

City of Ellisville
Trailblazer



Winter 2018

General Election Notice

The City of Ellisville will hold a General Election on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. Voters will elect a Mayor to a four-year term and one (1) Council Member from District One to fill three (3) years of an unexpired term. The polling places will open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. The St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners will notify all registered voters by mail of their respective polling places.

The following is a list of candidates that will appear on the ballot in the order they were filed:

MAYOR

Mike Roerman, 16273 Autumn View Terrace Drive
Mick Cahill, 42 Covert Lane
Cindy Pool, 1536 Virginia Drive

DISTRICT 1 (3-year unexpired term)

Stephen Chismarich, 268 Lemar Park Court
Eric Huesemann, 147 Westridge Parc Lane



PROP 1: Shall Ellisville resolve to support a merger of St. Louis City and St. Louis County?

PROP. 2: Shall the City of Ellisville resolve to support the City of St. Louis entering St. Louis County as the 90th municipality.

For more information, please contact City Clerk Leigh Dohack at (636) 227-9660.

NEW THIS YEAR – DIVE TEAM!

Ellisville/Wildwood Gator Swim/Dive Teams Online registration - www.ellisville.mo.us

Ages 5-18 (as of May 31, 2018) are invited to join the Ellisville/Wildwood Gator Swim/Dive Team. The team will compete against other municipal teams in the St. Louis County Area. Emphasis is placed on sportsmanship and learning basic skills while having fun!

Practice Schedule

Swim Ages 12-18 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Swim Ages 9-11 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Swim Ages 5-8 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Dive 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Alternative Swim Practices:
Tuesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Team Fees:

(Wildwood Residents will receive the Ellisville Resident rate)

First Swimmer or Diver \$135.00 (\$110.00 Resident)
Additional Family Member \$115.00 (\$90.00 Resident)



Easter Egg Scramble

Ages 1-9. Grab your baskets and come join us for our Annual Easter Egg Scramble. We will also have a visit from the Easter Bunny so moms and dads don't forget your cameras!

Date: Saturday, March 24

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Fee: FREE

Location: Bluebird Park



Adult Egg Hunt (Rain or Shine)

Ages 21 plus. The Ballwin, Ellisville, and Manchester Parks and Recreation Departments are hosting an Adult Egg Hunt. Participants must pre-register with any of the (3) cities listed above. Bring your own snacks and drinks and stay after the hunt for a bonfire. Don't forget to bring a bag/basket and a flashlight! The hunt will be held rain or shine. Register early, space is limited!

Date: Friday, March 23

Time: 7:30 p.m. or dark

Fee: \$8.00 per person until March 16

\$12.00 per person beginning March 17

Location: Paul A. Schroeder Park, Manchester



FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK



Chief Steven Lewis took the reins of the agency in May of 2017. Chief Lewis spent the last 24 years at the Chesterfield Police Department and understands policing in West St. Louis County. Since then he has worked hard to continue the professional legacy that is the Ellisville Police Department. The agency has had several major changes and opportunities to increase their service to the citizens of Ellisville, a few of these are highlighted below.

The agency has added two full time positions through attrition and re-assignment of duties. These two new positions will be used as community policing officers, specifically assigned to the business and residential communities to address reoccurring problems and concerns. These specially trained officers will have a myriad of responsibilities. As spring approaches, look for them in increased bike patrol in the parks, along the Manchester and Clarkson corridors, and in your neighborhoods on foot. These officers will work in problem solving and community oriented policing efforts. They are expected to be assigned by April of 2018 and once in place, they will be another resource for those who live, work and play in the City of Ellisville.

The Ellisville Police Department has always been an amazing professional police department. In 2018, an outside accrediting agency is going to validate that longstanding assertion! The police department plans on hosting the Missouri Police Chiefs Accreditation team for an onsite inspection during the summer of 2018, with hopes of passing a rigorous examination of our policies, procedures and practices in comparison to nationally accepted best practices in law enforcement. Once verified, the agency will receive their State Accreditation, a true honor for any agency.

Prior to the onsite inspection, announcements will go out to the citizens for an opportunity to share information about the agency and areas of strength and areas for improvement. To that end the police department is looking for feedback in the service that we provide to our community. Located in this issue of the *Trailblazer*, is a citizen survey about the police department. Community members are encouraged to complete the survey and share with the agency their thoughts and concerns, as well as any positive interactions or areas of improvement. The survey can be submitted via mail, scanned and sent via email, or dropped off at the station located at 37 Weis Ave. We thank our citizens in advance for helping us make the police department a better agency and focusing on the areas that are important to our citizenry!

Ellisville Police Department Citizen Survey

The Ellisville Police Department is committed to providing our citizens with the best service possible. This anonymous survey is a valuable tool that provides us with insight into how we are perceived, the quality of service we provide, and opportunities for improvement. Your participation in this survey process is vital. Please return the survey to the Ellisville Police Department. Thank you in advance for your participation.

1. How many times have you had contact with the Ellisville Police Department in the past year?

- 0 times 1-3 times 4-6 times 7 or more

2. If you have had contact, what was the reason?

- Crime Victim Witness Motor Vehicle Crash
 Traffic (violation, warning) House Watch Telephone Call
 Community Presentation Community Service Program Other

Please circle the number that best describes your rating of the following:

	Excellent	Good	Poor
3. The competence of the officer (s)	10 9 8	7 6 5 4	3 2 1 0
4. The demeanor of the officer (s)	10 9 8	7 6 5 4	3 2 1 0
5. The fairness of the officer (s)	10 9 8	7 6 5 4	3 2 1 0
6. The courtesy of the officer (s)	10 9 8	7 6 5 4	3 2 1 0
7. Traffic enforcement in Ellisville	10 9 8	7 6 5 4	3 2 1 0
8. Police visibility in the community	10 9 8	7 6 5 4	3 2 1 0
9. Police visibility in your neighborhood	10 9 8	7 6 5 4	3 2 1 0
10. Overall services provided by the City of Ellisville Police Department	10 9 8	7 6 5 4	3 2 1 0

Please rate the following by placing an X in the corresponding box:

- 11. Your concern about becoming a victim of a lesser crime in Ellisville (Vandalism, damage to property, theft)**
 Low Moderate High No Opinion
- 12. Your concern about becoming a victim of a serious crime in Ellisville (Burglary, robbery, sexual assault)**
 Low Moderate High No Opinion
- 13. How safe do you feel walking in your neighborhood at night?**
 Very Safe Somewhat Safe Not Safe No Opinion
- 14. Residence?** Rent Own Business Other _____
- 15. Please indicate whether the person completing this survey is:**
 Male Female
- 16. Age Group:**
 10-18 18-25 25-35 35-45 45-55 55-65 65 and Over.
- 17. Have you been the victim of a crime in the past 5 years?** Yes No
- 18. Within the City of Ellisville?** Yes No
- 19. Did you report the crime to the Police Department?** Yes No
 If not, why? _____

20. Please indicate where you get information about what is taking place in the City of Ellisville. (Choose all that apply)

- Ellisville Newsletter Journal West News Radio Website
 Television News Sources School District Newsletter Other _____

21. So that we can provide better police service to the entire community, please help us identify your neighborhood. Please list the nearest intersection to your home or business. _____

Please check the appropriate box to indicate what YOU feel should be the priorities of the Ellisville Police Department

- A. Providing 24 hour patrol services to the community**
 Very High High Medium Low Very Low No Opinion
- B. Discouraging crime in general**
 Very High High Medium Low Very Low No Opinion
- C. Notifying citizens of potential criminal activity**
 Very High High Medium Low Very Low No Opinion
- D. Responding to crimes in progress or that have just occurred**
 Very High High Medium Low Very Low No Opinion
- E. Responding to and investigating property crimes (i.e. vandalism, theft, etc.)**
 Very High High Medium Low Very Low No Opinion
- F. Preventative Burglary Patrol**
 Very High High Medium Low Very Low No Opinion
- G. Discouraging the sale of alcohol to minors**
 Very High High Medium Low Very Low No Opinion
- H. Discouraging the sale of tobacco to minors**
 Very High High Medium Low Very Low No Opinion
- I. Traffic crash reduction through visible traffic enforcement**
 Very High High Medium Low Very Low No Opinion
- J. Enforcement of parking regulations**
 Very High High Medium Low Very Low No Opinion
- K. Enforcing drunk driving laws**
 Very High High Medium Low Very Low No Opinion
- L. Enforcing dog and cat ordinances**
 Very High High Medium Low Very Low No Opinion
- M. Mediating neighborhood/family disputes**
 Very High High Medium Low Very Low No Opinion
- N. Arresting individuals who use drugs**
 Very High High Medium Low Very Low No Opinion
- O. Providing drug/violence prevention education to elementary and junior high students**
 Very High High Medium Low Very Low No Opinion
- P. Police presence in the schools**
 Very High High Medium Low Very Low No Opinion

COMMENTS:

Thank you for helping us provide the highest possible Police Service to you! – Chief Steven Lewis

2018 Dog Park Memberships Now On Sale

Memberships for the Ellisville Dog Park in Bluebird Park are currently on sale on-line at www.ellisville.mo.us or in person at the Ellisville Park Administration Building in Bluebird Park. The fee is \$40 per calendar year and is for up to three dogs per household. Proof of rabies, bordatella and that your dog is spayed or neutered is required to purchase a membership.

If you'd like to try out the Dog Park out before you purchase a membership, stop in at the **Free Dog Park Open House – Saturday, May 5 from 10 a.m. – 12 noon.** Proof of Vaccinations is required.



Ellisville's More Than A Market, Market

The Market at Bluebird Park will start the season on June 7th at 4:00 p.m. in Bluebird Park, 225 Kiefer Creek Road. The Market will be open from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Enjoy food, local artisans and produce (when available) while enjoying the concert at the park! The Market will spotlight one local business each month and will have a children's section as well.

If you would like to be a vendor, please contact Carri Cahill at ellisvillemarket17@yahoo.com or call (314) 397-0612.

You can follow us on Facebook at [http://facebook.com/ellisville's more than a market market](http://facebook.com/ellisville's%20more%20than%20a%20market%20market).

EASY ADULT DANCE CLASSES

No partners are required, singles are welcome!

Offered by the St. Louis Community College Continuing Education and Ellisville Parks and Recreation

Again this winter, Instructor Karen Merlin will be teaching a variety of dance classes at the Park Administration Building in Bluebird Park. The evening classes include: Ballroom Dance, Swing Dancing, Easy Social Dance, Latin Dance and Line Dancing. Classes begin the week of February 22 and continue for 8 weeks.

No partners are required, singles are welcome!

New Daytime Class – Line Dancing for Adults and Seniors is being offered on Tuesdays from 10:00 – 10:50 a.m. from February 27-April 24. Sign-up and join the fun!

For fees and to register for these classes, please call (314) 984-7777 or register on-line at stlcc.edu and click on the "Continuing Education" link.



Half Cent Sales Tax Storm Water Improvement Project Update

In 2018, the City has scheduled street reconstruction projects on Froesel Drive, Wolff Lane, Devore Drive and Reinke Road. The Froesel Drive improvements will be completed between Ellisville Elementary School and Clarkson Road. The first phase of this project, between Hutchinson Road and Ellisville Elementary School, was completed in 2017. Wolff Lane improvements will be completed between Clayton Road and the dead end. Devore Drive improvements will be completed from Manchester Road to the cul-de-sac. Reinke Road improvements will be completed east of the new round-about at Ruppel Farms subdivision.



**Henry Avenue
Before Construction**



**Henry Avenue
After Construction**

The improvements on Froesel Drive, Wolff Lane and Devore Drive will 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 including storm water best management practices, removal and replacement of driveway approaches, utility relocation and other miscellaneous items such as grading and sodding.

The Reinke Road improvement project will be a joint venture between the City of Ellisville and the City of Ballwin. This project is being completed to improve sight distance and drainage along Reinke Road. The improvements will include removal of the existing street and replacement with a new 29' wide asphalt street with concrete curbs and gutters, modification or installation of a new storm water system including storm water best management practices, removal and replacement of driveway approaches, utility relocation and other miscellaneous items such as grading and sodding.

SHOP ELLISVILLE

The Economic Development Commission has voted to initiate a Shop Ellisville Campaign. City benefits and amenities are funded largely by retail tax revenue. It is no secret that online purchasing with companies such as Amazon has not only made an impact on local tax revenue, it also has slowed down retail development and affected small business. Please join us in supporting Ellisville business and make it a priority to Shop Ellisville whenever possible.

We are proud to announce we will be launching a new local business directory on our website as part of this campaign. You will find a direct link on the home page with our new easy to remember shortcut, ShopEllisville.Biz. With the new business directory you will now be able to find local businesses by category as well as alphabetically.

Attention Local Business Owners: Please let us know if you have a website or public email address you would like to add to the directory. Please also let us know if you are interested in getting involved by volunteering with the Economic Development Commission to help promote local business. For more information contact City Clerk Leigh Dohack at (636) 227-6990, or ldohack@ellisville.mo.us.



The City will be contacting all residents impacted by these projects to discuss the proposed improvements and/or schedules for completion of the work.

These projects are being completed under the half cent sales storm water improvement tax. The City of Ellisville would like to thank all of the residents impacted by the projects for their patience and cooperation during these improvements. If you would like additional information on the half cent sales tax storm water projects, please contact John Collins, Assistant City Engineer, at (636) 227-9660 or jcollins@ellisville.mo.us

Meadowlark Park Renovation Plan

In 2017, the City of Ellisville completed a Park Master Plan to give the City a plan for park improvements over the next 10-15 years. Based on the plan the City will be completing a detailed renovation plan for Meadowlark Park during 2018. This plan will include two public meetings at Meadowlark Park or the Park Administration Building in Bluebird Park. The dates for these meetings have not been set yet, but will be set very soon. If you are interested in receiving information about these meetings, please email Lisa Blumer, Director of Parks and Recreation at: lblumer@ellisville.mo.us. She will make sure you receive advance information about the meetings. At these meetings, residents are urged to give their input on improvements they would like to see in Meadowlark Park. Meadowlark Park is located at Clayton Oaks Drive and Virginia Drive in the Clayton Oaks subdivision.



**American
Red Cross**

American Red Cross Blood Drive Give the gift of life

Thursday, March 22, June 7 and Sept 6, from 3:00 –
7:00 p.m. at the Park Administration Center,
Bluebird Park.

To schedule an appointment, please visit
www.redcrossblood.org and
use sponsor code: ellisvillecity

Cop Trot 2018 5K



Saturday, April 14, 2018
8:00 a.m.
Bluebird Park



5K Run/Walk & kids fun run
benefitting Backstoppers.

Register online at fleetfeetstlouis.com

SERVICE REQUESTS, CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS

There are many avenues residents can take 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:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speeding | <input type="checkbox"/> Sidewalk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illegal parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Dogs Barking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Litter | <input type="checkbox"/> Weeds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Trimming | <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian Trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Sign | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Street Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Street Light |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abandoned Vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise Nuisance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Signal |

Brief Description (or other problem not listed)

Location of Problem

Your Name _____
Your Address _____
Daytime Phone _____



Electronic Recycling Events in Bluebird Park

The City is partnering with Adonis Recycling for Electronic Recycling Events on the first Thursday of the month from 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m. in Bluebird Park, except in the month of April. There will be a special event on Saturday, April 22 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Adonis recycles anything that has ever had a current running through it except tube televisions. There are two items that they charge to recycle and those are \$20 for CRT computer monitors and \$5 for microwaves. For more information about Adonis Recycling, go to their website at: <http://adonisrecycling.com/>

City Council Directory

Mayor Adam Paul

Dan Duffy, Mayor Pro Tem
District 3 Council Member
258 Bonnie Court
(314) 750-0065

District 1 Council Members

Vince McGrath
234 Mar El-Court
(636) 391-8392

Stephen Chismarich
268 Lemar Park Ct.
(314) 368-8076

District 2 Council Members

Bones Baker
39 Pretoria Dr., Apt. B
(314) 803-0306

Ken Newhouse
321 Carmel Woods Dr.
(636) 236-3757

District 3 Council Members

Cindy Pool
1536 Virginia Dr.
(314) 757-2316



Smart Driver Course

The AARP Smart Driver Course, offered by AARP Driver Safety, is the nation's largest classroom and online driver safety course and is designed especially for drivers age 50 and older. When you complete the course, you could qualify for a multi-year discount on your car insurance.

The AARP Smart Driver Course will refresh you on:

- Effective safe driving practices, skills and strategies you can use on the road every day.
- Defensive driving techniques to help you deal with aggressive drivers.
- Local laws and traffic rules for drivers.
- Proper maintenance of your vehicle so it's safe before you drive.
- And much more!

Dates: April 17, Aug 14 and Nov 13

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Fee: \$15.00 AARP members - \$20.00 non-members

Location: Park Administration Center, Bluebird Park

Instructor: Paul Wengler

Registration: (314) 780-8465

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.