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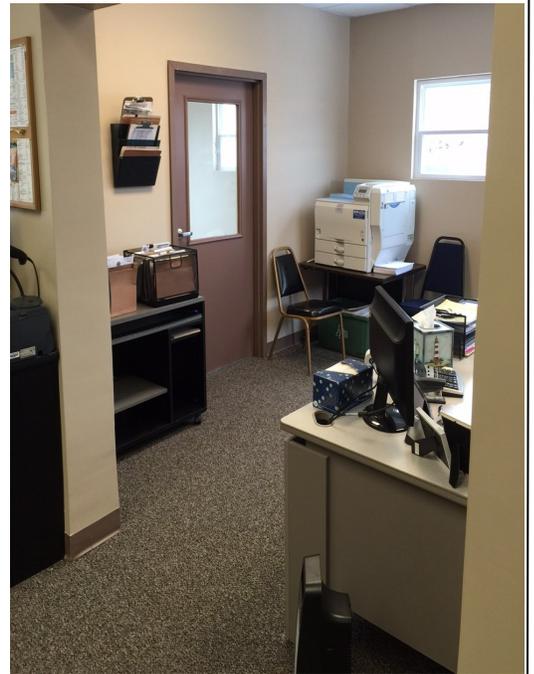
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Public Works New Old Office is Open Again!



January 12-14 were the moving days at the Public Works Building. The bulk of the remodeling had been completed and only a few minor odds and ends needed to be finished up. Workers from the Street and Water Departments were on hand to move heavy items and to get computers set up and networked. Dawn, Christie, and Barb were busy getting their individual areas as well as shared spaces set up. Park Department employees built shelves in the large storage closet to hold the year's worth of paper stock that is kept on hand. Stop by and see for yourself!



Get Ahead of the Biting Bug Game!

Aside from being itchy and annoying, the bite of an infected female mosquito can spread dengue, chikungunya, or Zika viruses. People become infected with dengue, chikungunya, or Zika after being bitten by an infected mosquito.

- Female mosquitos lay several hundred eggs on the walls of water filled containers. Eggs stick to containers like glue and remain attached until they are scrubbed off. When water covers the eggs, they hatch and become adults in about a week.
- Adult mosquitos live inside and outside.
- They prefer to bite during the day.
- A few infected mosquitos can produce large outbreaks in a community and put your family at risk of becoming sick.

How To Protect Yourself

1. Eliminate standing water in and around your home:
 - Once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out items that hold water, such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpots, or trash containers. Check inside and outside your home.
 - Tightly cover water storage containers (buckets, cisterns, rain barrels, etc) so that mosquitos cannot get inside to lay eggs.
 - For containers without lids, use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.
2. If you have a septic tank, follow these steps:
 - Repair cracks or gaps.
 - Cover open vent or plumbing pipes. Use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.
3. Keep mosquitos out of your home:
 - Use screens on windows and doors.
 - Repair holes in screens.
 - Use air conditioning when available.
4. Prevent mosquito bites:
 - Use an EPA registered insect repellent that contains one of the following: deet, picardin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus.
 - Treat clothing and gear with permethrin or purchase permethrin treated clothing and gear.
 - Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.



Happenings at the Library

Star (not the red carpet kind) Party at the Library!

Monday, March 14, 8:00 pm

Learn about the night sky with amateur astronomers from the St. Louis Astronomical Society. We'll begin the evening indoors where we will learn how to operate and use a telescope. Weather permitting, we will head outside to use the telescopes. Dress warm because you will not want to leave once we get started.



COMING SOON!

Telescopes to check out

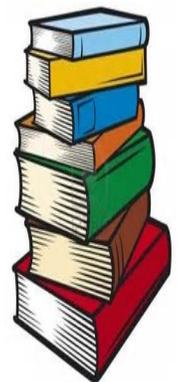
The Festus Public Library is pleased to join the St. Louis Astronomical Society's Library Telescope Program. We expect to receive our telescope in March and will begin loaning it out for patron use as soon as possible. We are also very grateful to the Friends of the Festus Public Library for their financial support of this project.

Story Time

Join us every Thursday morning at 10:30 as we present stories, songs, and activities for children ages 2 and up.

Lap Time for Children 0-24 Months

Saturday, March 12 and 26 at 9:30 am
We are excited to present a new program designed for our very youngest readers! Join us for stories, songs and games promoting early literacy skills for babies and toddlers.



- **Council Meetings** -- March 9 and 16 at 7pm
- **Park Board** -- March 24 at 6pm
- **P & Z Meeting** -- March 17 at 6:30 pm
- **Library Board** -- March 3 at 6pm
- **Court in Session** -- March 1 and 29 at 6pm
- **Board of Adjustment** — March 14 at 7pm