



FESTUS FOCUS

City of Festus
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Missouri One Call - Always Call or Click

Before You Dig. It's Easy, Free & The Law!

Safe digging is no accident. Electric, gas, water, sewer, telephone and cable lines are buried everywhere and some are only an inch or two below the ground's surface. A job as small as planting a tree or installing a mailbox or fence can damage underground facilities. By notifying Missouri One Call, you will be able to place a locate request to notify the utilities of when and where you plan to dig. A locate request provides the information to utility companies that they need to find your dig site and mark their underground facilities. Placing a request to have underground lines marked can help to avoid serious injury, death and expensive damage to property and utility lines. The marks and flags at your dig site were put there by the utilities locator designating what facilities are underground in the area where you will be digging. The marks are color coded. White is used to mark the proposed dig site. Red is used for electric lines. Yellow shows gas, oil, steam, petroleum, or gaseous materials. Orange indicates some sort of communications lines—cable television, phone or fiber optics. Blue means water lines. Purple shows reclaimed water, irrigation and slurry lines. Green shows sewers and drains. Pink is used for temporary survey markings. Call 1-800-DIG-RITE, 811, or go to www.mo1call.com to place your locate request.



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All city offices will be closed on

Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov 23

to celebrate the

Thanksgiving Holiday.

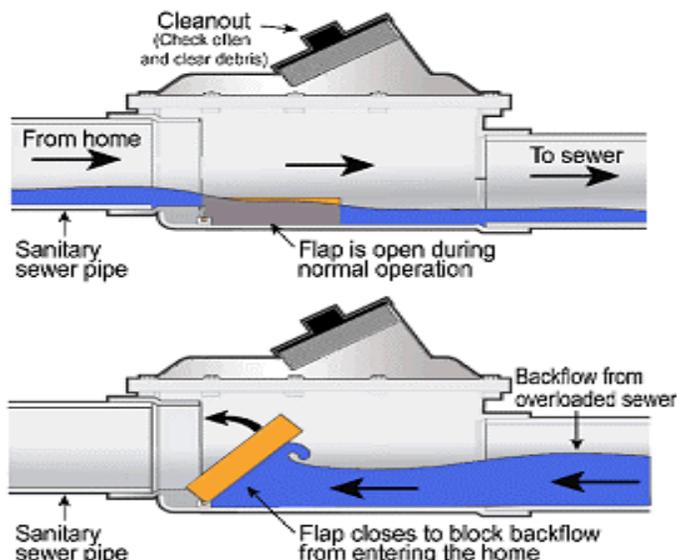
All offices will reopen on Mon., Nov. 26.



Backflow Prevention Valves -

Do You Have One?

During large rain events sewer lines within the city may become overloaded due to illegal connections allowing storm water to enter into the sanitary sewer system. This could possibly cause a backup in the private connection to the city sewers. To remedy this, the city offers backflow prevention valves. Call Public Works at 636-937-6646 to arrange a time to pick one up. Residents will need to install the valves themselves or have the work done by a plumber. The city's water foreman will need to do an inspection after installation is complete.



Council Meeting: November 14 and 28 at 7pm

Park Board: November 15 at 6pm

P & Z Meeting: November 15 at 6:30pm

Library Board: November 1 at 6pm

Court in Session: November 6 and 27 at 6pm

Board of Adjustment: November 19 at 7pm

All city offices will be closed on

Monday, November 12



**in honor of
all those who
have served in the
armed forces.**

What do you think of when you hear the words: inflatables, breakfast with Santa, petting zoo, carriage rides, face painting, and ice skating? We hope you are thinking:



WinterFest will be Saturday, Dec. 1 and the location will slightly shift on Main Street so that it is more centered around the Library at 400 W Main. Main Street will be closed from Walnut to Mill Street and Grand will be closed from Main to N Second. Walnut, Mill (in both directions) and N Second will remain open. The day will kick off at the First United Methodist Church with Breakfast with Santa. There is no fee for this, but freewill offerings will be accepted. Vendor booths will be open from 8am-4pm. Inflatables will be on the parking lot at the Methodist Church. Ice skating, a petting zoo, and the carriage rides will be on the library parking lot. The gingerbread houses will be inside the library and everyone is encouraged to stop in and place their vote! Santa will be in the Santa House at the corner of Main and N Mill at various times. Much more is being planned for this event and that information will be available on the city's website and on the event page of the city's facebook page.

Santa House

This year the Santa House will be open an extra week and some Friday evenings. The Santa House will be open Dec. 6, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20, 21, and 22. Hours are 6-8pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays and 12-4pm on Saturdays. There is no fee to visit or take pictures. We ask that visitors bring items that can be donated to the local food pantry. Cash donations go to the local JeffCo Shop with a Cop programs.



Library Events

Baby Lap Time Sat., Nov. 10, 9:30 am

It's never too early to present early literacy skills to your baby! Babies aged 0-24 months and their caregivers will bond with stories and simple activities. The program is designed to last about 20 minutes, and caregivers are welcome to stick around to socialize and play with their babies afterwards.

Family Program: Gift Jars Tues., Nov. 13, 5:30 pm

We'll provide all the materials to help you create beautiful mason gift jars. You can fill them up and give them away, but you might want to keep them for yourself after you've finished! Space is limited for this program; to register call 636-937-2017.

Adult Coloring Thurs., Nov. 29, 12:00 pm

We'll provide coloring sheets, pencils, and markers for an afternoon of relaxing, stress-relieving coloring. Feel free to bring your own supplies as well! This program is intended for adults over 18; no registration is necessary.

Paws for Reading - Tuesdays at 5:30pm

Each Tuesday, join Charley the Dog for Paws for Reading! This is a great way to encourage a new reader to practice reading out loud. Dogs are the best listeners and children enjoy reading to them.

Story Time -

Thursdays at 10:30am

Join us every Thursday morning for stories, songs, and rhymes perfect for teaching children ages 2



~~I love a parade!~~

The 70th Annual Twin City Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade will be Monday, November 26 with "Jingle Bells" as its theme. The parade starts at 7pm and will begin at the intersection of Mississippi Ave. and Bailey Rd in Crystal City and ends at Walnut St. in Festus. The FHS and CCHS bands alternate leading the way as do the two town's mayors. This year the FHS band will be in the lead and so will Crystal City's Mayor Tom Schilly. Judges will be stationed along the way making their decisions about the top floats, best antique car, motor unit, and dance unit. No candy is allowed to be thrown from floats, but will be handed out by the Knights of Columbus Clown Club and is provided by donations from Chamber members. Grand Marshall is Birgit White, recipient of the Employee of the Year Award. This is an all weather event.