

# City of Ellisville Trailblazer



Winter 2011

## City Council Places 1/2 Cent Sales Tax Proposal on April 5th Ballot

On January 19th the Ellisville City Council unanimously approved placing a half-cent sales tax increase on the ballot for the April 5, 2011 election. This sales tax would be earmarked entirely for capital projects and improvements. Such projects would include, but are not limited to, street maintenance, repair, and replacement, and facility maintenance. In addition, by providing a direct revenue source to pay for capital projects, funding would be freed from the City's general fund to help pay for

other City services, such as trash collection and recycling collection, police services, snow removal, and brush and leaf pickup for the foreseeable future.

A large amount (approximately 60 - 70%) of the sales tax generated in the City of Ellisville comes from people who live in surrounding communities, but shop in Ellisville. The City of Ellisville is currently one of 3 out of 91 municipalities that does not have a capital improvements sales tax.

Approval of this tax would put the

City's sales tax rate at a similar rate to those of other area municipalities.

Sales tax is currently the primary source of revenue for the City. The new tax is projected to net approximately \$800,000 to \$900,000 per year in revenue. A half-cent sales tax means 50 cents for every \$100 of purchases would go towards the proposed capital improvements throughout the City.

If you have any questions on the sales tax proposal, please contact City Hall at 636-227-9660.

## City Council Hosts Series of Town Hall Meetings to Discuss Budget

The City Council hosted a series of town hall meetings in November and December at the Parks Administration Building in Bluebird Park. The purpose of these meetings was to discuss the City's financial situation at present as well as the future. There were seven town hall meetings overall, and they were well attended, with several hundred participants in total.

Mayor Matt Pirrello and the City Council invited the public to attend via a letter that was sent to all Ellisville households. During the meetings, Mayor Pirrello gave a brief presentation regarding the City's financial situation. He presented information on the City's revenues and expenditures, looking at trends over the past 10 years. In addition, an outline of the FY-2011 budget was given. There



*Mayor Matt Pirrello discusses possible budget solutions with residents during a town hall meeting held in November.*

*(Photo courtesy of "Ballwin-Ellisville Patch")*

were also slides regarding both capital and operating expenditures that had to be cut from recent budgets due to lack of adequate funding. The Mayor emphasized that the City's budget was balanced for FY-2011. However, given

the state of the economy and other factors, changes might be needed for FY-2012 and beyond. Those changes include the possibility of raising additional revenues, reducing expenses, or some combination of both. Possibilities for raising revenue that were mentioned included raising sales tax, raising property tax, adding a personal property tax, and/or pursuing economic development. Ideas mentioned for reducing expenses included eliminating, reducing, or suspending some City services, passing on the cost for some services to the residents (i.e. trash service), and reducing City employees and/or benefits. The Mayor emphasized that not all of these actions would be taken; rather, one of the main purposes of the town hall meetings was to

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## MAYOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and a happy and prosperous 2010. Our community enjoyed another great year in 2010. Our parks events were as popular as ever. The community farmers market was established in Bluebird Park and provided a nice gathering place for our

residents. The City's annual 5K run supported a great cause, the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. Perhaps most importantly, the City's budget was balanced and City services were provided with as high a quality as ever.

As we look forward in 2011, the City is facing some challenges. Our budget is balanced for 2011 with no reduction in services. However, due largely to the economy, the prospects for 2012 and beyond are challenging. You may recall you were all invited to a series of town hall meetings that were held towards the end of the year. For those of you that attended, I would like to thank you for taking the time to come out and have a frank discussion about the City's financial situation. For those that were not able to join us, I encourage you to go to the City's website and review the presentation and materials that were discussed at the meetings. We had some good discussions about the financial challenges facing the City, and what options we have moving forward. You will be hearing more about these options throughout 2011, including a capital improvements sales tax, potential economic development, and suspension or elimination of some City services. I can assure you that whatever actions are considered by the City Council they will not be taken lightly, but are necessary to ensure the future of our great City. You will find more information in this and future editions of the *Trailblazer*, and I encourage you to stay involved by talking to your Council members and voicing your opinions at City Council meetings.

Together we will weather these challenges and continue to make our community a great place to live.

On a more positive note, I wanted to again mention a community outreach program being spearheaded by City Council member Shelly Murray. Several area churches, businesses and grassroots organizations are planning Community Assistance outreach events this spring and looking for potential projects. If you are or know an elderly or disabled Ellisville resident and have home repairs, property maintenance or related projects that you're unable to handle on your own and would like to be considered for these events, please email Council member Murray at [mmurray@ellisville.mo.us](mailto:mmurray@ellisville.mo.us) with your first name, last name, address and contact information (phone and/or email). In addition, for any local organizations that would like to participate, please contact Council member Shelly Murray.

Please note that the City of Ellisville is not directly involved with the needs assessment, planning, funding or execution of these outreach activities. This is entirely a community based volunteer program. Kudos to Shelly and all participating organizations for starting this great program.

Despite our challenges, I am confident that 2011 will be a great year for the City of Ellisville. By tackling these challenges that we are facing, we will ensure the fiscal health of our City for years to come. In addition, progress on the Great Streets Initiative and the City's economic development efforts will continue to strengthen our community. I encourage you to be more involved than ever in Ellisville in 2011, and continue to make it a great place to live, work, shop, and play.

'til next time...

Mayor Matt

*(Town Hall Meetings, Continued from Page 1)*

discuss each potential action and solicit resident feedback on the pros and cons of each one. Following these discussions, the Mayor took informal polls regarding resident preferences on these items.

In addition to the discussion on raising revenue and/or reducing expenses, there was considerable discussion regarding the proposed redevelopment on Manchester Road. Please read the article on the proposal on page 3 for more information. There was also considerable time granted for questions from residents over any pertinent issue, and the Mayor and Council made themselves available both during and after each meeting to ensure

that questions were answered.

The City realizes that not everyone was able to attend one of the town hall meetings, and therefore has made the information presented at the meetings available on the City's website at [www.ellisville.mo.us](http://www.ellisville.mo.us). To access information on the town hall meetings, click on 'City Government', and then click on 'Town Hall Meetings.' We hope that these meetings helped inform Ellisville residents on the current state of the City and will also encourage participation in future City business. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 636-227-9660.

## Half-Cent Sales Tax Improvement Project Update

In 2011, the City has scheduled a street reconstruction project on Fairview Drive from Hilltop Lane to its dead end. 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 stormwater system including stormwater best management practices, 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 Marsh Avenue between Clarkson Road to its dead end, 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 will also begin 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. 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. For additional information on the half-cent sales tax stormwater projects, contact John Collins, Assistant City Engineer, at 636-227-9660.



*Vero Lane street improvements were completed in 2010.*

## Redevelopment Proposal Received for Manchester Road

As mentioned in the last edition of the Trailblazer, the City recently solicited redevelopment proposals for an area on the south side of Manchester Road just west of the intersection at Clarkson. The request for proposal (RFP) was for the first phase of a larger project that would eventually incorporate all of the vacant car dealerships and land including the Southwest quadrant of the intersection at Clarkson and Manchester Roads. In the long term, the City envisions a unified plan for redevelopment of retail, service, and/or office commercial uses in the area, with the ultimate goal of creating a 'town center' destination point.

Over a dozen local and national developers solicited a copy of the RFP from the City. However, likely due to the struggling economy, the City only received one response. The response received was from the Sansone Group, a local developer that has done many projects in the St. Louis market. The project they proposed, for Phase 1 of the overall area, is a large retail store. The proposal mentioned the possibility of a Wal-Mart Supercenter, however an agreement with Wal-Mart is not finalized at this time.

The City is currently taking the proposal under consideration. At this point, the City is neither obligated to pursue a redevelopment with Sansone nor accept the proposed project. However, the City Council will be reviewing the proposal at future Council meetings. Among the items to be considered will be how the project fits in with the City's comprehensive plan, the Great Streets Initiative, and the impact on surrounding neighborhoods. Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend any City Council meetings, held on the first and third Wednesday of the month at City Hall. To view the agenda for any upcoming meeting, go to the City's website at [www.ellisville.mo.us](http://www.ellisville.mo.us).

For any questions on the proposed redevelopment, please contact City Hall at 636-227-9660.

## Summer Employment

The Ellisville Parks Department has many seasonal employment opportunities for the 2011 season. Interested applicants should pick up an application at Ellisville City Hall, the Park Administration Center in Bluebird Park Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or download & print an application at [www.ellisville.mo.us/jobs](http://www.ellisville.mo.us/jobs). Mail applications to: Sherri Klekamp, Ellisville Parks & Recreation Dept., 225 Kiefer Creek Road, Ellisville, MO 63021. Applicants must be 16 years of age or older; *application deadline is Friday, April 15th*. For any questions, please contact Sherri Klekamp at 636-227-7508 or at [sklekamp@ellisville.mo.us](mailto:sklekamp@ellisville.mo.us).

## Seasonal Openings:

Day Camp Counselors	Front Desk Cashiers
*Lifeguards	Pool Concessions
*Swim Coaches	Summer T-Ball Coaches
*Swim Lesson Lifeguards	

\*If you are interested in being a lifeguard or a swim/dive team coach, please contact District Manager, Crissy Vigna at 314-743-4826. Send resume/application to Midwest Pool Management, 156 Weldon Parkway, Maryland Heights, MO 63043. To download the application, please visit [www.midwestpool.com](http://www.midwestpool.com).

## 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 adjacent 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.

Residents may drop off brush or pick-up mulch at the Public Works Facility located at 553 Old State Road. Hours are dawn until 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,

### 2011 Spring Brush Chipping Schedule

District 1 - April 18

District 2 - April 25

District 3 - April 11

removal of entire trees or commercial business use of any kind.

#### Brush Chipping Guidelines

- 1) Because of time constraints, brush chipping crews will not return to a street after the brush pick-up has been completed. Please have your brush out the weekend before your area is scheduled for pick up.
- 2) Limbs should be cut in 4 to 12 foot lengths and can be no thicker than 4 inches in diameter.
- 3) Trash, thorny material, bushes 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 grinding equipment used to make mulch, or injure an employee.

Please call the Department of Public Works if you have questions regarding the brush collection program at 636-591-6666 or visit the City's website at [www.ellisville.mo.us](http://www.ellisville.mo.us).

#### Directions to the 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.

## Kid's Easter Egg Scramble

The City of Ellisville, Department of Parks & Recreation, will hold their annual Easter Egg Scramble in Bluebird Park on Saturday, April 16 at 10:00 a.m. sharp.

Children ages 1 to 9 years old are encouraged to bring their Easter egg baskets to collect colorful eggs. Ages are broken into three groups and are divided into separate areas; please arrange to provide one-on-one

supervision, if necessary. Mr. and Mrs. Bunny will be on hand for photographs. Parents please don't forget to bring your 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 for parking.

## Adult Easter Egg Hunt

The Ballwin, Ellisville, and Manchester Parks and Recreation Departments are hosting an Adult Egg Hunt at Vlasik Park in Ballwin on Friday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. Participants are asked to bring their own bags/baskets, flashlights, and drinks. There will be a bonfire after the hunt and the event will be held rain or shine.

Pre-registration is required and is based on a first-come, first-served basis. All participants must be 21 years of age or older; fee is \$6.00 per person until April 10 and \$10.00 per person beginning April 11. To register, please contact the Park Administration Center at 636-227-7508, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



## City Council Approves \$8.8 Million Budget

In December, after two public discussion meetings and a public hearing, the City Council unanimously approved the 2011 Budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan. The FY-2011 budget includes expenditures for capital improvements to Ellisville's infrastructure, as well as the operation of City programs and services. Despite the difficult economic times, the City of Ellisville will maintain a balanced budget in FY-2011, with revenues slightly exceeding expenditures. The City Council and City staff will be closely monitoring the budget and economic conditions in 2011 in order to ensure that a balanced budget is maintained.

The City of Ellisville is expecting revenues in 2011 of \$8,953,550. Of that, the strong majority comes via taxes, sales tax providing the largest portion. Total budgeted expenditures for 2011 are \$8,897,909. See the adjacent charts for a breakdown of the City's revenues and expenses.

The ½ cent Stormwater Improvement Program will yield \$1,370,000 in revenue. Stormwater projects include work on the reconstruction of Fairview Drive. The Fairview Drive project is part of the comprehensive stormwater improvement program that currently has projects scheduled through 2016.

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

A comprehensive list of services budgeted for 2011 is listed below.

- The Edge Aquatic Center
- Trash, Leaf/Brush, and Recycling Pickup
- Crime Prevention and Safety
- 4th of July Festival
- Summer Concert Series in the Park
- DARE programs in 4 local schools
- Boys' and Girls' Scouts Partnerships

- Seasonal Farmers Market
- 5K Rock n' Run
- Street Improvements
- Stormwater Improvements
- Tree Planting & Replacement
- Park Trail Maintenance
- Youth/Adult Recreation Programs
- Street Lights
- Playgrounds
- Police Halloween Program
- Snow Removal and Street Cleaning.

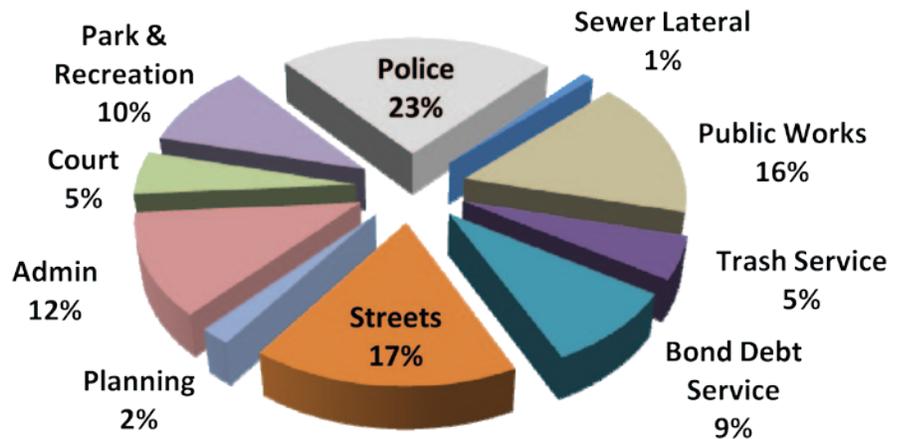
The City Council also adopted the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for 2011-2015. The plan outlines any expenditure of over \$5,000 that is targeted for the upcoming 5-year period. This plan includes the majority of upcoming infra-

structure 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.

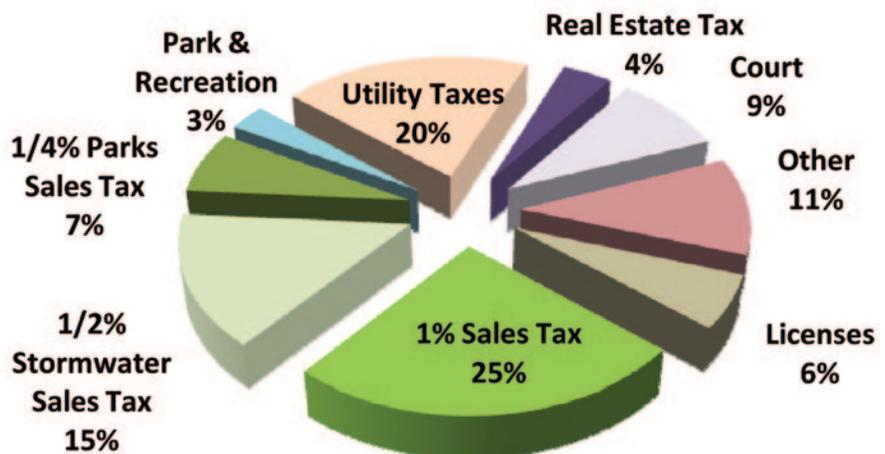
The City was recently selected for the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. This is the highest budgetary honor a City can receive. The 2011 budget will soon be available on the City's website at [www.ellisville.mo.us](http://www.ellisville.mo.us).

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

### 2011 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES



### 2011 BUDGETED REVENUES



## Neighborhood Watch

For many years the City of Ellisville has enjoyed one of the lowest crime rates in West St. Louis County. While Ellisville's population has grown over the years, the City is still able to provide quality police service that includes active patrol in neighborhoods. The department also strives to keep watch over vacant homes of vacationing residents.

Even with these protective measures in place, there are still criminals that can circumvent even the best protective police measures. No police force can totally prevent every crime from being committed but there are other proactive measures available to assist police agencies in helping to prevent crime. Neighborhood Watch is a program that was established by the Ellisville Police Department in the 1980's and since then has been implemented by a few subdivisions/streets within the City. With the downturn in the economy, and the increase in drug use which has impacted West St. Louis County, the police department has seen an upturn in crime in recent years. One area in particular is an increase in home burglaries. Now more than ever, it is imperative that neighborhoods in the City of Ellisville organize a "watch program" to help the police in protecting

residential property and apprehending thieves.

Neighborhood Watch is simply neighbors looking out for neighbors. It is the cornerstone of all crime prevention programs and enlists the active participation of citizens with the Ellisville Police Department to reduce burglaries and other neighborhood crimes. Its primary purpose is the protection of property, yours and your neighbors. Most home burglaries occur during the day and early evening hours, when alert neighbors could spot the thieves and call police.

Neighborhood Watch crime prevention programs are a proven and effective means to substantially reduce not only the incidence of residential burglaries in a specific geographical area, but also the incidence of other crimes as well. By becoming actively involved in this program, Ellisville citizens can provide valuable assistance to the police in maintaining the low crime rate that we have enjoyed for so many years.

For information on organizing your Neighborhood Watch program, please contact Sgt. Nancy Walker at the Ellisville Police Department, 636-227-7777.

## Prescription Drug Take-Back Program

On April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. the Ellisville Police Department will participate in the DEA National Prescription Drug Take-Back Program along with the Rockwood School District Drug Free Coalition and other local police agencies. The event will be held at the Ellisville police station, 37 Weis Avenue.

According to the Center of Disease

Control, prescription drugs, including opioids and antidepressants, are responsible for more overdose deaths than "street drugs" such as cocaine, heroin, and amphetamines.

The Ellisville Police Department welcomes area citizens to drop off any unused or expired prescription medications. This includes tablets, capsules, small vials (injectibles), and all other

solid or liquid dosage forms. Needles will not be accepted; this public service is free and anonymous.

For additional information, contact the Ellisville Police Department at 636-227-7777, or to find a collection site other than the Ellisville Police Department, go to [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov) and click on the National Prescription Drug Take-Back-Day icon.

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

Are you interested in making new friends, hearing great speakers and entertainers, 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 the months of September and May. **Meeting times are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 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, we just ask for you to bring a sack lunch.

Trip space is limited and is first come-first serve. Pre-registration is required for all upcoming special luncheons and trips. Detailed information and registration forms are available at all L.O.A.P. Meetings. Please note that special luncheons and day trips 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, Wildwood, Winchester and Parkway and Rockwood School District.

### 2011 Winter/Spring Tentative Schedule

February 14	Regular Meeting
February 28	Regular Meeting ~ Trivia Day
March 14	St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
March 28	Regular Meeting
April 11	Regular Meeting
April 25	Regular Meeting
May 9	Annual BBQ at Bluebird 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.

## 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 is to access the City's website, [www.ellisville.mo.us](http://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, March 12 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. Honeysuckle is a nonnative 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 gaining 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 [lblumer@ellisville.mo.us](mailto:lblumer@ellisville.mo.us) to sign-up.

## Arbor Day Ceremony

2011 marks the 30th consecutive year that the City of Ellisville has been a Tree City U.S.A. and will celebrate Arbor Day on Thursday, April 14 at the Park Administration Building. The ceremony will be at 2:00 p.m. and all those in attendance will receive a seedling from the Department of Conservation.

## Bluebird Park Nature Walks

Bluebird Park is beautiful in the spring and a perfect time to take your group, club or troop on a nature walk to learn about the trees, vegetation and wildlife of 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 Jamie at 636-227-7508 to make arrangements.



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Troy Pieper  
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Michelle Murray  
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636-227-7015

## EDGE Aquatic Center News



Opening for the third season, the *EDGE* Aquatic Center is gearing up for a splashtacular year featuring Early Bird Discount Swim Memberships, Group and Private Swim Lessons, Kids Play on the Splash Pad, Dive Clinics, Family Dive-In Movie Night, a Night of Swimming Under the Stars, and Birthday Splash Parties. The second season of the

Ellisville/Wildwood Gator Swim Team expects to be even bigger and better than last year. Last, but not least, the annual Pooch Plunge will end the 2011 season. For more information about the *EDGE* and this year's line-up of refreshing fun, visit [www.ellisville.mo.us](http://www.ellisville.mo.us) or contact the Parks and Recreation Office at 636-227-7508.

### Heartsaver CPR and AED Training

The Ellisville Parks Department is holding a Heartsaver CPR and AED Training for adults and children 12 years and older requiring certification. This training will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, April 2 at the Park Administration Center in Bluebird Park.

Participants will learn how to perform child and adult CPR, how to use a mask barrier device, how to help a child or adult that is choking, and how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED) in this American Heart Association course. A two-year certification card is awarded upon successful completion of skills testing on the manequins.

Pre-registration is required and the fee is \$45.00 per person. To register, please contact the Park Administration Center at 636-227-7508, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Babysitting Basics Class

The Ellisville Parks Department is holding a Babysitting Basics class for children 12 to 15 years of age on Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Park Administration Center in Bluebird Park.

This interactive class includes getting started, taking care of babies, kids' ages and stages, entertaining the kids, keeping things safe, and being prepared for emergencies and first aid in this three-hour class. Participants are asked to bring a regular size baby doll to practice baby care skills.

Pre-registration is required and the fee is \$28.00 per person. To register, please contact the Park Administration Center at 636-227-7508, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.