



CITY OF ELLISVILLE

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From the Mayor's Desk

Labor Day is upon us and for many people it is all about the 3-day weekend. I have often said, wouldn't it be great if we had an 8-day week with 5 workdays and 3 days off every week? Of course, then an extended weekend wouldn't be special. This special extra-long weekend is reserved each year to celebrate the women and men who campaigned tirelessly for workers' rights in the labor movement of the late 19th century. Their hard-fought wins are the reason for many of the rights we enjoy today, such as a 40-hour work week, safe work conditions, overtime, paid time off, and sick leave. Please spend a little of your extra time off on Monday appreciating the efforts of all those that came (and worked) before us.

Labor Day always reminds me to review the summer and appreciate the experiences and great memories created. We just wrapped up an amazing summer concert series with another spectacular 4th of July celebration at Bluebird Amphitheater. Our beloved amphitheater has always

been a valued structure in Bluebird Park and since the completion of phase 2 renovations it is loved that much more. It has certainly become more of a focal point of the park and has really elevated the concert experience.

Looking at all the articles in this edition really elevates my gratitude for our department leaders and staff. Ellisville is truly blessed to have an incredible group of individuals that genuinely care about Ellisville and serving our community. It is certainly sad to see our most loyal and popular "employee", K-9 Dark retire. He will be missed! The Police Department is actively seeking a replacement K-9, but it will be a tough task as there are some "big paws" to fill!

This issue, I would like to specifically recognize Ada Hood, our Planning and Community Development/Economic Development Director. Ada was originally hired as our Planning and Zoning Director and she has always done a superior job in that role. Most people do not realize or appreciate the complexity

of her position but pull up any rezoning application in the archives or better yet, Google the American Planning Association AICP and it will quickly become evident. What I really want to highlight is that since we reinvigorated our Economic Development Commission and started the Shop Ellisville campaign, Ada has evolved into the role of Economic Development Director as well and has done an overwhelming job wearing multiple hats! Ada's leadership has played a major role in Ellisville's branding efforts, which has resulted in the highly professional Shop-Live-Dine collateral material, Economic Development Programming and ultimately the lowest commercial vacancy rates I have ever seen in Ellisville. Hat's off to Ada! Keep up the great work!

Lastly, we're always looking for residents who want to serve. If you are interested, go to our Boards and Commissions section of the website or give me a call at (314) 479-8988.

Yours Truly,
Mayor Mike Roemerman

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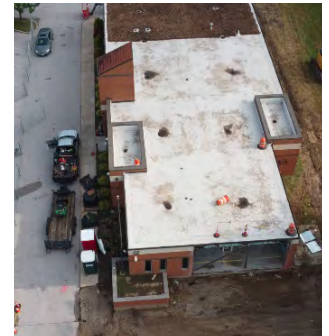
Police Services During The New City Hall Police Facility Build

While many of our citizens have not noticed the changes to our police operations, we are very excited to embrace the short-term inconvenience countered by a long-term improvement. Recently the City broke ground on a New City Hall and Police Station facility. Prior to this effort, the Police Station was its own stand-alone building and City Hall was across the parking lot in a very old structure. Thanks to the efforts of the Mayor and City Council, we are excited to say that a new combined facility will be completed sometime near the end of 2024 and will house both entities together in a beautiful new building.



Until that time, the police department was required to abandon their old station while the construction crews work on demolition and upgrades to the old building as well as adding on a new council chambers to the south side. This meant possibly trying to find a solution for patrol officers who provide the backbone for police services. Fortunately for our community, the Chief of Police was able to secure a cooperative agreement with a major facility near the corner of Clayton and Clarkson with officers being able to work out of that facility during the build time. This agreement comes at zero cost to the City and has allowed officers to still have a place to call “the station” while spending the majority of their time patrolling the streets. Administrative staff is split between the temporary facility and the old City Hall. An exciting addition to the housing of our

officers was the move of the Community Policing Unit to a space in the Ridge Elementary School. This was another excellent move that came at no cost to the City and is capable of housing the CPU until the new building is complete. Once again cooperative partners in our community worked with the police department to ensure continuity of services to our City! For any police needs of an administrative level citizen can go to the Ellisville City Hall. For emergency needs always call 911 and for non-emergency needs call (636) 227-7777. The best takeaway for our citizens is that police services are at one hundred percent and there has been no, nor will there be any, interruptions to police services for the City of Ellisville!



Pooch Plunges

The EDGE Aquatic Center is going to the dogs again this summer! Dogs and their owners will have the opportunity to plunge, play, socialize, and have fun at the EDGE on (2) days this summer! Proceeds will benefit the Ellisville Dog Park.

Thursday, Sept. 7

5:00 - 8:00pm

Saturday, Sept. 9

9:00am - 12:00pm

\$3/person, \$7/dog (Children under 2 FREE.)



Thank you to our sponsors!

Montgomery Bank
4 Legged Kids

Renewal by Andersen
Tri-City Animal & Bird Clinic

Coffee & Conversation *with the* Mayor



Join Mayor Mike Roemermann

Wednesday, Sept. 27th

7:30 - 9:00am

Bluebird Park Administration
Building - 225 Kiefer Creek Rd.



Feel free to come by and chat with the Mayor. He will be happy to meet and discuss your concerns, address any questions or hear your praises for the City.

No agenda or speeches - just a chance to visit with Ellisville's Mayor and join him for a free cup of joe and some donuts. All ages are welcome.

Fall Hayrides

Come join us for an evening hayride, and enjoy hot cocoa while roasting marshmallows over an open fire. Thursday evenings: 6:00pm, 6:45pm, or 7:30pm at Bussmann Shelter in Bluebird Park.

- September 28
- October 5
- October 19
- October 26

Fee per person:
\$10 (\$8 Resident)

Pre-registration is required.



Join our Social Media Family!

Calling all Ellisville residents, it's time to unite and create a social media sensation like never before!

Are you ready to be part of something extraordinary?

Gather your friends, family, and neighbors, because together, we can make our City's social media presence shine brighter than the sun. Follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter! Our squad members stay up-to-date with all the latest City happenings and events. Don't miss out on any action!

We want **YOU** to be a part of this exciting journey!

 [ellisvilleofmo](https://www.instagram.com/ellisvilleofmo)

 [EllisvilleMO](https://twitter.com/EllisvilleMO)

 [Ellisvillemo](https://www.facebook.com/Ellisvillemo)



See what's new at the Bluebird Park Amphitheater!



The amphitheater has several new updates including a new plaza and seating areas at the top and bottom of the hillside. Adjacent to the upper plaza area is the City's latest Sculpture on the Move titled "Rusted Melody" by Artist Alex Mendez of Decatur, Indiana and is the 6th sculpture the City has received as part of the Sculpture on the Move Program. Rusted Melody will be in Ellisville for two years and then move on to another community. Improvements at the amphitheater were funded in part by the St. Louis County Municipal Park Grant Commission.



The final concert of the 2023 Summer Concert Series was held on August 10th with Dr. Zhivegas



Family Campout

Come out to Bluebird Park to camp with your friends and family! Leave those electronics at home and join us in getting back to nature. There will be a bonfire, games, hiking, camp songs and more. Dinner and breakfast are included!

Saturday, September 16
3:00pm - 9:00am

Bussmann Pavilion

\$45 per family (4) - \$10 additional

Note: Families will need to provide their own tent and sleeping materials.

Pre-registration required.

FEED THE MASSES FOOD DRIVE 2023

It's never a bad time to help those in need.

Throughout the month of November, Ellisville will be participating in the third annual - "Feed the Masses" challenge along with other area cities. All collected items will be donated to local food banks. The City that collects the most canned goods will be crowned the 2023 "Feed the Masses" Champion. There will be count updates shared weekly on our Facebook Page - Ellisville Parks and Recreation.

We will be collecting for Ellisville at the Parks Administration Building for the month of November during normal office hours (Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm)



HOT DOG IT'S CHILI

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 5:30 - 8:30pm
Bluebird Park



Mark your calendars for some great family fun! A fun filled evening of music, children's activities, food and drink vendors, and hayride shuttles.

Children: wear a costume and bring a bag for some halloween treats!

If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Sally Grobelny at (636) 227-7508 or sgrobelny@ellisville.mo.us



Managed Deer Hunt in Klamberg Conservation Area

The Missouri Department of Conservation and the City of Ellisville are working cooperatively to administer a managed deer hunt to help control the deer population. During the hunt, the conservation area will be closed to the public but the majority of Bluebird Park will remain open. The dates for this year's hunt are Monday - Friday, November 6-10, 2023.

Five hunters will be selected through the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) managed hunt system. All hunters will attend a pre-hunt meeting. All are required to use archery or crossbow equipment, hunt from an elevated stand and are required to harvest an antlerless deer before a second deer (antlered or antlerless) could be taken. A maximum of three deer can be harvested per hunter. No shooting zones of 25 yards are established along the boundaries of Klamberg Conservation Area.

If you have questions regarding the hunt, contact Erin Shank, MDC at (314) 301-1506 or Lisa Blumer, Director of Parks and Recreation at (636) 227-7508.


Fallin' for Front Porches

Residents and Business... Decorate your front porch, patio or balcony and submit a photo of your festive front porch to mfadler@ellisville.mo.us between Sept 23 – Oct 31.

We will upload each entry to our Facebook page - **Ellisville Parks and Recreation**. To vote, go to our contest photo album and like your favorite picture. Anyone can vote if they have liked our Facebook page... so spread the word!

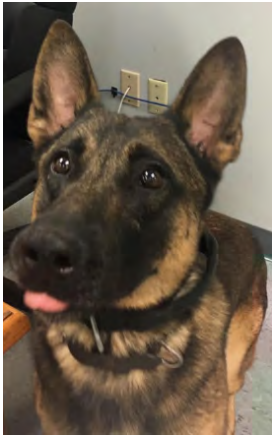
The Five Photo Submissions with the Most Votes in the two categories will be entered into a drawing for a Gift Card.



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POLICE CANINE “DARK” TO RETIRE

The Police Department’s long time canine “Dark” has come to the end of an amazing career of service to the Citizens of Ellisville. Dark is approaching eight years old and has reached a point where he has completed his service to the Citizens of Ellisville. Dark was a tracking and drug dog with patrol duties. During his time with the Ellisville Police Department, Dark has had two handlers, and been involved in several notable incidents including one circumstance where he was able to end a standoff with an armed subject. His most valuable service to our community is probably the hours he spent with his handlers at our local schools and community events. No fear for Dark or our community though, Dark will spend the remainder of his retirement days with his current handler and we will be training a new canine which we look forward to introducing to the community in the near future!



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT October 3, 2023



America’s Night Out Against Crime

National Night Out (NNO) is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. NNO enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Neighborhoods across Ellisville, along with over 38 million neighbors across the U.S., are asked to take part in NNO, 2023.

The Ellisville Police are encouraging neighborhoods to host a location and spend the night outside getting to know their neighbors, police and City officials. The Ellisville Police Department and other public figures will make visits to hosted locations throughout the City during the event on Tuesday, October 3rd from 6pm to 9pm.

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, cities, towns and neighborhoods celebrate NNO with a variety of events and activities such as:

- Block parties
- Cookouts
- Flashlight walks, contests
- Outdoor movies
- Ice cream socials
- Games
- Potluck

To register your neighborhood, please contact Sgt. George Corless at (636) 227-7777 or Gcorless@ellisville.mo.us.

Coupon Marketing Program

In the City's ongoing efforts to champion our businesses, we're excited to give you the chance to showcase your business to all our new residents. How? By including a special coupon or voucher into our New Resident Welcome Packets.







Here's How It Works

Every month, the City grants roughly 40 residential permits. That's a stream of 40 new households, each a budding customer for your business. All we need from you? Enough vouchers or coupons to slot into each Welcome Packet. You decide the frequency of the coupons – be it monthly, quarterly, or every six months. There's zero cost to join this program. Your only investment is in crafting those enticing vouchers or coupons.

Once you drop off your materials at City Hall, we'll manage the rest. Make sure all your business contact information is included. Just remember, every voucher or coupon must offer something free. To add a personalized touch, we suggest penning a warm welcome to our City and your business name on the voucher.

Drop your coupons off at City Hall:

-  **1 Weis Avenue, Ellisville, MO 63011**
-  **Attention: Economic Development**
-  **Open: 8am to 5pm**
-  **Coupon/voucher may be sized up to 5" by 8" maximum**



Ellisville Business Spotlight: Your Chance to Shine!

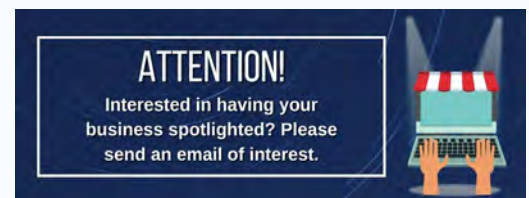
The Ellisville Business Spotlight initiative is more than just a program; it's our way of saluting the local businesses that infuse our City with character and drive our economy forward. If you're a proud business owner in Ellisville, we invite you to step into the limelight and have your business showcased.

Why Step into the Ellisville Spotlight?

Being spotlighted isn't just about recognition—it's an opportunity to elevate your brand's presence within the community. Share the tale behind your business, flaunt your standout products or services, and forge a deeper bond with the Ellisville community. It's a shout-out to your steadfast dedication and the top-notch quality you add to our community.

Your Path to the Spotlight

The City of Ellisville values its local businesses, and we want to put the spotlight on all the great work you're doing! As a big "Thank You," we'll be featuring different businesses in our community. If you want your business to be in the spotlight, please email ahood@ellisville.mo.us. We can't wait to hear from you!



Email: ahood@ellisville.mo.us



The 2023 Bluebird Business Awards Program!

2023 BLUEBIRD BUSINESS AWARDS

Spot an Ellisville business that's truly outstanding?

Nominate them in one of the 2023 Bluebird Business Award categories. The nomination window remains open until **October 1, 2023**. Feel free to nominate via ellisville.mo.us, and yes, proudly nominating your own business is wholly welcomed! Businesses may be nominated for more than one award. Winners of a specific category enjoy a grace period of five years before they can clinch that specific honor again.

Come Celebrate With Us:

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, November 2, 2023**, when we'll toast to the Bluebird Awards winners at the event. The ceremony will be held at **Dogwood Social House located at 15682 Manchester Road, Ellisville, MO 63011**. Ensure your attendance by booking your spot or table by **October 13, 2023**.

Become A Sponsor:

Bluebird (Platinum Level): \$2,500

Robin (Diamond Level): \$1,500

Cardinal (Gold Level): \$750

Mockingbird (Silver Level): \$500

Bluebird Business Award Categories:

Community Spirit/Support Award:

For actively creating a positive impact on the community, their workforce and/or the environment.

Ellisville Project of the Year Award:

For a project or endeavor that significantly enhances the City of Ellisville and helps create lasting value.

Ellisville Business of the Year Award:

For demonstrating pride and commitment to its clientele.

Big Business of the Year Award:

This award recognizes a business or organization that makes significant contributions to the City of Ellisville. Winners contribute in "BIG" ways to our community!

Beautification Award:

For most improved/maintained storefront.

Special Recognition for Non-Profits:

For Non-Profit organizations serving our businesses.

New Entrepreneur Award:

For demonstrating a level of entrepreneurial spirit, leadership, perseverance and determination.

Legacy of Ellisville Award:

For longevity, quality products and/or services, and community service.

2 FREE TICKETS 
to business owners submitting a complete nomination for their business

We are excited to see the nominations that come in and to celebrate the amazing businesses in Ellisville. So, whether it's your own business or a business you love, be sure to nominate them for a Bluebird Business Award. Let's celebrate the businesses that are making a difference in our community!

Nominate Today!



Half Cent Sales Tax Storm Water Improvement Project Update

In 2023, the City of Ellisville completed concrete street replacement projects on streets in two subdivisions.

In the Oaks at Kiefer Creek Subdivision, the remaining section of Autumn Oaks Drive from Autumn Oaks Circle to the cul-de-sac and



all of Luggar Wood Court were completely removed and replaced with new concrete pavement. In the Westridge Parc Subdivision, streets replaced with new concrete pavement included Westridge Parc Lane from Reinke Road to Salem Way, Barbara Ann Lane (east of Reinke Road), Salem Way (east of Reinke Road) and all of Surrey Meadows Court. These projects were completed in late July, prior to the start of the new school year.

These projects were all 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 these projects, please contact Mike Hartwig, Assistant City Engineer, at (636) 227-9660.

Electronic Recycling in Bluebird Park



The final two Electronic Recycling Events for 2023 are on Thursday, October 5 and November 2 from 12:00 – 5:00pm in Bluebird Park. There are fees to recycle televisions and a few other things. To find out the fees and more information about what can be recycled visit: www.ellisville.mo.us



Promoting Ellisville's Commercial Real Estate Opportunities

The City of Ellisville leverages **Catylist**, an advanced analytical tool, to showcase Ellisville's attractive investment and leasing prospects to business owners, corporate site selectors, and commercial real estate specialists considering potential operational sites.

As a nationwide technology, research, and marketing system, **Catylist** meticulously logs all available commercial properties for lease or sale, while monitoring transactions in regional markets throughout the United States.

Countless development and investment organizations utilize **Catylist's** consolidated data to pinpoint promising development, sales, or leasing opportunities. The City of Ellisville urges our commercial property owners to advertise their opportunities on **Catylist**, which presents a public-facing view complemented by comprehensive market statistical data. The service is absolutely free and proves extraordinarily useful for property owners, investors, developers, professional real estate agents, and brokers to list their Ellisville site locations, development or sale prospects, and lease availabilities on **Catylist**.

Do you own a location available for sale, lease or investment?

We encourage you to contact City representative, Ada Hood, at ahood@ellisville.mo.us or the **Catylist** research group directly at stl@catylist.com to include your development or sale opportunities and lease availabilities on the platform. Simply forward flyers, brochures, or an email detailing the property and its availability to initiate the process. We will maintain the data accuracy for as long as the availability remains.



Bobwhite Park Improvements

This fall and winter, Bobwhite Park will be under construction. Improvements will include a brand new playground with poured in place rubberized safety surface, shade structure with picnic tables, renovated multi-purpose court for basketball and pickleball and new connecting walkways. Based on weather, plans are to have the park completed this winter or early spring. Bobwhite Park is located between East Meadow, Park Dale Circle and Salem Way.



BOBWHITE PARK MASTER PLAN



Tree Care Answer Man

Are you having a problem with one of your trees? Would you like help choosing the right tree for your yard? Do you want help deciding when and how your trees should be trimmed? Ellisville resident, Jim Rocca, can assist you with these questions and many more tree topics. Jim is a retired Certified Arborist and Forester that worked for the Missouri Department of Conservation for 25 years and then continued as a tree consultant for another 25 years.

He will be available to answer your questions in Bluebird Park on the following Saturdays from 10am - 12pm:

- September 16 at Bussmann Shelter
- September 23 at Bussmann Shelter
- September 30 at Lions Shelter

There is no fee for his service and you can just stop by during these times and talk with him. If you have photos, leaf samples, etc... bring them with you. This program is being offered by the Ellisville Parks and Recreation Department. and Jim Rocca is volunteering his time and expertise for this program. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Blumer, Director of Parks and Recreation at lblumer@ellisville.mo.us or (636) 227-7508.

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, ajones@ellisville.mo.us

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, ajones@ellisville.mo.us

2023 Brush Chipping, Leaf Collection and 2024 Christmas Tree Collection

Brush Chipping Program

Sept. 11 - 22, 2023 District 1 Brush Chipping
Sept. 25 - Oct. 6, 2023 District 2 Brush Chipping
October 9 - 20, 2023 District 3 Brush Chipping

Leaf Collection Program

First Collection
District 1 October 30 – November 10, 2023
District 2 November 13 – November 20, 2023
District 3 November 21 – December 4, 2023
Second Collection
District 1 December 5 - December 20, 2023
District 2 December 21, 2023 – January 2, 2024
District 3 January 3 – January 12, 2024

Call (636) 591-6666 with any collection questions
No weekend or holiday collection

Christmas Tree Collection Program

2024 Christmas Tree Pickup
(One Pass Through Each District)
District 1 Monday, January 8, 2024
District 2 Tuesday, January 9, 2024
District 3 Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Candy Cane Hunt

Santa's elves have been hiding candy canes in Bluebird Park. Bring your flashlight and bag to help Santa find them. We will have hot cocoa, cookies, and a visit from Santa! Make sure to dress warmly for this fantastic outdoor event.

Saturday, Dec. 9

5:00-6:00pm

Bluebird Park

Fee: \$6

Pre-registration is required visit:
ellisville.recdesk.com

Light up Ellisville!

Residents and Business... Show us your best Christmas lights and decorations. Be Merry. Be Bright. Make your place a delight!

Submit a photo of your display to mfadler@ellisville.mo.us between November 24 - December 31. We will upload each entry to our Facebook page - **Ellisville Parks and Recreation**. To vote, go to our Contest photo album and like your favorite picture. Anyone can vote if they have liked our Facebook page... so spread the word!

The Five Photo Submissions with the Most Votes in the two categories will be entered into a drawing for a Gift Card.



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Letters from Santa

Santa has asked us to help him by collecting letters in our "North Pole" Mailbox. We will then forward the letters to the North Pole for a response from Santa. The mailbox will be up from Nov. 24 – Dec. 15 in front of the Park Administration Building.

You may also mail your letters to: SANTA CLAUS 225 Kiefer Creek Rd., Ellisville, MO 63021.

For more information please visit www.ellisville.mo.us



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City Council Directory

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Amy Hildebrand
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(636) 288-7767

Blood Drives in Bluebird Park

American Red Cross

Wednesday, September 13, 12:00 - 4:00pm
To register, go to www.redcrossblood.org

Impactlife

Wednesday, December 27, 12:00 - 4:00pm
To register, go to www.bloodcenter.org



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 by the City. Please contact City Hall to request one. 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.