

CITY OF ELLISVILLE

Trailblazer



WINTER 2010

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES \$8.9 MILLION BUDGET FOR 2010

In December, after two public discussion meetings and a public hearing, the City Council unanimously approved the 2010 Budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan. The FY-2010 budget includes expenditures for capital improvements to Ellisville's infrastructure, as well as the operation of City programs and services. Despite the difficult economic times, the new budget includes the continuation of all City programs without any tax increases. The City Council and City staff will be closely monitoring the budget

and economic conditions in 2010 in order to ensure that a balanced budget is maintained.

The City of Ellisville is expecting revenues in 2010 of \$8,963,500. Of that, the strong majority comes from taxes, with over 50% generated from sales tax. Total budgeted expenditures for 2009 are \$8,960,924. The ½ cent Stormwater Improvement Program will yield \$1,382,000 in revenue. Stormwater projects include continuation of the

reconstruction of Debula Drive and Vero Lane. Work will also begin on the reconstruction of Hilltop Road. These projects are part of the comprehensive stormwater improvement program that currently has projects scheduled through 2016.

Other Capital Infrastructure improvements include mudjacking expenditures, sidewalk installation and

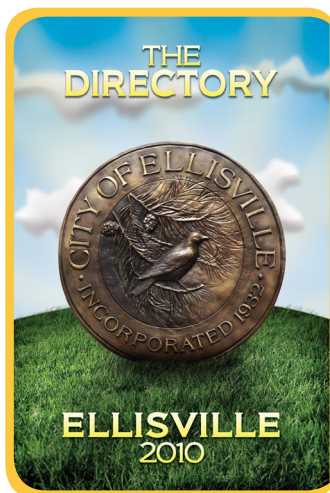
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BUSINESS DIRECTORIES NOW AVAILABLE - SHOP ELLISVILLE

By now you've probably received a copy of "The Directory - Ellisville 2010," either at your home or at a local business. The City of Ellisville has partnered with Perfect Sense Publishing to create these guides as a way to bring attention to all of our local businesses. With over 500 businesses located right here in the City, you rarely need to leave our borders for almost anything. In addition to convenience, there are numerous other reasons to keep your tax dollars here within the City of Ellisville.

Our business community provides almost everything you might need; retail stores, restaurants, services, and everything in between. More importantly, a successful business community helps keep the City thriving. As you can read elsewhere in this edition of the Trailblazer, the City derives much of its budget from taxes, specifically sales taxes. Those tax dollars go to pay for many of the services that the City provides, such as police, trash, recycling, street improvements, snow removal, parks, trails, special events, and

many others. We hope that you can utilize this guide to find many of our businesses that you may not have known about. In these difficult economic times it is more important than ever to support local businesses to help keep this community vibrant. If you have not yet received a guide, they are available at City Hall, or at many local merchants. In addition, you can peruse an interactive version of the guide online at www.ellisville.mo.us. For any questions, please contact City Hall at (636) 227-9660.



Shop Ellisville.



Home to over 500 businesses, Ellisville has a lot to offer:

DINE at our innovative restaurants

SHOP at diverse shops and stores

VISIT our experienced service professionals

ENJOY family entertainment

BROWSE our new Farmer's Market

Everything you need is right here.



MAYOR'S CORNER



Dear friends and neighbors,

2010 is here and I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. 2009 was certainly a challenging year, but I am proud

that our City remains as strong as ever. There was still plenty to celebrate in 2009. CNN/Money Magazine named our community the 25th best place to live in 2009. We were all able to enjoy the first full season of our new aquatic facility, the EDGE Aquatic Center of Ellisville. The July 4th celebration was a success as always, and we even had some great weather during this year's event. We enjoyed many other parks events as well, including the new 5k Rock N Run and re-dedication of the Lafayette war memorial. The Great Streets Initiative is moving forward with some really exciting prospects. Finally, we had the opportunity to welcome many new businesses to our community throughout the year.

Speaking of new businesses, you've recently received a copy of "The Directory – Ellisville 2010" at your home. If you haven't yet received a copy, stop by City Hall and grab one. I encourage you to utilize this directory to seek out local Ellisville businesses and keep your tax dollars here in the City. When you "Shop Ellisville", you are strengthening your community not only by making sure we have a vibrant business community, but also by providing tax dollars to keep the many wonderful services that we enjoy here in Ellisville. As you can read elsewhere in this edition of the Trailblazer, taxes, and mainly sales taxes, are what pay for the multitude of services that we have in the City. With almost every type of retailer or service you can think of located right here in our borders, why go elsewhere? Don't be bashful, tell your friends about shopping here.

I am pleased to announce that our budget is balanced yet again in 2010. We continue to face flat to lower tax revenue, but by keeping strict controls on the budget, and cutting costs where feasible, the budget remains balanced. I would like to applaud both the City Council and

City staff for continuing to provide a lean budget focused on finding efficiencies and providing as many services for as little cost as possible.

2010 will no doubt be an exciting year. Efforts such as the Great Streets Initiative and the PGAV Economic Development study will continue. We hope that those efforts, combined with our "Shop Ellisville" campaign will strengthen the City both as a destination and as a community for years to come. The Council and Staff will continue to work hard to improve the quality of life for Ellisville residents and make this the perfect place to live, raise a family, work, shop, and play. As always, I encourage you to get out and enjoy our wonderful parks, trails, community activities, and everything that makes Ellisville such a great place to live.

I'd love to hear from you...

Mayor Matt
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repairs, crack sealing for City streets, which will be taken out of the Capital Infrastructure Fund.

For a list of services budgeted for 2010, please see the list below.

- The Edge Aquatic Center
- Trash, Leaf/Brush, and Recycling Pickup
- Crime Prevention and Safety
- 4th of July Festival
- Summer Concert Series in the Park
- DARE programs in four local schools
- Boys' and Girls' Scouts Partnerships
- Citizen's Police Academy
- 5K Rock n' Run
- Street Improvements
- Stormwater Improvements
- Tree Planting & Replacement
- Park Trail Maintenance
- Youth/Adult Recreation Programs
- Street Lights

- Playgrounds
- Police Halloween Program
- Snow Removal and Street Cleaning.

The City Council also adopted the Five -ear Capital Improvement Plan for 2010-2014. The plan outlines any expenditure of over \$5,000 that is targeted for the upcoming five year period. This plan includes the majority of upcoming infrastructure improvements, such as street repairs and reconstruction that is included with the stormwater improvement program. Other capital items include playground and trail renovations, replacement of police vehicles, and new dump trucks.

The City was recently selected for the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 14th consecutive year. This is the highest budgetary honor a City can receive. The 2010 budget will soon be available on the City's website at www.ellisville.mo.us.

For more information on the City's budget, please contact the Finance Director, Don Cary at 636-227-9660.

TAX REVENUE – HOW THE CITY OF ELLISVILLE PROVIDES SERVICES TO OUR RESIDENTS

As discussed in this edition of the Trailblazer, taxes are the main source of revenue for the City. From tax revenue the City is able to pay for the many services that are provided to you, the residents, such as police protection, trash service, and parks. There are three main types of taxes that we will discuss in this article: real estate taxes, retail sales taxes, and motor vehicle sales taxes.

By Missouri State law, the St. Louis County Assessor is required to reassess all real property to market value every other (odd) year. Real Estate Taxes are based upon the final assessed valuation of all real property. Residential property is assessed at 19% of its market value, commercial property at 32%, agriculture property at 12%, and personal property at 33 1/3%. The real estate tax levy for the City of Ellisville is \$.15 per \$100 of assessed valuation for residential, commercial and agriculture property. Ellisville does not levy any personal property tax.

To put this in perspective, a \$200,000 home would have an assessed valuation of \$38,000 ($\$200,000 \times 19\%$), which means the City of Ellisville would receive \$57.00 per year [$(\$38,000 \times \$.15)/100$] in real estate taxes.

As you can see the City of Ellisville's tax rate of \$.15 per \$100 of assessed valuation is less than two (2) percent of your overall property tax bill. The majority of property taxes go to other taxing jurisdictions such as the school district, fire district, and community college.

Unlike property taxes, the manner in which retail sales taxes are distributed in St. Louis County is somewhat complex. This is the type of tax from which Ellisville derives the majority of its revenue. To a consumer, the sales tax rate is set at a given number (as of April 2010 the rates will be 7.125% in Ellisville, for example). However, the sales tax paid is actually distributed in many different ways. The sales tax paid can be broken down into three main areas: state tax, county tax, and local tax.

Missouri State Tax:

4.225% of the sales tax on all purchases goes directly to the State of Missouri.

This tax is used by the State for a variety of items.

St. Louis County Tax:

In addition to the state tax, there is a portion of the sales tax that is directed specifically to the county in which the retail product or item was purchased. The St. Louis County tax rate is 2.2%. Included within that amount are the following taxes: .5% for transportation, .25% for mass transit, .25% for childrens services, .1% emergency communications (effective April 2010), and .1% for regional parks and trails.

The remaining 1% of the County sales tax is distributed according to a fairly complex set of rules. In a nutshell, all cities in the County are designated as either point-of-sale ("A" cities), or pool ("B" cities). Ellisville is considered primarily a point-of-sale, or A city, with the exception of a few smaller annexed areas. Any sales tax generated in a pool city is entered into a fund, which is then distributed amongst the pool cities (including unincorporated St. Louis County), based on a formula based primarily upon population. Any sales tax generated in a point-of-sale city is split; some of the revenue is distributed into the pool, which in turn is distributed to the pool cities, and some of the revenue is retained by the point-of-sale city. This is an important issue for Ellisville, since as a point-of-sale city we are largely dependant upon sales taxes within the City's borders for revenue to support municipal services.

Local Tax:

In addition to the one percent local retail sales tax that is collected countywide, there are five local option sales taxes that individual cities may levy. Those are: up to a .25% general revenue tax, up to a .50% capital improvements tax, up to a .50% parks and stormwater tax, up to a .25% fire protection tax (only for communities with municipal fire departments), and up to a .50% economic development tax. Each tax can only be used for the purposes specified in state statutes, with the exception of the general revenue tax.

Point-of-sale cities such as Ellisville retain the revenue from any of the above taxes, with the exception of a portion of the general revenue and capital improvements taxes.

Note that the aforementioned local taxes can only be put into place in a City by a vote of the residents. In fact, not all cities have passed of the potential sales taxes, though many have passed a majority of them.

Within the City of Ellisville, the only local taxes that have been approved by the voters are the .50% stormwater tax (1995), which funds the various street and stormwater improvements in the City, as well as the .25% general revenue tax (2006), which is used to fund parks related projects, such as the EDGE Aquatic Center of Ellisville.

Finally, sales taxes on motor vehicles are calculated and distributed a bit differently than other purchases. Motor vehicle sales taxes also apply to items such as trailers, boats, and motors, however car and truck sales usually account for most motor vehicle sales.

Unlike traditional sales taxes, the City in which a motor vehicle is purchased actually receives a very small percentage of the overall sales tax on the vehicle. In fact, prior to 1988, the motor vehicle sales tax formula did not direct any of the sales taxes from a purchase to the City in which the vehicle was purchased. However in 1988, the law changed, and the City now receives a small portion – one fourth of one percent (1/4%).

Also, it is important to note that when a car is purchased in St. Louis County, an individual does not pay sales tax at the time of purchase. Rather, sales taxes are paid when the car is registered and the title is received from the license office. The overall amount of sales tax paid is based upon the sales tax rate for the municipality where the individual lives.

There are other types of taxes, such as utility taxes, but sales taxes make up the largest portion of the City of Ellisville's budget. Hopefully this provides some additional information on how these taxes work. For more information please contact City Hall at 636- 227-9660.

SPRING BRUSH CHIPPING

The annual Spring Brush Chipping Program will begin in April and will give you the opportunity to clear your property of tree limbs and wood brush. Residents who wish to participate in the program should place the brush and tree trimmings by the road prior to the scheduled pick-up date. You may refer to the chart below for your scheduled date. Brush chipping crews will spend one week in each district. Because of time constraints, however, they will not be able to return to a street after the brush pick-up has been completed.

The brush drop off/mulch pick-up area at the Public Works Facility is located at 553 Old State Road. Hours are dawn until dusk, Monday through Sunday.

The brush chipping program is only for individual homeowners to discard their tree trimmings. This program is not for land clearing operations, removal of entire trees or commercial business use of any kind.

Brush Chipping Guidelines

1) Because of time constraints, brush chipping crews will not return to a street after the brush pick-up has been completed.

Please have your brush out the weekend before your area is scheduled for pick up.

2) Limbs should be cut in 4 to 12 foot lengths and can be no thicker than 4 inches in diameter.

3) Trash, thorny material, bushes with stumps or trees with stumps, leaves and grass, wood with nails or wire in it, dirt or rocks will not be chipped or picked up. These items are dangerous and may cause damage to the grinding equipment used to make mulch, or may injure an employee.

Please call the Department of Public Works if you have questions regarding the brush collection program at 636-591-6666 or visit the City's website at www.ellisville.mo.us

Directions to the Public Works Facility at 553 Old State Road:

- Take Manchester Road to Old State Road
- Turn South on Old State Road
- Turn right on Pierside Industrial Drive (next to the cell phone tower/Flagpole). Look for the Public Works sign
- Turn left at the three way stop
- The Ellisville Public Works Facility will be on the right

2010 Spring Brush Chipping Schedule

District 1 - April 26
District 2 - April 12
District 3 - April 19

PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE "TAKE BACK" EVENT

The Ellisville Police Department is partnering with the Rockwood Drug Free Coalition to coordinate two prescription medicine take back events. The events are scheduled for February 20, 2010, and April 17, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ellisville Police Department. The federal Drug Enforcement Administration has granted permission to the Ellisville Police Department to hold this event in conjunction with the Eureka and Ballwin Police Departments, and the St. Louis County Police Department Wildwood District, and the City of Clarkson Valley, (St. Louis County Police.)

The purpose of this event is to provide regional residents with an opportunity to appropriately discard unused, outdated prescriptions while also increasing awareness of the growing rate of prescription drug abuse among area youth. As family members age, over the counter and prescription medications become familiar components

of household life. Too often, as children move into adolescence, safe storage procedures become lax. If you wish to participate please adhere to the following guidelines.

Do

- Bring identification to verify that you are at least 18 years of age and that you reside at the address listed on the medications. You may bring in medication from anyone living within your household.
- Bring medications in their original packaging from the pharmacy. Medications not in their original packaging will take longer to process and may be subject to further inspection.
- You may bring in any medication from a licensed pharmacist, including controlled substances, liquids containing medications, prescription

inhalers, and medicated ointments or patches.

Don't

- Do not bring medication from anyone who does NOT reside in your home

Not Accepted

- Sharp objects including needles
- Radioactive medicines
- Bio-hazardous materials
- Glass thermometers or other medical devices
- No medications from businesses such as pharmacies and/or doctors' offices will be accepted; Only medications from individuals can be accepted for this program and you are not required to be an Ellisville resident.

For more information regarding this program, please contact the Ellisville Police Department at 636-227-7777

TRAILNET TO BEGIN ELLISVILLE BIKEABLE/WALKABLE COMMUNITY PLAN

This spring Trailnet will be working with the City of Ellisville to develop an Ellisville Bikeable/Walkable Community Plan addressing safety, connectivity, and accessibility for non-motorized transportation and recreation throughout the city. Trailnet, a non-profit agency dedicated to promoting healthy and active living in the St. Louis Region, has partnered with over twenty communities in the metro area to develop similar plans, including Clayton, Chesterfield, Sunset Hills, Ballwin and Manchester. The plan will focus on creating new connections and enhancing existing connections between residential neighborhoods, schools, parks, shopping centers, and other significant destinations. Also included in the plan will be recommendations for connecting to neighboring communities and trails.

If you have ever wished for more off-street trails, bicycle routes or sidewalks in Ellisville, now is your chance to help the city determine future improvements to the bicycle and pedestrian environment. Community input will be a key component of the planning process, and there will be many opportunities for Ellisville residents to get involved, including an on-line survey, two community workshops, and walking and biking events to help identify opportunities for improvement. Stay tuned to the City of Ellisville's website for more details and project dates.

APRIL 6, 2010 - GENERAL ELECTION

An election will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, to elect one Council Member for a three-year term from each of the three Districts. All registered voters should receive post-card notification of your polling place from the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners shortly before voting day. Also, polling places will be published in the *West New Magazine*. If you have not already registered to vote, you may do so at all motor vehicle registration offices, most State offices, Ellisville City Hall, any St. Louis County Library or by mail with a voter registration form which can be downloaded at www.co.st-louis.mo.us/elections. For more information regarding registration call the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners 314-615-1800. March 10 is the last day to register to vote in the April 2010 election.

The following individuals have filed as candidates and are listed in order that they filed:

Council Member District One
Dawn Anglin, 1219 Marsh

Council Member District Two
Troy Pieper, 734 Ridgewoods Manor Dr.
Rich Lacaille, 402 Bluff Meadow Ct.

Council Member District Three
Michelle Murray, 1419 Virginia Dr.

GREAT STREETS INITIATIVE UPDATE

In previous editions of the Trailblazer, we've told you about the Great Streets Initiative that the City of Ellisville is currently involved with. The project is moving ahead in the planning phase.

Recently, several public workshops were held. These included visioning sessions, which provided the general public an opportunity to submit their input on topics pertaining to the Manchester Corridor such as driveways, curb cuts, cross access, bike lanes, uses, density and road configuration. Following the visioning sessions, several weeks later additional sessions were held where participants were able to play the "Chip Game" exercise. The "Chip Game" exercise provided an opportunity for a person interested in the Manchester Corridor to play the role of City Planner and provide input on how the corridor should change over the next 20 years.

While the planning process is still ongoing, some of the early project study results indicate several interesting trends. For example, limited population growth in the next 20 years will come from young adults and empty nesters (1 or 2 person households). These household types prefer walkable environments and will be the primary driver of retail demand (including restaurants). Additionally, these household types prefer higher density residential (including townhomes and condominiums) as opposed to single-family detached residential

Also, the research suggests that overall retail demand in West County will remain flat over the next twenty years, and new development largely will result from the shifting and relocations of tenants. However there is potential for several mixed-use, town center "nodes" along the Manchester corridor.

This planning process will be ongoing throughout the year. We encourage you to participate. For information on upcoming sessions, you can go to the City of Ellisville's web site at <http://ellisville.mo.us>. Also, in order to keep residents informed, there are several other tools available to follow this project.

- Project Website: <http://www.ewgateway.org/manchester/>
 - Facebook: Go to www.facebook.com/pages and under organizations, type: "Manchester Road Great Street-St Louis Great Streets Initiative"
 - Twitter: <http://twitter.com/manchesterroad>
- For more information, please contact City Hall at (636) 227-9660.



HALF-CENT SALES TAX IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

In 2010, the City will be completing the reconstruction of Vero Lane from Clarkson Road to its dead end and beginning reconstruction of Debula Drive from Debula Court to New Ballwin Road and Hilltop Lane between Fairview Drive and Marsh Avenue. The City of Ellisville is partnering with the City of Ballwin to complete the street improvements on Debula Drive. These improvements include removal of the existing street and replacement with a new 26' wide asphalt street with concrete curbs and gutters, modification or installation of a new storm water system, removal and replacement of driveway approaches, utility relocation and other miscellaneous items such as grading and sodding.

The City is also in the process of finalizing the design of street improvements and coordinating utility relocations for Fairview Drive, Marsh Avenue and Rojean Drive. These projects are scheduled for construction in 2011 and 2012.

The City will also begin the design of



Vero Lane Under Construction

improvements on Salem Way from Reinke Road to Barbara Ann Lane. This project is scheduled for construction in 2012. 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 tax which was approved by voters of the City of Ellisville on November 7, 1995. The City of Ellisville would like to thank all of the residents impacted by the current 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 John Collins, Assistant City Engineer, at 636-227-9660.

NEW IN 2010!

ELLISVILLE/WILDWOOD SWIM TEAM

The City of Ellisville is teaming up with the City of Wildwood to form a new swim team for the 2010 season. As a new team, we will be competing in fun meets with neighboring municipal pools in the Southwest Municipal Swim League. This first season will be a building year with plans to officially join the Southwest Municipal Swim League in 2011. The team is for children ages 5-18 and practices are on week-day mornings and meets are on weekday evenings. If you are interested in being part of the inaugural season of the Ellisville/Wildwood Swim Team, please contact Sherri Klekamp at 636-227-7508 or at sklekamp@ellisville.mo.us.



SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

The Ellisville Parks Department has many seasonal employment opportunities for the 2010 season. Applications are available at Ellisville City Hall or the Park Administration Center from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Printable applications can also be downloaded at www.ellisville.mo.us/jobs. Mail completed applications to:

Sherri Klekamp
Ellisville Parks & Recreation
225 Kiefer Creek Road
Ellisville, MO 63021

Applicants must be 16 years of age or older and the application deadline is Friday, April 16th. For any questions, please contact Sherri Klekamp at 636-227-7508 or at sklekamp@ellisville.mo.us.

CPR FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

The Ellisville Parks Department is holding a CPR class for family and friends on Saturday, April 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Park Administration Center in Bluebird Park.

Learn how to save a life and handle life threatening emergencies in this 2.5 hour course. This American Heart Association course teaches CPR skills for the lay rescuer such as parents, grand-parents, scouts ages 12 plus, teachers and day care workers who do not require certification. Child and Adult CPR skills will be taught along with first aid for choking with hands on practice. A participation card is awarded at the end of the class. Course taught by certified instructors from Safety Basics LLC.

Pre-registration is required and all participants must be 12 years of age or older; the fee is \$30.00 per person. To register, please contact the Park Administration Center at 636-227-7508, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Seasonal Openings:

- Day Camp Counselors
- Day Camp Directors
- Fall Tiny Tot Soccer Coaches
- Front Desk Cashiers
- *Lifeguards
- Pool Concessions
- *Swim Coaches
- *Swim Lesson Lifeguards
- Summer T-Ball Coaches

*If you are interested in being a lifeguard or a swim/dive team coach, please contact District Manager, Crissy Vigna at 314 743-4826. Send resume/application to Midwest Pool Management, 156 Weldon Parkway, Maryland Heights, MO 63043. To download the application, please visit www.midwest-pool.com.

SERVICE REQUESTS, CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS

There are many ways residents can contact City Hall if they have a city-related request, concern or question. Calling City Hall at 636-227-9660 is the quickest way to get an answer to your question or to resolve a problem. Another quick option is to access the city's website, www.ellisville.mo.us, and complete a Service Request/Comment Form online. This method delivers the completed form immediately to the appropriate department. The Service Request Form below can be mailed or delivered to City Hall, 1 Weis Ave. Ellisville, MO 63011. Simply complete the form by providing a brief description of the request and the location. Fill in your name, address, and daytime number so that we may keep you informed. However, if you wish to remain anonymous, please contact a Council Member. Staff is not permitted to take anonymous complaints.

Service Request Form

If you have a city-related request or question, please complete the form below. Provide a brief description of the request and the location. Fill in your name, address, and daytime number so that we may keep you informed. Mail or deliver to City Hall, 1 Weis Ave. Ellisville, MO 63011

Please indicate your problem by marking the appropriate box:

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|---|--|
| ☐ Speeding | ☐ Sidewalk |
| ☐ Illegal parking | ☐ Dogs Barking |
| ☐ Litter | ☐ Weeds |
| ☐ Tree Trimming | ☐ Pedestrian Trails |
| ☐ Traffic Sign | ☐ Parks |
| ☐ Street Maintenance | ☐ Street Light |
| ☐ Abandoned Vehicle | ☐ Noise Nuisance |
| ☐ Stormwater | ☐ Traffic Signal |

Brief Description (or other problem not listed)

Location of Problem

Your Name _____
 Your Address _____
 Daytime Phone _____

BLUEBIRD PARK HONEYSUCKLE REMOVAL DAY

The Ellisville Park Board is coordinating a honeysuckle removal day in Bluebird Park on Saturday, April 17 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. Honeysuckle is a non-native invasive plant that takes over in wooded areas and chokes out any growth of new native plants and small trees. If you are 14 years of age or older and interested in gaining service hours or want to help preserve Bluebird Park, please join the Ellisville Park Board for a morning of work in Bluebird Park. If you are interested, call the Park Office at 636-227-7508 or e-mail jtaylor@ellisville.mo.us to sign-up.

BLUEBIRD PARK NATURE WALKS

Bluebird Park is beautiful in the spring and a perfect time to take your group, club or troop on a nature walk to learn about the trees, vegetation and wildlife of the park. Park Board member John Ruprecht will lead your group and provide interesting facts about what you see along the way. The Nature Walks can be modified to fit your group's interest and requirements. If your group is interested, contact Jenny at 636-227-7508 to make arrangements.



Bluebird Park's Oakhill Trail bridge



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Linda Reel
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636-386-3983

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Roze Acup
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636-227-9486 (Fax)

KID'S EASTER EGG HUNT

The City of Ellisville, Department of Parks & Recreation, will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt in Bluebird Park on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Children ages 1 to 9 years old are encouraged to bring their Easter egg baskets to collect colorful eggs. Ages are broken into three groups and are divided into separate areas; please arrange to provide 1 on 1 supervision, if necessary. Mr. Bunny will be on hand for photographs. Parents please don't forget to bring your cameras!

Location will be in the back of the park near the Bussmann Shelter. The public is welcome to attend free of charge and no pre-registration is required. The siren will go off at 10:00 a.m. sharp, please allow extra time for parking.



ARBOR DAY CEREMONY

2010 marks the twenty-ninth consecutive year that the City of Ellisville has been a Tree City U.S.A. and will celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 16 at the Bussmann Shelter in Bluebird Park. The ceremony will be at 2:00 p.m. and will include a presentation by the fourth grade classes from St. Johns Lutheran School. Everyone in attendance will receive a seedling from the Department of Conservation.



ADULT EGG HUNT

The Ballwin, Ellisville, and Manchester Parks and Recreation Departments are hosting an Adult Egg Hunt at Bluebird Park in Ellisville on Friday, March 26th at 7:30 p.m. Participants are asked to bring their own bags/baskets, flashlights, and drinks. There will be a bonfire after the hunt and the event will be held rain or shine.

Pre-registration is required and is based on a first-come, first-served basis. All participants must be 21 years of age or older; fee is \$6.00 per person until March 21st and \$10.00 per person beginning March 22nd. To register, please contact the Park Administration Center at 636-227-7508, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.