



# FESTUS FOCUS

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## Library Happenings

### Worm Lady - Tuesday, September 22, 7:00 pm

Detox Your Domicile Sponsored by the Missouri Botanical Garden's EarthWays Center & Jefferson County's Worm Lady. This workshop will help you learn more about composting food scraps and yard waste, as well as preventing household hazardous waste by using safer alternatives to dangerous cleaning products. This after-hours program is open to all ages.



### Twin City Days Book Sale Sponsored by the Friends of the Festus Public Library

Friday, September 11, 9:00am - 5:00pm and Saturday, September 12, 9:00 am -12:00 pm



It's that time of year! While you're out and about enjoying Twin City Days, don't forget to stop in at the library for our book sale! We'll have the best books at great prices and all proceeds support library programs and services.

### Ask About Our Fitness Kits!

The Festus Public Library has purchased 11 Fitness and Nutrition Kits for adults and children. The fitness kits for adults contain a piece of workout equipment, such as kettlebells or Pilates balls, coupled with instructional DVDs. The youth fitness and nutrition kits feature board games promoting healthy activities and exercise, along with outdoor playing equipment such as hacky sacks and colored chalk. All were funded through a grant from the Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation.

GET FIT  
DON'T  
QUIT

### Story Time



Join us every Thursday morning at 10:30 as we present stories, songs, and activities for our youngest readers.

## Yard Waste Disposal

City residents currently pay \$14.23 per month for trash service. The weekly recycling and monthly yard waste pickups are provided by Progressive at no extra cost. As a result, Progressive is quite particular about what yard waste they will pick up, the way it is bundled and how much it weighs. Yard waste includes Christmas trees, grass clippings, leaves, tree branches up to 6" in diameter and other similar vegetative waste associated with yard & garden care & maintenance. Each month they will pick up:



- Tree limbs less than 4" that are bundled with twine (NO WIRE) in bundles no longer than 48" in length or 18" in diameter & such bundles shall not exceed 5lbs in weight.

- Up to twelve (12) bags, containers and/or bundles of yard waste materials may be placed out for pick-up on the regularly scheduled once-per-month yard waste pick-up day.

- YARD WASTE CANNOT BE PUT INTO PLASTIC BAGS

- Bundles, bags, and containers CANNOT weigh more than 50 pounds each.

- Yard waste mixed with trash CANNOT be collected on yard waste or trash day.

If residents don't want to wait until their scheduled yard waste day, there is a yard waste container at the city's maintenance shed at 500 Ridge Ave. It is available Monday-Friday from 7:30am-3:30pm. Keep in mind that there is no one there that can move the yard waste from your vehicle to the container so you must be able to do all that on your own.



## Kids' Events

Book Sale  
Brewfest

**Twin City Days** Sept. 10 - 12  
For info: 937-7697 or [www.twincity.org](http://www.twincity.org)

Food Vendors  
Craft Booths  
Mayors' Breakfast

## In Search of "Friends"



The Friends of the Festus Parks are looking for new "Friends!" In an effort to raise money to be used in the City's parks, this group puts on many events throughout the year including the Blues/Funk Festival, Rocktober in The Park, and the Tanglefoot Brewfest. While they have paid for benches along the bike path and added pet waste stations in West City Park, their largest contribution was the playground equipment in West City Park at the soccer field near the lake and they are currently working towards purchasing a shade cover for that same equipment. They are hopeful that this will be accomplished next year with the help of the Tourism Commission. The Friends of the Festus Parks meet the third Thursday of every month at City Hall at 7pm. Annual dues are \$12 per individual, \$20 per family; or a lifetime membership may be purchased for \$100.

## Tanglefoot Brewfest

The Tanglefoot Brewfest is sponsored by the Friends of the Festus Parks. The proceeds from this event will be used to purchase shade structures for the playgrounds in the Festus Parks System and other park improvements. This tasting event will take place in West City Park from 1-4pm on Saturday, Sept. 12 in conjunction with Twin City Days. The beer tasting will include beers from over 20 different breweries represented by over 40 breweries in Brothers Brewing, Main and Gleewood Brewing, Urban Chestnut, Russell House Brewing, and many, many others. Food will be available for purchase. Tickets may be purchased at Festus City Hall, Public Works, or online at [BrownPaperTickets.com](http://BrownPaperTickets.com). Tickets are \$25 (plus service fee if purchased online). More information about the event and participating breweries can be found at [TanglefootBrewfest.wordpress.com](http://TanglefootBrewfest.wordpress.com)



## SHHH . . . It's a surprise!

No hints can be given until April, but there will be a very special guest at the Kids' Fishing Derby at the Firecracker Extravaganza next June. Make plans now to be there on Saturday, June 25, 2016!

## Traditional Music Festival

On Sept 26 and 27 West City Park will be filled with fiddle players, cloggers, harmonica players, food vendors and craft booths as the 2015 Traditional Music Festival swings into town with emcee George Portz, a National Open Fiddle Champion. Festival goers may stay overnight in the park as there will be primitive camping or RV spots (NO hook ups) available for \$10 for the entire weekend.



There is a gate fee of \$7 per day with children 10 and under free. For more information, contact George Portz directly at 618-632-1384 or on his website [www.GeorgePortz.com](http://www.GeorgePortz.com) or email him at [George-Portz1@gmail.com](mailto:George-Portz1@gmail.com).

## Tanglefoot Throwdown Softball Tourney

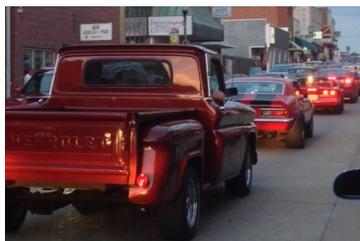
The City will be hosting a girls' fastpitch softball tournament Sept. 19 and 20 in Sunset Park. This tournament is for 14u, 12u, and 10u teams. Registration fee is either \$325 or \$300 depending how many teams each organization enters. More information can be found on the City's website under the Festivals and Events tab.



# September Fun

## Main Street Cruise

Festus Main Street will be hopping Saturday, Sept 19 from 6p-8p when the 5th Annual Main Street Car Cruise takes place. Put on your bobby socks and saddle shoes—or whatever you wore to cruise in "your" day and come



cruise or watch the cruisers roll by. Any licensed and insured vehicles may join the fun. No open containers, burnouts, or blocking of intersections will be allowed and all traffic laws must be followed.

## West City Trash & Treasure Expo

Sign up now! Forms available at Public Works or at [www.CityofFestus.org](http://www.CityofFestus.org) under the Festivals & Events tab.

- **Council Meetings** -- September 9 and 23 at 7pm
- **Park Board** -- September 24 at 6pm
- **P & Z Meeting** -- September 17 at 6:30 pm
- **Library Board** -- September 3 at 6pm
- **Court in Session** -- Sept 1, 22, and 29 at 6pm