

FESTUS FOCUS

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Annual Rate Change

Annual water and sewer rate changes will be seen on the December bill. These increases are in accordance with Festus City Ordinance. Water rates will rise by 2.9% to \$11.48 per 1,000 gallons. The previous rate was \$11.16 per 1,000.



Sewer rates are 2% higher now. The first 1,000 gallons are \$6.83 and \$4.25 for each 1,000 gallons after that. Previously, sewer was \$6.70 for the first 1,000 gallons and \$4.17 for each 1,000 gallons after that.



Santa House

The Santa House opens on Tuesday, November 29 at 6pm at Schneider Plaza, Main and Mill Streets. Santa will be available for visiting and pictures on Tuesdays (Nov. 29, Dec. 6 and Dec. 13) and Thursdays (Dec. 1, Dec. 8, and Dec. 15) from 6p - 8p. He will also be available on Saturday, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17 from 12p - 4p. There is NO CHARGE to visit with Santa! Bring your own camera and take all the pictures you would like! If it's possible, please bring a canned food item and all donations will be given to the Ozark Food Pantry. Santa will be available on Saturday, Dec. 3 at WinterFest from 11:30a - 1:30p, 2:30 - 4p, and 6 - 7p.



At The Library

Baby Lap Time

Join us for stories, songs and games promoting early literacy skills for babies and toddlers from newborn to 24 months on Saturday, Dec. 3 and Dec. 17 at 9:30a.



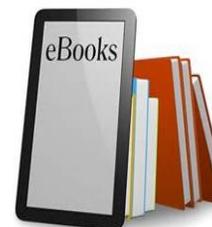
Story Time

Toddlers and their caregivers are invited to our weekly story time every Thursday at 10:30a. Story time features songs, rhymes, and finger plays.



Holiday Closings

The library will be closed Sat., Dec. 24 and Mon., Dec. 26 and will close at noon on Sat., Dec. 31. Don't forget that all cardholders have 24-7 online access to Missouri Libraries 2 Go! Visit www.molib2go.org and check out our selection of ebooks, magazines, streaming video, and audiobooks! Bad weather days and times that the library is closed are perfect times to curl up with an ebook!



- **Council Meeting** -- Dec 21 at 7pm
- **Park Board** -- Dec 15 at 6pm
- **P & Z Meeting** -- Dec 15 at 6:30 pm
- **Library Board** -- Dec 1 at 6pm
- **Court in Session** -- Dec 6 and 13 at 6pm
- **Board of Adjustment** -- Dec 12 at 7pm

All City Offices

**will be closed Dec. 23, Dec. 26, & Jan. 2
for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.**

WinterFest

Schedule of Events

8a - Breakfast with Santa
9a - Vendors open
10a - Food Court opens
10:30a - *It's A Wonderful Life*
11:30a - Santa @ Santa House
11:30a - Jr Optimist Choir
12p - Inflatables & Ice Rink Open
2:30p - Santa @ Santa House
2:30p - CCHS Choir performs
2:30p - *Elf*
2:30p - Petting Zoo opens
3p - Carriage Rides Open
3p - Ice Carving Demo begins
3:30p - My Place Residential Choir performs
4:30p - Main & Mill Streets intersection closes, Contest Winners Announced, Community Tree Lit, & HHS Swing Choir Performs
5p - Ice Carving Demo ends
5:30p - Intersection Re-opens
5:30p - Petting Zoo Closes
6p - Santa @ Santa House
6p - Inflatables & Ice Rink Closes
7p - Carriage Rides End

Contests

Ugly Sweater - Open to all. Meet near Santa House at 4p.

Best Decorated House or Business - Entries due by Nov. 23 with winners announced after 4:30p near Santa House.

Best Gingerbread House - Entries due to Library on Thurs., Dec. 1 by 7p. Winners announced after 4:30p near Santa House. Rules available on City's website under events.

Activities

Breakfast with Santa: Come join everyone's favorite red suited man for breakfast at Frederick's Banquet & Conference Center at 201 E Main from 8am-10am - It's the perfect way to kick off WinterFest! **Breakfast is \$5.95 for adults and \$3.95 for kids 10 and younger. Coffee and OJ are .50 each.** Reservations are required so text 314-277-6281 or email ChefTom-L2@aol.com to make yours today!

Ice Skating: A 40'x50' synthetic ice rink will be constructed on the parking lot of the Festus Public Library (400 W Main). 15 minute skate sessions will start on the hour and the half hour. The first session starts at 12pm and the second session starts at 12:30pm. The last session will begin at 5:30pm. You may use your own skates! All skaters will be required to sign a waiver. **Skate session will cost \$5 each. Cost is \$2 per session if you have your own skates.**



Come out & play!

Movie: Two holiday classics will be shown at Freedom Church located at 125 E Main street. This is the former location of the Lajade or Miller Theaters. Show times will be 10:30am and 2:30pm. **There is no fee to see either show!**

Petting Zoo: The petting zoo will be available from 2:30p-5:30p at S. Second and Behring Streets. Come see the donkeys, goats, camels and reindeer! **Bags of carrots will be available to purchase for \$1 each.**

Inflatables: Two inflatables will be on the Methodist Church parking lot across from the Festus Public Library. The Toboggan Tunnel is for riders 12 and under. It combines speed, adrenaline and mystery into one amazing attraction. It's over 15' tall and 45' long and is the only one like it in the country! Snowmazing is for everyone. How quickly can you find the secret word? Can you do it faster the second or third time? **There is NO cost for either of these attractions!** Inflatables will be open from 12pm-6pm.

Vendors: Vendors on Main St will be open for business from 9a - 5p. The food court will open at 10am and will be located on the parking lot behind 33 Bar & Grill at the intersection of S. Adams & S. Second.

Saturday, December 3

8am - 7pm

Downtown Festus