



FESTUS FOCUS

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December 1, 2017

WinterFest

WinterFun will be the name of the game on Saturday, Dec. 2 when WinterFest is once again on Main Street! There will be inflatables for adults and kids, a special inflatable for little ones that are 4 or younger, ice skating, music, Santa in the Santa house, a petting zoo, carriage rides, breakfast with Santa at the 1st United Methodist Church, vendors, a gingerbread house contest to help judge, a Christmas tree to light, caroling, a magician, a juggler, and a fire performer. More information, including times and exact locations for activities can be found at www.CityofFestus.org under the festivals & events tab or on the event page on the city's Facebook page. Come out and play!



Festus police officers have joined forces with other police departments within the county to provide nice Christmases for less fortunate children. These children are chosen by local school districts who have daily contact with them, and can see where there is a need. Each selected child will receive \$100 to spend during a shopping spree where they will be accompanied by a local first responder. Festus police officers have two fundraisers planned for December. The first will be a booth at WinterFest and the second will have officers working at the Santa House on Sat., Dec. 16 from 12-4pm. All cash donations received will go towards this program. **There's no fee to visit or take pictures with Santa or an officer!** The more generous visitors are with the officers the more generous it allows the officers to be with children in the area.

Christmas Tree Disposal



Waste Connection will pick up Christmas trees on your regularly scheduled trash collection day during the last week of December and the first two weeks of January. Trees will need to be on the curb by 6am and have no traces of ornaments or tinsel left on them.

- **Council Meeting** -- December 13 and 17 at 7pm
- **Park Board** -- December meeting cancelled.
- **P & Z Meeting** -- December 21 at 6:30pm
- **Library Board** -- December 7 at 6pm
- **Court in Session** -- December 5 and 12 at 6pm
- **Board of Adjustment** -- December 11 at 7pm

All city offices will be closed

**Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 25 & 26, and Monday, Jan. 1, 2018
to celebrate the Christmas and New Year's holidays.**

Happy Holidays



December at the Library

Saturday, December 2

Winterfest Library Open House

Take a break from ice skating and come into the library to warm up, check out the gingerbread house contest, and make a holiday craft!

Thursday, December 7, 10:30 am

Kathy Nausley Craft and Story Time

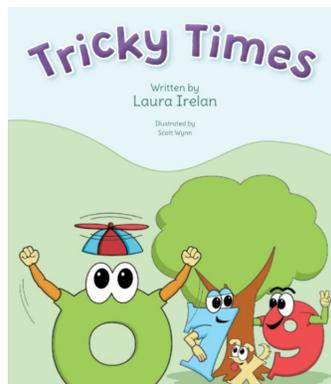
Kathy Nausley, author of "The Snow Angels' Christmas" will be our special guest at Story Time this week! Join her for a fun holiday craft and take home a free copy of the book – one per family!

Saturday, December 9, 10:00 am

Laura Irelan "Tricky Times" Book Signing

Multiplication doesn't have to be tricky, adding a rhyme can make it fun and less icky! Turning math into fun and rhymes? Why yes, it's called Tricky Times! Mrs. Irelan is a math teacher at Festus R-6 and has written a book to make multiplication fun!

Books will be available for purchase & signing.



Every Thursday at 10:30am

Story Time

Join the library staff as they present stories, songs, and activities for children ages 2 and up.



Santa House

After WinterFest, the Santa House will be open on Tuesdays (Dec. 5 and 12) and Thursdays (Dec. 7 and 14) from 6pm - 8pm and Saturdays (Dec. 9 and 16) from 12pm - 4pm. THERE IS NEVER A CHARGE TO VISIT WITH SANTA OR TO TAKE ANY PICTURES.

Canned food donations are taken to the Ozark Food Pantry and all cash donations go to the Festus Shop With a Cop program. Santa will have "elves" on site who can help make a baby smile, can get a puppy's attention, or can snap a picture capturing the entire family or group.



THANK YOU

Pippin's Towing moves the Santa House to and from Schneider Park every year donating their time, trucks, and manpower and it is very much appreciated!

Thank you to the
Festus Tourism
Commission for
making these
events possible

