

FESTUS FOCUS

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It's Fall Clean Up Time

The annual Fall Clean Up Day is Sat., Oct. 22 from 7a - 3p. Bring trash, rubbish, junk, brush, and appliances (if the refrigerator has been removed and certified) to the Public Works west parking lot for pick up by Progressive. Take electronics, flat screens, and computers to Adonis Recycling at 620 Horine Rd Ste 2. No tube type tv's, CRT's, hazardous waste, construction material, or tires will be accepted at either location. There is no fee for this! Residents are allowed one truck & trailer load. Proof of residency is required.



Let's Go For A Walk

The walking trail that was started in April with a \$19,505.00 grant from the Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation has been completed and is open for business! Those who use the trail can enjoy about 4,000 feet of a crushed gravel trail through the trees and natural underbrush. Resident Kathy Bungenstock said after she and her husband walked the path, that because of the shade it "would be a nice, cool place for a walk during the hot summer months."



Get Out Of The Sun!

The canopy shade cover is up and looks great over the playground at the complex in West City Park. It seems that more children than ever are taking advantage of that play area! The canopy over the playground near the lake at the north end of the soccer field was put up, but will have to be taken down and replaced. The company ordered the wrong color shade and structure and it was up before a member of the Friends of the Festus Parks noticed the problem. The manufacturing company, Play & Park, re-ordered and re-installed the structure using the correct colors. There are multiple canopies at the lake side play area to make take down and winter storage easier. The canopies were placed in their specific locations to take into account the fall zones from the swings. This placement left a portion of the play equipment exposed to the elements. The Friends will seek

Events at the Library

Book Signing with Cindi Asher

Saturday, Oct. 8 @ 11a

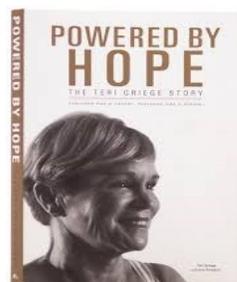


Get ready for Halloween with "The Witch in the Pink House," a spine-tingling story set in the 1960s, when children played safely in the streets and no one locked their doors. After 9 year old Emily befriends the neighborhood "witch", life in small town West

Grove will never be the same. This book is scary and intended for a young adult to adult audience! Books for signing will be available to purchase.

Book Signing & Discussion with Teri Grieger

Tuesday, Oct 18 @ 7:30p



Addiction and cancer threatened her life, grace and endurance gave it back to her. The book, "Powered by Hope," is her story. Teri Grieger has been a guest speaker for major organizations and has appeared on The Today Show, ESPN, NBC, and the Ellen DeGeneres Show's Good News

Blog. Meet Teri and learn about her battle with stage IV colon cancer and the Powered By Hope Foundation. Books for signing will be available to purchase.

Check Out a Telescope!



Have you heard? Festus Public Library has three telescopes that can be checked out for one week on an adult library card! The telescopes are very easy to use; library staff can show you the basics and you'll be ready to go. To add your name to the hold list, call us at 636-937-2017

Canopies cont'd - grant funds to purchase another canopy to cover that equipment.



BOOT CAMP

Boot Camp & Zumba

Boot Camp and Zumba will continue for a few more weeks. Boot Camp is on Mondays and runs through October 17. Zumba is on Wednesdays and runs through October 19. Both start at 6:30pm and are held in Sunset Park. These events are made possible by the Friends of The Festus Parks and the Festus Tourism Commission and are free to all attendees.



WEST CITY TRASH & TREASURE EXPO

The 2016 Expo will take place on Saturday, October 8 on the parking lot of the complex in West City Park. Sales will be 8am - 1pm with set up from 6:30am - 7:45am. Anyone is welcome to sell - items could be from crafters, people with home based businesses, or people who think they have too much stuff and need to get rid of some items. However, sales of vehicles, vehicle parts, and any type of weapon is prohibited. Sales of edible items must comply with any and all rules and regulations set forth by the Jefferson County Health Department. Spaces are approximately 18'x19' (2 parking spaces) and are \$15 each. For more information contact Barb at 636-937-6646 or log on to the City's website www.CityofFestus.org and look under the events tab. Spaces are still available!

WinterFest*

Downtown Festus will be the place to be Saturday, December 3 for a full day of family fun and activities! An ice skating rink will be on the Library parking lot, inflatables on the Methodist Church parking lot, "It's A Wonderful Life" and "Elf" will be shown at the Freedom Church, and breakfast with Santa will be at Frederick's Banquet & Conference Center. In the afternoon and evening there will be a petting zoo with a reindeer, horse drawn carriage rides, and an ice carving demonstration will be held on Main St. In addition to these activities, local choirs will be performing up and down Main St and at Schneider Plaza and Santa will be in his house at different times throughout the day. There will be other contests and a tree lighting ceremony in the evening for the whole family.

Safely Watching the Eclipse

The only way to safely view the sun – eclipsed or not – is to either project or filter the sun's rays. In the coming months we will discuss ways to make a projector. The city will have eclipse viewing glasses for sale also.

Festus Country Fair*

Join us Saturday, Oct 8 in West City Park at the newly opened stage for Country Fair! Tumbleweed gets the party started at 4p and will keep it going until 8p when Hillbilly Authority kicks it into high gear and rolls on through till midnight. Dancing shoes and a fun loving attitude are definite requirements for this night! The Friends of the Festus Parks will have a beer tent to satisfy any adult beverage needs. In addition, Wayno's Mobile International Cuisine and F & D's Smokehouse will be on hand with a variety of yummy items to purchase and enjoy throughout the evening. Tumbleweed plays a mix of country music, southern rock, and classic rock and keeps their party crowd on the dance floor! Hillbilly Authority provides a range of music including country, traditional country, southern rock, and new age country with some classic rock thrown in for just the right mix to keep the crowd wanting more!

Events in Festus

All events in the city are listed on the city's website under the events tab. Full information and links to any necessary forms can be found on their individual pages. Check it out at www.CityofFestus.org!



* **WinterFest** and **Country Fair** are both sponsored by the Festus Tourism Commission.

Kids Health Series

Getting kids outdoors and learning about how to live a healthy lifestyle is the goal of the Kids Health Series. Participants should gather at the stage in Sunset Park behind the Band Building for Zumba in Halloween costumes on Oct.15. Participants will learn about choosing healthy sweets instead of candy. This program will run until Nov. and meets the third Saturday of the month at 10am

- **Council Meetings** -- Oct 12 and 26 at 7pm
- **Park Board** -- Oct 27 at 6pm
- **P & Z Meeting** -- Oct 20 at 6:30 pm
- **Library Board** -- Oct 6 at 6pm
- **Court in Session** -- Oct 4 and 25 at 6pm
- **Board of Adjustment** -- Oct 10 at 7pm