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Annual City Wide Spring Clean-Up

It's a free day for Festus residents to bring your trash and electronics to the west Public Works parking lot and get rid of it. IESI and Midwest Recycling Center will be ready to take your unwanted junk, electronics, and appliances from 7 a.m. To 3 p.m. On Saturday, March 23, 2013. They will be collecting brush, metals, computers, washers, dryers and more. Must live within the corporate limits of the City of Festus to participate. Participants must bring a valid ID and only one load per household is allowed.



April 2, 2013 Election

You will see an issue on the ballot in April called the Festus Use Tax. This is in response to a Missouri Supreme Court decision in 2012 not allowing cities or counties to collect sales tax on cars, boats, trailers, and the like when licensing if they are bought out of state if the local government entity does not have a local use tax.

The Use Tax would allow Festus to collect on out of state purchases the 2% sales tax it currently charges at local retail stores.

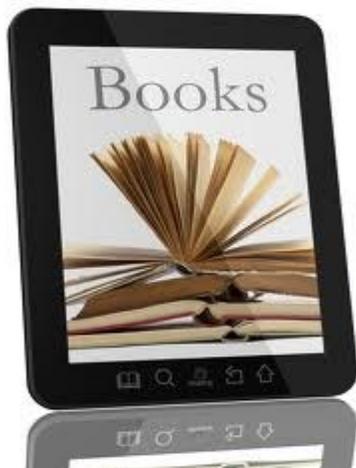
The eliminated tax decreases Festus general revenue up to an estimated \$50,000 a year and should not be considered an additional levy but one that was paid prior to the Supreme Court decision.

Being a tax issue it is required to be voted on by residents. The April election is Tuesday, April 2, 2013. There will be a public hearing on the issue March 21, 2013 at 7 p.m. at City Hall. This presentation will be in cooperation with Crystal City, with another meeting at their city hall on Tuesday, March 26th. All residents are welcome.

Ebooks coming to the Festus Library

Ebooks are coming to the Festus Library! Beginning in March, Festus Public Library cardholders can check out eBooks and audiobooks for use on your personal device, such as a Nook, Kindle or iPad. A link to the Missouri Libraries 2 Go Consortium can be found at www.cityoffestus.org/library.

From there, you may browse the collection and check out titles using your library card number. Please call or stop by the library with any questions. The library is located at 400 W. Main St. 636-937-2017.



Have you seen the new banners around town? These should be a nice welcome for visitors to our community.

The City Council voted to apply for a grant which would revitalize our downtown Main Street area. Hopefully, we will receive the grant and begin the project shortly thereafter.

Pets of the Month— The City of Festus has this female terrier mix, 3 to 4 years old. This little gal was hit by a car, but checked out by the Vet and she is doing fine. The adoption fee is \$60 if you would like to take her home. The fee includes an exam, rabies shots, and spaying/neutering. If you would like to adopt, please contact Tim Mullins at 937-6646. We also have a black cat, Senor Alejandro, pictured with Animal Control Officer Tim Mullins. Senor Alejandro would liked to be adopted by someone he could take long siestas with!



Mail Advertisement Warning— Periodically, notices for insurance regarding the exterior water lines on residents' property are circulated in the mail. It is true that water line repair from the house to the meter on your property is your responsibility. We recommend that you research any company offering insurance by visiting the Better Business Bureau website and/or other agencies, such as the Consumer Protection Agency, to verify their claims before making a purchase.

Board Members Needed- The City is always looking for civic minded citizens to fill vacancies on boards and commissions. If you are interested in serving on one of the City's various boards, please visit our website to see what boards the city has and to get an application. Once you have completed the application you can drop it off or put it the mail to City Hall at 711 W. Main St.

Street Lights— If you notice a street light that is not working in your neighborhood, please write down the pole number and address. It is usually a letter and number (e.g. F150). If you could please contact Public Works at 937-4694, we would greatly appreciate it.



Oil Disposal— Oil is not supposed to be disposed of by our trash hauler. If residents have oil that they need to dispose of, it can be dropped off at the maintenance shed at 500 Ridge Avenue. There is someone there M-F from 7am-4pm with the exception of lunch time from 12-1pm. Please do not leave drop off oil at this location when there is no one there. Also, if weekdays are inconvenient for you, all of the local auto parts stores will take oil.

News Updates—

- **Council Meetings**— March 13 and 27 at 7pm.
- **Park Board**— March 28 at 6pm
- **Planning & Zoning Meeting**— March 21 at 6:30 pm
- **Library Board**— March 7 at 7pm
- **Municipal Court**— March 12, 19 and 26 at 6:00 p.m.
- **Spring Cleanup-** Saturday, March 23, from 7am-3pm at Public Works—950 N 5th Street