



FESTUS FOCUS

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Calling all Hikers, Bikers & Walkers

After talking with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers about an area of park wetlands to the south of the baseball fields in West City Park, Matt Clemens developed a walking trail plan for that area. Wetlands are highly regulated, but the CoE recommended a walking trail along the outer portion of the green space. Starting the trail north of the bridge and extending it to the south will make it accessible to walkers and runners without needing to cross Sunshine Dr. Thanks to the generosity of the Jefferson Hospital Foundation in the form of a



\$19,000.00 grant that will pay for materials and landscaping walls from American Lawn & Landscape, trail goers will be able to enjoy about 4,000 feet of a crushed gravel trail through the trees and natural underbrush. The city will offset the cost by using our laborers from the Parks and Public Works departments to install the aggregate. With good spring weather, the trail could be completed by May 1.



“Clean up! Clean Up! Everybody, everywhere!”

Clean up! Clean up! Everybody do your share!”

The annual Spring Clean Up Day is April 23 from 7a - 3p. Bring trash, rubbish, junk, brush, and appliances (if the refrigerant 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 600 Horine Rd. 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! Each resident is allowed to bring one truck and trailer load. Proof of residency is required.



A Progressive Waste Solutions Company



Tim - BER!!

At the January Park Board meeting there was a discussion about how unsightly the trees in West City Park between the fairgrounds and Sunshine Drive looked and what could be done about them. The Park Board decided to have them taken down and is now looking for something to replace the trees that would be inexpensive, easy to care for, and would not grow into the power lines.



Check Out Outer Space

Festus Public Library patrons will soon be able to check out a telescope to use at home! The Library is pleased to partner with The St. Louis Astronomical Society by joining their Library Telescope program. By mid-March, there will be one telescope available to be checked out for a week at a time. The staff just completed training on the telescope and will be glad to show you the basics when you take the telescope home!

Animal Control Officer

Appreciation Week

April 10 - 16, 2016





Adopt-A-Street is a community involvement program that brings citizen volunteer groups into partnership with the City of Festus to keep the local roadsides clean. The program also educates and encourages people to stop littering. In addition, through the clean up efforts, residents and visitors have a better first impression of our city. Each volunteer group is responsible for a dedicated section of roadway and agrees to remove litter a minimum of three times a year (April/May, July/August, & October/November) over a two year period. The City of Festus supplies the roadway signs, temporary caution signs, vests, and bags for clean up efforts. Contact Street Foreman Shain Dollar at 636-937-6646 for more information and to adopt your street.

LIBRARY

Lap Time for ages 0-24 months is at 9:30am on Sat. April 9 and 23.

Periodicals and Streaming Videos are Now Available. Magazines may now be checked out on your device using the Nook app. You may also borrow and watch free movies, shows, and more from the library's OverDrive collections. Videos will play in the OverDrive app or in your web browser. You will need an internet connection when watching streaming video.

Book Sale Apr. 29 (9a-5p) and Apr. 30 (9am-12p). This is sponsored by the Friends of The Festus Library and all proceeds support library programs and services.

Story Time is every Thurs. at 10:30am for ages 2 and up.



Boot Camp is brought to you by the Friends of the Festus Parks and will be held at the Bandstand in Sunset Park on Mondays from 6:30p-7:30p. Boot Camp begins Monday, April 11 and ends on Monday, May 16.

Starting April 13 and ending May 18, Zumba will be at the Bandstand in Sunset Park on Wednesdays from 6:30p-7:30p. Zumba is also sponsored by the Friends of the Festus Parks. Bring a friend!



Start Spreadin' the News

The entertainment line up for the 28th Annual Firecracker Extravaganza is set and contains a couple of new acts and one fan favorite. Friday, June 24, *All Mixed Up*, a 7-piece band playing high energy dance



music from the classics to today, including disco, funk, rock, R&B and country, will kick off the weekend's music at 6pm. More information about this band can be found at www.AllMixedUpBand.com. Returning this year is music on Saturday afternoon! *The Rivertown Sound Quartet* will perform from 2-4pm. This acapella group sings traditional turn of the century quartet music, but many songs from the 50s as



well, making them St Louis' premiere "Doo Wop Quartet." Sample their music at www.RivertownSound.com. Saturday night will see the return of *Hillbilly Authority*. This five-piece band playing everything from new to traditional country, classic rock and original music takes the stage at 6pm and is guaranteed to convert those who are not fans of country music! Learn more about this group at www.HillbillyAuthority.net



Firecracker Festival Special Guest Hint

Our very special guest is celebrating his 36th birthday this month. He has lived and worked in Missouri his entire life, and, like a lot of people in this area, is a big Cardinal fan.



- **Council Meetings** -- April 13 and 27 at 7pm
- **Park Board** -- April 28 at 6pm
- **P & Z Meeting** -- April 21 at 6:30 pm
- **Library Board** -- April 7 at 6pm
- **Court in Session** -- April 12 and 26 at 6pm
- **Board of Adjustment** — April 11 at 7pm