



# FESTUS FOCUS

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## Electronic Billing Now Available

The Water Dept is now able to send bills electronically! Customers will need to fill out the "Email Billing Election Form" which can be found on the City's website ([www.CityofFestus.org](http://www.CityofFestus.org)) under "Contacts" and then "Forms." Print, and then, completely fill out the form and return it to Public Works. After the form is received, a test email is sent to the provided address.



Once a response to that test email is received, the next month's bill will be sent via email and no further paper bills will be sent. A link to the Festus Focus will be included in the email. This would be a great time to set up ACH for your account! When ACH is activated, the City debits your bank account on the 14th of each month so that the bill is paid by the 15th and no late fees ever occur. Contact Dawn, Christie, or Barb at the Water Dept if you have any questions about email billing, ACH, or anything else concerning your water bill.

## Award Winning Animal Control

The City of Festus Animal Control received the 2015 MO Outstanding Animal Welfare Agency Award on Sept. 23 during the MO Animal Control Association Conference. This award is given to the Missouri Animal Shelter (municipal, humane society, or other animal shelter) that is improving the quality of life for companion animals; a shelter that exceeds industry standards either by implementing new programs, increasing adoptions, establishing spay/neuter programs, or by establishing public outreach programs. Tim Mullins, Festus ACO, would like to thank everyone that has adopted an animal from Festus, all of the rescue groups who have stepped up to help with animals, and everyone who nominated Festus Animal Control for this award.



## Trash & Recycling Cart Request



Please do not leave trash and recycling carts at their pick up locations on a day to day basis. City streets look much neater when the carts are kept closer to homes on days that a trash or recycling pick up is not scheduled. Thanks for helping to keep our community looking great!



*Santa House*  
More information on the back page.

All city offices will be closed on **Wed., Nov. 11** in observance of **Veteran's Day**. Thank you to all who have or are currently serving!



**Pop-Up Grocery Store Tour****LIBRARY**

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 5:30 pm – Meet at Festus Walmart

Learn how to get the most nutrition for your food dollars and make healthy and affordable choices at the supermarket. During the tour, participants practice buying fruits and vegetables on a budget, comparing unit prices, reading food labels and identifying whole grain foods. Participants take home a booklet with recipes and shopping tips and a reusable grocery bag.

**Lap Time for Children Ages 0-24 Months**

Thursday, Nov. 12 & 19, 9:30 am both days

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.

**Forest Park Owls: Hiding in Plain Sight**

Saturday, November 14, 11:00 am

Mark H.X. Glenshaw is an award-winning, amateur naturalist who has closely observed and documented the lives of a mated pair of Great Horned Owls in Forest Park since December 2005. Mark's talk, Forest Park Owls: Hiding In Plain Sight, will cover how he found these owls, basic facts about the species, and the different behaviors he has been able to see and document with photos and videos to illustrate these behaviors.



## Santa House



Santa Claus will make his way into town in time for the Christmas Parade on Monday, November 30 and will then take up residence in the Santa House at Schneider Park which is located at the intersection of Main & Mill Streets. Beginning Tuesday, Dec. 1 and continuing through Saturday, Dec. 19. Visitors may take their own pictures with Santa on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8pm and on Saturdays from 12-5pm at no charge. The Jefferson-Crystal City high school choir has volunteered those waiting to visit with Santa on different Saturdays. The Santa House is being built by Iron Workers #396, Sheet Metal Workers #36, IBEW #1, St. Louis Carpenter's District Council, and Painter's District Council #58. The Rotary Club will be helping to decorate Santa's House. There is no charge to take pictures with Santa, but we would like to suggest that you pick up some items that could be given to the local food pantry to make someone's holiday season a little better. There will be a box available on the nights that Santa is on site to leave your donations in.



**All city offices will be closed on  
Thursday, November 26 and  
Friday, November 27  
In observance of Thanksgiving.**

- **Council Meetings** -- November 9 and 23 at 7pm
- **Park Board** -- November 19 at 6pm
- **P & Z Meeting** -- November 19 at 6:30 pm
- **Library Board** -- November 5 at 6pm
- **Court in Session** -- November 10 and 17 at 6pm
- **Board of Adjustment** — November 9 at 7pm



Scenes  
from  
the  
Main  
Street Cruise

