



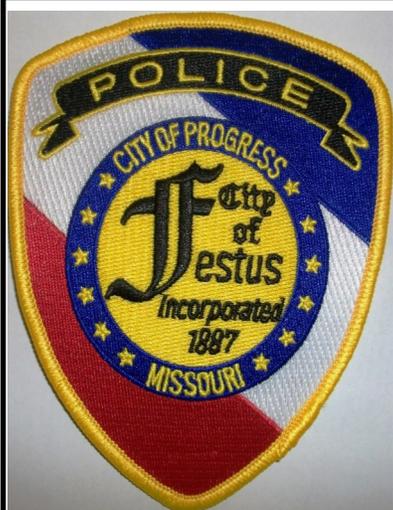
Festus Focus

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- The Festus Police Department will be handing out Halloween candy on October 31st starting at 6:00pm and ending at 9:00pm at the front doors of the police station. Be on alert for children trick-or-treating who may be dressed in dark outfits and hard to see. They get very excited about getting to the candy and sometimes don't pay attention and may run out into the streets. Be ready for this.
- Two new officers have been hired and started in July. They are Bradley Tinker and Zacariah Nash and we welcome them to the police department.
- Please be aware of all the children when you drive near the schools. Numerous activities are now in session and there are children coming and going from all of the schools at various times. Please be vigilant and drive carefully in these areas.
- We have been experiencing a rash of car break-ins, so please be aware of your surroundings and that of your neighbors. Call the police department if you see anything suspicious in your area so we can check it out. Don't make it easy for someone to victimize you. Lock your doors to your house, close and secure your garage doors, and lock your car with nothing valuable left in your parked car. Criminals will break out a window of your car just to get a couple of dollars in change.

The bi-annual clean up day is **Saturday, Oct 25** from **7am – 3pm** at the **Public Works Building** parking lot at **950 N 5th Street**. There are some requirements to participate:

- ◆ Proof of residency is required
- ◆ No hazardous materials
- ◆ No construction materials

IESI & Midwest Recycling Center employees will be collecting appliances, computers, stereos, water heaters, furnaces, furniture, junk and more. Everything is free to dispose, except TVs. TVs up to 27" will be \$20 and 32" + will be \$40.

Budget to be Adopted

As of our publishing deadline, the Festus City Council will be approving a new budget for our fiscal year which begins October 1. The city had some surplus money available that was unexpected in our 2013 audit and those funds will go towards new police cars, bullet proof vests, new building dept. and fire dept. vehicles, and bonuses or raises for employees. We will be replacing some water mains on Horine Road, North Second St., Sunnyside, and Cypress on the utility side plus purchasing a new tandem dump truck, water well improvements, and a small excavator. Our parks will see some further improvements to the ball field areas with sidewalks at Sunset Park, more field conditioner at all fields, and sunshades for the bleachers at West City Park. Complete details will be available online.

New Trash Contract

The City Council reviewed bids recently for our weekly trash pickup and approved the low bid from Progressive Waste Solutions (formerly IESI). The price will remain about the same but the council approved contracting with Progressive to supply trash carts to all residences for regular trash and recycling. Carts come in two sizes: 95 gallon and 65 gallon and are on wheels for ease of movement. You can stop by City Hall to see them. Residential trash cans will no longer be used nor will the recycling totes. This will help keep costs down and be a benefit to residents so they do not have to purchase a trash container. Details continue to be worked out and the roll out for the new carts is anticipated to be late this year or early in 2015.



Fall Leaf Collection

Progressive will collect leaves and yard debris that are put in paper bags during your regular yard waste collection time during the fall season. Call City Hall or check online under the resident tab for the schedule.

Festus Public Library News

Book Signing with Author Joe Johnston – Thursday, October 23 at 5:30 pm

Mr. Johnston's newest book in the Missouri Vigilantes Series is "Necessary Evil: Settling Missouri with a Rope and Gun". It tells the story of vigilante justice during the settling of the Wild West and includes events that took place in Jefferson County. Mr. Johnston is a Missouri native and spent his childhood summers in Festus and Hillsboro. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Future Teachers of America Special Story Time and Craft – Saturday, November 1 at 10:00 am

Bring your little ones for a special Saturday morning story time and craft sponsored by the Future Teachers of America!

Yoga / Meditation / Meditation for Weight Loss

We're offering fitness classes for body and soul! Classes are held at different times; please ask at the library about the schedule.

Story Time

Join us every Thursday morning at 10:30 as we present stories, songs, and activities for our youngest readers.

Festus Public Library – 400 West Main St., Festus, MO 63028 – 636-937-2017 – www.cityoffestus.org/departments/library

Great Pumpkin Festival
Saturday, October 25, 2014
10am till noon

Merchants displaying an orange pumpkin in their window will be handing out candy to children who are accompanied by an adult.

Costume judging will be in front of Metro Office Supply.



Festus Public Library Foundation

Please consider donating to the Festus Public Library Foundation. When you make a contribution to help meet future goals, your name will be added to the Contributors' Board at the library. Contributions can be monthly, annual, or one time. Please call or visit the library for more information.

Council Work Session— Oct. 1

Council Meetings— Oct. 8 & 22

Park Board— Oct. 23

Planning & Zoning Meeting— Oct. 16

Library Board— Oct. 2

Volunteers Needed

If you would like to volunteer for one of our boards or commissions, applications are available online under the resident tab and look for City Boards and Commissions application.

Just A Reminder

- ⇒ Daylight Savings Time will end on Sunday, Nov. 2. Don't forget to set clocks back one hour. This is also a great time to change the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- ⇒ There is no burning of leaves, brush or other vegetation inside the city limits. These can be disposed of on yard waste pick up days.
 - Yard waste can be Christmas trees, grass clippings, leaves, tree limbs up to 6" in diameter, and other yard or garden waste.
 - Up to 12 bags (NOT plastic), containers or bundles of yard waste can be disposed of at each monthly pick up.
 - Limbs will be accepted only if they are in 4 foot lengths and tied with twine or rope.
- ⇒ Recreational fires are allowed only if they are contained in a fire pit.



Friends of the Festus Parks

October 10th & 11th - 5 pm

ROCKTOBER

IN THE PARK

KUNG-FU CAVEMAN Friday @ 6 pm
Opening for...

Stone in Love
Journey Tribute Band



Saturday @ 5 pm

SOUL PUNCH
Opening for...

SMALL SHACK



From Nashville
Featuring Herky Native
Robin Guidicy - Classic Rock

Food & Drinks for Purchase