



FESTUS FOCUS

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April 3, 2012 Election

City Council

Council Ward I— 2 year term

- Gary Underwood

Council Ward II— 2 year term

- Kathy Murphy

Council Ward III— 2 year term

- Kevin Dennis
- Mike Povich

Council Ward IV— 2 year term

- Jim Tinnin

City Treasurer— 1 year unexpired term

- Lori Eisenbeis

New Businesses

The Prom Store— 16 E Main Street

M-TH 12pm-8pm F&S 10am-5pm

Sun 12pm-4pm

Nurses to Go Healthcare—

1164 B E Gannon (314)677-6800

Studio I- 668 N. Creek Drive (314)550-7015



Park Improvements— Work is underway at West City Park and Sunset Park to reset fences and improve facilities. A minor amount of work needs to be done at West City Park in moving the fences out to 300 feet. Most of the improvements will be at Sunset Park with new fences, lights, field reconfiguration, and sidewalks.

Community Input— These improvements have sparked others to give constructive input about Butch Lucas Field, the tennis courts, and other park uses and facilities. As we plan for future improvements, we need your input and invite your recommendations. This is your tourism and airport money at work. The renewal of Sunset Park and improved facilities at West City Park will keep the Festus park system at the quality level you expect.

Brief 2011 Review

Veteran's Memorial Brick Program— This program has been very successful. Bricks are still available for purchase at City Hall for \$100 per brick.

Sunshine Drive STP Grant Project— Completed!!

Trash Service Cost Reduction— Residents are now saving almost \$3 per month on trash services.

Schneider Park— The site has been cleaned up and partially constructed.

Facebook— The City has begun to use Facebook as a resource to be able to communicate important information to residents more quickly, rather than relying solely on print resources.

Budget— The City has been able to trim the budget deficit that has been looming the past few years. Staff will review the budget in April to make any necessary adjustments and get ready for the budget process starting in July.

Tourism Tax Ballot Issue

When you talk about Festus, do you talk about the great retail stores, the safe neighborhoods, and the fun festivals? Well, let's do some promoting to get the word out about our city. Coming up on the April ballot is a question about increasing the tourism tax from 2% to 5%. This will only be charged to those folks who are staying in our hotels. We can use the tourism money collected to create pamphlets promoting our parks, downtown, the Firecracker Festival, and more. We could also spruce up our downtown, the parks, and welcome guests as they arrive in town. The tax will generate approximately \$180,000 each year. The money is controlled solely by a tourism committee made up of your friends and neighbors. We encourage everyone to vote on April 3 to let your City Council know if you approve of the increase.





Think Warm Thoughts



It is February and we are all wishing for warmer weather. Here are some ideas to think about for the events coming up this year.

Spring Clean-Up— You can be cleaning out your basements and garages to prepare for the Spring Clean-Up day April 21st.

Firecracker Festival— We will be looking for Little Mr. & Miss Firecracker contestants for this festival in June. Winners receive a \$50 savings bond.

Gong Show— Be preparing your ridiculous, or not so ridiculous, acts for our 2nd Gong Show in July. We are also accepting donations of stuffed animals that are in good shape to give out to children who attend this event. Thank you!!

Tour of Lights— We will continuously be on the look-out for more Christmas lights to decorate West City Park each year.

Presidents' Day Trash Schedule— Trash pick-up will be running its normal schedule during the week of Presidents' Day.

Trash Schedule Changes— Should trash schedules change due to inclement weather, the changes will be posted on www.cityoffestus.org and on our Facebook page as soon as we are notified.

Festus Public Library

Senior Tax Filing Assistance— The AARP will be at the Festus Library on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9am—1pm to assist seniors with tax preparation. Appointments will need to be arranged with AARP by calling (314)525-1660. For tax help outside of the normal season, you may contact (888)687-2277.

Library Indoor Yard Sale

- Friday, February 10 from 9am—5pm
- Saturday, February 11 from 9am—12pm
- Collectibles and knick-knacks
- Office Supplies

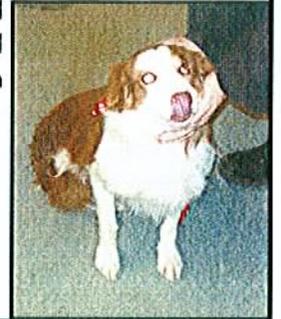


This is a fundraiser for the Festus Library, and donations are greatly appreciated. We are looking for new/gently used items, excluding clothing and appliances. Please contact 937-2017 if you have donations. Thanks!!



Pets of the Month— The City of Festus has a 1 year old female domestic short hair cat that is very affectionate. Also, the City has a 2 year old Australian Shepherd with one blue eye and one brown. The color is the traditional rust (liver) and white. She is very shy. The adoption fee is \$60 for either the

dog or the cat. The fee includes an exam, rabies shots, and spaying/neutering. If you would like to adopt, please contact Tim Mullins at 937-6646. Thank you!!



CodeRED— This system only issues weather warning calls for Festus if Festus is close in the direct line of a storm system. For example, if there is either a doppler indicated or visually spotted tornado in the northwest corner of Jefferson County, CodeRED will not send out a call. This system is very specific. However, our City sirens are set

off if a tornado warning is issued in Jefferson County by the National Weather Service. The Emergency Management department monitors stormy weather very closely. If you need to sign up for these services, you can do so on the City website or by calling City Hall at 937-4694.



News Updates—

- **Council Meetings**— February 8 and 22 at 7pm.
- **Workshops**— May be held on February 1, 15, and 29 at 7pm
- **City Hall and Public Works Closed**— February 20 for Presidents Day
- **Library Yard Sale**— February 10 from 9am—5pm and February 11 from 9am-12pm
- **Park Board**— February 23 at 6pm
- **Planning & Zoning Meeting**— February 16 at 6:30 pm
- **Board of Adjustment**— February 13 at 7pm