



City of Ellisville Trailblazer

Fall 2014

ELLISVILLE'S NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON

The City of Ellisville is excited to announce our new website will be launching soon! With the new website comes many features that we know you will enjoy. Notify Me will allow our readers to sign-up for notifications on topics that interest them. It will provide an easier, more efficient way of navigating around our website, ease of access to data, on-line forms and documents as well as upcoming events, etc. We hope you will find our new website to be an engaging and more user-friendly way to stay “in-the-know” with what’s going on in our City.



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Although there weren't 76 trombones leading the big parade, Ellisville's first ever Memorial Day Parade held on Monday, May 26th, proved to be a great success with over 100 spectators cheering parade participants as they travelled south on Clarkson Road from Clarkson Clayton Center to Manchester. Kicking off at 8:30 a.m., the parade, organized by District 1 Councilmember Gary Voss, garnered over 25 vintage cars, floats, the Irish Lawn Chair Brigade and many volunteers marching and handing out American Flags to spectators. Following the parade, about 300 residents attended a 10:00 a.m. Memorial Day service held at the Lafayette War Memorial in Bluebird Park with Mayor Adam Paul as the guest speaker. Ballwin VFW Post 6274 provided the color guard, taps and a rifle salute for those members in the military who paid the ultimate sacrifice as Vietnam War veteran's Mike McKinney, Ray Cromer and Warren Hickenbotham placed a wreath at the foot of the granite memorial.

Fall Brush Chipping Program

Fall is on its way! Now is the time to prune those low hanging limbs. The 2014 Fall Brush Chipping program will begin the last week in September. If you would like to participate, place your brush and tree trimmings by the road no later than the Sunday night prior to the scheduled pick-up date. The Public Works crew will spend two weeks in each district.

2014 Brush Schedule

Sept 22-Oct 3, 2014	District 2 Brush
Oct 6-Oct 17, 2014	District 3 Brush
Oct 20-Nov 31, 2014	District 1 Brush

- Due to time constraints, the crew will not be able to return to a street after the brush pick-up is completed.
- Limbs should be cut in 4 to 12-foot lengths and must be no thicker than 4 inches in diameter.
- The following items will not be chipped or picked up: trash, bushes with stumps, thorny material, leaves, grass, wood with nails or wire attached, trees with stumps, dirt or rocks. These items are dangerous and may cause damage to the tub-grinding equipment, or may injure an employee.

Residents may also drop off brush or pick up free mulch at the Public Works Facility at 553 Old State Road. Trimmings (not entire trees) can be dropped off from dawn to dusk, Monday through Sunday. The Brush Chipping Program is only for individual homeowners to discard their tree trimmings. This program is not for land-clearing operations, removal of entire trees or commercial business of any kind.

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

Directions to the Public Works Facility at 553 Old State Road are as follows:

- 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, before the traffic signal at Pierside Lane).
- Turn left at three-way stop
- The Public Works Facility will be on the right

Fall Leaf Collection Program

2014 Leaf Collections

Nov 3-7, 2014	District 2 Leaf
Nov 10-14, 2014	District 3 Leaf
Nov 17-21, 2014	District 1 Leaf
Nov 24- Dec 3, 2014	District 2 Leaf
Dec 4-11, 2014	District 3 Leaf
Dec 12-19, 2014	District 1 Leaf

The Public Works crew will begin the 2014 Fall Leaf Collection during November. Residents that wish to clear leaves off of their property may rake the leaves in rows to the gutter or ditch line (please keep leaves out of the curb line). Please remove rocks, glass, branches or other hard materials. Such items are harmful to City equipment and may injure an employee during collection. Unfortunately we cannot specify the exact time or date collection on a particular street will occur. Please have your leaves out on the weekend before your area is scheduled for pickup. Please remember this schedule will be contingent upon weather conditions.

For questions, please call (636)227-9660.

Half-Cent Sales Tax Storm Water Improvement Project Update

The city is in the process of finishing the reconstruction of Salem Way from Barbara Ann Lane to Reinke Road. This project includes removal of the existing pavement and installation of a new 26' asphalt pavement with concrete curb and gutters, removal and replacement of driveway approaches and other miscellaneous improvements. Final grading and sodding will be completed this fall.

Beginning this fall, the city will commence with reconstruction of Froesel Drive between Hutchinson Road and Vega Drive. This work will include removal of the existing 18' wide asphalt street and drainage ditches and installation of a new 26' wide asphalt pavement with concrete curb and gutters, removal and replacement of driveway approaches and modifications to the existing storm sewer system. Prior to the start of reconstruction of the street, the Laclede Gas Company, Missouri American Water and AT&T will be installing new underground utilities.

The City is also in the process of finalizing the design of street improvements and coordinating utility relocations for Froesel Drive between Hutchinson to Clarkson Road (scheduled for reconstruction in 2015), Wolff Lane from Clayton Road to the dead end (scheduled for reconstruction in 2016) and Henry Avenue from Manchester Road to Froesel Drive (scheduled for reconstruction in 2017). The City will also begin the design of improvements on Devore Drive from Manchester Road to the cul-de-sac.

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 storm water improvement 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.

City Of Ellisville Free Mulch and Loading Program

New in 2014, the city of Ellisville will offer residents and businesses of Ellisville loading of mulch for free on designated dates in the fall. The program will continue in 2015 with loading of mulch for free in the spring and the fall on designated dates.

WHEN?

For 2014, loading will be provided only in the fall on the following dates and times.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 11, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 25, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

WHERE?

Mulch will be provided and loaded at the Ellisville Public Works mulch yard located at 553 Old State Road, Ellisville, Missouri.

WHO?

Only residents and businesses of Ellisville are eligible to take part in the free mulch loading service (proof of residency or proof of business operation will be required).

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The program will be first come, first served on the days of service. Bring your vehicle or trailer to the mulch yard and be prepared to provide proof of residency or business operation. You will be required to sign a Waiver of Understanding and Hold Harmless Agreement before the service is provided. City staff may decline for any reason and at any time to load mulch into your vehicle or trailer. Mulch may not always be available. City staff will direct you for the loading of mulch. You and anyone accompanying you will be required to remain in your vehicle while in the mulch loading area for safety reasons. The City will not be responsible for any damage to your vehicle or trailer from the loading or hauling of free mulch. City staff will direct you out of the mulch area when loading is complete, at that time you may secure your loaded mulch. The City makes no representation to the quality, content or quantity of the mulch provided.

You are always welcome to come by our mulch facility and load your on mulch by hand. We are generally open from sunrise to sunset year round. Thank you for taking part in our eco- friendly mulch service.

Mayor's Corner



Friends and Neighbors,

On behalf of City Staff and fellow Councilmembers, we hope you had a fun-filled summer and a safe 4th of July.

Over the next couple months you will witness many changes taking place in Ellisville. These changes will bring much needed improvements to Ellisville's infrastructure, appearance, and commercial corridor.

The great recession of 2009 forced several large businesses to close in Ellisville. Its aftermath left us with several vacant and antiquated buildings. The former Straub's grocery store closed its doors in 2009. Best Buy was forced to close 50 stores early in 2012. Chevy's, Blockbuster, and Gordman's followed suit shortly thereafter. K-Mart closed 120 stores nationwide earlier this year due to financial trouble after merging with Sears.

The aforementioned notwithstanding, we are pleased to announce that those days are officially over in Ellisville. Gold's Gym recently opened in February and replaced the vacant Gordman's location. Best Buy was just purchased for redevelopment. Lucky's Market filled the vacant Straub's space in Fountain Plaza in is now open. White Castle, who pushed back corporate projects from 2013 to 2014, will finally replace the former Long John Silver's with the construction of a new building. Jimmy Johns will also begin construction of a new building at the former Mobil gas station next to McDonalds. AT&T is now open across the street. Ace Hardware has already begun construction and is slated to open in September. The new Ace Hardware will replace 15k sq/ft of vacant retail space. The former Big K-Mart will be split into

three tenants slots coupled with a complete update to the current building facade. Official announcements for K-Mart's new tenants will be released after site approval by the council on August 6th. Lion's Choice has just announced that they are coming to Ellisville with new construction on another vacant lot. Tri-Star Mercedes has been purchased for new development. American Eagle Credit Union has brought conceptual plans before the Council for a beautiful new facility on Clarkson Rd. There is also substantial interest in the old Stivers car dealership lot. Walnut Grill, a new restaurant franchise out of the Pittsburgh area, was recently approved by the Council and construction is already underway as well. We are pleased to announce that all the new developments were executed without the use of tax payer money.

This is just the beginning, as many more redevelopment projects that are coming before the Council this month, and we will notify you as they progress. This includes plans for the vacant dealership lot on the corner of Kiefer Creek and Manchester Roads. Couple this with the resurfacing of Manchester Rd., new trails that connect to Wildwood, installation of landscaped medians, illuminated street signs, and way finding signage and what you have is the perfect 'revitalization' storm for Ellisville. We ask that you use caution and have patience with the many construction crews who will be breaking ground all across our great city in the coming days. It is our time to shine once again in the region and we thank you for your loyalty and patience over the last 3 years!

Cordially,

Mayor Adam Paul

FALL HAYRIDES

Bussman Shelter in Bluebird Park

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Come join us for an evening hayride and enjoy hot cocoa while roasting hot dogs and marshmallows over an open fire.

Thursday, September 25 (rain date Sept. 26)

Thursday, October 2 (rain date Oct. 3)

Thursday, October 9 (rain date Oct. 10)

Thursday, October 16 (rain date Oct. 17)

Residents: \$7/person; Non-Residents: \$9/person

Tiny Tot Soccer

Tuesday/Thursday

September 3 – 26

5:30 – 6:30 pm.

Fee: Res: \$37; Non-Res: \$47

Ages 4-6. Children will learn introductory skills in a precompetitive environment, where they focus on the basic idea of soccer, cooperation and team work.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, Aug 28

3:00 – 7:00 pm

Park Administration Center, Bluebird Park

To schedule an appointment, please visit www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: ellisvillecity or call the Ellisville Parks Department at (636)227-7508

Pooch Plunges at the EDGE Co Sponsored by Manchester West Veterinary Clinic



The EDGE is going to the dogs this summer on
Thursday, September 6 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
and on
Saturday, September 10 from 9:00 a.m.–12 p.m.

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 be used for the maintenance of the 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 current vet's rabies vaccination record for each dog.

Handlers must be at least 18 years of age. Limit of two dogs per handler. For more information, contact the parks and recreation office at (636)227-7508.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE



IN THE AUGUST 5th PRIMARY!

BLUEBIRD PARK

Summer Concert

Thursday, August 7

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The Jeremiah Johnson Band

Sponsor: Allen Roofing and Siding

HOT DOG IT'S CHILI

Friday, October 24

5:30 – 9:00 pm

2nd Annual Hot Dog it's Chili in Bluebird Park

Event goers will come out to listen to the band, go on a hay ride, participate in the children's activities, purchase food from vendors and taste chili. Chili teams must follow guidelines but the recipe is up to each individual. A panel of judges will pick the BEST chili! Teams are formed by local businesses, organizations and families in search of a friendly competition, prizes and bragging rights! If you are interested in participating contact Sally Grobelny at (636)227-7508 or at sgrobelny@ellisville.mo.us.

HOWL-O-WEEN

Canine Costume Contest

Friday, October 24

7:30 pm

Do you have the cutest or scariest dog in town? Then join in the fun for the Howl – O – Ween Canine Costume Contest. The entry fee is \$5.00 per dog in advance or \$6.00 per dog the day of the event. Prizes will be awarded for best costume, scary costume, owner/dog theme costume and other fun contests for your dog. Proceeds will be used for the maintenance of the Ellisville Dog Park. For more information and to register, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (636)227-7508.



THURSDAYS IN BLUEBIRD PARK

4:00 – 7:30 P.M.

Come and buy local seasonal market fare from farmers and artisans. The market also features children's activities, regional entertainment, barbeque, local wines and other refreshments. For more information, contact

Market Master, Rene' Sackett at:
www.ellisvillefarmersmarket.org

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, 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 _____

MRC Electronic Recycling Bluebird Park

The second Saturday of each month (February – November) there is an electronic recycling event from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in Bluebird Park. Basically anything that has a cord or battery is accepted except smoke detectors, light bulbs, florescent lights and glass lamps. Lawn equipment must have gas and oil removed. The first television is free. After that, there is a \$15 charge for each television.

Midwest Recycling is registered with the EPA, Level 4 Certified with the Missouri Department of Natural Services and is Nationally R2 certified. Midwest Recycling has a zero landfill policy. This event is open to the public including individuals, schools, churches, businesses, etc... For information, contact Midwest Recycling @ 636-223-0150 or www.midwrc.net. This is a cooperative program between the City of Ellisville and MRC Recycling.



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(636) 227-1469

District 2 Council Members

Linda Reel
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(636)386-3983

Mick Cahill
42 Covert Ln.
(314)280-9540

District 3 Council Members

Roze Acup
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Cindy Pool
1536 Virginia Dr.
(636)386-2316

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT OCTOBER 7th, 2014 *AMERICA'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME*



Once again, the Ellisville Police Department will participate in National Night Out (NNO), continuing to support the national initiative. The 31st Annual NNO event will be held in Ellisville the first Tuesday in October. From 6 to 9 p.m. on October 7, residents in neighborhoods throughout the City of Ellisville are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neigh-

bors and police. Many neighborhoods in the past have hosted a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, flashlight walks, contests and visits from police. Stand together to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity and to promote a positive police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer nation. On NNO, we invite neighborhoods to join in Giving Crime & Drugs A Going Away Party.

Neighborhoods interested in participating can contact Sergeant Nancy Walker at 636-227-7777 or nwalker@ellisville.mo.us or visit <http://www.ellisville.mo.us> to download the registration form to register event locations and obtain further details. Please return the form by September 27 to officially register your area and to receive a visit from the police and city officials.