



City of Ellisville

Trailblazer

Fall 2015

No More Mud At The Ellisville Dog Park!

Synthetic turf especially for canines was installed in the Large Dog Area of the Ellisville Dog Park this summer. Due to heavy activity in past years it has been very difficult to keep turf alive all year long. Now no matter what time of the year, the park will be green and mud free for the dogs and their owners to enjoy.



Discount Memberships Available for 2015 only \$20! - Memberships to the dog park are generally \$40 per year for up to three dogs in a household, but if you purchase a 2015 Membership now it's just \$20 until the end of December. To purchase a membership, come to the Park Administration Building in Bluebird Park and bring proof of rabies and bordatella vaccination and proof that your dog has been spayed or neutered. For more information, contact the parks and recreation department at (636)227-7508.

2015 Fall Leaf Collection

The Public Works crew will begin the 2015 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.

FIRST COLLECTION



District 3: November 2 - November 6
 District 1: November 9 - November 13
 District 2: November 16 - November 20

Second Collection



District 3: November 23 - December 3
 District 1: December 4 - December 10
 District 2: December 11 - December 18

Deer Culling Program

As each of us walk, jog or drive through the West County area, it is not uncommon to view numerous white tail deer grazing in fields, yards, and darting across streets in front of vehicles while on many occasions, being struck resulting in injury or death. These beautiful creatures are a pleasure to watch but are increasingly becoming a problem as they inbreed, carry diseases, feed on residential foliage, and are a major concern with the increased reports of vehicle/deer accidents. This problem has not only impacted West County municipalities, but cities, counties, and states nationwide. Many programs have been adopted by these entities that include sharpshooting, bow hunting, trapping and relocating, or sterilization. In a natural setting according to the Department of Conservation, the deer population in undeveloped areas average about 20 deer per square mile. Ellisville currently is home to between 60 and 70 per square mile.

In an effort to contain and reduce the negative impact these creatures have on the community while still maintaining the positive impact of viewing these beautiful animals, the Ellisville City Council suspended the previous bow hunting program as this program proved to be ineffective and inhumane. Arrows either impale the deer or pass through the deer causing the animal to run a distance until it either drops dead, or survives with the injury and dies at a later time. Looking for an alternative, the council called upon the police department to utilize police officers to cull the deer population with rifles. All Ellisville officers are trained and certified in the M-4, 223 caliber rifle, but only select officers will take part in the culling program. The rifles allow an instant and humane culling practice. Suppressors are used on the rifles to muffle the sound and very few residents will even be aware of the culling.



Partnering with the Missouri Department of Conservation, the Police Department has received expert advice on how to proceed, and a viable plan has been put in place. Reducing the population to about 30 deer per square mile over one year is the objective, and another census will be conducted following a complete year of culling to determine the effectiveness of the program, and a follow-up report provided to the DOC and the City Council.

The harvested deer in whole, will be discreetly conveyed to a butcher shop that is recommended by the Department of Conversation and one that participates in the “Share the Harvest”, a program that provides the meat to food banks which in turn, distributes same to less fortunate families.

All culling will be conducted from property inspected by command staff and deemed safe topography from any danger to residents and/or structures, and from an elevated position firing into a dirt berm as a back-stop. The rifle can also be fired in such a way, the angle of the projectile is directed into the ground. (It should be noted that Ellisville officers for years have been humanely destroying deer with firearms, that have been struck by vehicles, injured in other ways, or sick with disease, all without incident.)

For questions, please contact Chief Tom Felgate or Lt. Kelly Murray at the Ellisville Police Department, telephone 636-227-7777. Or you may email tfelgate@ellisville.mo.us or kmurray@ellisville.mo.us.

Missouri Prescription Pill and Drug Disposal Program

What is the Program?

The Prescription Pill and Drug Disposal Program is a collaborative effort among communities, police departments, city officials, students, and more.

The purpose of the program is to educate the public about the best ways to dispose of prescription and non-prescription drugs to protect our health and our environment.

The mission of the program is to provide St. Louis County communities with a responsible method of pharmaceutical disposal that effectively reduces the misuse and abuse of pharmaceuticals, as well as, ensures the quality of water in our rivers and for future generations.

Why is the Program Important?

As medical science advances, many more medical problems can be treated by prescription drugs. This progress has helped millions of people recover from disease or improve their quality of life.

However, the number of prescription drugs prescribed has increased. Over the last decade the percentage of Americans who took at least one prescription drug in the past month increased by 10 percent. The use of multiple prescription drugs increased by 20 percent and the use of five or more drugs increased by 70 percent. Some of these medicines are not used and begin to accumulate in medicine cabinets. Below are some benefits of properly disposing of prescription drugs:

- Reduce the risk of drug abuse -- Nearly one in five teens (about 4.5 million) report abusing prescription medications to get high.
- Cut the risk of accidental poisoning -- Every year about 71,000 young children are poisoned by medicines
- Protect our environment. Flushing medicines down the toilet sends them to wastewater treatment plants and then into our rivers and streams. Studies have found trace amounts of pharmaceuticals in rivers and streams. The impact of these trace amounts, measured in parts per trillion, is unknown.

How can I participate?

On August 27th, the police department installed a P2D2 disposal box for unused medication in the station lobby. Unused medication may be dropped off between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

- Prescription medications including controlled substances
- All over-the-counter medications
- Pet medications
- Vitamins and supplements
- Medicated ointments, lotions, creams and oils
- Liquid medication in leak-proof containers
- Homeopathic and herbal remedies
- Suppositories

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

- Illegal Drugs
- Needles/Sharps
- Syringes with needles
- Thermometers
- IV bags and tubing
- Bloody or infectious waste
- Personal care products
- Empty containers
- Hydrogen peroxide



Parks and Recreation Programs For The Whole Family

Visit the Parks and Recreation page on the City of Ellisville website to find out about the programs and special events offered this fall in Bluebird Park.

<http://www.ellisville.mo.us/198/Parks-Recreation>

Honeysuckle Removal Event

Volunteers meet at the park administration Building in Bluebird Park. Call the Park Office to register
636-227-7508
November 14
9:00 a.m. – Noon

FALL HAYRIDES

Enjoy an evening hayride, roasting hotdogs over a campfire and s'mores at Bluebird Park! Preregistration is required in the park office or by calling 636-227-7508
Thursdays, October 1, 8, 15 & 29
6:30 -8:00 pm
Res \$7.00 per person
Non: \$9.00 per person



Hot Dog It's Chili

3RD ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Event goers will come to taste a variety of chili recipes.. Chili teams must follow guidelines but the recipe is up to each team. Teams are formed by local businesses, organizations and families in search of a friendly competition. Along with the chili there will be entertainment, hayrides, food vendors, dog costume contest. Friday, October 23, from 5:30 – 8:30 pm in



Bluebird Park. Always accepting chili cookers: contact Sally Grobelny at 636-227-7508 or sgrobelny@ellisville.mo.us

Possible Improvements for Owl Hollow Park

Plans are underway for some possible improvements to the playgrounds in Owl Hollow Park. There are currently two small play areas and the plan is to consolidate these areas with a new playground with rubberized safety surfacing. To fund the playground improvements, the City will be considering applying for a St. Louis County Municipal Park Grant. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss the planned improvements, please contact the Parks and Recreation Director, Lisa Blumer at (636)227-7508 or at lblumer@ellisville.mo.us

Breakfast With Santa

Santa will be accepting wish lists from children and posing for pictures so moms and dads...don't forget your camera. A light breakfast will be served.

December 5

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

\$4.00 per person

(Children under 1 FREE)

Preregistration is required in the park office or by calling 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 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.

SNOW REMOVAL GUIDELINES

With winter just around the corner, it is again time to remind our residents that the City Municipal Code Section 365.080 prohibits any person from parking any vehicle on any public street in the City of Ellisville at any time with twelve (12) hours after a snowfall of two (2) inches or more has occurred. During this time, parked vehicles can impede the Public Works Department trucks and create additional hazards which delay street cleaning. Your help in keeping the street clear is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions regarding parking, traffic laws, speed zones or snow routes, please contact the Ellisville Police Department at 636-227-7777.



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Lafayette Older Adult Program



Are you interested in making new friends, hearing great speakers, going on exciting day trips, or playing bingo and cards? If you are 55 plus, this is a great group for you to become involved in! Coffee, soda and dessert are provided. Please bring a sack lunch.

DATE & TIME:

2nd & 4th Monday every month
 September-May from 10am – 2 pm

LOCATION:

Ballwin Golf Course
 333 Holloway Rd 63011

COST:

\$2/Person

