

City of Ellisville



Trailblazer

Summer 2011

Ellisville's Annual Fourth of July Celebration

The City of Ellisville will host its Annual Fourth of July Celebration in Bluebird Park on Monday, July 4th. Festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m., and will last until 10:45 p.m. The public is invited to bring their families and friends to enjoy a festive evening of fun, music, food, and fireworks in the beautiful surroundings of Bluebird Park.

Beginning at 6:00 p.m., there will be a wide selection of food and drinks including: ice cream, snow cones, funnel cakes, hot dogs, and brats (just to name a few); which will all be available for a nominal fee. In addition to food and fireworks, there will also be interactive games for fairgoers of all ages. New this year is the Dual Slide, Inflate-A-Hoops, Slide Bounce Combo and the Rock Climbing Wall that will run from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Annual Independence Day Ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m. on the Amphitheatre Stage with the Ellisville Police Department presenting the Colors. Immediately following the ceremony, everyone's favorite oldies band "Sh-Boom" is



coming back by popular demand and will play until 9:25 p.m. The band will be followed by the final countdown to the most celebrated fireworks show in the area at 9:30 p.m. Sh-Boom will resume playing until 10:45 p.m.

Shuttle bus services will run to and from Bluebird Park every 15 minutes, beginning at 5:30 p.m., and ending at 11:00 p.m. The two points of departure are: Cooper-Bussmann, located at 114 Old State Road, and Fru-Con, at the northwest corner of the Clarkson and Clayton intersection.

The only parking permitted in Bluebird Park during the celebration is reserved for vendors and persons with disabilities. If you are a vendor or a person with a disability and wish to park in Bluebird Park, please be aware that vehicular traffic will not be allowed to leave the park until all foot traffic has been cleared.

Please note that Bluebird Park will close at 3:00 p.m. for set-up.

The July 4th Celebration will offer a fun-filled evening of fun, music, food, and a tremendous firework show. Everyone is welcome to attend! For questions or to request more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (636) 227-7508.

Please note that limited seating will be available and no glass bottles or pets will be allowed in the park during the celebration.

See pages 7 and 8 for Fourth of July Traffic Regulations

MAYOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

On April 14th, the City celebrated its 30th anniversary as a Tree City at the annual Arbor Day Ceremony in Bluebird Park. There was a great turnout of residents, City staff and fourth graders from St. John Lutheran School. Perry Eckhardt, Urban Forester with the Missouri Department of Conservation, provided an educational, interactive presentation about the importance of trees, and a number of children presented poems they had written about trees. At the conclusion of the ceremony, each person in attendance was given a sapling to take home and plant.

On June 2nd the City opened the second phase of the playground located in Bluebird Park, which was funded through a grant with the St. Louis County Municipal Park Grant Commission. This expansion more than doubles the size of the playground area and includes a play structure as well as a swing set and softile

FARMERS MARKET

The Ellisville Community Farmers Market started the season on Thursday, June 2nd in Bluebird Park, 225 Kiefer Creek Road. The market will be open rain or shine from 4-7 p.m. every Thursday through October.

The market will feature BBQ, local beer and wine, cheese, and live music. There will also be a Children's Market again this year. Look for lots of fresh, local produce and handmade, homemade artisan goods!

The market is a "producer only" market. Vendor goods must be handmade, homemade, homegrown products and/or locally branded food items. The market features local farmers, producers and artisans by supplying our community with seasonal, local food and unique artisan

surfacing. When you have a chance, come out and enjoy our new amenity.

Thanks to the voters of Ellisville for the passage in April of the ½ cent capital improvement sales tax proposition. This additional revenue will not only allow the City to continue with the much needed concrete street reconstruction projects within our neighborhoods, but it will also provide for the continuation of the high quality services our community has come to appreciate. Also, in an effort to ensure our future economic sustainability, the City Council is taking a proactive approach to the transition of vacant and underutilized commercial property along the Manchester Road corridor and to the implementation of the Great Streets master plan vision.

Once again, the City will be hosting our Independence Day celebration in Bluebird Park on July 4th. Specific schedule information is provided on Page 1. Please join us for another great evening of food, music, activities and fireworks.

'til next time...

Mayor Matt

goods. This year we will have local honey, fresh cut bouquets of flowers, organic eggs, meat, herbs, jams and jellies. New this year will be fair trade organic coffee that is locally roasted. Other offerings include yarn and wool, homemade soaps, dog treats, crocheted, knitted items and handmade jewelry.

The Children's Market will be full of activities for the little sprouts, and live music is scheduled every week for market visitors. Sarah's Cake Stop truck will be offering gourmet cupcakes, and local chefs will be providing cooking demonstrations. In addition to our finger licking BBQ, Chef Timothy Grandinetti, of The Station Restaurant at Overlook Farm, will be serving grinders, sandwiches and sides along with some vegetarian options.

If you would like to be a vendor or volunteer, please visit the market website for contact information, updates and schedules of special events at <http://ellisvillefarmersmarket.org> and follow us on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/ellisvillefarmersmarket>



Ellisville's Third Annual 5K Run/Walk Will Benefit the Special Operations Warrior Foundation

The City of Ellisville Parks and Recreation Department is hosting its third annual 5K Run/Walk in Bluebird Park on Saturday, October 8th at 8:30 a.m. Proceeds from the run will go to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation charity, which provides scholarships to children of fallen special operations military personnel, and financial assistance for families to be with wounded special operations personnel. Pre-registration will be \$25.00 and \$30.00 the day of the race. Participants can register online at www.getmegregistered.com, by mail, or at the Ellisville Parks Administration Center. To download the 5K registration form or for more information, please visit us online at www.ellisville.mo.us.



Concerts in the Park

The City of Ellisville's Parks and Recreation Department will host its Annual Summer Concert Series in Bluebird Park on Thursday evenings. All concerts are free and open to the public. The series began on June 2nd, and will run through Thursday, July 28th with concerts beginning at 7:00 p.m., and ending at 9:00 p.m.; Thursday, August 4th and August 11th have been designated as rain dates. Everyone is encouraged to bring a lawn chair and concerts are held on the Amphitheater Stage. For more information, please contact the Park Administration Center at (636) 227-7508.

2011 Summer Concert Schedule

June 2	Billy Peek - Sponsored by <i>West Newsmagazine</i>
June 9	Erin Bode Group
June 16	Steve Leslie
June 23	Hudson and The Hoo Doo Cats
July 4	Sh-Boom – Sponsored by First Baptist Church of Ellisville
July 7	Klose'Nuff – Sponsored by Beuckman Ford Inc.
July 14	Leland's Road
July 21	Tim Cunningham
July 28	Ralph Butler Band – Sponsored by The Fountains of West County

Movie in the Park

Remember the good ol' days when you could catch a picture show at the drive-in? Well, now you can!

The Ellisville Parks and Recreation Department will be showing *Toy Story 3* on Friday, September 16th on the Amphitheatre Stage in Bluebird Park; movie begins after dark. Admission is free!

Half Cent Sales Tax Improvement Project Update

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK...

The City is currently in the process of reconstructing Fairview Drive from Hilltop Lane to its dead end. These improvements will include removal of the existing street and replacement with a new 26' wide asphalt street with concrete curbs and gutters, modifications and installation of a new storm water system including water quality structures, removal and replacement of driveway approaches and other miscellaneous items such as grading and sodding.

In anticipation of the street reconstruction work, several utility companies relocated or installed new facilities. This included installation of a new gas main by the Laclede Gas Company, installation of a new water main by the Missouri American Water Company, relocation of a power pole by Ameren UE and relocation of a phone line by AT & T.



Ameren UE Relocation Work



*Laclede Gas Company Relocation
Work on Fairview Drive*

The City is also in the process of finalizing the design of street improvements and coordinating utility relocations for Marsh Avenue east of Clarkson Road, Rojean Drive from New Ballwin Road to its dead end and Salem Way between Reinke Road and Barbara Ann Lane. These projects are scheduled for construction in 2012 and 2013. The City has also begun the design of improvements on Froesel Drive between Clarkson Road and Vega Drive. This project is scheduled for construction in 2014. 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 under the half cent sales tax which was approved by voters of the City of Ellisville on November 7, 1995. Also, the capital improvement sales tax passed by Ellisville voters this past April will allow additional Ellisville streets to be reconstructed and maintained. City officials 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 street projects, please contact John Collins, Assistant City Engineer, at (636) 227-9660 V/TDD.

Pooch Plunge

Get ready for the plunge! You and your canine can stop by for an evening of fun and plunge into our pool! Owners and dogs can paddle, swim, run and play at their leisure at The Edge Aquatic Center on Thursday, September 8th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Handlers must bring a copy of current vet's rabies vaccination record for each dog. Handlers must be at least 18 years old. Limit of two dogs per handler, and no puppies under five months old. Fees and additional information will be available in the upcoming months at www.ellisville.mo.us.

*All proceeds to benefit the development of a Dog Park in Ellisville.



Doing the Dog Paddle!

EDGE Aquatic Center
4th of JULY
SPECIAL HOURS
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Bluebird Park Playground Makeover

The City of Ellisville renovated the existing playground in Bluebird Park with the help of a grant through the Municipal Parks Grant Commission. The grant covered approximately 95% of the \$196,000 worth of improvements. The new playground opened on June 2nd.

The previous playground was installed as part of a Municipal Park Grant in 2008 which included a restroom and small playground. This project included a playground, softile surface, a transitional concrete seating area between the two playgrounds and the installation of a swing set with softiles underneath. The playground project also included a black aluminum fence to match the existing playground fence. The new playground provides the additional play area necessary to accommodate the many children that utilize Bluebird Park.

Photograph taken during construction – May 2011



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Ellisville Blood Drive
June 30th from 3 pm – 7 pm at
Ellisville Park Administration Building,
225 Kiefer Creek Road

All presenting blood donors will be automatically entered into a sweepstakes drawing for the following Music City getaway: An expense paid trip for two to Nashville, Tennessee for a two-night stay at Gaylord's Opryland Hotel, two VIP passes to the Grand Ole Opry, a backstage tour at the Opry House (based on availability at time of travel) and one \$300 Visa Gift Card.

For your convenience, you may now schedule blood donation appointments online at www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code: ellisvillecity. Donors may subscribe to Red Cross texting by sending *redcross* to 42227 or registering online at www.redcrossblood.org.

How to Donate Blood:

Donors can call 1-800-RED CROSS or log on to www.redcrossblood.org for more information or to schedule a blood donation appointment. All blood types are needed to ensure the Red Cross maintains an adequate blood supply. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Donors must be in general good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 17 years old (16 with completed Parental Consent Form). New height and weight restrictions apply to donors younger than 19. Visit www.redcrossblood.org to learn more.

If you have any questions about the City of Ellisville's Blood Drive, please contact Sherri Klekamp via email at sklekkamp@ellisville.mo.us or by phone at (636) 227-7508.

Swimming Under the Stars

Come join us as we swim under the stars! The Ellisville Parks and Recreation Department will be holding two evening swims, which will give patrons the opportunity to swim under the stars and to see how spectacular The Edge Aquatic Center looks at night.

The two dates are Friday, June 24th and Friday, August 12th from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Gates will open at 8:00 p.m. and the cost is free for Season Pool Pass Members and \$2.00 for Resident I.D. Members and Non-Season Pool Pass Members.

Children 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult. For questions or to request more information, contact Parks and Recreation Department at (636) 227-7508.

Recently Enacted Ordinances

The following amendments have recently been made to the Ellisville Municipal Code which may have an impact on your residence. PLEASE NOTE the effective dates. If you have any questions, please contact City Clerk Kate Demeter at (636) 227-9660 x 3039 or by email kate@ellisville.mo.us.

- It has been in the Code for many years that if you have a boat, trailer, or camper parked or stored at your home for more than twenty-four (24) hours, it must be parked or stored in the driveway or behind the front building line. Effective October 2010, no stand-alone trailer is allowed to be parked in the street between the hours of dusk and dawn. After January 1, 2012, if you do park or store your boat, trailer or camper behind the front building line, you must park/store it on an improved, non-gravel surface.
- Effective January 1, 2012, no automobile, truck or other motor vehicle shall be parked for any period of time in the front yard, rear yard or in the side yard of any residential building unless said automobile, truck or other motor vehicle is parked on an improved, non-gravel surface.

Service Requests, Concerns or Questions

There are many avenues residents can take 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 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:

<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 _____

Fourth of July Traffic Regulations

1. Traffic flow on Kiefer Creek Road will not be interrupted in either direction until approximately 9:30 p.m. at which time the northbound lane of Kiefer Creek Road at Pierside Lane will be closed to allow for the line-up of the shuttle buses to transport visitors to the various designated parking lots. NOTE: Anyone with a vehicle wishing to leave Bridge Creek Trails, Polo Lakes or Wood Hill subdivisions will be allowed to leave their subdivisions but must detour south on Kiefer Creek Road to Pierside Lane. Police Officers will be directing traffic south at Kiefer Creek Road and onto Pierside Lane.

2. At approximately 9:50 p.m., the southbound lane of Kiefer Creek will be closed from Manchester to the park to all traffic except emergency vehicles. NOTE: Any vehicle needing to leave Carmel Woods or Parkview Estates subdivisions will be allowed to go either direction until 9:30 p.m. and northbound only on Kiefer Creek Road until 9:50 p.m.

3. The roadways will be reopened as soon as the pedestrian traffic has cleared enough to make it reasonably safe; this should be around 11:00 p.m., but pedestrian safety will dictate the actual reopening time of the roadway.

4. Residents walking to and from Bluebird Park from Polo Lakes and The Oaks subdivisions are asked to use the sidewalk on Kiefer Creek Road to Woodhill, then the paved trail connecting the park to Woodhill and avoid walking on Kiefer Creek Road to the park. The trail is lighted and patrolled by police for your safety.



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4TH OF JULY TRAFFIC CONTINUED

This trail will be closed to pedestrian traffic five minutes before the fireworks begin and will reopen five minutes after the final discharge for safety reasons.

Dive-In Movie Night

Looking for a family outing before school begins? The Ellisville Parks and Recreation Department will be showing a family movie at The Edge Aquatic Center located in Bluebird Park on Friday, August 13th; movie begins approximately at dark. Children 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Gates will open at 8:15 p.m. and the cost is \$2.00/per person. Movie will be announced at a later date, please watch for details at The Edge Aquatic Center, City Hall, the Park Administration Center or visit us online at www.ellisville.mo.us.

Hunters Education Course

The Ellisville Parks and Department is holding a Hunters Education Course on Tuesday evenings from August 30th through October 4th, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Park Administration Center in Bluebird Park. Registration is required, but there is no charge.

Hunter education provides a foundation in hunting safety and ethics that help hunters focus on more than just being successful in the pursuit of game. This course is recommended for motivated students ages 14 and up with good reading and comprehension skills that have some firearm and hunting knowledge or experience. Students 11 and older may be tested and certified in this course. At the end of the class, students will take a written examination in which 80% is needed to pass the course.

In order to attend this class you will need to register at <http://my.register-ed.com/event/studentchooseevent>.

For questions or to request more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (636) 227-7508.

