



FESTUS FOCUS

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Kids' Health Series

The Kids' Health Series is presented by the Friends of the Festus Parks and has a goal of educating local families on health and wellness by providing free and fun family events that are held in the city's parks. Two more dates are scheduled for this year - Sept. 30 at West City Park Complex at 10am will be a "Heart Health Hike" and participants should bring bikes, strollers, scooters, and wear tennis shoes for the hike. A local pediatrician will speak about the importance of staying active. The Oct. 28 "Kung Fu & Boo" will be on the stage at West City Park. Those participating should wear their costumes and be ready to learn a few karate moves. Dental health education and goodies will be provided!



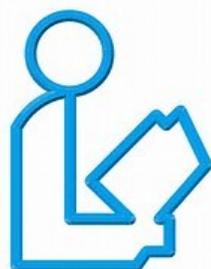
Utility Billing Office Manager

Christie McKenna is the new Utility Billing Manager at Public Works. She has been a utility billing clerk with the City since 2011. After a month of training, McKenna became the office manager on August 18. Christie enjoys spending time on the lake with family and friends.



Animal Control Officer

On Aug. 21, Jason Allen became the new Animal Control Officer. He was able to train with Tim Mullins for a month before taking over the position. Jason has been with the city since February and prior to that worked for the Public Works Dept in Hillsboro.



Twin City Days Book Sale

Friday, Sept. 8, 9am-5pm and Saturday, Sept. 9am-5pm
Sponsored by the Friends of the Festus Public Library

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.

Library News

Baby Lap Time: Early Literacy Story Time for Children Ages 0 – 24 Months

Saturday, Sept. 9 and 23, 9:30 am

Join us for stories, songs and games promoting early literacy skills for babies and toddlers.



All city offices will be
CLOSED
on
MONDAY, SEPT 4
and will re-open on
Tuesday, Sept. 5.



Cruise on Main

Relive the "old" days on Saturday, September 16 when Main Street is open to cruisers from 6-8pm. All licensed vehicles are welcome. All traffic laws must be obeyed and will be enforced.



Country Fair BBQ Competition

The third in this year's BBQ Competition series offers an opportunity for 'backyard chefs' to join in the fun and see how their BBQ stacks up. Entries and rules for "pros" and "backyard chefs" are both available on the city's website under the Festivals & Events tab. This event takes place Friday and Saturday, Oct. 13 and 14. It is a two day event for the pros and a one day event, although they are welcome to be there both days, for the backyard chefs. Friday night there will be complimentary seminars for the backyard chefs about presentation and what the judges will be looking for as well as a live band. Even if you are not cooking, come enjoy the band and the BBQ that is available for purchase from a select group of vendors.

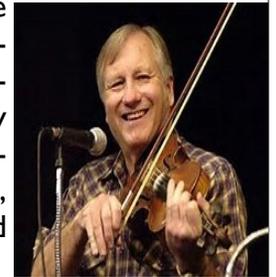
Upcoming Events

Sept. 7-9	Twin City Days (See www.TwinCity.org for more info.)
Sept. 16	Cruise on Main St.
Sept 23-24	George Portz Traditional Music Fest
Oct. 13-14	Festus Country Fair BBQ Competition

George Portz

Traditional Music Festival

Join us Saturday and Sunday, September 23 and 24 from noon until 6pm each day for the 28th annual George Portz Traditional Music Festival at the stage in West City Park. All types of bluegrass performers will be on hand for your traditional musical entertainment! Among those scheduled to perform are: Wailin' Wood, The Moore Family, the Howling Brothers, the Baker Family Bluegrass Band, Thunder & Lightning Cloggers, the Kevin Buckley Celtic Trio, the Worthington Family, the Southside Creole Playboys, and, of course, George Portz and his Friends of Bluegrass Band.



It's time to start making plans for WinterFest 2017! Save Saturday, December 2 and plan to spend the day on Main Street. The ice rink will be larger, the inflatables will be different and suitable for children and adults to ride on, the petting zoo will have more animals, including a reindeer, and additional carriages will be on hand so that lines move more quickly. Santa will be on hand at different times throughout the day for visits at the Santa House. A meal with Santa is also in the planning stages. Once again, we will have the house and business decorating contests. There's no cost to enter either contest, but a registration form does need to be completed and turned in. The entries for the gingerbread house contest were amazing last year so this year's entries are being eagerly looked forward to! More information and entry forms can be found at www.CityofFestus.org under the Festivals & Events tab after October 1.

- **Council Meeting** -- September 13 and 27 at 7pm
- **Park Board** -- September 28 at 6pm
- **P & Z Meeting** -- September 21 at 6:30pm
- **Library Board** -- September 7 at 6pm
- **Court in Session** -- September 12 and 26 at 6pm
- **Board of Adjustment** -- September 11 at 7pm