

City of Ellisville



Trailblazer

Summer 2012

Ellisville's Annual Independence Day Celebration



The City of Ellisville will host its Annual Independence Day Celebration in Bluebird Park on Wednesday, July 4. Festivities will begin at 6 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 p.m., there will be a wide selection of food and drinks including: shaved ice, funnel cakes, hot dogs, brats, and ice cream (just to name a few) which will all be available for a nominal fee. In addition to food and fireworks, there will be interactive games for fairgoers of all ages. New this year is the Giant Dual Slide, Fast Pitch, and USA Rocket Bounce. The Rock Climbing Wall will be back again this year. All of these games will run from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

The Annual Independence Day Ceremony will begin at 8 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 final countdown to

the most celebrated fireworks show in the area will start at 9:30 p.m. At the conclusion of the fireworks, 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 p.m. The two points of departure are: Cooper-Bussmann, located at 114 Old State Road, and FCC Corporation (formerly known as Fru-Con), at the northwest corner of Clarkson/Clayton.

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 refer to Page 2 of this Issue for Fourth of July Traffic Regulations. Also, please note that Bluebird Park will close at 3 p.m. for set-up. The EDGE Aquatic Center hours that day will be 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The July 4th Celebration will offer a fun-filled evening of music, food, and a tremendous firework show. Everyone is welcome to attend!

For questions or to request more information, please 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.

Mayor's Corner



Dear Ellisville Residents,

Summer is upon us and our City's staff has worked diligently to provide various wonderful events to enjoy. The Ellisville Community Farmers' Market is now open every Thursday from 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. so please stop by and support our local farmers, food artisans, crafters and musicians.

I look forward to seeing you at the 'Concerts in the Park' series at Bluebird Park amphitheatre every Thursday starting in June. Staff has put together a terrific line-up of musicians for residents of all ages to enjoy. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs and picnic baskets.

Don't forget about our Annual Independence Day Celebration where fireworks will again light up the sky.

Please visit our EDGE Aquatic Center this summer where you can soak up the sun while making new friends.

If you are looking to save money this summer, don't forget that the City offers mulch. You can pick up mulch at our Public Works Facility on Old State Road. Come and help yourselves!

Whatever you choose to do this summer, please be safe and enjoy!

Kind Regards,

Mayor Adam Paul

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 Lake or Woodhill 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 Road will be closed from Manchester Road 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 p.m., but pedestrian safety will dictate the actual reopening time of the roadway.

4. Residents walking to and from Bluebird Park from Polo Lake 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.

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



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Donors participating in a Red Cross Blood Drive between May 22 and July 31 will be eligible to win a Gibson guitar, courtesy of The Gibson Foundation. The Red Cross will award multiple guitars and 50,000 guitar picks, co-branded with the Gibson and Red Cross logos, during this campaign. In addition, you'll receive a rock and roll themed t-shirt.

As a special incentive for our young donors, anyone aged 16 - 21 can enter to win a \$5,000 scholarship!

Locally, you may donate blood on Thursday, June 28, from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. in Bluebird Park at the Park Administration Building, 225 Kiefer Creek Road.

To schedule an appointment on-line, please visit www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: ellisvillecity or call 1(800)RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

All blood types are needed to ensure the Red Cross maintains an adequate blood supply. A blood donor card and 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 18 and younger.

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

Citizens' Police Academy Sessions

The Ellisville Police Department will conduct an eight-week Citizens' Police Academy this fall. The course will be held every Thursday from September 6 through October 25 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. and will cover all aspects of policing such as drugs, fingerprinting,

homicide investigations, and firearms safety with practical application of shooting at the police range. Participants will also have the opportunity to ride with a police officer on patrol.

The Academy is open to all Ellisville residents 21 years or older, as well as those working in Ellisville. Individuals with assault, weapons, narcotics convictions or other nonviolent felony convictions will not be admitted. (All applicants will be subject to a background check.) The class is limited to 25 people, so applications should be submitted in a timely manner. There is no fee for this training.

If you wish to participate, an application may be obtained at the Ellisville Police Department, 37 Weis Avenue, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or visit the City's website at www.ellisville.mo.us to print an application. Please return the completed application to the Ellisville Police Department, Attn: Sgt. Nancy Walker. If you have any questions, please contact Sgt. Walker at (636)227-7777 or nwalker@ellisville.mo.us.

St. Louis County Home Improvement Program

Through its Home Improvement Program (HIP), St. Louis County is offering a limited number of Ellisville residents the opportunity to receive financial assistance and technical advice for qualifying home repairs.

On a first-come first-serve basis, qualified residents will receive a forgivable loan of up to \$5,000. A County employee will also help the homeowner select the most appropriate repair, bid out the project, review contracts, and then perform a final inspection of the repair.

Applicant Requirements

To be eligible for the HIP the applicant must:

- Meet the low-moderate income guidelines listed on the following page
- Be the owner and occupant of the property
- Be current on their mortgage payments and property taxes
- Be a first-time participant in the County's HIP

Eligible Repairs

Approved repairs or replacements necessary to maintain minimum housing code standards are eligible. Examples of eligible repairs include plumbing, electrical, roofing, heating and cooling, concrete, and tree trimming.

Terms and Conditions

Homeowners will be required to sign a five-year Forgivable Loan Agreement. As long as the homeowner continues to own and occupy the home, there will be an annual deduction of 20 percent of the original amount of the loan.

Although the County will provide assistance, the homeowner must solicit bids and select their own contractor. After the contractor has completed their job and it has passed a final inspection by a County employee, the County will submit a check to the contractor.

Low-Moderate Income Guidelines	
Number of Persons Living in Home (Adults + Children)	Combined Adjusted Gross Income (Up to)
1	\$39,450
2	45,050
3	50,700
4	56,300
5	60,850
6	65,350
7	69,850

For more information or to begin the application process, please contact Rose at (314)615-4025 or Josh at (314)615-8235 or visit <http://www.stlouisco.com/PropertyandRoads/CommunityDevelopment/HomeImprovementProgram>.

Hunters' Education Course



The Ellisville Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a Missouri Conservation Department Hunters' Education Course at the Park Administration Building in Bluebird

Park. The class will be on Tuesday evenings, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., beginning August 28 to October 2.

This course is recommended for motivated students ages 14 years and older with good reading and comprehension skills that have some firearm and hunting experience or knowledge. Students 11 years and older may be tested and certified in this course. Students will take a written exam in which 80 percent is needed to pass the course.

Register online at <http://my.register-ed.com/event/studentchooseevent>. For questions or for additional information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (636)227-7508.

Bluebird Park Summer Concert Series 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

- June 7: Tim Cunningham
- June 14: The Planet Boogie Band
- June 21: Hudson and the Hoo Doo Cats
- June 28: Air National Guard Band of the Central States with Sidewinder
- July 4: Sh-Boom
- July 12: The Giving Tree Band
- July 19: Erin Bode
- July 26: Billy Peek

Rain dates: August 2 & August 9

Swimming Under the Stars

Swimming Under the Stars will take place Friday, June 22 and Friday, August 10 from 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. Gates will open at 8 p.m. and admission is FREE with an EDGE membership and \$2.00 for residents and general public.

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



**Ellisville's Fourth Annual
5K Run/Walk to Benefit**

Special Operations Warrior Foundation

Ellisville's Parks and Recreation Department is hosting its Fourth Annual 5K Run/Walk in Bluebird Park on Saturday, October 6 at 8:30 a.m. Proceeds from the run will go to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, 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 to Ellisville Parks Administration, Attn: 5K Run/Walk, 225 Kiefer Creek Rd., Ellisville, MO 63021, or at the Ellisville Parks Administration Center. For more information or to download the registration form, please visit us online at www.ellisville.mo.us.



Ellisville, the Oldest "Tree City" in Missouri



The Arbor Day Foundation has once again named Ellisville a "Tree City USA" community for its commitment to urban forestry. Ellisville has earned the national designation for 31 years which gives it the distinction of being the oldest continuous Tree City in Missouri.



Pictured in the photo: Former Mayor Matt Pirrello receiving the Tree City Award from Brice Kelso of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Ellisville has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA which include a Tree Board, a Tree-Care Ordinance, a comprehensive Community Forestry Program and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. The City of Ellisville also recognizes the importance of trees to promote a healthier community by filtering the air we breathe, provide vital habitat for wildlife, reduce heat caused by pavement and buildings, increase property values, reduce energy use, and add to the beauty of homes and neighborhoods.

This year's Arbor Day Ceremony was held on Thursday, April 12 and included the reading of poems about trees by the 4th grade classes from St. John Lutheran School. Tree seedlings were given to all in attendance.

EDGE AQUATIC CENTER
Open Daily* 11:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

*Special Hours on July 4th: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Pave the Way to the Ellisville Dog Park!

Council Member Linda Reel and the Ellisville Dog Park Committee are well on their way to raising the funds needed to build an Off-Leash Dog Park in Bluebird Park near the baseball and softball fields. Those wishing to use the Park will be able to purchase an annual membership through the City of Ellisville. Memberships are available for purchase for residents and non-residents. The fees generated from memberships will be used to offset the maintenance costs. To date, the Committee has raised approximately 75 percent of the funds needed to build. The goal is to begin construction this fall.

If you'd like to be part of the effort to make the Ellisville Dog Park a reality, there are several ways to participate:

- Donate at the Park Administration Building in Bluebird Park.
- Purchase a commemorative brick for the Ellisville Dog Park. Prices for bricks start at \$100.
- Join the Dog Park Fundraising Committee.
- Let your dogs play at the Pooch Plunges at the EDGE Aquatic Center, Thursday, September 6 at 5 p.m. and Saturday, September 8 at 9 a.m. Fee is \$3.00 per person and \$7.00 per dog.

For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (636)227-7508.

Ellisville Police Department Special Olympics Missouri Fundraising

This year, Ellisville Police Officers will be participating in fundraising for the 2012 Special Olympics Missouri. Special Olympics Missouri is a sports training and athletic competition program for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Over 15,000 athletes now participate in this year-round program. In addition, more than 1,000 officers from Missouri will carry the torch some 1,000 miles with this Torch Run culminating at the Opening Ceremonies of the State Summer Games

in Columbia on May 29. Tax-deductible donations from individuals, businesses, and organization are what make Special Olympics Missouri possible. Law enforcement's goal statewide for the 2012 Torch Run is to raise more than \$2,176,500.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run has grown each year since its inception in 1986 by the Missouri Police Chiefs Association. "We are proud that Missouri's Torch Run ranks #7 in the world for donated funds," said Ellisville Police Chief Tom Felgate. "We are even more proud that law enforcement is the top fundraising entity for Special Olympics Missouri."

If you choose to show your support for this most worthy cause, please make checks payable to: Special Olympics Missouri and mail to the Ellisville Police Department, 37 Weis Avenue, Ellisville, MO 63011.

Special Olympic T-shirts are also available for sale at the Police Department at a cost of \$10 for short sleeve and \$15 for long sleeve shirts.

Pooch Plunges at the EDGE Aquatic Center in Bluebird Park

The EDGE is going to the dogs again this summer. The Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting Pooche Plunges on Thursday, September 6 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, September 10 from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon.

The EDGE Aquatic Center will be open to dogs and their owners to swim, play and socialize with other well-behaved dogs. Proceeds from these events will benefit the future Ellisville Dog Park. The fee is \$7.00 per dog and \$3.00 per person (3 and older).

All handlers must bring a copy of vet's current rabies vaccination record for each dog. Handlers must be at least 18 years of age. Limit of two dogs per handler.

For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (636)227-7508.

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.

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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 _____

Dive-In Movie

Dive in and catch a movie on the big screen at The EDGE Aquatic Center! *Dolphin Tale* will begin at dark on Friday, July 27. Gates will open at 8:15 p.m. and admission is \$3.00 per person. Full concessions will also be available. Children 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult. For questions, please contact the Ellisville Parks and Recreation Department at (636)227-7508.

Movie in the Park Friday, September 14 7 p.m. or Dark

Our Annual Movie in Bluebird Park is back! Bring a blanket, snack and the whole family out to the Park for a movie at dusk. The City of Ellisville Department of Parks and Recreation will be showing *The Wizard of Oz* on the big screen at the amphitheatre stage. Admission is FREE! For questions, please contact the Ellisville Parks and Recreation Department at (636)227-7508.

Farmers’ Market

The Ellisville Community Farmers’ Market began its season on Thursday, May 24 in Bluebird Park, 225 Kiefer Creek Rd. The Market will be open from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. every Thursday this summer. Our Farmers’ Market features locally produced food items, vegetables, fruits, herbs, baked items, local honey, jams and jellies, organic olive oil, handmade artisan items and more. For more information, please visit our brand new website at www.ellisvillefarmersmarket.org.



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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2012

The National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and the Ellisville Police Department invite you to participate in the “29th Annual National Night Out” (NNO) on Tuesday, October 2, 2012. National Night Out is usually observed in August, but the Ellisville Police Department has requested special permission from NATW to hold the event in October due to the extreme heat we’ve experienced in the last few years. “We are hoping more neighborhoods will want to participate in the event if the weather is cooler,” stated Col. Tom Felgate, Chief of Police of the City of Ellisville. The State of Texas and several other communities hold their NNO in October.

National Night Out will involve over 15,325 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 37.1 million people are expected to participate in ‘America’s Night Out Against Crime’.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for and participation in local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 6 p.m - 9 p.m. on October 2, residents in neighborhoods throughout the City of Ellisville are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and Police. Many neighborhoods throughout the City of Ellisville will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from Police and City Officials, flashlight walks, contests, and youth activities.

If you and your neighborhood are interested in participating in this year’s event, please contact Sgt. Nancy Walker at (636)227-7777 or email her at nwalker@ellisville.mo.us.