



CITY OF ELLISVILLE TRAILBLAZER

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From the Mayor's Desk



Hello Friends and Neighbors, Cutting the ribbon at the Grand Opening for our new City Hall was certainly the most significant event and the highlight of my tenure as Mayor. More details have been reported in previous issues of the *Trailblazer*, and it is still sinking in



exactly how incredible it is to have this new facility for our City.

There have been countless ribbon cuttings in Ellisville throughout my 10+ years serving our community and many that really stand out as significant and impactful. Special thanks go out to the West County

Chamber for their assistance in facilitating these wonderful events. For the first time, one has stood out so much I would like to share it with you here.

The Ellisville City Council often sees the amazing conceptual drawings of future buildings to be constructed. It is not unusual for the final product to still be surprisingly impressive. The new Ellisville City Hall project was a perfect example of this, and now MILA in Ellisville has provided us with another amazing demonstration. You really have to see it to believe it.

The first residents began moving into the apartments in early July and the Grand Opening occurred on the



31st. Even though I was fortunate enough to tour the facility a few times during construction, it was overwhelmingly impressive to stand in the courtyard post completion. The event itself was first class all the way, and it is absolutely a grand environment that the new Ellisville residents will be living in. To ensure this atmosphere continues, MILA

is proudly managed by 100% employee owned, 2B Residential, who in 2025 was named Property Management Company of the Year for the fifth time according to St. Louis Apartment Association.



This was by far the largest investment we have ever had in Ellisville. With a total price tag north of \$60 million, this luxury apartment complex impresses at every turn. With 227 residential units, this location guarantees to cement Ellisville above the 10,000 population mark, which is significant for a variety of reasons. We are fortunate and blessed to have all of you!

Yours Truly,
Mayor Mike Roerman

Ellisville Police Department Achieves Third Accreditation Cycle Through Missouri Police Chiefs Association

The Ellisville Police Department has proudly completed its third accreditation cycle onsite inspection through the Missouri Police Chiefs Association (MPCA), marking another significant milestone in the department's ongoing commitment to professional excellence. This most recent achievement represents the second time the department has successfully undergone reaccreditation—an intensive process that includes a comprehensive review of all agency policies and procedures as well as a thorough on-site inspection by independent assessors.

Accreditation through the MPCA is a prestigious distinction that holds law enforcement agencies to the highest standards of professionalism, accountability, and operational effectiveness. The process requires departments to demonstrate adherence to more than 200 best practice standards covering areas such as use of force, officer training, community engagement, and evidence handling. The assessors' on-site visit also includes interviews with department personnel, a review of agency operations, and verification of compliance with state and national policing benchmarks.

Chief of Police Steven Lewis praised the department's dedication and teamwork throughout the reaccreditation process. "Accreditation is a high priority for our organization and City," said Chief Lewis. "It is an affirmation of our commitment to professional policing for the Ellisville community and its citizens. This accomplishment reflects the hard work and integrity of our entire department and our ongoing efforts to provide the highest level of service."

The Ellisville Police Department's leadership will be presented with their formal accreditation plaque and documents at a fall Council Meeting. As public trust and accountability remain critical components of modern policing, Ellisville's dedication to accreditation ensures that its officers serve the community with transparency, professionalism, and excellence. This recognition by the MPCA solidifies Ellisville's standing as a model agency within Missouri and reinforces the department's pledge to protect and serve with integrity.

Stargazing Event

Bring the family and join the volunteers from the St. Louis Astronomical Society for some stargazing. They will have telescopes to enhance your viewing experience.

Date: Monday, October 27

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Bluebird Park – Conner Field

Fee: FREE!



Sleigh Ride to the North Pole



New! Join us for a Sleigh Ride to the North Pole! Get ready for a jolly adventure where you can take a photo with Santa Claus himself! But watch out! The Grinch will be lurking

around, causing all sorts of silly trouble! We'll have yummy hot chocolate to warm you up, and don't forget to bring your flashlight to hunt for hidden candy canes! Just make sure to pre-register for a sleigh ride pick up time! Dress warm!

Date: Friday, December 5

Pick-up Times: 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, or 7:00 p.m.

Fee: \$6 (pre-registration required for all participants)

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. 28 – Dec. 18 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.



Capture Ellisville

Park Photography Contest – Capture Your Favorite Moments of Ellisville! We're inviting residents of all ages to participate in our Photography Contest! Show us your favorite moments in the park, whether it's a beautiful landscape, a wildlife encounter, or a community event. It's your chance to showcase what makes the park special to you. To find out more information, please visit, www.ellisville.mo.us.

Fall Flower Arrangement Workshop

Come enjoy a relaxed and creative evening with friends at our Fall Flower Arrangement Workshop!

Led by Missy, owner of Honeybee Flower Boutique, you'll be guided step-by-step as you create your own fresh mason jar arrangement at our beautifully stocked bouquet bar. Whether you're a beginner or just love flowers, you'll leave with something truly special to brighten your home! **Pre-Registration is required/For more information visit: ellisville.recdesk.com**



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 24 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

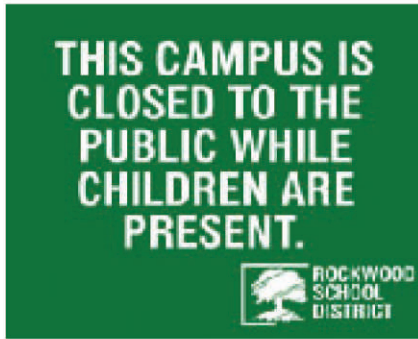
Location: Bluebird Park

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



KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE

Sergeant George Corless



Our mission is safety. From safe roads to safe schools to a safe community. We proudly partner with the Rockwood School District and constantly re-evaluate the policies and procedures that guide us. During a recent training session with school staff we discussed the open school campuses in our City and throughout the school district. On a nearly daily basis we have residents walk across campuses for exercise, walk their dogs, and ride their bikes. Most people don't give it a second thought, but we do.

In today's world it's not always easy to determine someone's intentions. While 99.9% of the time the people that come on to our school campuses are not a threat to anyone, it's that .1% that we just can't get past. Therefore, we are requesting that our residents no longer come onto a school campus while children are present for any activity not directly related to the school. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

Also, please slow down in our school zones. We have a high number of young pedestrians near our schools every day and we value each and every one of them. We will not tolerate speeding and reckless driving in school zones. Thank you for helping us keep students safe.

The safety of our community is our top priority, and that includes our schools. We're proud to partner with the Rockwood School District to continually evaluate our policies and procedures to keep students, staff, and visitors safe.

We've recently been discussing the open campuses in our City and across the district. We know that many of you enjoy walking, biking, or exercising on school grounds, and we love seeing you out there! However, with so many people in and around campus, it can be challenging to tell who is there for a school-related activity and who is just passing through.

While we understand that 99.9% of people on campus mean no harm, it's that small chance that we can't ignore. For this reason, we kindly ask that you avoid using school campuses for non-school activities during school hours. We appreciate your cooperation as we work to keep our students safe.

Additionally, please remember to slow down in school zones. Every day, we have many young pedestrians near our schools, and we ask that you help us protect them by driving carefully and obeying the speed limit.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping us keep our schools and community safe.

District	Brush Chipping	Leaf Collection 1st Run	Leaf Collection 2nd Run	Christmas Tree Collection
Three	Sept. 8 - 19, 2025	Nov. 3 - 7, 2025	Dec. 1 - 10, 2025	Wednesday - Jan 7, 2026
One	Sept. 22 - Oct. 3, 2025	Nov. 10 - 14, 2025	Dec. 11 - 26, 2025	Monday - Jan. 5, 2026
Two	Oct. 6 - 10, 2025	Nov. 17 - 21, 2025	Dec. 29, 2025 - Jan. 13, 2026	Tuesday - Jan 6, 2026

Please note: The Brush Chipping Collection Program does not run on weekends or holidays.

There is not Leaf Collection on the following dates: November 27 - 28, 2025

December 24 - 25, 2025 and January 1, 2026

Half Cent Sales Tax Storm Water Improvement Project Update



In 2025, the City of Ellisville completed concrete street replacement in the Cherry Hill West Subdivision. Streets replaced with new concrete pavement included Cherry Hill Drive, along with small sections of Bridgeport Drive, Pawtuckette Drive, Mallow Drive and Providence Road that are adjacent to Cherry Hill Drive. Street replacement in the subdivision was coordinated with water main replacements in the same areas by Missouri-American Water Company.

The City will continue coordinating the next phase of street replacement in the Cherry Hill West Subdivision with Missouri-American. They will be replacing water mains in the street along Bridgeport Drive the remainder of this year and the City will replace Bridgeport Drive with new concrete pavement in 2026.

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.



ATTENTION ELLISVILLE BUSINESSES:



To express our gratitude and to celebrate the success of your business, we invite you to partake in our Business Spotlight initiative!

Interested in Having Your Ellisville Business Spotlighted?

We understand the hard work, dedication, and passion of running a business, and we want to help you share your story. The Ellisville Business Spotlight is a dedicated ad on the City's homepage, giving your business prominent visibility for a minimum of two weeks—often longer. It's a free opportunity for your business to reach new customers, build community connections, and celebrate what makes your business special.

How to Participate

Participating in the Business Spotlight is a fantastic opportunity to increase visibility and connect with the community. If you're interested in having your business featured, we invite you to submit a video that highlights what makes your business special. Please email your video submissions to ahood@ellisville.mo.us.

Video Submission Guidelines

To ensure your submission is ready for the spotlight, please adhere to the following requirements:

- Duration: Videos can be up to 5 minutes long.
- File Size: Up to 3GB.
- Frame Rate: Maximum of 30fps.
- Resolution: Minimum width of 120 pixels.
- Format: MP4 or MOV.
- Aspect Ratios: Supported from 16:9 (horizontal) to 9:16 (full portrait).

Ellisville's Secret Savings: Just Ask & Support Local!



Did you know that many Ellisville businesses offer special discounts to valued members of our community? Seniors, students, police, fire, veterans, and teachers are often eligible for exclusive savings as a token of appreciation for their contributions. We encourage you to ask about available discounts whenever you shop locally. You might be pleasantly surprised by the opportunities to save while supporting your favorite Ellisville businesses.

Strengthening Our Community's Economic Foundation

When we choose to shop local, we're keeping our tax dollars within Ellisville, which helps fund essential community services and infrastructure. This creates a positive ripple effect, leading to a stronger, more prosperous City for everyone. By supporting our local economy, we're ensuring that Ellisville remains a vibrant and thriving place to live and work.

Let's Celebrate Ellisville's Local Spirit

Let's make a conscious effort to support the businesses that make Ellisville so special. Whether you're grabbing a morning coffee, picking up groceries, or need essential services, remember to explore the wonderful options right here in our own backyard. By shopping local and inquiring about discounts, we can all play a vital role in celebrating and preserving the unique spirit of Ellisville.



ELLISVILLE POOCH PLUNGE

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 this summer! Proceeds will benefit the Ellisville Dog Park. Wednesday, Sept. 3 5p.m. - 8p.m. \$3/person, \$7/dog (Children under 2 FREE)

Thank you to our Sponsors! **Bank of Franklin County Pepose Vision**
Tri-City Animal & Bird Clinic

Promoting Ellisville's Commercial Real Estate Opportunities.

The City of Ellisville partners with **Catylist**, an advanced technology platform, to highlight the city's attractive commercial investment and leasing opportunities. **Catylist** serves business owners, corporate site selectors, and commercial real estate professionals exploring potential operational sites.



This national tool not only tracks available properties for lease or sale, but also monitors real estate transactions across regional markets throughout the U.S.

Why List on Catylist?

Many development and investment organizations rely on **Catylist's** comprehensive database to identify the best development, sales, and leasing opportunities. Ellisville encourages local commercial property owners to promote their properties through **Catylist**, which offers a public-facing platform enriched with detailed market insights.

Best of all, listing properties on **Catylist** is free and accessible to Ellisville property owners, Ellisville investors, Ellisville developers, Ellisville brokers, and Ellisville real estate agents. It's an invaluable resource to share information about available properties, upcoming developments, or leasing prospects in Ellisville.

Do You Have a Property for Sale or Lease?

We invite you to connect with Ada Hood at ahood@ellisville.mo.us or reach out to the **Catylist** research team at stl@catylist.com to get your property listed. You can submit your property details by sharing flyers, brochures, or a brief email describing the property and its availability. We'll ensure your listing stays accurate and visible for as long as it's available!

ELLISVILLE PUMPKIN PATCH

The City of Ellisville is kicking off fall by hosting its very own month-long scavenger hunt throughout the City's parks. We will be placing painted wooden pumpkins in our parks. We will display them in our City's parks. We will display the pumpkins on our Facebook page and challenge you to go find them all! Come pick up a wooden pumpkin starting August 25th at the Parks Administration Building. Paint your own beautiful pumpkin and bring it back by September 22nd to be included in the hunt.



Making a Difference in the Community

The City of Ellisville is on the lookout for dedicated and community-driven individuals to join our vital boards and commissions. Your participation can make a real impact on the future of our City.

We're currently filling vacancies in three key areas:

Planning and Zoning Commission: Play a pivotal role in shaping the physical and strategic development of Ellisville.

Board of Adjustment: Your insights can help in balancing community needs with zoning laws, ensuring fair and equitable decisions. **Economic Development Commission:** Help drive Ellisville's economic growth and prosperity.

Why Volunteer?

Volunteering with the City of Ellisville is more than just a commitment — it's a chance to be at the forefront of our City's development and growth. As a volunteer:

You'll provide essential guidance and advice to our City Council. Your unique perspective will help shape the City's future.

Be part of a team dedicated to making Ellisville a thriving community.

How to Get Involved

Our current vacancies include: Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Adjustment, and Economic Development Commission.

Apply online by visiting: ellisville.mo.us/243/Boards-Commissions

Questions?

We're here to assist! Contact City Planner Ada Hood at ahood@ellisville.mo.us or call us at (636) 227-9660. Your participation can help shape Ellisville's future — join us in this exciting journey! Together, we can build a brighter future for the City of Ellisville.

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

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 in 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.





Join us for the Bluebird Business Awards
 Thursday, November 6, 2025
 From 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

This year's event promises an evening of recognition and networking with the Ellisville business community.
 Location: TBD

SAVE THE DATE!

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

Nominate Your Business for the 2025 Awards

Stand Out as a Leader: Don't miss the chance to have your business recognized as one of Ellisville's finest. Show your commitment to excellence and shine in front of the community.

Nomination Period: You can submit your application now through October 1, 2025.

How to Apply: Visit the Bluebird Business Awards section on our website and follow the nomination instructions for your category.

Self-Nomination Perk: 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 15, 2025:

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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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.

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.