

FESTUS FOCUS

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Proper Yard Waste Disposal

The City has received complaints of flooding storm sewers recently and crews have found that a big factor in this issue has been grass clippings in the storm drains. It is against city ordinance to place leaves, grass, and limbs in or on ditches, city streets, and city storm sewers. The trash company provides free yard waste pick up once a month. Please check the city's website for instruction about proper bundling procedures as well as information about the amount of yard waste that can be set out. There is also a yard waste container at the City's maintenance garage located at 500 Ridge Ave. You must be able to unload your vehicle and place the yard waste into the containers as there is no one available to help you with that. This area is open Mon to Fri from 7:30am to 3:30pm.

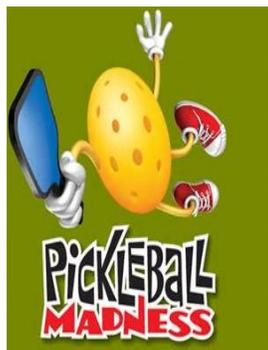


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Pickleball Fever . . . Catch It!

The former skateboard park at Jokerst Park was refurbished last year and is now one of the finest pickleball facilities in the entire state. A major rement is scheduled for late June 2016. The Jefferson County Pickleball League will be holding open play and instruction on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6pm-9pm. There is no charge to participate in open, instruction, or league play. Paddles and balls are available, if needed. The city put up two permanent nets last year. If you would like to play at other times, but don't have your own paddle or balls you may get them at Public Works. Paddles may be borrowed from the city with a \$10 refundable deposit and balls may be purchased for \$3 each.



In Case of Sewer Issues



If you think you are having troubles with your sewer draining call Public Works (636-937-6646) during normal business hours (Mon-Fri; 7:30a-4:00p) and someone from the Sewer Dept. can check the city's main sewer line to help determine the location of the problem. Do not hesitate to call because **there is no charge for this service.**

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Are You Going To Drink That?

If you see anyone disposing of any types of fluids from cars or yard waste into the storm drains, please, call Public Works Building at 937-6646 to report the issue. A good way to think about what is appropriate to put into storm drains is to ask yourself, "Would I want to drink that?" Our storm drains empty into creeks which empty into the Mississippi and that leads to other cities down the line.

Report Illegal Dumping

Happening At The Library

Book Signing: Join Virginia Griesse on May 7 at 11am as she discusses and signs copies of "The Mysterious Gold Medal; A St. Louis World's Fair Adventure." Copies of the book will be available for purchase.



Summer Reading Program: Kick-off party will be held June 3 at 11am. There will be a clown, face painting and other carnival type fun! Ask at the front desk for the summer's entire schedule of programs.

Story Time continues on Thursday mornings at 10:30.

Lap Time for Children will be held May 21 at 9:30am. This program is for youngsters under 2 years of age.

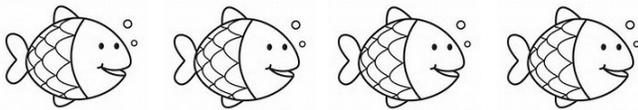


2015 Annual Water Quality Report (The Consumer Confidence Report)

The City has received the results of the annual water report and, once again, we have passed. If you would like to read the report, it may be found on our website, or hard copies may be picked up at Public Works, the Library or City Hall or by going to this address: <http://dnr.mo.gov.ccr.MO6010276.pdf>.

Let's Go Fishing!

The annual Youth and Senior Fishing Derbies will be held on Saturday, June 25 as part of the Firecracker Extravaganza festivities. Both are free events, but do require registration. The 17th Annual Kids' Hooked on Fishing Derby will be held from 8-10am. Kids should be between 2 and 14 years old and must be accompanied by an adult. Door prizes are available and a complimentary hotdog and soda will be provided to each child. The 15th Annual Seniors' Hooked on Fishing Derby will be held from 10am-12pm on that same Saturday and open to anyone 55 and older. Door prizes are also available for senior fishers. Registration forms may be picked up at City Hall, Public Works, the Library, or can be printed from the city's website and must be returned to the Public Works Building by Thursday, June 23.



The Friends of The Festus Parks will be holding their first Country Summer Event at the new stage in West City Park on Saturday, July 9. The evening kicks off with the Douglas Warren Band at 6pm. Murphy500 will be the night's headliner and will take the stage around 8:30pm. As the event

gets closer more information will be available on the city's website, facebook page, The Friends of The Festus Park's facebook page and in a future issue of the Focus. Sponsored by the Festus Tourism Committee.



HOT SUMMER NIGHTS

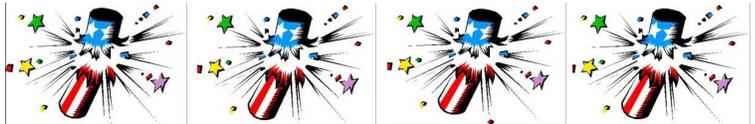
Firecracker Festival Special Guest Hint

Our special guest stands 6'3" tall, but refuses to divulge his weight. He likes a squirrel and is afraid of bats. Have you figured out his identity?

SUMMER FUN!

In Search Of: Firecrackers!

The Friends of The Festus Parks and Farmer's Insurance of Festus are searching for boys and girls ages 2 - 7 years old to participate in the Little Mr. and Miss Firecracker Contest as part of the 27th Annual Firecracker Extravaganza. The contestants are asked to give their name and perform a "talent." The talent can be almost anything! In past years, children have sang songs, recited the alphabet, skipped in a circle, jumped rope, hula hooped—almost anything goes! This contest is limited to the first 20 children that turn in their registration forms and will be held on Saturday, June 25 at 4pm in front of the gazebo. Registration forms may be found on the city's website (www.CityofFestus.org) or at City Hall, Public Works, and the Library. Contestants need to register by Friday, June 17 and will need to be at the gazebo in West City Park at 3:50pm to get pictures taken and lined up. Winners will receive \$25 and all participants will receive a small gift.



online auction

The City of Festus is currently auctioning off five (5) surplus police vehicles and some related equipment. To view or bid on any of these auction items, please go to www.publicsurplus.com and register. Select MO for the region in the search tab. Auction will end on Wed., 5/11/16.

Music at the Firecracker Extravaganza



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- Council Meetings -- May 11 and 25 at 7pm
- Park Board -- May 26 at 6pm
- P & Z Meeting -- May 19 at 6:30 pm
- Library Board -- May 5 at 6pm
- Court in Session -- May 3 and 17 at 6pm
- Board of Adjustment -- May 9 at 7pm