



FESTUS FOCUS

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Geese Peace Training

Before the geese return from their winter vacationing down south, we will have a training workshop with Geese Peace to start the process on goose management at West City Park.

Volunteers are invited to attend.

Our first training session will cover how to control the population by controlling the nesting. By reducing the baby geese population there will be fewer geese through the years to imprint and mark West City Park as home.

The training workshop is Thursday, February 12, 2015 1:30 p.m. at the Public Works Building, 950 N. 5th St., Festus. This training is for city employees and any volunteers who wish to help in a humane way with controlling the geese population.

Please Don't Feed the Geese

Did you know that feeding geese and ducks bread and popcorn is bad for them? In natural settings, waterfowl seek and feed on a *variety* of nutritious foods such as aquatic plants, natural grains, and invertebrates. Many of the items commonly used to feed waterfowl (bread, corn, popcorn, etc.) are low in protein and are very poor substitutes for natural foods.

Natural foods are also widely scattered. Ducks and geese are able to find these foods and eat them in relative seclusion. If you feed them, competition for each scrap or kernel is high. Some ducks and geese (usually the youngest) are unable to compete for handouts.

Visible symptoms of poor nutrition and advanced stages of starvation are often seen at West City Park. For example, we have one waterfowl that has drooping wings and has lost its ability to fly. Plus feeding can bring disease, overcrowding, aggressive waterfowl, and water pollution. Please observe the rule and help control the geese population.

Pet of the Month



Festus Animal Control has a 2 year old female Tortoiseshell cat available for adoption. Please contact Tim Mullins at 636-933-3619 for more information on adoptions.



Please Remember to VOTE

Last day to register to vote for the April 7, 2015 election is March 11, 2015. You can register to vote at City Hall and the Library. Identification needed to register. Must be 18 years or older.

Festus Library
400 W. Main St.



Festus City Hall
711 W. Main St.

Presidents' Day Trash Schedule —

Trash pick-up will be running its normal schedule during the week of Presidents' Day.

Trash Schedule Changes —

Should trash schedules change due to inclement weather, the changes will be posted on www.cityoffestus.org and on our Facebook page as soon as we are notified.



Adopt-a-Street Program

City of Festus has an Adopt-a-Street Program. If your organization is interested in adopting a street you can get information regarding this program by contacting Brent Abrams at 636-937-6646. Forms can be picked up at the Public Works Building located at 950 N. Fifth Street.

FESTUS PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Yard Sale Sponsored by the Friends of the Festus Public Library – Friday, February 27, 9 am – 5 pm, and Saturday, February 28, 9 am – 12 pm

Join the Friends of the Festus Public Library for our yearly yard sale! You'll be sure to find a bargain – we'll have toys, knick-knacks, housewares, and more!

PAWS for Reading – Read to a Dog!

Moose and his human Angela are coming an hour later and will be here at 5:30 on Tuesday, February 3 and 17. This is a great way to encourage a new reader to practice reading out loud. Children enjoy reading to dogs, whose quiet presence puts them at ease and helps them gain confidence. Moose and Angela volunteer with Support Dogs, Inc.

Festus Fitness Club

The Festus Public Library, in collaboration with other area Jefferson County libraries and the Jefferson County Health Department, has received a grant through the Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation to fund health related programs and to increase our book and digital collection with health related materials. Keep an eye out for great programs and incentives as we kick into high (health) gear shortly!

Holiday Closing

We will be closed on Monday, February 16th in honor of Presidents' Day.

Festus Public Library – 400 West Main St., Festus, MO 63028 – 636-937-2017 –

www.cityoffestus.org/departments/library

- **Council Meetings**—February 11 and 25 at 7pm
- **City Hall and Public Works Closed**—February 16th for Presidents Day
- **Park Board**— February 26 at 6pm
- **Planning & Zoning Meeting**— February 19 at 6:30 pm
- **Library Board**—February 5 at 7pm

