



# Trailblazer

City of Ellisville

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## City Council Approves Budget for 2008

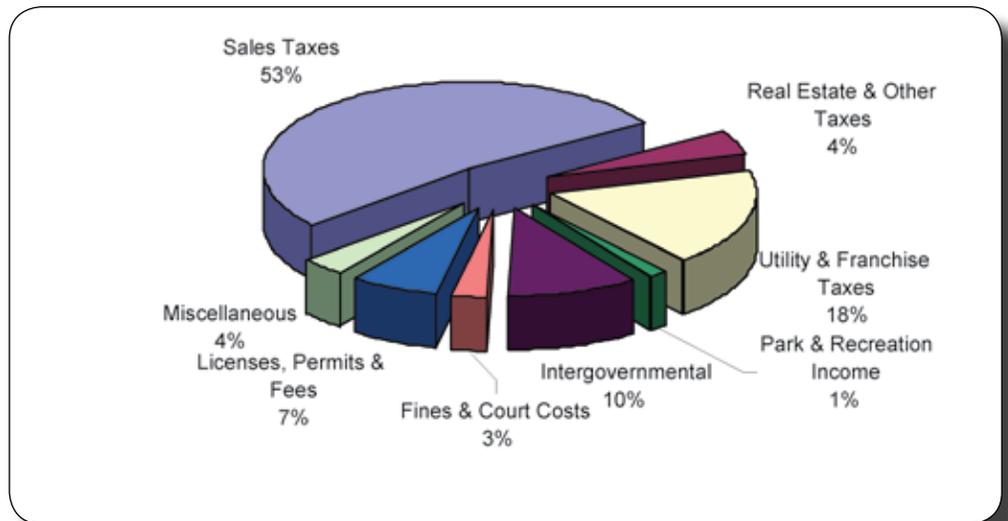
On December 19, 2007, after two public discussion meetings and a public hearing on the proposed 2008 Budget and Capital Improvement Program, the City Council unanimously approved the 2008 Budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan. The FY-2008 budget includes expenditures for capital improvements to Ellisville's infrastructure, as well as the operation of City programs and services. The new budget includes the continuation of all City programs without any tax increases.

The City of Ellisville is expecting revenues in 2008 of \$9,097,136. Of that, the strong majority comes via taxes, with over 50% generated from sales tax. Total budgeted expenditures for 2008 are \$14,689,184. Please note that the bud-

get is balanced; the expenditures include the payments for the completion of the Public Works Facility off of Old State Road as well as the new pool facility in Bluebird Park. Those facilities are being funded by Bond issues in 2003 and 2007, respectively. See the chart below for a breakdown of the City's revenues:

The 1/2 cent Stormwater Improvement Program will yield \$1,515,000 in revenue. Stormwater projects include the completion of Strecker Road and Macklin Drive. Work on Mar-El Court will also begin. In addition, design and engineering work will be done for future projects including the reconstruction of Fairview Drive and Hilltop Lane. These projects are part of the compre-

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**Where Our Revenue Comes From**

# MAYOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends and neighbors,

2007 is officially behind us and I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the year gone by. We celebrated the City's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in style, with events throughout the year. It was really exciting to look back at the City's past throughout this year. I would like to again give special acknowledgement to the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee for their hard work this year. The annual July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration was a success as always. We implemented a new recycling program that has dramatically reduced the amount of solid waste going into the landfills. Take a look at the article in this edition of the *Trailblazer* highlighting this program, and you'll be amazed at how much more we as a City are now recycling. We took over jurisdiction of Pierside Lane in order to improve traffic safety. The widening of Old State Road was completed, along with the improvements along Clayton. Finally, several new businesses and restaurants have opened.

Just as 2007 was a year to celebrate and honor the City's proud heritage, 2008 promises to be a year of real excitement and progress. Our new public works facility off of Old State Road is nearly complete, and should be open this spring. The development at Clarkson and Clayton is well underway and many of those businesses, including Lifetime Fitness, should be open this year. Finally, thanks to the voters who passed a sales tax referendum in November of 2006, the new Ellisville pool in Bluebird Park, along with a new bathhouse and playground is on pace for a 2008 opening.

2008 will not be without its share of challenges. Issues such as the closure of Highway 40 and concern about the economy will undoubtedly affect the City in the upcoming year. While we can't predict the future, the Council and Staff will continue to work hard to improve the quality of life for Ellisville residents. I encourage all of you to get involved with your community and help us make it even better.

These are exciting times in Ellisville and I hope you take time out this year to enjoy all of the wonderful parks, trails and community activities that it has to offer.

'til next time...

Mayor Matt

## Half Cent Sales Tax Improvement Project Update

In 2008, the City has scheduled street reconstruction projects on Mar El Court, Manchester Road to Lemar Drive and Macklin Lane, east and west of Covert Lane. The City has also partnered with the City of Wildwood to improve a section of Strecker Road adjacent to the east City limits. These improvements include removal of the existing street and replacement with a new 26' wide asphalt street with concrete curbs and gutters, modification or installation of a new storm water system, removal and replacement of driveway approaches, utility relocation and other miscellaneous items such as grading and sodding.

The City is also in the process of finalizing the design of street improvements and coordinating utility relocations for Debula Drive, Quail Avenue to New Ballwin Road and Vero Lane. The City has partnered with the City of Ballwin to improve Debula Drive.

These projects are scheduled for construction in 2009. The City also recently began the design of improvements on Fairview Drive and Hilltop Lane. These projects are scheduled for construction in 2010. 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. 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 V/TDD.

## Spring Brush Chipping Program

The annual Spring Brush Chipping Program will begin in April and will give you the opportunity to clear your property of tree limbs and wood brush. Residents who wish to participate in the program should place the brush and tree trimmings by the road prior to the scheduled pick-up date. You may refer to the chart for your scheduled date. Brush chipping crews will spend one week in each district. Because of time constraints, however, they will not be able to return to a street after the brush pick-up has been completed.

Trimmings should be placed by the roadside, stacked neatly with the cut ends to the road. Limbs should be cut in 4 to 12 foot lengths and can be no thicker than 4 inches in diameter. Trash, thorny materials, plants, 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 grinding equipment used to make mulch, or may injure an employee. Trimmings can also be dropped off at the rear of Bluebird Park on the north parking lot from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

## Arbor Day Ceremony

The City of Ellisville will be hosting their annual Arbor Day Ceremony in April. The public is invited for commemorative ceremonies celebrating the greening of America in Ellisville, Tree City U.S.A. There is no charge and everyone in attendance will receive a seedling. Light refreshments will be available after the ceremony.

Additional information will be forthcoming in the next upcoming months. Please watch for details at City Hall and the Park Administration Center or visit us online at [www.ellisville.mo.us](http://www.ellisville.mo.us).



*Pictured left to right: Eric Sterman, Asst. City Manager, Mayor Matt Pirrello, former Parks Director Michele Frankowski, Kevin Bookout, City Manager, and Charles Pavlack, Council Member District 3*

Brochures will be sent to residents prior to the start of the brush chipping program.

Mulch that is produced as a result of the Brush Chipping Program will be available free-of-charge to Ellisville residents in the rear of Bluebird Park, in the area designated "mulch/brush drop-off area."

### 2008 Spring Brush Chipping Schedule

**District 3 - April 14**

**District 1 - April 21**

**District 2 - April 28**

## Six Flags Passes Available Soon

Ellisville Parks and Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Missouri Park and Recreation Association, will sell discounted Six Flags season passes beginning in May at the Park Administration Center in Bluebird Park during regular office hours. Season passes provide access to both Six Flags and Hurricane Harbor. Parking passes are only available for purchase at Six Flags. All inquiries regarding passes should be made directly to the Ellisville Parks and Recreation Department at 636-227-7508.

## City Participates in Joint Strategic Meeting With Ballwin

On January 26th, the City Councils and staffs of the cities of Ellisville and Ballwin met for a strategic planning session at the Parks Administration Building in Ellisville. This was truly a groundbreaking event. Despite sharing border no such meeting had ever been held with both City Councils. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss common interests and challenges facing each city, and to try and identify ways in which the cities could work together to provide services more efficiently to our respective residents. Several areas of potential collaboration were identified, such as trail connections between the cities, reciprocal parks program arrangements, joint economic development marketing, and others. The meeting was a success and the two cities have tentatively agreed to get back together in approximately six months to discuss progress on these efforts.

# Annexation Proposal To Be On April Ballot

On December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, the Ellisville City Council unanimously approved placing a proposal on the ballot for the April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 election regarding the annexation of the “Old State Road Annexation Area.”

The Old State Road Annexation area consists of certain properties located on either side of Old State Road, between Pierside Lane and Ridge Road. The area is surrounded entirely by the City of Ellisville. The area measures approximately 42 acres in size and consists of one residential subdivision, three parcels zoned County Non-Urban, and several parcels on the west side of Old State Road zoned M-3 Industrial. The population of this area is 124 residents, according to County estimates.

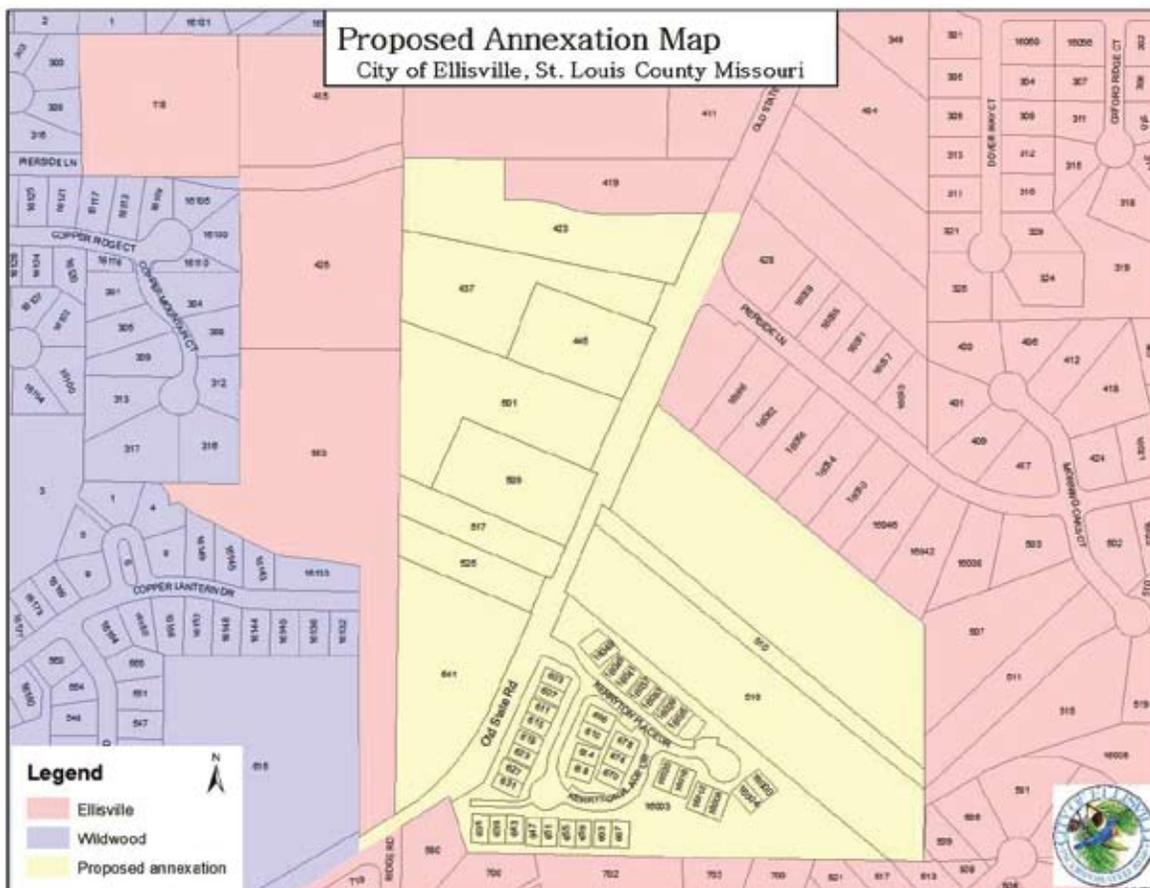
The annexation proposal was initiated in response to St. Louis County’s desire to eliminate all existing unincorporated pockets from the County. An unincorporated pocket is an area that is surrounded entirely by one community, in this case Ellisville. In addition, the City was responding to requests and a petition from the residents of the Kerryton Place Villas, received in 2006.

The City submitted an annexation proposal to the Boundary Commission of St. Louis County, which has authority over annexations within the County. The proposal

identifies several benefits to the City, the County and to the affected residents and businesses resulting from the proposed annexation. The annexation plan proposes to unite the City with our neighboring residents, who share common goals and interests, and who are also in search of a higher quality of life. The annexation plan cites a more convenient and accessible level of government to County residents who share the City’s commitment to maintain property values and to improve their quality of life.

Following a public hearing held in Ellisville on May 22<sup>nd</sup> regarding the issue, the Boundary Commission approved the proposed annexation plan. The final step in the process is to place the measure before the voters of the City of Ellisville as well as the residents of the proposed annexation area. Both votes are tabulated separately; the City’s vote and the proposed annexation area’s vote. If the measure passes in both areas, then the annexation is approved. However if the measure fails in either area, then the annexation will not be approved.

For a map of the affected area, please see below: If you have any questions on the sales tax proposal, please contact City Hall at (636) 227-9660 V/TDD.



# City Sees Significant Increase In Amount Of Recycled Goods

The City of Ellisville continually strives for ways in which to not only provide better services to our residents, but to do so in a manner which is environmentally friendly. As a part of that effort, on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007, the City of Ellisville implemented a new recycling program throughout the City. This involved the delivery of new

65-gallon recycling containers, as well as the ability to recycle numerous products without sorting them within the containers. Since that time, the City has seen a tremendous increase in the amount of recycled products coming from our residents.



Looking at the amount of tonnage recycled from Ellisville under the new program compared to the old program, the amount of recycling has nearly doubled. The chart below shows the amount of tonnage recycled in the City each month in 2006 and 2007 – *take note of the large increase seen starting in July 2007 when the new carts and program were implemented.*

It is a credit to our residents that they are recycling more now than ever, and the results are evident. In fact, the average resident now recycles approximately 14 pounds per month, which is almost double the amount recycled under the previous program.

While these numbers show the influence this new program is having, we would like to continue to encourage residents to recycle as much as possible. The goal is for these numbers to continue to grow each year through not only increased participation rates, but also through an increase in materials recycled.

If you have any questions regarding what items can be recycled, please stop by City Hall at 1 Weis Ave. or call us at (636) 227-9660 V/TDD. We would be happy to help.

## RECYCLING OUTPUT COMPARISON

(Tons Per Month)

	2006	2007
JAN	28.98	37.53
FEB	26.88	33.58
MAR	32.99	34.22
APR	27.94	25.13
MAY	42.95	33.24
JUNE	28.29	34.95
JULY	32.16	50.20
AUG	31.50	62.87
SEPT	35.24	54.66
OCT	31.68	60.24
NOV	44.19	72.31
DEC	34.72	86.31

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hensive stormwater improvement program that currently has projects scheduled through 2016.

Other Capital Infrastructure improvements include mudjacking expenditures, sidewalk installation and repairs, crack sealing for City streets, which will be taken out of the Capital Infrastructure Fund.

In addition to the pool project, the City will receive a St. Louis County grant for \$190,000 in FY-2008 for the construction of a new playground as well as a restroom/concession facility in Bluebird Park. The cost of the project will be about \$290,000, with the City providing \$100,000 of the funding and the County grant providing the rest.

The City Council also adopted the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan for 2008-2012. The plan outlines any expenditure of over \$5,000 that is targeted

for the upcoming 5-year period. This plan includes the majority of upcoming infrastructure improvements, such as street repairs and reconstruction that is included with the stormwater improvement program. Other capital items include playground and trail renovations, replacement of police vehicles, and new dump trucks.

The City was recently selected for the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. This is the highest budgetary honor a City can receive. The 2008 budget will soon be available on the City's website at [www.ellisville.mo.us](http://www.ellisville.mo.us).

For more information on the City's budget, please contact Finance Director Don Cary at 636-227-9660.

## Annual Easter Egg Hunt Set for March 15

Grab your baskets and come join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 15 at 10:00 a.m. in Bluebird Park. Children ages one through nine will hunt for colorful eggs full of candy and prizes. We will also have a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Bunny so moms and dads don't forget the cameras!

Location will be in the back of the park near the Bussmann Shelter. The public is welcome to attend free of charge and no pre-registration



is required. **The siren will go off at 10:00 a.m. sharp, so please allow extra time to park.**

For additional information, please contact the Park Administration Center at 636-227-7508, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Lafayette Older Adults Program - L.O.A.P.

Are you interested in making new friends, hearing great speakers and entertainers, going on exciting day trips and playing bingo or cards? If you are 55 plus, this is a great group for you to become involved in!

Participants will meet the second and fourth Monday of every month between September and May. Meeting times are 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and cost \$1.00/per person. Meetings are held at the Ballwin Golf Course, located at 333 Holloway Road. Free

coffee, soda, and dessert are provided; just bring a sack lunch.

Trip space is limited and is first come-first serve. Pre-payment is required for all upcoming luncheons and trips. Detailed information and registration forms are available at all L.O.A.P. Meetings. Please note that day trips and special luncheons are optional and involve separate fees.

The Lafayette Older Adults Program consists of a total of six (6) Municipalities and two (2) School

Districts that are working together to make this program a wonderful success. They are as follows: Ballwin, Chesterfield, Ellisville, Manchester, Parkway and Rockwood School Districts, Wildwood and Winchester. For additional information, please contact the Park Administration Center at 636-227-7508.

### 2008 Winter/Spring Tentative Schedule

January 28	Regular Meeting	Wild Canid Center
February 7	Harrah's Casino Trip	9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
February 11	Regular Meeting	Bill Montgomery
February 25	Regular Meeting	Entertainment T.B.D.
March 10	St. Pat's Day Luncheon	Entertainment T.B.D.
March 24	Regular Meeting	Jefferson Barracks Historical Society
April 5	Mature Mile Trip	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
April 14	Regular Meeting	Entertainment T.B.D.
April 15	Daniel Boone Home & Winery Trip	8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
April 28	Regular Meeting	Gateway Harmonica Club
May 7	Spring Time Frolic Trip	9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
May 12	Annual BBQ	Location & Entertainment T.B.D.
June 18	Lucky Hands & Lunch Trip	9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
August 21	Harrah's Casino Trip	9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

## 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 to resolve a problem. Another quick option for those who would prefer to do it electronically is to access the City's website, [www.ellisville.mo.us](http://www.ellisville.mo.us), and complete a Service Request/Comment Form on line. The completed form is delivered 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 the 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Receive City News Via Email

Would you like the latest Ellisville news and information sent directly to your email inbox? If so, please visit our website at [www.ellisville.mo.us](http://www.ellisville.mo.us) and select the "Email Updates" option. You can select which information you would like sent via email. Options include:

- City Council meeting agendas
- Planning and Zoning meeting agendas
- Special news and bulletins
- Trailblazer newsletters.

We encourage everyone to utilize this great tool for staying informed and involved in the happenings around Ellisville. If you have any questions on how to take advantage of this feature, please contact City Hall at (636) 227-9660.

## Summer Employment Openings

Are you looking for a great summer job? The City of Ellisville Parks and Recreation Department has many opportunities within Bluebird Park for the 2008 season. If you are interested, please pick up an application at the Park Administration Center in Bluebird Park, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or visit our website at [www.ellisville.mo.us](http://www.ellisville.mo.us) to download an application. All applicants must be 16 years of age or older. Applications are due no later than Friday, April 18.

### Seasonal Openings:

- Concert Concessions
- Day Camp Counselors
- Day Camp Directors
- T-Ball Coaches
- Tiny Tot Soccer Coaches

Contact Sherri Klekamp at 636-227-7508 or [sklekamp@ellisville.mo.us](mailto:sklekamp@ellisville.mo.us) for more information.

## City Council Directory

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636-394-5300

### District 1 Council Members

Clark Compton  
1212 Fairview  
636-394-4951

Dawn Anglin  
1219 Marsh Ave.  
636-230-6916

### District 2 Council Members

Richard Lacaille  
402 Bluff Meadow Ct.  
636-230-7402

Pamela Cook  
465 Bluff Meadow Dr.  
636-391-8629

### District 3 Council Members

Charles Pavlack  
1522 Froesel Dr.  
636-227-4961

Michelle Murray  
1419 Virginia Dr.  
636-227-7015

## Captain Kenney Graduates FBI Academy



Ellisville Police Chief Tom Felgate is proud to announce the graduation of Captain Frank Kenney from the FBI National Academy in Quantico,

Virginia. After enduring a grueling ten week course in academics and physical training, Captain Kenney graduated on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders that serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad, and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide. Its mission is “to support, promote, and enhance the personal and professional development of law enforcement leaders by preparing them for complex, dynamic, and contemporary challenges through innovative techniques, facilitating excellence in education and research, and forging partnerships throughout the world.”

For 10 weeks, four times a year, classes of some 250 officers take undergraduate and/or graduate college courses at the FBI Academy focusing on the following disciplines: Law, Behavioral Science, Forensic Science, Leadership Development, Communication, and Health/Fitness. Officers participate in a wide range of leadership and specialized training, and they share ideas, techniques, and experiences with each other, creating lifelong partnerships that span state and national lines.

Participation is extremely competitive and attained only by nomination of the Police Chief of the respective agency, review of the nomination by the FBI, and subsequently approval by the FBI after the nominee successfully passes a thorough background and physical check. Participants are drawn from every state in the union, U.S. territories, and from over 150 foreign nations. These participants are leaders and managers of state and local police departments, sheriffs' departments, military police organizations, and federal law enforcement agencies. Kudos to Captain Kenney for a job well done. The City of Ellisville is very proud of your accomplishment!

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