in honor of Vietnam Era MIA/POW Green Beret Sgt. 1st Class Charles F. Prevedel The Charles F. Prevedel Federal Building also honors him at 9700 Page Avenue

The WNO June theme was a "Hat Party" that was sponsored by Kortes Custom Framing & Antiques. In July the WNO activity was a movie night at the Knights pavilion sponsored by Friends of Old St. Ferdinand Shrine and Knights of Columbus. In August the fourth WNO which had the popular theme **"Dancing, Art &** Water in the Street" was sponsored by Stems Florist, Bunkers Tavern, Citizens Bank of Florissant, Vogt State Farm Agency and Kay Bee Electric. That night we also dedicated our 40th Walk Through History plaque in honor of the late Harold "Hal" Schuchmann who was a former Councilman from 1963 - 1975. He was a member of the 1963 Board of Freeholders that drafted the current Florissant City Charter and was part of the 1970 dedication of the current City Hall when he was a member of the City Council that appropriated funding for the building. The last WNO was sponsored by Hendel's Café in September. We also dedicated our 41st Walk Through History plaque in honor of the late "Amazing Grace" Zykan who was involved in numerous local organizations and was an inspiration to all.

The Florissant National Night Out was held on Tuesday, October 1st where residents got the opportunity to enjoy and get to know their neighbors. Block Parties continue to be very popular in our city. Pick any date you can to get your neighbors together and we will block off your street and I would enjoy stopping by to say hello and to meet everyone. To schedule a block party for your neighborhood for a future gathering please call Cheryl Entwistle at 314-839-7601. Also consider starting a Neighborhood Watch program for your street to encourage watching out for each other which is a tremendous help to our Police Department. Call Officer Steve Michael at 830-6042 for more information.

The VFW Post 4105 and the City hosted a 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony on Wednesday, September 11th on the parking lot at 410 rue St. Francois. This solemn event is to reflect on the 18th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon by terrorist. Members of the VFW 12th District posted the colors. Members of the American Legion Post 444 performed taps with a gun salute. I was invited to provide the opening remarks and Fire Chief Jason Hoevelmann with the Florissant Valley Fire Protection District was the featured speaker and reflected on the 100th Anniversary of the Florissant Valley Fire Protection District.

Florissant is very proud once again to co- host with the St. Louis County Veterans Coalition this year's Veteran Day Parade which will be held on Sunday, November 10th. Parade participants will assemble and start the parade at Bangert Park and precede North on Florissant Road and then turn left on St. Francois and end the parade at VFW Post 4105 where the ceremony will take place to honor the 2019 Veteran of the Year.

I would to thank all the seniors who attended the Senior Town Hall meeting on September 12th to be informed about the progress in the beautiful city and to get an opportunity to speak with the City Administration. We would like to thank the Desmet Retirement Community for providing the breakfast and to all the organizations that participated in the Senior Town Hall meeting and for making the event a successful one. For all other upcoming Senior Events please contact Peggy Hogan our Senior Coordinator at 314-839-7604.

The 6th annual Race to the Shrine 5K run will be held on Saturday, October 19th at the Old Ferdinand Shrine grounds. The 1 mile Fun Run starts at 3:30 p.m. - 5k Race starts at 4:00 p.m. Whether you are a runner, walker or just enjoy being a spectator, families can gather to enjoy the beauty of the City of Florissant. Experience the Shrine of St. Ferdinand, the oldest standing church in the Louisiana Purchase territory. Enjoy some delicious BBQ by the Knights of Columbus, live music by local musicians, and have a wonderful day outside.

The Public Works Department is doing \$4,302,000 in street work which included \$300,000 in slurry seal resurfacing work on 34 different streets, \$550,000 in concrete pavement replacement and repairs on 6 streets, and \$1,1500,000 in major street work on 8 different streets. Work also includes major street and storm water work on North Lafayette Street (N.Hwy.67 to Washington) estimated at \$2,327,000.

The street work on N. Lafayette Street is made possible from grants received from East-West Gateway Coordinating

Council and the Missouri Department of Transportation.

Our Town from the Mayor 3

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

The Public Works Department will be implementing a new program this winter. It will be spraying brine (salt water) on the streets be for storms. This treatment is in lieu of the rock salt that is currently spread. The brine application can be done up to 72 hours in advance of a snow event. Being a liquid, it does not get pushed to the sides of the street like rock salt does. The brine will also be used to pre-treat the rock salt used during storms, adding to the effectiveness.

Economic Development: It is my pleasure to announce the recent appointment of Travis Wilson who is the new Director of Economic Development as of August 12, 2019.

Prior to joining Florissant, Travis worked for the City of St. Charles where he helped develop and implement the economic development strategic plan and also completed over 1000 business interactions annually.

Travis has a bachelor degree from the University of Missouri – St. Louis in Business Administration and holds a residential real estate license. Currently, Travis is in the process of becoming a Certified Economic Developer which he believes is the first step in helping Florissant become internationally accredited in the area of economic development.

However, most importantly, Travis has worked hard over the past years to cultivate relationships, partnerships, and make connections to leverage resources in economic development projects.

And speaking of projects, here are some of the recently completed projects, developments under construction, and those that have been made Public that are in the design phase. **Recently Completed Projects:** • First Collinsville Bank on New

Halls Ferry Road.

• Dunkin Donuts on Lindbergh. Chick Fil A in Florissant Valley

Shopping Center • Aspen Dental in Florissant Valley

Shopping Center



• MOD Pizza in Florissant Valley **Shopping Center**

 Siteman Cancer Center / Graham & Hwy 270

Under Construction:

• Davita Dialysis at Plaza Madrid

Plaza Madrid will be torn down

• "Ross Dress for Less" is being

installed in the former Barnes and Noble at Cross Keys Next Steps For Economic

Development

• Developing a strategic plan for attracting and retaining businesses in Florissant

• Focus on enhancing Historic Florissant

 Meeting with property owners and working toward filling vacancies

As your Mayor I want to promise you that I will continue to work hard to keep our beautiful city moving forward. My goal is to provide each Florissant resident with the most personal, responsive and positive service possible. I hope that each of you will continue to recognize Florissant as being a caring community, one that will entice you and your family to embrace it for many years to come.

I hope to see everyone at our Fall Festival on Sunday, October 13th.

Sincerely, Mayor Timothy J. Lowery

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Beautiful Homes Winners

The Florissant Focus

2019 Florissant Beautiful Home Awards



Ward 1 - 821 Marissa - Randy & Christy Crocker



Ward 2 - 680 Dewayne - Alan & Delores Clay



Ward 3 – 1940 Flordawn – Jeffery Martin & Adriana Lampasi



Ward 4 – 685 Starlet – Steve & Frances Moore



Ward 5 – 206 N. Castello – Mickey & Jean Burns



Ward 6 - 1089 N. New Florissant - David & Judy Byrd



Ward 7 – 260 St. Gregory – Martin & Laura Payer



Ward 8 – 3680 Estates – Terry & Carol Stine



Ward 9 – 115 Mohan – Henrietta Wooten



Mayor's Choice - Ward 5 - 307 N. Lafayette - Craig & Beth Goldstein

criminal activity.

form online.

Congratulations to all who participated and thank you for helping to make Florissant more Beautiful!



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

The Florissant Police Department along with the Missouri Freemasons will be hosting a one day Missouri Child Identification Program (MoCHIP) during the Florissant Fall Festival on Sunday, October 13th, 2019, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The event will be held at the Florissant City Hall inside the Council Chambers. This program, FREE OF CHARGE, provides parents with critical information on their children in the event their child turned up missing or abducted. This nationally recognized program provides parents with a digital photograph, digital fingerprints, DNA swab, child information and emergency contacts, a dental bite impression, and two (2) laminated ID cards. Most importantly, all information is turned over to a parent or legal guardian on completion of the process. No child information is stored or kept by the MoCHIP program or the Florissant Police.

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



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

As a result of the efforts by the Missouri Freemason through the MoCHIP program, parents/legal guardians of over 125,000 have received this critical identification information free of charge. Make sure you mark your calendars for this event and keep your eyes open as the date approaches for more information. For more information visit the

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



In Florissant the majority of vehicle break-ins are CRIMES of OPPORTUNITY and too many vehicles are left unlocked with valuables inside during overnight hours. Criminals targeting your vehicles aren't after specific items; instead they are looking for any item(s) that may have value. The 9PM Routine is a nightly reminder to remove valuables

from your vehicles and ensure all doors are locked, including home and garage areas.

The goal of the 9PM Routine is to combat auto thefts and break-ins and help empower citizens to develop their own personal security routines by having a designated time to perform these tasks every night at 9pm.



Neighborhood Watch Program

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

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

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

If you're interested in finding out more about the Florissant Neighborhood Watch Program or



you're considering becoming a Block Captain contact Officer Steve Michael at (314) 830-6042 or visit our website at www.florissantmo.com/police.

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

Florissant Civic Center Theatre

Box Office Hours: Mon. thru Fri., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Arrangements to purchase tickets can be made by phone at (314) 921-5678, online at www.FlorissantMO.com, or by mail addressed to: FCC Theatre, #1 James J. Eagan Dr., Florissant, MO 63033. Call 314-921-5678 for additional information 24 hours a day. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover are accepted.

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

FALL 2019

Gordon's Entertainment Presents:

Jazz Heaven Series "Gone But Not Forgotten" Oct. 12 - 2:00 p.m.



This year's Jazz Heaven Series will pay tribute to the lives and legacies of artists such as Ella Fitzgerald, Dean Martin, Nancy Wilson, Otis Redding & Aretha Franklin to name a few featuring a very talented cast of artists: Jeanne Trevor, Joe Mancuso, Robert Nelson, Kim Fuller-Barnes, Roland Johnson, Michael Chatman & Wendy L. Gordon.

ADMISSION: \$30.00; Group rates available

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

Northwinds Concert Band Fall Concert Oct. 20 – 3:00 p.m.



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



or online at www.FlorissantMO.com - anytime Hawthorne Players Present: The Dining Room Nov. 1 – 7:30 p.m. Nov. 2 – 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8 – 7:30 p.m. Nov. 9 – 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10 – 2:00 p.m.



Once the center of family life, the dining room has become an endangered species in many modern households. Written by the creator of Love Letters, A.R Gurney, this play challenges a small group of actors to portray numerous roles of all ages and backgrounds. These vignettes of upper middle-class family life from not long ago create a theatrical experience of exceptional range, compassionate humor and abundant humanity.

ADMISSION: \$18.00 Adults; \$16.00 Seniors/Students; Group rates available Information and reservations: 314-921-5678 or www.florissantmo.thundertix.com

St. Louis Family Theatre Series presents: **Rosie Revere Engineer & Friends** (TheatreworksUSA) Nov. 23 – 2:00 p.m. Nov. 24 – 2:00 p.m.

ROSIE REVERE, ENGINEER & ERIENDS



Ms. Greer's classroom includes three inquisitive out-of-the-box thinkers. Rosie Revere has big dreams. Iggy Peck has a relentless passion for architecture. And Ada Twist's curiosity can drive her teacher crazy. A fun new musical based on the books Rosie Revere, Engineer; Iggy Peck, Architect; and Ada Twist Scientist by Andrea Beaty, which spotlights the STEM curriculum (focusing on science, technology, engineering and math).

ADMISSION: \$8.00 to all

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



The Florissant Focus

Alpha Players

Hawthorne Players **Songs Of Christmas - Best Of Hawthorne** - December 14

Northwinds



Coming soon to the FCC Theatre:

Holiday Show – December 5 & 6

Midwest Ballet Theatre The Nutcracker – December 8



Holiday Concert - December 15



Winners of Ms. Missouri Senior **America Pageant In Florissant**

Left to Right: 2nd Runner-Up Ms. Linda Stewart, winner Ms. Nancy Wilkinson, D.C., and 1st Runner-Up Ms. Carolyn Schlueter.

Mayor Lowery was pleased to announce that the City of Florissant was again chosen to host the 2019 Ms. Missouri Senior America Pageant. The event was held at the Florissant Civic Center Theater on Sunday, July 14th.

The pageant, held annually in the St. Louis Area, exemplifies the elegance of senior women over the age of 60. The ladies compete in four categories: Personal interview with judges before the pageant starts; poise in evening gown; recitation of a 35 second philosophy of life; and a two and a one half-minute talent presentation.

The Senior America Pageant is the world's first and foremost pageant to emphasize and give honor to women who have reached the "Age of Elegance".

Congratulations to the 2019 Ms. Missouri Senior Pageant America winner who was Ms. Nancy Wilkinson, D.C. from St. Louis, the 1st Runner Up was Carolyn Schlueter from St. Charles, the 2nd Runner Up was Linda Stewart from St. Louis and Katherine Lovegren from Manchester won for Miss Congeniality.

Mayor Lowery would like to congratulate this year's winners and to all those that participated and he would also like to thank the Pageant Directors Susan Pellegrino and Helene Siegfried who oversee the general operations of the pageant including publicity, paperwork, program book, and committees. They are the liaisons between our State chapter and our National Senior America office.

For more information on the Ms. Missouri Senior America Pageant visit their website at www.msmissourisenior.org



Estate Plans Can Help You Answer Questions About the Future

The word "estate" conjures images of great wealth, which may be one of the reasons so many people don't develop estate plans – after all, they're not rich, so why make the effort? In reality, though, if you have a family, you can probably benefit from estate planning, whatever your asset level. And you may well find that a comprehensive estate plan can help you answer some questions you may find unsettling – or even worrisome. Here are a few of these questions:

What will happen to my children? With luck, you (and your co-parent, if you have one) will be alive and well at least until your children reach the age of majority (either 18 or 21, depending on where you live). Nonetheless, you don't want to take any chances, so, as part of your estate plans, you may want to name a guardian to take care of your children if you are not around. You also might want to name a conservator – sometimes called a "guardian of the estate" - to manage any assets your minor children might inherit.

Will there be a fight over my assets? Without a solid estate plan in place, your assets could be subject to the time-consuming, expensive - and very public - probate process. During probate, your relatives and creditors can gain access to your records, and possibly even challenge your will. But with proper planning, you can maintain your privacy. As one possible element of an estate plan, a living trust allows your property to avoid probate and pass quickly to the beneficiaries you've named.

Who will oversee my finances and my living situation if I become incapacitated? You can

build various forms of protection into your estate planning, such as a durable power of attorney, which allows you to designate someone to manage your financial affairs if you become physically or mentally incapacitated. You could also create a medical power of attorney, which allows someone to handle health care decisions on your behalf if you become unable to do so yourself.

Will I shortchange my family if I leave significant assets to charities?Unless you have unlimited resources, you'll have to make some choices about charitable gifts and money for your family. But as part of your estate plans, you do have some appealing options. For example, you could establish a charitable lead trust, which provides financial support to your chosen charities for a period of time, with the remaining assets eventually going to your family members. A charitable remainder trust, by contrast, can provide a stream of income for your family members for the term of the trust, before the remaining assets are transferred to one or more charitable organizations.

As you can see, careful estate planning can help you answer many of the questions that may be worrying you. Be aware, though, that certain aspects of estate planning, especially those related to living trusts and charitable trusts, can be complex, so you should consult your estateplanning attorney or qualified tax advisor about your situation. But once you've got your plans in place, you should be able to face the future with greater clarity and confidence.

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Let's help make a child's Christmas Vacation fun by making snack bags for TEAM Food Pantry! Please bring a bag/box TEAM of individually wrapped snacks. The Senior Office will provide the bags and we'll all participate in filling them with our snacks. Suggested snacks include: granola bars, chips, cookies, fruit, snack packs of cereal, raisins, rice krispy treats, juice boxes, muffins or donuts - anything individually wrapped. 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: Thursday, December 5 Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm Place: Florissant Senior Center, 621 rue St. Francois Tickets; No tickets or reservations required. Just come to the Dining Center with your snack & money for Bingo (if interested) Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

year! Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2019

The Florissant Senior Office has partnered with Oasis to bring the Senior Citizen Community fascinating speaking events at the Senior Center at 621 rue St. Francois. Register at Oasis, by calling 314-862-4859 or online at stloasis.org. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

Mary Saputo

Fee: \$10

2. The Sixties in St. Louis: 1760s, 1860s & 1960s Johnny Rabbitt, KMOX

Take a whirlwind time trip with images and stories of 200 years of life in St. Louis during the decade of the "Sixties" in each of three centuries from the start of the Village of St. Louis, to the Civil War and reconstruction and finally the so-called "Swingin' Sixties" of the 20th Century. Wars will play a major role in all three of our decades, but so will good times and growth. You'll meet the players in our city's life from Chouteau and Laclede, to Grant and Sherman, Busch and Cervantes and dozens of others who shaped us. Tuesday, Nov 5, 1:00 – 3:00 Fee: \$10

3. Bellefontaine's People of Intrigue Dan Fuller, Event and Volunteer

strength, flexibility and stamina, At Bellefontaine Cemetery, spies as well as other people of intrigue can be found. These individuals are young and old, male and female. Their stories are unique and fascinating. The span of time, for these stories tion fitness and creating a sense of achievement. Days: Mondays & Wednesdays, October 28 through December 11, 2019 includes, pre-Civil War to burials in recent memory. From duels on St. Louis's "Bloody Island" to local and international man hunts we will Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm Place: Florissant Senior Center at 621 St. Francois share their tales and light on the details which make these individuals Cost: \$56.00 so intriguing. Registration: For more information or to register, please call Oasis at 314-862-Tuesday, Nov 19, 1:00 – 3:00 Fee: \$10 **4859 extension 24.**

Senior Citizen Trips

The Audubon Center at Riverlands and **Moonlight Inn**

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Trumpeter Swans, Water Fowl, and Eagles are birds that typically visit the Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary in November. Tour this fascinating sanctuary with an educator/naturalist narrating, watch a presentation about the Audubon Center and meander around the exhibits and look for birds in the high-powered spotting scopes. Top off the day with a delicious buffet lunch at Castelli's Moonlight Inn, famous for their Fried Chicken.



Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Time: 9:00am – 2:30pm

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Tickets: \$32.00 residents; \$34.00 non-residents; includes transportation, tour and lunch.

Ticket sales begin on Tuesday, October 8 in the Senior Center at 621 rue St. Francois for residents only with a current resident card. If there are tickets remaining, on Wednesday, October 9, tickets will be sold to residents and nonresidents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information

The Vienna Boys Choir at the Cathedral Basilica & Favazza's on the Hill



Enjoy an authentic Italian Lunch at Favazza's on the Hill – the Little Italy of St. Louis. Then experience the Cathedral's Audience Favorite the Vienna Boys Choir. These talented and charming young performers represent over 500 years of choral tradition. Come experience them in the Heavenly Cathedral Basilica!

Date: Friday, November 29, 2019 Time: 11:00am – 5:00pm

Tickets: \$54.00 residents; \$56.00 non-residents; includes transportation. lunch at Favazza's, and performance at Cathedral.

Ticket sales begin Tuesday, October 22 in the Senior Center at 621 rue St. Francois for residents only. If there are tickets remaining, on Wednesday, October 23 tickets go on sale for residents and non-residents. Please call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.

Calling all Ghosts & Goblins

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

Date: Thursday, October 24, 2019 Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm,

Costume Contest at 10:15am Place: James J. Eagan Center

Tickets: \$12.00 residents, \$15.00 non-residents; includes admission, lunch, entertainment & Bingo

Tickets will be sold to Florissant Residents only with a current resident card in the Senior Center at 621 rue St. Francois starting September 30th. If there are tickets remaining, on October 14th tickets will be sold to residents and nonresidents through Monday, October 21. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information.



the Celebration of Lights Celebrate the Magic of the Season! Start your Christmas

The MUNY KIDS Christmas Show at the

Conservatory, Tony's on Main Street and

Evening with a delicious Italian Dinner at Tony's on Main Street in St. Charles. Then continue down Main Street to the Private



Botanical Garden set amidst the rich vintage charm of the Historic District of St. Charles - The Conservatory on Main Street. The MUNY KIDS will perform their wonderful Holiday Program in this beautiful Christmas venue. We'll top off the evening with a drive through the Holiday Light Display, The Celebration of Lights in Fort Zumwalt Park. Date: Thursday, December 12, 2019 Time: 3:45pm – 9:30pm

Tickets: \$44.00 residents; \$46.00 non-residents. Includes transportation, dinner, concert & light display.

This is a Silver Words Trip. Tickets will be sold to Silver Word Club Members only at the Silver Words Club Meeting on Thursday, November 14. If there are tickets remaining, tickets will be sold to residents and non-residents on Friday, November 15 at the Senior Center, 621 rue St. Francois. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605 for ticket availability or more information.

The Jersey Boys at the Fox



Go behind the music and inside the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons in the Tony and Grammy Award-winning true-life musical, JERSEY BOYS. From the streets of New Jersey to the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame, this is the musical that's just "too good to be true". JERSEY BOYS features legendary top ten hits including "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Walk like a Man," "Can't Take My Eyes off You" and " December, 1963 (Oh What A Night)". Enjoy an elegant lunch at the Fox before the performance.

Date: Saturday, February 1, 2020

Time: 11:00am – 5:00pm

Tickets: \$92.00 residents; \$94.00 non-residents. Includes transportation, lunch at the Fox, JERSEY BOY performance.

Tickets go on sale Monday, November 25, 2019 in the Senior Office at 621 rue St. Francois to residents only. On Tuesday, November 26, if there are tickets remaining, tickets will be sold to residents and non-residents until December 18, 2019.

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

Parties

The Spectacular New Year's Eve Party!

Don't miss the grandest party of the year. A wonderful dinner will be served, the decorations will be fantastic and the outstanding 12-piece St. Charles Big Band will play your favorite music! Do NOT sit home this New Year's Eve – Celebrate 2019 and ring in 2020! Come to our Davtime New Year's Eve Party with the Countdown to the New Year at Noon! Date: Tuesday December 31st, 2019 Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm

Place: James J. Eagan Center

Tickets: \$17.00 residents, \$22.00 non-residents, includes dinner, drinks, appetizers,

dancing & attendance prizes. Tickets will be sold to Florissant Residents

only with a current resident card in the Senior Center at 621 St. Francois starting Monday November 18. If there are

tickets remaining, on Monday, December 16th through Monday, December 23 tickets will be sold to residents and non-residents. Call the Senior Office, 839-7605, for more information and ticket availability.



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Special Events

TEAM Community Day at the Senior Center



Card Making Party!

Have fun while making beautiful handmade Christmas cards! All supplies are provided. No special skills are required. We'll make 4 beauti-

ful handmade Christmas cards. Send a handmade Christmas card to someone special this



Time: 1:30pm – 3:30pm Place: Florissant Senior Center, 621 rue St. Francois **Cost: \$12.00 per person, cash only please!** Tickets: Ticket Sales begin Monday, October 7, 2019 Call the Senior Office, 839-7605 for more information.

Oasis Speaker Series

1. Hollywood History – Doris Day

Immerse yourself in the film career of that guintessential "all-American" girl, Doris Day! Film clips and trivia will encompass her Hollywood breakthrough in the 1950's with such favorites as By the Light of the Silvery Moon and Calamity Jane, to her comedic parings with Rock Hudson in the 1960's. From bandstand to the recording studio to the big screen, this will surely be fun a "Sentimental Journey!" Thursday, Oct 17, 1:00 – 3:00

MERRY CHRISTMAS THE KENNEDYS

How about your own personalized creation? Make a special plaque for your home or give as a gift! Hundreds to choose from! No skill required. No artistic talent needed. Go home with the creation – no waiting! 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 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: Thursday, November 21, 2019

Time: 1:00pm -3:00pm

Sign ups: Tuesday, October 15 in the Senior Center. 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.

4. St. Louis Browns: Baseball History Ed Wheatley, Author and Baseball Historian

St. Louisians know that their city is the best baseball town in America, but the city's major league history includes more than the Cardinals! Meet Ed Wheatley, the author of St. Louis Browns, A Beloved Team, on whose book the new documentary the St. Louis Browns: The Team That Baseball Forgot, voiced by Jon Hamm, is based. Come learn some fascinating facts about this team - a forerunner of the current Baltimore Orioles.

Tuesday, Nov 26, 1:00 – 3:00 Fee: \$10



Tai Chi for Arthritis for Fall Prevention

One in three adults age 65 years or older fall each year. A growing number of older adults have a fear of falling, and this fear limits their activities, social engagements and physical activity. Tai Chi for Arthritis for Fall Prevention is evidence-based, and according to medical studies, has been proven to enhance the health of older adults. The goals of this program include improving balance,



improving relaxation, vitality, posture and immunity, increasing func-

Need a Christmas Gift Idea?



Florissant Home Improvement Mechanical Program (HIP-Mechanical)

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

The HIP Mechanical Program offers a limited number of grants to income eligible home owners for the replacement of heating units. This EMERGENCY assistance is available November 1st through January 31st. Contact the **Community Development** Office for more information 314.839.7680.

Autumn Leaves



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

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

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

Fall Tips for Pets



Here come the changing seasons again. Crisp, cool air, luscious foliage and a welcome break from summer's hot sticky weather. As much as we enjoy it, there are lurking dangers for our furry family members as well. Here are some tips to keep your pets happy and healthy during the autumn

months. • Be cautious of Rodenticides and Cold Weather Poisons

Rat and mouse poisons are used more in the winter to keep the rodents from attempting to move indoors. Rodenticides are highly toxic to pets and can be fatal if ingested. If you use these products, please do so with caution and put them in a location inaccessible to your pets.

In the fall when you are changing your car's engine coolant, the ethylene glycol based coolants are highly toxic so please make sure spills are cleaned up immediately and keep away from pets. Propylene glycol based coolants aren't completely nontoxic but much less than other engine coolants

• School Supplies

We all know back to school time and time to stock up on school supplies. Most school supplies (glue sticks, pencils, magic markers) are low toxicity to pets but can cause gastrointestinal upset and blockages can occur if ingested. Please keep school supplies out of reach of all pets

• Mushrooms

Fall and spring are mushroom seasons. While 99% of mushrooms have little or no toxicity the 1% that are highly toxic can cause life-threatening problems in pets. Since it is difficult to distinguish from nontoxic ones, the best way to prevent pets from ingesting these poisonous plants is to keep animals away from areas where mushrooms grow. Contact your vet or ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435 immediately if you witness your pet eating a wild mushroom

Also, please remember ALL dogs and cats need to be registered with the City of Florissant Animal Control. The pet license is free to residents and can be obtained at the Florissant Health Department #1 Saint Ferdinand Park Dr. Florissant, MO 63031 by bringing in a valid proof of rabies shot from a licensed vet. Please call (314) 839-7654 with any questions.

Fall Youth Art Series

Beginning this fall, join us once a month for youth art classes! Directed by Miss Sarah Bogaski, art teacher of Sacred Heart, students will learn the basics of printmaking, weaving and other artistic skills. All classes will take place at the JFK Community Center.

Printmaking



Printmaking is the process of making multiple images from one block, simply making a sort of stamp. Join us to learn this process and make your own prints to take home and share! Ages: 10 - 15

Day(s): Mon. Session: 10/7 Time: 6:00 - 7:15pm Place: JFK Center Fee: Res. \$25, Non-Res. \$30

Weaving

Weaving is a textile production where the artist uses a loom to interlock two pieces of varn to make a cloth. This cloth can become many different forms, but students will be making their own wall tapestries in this class. Ages: 10 - 15 Day(s): Mon. Session: 11/4

Time: 6:00 - 7:15pm **Place: JFK Center** Fee: Res. \$25, Non-Res. \$30

Yoga

Yoga is a complete mind and body connection. It is an ancient art rooted in a harmonizing system of development for the body, mind, and spirit. The practice of yoga has many physical and mental benefits. For example, yoga can increase your flexibility, increase muscle strength and tone, improve energy, and maintain a balanced metabolism. Yoga can also help manage stress which can cause back or neck pain, sleeping problems, headaches and more but with the incorporation of meditation and breathing those issues can begin to decrease. Do not worry if you are a beginner as yoga is for everyone! Come and take that first step onto the mat or "yoganna" regret it!

Ages: 13 Yrs+ Day • Session • Time:

- Mon-Wed I: 9/4-10/23 9:00-10:00am
- Mon-Wed I: 9/4-10/23 7:35-8:35pm
- Tues I: 9/3-10/22 7:00-8:00pm
- Mon-Wed II:10/28-12/18 9:00-10:00am
- Tues II: 10/29-12/17 7:00-8:00pm
- Fee: Mon/Wed: Res. \$52,
- Non-Res. \$60, GAP \$39

Fee: Tues: Res. \$28, Non-Res. \$32, GAP \$21 Location: JJ Eagan Center

Strength & Cardio

Rise and shine early birds! Strength and cardio is our early morning class that combines the cardiovascular benefits of step aerobics with the body toning benefits of strength training. Early morning workouts have many benefits ranging from more energy throughout the day, a better mood. improved sleep, lower blood pressure, less stress and more! Come on in and start your day off right!

Ages: 13 Yrs+ **Day: Tues/Thurs** Session: 10/29 - 12/19 Time: 6:05-7:05am Fee: Res. \$45, Non-Res. \$52, GAP \$33.75 **Location: JJ Eagan Center**

DIY Signs & More with Mommy's deSIGN Farm

Mommy's deSIGN farm (MDF) specializes in DIY Workshops, where YOU can create fun, functional and unique wood home decor. Their studio is local, right here in Florissant! For these workshops, you can choose from thousands of designs on their website and create your very own masterpiece to display proudly in your home. All workshops will take place at the beautiful Nature Lodge at Sunset Park.

Ladies Night Out **DIY Designs**

Ladies, this evening is for you! Leave the spouses and kids at home and enjoy an evening of crafting with your girlfriends! Each participant can select from thousands of projects to make and Mommy's deSIGN Farm will bring everything you need to make it and teach you how! Alcohol and food is allowed but will not be provided. Ages: 21+

Day(s): Wed. Session: 10/9 Time: 6:00 - 8:30pm Place: Sunset Park Nature Lodge Fee: Varies based on project chosen*

Family Creations

DIY signs is not just for adults! In this workshop, kids can join in too and create their own project along side their favorite adults. Each participant can select from thousands of projects to make and Mommy's deSIGN Farm will bring everything you need to make it and teach you how! Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. The adult is not required to sign up for their own project. Ages: All

Day(s): Wed. Session: 11/9 Time: 6:00 - 8:30pm Place: Sunset Park Nature Lodge Fee: Varies based on project chosen*

Cardio Boxing

Cardio Boxing is an energetic workout but can be done at the individual's own pace. It's a total body exercise that's sure to get your heart rate up, burn calories and will have you feeling great in the end! Ages: 13YRS+ **Day: Monday** Session: 10/28 - 12/16 Time: 7:30 - 8:30pm



Fee: Res. \$30, Non-Res. \$35, GAP \$22.50 **Location: JFK Center**

Butts & Guts

Butts & Guts is definitely a conditioning and toning class. It focusses on the individual's abdominal and glute area. However, there is a great cardio warm up and stretch based cool down to help target all needed areas resulting in a great workout! Ages: 13 Yrs+ Day: Wed. Session: 10/30 - 12/18 Time: 7:30-8:30pm

Fee: Res. \$30, Non-Res. \$35, GAP \$22.50 **Location: JFK Center**

POUND Rockout Workout

Become the music in this exhilarating full-body workout that combines cardio, conditioning and strength training with yoga and Pilates-inspired movements. Using Ripstix, lightly weighted drumsticks engineered specifically for exercising, POUND transforms drumming into an incredibly effective way of working out. Day: Mon. Session: 10/30 - 12/18 Time: 5:30-6:15pm Fee: Res. \$30, Non-Res. \$35, GAP \$22.50 **Location: JFK Center**



Businesses organizations Activities

Fee: Free

Halloween Dance and Costume Party



This event is for 5th-8th Graders. It is cosponsored by the Florissant Parks & Recreation Department and DARE. Join us for a night of fun and dancing. Pizza and soda are provided along with a DJ, Candy, games and more. Costumes are strongly encouraged. A ticket is required upon entry. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets can be purchased at the JFK and JJE Community Centers. Day: Friday October 18th Time: 6:30 - 9:00pm Fee: Res. \$6, Non-Res. \$8 **Location: JFK Center**

This youth soccer program consists of light instruction in a fun and positive environment. Children will learn shooting, passing, dribbling, defense, and other fundamentals of the game Ages: 3 - 7 Yrs. **Day: Tues/Thurs** Session: 9/14 - 10/19 Time 3-4 Yrs: 9:00-9:55am Time 5-7 Yrs: 10:00-10:45am Fee: Res. \$50, Non-Res. \$60 **Location: JJ Eagan Center**

The outdoor covered ice rink is located inside the JJE Center. During open skate, individuals can enjoy use of the rink for all ages. for all ages. 3

Sat - 1:30-3:30pm Sun - 2:00-4:00pm

Daily Visit Ice Rink Fees: - Youth 4-17 - Res. \$2, Non-Res. \$4 - Adult 18-59 - Res. \$3, Non-Res. \$5 - Senior 60+ - Res. \$2, Non-Res. \$4 - Family Special* - Res. \$4, Non-Res. n/a - Stick & Puck - Res. \$4, Non-Res. \$5 - Children 3 & under are free of charge. *Wednesdays and Sunday public skate sessions offer resident family specials. All members of the household, with valid resident cards may enter for a total of \$4





City of Florissant along with Local and will have tables and will hand out candy. There will be Food Trucks, Trick or Treating and Kids

Day: Saturday Oct. 26th Time: 12:00 - 2:00pm **Location: Eagan Center Parking Lot**

Kickstarters Soccer Training

Family Boo Bash

Halloween Skate & Public Swim

Join us at the JJE Ice Rink for a special Public Skate Session or the JJE Indoor Pool for a special Public Swim Session just for Halloween on Thursday, OCT 31 from 6:00 - 8:00P! Staff in various areas of the building will be handing out candy as well. Regular public skate rates apply. Costumes are allowed but should not interfere with safely skating. No masks allowed.

Superhero Date Night

Put on your capes and shine your shields! Superheroes Captain America and Captain Marvel are taking a break from fighting the evil forces of the universe and flying in to join us for an evening of activities, food and fun at the JFK Community Center! Families will enjoy a catered meal along with superhero themed crafts and a Superhero training and photos with our guests of honor. Skip the night out for dinner and make us a part of date night for this new event. Spaces are limited so sign up early! Kids must participate with an adult. Day: Friday Nov. 8th

Time: 6:30 - 8:30pm Fee: \$15 per person **Location: JFK Center**

Friday Night Nerf Wars

Bring your nerf gun and your friends to this brand new youth event at the JFK Community Center in Florissant. We will provide the darts, eye protection, pizza, drinks and a ton of fun Nerf activities! Battle it out in games like Capture the Flag, Tin Can Alley, Protect the King, Frozen Out, Nerf Hide and Seek and traditional Nerf Battles. Space is limited to sign up early to guarantee your spot! This will be a night you do not want to miss. **Open to children ages 7-13.** Day: Friday October 4th

Time: 7:00 - 8:30pm Fee: Res. \$15, Non-Res. \$18 **Location: JFK Center**

JJE ICE RINK

Public Skate

Wed/Fri/Sat - 7:00-9:00pm



Stick and Puck

Stick and puck is open to the public specifically for those who would like to work on their puck-handling and passing skills. Players must wear a helmet with full face protection and gloves. Session is limited to 30 players. Goalies are free!

Mon. - 3:30-5:00pm - 15 & Under Thurs - 3:30-5:00pm - 16 & Older Sat - 11:30-1:00pm - 16 & Older



Is Your Heating System Ready for the Arrival of Cold Weather?



As winter approaches it is time to think 4. Check that Vents Are Clear – Anything about the readiness of your heating system. Don't wait for cold weather to arrive, check your heating system ahead of time to make sure it is working and take some steps to ensure your comfort and safety as well as to help the system run more efficienctly, but also that it will run at peak efficiency.

Here are some things you can do to reduce your heating costs and help prevent problems that could create uncomfortable, unhealthy or possibly dangerous situations: **1. Replace Filters** – Dirty air filters restrict air flow, this significantly reduces the efficiency of your heating system and increases your energy costs.

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

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

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

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

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

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