



FESTUS FOCUS

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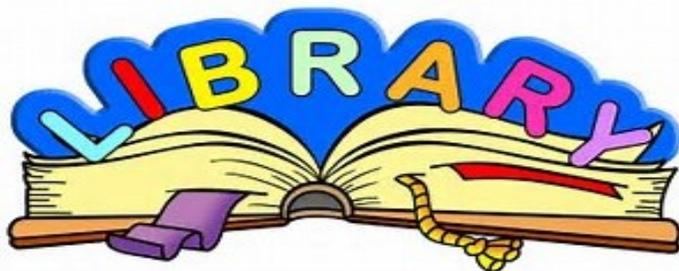


This year's fall clean up is slated for Saturday, October 21 from 7am - 3pm on the Public Works west parking lot. Employees from Waste Connections will be on hand to take yard waste, trash, and recycling (including electronics). No appliances will be accepted. TVs are limited to one per resident. The TV must be under 50 pounds and be able to be safely lifted into the back of a truck. Old tvs in cabinets (the real heavy ones) must be broken down. Each resident is allowed to bring one truck and trailer load of items they are wishing to dispose of. Proof of residency is required.



Yard Waste Disposal

Fall is a time for leaves and yard maintenance. Yard waste pick up is provided once a month by the trash company, Waste Connections. If you are unsure of your scheduled day check the yard waste pick up map on the city's website or call Public Works (636-937-6646) for clarification. Another option is a city provided yard waste dumpster where you can unload yard waste at 500 Ridge Avenue. This location is open Monday - Friday from 7:30am - 3:30pm. Please refrain from placing yard waste in any open ditches, storm sewers, or the street as this will eventually cause problems in the natural waterways. Please remember that the burning of yard waste is not allowed inside the city limits.



Social Security Questions? We've Got Answers!

Thursday, October 12, 6pm

Social Security will likely be the foundation of your retirement income. Before you retire, it's important to understand your options and the effect your decisions have on your retirement. Hosted by Staci Templeton with Edward Jones. Please call 314-799-5801 to RSVP.

Baby Lap Time:

Early Literacy Story Time for Children

Saturday, Oct 7 and 21, 9:30am Ages 0 – 24 Months
Join us for stories, songs and games promoting early literacy skills for babies and toddlers.

Medicare 101

Monday, October 30, 1pm

Kevin Klipsch of Midwest Insurance Services presents a free, no obligation presentation about Medicare for those preparing for retirement. Please call 636-547-3037 to RSVP.

Just Added: Brain Kits for all ages!

In addition to our kits for physical fitness, we have added 6 Brain Kits to our collection that can be checked out for 2 weeks at a time. Each Brain Kit has a variety of challenging games for a span of age ranges. Some of the games included are Boggle, Rubik's Cubes, flash cards, memory games, strategy games, solitaire chess, and more. Ask library staff to show you what's available on your next visit.

What else does your library do? Just ask! We have telescopes to check out, programs for all ages, eBooks, eAudiobooks, DVDs, magazines, and much more! You can even apply for a passport at your library. Call us at 636-937-2017 and find out how your library can serve you!

How Good is Your BBQ? Really? PROVE IT!

Festus Country Fair and BBQ Competition will be held at West City Park on Friday and Saturday, October 13 and 14. "Professional" teams will be competing with brisket, pork ribs, chicken, and pork with turn in times on Saturday. For the first time, backyard bbqers will be able to compete in their own division with pork ribs, chicken, and pork. Their turn in times will also be on Saturday. Friday night backyard teams can go to seminars put on by judges and pro teams about presentation and what judges will be looking for in their submissions. Entry costs for the backyard competitors are much lower than the pro teams as are the cuts of meat that are required. Prizes and trophies or ribbons will be awarded for 1st - 5th (1st - 7th for pros) place as well as for grand champion and reserve grand champion in both divisions. There is a total of \$1,250.00 to be awarded to the backyard bbqers and \$5,000.00 will be paid out to professional competitors. BBQ will be available to purchase from 2 vendors only. These vendors will also be competing. Live music and a beer tent provided by the Friends of the Festus Parks will round out the evening. This event is sponsored by the Festus Tourism Commission and the Festus Park Board.



WEST CITY TRASH & TREASURE EXPO

The West City Trash and Treasure Expo will be on Saturday, Nov 4 on the parking lot (2200 Sunshine Dr) at the complex in West City Park. Now is the time to clean out your attic, garage, and basement! Spaces are approximately 18'x19' (2 side by side parking spots) and are \$15 per space. NO electric is available. NO sales of vehicles, vehicle parts, or weapons. Gates will open at 6am for set up. Sale is 8am - 1pm. Sellers will need to provide all that they would like in their space - tables, tent, cash box, etc. Call Barb at 636-937-6646 or visit the city's website looking under festivals/events for more info!

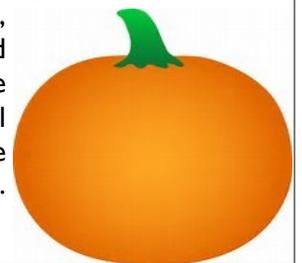


Trick or treating in Festus will be from 6pm until 9pm on Tuesday, October 31. A siren will sound to mark the beginning and ending of this time. Be sure to stop at 212 N Mill and trick or treat with the Festus Fire Department! Also, the Festus Police Department will be handing out candy to trick or treaters at the police department. Many children will be out during this time so please be extra vigilant about your surroundings. Trick or treaters should only go to homes of people they know and that have a light on. Don't go alone, take and use a flashlight, don't let your vision be blocked by a mask, and have an adult check your goodies before eating any. Have fun and be safe!



The Downtown Twin City Business Association will host The Great Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 10am - 12pm on Main St. Participating merchants will have an orange pumpkin in their window. Children

must be accompanied by an adult. The costume contest and prizes will be provided by the Festus/Crystal City Kiwanis Club, Key Club, and KJFF Radio. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each division. Division and judging times are as follows: 0-1 year at 10am, 2 year olds at 10:15am, 3 year olds at 10:30am, 4 year olds at 10:45am, 5 year olds at 11am, 6 and 7 year olds at 11:15am, 8 and 9 year olds at 11:30am, 10, 11, and 12 year olds at 11:45, and the family costume contest will be judged at 11:50am. All judging will be done in front of Metro Office Supply and Hallmark at 102 E Main. Call 937-7757 for more info!



- **Council Meeting** -- October 11 and 25 at 7pm
- **Park Board** -- October 26 at 6pm
- **P & Z Meeting** -- October 19 at 6:30pm
- **Library Board** -- October 5 at 6pm
- **Court in Session** -- October 3 and 24 at 6pm
- **Board of Adjustment** -- October 9 at 7pm