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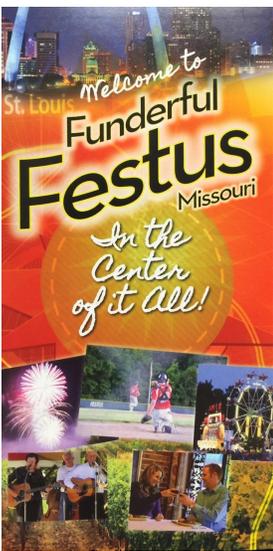
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January 1, 2016



Welcome to 2016!!

After the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, January and February give everyone a chance to catch their breath and get ready for a fun and exciting new year! In January we will begin working on field assignments at all ball fields so that teams can practice as well as scheduling tournaments and leagues for the rest of the year. Easter is in March this year so that means an Easter egg hunt in the park. April will see players as well as families taking the green space offer. The Festus Parks will be hosting "Country Sum-time and the cracker Festival West City Park June. Right after it will be time for the Show followed by the Blues/Funk Festival in August. September is hopping with all the fun of Twin City Days and the toe tapping good time at the Traditional Music Festival. Clean out closets, garages, and under beds to get ready for the West City Trash & Treasure Expo in October. Christmas decorations will be hung in November to get ready for the Christmas Parade on November 28. Santa will be taking up residence in the Santa House during the beginning of December to visit with anyone who comes to see him. Call your family and friends to join in the fun with you here in Festus - the center of it all.



More about Fireplace Safety

Safety tips from Chuck Boyer, Festus Fire Chief:

1. Keep the glass open to allow air to be drawn up to cool the chimney, but keep sparks from jumping onto the flooring.
2. Open a window when using the fireplace to prevent the room from becoming smoky. The air coming in the window will go up the chimney.
3. Before making a fire, open the glass doors, pull aside the screen curtains, and place kindling, newspaper and logs inside. Next, open the damper and a window. The window needs to be open only a few inches. You can check to make sure the smoke will go up the chimney properly by lighting a match, quickly blowing it out and watching the smoke it see whether it's going up and out.
4. Use a chimney cap to prevent water damage, to keep animals from nesting and to keep debris from blocking the chimney and causing carbon monoxide to flow into the house. Use a spark arrester to help prevent sparks from flying out, which could start a fire on the roof or lawn.



Request from the Trash Company

Progressive has asked that we remind everyone to leave at least 4' between the trash or recycling toters and anything else. They cannot get the automated arm around the toter without causing damage to the surrounding items. If the toters are turned in the right direction then little to no trash falls onto the ground. The hinge on the lid should be toward the house for it to be positioned correctly. Also, styrofoam is NOT recyclable. If there are non-recyclable items in the recycling toter then the toter is left and is not emptied.



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CFD Souper Bowl

Monday, Dec. 28 – Monday, Feb. 8

Because donations drop off after the holidays, Crystal City, Festus and DeSoto Libraries (CFD) are joining together to challenge our patrons to donate non-perishable food items and personal items, such as laundry detergent and toilet paper, at each library. The library with the most donations will keep the coveted CFD Souper Bowl trophy for the year!

Story Time

Every Thursday at 10:30am for ages 2 and up!

eReader Introduction

Friday, Jan. 15, 11:00 a.m.

Did you receive an eReader as a gift and aren't sure how to load free library books onto it? Are you just interested in learning about new technology? If you have a device of your own, bring it to the class – or feel free to try out one of ours. All are welcome!

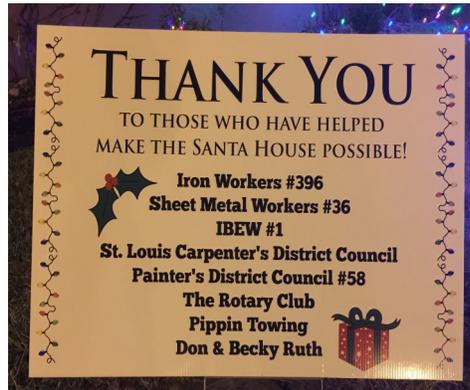
Lap Time for Children Ages 0-24 Months

Thursday, Jan. 7 and 21, 9:30 a.m.

Join us for stories, songs and games promoting early literacy skills for babies and toddlers!

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Scenes from the Santa House



Thank you to the choirs from:

Crystal City High School
Hillsboro Junior High School and
Jefferson High School.

Thank you to Santa's special helpers:

Mayor Mike Cage, Mike Hankins,
Don Ruth and Clint Freeman

**All city offices will be closed on
Friday, Jan. 1 (New Year's Day) and
Monday, Jan. 18
in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr Day.**

- **Council Meetings** -- January 13 and 27 at 7pm
- **Park Board** -- January 28 at 6pm
- **P & Z Meeting** -- January 21 at 6:30 pm
- **Library Board** -- January 7 at 6pm
- **Court in Session** -- January 5, 9, and 26 at 6pm
- **Board of Adjustment** — January 11 at 7pm