



FESTUS FOCUS

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January 1, 2015

Happy New Year!

ALL ABOUT THE NEW TRASH CONTAINERS & COLLECTION

New trash and recycling containers were delivered City wide the week of Dec 8. These containers must be used until March 1, 2015. If you still feel your container is too large, you may call Progressive at 636-321-2100 to request the smaller size. This is a one time exchange and they will not bring the larger size back if you change your mind.

Beginning Jan. 2, 2015, Progressive will only be picking up trash/recycling from the new containers and only trash/recycling that are inside the containers will be picked up. Residents will not be allowed to stack extra bags around the receptacles. Bags of trash or recycling stacked around the containers will NOT be picked up. If you routinely have more than will fit in the containers, contact Progressive at 636-321-2100 to rent an additional container.

Trash tags will still be available for purchase at City Hall or the Public Works building. They will remain \$1.00 each. Residents will still be able to put one bulk item per week out with their trash at no cost. Extra bags of trash/recycling will NOT be considered "bulk" items. Bulk trash includes household furniture or other items too large to fit into a container. Bulk items can't weigh more than 50 pounds. As in the past, major appliances, auto parts, tires, batteries, and construction debris are not to be put out as bulk items. Call Progressive at 636-321-2100 with any questions as to whether your item is a "bulk" item or if there's a question about needing to purchase a trash tag. Also, residents must call Progressive 48 hours in advance to schedule their bulk item pick-up.

As a reminder, all trash/recycling is to be out for pick up by 6:00am. Call Progressive at 636-321-2100 if your trash/recycling is missed. New trash routes are available on our website, and you should have received a flyer in the mail.

ACCEPTED RECYCLING ITEMS:

PLASTIC: soft drink bottles, milk jugs and plastic bottles, detergent containers and all containers with the recycling symbol and numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 and plastic buckets. **(NO #6 Polystyrene, please! – Styrofoam cups are not recyclable).** Please make sure to empty contents (food, etc) from container and rinse if possible.

GLASS: rinse all glass bottles and jars and remove the lids. (Note lids are recyclable also, just remove lid and put both in bin separate.)

CANS: aluminum and steel – please remove food from cans or trays and rinse and place loose in bin. It is not necessary to remove the labels. Aerosol cans are accepted.

PAPER FIBER: newspapers, magazines, catalogs, mail, junk mail, paper bags, telephone books, computer paper, slick glossy inserts, paperback books, gift wrapping paper, food boxes, soda and beer carrying cases, are all accepted.

CARDBOARD BOXES: (NO waxed cardboard, please!) Please collapse boxes and place inside recycle cart. All other cardboard is accepted.

Call Progressive at 636-321-2100 with any questions or concerns.

Lighting Grant

As we look to be more energy efficient, we are also looking to figure out ways to offset the costs. The Public Works facility was approved for \$10,000 to replace existing 4 lamp T-12 fluorescent lights. Ameren approved new incentives in October and Jim Tindall, Facilities Maintenance, applied and was approved by the electric company for over \$1,500 in incentives when we replace existing lights with 2 bulb T-8 fluorescent lights before April 15, 2015. These replacement systems include a chrome light reflector so that it can produce almost the same amount of light with two bulbs but we've cut the electric used by 50% and are reusing the existing light panel housing. Also, our estimated cost will be half of what we budgeted by using our staff to do the installation. We will be installing these lights in January and February.



Snow Routes— With the harshest couple of months of the year upon us, we would like to inform residents of the snow route procedures. We are hoping that this information will help residents plan ahead for parking when a snow or ice storm is predicted.

- **Primary streets are plowed first.** These include N Mill, S Mill, N 6th, N 9th, N 5th, Central Ave, Horine, Cromwell, N Adams, S Adams, Main Street, Sunshine, Hillsboro, Collins, Pounds, Gamel Cemetery, N 2nd, Walnut, Vine, Harrison, Scenic Drive, YMCA Drive, Gannon, N Creek, and Lee Ave.
- **Secondary streets** are plowed after primary streets by simply fanning out from the primary streets. The snow plows are split into quadrants.
- **Alleys & small side streets are plowed last.**

Ways Residents Can Help Out:

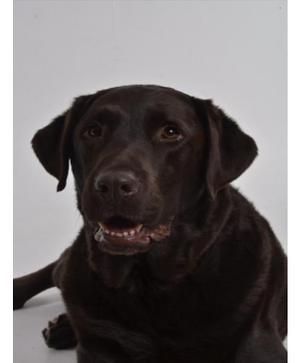
- It would be helpful on streets, such as Lee Ave, for cars to be parked as close to the curbs as possible. This makes it safer for the plows and less likely to cause damage to your vehicles.
- If you have an option to park off of the streets, please do so.
- Please do not shovel snow into the streets. It is best to shovel the snow into your front yards.

We hope this year isn't as hazardous as the last, and please be careful to drive slowly in case there is black ice on the roads.

FESTUS PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

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, January 6 and 20. 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.



eReader Introduction – Wednesday, January 21, 11:00 am

Did you receive an eReader as a gift and aren't sure how to load free library books onto it? Or are you just interested in learning about new technology? If you have a device of your own, bring it to the class – or feel free to try out one of ours. Beginners welcome!

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Holiday Closing

We will be closed on Monday, January 19 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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Christmas Tree Disposal

Check the city website or call City Hall on instructions for disposal of your live Christmas Tree.

Upcoming Meetings—

- **Council Meetings—** January 14th & 28nd
- **City Offices Closed—** January 1st & 19th
- **Trash service** will be running a day behind on New Year's.
- **Council Work Session—** January 7th
- **Planning & Zoning—** January 15th
- **Park Board—** January 22nd

