



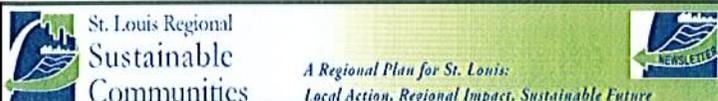
# FESTUS FOCUS

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## St. Louis Regional Sustainable Communities Grant—

The City of Festus is participating in this grant opportunity to create a plan for housing, transportation, environment, and economic development across the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. There are 11 Community Planning Areas (CPAs). Pevly, Herculaneum, Festus, and Crystal City comprise one of these areas.

**CPA Meetings-** The goal is to create a plan based off of residents' hopes, concerns, and expectations for our community's future. We are seeking participation from everyone: residents, business owners, and public leaders.

**1st Meeting-** The first meeting will be held April 12, from 6:30-8:30pm at the Pevly City Hall.

**More information—** You may call Kristin Gendron at City Hall, 937-4694. You may also visit [www.cityoffestus.org](http://www.cityoffestus.org).

## Gannon Avenue Water Notice-

**Enhancement Project—** This project is still scheduled to begin in the latter half of March. Please be aware there will likely be temporary lane closures on the East section of Gannon Drive until the project is completed at the end of June.

Festus will be using its wells for supplying water during one week in March so the water plant can shut down for maintenance. This may temporarily cause brown water. You can let your faucets run for a little while to clear out the lines.



So mark your calendar, put it in your phone, or write it on a sticky note, and remember to let your vote be heard.

## New Businesses



### Doodle Creative Art Center—

New business located at 107 N. Mill in the building with Doodle Graphics. Sarah Taylor is now teaching art classes for children as well as parties, small gatherings, and workshops. She also will hold a summer camp in July. For more information, you can call 636-465-4029, or visit [www.doodlecreativeservices.com](http://www.doodlecreativeservices.com).

## Recycling Schedule Change—

All residents south of Highway A and East of I-55 will have their recycling pick-up changed from Tuesday to Monday. The change goes into effect on March 5, 2012. The trash pick-up for these residents will remain on Thursdays. We appreciate your cooperation and patience through this change.

**Havoc Motorcycles—** This is a new business located at 108 Walnut Street that provides motorcycle parts, service, and apparel. They are open T-F from 10am-6pm and Saturday from 9am-2pm. For more information, you may call 937-4188.



## Festus Public Library

**Composting Workshop**— This will be held at the Library March 3, from 9:30—11am. The free program will discuss the benefits of composting with yard waste and worms for gardeners. A drawing will be held for a free outdoor composting bin and an indoor worm bin.

### Board Members Needed-

The City currently has a vacancy on the Park Board that needs to be filled. We also are always looking for people to fill vacancies on other boards. If you are interested, please visit the City Website or City Hall to fill out an application. Thank you!

**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.

### 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.

### The Green Yard Waste Area is Officially Closed—

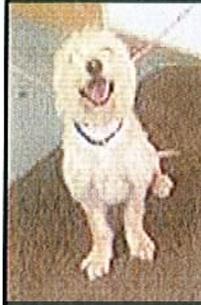
The City Council made the decision to close the Green Yard Waste area due to the problems with illegal dumping. It was also taken into consideration that the yard waste would never compost because all of the necessary ingredients were not being added to the pile that would cause composting to occur. Residents may continue using the drop-off at 500 Ridge Avenue along with IESI's monthly curbside pick-up.



### Two Employees Retire—

Tim Ogle, our employee of 20 years and vehicle maintenance technician, retired at

the end of 2011. Also, Harold Taylor, our City Hall and Police station janitor of 7 years retired in February.



**Pet of the Month**— The City of Festus has this male terrier mix that was picked up running loose. He is very good natured and good with kids. The adoption fee is \$60 if you would like to take him home. 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!!



**Horine Road**— Improving the intersection with the railroad overpass at Horine Road is the latest Surface Transportation Project grant the City is applying for. We will also be submitting for surface improvements on Horine Road from the overpass up to the City limits. This may also include sidewalks and lighting.

**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 14 and 28 at 7pm.
- **Workshops**— May be held on March 7 and 21 at 7pm
- **Park Board**— March 22 at 6pm
- **Planning & Zoning Meeting**— March 15 at 6:30 pm
- **Board of Adjustment**— March 12 at 7pm
- **Composting Workshop**— Saturday, March 3, from 9:30 am—11am at the Library
- **Spring Cleanup**- Saturday, April 21, from 8am-4pm at Public Works—950 N 5th Street