



# FESTUS FOCUS

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## July 1, 2016

### Help Guide The Future of Festus



Please come and participate in the City of Festus Comprehensive Plan Community Workshop on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 6:30pm in the Festus Middle School multi-purpose room. H3 Studios of St. Louis is updating our current comprehensive plan and is helping us map the future of Festus development, capital improvement, and our historic Main Street. We will discuss parks, streets, housing, zoning, and what Festus residents feel the city should be for the next 15 years. A comprehensive plan is a community effort and this is your chance to be a part of how Festus will develop and grow into 2030. We encourage all residents to join us and let their voices be heard. Our thanks to the Festus R-6 school for allowing us to use their facility.

### Barking Dogs

Animal Control receives numerous calls about nuisance barking dogs. Ordinance No. 4242 deals entirely with this issue. Pet owners are in violation of this if their dog barks for fifteen minutes or more between 10:00pm and 8:00am



or for thirty minutes or more between 8:00am and 10:00pm. However if the owner can prove that the animal was howling or barking because they were being provoked by someone or was acting as a guide dog, hearing dog, service dog, or police work dog, then no one shall be held liable unless testimony is received from a complainant. No noisome dog issues will be investigated or prosecuted unless a complaint has been properly filled out by a complainant or complainants.



### Spraying for Mosquitos

One of last month's articles dealt with the Zika virus, how to prevent its spread, preventing mosquitos from biting, what the city is doing to prevent the breeding of mosquitos and what residents can do. It said that the City sprays four nights a week once the temperature is consistently above 75 degrees and there's no rain or high wind. The City has four zones that are each sprayed once a week: South on Mondays; West on Tuesdays; North on Wednesdays; and East on Thursdays. North is every street north of the train tracks and inside the city limits. Some of the streets included are Alexander Drive, Horine Rd, Central, N 6th, N 9th, and Andy Habsieger Drive. West is every street south of train tracks but north of Hwy A and every street west of Cromwell and Scenic Lane to the city limits. Some of the streets included are W. Main Street, Sunshine Drive, Collins Drive, Hawk Point, Gran Vista, and Blue Ridge Trace. East is every street south of the tracks and north of Hwy A and every street east of Cromwell and Scenic Lane. Some of the streets included are W. Main, Jefferson, Walnut, N Mill, Main Street, Lee Ave, and N Adams. South is every street south of Hwy A inside the city limits. Some of the streets included are Pounds Road, Gamel Cemetery Road, Ashford Place, Greenbrier Blvd, Bermuda Drive, Northwoods Drive, American Legion Drive, and YMCA Drive. Residents can help by not providing hospitable places for mosquitos to live and breed. Be on alert for standing water in bird baths, trapped in outdoor toys, flower pots, or old tires. Turn items that could hold water over so that they may drain.



All city offices will be

**CLOSED**

on Monday,  
July 4, 2016.



## A Hot Country Summer Night

Friends of the Festus Park in conjunction with the Festus Tourism Commission presents the first Country Summer Concert. Saturday, July 9 in West City Park the Douglas Warren Band from Nashville, TN will take the stage at 6pm. DWB plays a combination of modern country rock with some classic honky-tonk line dance grooves, some kings of country, some more recent fun groovy pop country, and top it all off with some classic southern rock. Murphy500 will close out the evening. Formed in April 2013, Murphy500 started playing acoustic shows covering new country top 40 hits and quickly had a packed schedule of shows across southern Illinois. They play with high energy and have one goal, keep people dancing and having fun! Concessions will be available for purchase. Be sure to stop by the photo booth for your complimentary event photo!



## Eclipse News

Last December I wrote about the Parks Director and I attending a workshop regarding the Total Solar Eclipse (TSE) that will be happening on August 21, 2017. It has been named "The Great American Eclipse" because it will only be viewable in the continental United States from Oregon to South Carolina. In these few months leading up to the eclipse, I will share facts and ideas concerning how and where to safely watch this once in a lifetime event. Today, let's talk about how rare this event will be. This will be the first visible TSE on the U.S. mainland in 38 years and then it was only visible on the West Coast - a TSE was seen only on the southern island of Hawaii in 1991. A TSE was seen south of Missouri in 1918. The last visible TSE in St. Louis was in 1442. After the 2017 eclipse, the boot heel area of the state will be able to see a TSE in 2024. St. Louis will not see another TSE until 2505. How fortunate that Festus residents will be able to walk outside and enjoy this magnificent event since it will be 488 years before it happens again! — Barb



## Summer Fun at the Library

Summer Reading Program - We've got lots going on in July for the Summer Reading Program. There's still time to sign up! The last day to turn in completed reading logs is Sat., July 30.



Ronald McDonald Magic Show

Friday, July 8, 1:00pm

Magic and fun for all ages.

Laughing Matters with Jay & Leslie Cady  
Friday, July 15, 1:00pm

Comedy, juggling, & nonsense for all ages.



Big Trucks — Monday, July 18, 1:00pm

Explore big trucks in the library's parking lot & meet the workers who drive them! All ages.

Sing-a-Long and Sno-Cone Social —  
Friday, July 29, 11:00am Sing up an appetite and enjoy sno-cones from Tropical Treats. All ages.



JCHD Dental Van

"Smiles to Go," the Jefferson County Health Department's Mobile Dental Clinic, will be available the week of July 11 for children ages 3-18 who are uninsured, privately insured or insured by Medicaid.

Baby Lap Time — July 16 and 30, 9:30am  
Stories, songs & games promoting early literacy skills for babies & toddlers.

Story Time — Thursdays at 10:30am  
Stories, songs, & activities for children ages 2 and up.



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