



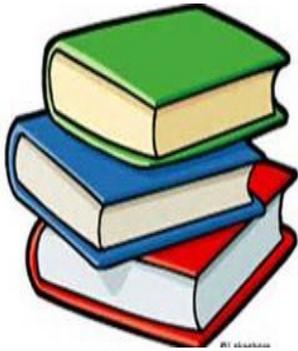
Festus Focus

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From the Library

The library is getting off to a great start with our Summer Reading Programs! Kids and adults of all ages are signing up and may soon begin collecting prizes for their efforts. If you haven't signed up yet, there's still time! We have fun programs all summer long for our readers—check one out! On Thursday, July 11 at 1pm, all ages are invited to Teresa T's Magic Show. Teens, there are great programs for you, too. Get

your zombie on with makeup and clothes provided by the library on Thursday, July 11 at 3:30pm. On Thursday, July 25 at 3:30pm, teens can make cool duct tape crafts like wallets and pillows and on Thursday, August 8 at 1pm, all ages may celebrate a summer's worth of great reading with a sing-along and ice cream sundae party.—Don't forget that ebooks and eaudio-books may now be checked out from the library by visiting our website at www.cityoffestus.org/library and clicking on the Overdrive link.

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 contributor's board at the library. Contributions can be monthly, annual, or one time. Please call or visit the library for more information.

After the hard rains we've received this spring, it would be a good idea for subdivision associations with detention basins to check the overflow structures to make sure they are clear of debris. A resident advised us of some limbs and brush covering the detention basin overflow structure on Sunshine Drive near the elementary school. We then checked other locations and found the same problem. Without a clear overflow structure, water could overrun the detention basin if one of our now regular "event" rains were to dump four to five inches of water in 2 hours.



Sponsored by: Friends of the Festus Parks

Cash Prizes - Food

Got Talent? No Talent - Doesn't Matter!

The Festus GONG SHOW

We Want YOU!

2nd Saturday in July @ Sunset Park Band Stand 7:30 pm

Register @ - www.cityoffestus.org

The Festus Gong Show

Will be hitting the stage on the Band Stand in Sunset Park on Saturday, July 13 at 7:30pm. The event will begin at 7:30pm with a talent show for anyone under the age of 14. At 8pm the Gong Show will commence with participants aged 15 and above. Some ideas for contestants are dance routines, juggling, pet tricks, singing, sports, acrobat routines, etc. Each act will be allotted 2-3 minutes. Cash prizes will be awarded! 1st place will receive \$200; 2nds place \$100 and 3rd place \$50. If you will be singing, there must be no vocals on the music CD.

This will be the third year for The Gong Show. It is hosted by the Friends of Festus Parks and the Festus Park Board. Last year there were approximately 21 participants ranging in age from 10 years to 73 years. Nearly 500 spectators came out to watch! Chris Hagen, with Metro Office Supply, did a spectacular job as the emcee once again. Chris changed his look every time a new contestant came out to perform.

Last year's judges were: Darin Siefert, Festus Elementary Principal, Kathryn Tripp, Friends of the Festus Parks, and Ken Waller, Jefferson County Executive.

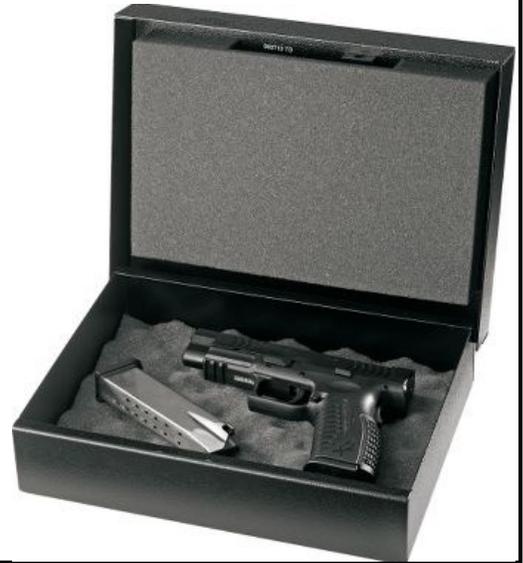
Last years winners were: 17 year old Amanda Kocher of Crystal City, 1st place; 15 year old Bethany Day of Festus, 2nd place and 24 year old Paul Flo of Festus.

Will you be one of our contestants and winners this year?

The Police Department has observed a disturbing trend in the past two years that can be eliminated with the assistance of our citizens. Since Jan 1, 2011, 24 guns have been stolen out of parked cars/trucks in our city. This is an average of one gun every six weeks being reported stolen and ultimately ending up on the streets. No one can predict if and when what weapon will be used in a violent crime, but if it hadn't been in a car it wouldn't have been stolen.

You can assist the police department in eliminating this threat by removing any guns you own from your vehicles and storing them properly. Do not get into the habit of leaving unattended weapons in your car. Some victim's cars were broken into and some were just left unlocked. Either way, two dozen guns are on the streets of Festus in the hands of criminals who may use them later in a violent crime. Information we gather indicates most of the guns being stolen are traded for drugs and that can lead to a fatal combination for someone.

Record all the serial numbers on guns you own, store them in a safe place, and report any weapons you discover missing. We don't want anyone seriously hurt, or worse, by a gun that was left unattended and ended up getting stolen. Remember, please store your guns in a secure place somewhere other than your vehicle.



Council Meetings— July 10 and 24 at 7pm
Park Board— July 25 at 6pm
Planning & Zoning Meeting— July 18 at 6:30
Library Board— NO meeting in July.



Work continues at Sunset Park to improve the softball fields!

Dugouts are underway at all three fields. The structures will get chain link fronts to protect ballplayers from foul balls.

Dugout construction was halted because of the winter rains, but now the parks crew is back in business and getting help from our Public

Festus Police have redesigned the look of their new patrol cars to be more visible. You will see this style as additional patrol cars are purchased.



- UPCOMING EVENTS -

3rd Annual Blues/Funk Event

Sat, Aug 10 at West City Park from 6-11pm

The local **Torrey Casey Band 8604** will be opening for the **Jeremiah Johnson Band with the Sliders**. There will be activities for the kids from 7-11. Taytro's Bar and Grill will be the only food vendor for the evening. Be sure to give them a try!

4th Annual Main Street Cruise

Sat, Sept 28

Cruising starts at 6pm; DJ plays 7:30-10pm in the Festus Public Library parking lot.

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