



FESTUS FOCUS

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We Need Your Input

Come and participate in the City of Festus Comprehensive Plan Community Workshop Thursday night, November 10, 2016, starting at 6:30pm. H3 Studio of St. Louis is updating our current comp plan and helping us map out the future of Festus development, capital improvement, and our Main St. We will discuss the parks, streets, and what Festus residents feel the city should be for the next 15 years. A comprehensive plan is a community effort and this is your chance to be a part of how Festus will develop and grow into 2030. The meeting will be at the Festus Middle School Library, 6:30pm, Thursday, November 10. Please join us. Our thanks to Festus R-6 Schools for allowing us to use their facility.



Preventing Backflow in Your Water System

A backflow prevention device is used to protect potable water supplies from contamination or pollution due to backflow. In water supply systems, water is normally maintained at a significant pressure to enable water to flow from the tap, shower, or other fixture. Chapter 500 Section 608.13 of the Festus City Code requires that backflow prevention devices installed in accordance with this code shall be tested and certified as to proper operation at the time of installation and each year thereafter. The results of those tests are to be submitted to Festus Public Works within thirty days. All commercial buildings and residential sprinkler systems fall under this requirement.



House & Business Decorating Contest

The City of Festus is hosting home and business decorating contests as part of WinterFest. Judging will be done the week of Nov. 28 with winners announced and prizes awarded at 4:30pm during WinterFest on Dec. 3rd. Contest entrants will need to fill out a registration form and return it to 950 N Fifth St. by Wednesday, Nov 23 at 4:30pm. Forms can be found on the city's website under the events tab. Judging will be sometime during the week of Nov. 28th between 6pm and 9pm.



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Ugly Holiday Sweater Contest



Everyone has at least one! Show off your best ugliest sweater at 4:30pm at WinterFest on Dec 3rd for a chance to win a great prize!

Gingerbread House Decorating Contest

As part of WinterFest, the city is hosting a gingerbread house decorating contest for people of all ages and decorating abilities. Categories will be divided into 3 groups: professionals, hobbyists 13 and under, and hobbyists 14 and over. Entries must be turned in at the library (400 W Main) Thursday, Dec. 1 by 7pm. Judging will be Saturday, Dec. 3 during WinterFest. More information can be found on the city's website under the events tab.



All city offices will be closed Mon., Nov. 11 in honor of Veterans' Day and Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 24 & 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.



At The Library

Saturday, Nov. 5 & 19 @ 9:30am

Baby Lap Time:

Join us for stories, songs and games promoting early literacy skills for children aged 0 - 24 months.



Thursday, Nov. 10 @ 6:00pm

Show Me Hope MO: Be Prepared Story Time

Show Me Hope Disaster Crisis Counselors will read "Mickey and Friends: Disaster Preparedness Activity Book". Meet workers from Joachim-Plattin Ambulance District, Festus Fire Department, and Festus Police Department and learn about being prepared for emergencies. This event is free and all are welcome.



Monday, November 28 @ 6pm

Christmas Parade Library staff will be participating in the Twin City Christmas Parade. Keep an eye out for us and give a cheer when you see us!



Kids' Health Series

The final meeting of the Kids' Health Series will be Saturday, Nov. 19 at 10am in Sunset Park and will focus on Kids' Safety. The kids will go on a buddy scavenger hunt in Sunset Park near the creek and bridge by the tennis courts or Bird Sanctuary. The police department will be on hand to help with Kid Fingerprint and Identification Day. This is a free program.

Eclipse Eye Wear

What are you planning on wearing for eye protection to watch the eclipse? You MUST wear something that will protect your eyes. The city will be ordering 7200 pairs of eclipse viewing glasses which will be available for purchase much closer to the event.



- **Council Meetings** -- Nov 9 and 21 at 7pm
- **Park Board** -- Nov 17 at 6pm
- **P & Z Meeting** -- Nov 17 at 6:30 pm
- **Library Board** -- Nov 3 at 6pm
- **Court in Session** -- Nov 1 and 29 at 6pm
- **Board of Adjustment** -- Nov 14 at 7pm

WinterFest

Who says all the outdoor fun in Festus must be held at West City Park in the summer and fall? Grab your coat and join us Saturday, December 3 from 8am-7pm for a fun day on Main Street! Frederick's Banquet & Catering Center will be hosting breakfast with Santa starting at 8am. Main Street will be closed from Mill St to Adams St for vendors (all day) and for an ice carving exhibition. Freedom Church is hosting two holiday classics. There will be a petting zoo from 2:30pm-5:30pm at Behring St. and S. Second. S. Mill and S. Second will be the place to catch a ride from 3pm-7pm on a horse drawn carriage from Brookdale Farms. The Library parking lot is where you will find ice skating fun - it's a synthetic ice so weather and temps won't matter! Two inflatables will be across the street on the Methodist Church parking



lot. One is the Toboggan Tunnel and will provide lots of excitement for riders 12 and under. The other, Snowmazing, is an enclosed maze that will keep participants of all ages searching for the correct letters. The ice skating rink and the inflatables will be open from 12pm-6pm. Santa will be in his house at various times throughout the day for visiting and picture taking. While some activities will require nominal fees, there will be no charge to watch the movies, pet the animals, watch the ice carving exhibition, or visit/take pictures with Santa in the Santa House. At 4:30pm gather around Schneider Park for an Ugly Sweater Contest and to hear the winners announced for the best decorated home and business in Festus, and find out who is the best gingerbread house decorator. After a couple of speakers and some entertainment the 24' Christmas tree will be lit for the very first time! You don't want to miss this inaugural event that is provided by the Festus Tourism Commission!



Santa House

The Santa House will be open for 3 weeks starting Tuesday, November 29. Bring your camera! There is no charge to visit with or have your picture taken with Santa. We do ask for a canned good donation to be given to the Ozark Food Pantry if you are able to do so. Santa will be in the house from 6-8pm on Tues. and Thurs. (11/29, 12/1, 12/6, 12/8, 12/13, and 12/15, as well as 12pm-4pm on Sat. (12/10 and 12/17).

