



# FESTUS FOCUS

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## March 1, 2018

# LIBRARY NEWS

## Yoga, Stars, & Stories - At the Library

### Gentle Flow Yoga

**Tues., March 6 – Tues., April 10, 1:00pm**

Certified instructor Edward Dow presents Gentle Flow Yoga Classes. Beginners are welcome and this 6-week session is suitable for all ages, including seniors.

### Star Party

**Tuesday, March 6, 6:30 pm**

Learn about the night sky with amateur astronomers from the St. Louis Astronomical Society. The evening will begin indoors where we will learn how to operate and use a telescope. Weather permitting, we will head outside to use the telescopes so dress appropriately.

### Show-Me Hope Story Time

**Saturday, March 10, 11am**

Join the Show-Me Hope Missouri team for a story time and age appropriate presentation about what they can do to be better prepared for a disaster. Meet some of our local first responders. Learn how to make a basic Go-Bag out of an old backpack!

### PAT – Brainy Babies Story Time

**Saturday, March 24, 10:30am**

A child's brain undergoes an amazing period of development from birth to age three – producing more than a million neural connections each second. Come and stimulate your child's brain through hands-on play.



Wouldn't it be terrific if there was a way to pay your water bill without using a stamp or going to the Public Works office or having to take the time to sit down at the computer and never having to pay a late fee or worry about being disconnected or making sure

the bill is paid while you are on vacation? There is a way to make all that happen! The city has an ACH program that can debit the amount of your bill each month out of your checking or savings account. There is no cost for this service. Customers still receive their bill at the beginning of the month, just like normal, so that it is always known how much will be debited. To get ACH started go into Public Works and fill out a form or that form can be found on the city's website - click on "Contact" and then "Forms." It is called "ACH Authorization Form." A voided check will need to be turned in with the completed ACH. form.

## Grass Cutting Season is About to Spring

Spring is almost upon us which means that grass cutting season is just around the corner. As a reminder to all, the City of Festus has a grass ordinance (Chapter 215 Article 2 Division 2) stating that any growth of weeds or grass that is at a height of ten inches is in violation. So to avoid any grass violation and/or possible fines, please keep your grass cut in compliance with this ordinance. Also, if you cut grass as a business, don't forget to stop by City Hall and purchase your contractor's license for \$50.00. Have a safe grass cutting season and contact Code Enforcement Officer Chris Osborne at 636-937-6646 ext 105 with any questions.



**ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FUN?**

**WE ARE!**

Planning is already under way for events that will be held in Festus over the coming year with several of those being brand new this year! Saturday, May 5 West City Park will be the site of the first ever mud run/obstacle course in Festus. This fun race will cover every inch of the park including the flood zone and areas that most people don't typically use. Stick around after the race for the music and fun that will carry into the evening! By popular demand, a second cruise has been added this spring and there will now be music and a car show at both cruises!



"Swingin' Under the Stars" will be in early summer at the stage in West City Park and will feature a swing band playing music from the big band era. Mark your calendars for the Sundays at Sunset concert series! Bring lawn chairs, blankets, picnic baskets, and coolers and enjoy The St. Louis Big Band with Joe Scalzitti on Sept. 16, The Rivertown Sound Quartet on Sept. 23, The Howlin' Brothers on Sept. 30, Kim Massie on Oct. 7, and Borderline on Oct. 14. WinterFest will be Saturday, Dec. 1 so have your ice skates ready! Santa House will be open a week longer this year and will include some hours on Friday evenings! All of these events are made possible by the Festus Tourism Commission. When marking dates on the calendar, don't forget to reserve June 22 and 23 for the Firecracker Festival. This will be the 30th anniversary of this event and some big things are planned that you won't want to miss! Other dates to include are Blues/Funk Fest on Aug. 11 that will feature Torrey Casey and the Southside Hustle as well as Marquis Knox, Twin City Days (Sept 6-8), the George Portz Traditional Music Festival on Sept. 22 and 23, and the Twin City Christmas Parade on Monday, Nov. 26.

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**Spring Clean Up Day**

has been set for

**Saturday, April 21.**

More information will be available in next month's Focus.

**Youth Rec Baseball League**

The Festus Park Board is currently investigating the possibility of running a youth rec baseball league whose emphasis would be on instruction and skill development. Games and practices would be held in Festus Monday through Friday. The season would begin late spring and end at the end of June. Through community team sponsorships, registration fees would be kept very low. No commitment is necessary at this time, but the Board does need to know the possible interest level. Please clip and return to Public Works 950 N Fifth, Festus, MO 63028 Attn: Barb



**Youth Rec Baseball League**

- YES, I am definitely interested!
- NO, I am not interested at this time.

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- **Council Meeting** -- March 14 and 28 at 7pm
- **Park Board** -- March 22 at 6pm
- **P & Z Meeting** -- March 15 at 6:30pm
- **Library Board** -- March 1 at 6pm
- **Court in Session** -- March 6 and 27 at 6pm
- **Board of Adjustment** -- March 12 at 7pm