



CITY OF ELLISVILLE

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From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

It is exciting to see the light at the end of the COVID tunnel. We know things will never be quite as they were before, but there is a new optimism in the air that is certainly refreshing. It is great to see the vaccine is readily available to those that desire it and St. Louis County Health Department restrictions have been reduced to recommendations. There is a new spirit in the air and it certainly seems mostly to be business as usual around town.

I am happy to report that the financial impact to Ellisville's budget has not been as significant as forecasted. The expense of the programs we had to cancel last summer due to St. Louis County Health Department restrictions and for the safety of our residents

offset the dip in revenue so that worked out better than expected. This combined with 2021 year to date revenue tracking well, we should be able to add some things back into this year's budget that had been previously removed due to an abundance of caution when the budget was set last year. Please, still remember to shop and dine in Ellisville and continue to support our businesses.

Fortunately, we proactively budgeted to have a summer full of Parks Department programs and thank goodness everything is a go! The EDGE Aquatic Center will be open as planned and we have all of our most popular programs back again this summer. We will have a full Thursday night summer concert series under our newly covered amphitheater, and

we will be having our 4th of July celebration complete with fireworks and live entertainment. Please check the City's website prior to making your way to Bluebird Park for this event as we do have a modified plan this year and details are still subject to being updated.

Additional good news for Ellisville residents and all Missourians is that the Missouri State Legislature had a productive session this year and many of the top priority bills of the St. Louis Metropolitan Municipal League, Missouri Municipal League and Missouri Mayors United were passed by the closing of the 2020-2021 regular session on May 14th.

Yours Truly,
Mayor Mike Roemerman

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THE EDGE AQUATIC CENTER OPENS MAY 29!



Normal Hours:

May 29 - September 6 11:30 am - 7:30 pm

EDGE Aquatic Center Memberships and Resident ID cards can now be purchased online! - ellisville.recdesk.com

Kids Play!

The EDGE Splash Pad is open just for kids 6 and under Monday and Thursday mornings from 10:00 - 11:15 am June 7 - August 2. Admission: Kids: \$3 Adults: \$2

Reserve Policing in the City of Ellisville

You may notice an increase in the number of officers serving the Ellisville community. While we have not added full time sworn officers in some time, we have begun a concerted effort to add Reserve Police Officers to our force. In fact, by the end of 2021 our intent is to have seven Reserve Police Officers on our force, an increase of four officers. The Reserve Police Program is an opportunity for former police officers, or those officers who have completed the full time police academy but have other careers, to serve their community in a law enforcement capacity.

Our Reserve Officers, and by State Statute all Reserve Officers, are required to have the same level of training as full time paid officers and to maintain the exact same level of training throughout their career. Each Reserve Officer is asked to complete eight hours of service to the Department each month, although some will do much more. As certified Police Officers they are capable of doing everything a full time sworn officer can do, which means more officers to patrol, investigate crime and serve the community. While the department provides the equipment for them to do their job, there is no pay or compensation associated with the Reserve Program. It is truly a win-win for both the officer and the agency with the biggest winner of all being the community!

The City of Ellisville is Seeking Volunteers for Various Boards and Commissions



City of Ellisville is seeking committed and community-minded volunteers to fill current and upcoming vacancies in its **Planning and**

Zoning Commission, Board of Adjustment and Economic Development Commission.

Volunteers are essential to many organizations including our City government. The Boards and Commissions serve in an advisory role to the City Council. Each volunteer is to be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Council. Appointments are made on an as-needed basis. All volunteer positions are unpaid. For a list of vacancies, to apply, or for more information, please visit:

<https://www.ellisville.mo.us/243/Boards-Commissions>

For additional information or if you have questions, contact City Planner Ada Hood at ahood@ellisville.mo.us or (636) 227-9660.

AMERICAN RED CROSS



Wednesday, June 9

2:00 – 6:00 pm

Bluebird Park Parking Lot (Mobile Bus)

To schedule an appointment visit:

www.redcrossblood.org

2021 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



Concert Line-up

June 3 - John Hughs Experience
June 10 - Tony Viviano
June 17 - Rocket Ride
June 24 - Grizzly Goat
July 8 - Gateway City Big Band
July 15 - Rockin' Chair
July 29 - Thirty Six Red
August 5 - Trilogy
August 12 - Dr. Zhivegas



Bluebird Park Thursdays 7-9 PM

Everyone that attends the event should follow COVID-19 CDC guidelines.

For more information visit our website - ellisville.mo.us

It's More Than a Market, Market!

There will be a Market from 6-9 pm on concert nights. The Market will include food vendors, craft vendors and farmers selling produce. Stop by for dinner and some shopping before you go to the concert. If you are interested in having a booth at the Market, contact Carri Cahill at ellisvillemarket@yahoo.com

CALLING ALL MUSIC AND DANCE GROUPS!



We invite your group to come out and perform this summer at our newly renovated amphitheater in Bluebird Park at no charge! Make a reservation by calling (636) 227-7508 or email mmollet@ellisville.mo.us or just come out and play, it's up to you!

Certain times and restrictions apply

INDEPENDENCE DAY CONCERT AND FIREWORKS

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021

GRIFFIN AND THE GARGOYLES 7:00 PM – 9:15 PM

FIREWORKS @ 9:15 PM



This year's 4th of July Celebration in Bluebird Park is being scaled down due to COVID-19 restrictions. Different from previous years, there will be no shuttle buses, food vendors or inflatables. You are welcome to bring your own food and drink, but no glass bottles or pets please. Everyone that attends the event should follow COVID-19 CDC Guidelines.

Parking in Bluebird Park will be limited to Ellisville residents with a parking pass (1 per household)

- 200 parking passes will be available for Ellisville residents on a first come first served basis. (This includes people that need accessible parking due to a disability)
- Parking passes will be available on the City of Ellisville website beginning Friday, June 18 at 9:00 am or in person at the Parks Administration Building in Bluebird Park, 225 Kiefer Creek Road. To register for your parking pass on-line, go to: ellisville.recdesk.com before June 18 and set-up a log-in so that you are ready to reserve a parking space on June 18. If you need assistance call (636) 227-7508.
- If you register for your parking pass on-line, it will be available for pick up at the Park Office, 225 Kiefer Creek Road, Monday – Friday 7:00 am – 5:00 pm

Canine Dark NAPWDA Certification

The North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA) was organized on October 22, 1977. The goal of this organization is stated as, "Dedicated to assisting work dog teams throughout the world".



The objectives are to: 1. Unite and assist all law enforcement agencies in the training and continued improvement of all police work dogs. 2. Establish a working standard for all police work dogs, handlers and trainers, through an accreditation program. 3. Provide educational material through publications, state, and national training workshops. 4. Improve the image of the working police dog to the public. This is a national certification and although the State of Missouri does not require Police Canines to be certified, it is the intent of the Ellisville Police Department to maintain a nationally certified canine and handler to show our proficiency in each of the categories we are trained in. Canine Dark is a Dual Purpose (Patrol, Narcotics) canine who is trained in the following categories: -Tracking -Aggression Control -Obedience -Article Search -Area Search -Building Search -Narcotic Detection (Marijuana, Meth, Heroin, Cocaine) -Vehicles -Lockers -Rooms. In 2019, Canine Dark and I went to Shallow Creek Kennel's in Sharpsville, Pennsylvania, where we completed a six (6) week handler's course. With the completion of the course, we were certified in the above categories and canine Dark has shown proficiency and skills commensurate with a top-notch working canine! - Officer J. Peacock

Ellisville Residents Clean up Fishpot Creek

Before settlers migrated west on what was dirt pack and is now Manchester Road, Native Americans used Fishpot Creek for fresh drinking water. Fishpot Creek has multiple springs feeding the creek running parallel to much of the Ellisville trails. It winds beyond Ellisville, through Ballwin and Manchester before emptying into the Meramec River in Valley Park. I've enjoyed exploring the creek with my daughter and her neighborhood friends throughout their childhood. They discovered crayfish, frogs, turtles, minnows, toads, snakes, deer, screech, great horned, and bard owls, ducks, muskrat, occasional fox, turkey, coyote, and arrowheads. We'd classify insects one typically found around clean water and those around unhealthy water. The habitat around the creek is an educational wonder!

I've been an Operation Clean Stream member for 25 years. Our team pulls trash out of the Meramec River from Eureka to Castlewood State Park each year. We're one of many Clean Stream Teams across Missouri volunteering with the Conservation Department. Last summer, our event was cancelled. Five on our team elected to clean about a mile section, Clarkson Road to Flesher, of Fishpot Creek in our hometown area of Ellisville.

We knew we'd find trash, but we underestimated the volume and type. In addition to the typical aluminum cans, plastic bags and bottles of all kinds, tied off bags of dog waste, and glass, we pulled a 50-gallon drum, door threshold, used auto oil filters, tube with two syringes, dozens of used sanitation wipes, car bumper, 20x15 square-foot area of carpet, wrecked sleds, silt-buried athletic equipment bags, and car tires.

I know this is anecdotal, but what we did notice was a lack of common crayfish, minnows, frogs and beneficial insects typically present some years ago when our children were younger. I know many in our community are concerned about the universal care of our environment and climate change. However, care for our environment is not merely academic or relegated to some place far from here. Care for our environment starts in our own community. I, along with many, chose and continue to choose Ellisville as a place to live because of its trail system and interconnections of its green spaces. The creek with its freshwater springs extends beyond the time of man! What a mysterious jewel! It's an amazing classroom of discovery, a peaceful place for reflection, a welcoming path for conversation, and a gift for generations to come! I encourage you to enjoy its wonders as much as I do!

-Tim Morrison



Help us honor our local veterans by sponsoring a **Living Veteran Banner**

Attention Ellisville Businesses--

The City of Ellisville Economic Development Commission presents a unique sponsorship opportunity! The City of Ellisville will be installing dual Banners on the existing light poles in Bluebird Park. The banners will honor Our living veterans residing in Ellisville.



Each set of banners will feature a military branch and logo on the front side, And the City logo and business name on the backside, as depicted above.

**There will be 1 business per banner, with a total of 36 sponsorship spots available. The City plans to hang all banners before July 4th.*

This will be a great opportunity to show your support for our local veterans, while showcasing your business at the heavily visited Bluebird Park.

**Sponsorships are \$200 per banner annually and are on a first come, first served basis. To become a sponsor, please pick up a form from City Hall or find it on our website - ellisville.mo.us and return it with your payment, no later than June 11th.*

Spots are filling up fast! Don't miss your chance to show your support for our local veterans!



Half Cent Sales Tax Storm Water Improvement Project Update

In 2021, the City of Ellisville will be completing asphalt street improvements on Bentshire Court, Castle Tower Drive, Palace Place Court, Field Avenue, Lafayette Court, Parkview Estates Drive and Towne Drive. These roads are scheduled for removal and replacement of isolated areas of deteriorated curb and gutters along with resurfacing of the existing asphalt pavement. These projects are all expected to take place this summer.

The City also has several streets scheduled for complete concrete street removal and replacement. The concrete streets scheduled to be replaced this year are Dogwood Meadows Court, Sumac Field Court, Wood Meadow Circle, a section of Autumn Bluff Drive from Wood Meadow Circle to the cul-de-sac, Fair Isle Court and a section of Tartan Green Boulevard from west of Fair Isle Court to south of Castlerea Boulevard. Work on these streets is anticipated to begin this summer and should be completed by the fall.

In addition to these street replacement projects, the City will complete a project to construct a new sidewalk along the north side of Barbara Ann Lane, between East Meadow Lane and Reinke Road. This project is expected to be completed this summer.

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. The City of Ellisville would like to thank all of the residents impacted by the 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 Mike Hartwig, Assistant City Engineer, at (636) 227-9660 V/TDD.

Hummingbird Park Improvements

Hummingbird Park located between Hummingbird Park Ct. and Polaris Dr. (off Hutchinson Rd.) will soon receive an asphalt overlay of the loop trail in the park to improve the surface and safety of the trail.



Life Skills In Our Schools



This year the Ellisville Police Department, in cooperation with the Rockwood School District introduced a new curriculum to Ellisville and Ridge Meadows Elementary schools.

Life Skills is an eight-week course of classroom instruction that has replaced the D.A.R.E. program. Life Skills focuses on building self-esteem, tobacco education, target advertising, setting goals, communication skills, dealing with stress, conflict resolution, and being assertive. Life Skills teaches students that by setting and meeting goals, they can boost their self-esteem. Students with higher self-esteem are less likely to engage in risky behavior as they mature. Dealing with stress, communication skills, conflict resolution, and being assertive will better equip students to stand up for their rights, express themselves, and resist peer pressure and avoid risky behavior.

For years, Sergeant Nancy Walker taught the D.A.R.E. program at the schools within our City. With the retirement of Sergeant Walker at the beginning of this year, it has been my honor to step into our schools and teach. The Ballwin Police Department, Chesterfield Police Department, Eureka Police Department, and the St. Louis County Police Department are also participating in the Life Skills program.

Sergeant George Corless

Job Opening Announcements for Local Businesses

The City of Ellisville would like to help our local businesses get the word out that they are looking to fill immediate employment positions. If you are a business located within the City of Ellisville, send us your job opening announcements, and we'll post it on our City website. Please send your job postings to: AJ Jones at: ajones@ellisville.mo.us

Electronic Recycling in Bluebird Park

The City of Ellisville partners with Adonis Recycling to provide electronic recycling events on the first Thursday of each month, Feb. – Nov. from 12–5 pm

To find accepted items and fees go to:
www.ellisville.mo.us



What else is happening in Bluebird Park this summer?

Group & Private Swim Lessons @ The EDGE

6 months - 13 years old - all skill levels. Sessions available in June & July

Summer Tennis Lessons

Youth and adult lessons - all skill levels. June & July

Senior Seminar Program

Aug. 24 & Sept. 28 - 10:00 - 11:30 am

AARP Driver Safety Course

Sept. 9 - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Family Movie Night!

Aug. 26 - Ugly Dolls

Pooch Plunges

Sept. 9 - 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Sept. 11 - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Family Campout

Sept. 18 - 19 - 3:00 pm - 9:00 am
Join us in getting back to nature, with games, hiking, bonfire and more!

Bonfire Bonanza

Sept. 23 - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
New! Join us for an evening of hayrides, a bonfire, and a riveting story!



For information or to register for programs & special events visit: ellisville.mo.us or call (636) 227-7508.

 Follow us! @EllisvilleParksandRecreation 



Promoting Ellisville's Commercial Real Estate Opportunities

The City of Ellisville now uses **Catylist**, an analytics platform, to help promote Ellisville's investment and lease opportunities to business owners, corporate site selectors and commercial real estate professionals who are involved in reviewing sites for potential operations. **Catylist** is a national research, technology and marketing platform that tracks all commercial property inventory which is available for lease and for sale, along with transactions in regional markets across the country.

Many development and investment organizations use the data aggregated by **Catylist** to identify potential development, sale or lease opportunities. The City of Ellisville encourages our commercial property owners to post their opportunities in **Catylist**, which offers a public view with additional access to very detailed market statistics. It is extremely beneficial for property owners, investors, developers, professional realtors and brokers to post their Ellisville site locations, development or sale opportunities and lease availabilities to **Catylist** for display at no charge. These posted location opportunities give potential prospects a well-rounded view of the local business environment. Check out the platform to verify that your development or sale opportunities and lease availabilities are included:



Have a location for sale, lease or investment?

Please reach out to City staff, Ada Hood at ahood@ellisville.mo.us or directly to the **Catylist**

research team at stl@catylist.com to add your development or sale opportunities and lease availabilities to the platform. Flyers, brochures or just an email with the property and availability detail will start the process. We will keep the information up to date for as long as the availability exists.

The Home Improvement Program Good for Ellisville. Great for Your Wallet.



The applicant must be the owner and occupant of the property to be improved. Gross household income from all occupants must meet established low-moderate

income limits. Homeowners must be current in their mortgage payments and real estate taxes must be paid in full. Ellisville is allotted up to \$20,000 total each year. Applicants are accepted on a first-come first-served basis until all funds are committed. Applications are taken over the telephone in an interview process.

Approved repairs or replacements necessary to maintain minimum housing code standards are eligible. Homeowners are required to solicit bids and select their own general contractor. The check will be submitted directly to the contractor following final inspection. A participant can receive 100% of the cost of correcting authorized repairs, based on a maximum benefit limit of \$5,000. Program participation is limited to Once In A Lifetime Program Participation, regardless of the fact they married and/or moved to a different address after five years.

Homeowners are required to sign a 5-year Forgivable Loan Agreement that provides for an annual reduction of twenty percent of the amount of the grant, as long as they continue to own and occupy their house. This 5-year Forgivable Loan Agreement will be on record with the St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds office as a lien against the property. Interested residents should contact the HIP satellite office to make an application:

South County Office
4546 Lemay Ferry Road
Saint Louis, Missouri 63129
(314) 615-4025

Non-City Sponsored Community Events

The City of Ellisville would like to help you promote your local community events. If you are planning an event within the City of Ellisville, send us your event announcements, and we'll be happy to post it on our City website. Please send your community event announcements to: AJ Jones at ajones@ellisville.mo.us

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City Council Directory

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Rob Compton
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District 2: Council Members

Linda Reel
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Mick Cahill
42 Covert Ln.
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District 3: Council Members

Curt Boggs
1527 Virginia Dr.
(636) 484-4343

Dan Duffy
258 Bonnie Ct.
(314) 750-0065

Recycling in Ellisville

The City provides at no charge, weekly recycling services to all single family residences. Collection of recyclable goods is every Wednesday. Recycling containers are provided and may be requested by calling City Hall. Although most household items are acceptable, please note the following will not be accepted in the recycling bins: Motor oil, insecticide, herbicide or hazardous chemical containers, hardcover books, plastic shopping bags (these should be returned to your grocery or department store), plastic sheets, tarps or wrap. Monthly electronic recycling is on the first Thursday of each month at Bluebird Park.

What's Happening in Ellisville? *Subscribe to City News!*

Did you know you can sign up to receive email notifications from the City? Perhaps you'd like to know when the City Council will be meeting next or what's on an upcoming meeting agenda.

Just visit our website at www.ellisville.mo.us and click on "Notify Me" on the right hand side of our home page.

From there you can subscribe to whatever notifications you'd like to receive! You can also sign up to receive text messages from the City.

