

City of Ellisville



Trailblazer

Spring 2016

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

PROPOSITION 1

Amendment to the Ellisville Home Rule Charter

On Tuesday April 5, 2016, Ellisville voters will have an opportunity to vote on whether to amend the Home Rule Charter to remove the recall provisions contained in Article IX that have been declared unconstitutional by a court of law.

Pursuant to the Missouri Constitution, City Council Members are officers that are not subject to impeachment. Therefore, Article IX of the Ellisville City Charter is subject to Article VII, Section 4 of the Missouri Constitution, requiring the removal of public officials not subject to impeachment “in the manner and for the causes provided by law.”

PROPOSITION B

Sales Tax on the Titling of Motor Vehicles, Trailers, Boats and Outboard Motors

On Tuesday April 5, 2016, Ellisville voters will have an opportunity to vote on whether to continue applying and collecting the local sales tax on the titling of motor vehicles, trailers, boats, and outboard motors that were purchased from a source other than a licensed Missouri dealer.

Rejection of this measure will result in a reduction of local revenue to provide vital services for the City of Ellisville and it will place Missouri dealers of motor vehicles, trailers, boats, and outboard motors at a competitive disadvantage to non-Missouri dealers. Following a court decision which invalidated local sales taxes on vehicles purchased out of state, the legislature reinstated this tax for all jurisdictions with local sales taxes. However, the legislation stipulates that each entity levying a sales tax must place on the ballot the question of retaining the use tax on out of state vehicle purchases. This election must take place by November 2016. If the jurisdiction fails to place the question on the ballot or if it fails, out of state vehicle tax collections will cease.



Development in Ellisville

In an environment of limited resources, Ellisville has chosen to play an active role in shaping its economic future. City Staff has implemented an economic development approach that emphasizes the retention and expansion of existing businesses, while spending more time on new business attraction. Retention efforts, especially, focus on customer service fundamentals and emphasize a dedication to maintaining strong relationships with our business community. Multiple stakeholder meetings have been held to receive input from those we hope to better serve, and those discussions helped shape an action plan. Ellisville has seen approximately 265,000 square feet of new business building area that has contributed to a 12% increase in tax revenue over the last two years.

Some notable businesses that have opened since the City began its economic development initiatives (or will be opening shortly), include:

Children's Learning Adventure

Lucky's Market

Sports Authority

Michael's

Party City (New location)

Lukas Wine & Spirits (New Location)

Ace Hardware

Jimmy John's

Lion's Choice

Car Wash

Monty's

Walnut Grill

QuikTrip (New Location)

American Eagle Credit Union

Orange Theory Fitness Studio

AT&T

Arby's

Chick-fil-A

Starbuck's

MOD Pizza

Raising Cane's



TAKE IN THE WELCOME MAT

As the weather begins to warm up and the first signs of spring are all around, now is the perfect time to let potential burglars know that your home is NOT an easy target. As you do your spring cleaning, this is easy to do.

First, trim back bushes, shrubs and trees. Remember the “3 and 7 Rule”. That is, don’t have things in your yard that are more than three feet wide or more than seven feet tall. This gives potential burglars ample room to hide from watchful neighbors or passing police vehicles.

Also, if you are thinking about installing a new fence around your house, make sure it is a fence that does not provide cover for people trying to get into or out of your home. Chain link type fences, even the typical white picket fences, are difficult for someone to hide behind. Wood or vinyl privacy type fences allow a burglar the opportunity to hide from view and escape when the “coast is clear.”

Another thing to remember during this time of year is your garage door. How many times have you left it open while you were doing yard work? Then you had to make that quick trip to the hardware store or the nursery and you drove away with your garage door still open for everyone to see your belongings. We all do it at one time or another. However, getting in the practice of closing your garage door when you are not in the garage is a very good and security-conscious habit to get into.

Don’t forget to be neighborly. Keep an eye on your neighbor’s house when they aren’t home. Even if your neighborhood doesn’t have an organized Block Watch program in place, that shouldn’t keep you from reporting anything out of the ordinary or suspicious. If you watch their house, they are likely to return the favor the next time you are on vacation. Plus, you might just make a new friend in the process.

2015 CAMP INFORMATION

ELLISVILLE DAY CAMPS AT BLUEBIRD PARK

Sign up for Voyager Camp (ages 5-12) or Camp Little Bird (ages 3 -5) this summer and see what we've added!

Session 1: Animal Kingdom – June 6 – June 17

What child doesn't love animals? From house pets to circus or zoo animals to animals in the wild... Spend two full weeks immersed in animal learning and fun at Animal Kingdom Day Camp. The session includes animal-related educational activities, including games, crafts, basic animal care and animal interactions. Campers will also engage in traditional camp activities, swimming, and sports.

Session 2: Wilderness Adventure – June 20 – July 1

Get ready for the summer adventure of a lifetime!! At Wilderness Adventure Day Camp, your child will experience fun and adventure in beautiful surroundings while developing lifelong friendships and memories. Filled with adventure, discovery, and a heightened appreciation of the natural world, campers will enjoy a variety of activities that we offer daily including wilderness skills, animal tracking, hiking, survival skills, primitive technology and scavenger hunts. Campers will also engage in traditional camp activities, swimming, and sports.

Session 3: Time Travels – July 11 – July 22

Has your child been to Hawaii, the Dinosaur Age, or the future? In Time Travels Day Camp, children journey through time as they explore a variety of different eras and places. Campers create cool art projects, play games, and hear music that reflects their themed time period or place of travel. Only time will tell what new adventures await this summer! Please note that in order to combat time traveling fatigue, campers will also engage in traditional camp activities, swimming, and sports.

Voyager Special Session – July 25 – July 29

Pick one of the camps below and have the best week of your life.

Camp H2O: This camp is for the true water bug. We are taking all of the fun that a regular day camp offers and putting it in the pool. Participants must have basic safety swimming skills to attend this camp.

Awesome Acting Camp: Who doesn't want to be a star? The Awesome Acting Camp gives your child the opportunity to perform on our Amphitheater stage the last day of camp. They will spend the week preparing for the performance of their lives.

Sports Extravaganza Camp: Sign up your future all-stars. The Sports Day Camp allows children to try a variety of sports to determine interests and strengths, to increase self-esteem, learn sportsmanship, teamwork and develop skills.



EDGE AQUATIC CENTER PRICE REDUCTIONS FOR ELLISVILLE RESIDENTS IN 2016

The Ellisville Mayor and City Council recently voted to lower the cost of Ellisville resident memberships for The EDGE Aquatic Center in Bluebird Park. The new Ellisville resident fees are:

Memberships	Early Bird Special Feb 29 - May 26	Regular Rate After May 26
Youth (3-17) or Senior (62+)	\$54	\$60
Adult	\$63	\$70
Senior Couple	\$104	\$115
Parent and Child	\$108	\$120
Family (4 or fewer members)*	\$148	\$165

*Additional family members (beyond 4) - \$10 each

If you would rather not purchase a membership, you can obtain an Ellisville Resident ID for \$3 and then pay the Resident Daily Rate of \$3 for youth and seniors and \$4 for adults. Without a Resident ID the fee is \$6 for the general public.

Proof of Ellisville residency is required when purchasing a membership. This includes a Photo ID and a current utility bill or personal property tax receipt. Memberships can be purchased at the Park Administration Building in Bluebird Park (next to the EDGE Aquatic Center).

City Hall Council Chamber/Court Renovation

The City Hall Council Chamber (that also serves as the city’s Court) is getting a facelift. Much needed renovations that will provide improved accessibility, audio/visual enhancements and safety will be constructed this year. A rendering of the improvements is shown below.

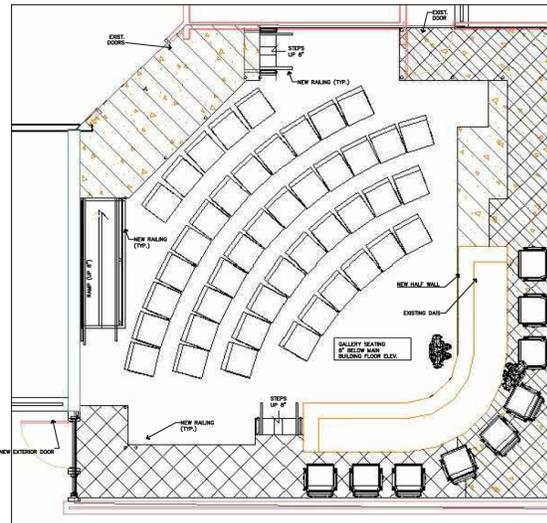
COUNCIL CHAMBER RENOVATION OPTIONS



RENOVATION FLOOR PLAN OPTION - B EYE LEVEL VIEW



RENOVATION FLOOR PLAN OPTION - B AXONOMETRIC VIEW



COUNCIL CHAMBER PLAN (Option - B)



LAYOUT OPTION INCLUDES ADA ACCESS TO BOTH THE CHAMBER DAIS AND GALLERY SEATING. DAIS FLOOR IS AT THE SAME LEVEL AS MAIN BUILDING CORRIDOR. GALLERY SEATING IS 8 INCHES LOWER VIA RAMP AND STEP OPTIONS.

GALLERY SEATING FOR APPROXIMATELY 44



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Upcoming Electronic Recycling Events

The city is now partnering with Adonis Recycling for two upcoming Electronic Recycling Events on Thursday, April 7 and Thursday, May 5 from 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m. in Bluebird Park. They recycle items such as computer towers, laptops, keyboards, cables and wires, cell phones, LCD monitors, MP3 players, Ipods, Ipads, tables, gaming systems, etc. They can recycle anything that has ever had a current running through it. There are two items that they charge to recycle and that is \$20 for CRT monitors and \$40 for televisions with tubes. For more information about Adonis Recycling, go to their website at: <http://adonisrecycling.com/>

From the Chief's Desk

POLICE USE OF FORCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

By Corporal Joey Nickles, Ellisville PD

In 1991, the world looked on in shock as four Los Angeles Police Officers beat an unarmed Rodney King while other officers stood by and watched. The resulting investigation and acquittal of the officers in 1992 led to weeks of riots, 53 deaths, over 2,000 injuries, and billions of dollars in immediate and cumulative long term loss of economic revenue.

Fast forward to 2014 -- Ferguson, Missouri. As a police officer with more than 15 years of experience, I am not saying the killing of Rodney King is the same as the Mike Brown shooting. The situations are very dissimilar, but the extreme rhetoric on both sides of the debate are the same. To some, Rodney King deserved to be beaten to teach him a lesson. To others, the incident was so over the top it was shocking even to fellow officers. To some, Darren Wilson was a racist cop who killed an unarmed black teenager for simply stealing a cigar. To others, it was a case of an adult black man being shot and killed because of his own actions.

After a major event involving a police officer's questionable use of force, pundits and lawyers spend days, weeks, or even months on the news discussing what an officer should or shouldn't have done. Yet the police officer involved had seconds to assess the situation, make a legal determination as to an appropriate response, and then execute that response perfectly without overreaching. Does a police officer's training and education make a difference in these volatile situations?

Numerous studies conclude college educated police officers have a tendency to possess several positive traits in higher frequencies than their non-college educated counterparts including better communication skills and understanding of both policing and the criminal justice system. College educated officers also tend to be more professional and tolerant, and less likely to use deadly force. (Carter, Sapp, and Stephens, 1989)

Recruiting a college educated police force could be financially unfeasible for some cities. If a college degree is required for employment, paying a wage commensurate with that education will be necessary.

Today police officers are being scrutinized more than ever. We do not mind having our policies, procedures, and actions analyzed, dissected, and debated. We just want it to be a fair process considering the realities of the world in which we live. We hope no one has to lose their life at the hands of a police officer. The Ellisville Police Department has adopted the mantra, "Policing through Innovative Community Partnerships" because we want to partner with our community. Enforcing laws is certainly part of what we do, but it must be done humbly. We must never lose sight of where our authority is derived, from The People.



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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 _____