



# FESTUS FOCUS

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## December 1, 2019

Festus Focus is also available at  
[www.CityofFestus.org](http://www.CityofFestus.org)

### Annual Water & Sewer Rate Increases



The annual rate increases for water and sewer will be seen on this bill. Water sees the higher increase as it rises by 2.9%. Water will now be \$12.51 (previously \$12.15) per thousand gallons. Sewer rates will increase by 2% so the first

thousand gallons of sewer will be charged \$7.25 (previously \$7.11) and every thousand gallons of sewer after that will be charged \$4.51 (previously \$4.22). Sewer has a monthly minimum charge of \$7.25. There continues to be no minimum charge for water.

### Yard Waste Pick Up Schedule Changes



Starting Jan. 1, yard waste pick up days will have changes for those picked up on the 4th Wednesday. Please check [www.WasteConnections.com](http://www.WasteConnections.com) to be certain of your new day!

### VOTE EARLY AND OFTEN!

Please visit city hall, public works, and the library during December and vote for the best decorated office. Votes are made with canned goods that will be donated to the Ozark Food Pantry. Congratulations to the library for their Halloween win!



All city offices will be **CLOSED** on **Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 24 & 25** for **Christmas & Thursday, Jan 1** for the **New Year's holiday.**

### December Happenings at the Library

#### Winterfest Open House - Sat., Dec. 7th, All Day!

Take a break from the outdoor activities to warm up, check out our beautiful library, and make a craft. Children can make a Frosty the Snowman and the adults can make a take home, clear, fillable ornament. Crafts will start at 10 a.m. and be available until supplies run out.

#### Baby Lap Time - Saturday, Dec. 21st, 9:30 a.m.

Babies aged 0-24 months and their caregivers will bond with stories, songs, and simple fun activities.

#### Adult Coloring - Thursday, Dec. 26th, 12 p.m.

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 the age of 18; no registration is required.



#### Story Time - Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Join us every Thursday morning for stories, songs, and rhymes perfect for teaching children age 2 and up the joy of reading!

#### Paws for Reading - Every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

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!

#### The Friends of the Library Christmas Sale

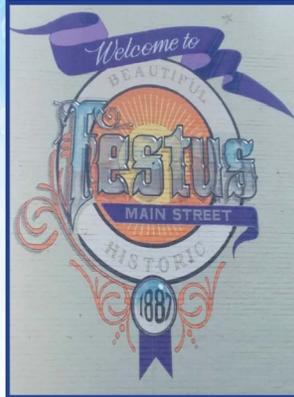
**Tuesday, Dec. 3rd - 23rd.**

Come in and purchase Christmas Decor Items at bargain prices! Great for those looking for Christmas gift items or decorations for the home!

**Council Meeting:** December 18 at 7pm  
**Park Board:** No December meeting.  
**P & Z Meeting:** December 18 at 6:30pm  
**Library Board:** December 5 at 6pm  
**Court in Session:** December at 6pm  
**Board of Adjustment:** December 9 at 7pm

# WinterFest

Saturday, Dec. 7 at  
400 W Main St and 113 Grand Ave.  
8am - 7pm



Breakfast With Santa - Inflatables For The Whole Family  
Ice Skating - Face Painting - Visits With Santa  
Balloon Twister - Fire Performer - Carriage Rides  
Petting Zoo - Food And Craft Vendors.



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## Santa House



The Santa House, located at the intersection of Main and Mill Streets, will be open again this year for anyone wanting to go over their wish list or plead their case with the Man in Red. Although there is no cost, visitors are encouraged to bring canned goods for the Ozark Food Pantry. Cash donations are given to the Jefferson County Shop with a Cop program. Bring your own camera and take as many pictures as you'd like! The Santa House will be open the following dates and times: Dec. 10, 12, & 13 (6-8pm), Saturday, Dec. 14 (12-2pm & 3-5pm), Dec. 17, 19, & 20 (6-8pm), and Saturday, Dec. 21 (12-2pm & 3-5pm).