



FALL 2009

ROCK 'N RUN FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 10, 2009



The City of Ellisville, Department of Parks & Recreation is hosting their First Annual 5K Rock n' Run at Bluebird Park on Saturday, October 10, 2009. The 5K Run/Walk will begin at 8:45 a.m. Check in time for both events will start at 7 a.m. and continue until 8:15 a.m. The Kids' quarter mile will follow immediately after the event, with an awards ceremony at 10 a.m.

Pre-register at the Administration Center in Bluebird Park or at www.ellisville.mo.us through September 27th. Registrations will also be accepted the morning of the race.

Following the race, there will be plenty of activities between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the whole family to enjoy including food and beverage vendors, interactive games, balloon sculpting, a

petting zoo, reptile experience, and musical entertainment by the Smash Band.

In conjunction with the Rock 'N Run, the Ellisville Police Department will offer free child car seat and bicycle helmet inspections, also from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Trained certified technicians will teach parents how to properly install the car seat, and how to safely restrain the child. Each car seat inspection will take approximately 20 minutes.

Besides the car seat inspections, the police department will offer bicycle helmet inspections. Children can bring in their existing safety helmet for inspection and be fitted by a certified technician. A very limited amount of free helmets will be available to residents who cannot afford them and who qualify for the helmet. A variety of other safety information will be available for parents.

To schedule an appointment for the car seat inspection for faster service, contact Sgt. Nancy Walker at 636-227-7777 or email at nwalker@ellisville.mo.us. "Drive-ups" on the day of event are also welcomed.

For more information on the Rock 'N Run Fall Festival, please contact the Park Administration Center at 636-227-7508, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or visit our website at www.ellisville.mo.us.

ELLISVILLE SELECTED ONE OF BEST PLACES TO LIVE

The City of Ellisville was recently ranked #25 on Money Magazine's 2009 list of America's Top 100 Best Places to Live. In determining the list, Money Magazine used an extensive formula based on an analysis of numerous quality-of-life criteria. In addition, they interviewed local officials as well as visited the candidate cities. Ultimately they determined Ellisville was worthy of this distinction. According to the August issue of Money Magazine, "Schools are well-regarded, and the town has a new community pool and eight parks linked by an extensive trail system." Extensive resident services and park activities were other factors considered. As the only City within St. Louis County to be chosen for this list, and one of only one hundred nationwide, this selection is a great honor. The article can be view accessed online via Money Magazine's web site at <http://money.cnn.com/magazines/moneymag/bplive/2009/>.



Ellisville Police Officer Angela Walsh provides certified instruction on proper car seat installation.

MAYOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends and Neighbors,
If you haven't heard, I am proud to say that Ellisville was ranked number 25 on CNN/Money Magazine's top 100 best places to live for 2009. This is a great honor, and every resident should be proud that our City has been acknowledged in this way. No other City in St. Louis County made the list. When the Money Magazine

reporters first contacted me several months ago, they indicated only that we were being considered for this honor. However, the more they learned about our great City, the better our chances got, – and in fact we went all the way up to number 25! One particular issue came up in almost all of our discussions, and that is the sense of community that we have here in the City. We have many wonderful amenities, but a truly great place to live has many intangible qualities that come from the friendly and accommodating nature of its residents. I would like to once again thank the City Council, City staff, our local businesses, and each and every resident for all that you do to make Ellisville a great place to live.

Now that summer is wrapping up, I hope everyone got a chance to use the new Edge Aquatic Center. Many of the residents I've talked with have really enjoyed having a pool in Bluebird Park again. In addition, our July 4th celebration was a hit as always, and we even enjoyed great weather this year! The City also re-dedicated the Lafayette War Memorial on July the Fourth. With participation from all of the Lafayette area communities, fraternal organizations, active military, fire districts and police departments; the event was almost as moving as the memorial itself. Next time you are in Bluebird Park, visit the memorial.

Let me offer my gratitude to the neighborhoods that hosted National Night Out parties this year. National Night Out is always a great opportunity to get out and mingle with your neighbors, while at the same time keeping our streets safe. Coming this fall the City has replaced the Harvest Festival with a new and exciting community activity called Rock 'N Run. The new Rock 'N Run will feature a 5k run/walk, along with music, food, and other activities in Bluebird Park. We are always looking to improve our city-sponsored activities in response to resident feedback, and I think you will all enjoy this new event.

Speaking of resident feedback, I wanted to offer a quick plug for the City's web site. Based on the results of our recent Citizen Survey, more of you are using the web site than ever before. In addition to being a great informational resource, our web site offers a simple way to submit questions, comments, and issues to City staff. As Council members we certainly enjoy gathering feedback from residents, but I know it is often more convenient to do things electronically these days. Please do not hesitate to use these tools – whether it's positive or negative, feedback from our residents helps us to make the City better.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Lieutenant Josh Dawson of the Ellisville Police Department on his graduation from the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Lieutenant Dawson was one of a handful of law enforcement personnel from around the world accepted into this prestigious program. In addition, Captain Frank Kenney also graduated from the program in 2007. This is just another example of what a fine Police Department we have, and the City Council and I appreciate all they do in the name of keeping our residents safe.

Until next time,
Mayor Matt
Mpirrello@brick.net

APRIL 6, 2010 GENERAL ELECTION

An election will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, to elect a council member from each of the three Districts. Any Ellisville resident wishing to become a candidate for the office of Council Member may do so by filing an application in writing with the City Clerk, or in her absence with the City Manager, at the Ellisville City Hall, 1 Weis Avenue, between the hours of 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 15, 2009, and 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 19, 2010, with the following exceptions: City Hall will be closed on Thursday, December 24, 2009, Friday, December 25, 2009, Thursday, December 31, 2009, Friday, January 1, 2010, and closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 18, 2010.

Applicants for the office of Council Member must be at least 21 years of age. Additionally, all applicants must: (1) be a qualified

voter in accordance with State Statutes; (2) be a resident of the City of Ellisville for one year preceding the election; and (3) not owe any unpaid taxes to the City of Ellisville.

Shortly before voting day, polling places will be published in the *West News Magazine* and all registered voters should receive postcard notification of your polling place from the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners. If you have not already registered to vote, you may do so at all motor vehicle registration offices, at most State offices, at Ellisville City Hall, or by mail with the appropriate form. For more information regarding registration, or for the location of your nearest registration site, call the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners (314-615-1800). March 10, 2010, is the last day to register to vote in the April 2010 election.

DON'T THROW IT AWAY – RECYCLE

Did you know that in the City of Ellisville we recycle about half as much material as we throw away? Thus far in 2009, we have generated 987.18 tons of trash while we recycled 455.62 tons of recycling material.

The information below details the accepted commingled recycling material. Please do your part to help the environment and recycle whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Accepted Commingled Containers List:

- ✓ Aluminum cans, trays & foil (trays and foil must be cleaned)
- ✓ Aseptic packaging & gable top containers (milk and juice cartons)
- ✓ Steel cans and tins (including aerosol cans)
- ✓ Glass bottles and jars (clear, brown, and green)
- ✓ NO window glass, dinnerware, or ceramics.

Plastics:

- ✓ #1 PET soda, water, & flavored beverage bottles (clear and green)
- ✓ #2 HDPE milk & juice jugs (clear)
- ✓ #2 HDPE detergent & fabric softener containers (colored)
- ✓ #3 PVC narrow neck containers only (health & beauty aid products, household cleaners)
- ✓ #4 LDPE grocery containers (margarine tubs, frozen dessert cups, six and twelve pack rings.)
- ✓ #5 PP grocery containers (yogurt cups and narrow neck syrup and ketchup bottles)

- ✓ #7 Plastic narrow neck containers only. plastic buckets, such as kitty litter buckets (5 gallon max).
Check for the recycling symbol on the bottom of the container. #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, and #7 are accepted.

Accepted Residential Paper Fiber List:

If the paper tears recycle it...newspaper, including inserts (remove plastic sleeves) cardboard, kraft (brown paper) bags, pizza boxes, receipts, message notes, instruction manuals, magazines, catalogs, & telephone books, office & computer paper, carbonless forms, brochures, file folders, notebook, school papers (no metal clips, spirals, ring binders), food boxes, gift boxes, cereal boxes, carrier stock (soda, beer can carrying cases) mail and junk mail with envelopes, paperback books (no hard cover books.) gift wrapping paper, etc.

Container Criteria

- ✓ All containers are to be empty and rinsed.
- ✓ No motor oil, insecticide, herbicide or hazardous chemical containers.
- ✓ Return plastic bags to grocery or department store.
- ✓ No plastic film (no plastic sheets, tarps, or wrap)

City staff will continue to look for opportunities to improve the trash/recycling service. If you have any questions regarding the City's trash/recycling program, please call 636-227-9660.

CITY TEAMS UP FOR ELECTRONIC RECYCLING DAY NOVEMBER 7, 2009

The City of Ellisville, City of Ballwin, Web Innovations & Technology Services (WITS), a non-for-profit organization, and Lone Wolf Coffee Company have teamed up for an electronics recycling day.

Area residents can recycle their electronics and household appliances beginning at 9:00 a.m. on a first-come, first-served basis on Saturday, November 7, 2009.

The recycling collection site will be at North Pointe Family Aquatic Center located at 335 Holloway Road.

Fees: Monitors/Screens/Laptops and appliances larger than a microwave are \$5 to recycle. Televisions are \$10 for less than 24", \$15 for 24" to 40" and \$20 for console and big screen televisions. All donations, fees and costs are tax deductible.

Accepted items:

- Computers, laptops, monitors (\$5 fee), printers, cables and peripherals (keyboards, mice, etc.)
- Network equipment, telecommunications, phones and clocks

- TV's (\$10-\$20 fee), VCR, stereos and like audio/video/satellite/cable equipment
- Home electronics, blenders and toasters
- All white goods, washers, dryers, dishwashers, furnaces and A/C equipment (\$5 fee)
- Electrical, cabling, and communication equipment
- Lawn equipment, tools, old mowers and tillers
- Old motors, transformers, and all electrical equipment
- Car and lead-containing batteries
- CD's, VHS, DVD's, cassettes, DAT and all types of software

Absolutely no paints, tires chemical/hazardous or wood products will be accepted.

Business and residents can also request a low-cost pickup. For more information e-mail recycle@ballwin.mo.us or call 636-227-8580. For information regarding WITS visit www.witsinc.org, e-mail rdavis@witsinc.org, or call 314-382-1650.

FALL BRUSH CHIPPING

The Fall Brush Chipping program will begin in October. Residents who wish to participate in the program should place their brush and tree trimmings by the road no later than the Sunday night prior to the scheduled pick-up date. The Public Works crew will spend two weeks in each district.

- Because of time constraints, they will not be able to return to a street after the brush pick-up is completed.
- Limbs should be cut in four to 12-foot lengths and can be no thicker than four inches in diameter.
- Trash, thorny material, bushes with stumps or trees with stumps, leaves and grass, wood with nails or wire in it, dirt or rocks will not be chipped or picked up. These items are dangerous and may cause damage to the tub grinding equipment used to make mulch, or may injure an employee.

The brush drop-off/mulch pick-up area has been relocated from Bluebird Park to the new Public Works Facility located at 553 Old State Road. Trimmings (not entire trees) can be dropped off here from dawn to dusk, Monday through Sunday. The brush chipping program is only for individual homeowners to discard their tree trimmings. This program is not for land clearing operations, removal of entire trees or commercial business use of any kind. Mulch will also be available for pick-up from dawn to dusk, Monday through Sunday.

Please call the Public Works Department if you have questions regarding the brush collection program at 636-591-6666 or visit the City's website at www.ellisville.mo.us.

Directions to the new Public Works Facility at 553 Old State Road:

- Take Manchester Road to Old State Road
- Turn South on Old State Road
- Turn right on Pierside Industrial Drive (next to the cell phone tower/Flagpole)
- Turn left at the three way stop
- The Ellisville Public Works Facility will be on the right

2009 Fall Brush Chipping Schedule

District 1	October 19
District 2	November 2
District 3	October 5

FALL LEAF PROGRAM



The Public Works crew will begin the 2009 Fall Leaf Collection during November. Residents who wish to take the opportunity and clear the leaves off their property may rake the leaves in rows to the gutter or ditch line (please keep leaves out of the curb line.) Please remove rocks, glass, branches or other hard materials. Such items are harmful to city equipment and may injure an employee during collection. Due to various sizes of piles, we cannot specify the exact time or date collection on a particular street will occur. Please have your leaves out the weekend before your area is scheduled for pick up. The Public Works Department will make two pickups. Check the schedule below for dates in your district. Please remember this service will be contingent upon weather conditions.

2009 Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

District 1	November 9 and December 2
District 2	November 16 and December 9
District 3	November 2 and November 23

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Christmas trees can be dropped off at the Public Works Facility located at 553 Old State Road in the area designated "mulch/brush drop-off area" beginning January 1 through January 31, 2010. If you are unable to drop off your tree, the Public Works Department will pick it up at your residence. Place your tree along the side of the road in front of your home prior to the beginning date for pickup in your district. Only one pass will be made through each district. The trees will be chipped and made into mulch material. The mulch will be available at the Public Works Facility in the area designated "mulch/brush drop-off area" for use by Ellisville residents.

Christmas Tree Disposal Schedule

District 1	January 7
District 2	January 5
District 3	January 6

ELLISVILLE AWARDED BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLANNING SERVICES GRANT

The City of Ellisville has been awarded funding for an 80% subsidized Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan. As one of seven communities selected in a competitive grant process, Ellisville will receive planning and support from Trailnet and SWT Design to develop a community plan for a more walkable and bikeable community. Trailnet leveraged funding for this program through federal transportation enhancement funding, administered by the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and the East West Gateway Council of Governments. For more information please visit www.trailnet.org.

WHY DO WE NEED A BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN?

The choices we make are limited by the choices we have available. Transportation choices are no exception. When people don't feel safe walking or biking on the streets, or are afraid to let their children walk to school, transportation options are limited to higher cost options like driving a car. In America today, half of all trips are within a 20-minute bike ride distance, and a quarter of all trips are within a 20-minute walking distance. However, the overwhelming majority of these trips are taken by automobile.

As we build and re-build cities in the 21st century we must provide opportunities for people to lead healthy and active lifestyles. If we build our cities to accommodate walking and biking as viable choices for getting around, we can build physical activity into daily activities, resulting in healthier people, higher quality of life, and more vibrant cities. People who use alternate forms of transportation can help reduce congestion and other environmental problems.



HOW CAN WE MAKE OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SAFER?

Communities can be planned and renovated to allow safe walking and biking, making the healthy choice the easy choice. Trailnet is partnering with communities throughout the region to create master plans that will improve existing walkways and bikeways, or create new ones, connecting people to schools, parks, transit, shopping, and other local and regional destinations.

NEIGHBORHOODS CELEBRATE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The "26th Annual National Night Out" (NNO) was held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4. Six neighborhoods participated in Ellisville's National Night Out making this year's event the most successful since the City started participating in 1995.

A family from Clayton Oaks barbecued hot dogs for those attending, and many of the families in the area visited with neighbors. Covert Lane, Hunters Glen, and Mockingbird Park (Cherry Hills) held ice cream socials. A family residing on Cherry Hills Drive served barbecue, and all attending enjoyed good conversation and games. Clarkson Pines served finger foods and deserts, and conducted a kid's bicycle decorating contest, and bag decorating contest filled with school supplies. These bags will be donated to the charitable organization Circle of Concern. Winners of the bike decorating contest were: 1st place Megan Armstrong, 2nd place Lindsay Armstrong, and 3rd place Sarah Locke. Winners of the bag decorating contest were Brian and Nancy



Armstrong. The contests were judged by Mayor Matt Pirrello, City Manager Kevin Bookout, Council Member Michelle Murray and Chief Tom Felgate. Council Member Clark Compton, Captain Frank Kenney, Sergeant Nancy Walker, Officers George Corless, John Rakonick, and Brian Bardle visited with the residents, and gave out much appreciated NNO fans, and stickers. (Kudos to Sergeant Nancy Walker, who through much time and effort, organized NNO, making this the most successful one yet.)

If your neighborhood did not participate this year, remember, National Night Out is held every year on the first Tuesday in August, so start planning for next year! It only takes one enthusiastic volunteer to encourage those in his/her neighborhood to take part in National Night Out.

Winners of the bike decorating contest: 1st place Megan Armstrong, 2nd place Lindsay Armstrong, and 3rd place Sarah Locke pose with Council Member Michelle Murray, Chief Tom Felgate and Mayor Matt Pirrello during NNO.

CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY SESSION ANNOUNCED

The Ellisville Police Department in conjunction with the Eureka Police Department will conduct an eight-week Citizens' Police Academy on Thursday evenings from 7 – 9 p.m. beginning September 17th. Registrations will be accepted after this date if there are vacancies. The course will cover history of policing, role of the police officer, SWAT, K-9, criminal law, patrol, self defense, domestic violence, crime scene investigation, crime prevention, and firearms safety. A hands-on firearms course will be conducted at the firearms range.

The Academy will be open to approximately twenty-five Ellisville and Eureka residents or persons employed within the

two cities and twenty-one years of age or older. Individuals with assault, weapons, or narcotics convictions or other nonviolent felony convictions within the past 15 years will not be admitted to the Academy. All applicants are subject to background checks. There is no fee for the classes.

Applications are available at the Ellisville Police Department, or at www.ellisville.mo.us. Please deliver or mail your completed application to the Ellisville Police Department, 37 Weis Ave. If you have any questions, please contact Captain Kenney at 636-227-7777 (fkenney@ellisville.mo.us).

LETTERS TO SANTA

While parents may feel it's too early to even think about Christmas, many kids are already making their lists. This holiday season, Ellisville Parks and Recreation has a direct line to Santa himself and will be answering letters from boys and girls who write him at:

SANTA

Attn: Ellisville Parks &
Recreation Dept.
225 Kiefer Creek Road
Ellisville, MO 63021



Since the Post Office gets busy during the holidays, please send letters along with a self-addressed stamped envelope beginning Monday, November 16th through Friday, December 11th. To help Santa out even more, please include your name, names of any siblings or pets you have, your Christmas list, and any other information you would like Santa to know. Santa looks forward to hearing from you.

SNOW REMOVAL

With winter just around the corner, it is again time to remind our residents that the City Municipal Code Section 365.080 prohibits any person from parking any vehicle on any public street in the City of Ellisville at any time within twelve (12) hours after a snowfall of two (2) inches or more has occurred. During this time, parked vehicles can impede the Public Works Department trucks and create additional hazards which delay street cleaning. Your help in keeping the street clear is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions regarding parking, traffic laws, speed zones or snow routes, please contact the Ellisville Police Department at (636) 227-7777 V/TDD.

HALF CENT SALES TAX

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

The City is currently reconstructing Vero Lane starting at Clarkson Road all the way to the end. These improvements include replacement of the existing street with a new 26' wide asphalt street with concrete curbs, gutters, a new storm water system, removal and replacement of driveway approaches and other miscellaneous items such as grading and sodding. Prior to construction, the Laclede Gas Company installed a new gas main and the Missouri American Water Company installed a new water main.

The City is also finalizing the design of street improvements and coordinating utility relocations for Fairview Drive, Hilltop Lane and Debula Drive. These projects are scheduled for construction in 2010. The City is also designing street improvements on Marsh Avenue east of Clarkson Road, and Rojean Drive. These projects are scheduled for construction in 2011. The City will be contacting all residents impacted by these projects to discuss the proposed improvements and/or schedules for completion of the work.

These projects are being completed using the half cent sales tax which was approved by voters of the City of Ellisville on November 7, 1995. The City of Ellisville would like to thank all of the residents impacted by the current projects for their patience and cooperation during these improvements.

If you would like additional information on the half cent sales tax storm water projects, please contact John Collins, Assistant City Engineer, at 636-227-9660.



Vero Lane Re-construction

SERVICE REQUESTS, CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS

There are many ways residents can contact City Hall if they have a city-related request, concern or question. Calling City Hall at 636-227-9660 is the quickest way to get an answer to your question or to resolve a problem. Another quick option is to access the city's website, www.ellisville.mo.us, and complete a Service Request/Comment Form online. This method delivers the completed form immediately to the appropriate department. The Service Request Form below can be mailed or delivered to City Hall, 1 Weis Ave. Ellisville, MO 63011. Simply complete the form by providing a brief description of the request and the location. Fill in your name, address, and daytime number so that we may keep you informed. However, if you wish to remain anonymous, please contact a Council Member. Staff is not permitted to take anonymous complaints.

Service Request Form

If you have a city-related request or question, please complete the form below. Provide a brief description of the request and the location. Fill in your name, address, and daytime number so that we may keep you informed. Mail or deliver to City Hall, 1 Weis Ave. Ellisville, MO 63011

Please indicate your problem by marking the appropriate box:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Speeding | <input type="checkbox"/> Sidewalk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illegal parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Dogs Barking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Litter | <input type="checkbox"/> Weeds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Trimming | <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian Trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Sign | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Street Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Street Light |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abandoned Vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise Nuisance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Signal |

Brief Description (or other problem not listed)

Location of Problem

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Daytime Phone _____

BLUEBIRD PARK HONEYSUCKLE REMOVAL DAY

The Ellisville Park Board is coordinating a honeysuckle removal day in Bluebird Park on Saturday, November 7 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. Honeysuckle is a non-native, invasive plant that takes over in wooded areas and chokes out any growth of new native plants and small trees. If you are 14 years of age or older and interested in working for service hours or want to help preserve Bluebird Park, please join the Ellisville Park Board for a morning of work in Bluebird Park. If you are interested, call the Park Office at 636-227-7508 or e-mail jtaylor@ellisville.mo.us.

BLUEBIRD PARK NATURE WALKS

Bluebird Park is beautiful in the fall and a perfect time to take your group, club or troop on a nature walk to learn about the trees, vegetation and wildlife in the park. Park Board member John Ruprecht will lead your group and provide interesting facts about what you see along the way. The Nature Walks can be modified to fit your group's interest and requirements. If your group is interested, contact Jenny at (636) 227-7508 to make arrangements.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Children of all ages, come join Santa from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, December 5th at the Park Administration Center for a morning of holiday cheer! Juice and donuts will be provided so come out and enjoy all of the holiday festivities. Fee is \$3.00 per child, children; ages one and under are free. Contact the Park Office at 636-227-7508 for additional information.



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LAFAYETTE WAR MEMORIAL REDEDICATION CEREMONY

On Saturday, July 4th, the Lafayette Area cities hosted the rededication of the newly completed Lafayette War Memorial located in Bluebird Park. Representatives from all five branches of the U.S. military participated in the ceremony and two soldiers from the Lafayette area who gave their lives in Operation Iraqi Freedom were honored, Army Specialist Peter Navarro, and Marine Lance Corporal Matthew Pathenos. Photos from the ceremony are shown below.

