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From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

Celebrating Labor Day started in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being. Labor Day always makes me appreciate the hardworking men and women of yesteryear for the tireless effort they invested into their daily routines and the level of dedication they had toward their trades and careers. The high level of work performance recognized here is mentioned in the past tense mostly because it is viewed in retrospect, but also because of the painful reality that a growing segment of today's workforce simply does not possess the work ethic of those this federal holiday honors. Interacting regularly with a wide variety of industries and business types, it is clear to me that some certainly struggle a lot more with this general decline than others.

The City of Ellisville is very blessed in this regard as we are not impacted by this alarming trend by any noticeable measure while many municipalities struggle with employment and morale. Don Guilfoy, Administrative Services Director, recently observed how low our employee turnover rate is compared to the previous city where he worked and other cities of which he is aware. Talking with Mayors across St. Louis Metro and the State of Missouri has also reinforced this to me time and time again through the years. The credit goes out to all our department heads and especially our City Manager, Bill Schwer. Manager Schwer and his department heads all foster a positive work environment and culture that are primary contributors. This is all very obvious right now as we are starting to move into the new Government Center building. Even though the moves involves a lot of extra work, there is a definite buzz in the air, and it is already obvious that the atmosphere is soon to be enhanced all that much more. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements on a Grand Opening date and the first Council Meeting in the new building. We still need to raze the old City Hall after we get everybody moved out and rebuild the parking lot. We are tracking for some time later this year and hope to see you there real soon!

Please remember Good Neighbor Week is September 28th through October 4th. To report your act of neighboring or nominate your neighbor, go to www.MissouriGoodNeighborWeek.com.

Yours Truly,
Mayor Mike

New Police Facility

This fall is an exciting time for the Ellisville Police Department and their service to the community. The old police station located at 37 Weis Avenue was part of an overall project to build a new government center to serve all of Ellisville. The new government center involved adding a second level to the police station and expanding the building outwards into the old parking lot of the previous City Hall. This exciting renovation meant that a new building for City Hall was not necessary to build. It also increased available parking spaces and provided a new address for the Police Department, now located at 1 Weis Avenue. This address is the same address for City Hall. The two entities are in the same building now known as the Ellisville Government Center.

In September, the Police Department moved into their new space and are ready to enhance their ability to provide a place for citizen education and interaction. Part of the new space includes a training room capable of holding a myriad of community activities between the Department and its citizens. The training room has enough space to hold a class with fifty participants. Plans for 2025 include hosting regional training events, citizen police academy classes, explorer meetings and enhanced community training seminars on topics such as elder fraud, scam prevention and cyber security. These classes will be advertised through the Police Department social media pages and on the City website.

The new police building space allows for numerous programs and activities that were never possible in the old building. The Department is excited to enter this new era of community engagement and is grateful to the City leadership for their support for a new City Hall and Police structure. This upgraded facility will serve the citizens of Ellisville for decades into the future and allow for thrilling opportunities.

CITY OF ELLISVILLE FILING PROCEDURES

APRIL 1, 2025 - GENERAL ELECTION

An election will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, to elect three Council Members, one (1) from each of the three Council Districts. Any Ellisville resident wishing to become a **CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL MEMBER may do so by filing an application in writing with the City Clerk, at the Ellisville Government Center, #1 Weis Avenue, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday December 10, 2024, and 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31, 2024, with the following exceptions: City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, December 24, 2024 and Wednesday, December 25, 2024 to observe the holiday.** On New Year's Eve December 31, 2024, the Ellisville Government Center will be closed, but the City Clerk will open the building from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to take filings.

Applicants for the office of Council Member must be at least 21 years of age. Additionally, all applicants must: (1) be a qualified voter in accordance with State Statutes; (2) be a resident of the City of Ellisville for one year preceding the election; and (3) not owe any unpaid taxes to the City of Ellisville.

If you have any questions, please contact City Clerk Leigh Dohack at (636) 227-9660 x 3039 or by email at ldohack@ellisville.mo.us.

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 two days this summer! Proceeds will benefit the Ellisville Dog Park.

Thursday, Sept. 5	5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 7	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
$3/person, $7/dog	(Children under 2 FREE)

Thank you to our sponsors!
Renewal by Anderson Smoothie King
Water Dog

ELLISVILLE PARKS & RECREATION

FALL HAYRIDES

Come and join us for an evening hayride, and enjoy hot cocoa while roasting marshmallows over an open fire for your s'more!

Thursday evenings: 6:00 p.m., 6:45 p.m., or 7:30 p.m. at Bussmann Shelter in Bluebird Park.

September 26	October 3
October 10	October 17

Fee per person:

$10 ($8.00 Resident)

Pre-registration is required.

Electronic Recycling in Bluebird Park

The final two Electronic Recycling Events for 2024 are on Thursday, October 3, and November 7 from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. 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: https://www.ellisville.mo.us/385/Electronic-Recycling.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

Blood Drives in Bluebird Park

American Red Cross
Wednesday, September 11
12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Park Administration Building
Bluebird Park
To schedule an appointment, please **visit www.redcrossblood.org**

American Red Cross

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 them on our City website. Please send your job postings to: AJ Jones at: ajones@ellisville.mo.us

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, storytelling and more. Dinner and breakfast are included!

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

Saturday, September 14

3:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m.

$45 per family (4)

$10 additional

Location: Bussmann Pavilion

Fall Brush Removal

September 9 - 20, 2024 District 1 Brush Chipping

September 23 - 27, 2024 District 2 Brush Chipping

September 30 - October 11, 2024 District 3 Brush Chipping

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

Fall Leaf Removal

First Collection

District 2 November 4 – November 8, 2024

District 3 November 11 – November 15, 2024

District 1 November 18 – November 22, 2024

Second Collection

District 2 December 2 - December 13, 2024

District 3 December 16, - December 27, 2024

District 1 December 30 – January 10, 2025

Call (636) 591-6666 with any collection questions.

No collections on weekends and November 28-29, December 24, 25, 31 and January 1, 2025

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!

Hot Dog It's Chili

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!
Friday, October 25
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Bluebird Park

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

Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt

Santa's elves have been hiding candy canes in Bluebird Park. Children 9 & under 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.

Date: Friday, December 6
Time: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Fee: $6 (pre-registration required)
Location: Bluebird Park

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. 29 – Dec. 19 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.

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.

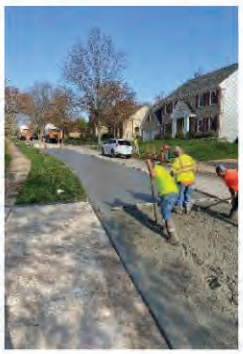
As a nationwide technology, research, and marketing system, **Catylist** meticulously logs all available commercial properties for lease or sale, while monitoring transactions in regional markets throughout the United States.

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.

Half Cent Sales Tax Storm Water Improvement Project Update

In the fall of 2024, the City of Ellisville has several streets scheduled for complete replacement in the Oaks at Kiefer Creek Subdivision. Streets scheduled for complete removal and replacement include Kiefer Oak Court on both the north and south sides of Pierside Lane, Bluff Meadow Court and Morning Oaks Court on the north side of Pierside Lane. These projects are scheduled to begin this fall and be completed before the end of the year. The City has contacted all residents impacted by these projects to provide information regarding the proposed improvements and 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 these projects, please contact Mike Hartwig, Assistant City Engineer, at 636-227-9660.



FBI Fellowship

In 2023 Chief Steven Lewis was selected as an FBI National Fellow. The selection process was merely the beginning of an incredible journey. Chief Lewis was required to receive a National Security Clearance and a full background, the culmination of which led to his being deputized through the US Marshals Service to be a Task Force Officer with the FBI. Beginning in March of 2024, Chief Lewis spent time between Washington DC and the City of Ellisville as well as travelling the country working on Active Shooter initiatives and incidents. Part of this assignment involved him becoming an Active Shooter Trainer for both law enforcement and civilians in responding to active shooter threats. Some of the organizations he worked with included law enforcement representatives from the Pentagon, Capitol, Supreme Court and the Smithsonian Institutes. He also trained with state and local partners and provided training for thousands of members of the Department of Justice, FBI and private entities. The entire fellowship, including all travel and expenses, were provided through the FBI fellowship program. The wealth of training, information sharing and contacts that Chief Lewis received during this extensive program are all back in Ellisville with him, where he will share his new expertise and skillset with local law enforcement to enhance the safety and security of not just our community, but the entire region. One of the highlights of his interaction with the program was his connection with the St. Louis area resulting in Chief Lewis coordinating the FBI Active Shooter National Conference being brought to the St. Louis region. As part of this conference, 56 field offices sent agents to St. Louis to train and share best practices and the latest information on response to active shooter incidents. This training also included case studies and lessons learned from past incidents. Chief Lewis is glad to be back in Ellisville full time and was grateful for the opportunity to assist on a national stage.

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 our Government Center, 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 our Government Center:

1 Weis Avenue, Ellisville, MO 63011
Attention: Economic Development
Open: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Coupon/voucher may be sized up to 5" by 8" maximum

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 them to our City website. Please send your community event announcement to AJ Jones at: ajones@ellisville.mo.us.

Mark Your Calendars for a Night of Recognition & Celebration

Join us for the Bluebird Business Awards
Thursday, November 7, 2024
From 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

This year's event promises an evening of recognition and networking, set in Ellisville Park Administration Building 225 Kiefer Creek Rd., Ellisville, Missouri 63021

Community Spirit/Support Award: For actively creating a positive impact on the community, their workforce and/or the environment.	**Beautification Award:** For most improved/maintained storefront.
Ellisville Project of the Year Award: For a project or endeavor that significantly enhances the City of Ellisville and helps create lasting value.	**Special Recognition for Non-Profits:** For Non-Profit organizations serving our businesses.
Ellisville Business of the Year Award: For demonstrating pride and commitment to its clientele.	**New Entrepreneur Award:** For demonstrating a level of entrepreneurial spirit, leadership, perseverance, innovation and determination.
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!	**Legacy of Ellisville Award:** For longevity, quality products and/or services, and community service.

Nominate Your Business for the 2024 Awards

Seeking Excellence: This is your opportunity to be recognized as one of Ellisville's outstanding businesses. Show the community your commitment to excellence!

Nomination Period: You can submit your application now through October 1, 2024.

How to Nominate: Visit the Bluebird Business Awards Program on our website and follow the instructions under the appropriate category.

Bonus for Self-Nominations: Businesses that nominate themselves will receive two complimentary tickets to the event.

Become A Sponsor:

Enhance your visibility in the Ellisville business community by becoming a sponsor of this significant event. Sponsorship not only supports the celebration of business excellence, but also positions your brand in the spotlight. The deadline for sponsorship is October 18, 2024:

Bluebird (Platinum Level): $2,500
Cardinal (Gold Level): $750
Robin (Diamond Level): $1,500
Mockingbird (Silver Level): $500

Nominate Today!

Whether you're nominating your business, attending the event, or becoming a sponsor, the Bluebird Business Awards is an excellent opportunity to engage with and support the Ellisville business community. Join us in celebrating the achievements and entrepreneurial spirit that define our City!

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District 3: Council Members

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Amy Hildebrand
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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 are available by contacting the City. 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.

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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.