

City of Ellisville
Trailblazer



Winter 2019

From the Mayor's Desk

It is an honor and privilege to serve you as mayor. Our citizens, staff and partnerships have made it less challenging than I could have imagined and a true joy! 2019 promises to be another great year in Ellisville. We have a lot of exciting things happening here, our home values have never been higher and the community spirit is the best I have seen. It was good to see one of our oldest and notorious vacant buildings finally get razed to make room for a new 30 million dollar development which highlights that Ellisville continues to be a premier place to live, work, shop and dine.

We are also working on a new website that will feature more robust functionality including videos to provide improved communication of information and services for our citizens as well as enhancements to help our businesses prosper. We will have a new local job posting section designed to connect job seekers with prospective employers including internship opportunities for local high school and college students. All of these opportunities will be shared and broadcasts throughout the Rockwood school district for the benefit of their students and families as part of a new program we recently developed.

Lastly I would like to thank you for your ongoing recycling efforts. Please continue to follow the recycling guidelines to help keep the costs down as sustainability challenges continue to evolve. Every little bit helps! Thanks again and as always please always remember to shop local whenever possible. ShopEllisville.biz

Yours Truly,
Mayor Mike Roerman

Would You Like to Have a Voice in Your Community?

If you are interested in serving your community, why not volunteer for a Board or Commission? There are a variety of opportunities. Follow the link, www.ellisville.mo.us/formcenter/boards--commissions-7/board--commission-nominee-profile-45, to complete the online profile. If you would like additional information about the Board or Commission responsibilities, speak with one of your Council Members or contact City Clerk Leigh Dohack at City Hall (636) 227-9660 or ldohack@ellisville.mo.us.

April 2, 2019 General Municipal Election Dates and Information

February 19, 2019* - Absentee ballots open for the April 2nd General Municipal Election See 115.279(3)

March 6, 2019 - Last day to register for the April 2nd General Municipal Election See 115.135(1)

March 20, 2019 - Last day (5:00 p.m.) absentee applications will be accepted through the mail or in person from a guardian or relative of the applicant for the April 2nd General Municipal Election. See 115.279(3)

April 2, 2019 - ELECTION DAY, Polls open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Call Board of Election at (314) 615-1800 for absentee ballots.

*Saturday absentee voting times vary. Check the website for each election.



Message from your Code Enforcement Officer

First and foremost, I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and safe Holiday season.

Secondly, just a couple brief reminders in regard to commonly received complaints.

Trash



Trash cans being either left at the curb or being kept in front of homes. As a resident of Ellisville, I am very thankful for the service that is provided for our trash. I am sure that you are as well. The following are rules in regards to trash containers.

1. Refuse containers shall be kept at all times at a point on the premises which is behind the front of the existing residence.
2. No container or containers shall be placed at the curb collection point prior to 4:00 p.m. the day before collection and must be removed from curb collection point on the same day as collection.

Window Signs



For our business owners I wish you a very prosperous and safe Holiday season. A small reminder about window signage:

1. Size: Up to fifty percent (50%) of the window surface area.
2. Location: Signs may be placed on the exterior or interior of any window facing a street.
3. Materials: Professionally manufactured and professionally posted, placed or affixed onto the window, excluding painted windows.
4. Special: One (1) neon open sign, measuring up to a maximum of six (6) square feet, may be included as part of the permitted window signage.

Every time you change out a window sign a new permit needs to be obtained.

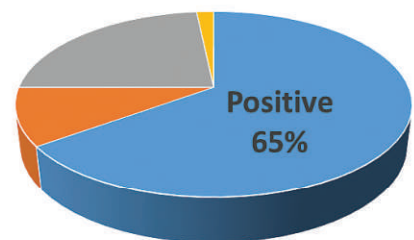
2018 City of Ellisville Business Retention and Expansion Survey Executive Summary

Key Findings

- Local businesses believe Ellisville is a great location for the business and clients.
- Local businesses give City of Ellisville high marks on timeliness in responding to contact and the permitting process.
- Local business owners rate many area amenities highly, but see room for improvement on sign regulations.
- Local businesses believe Ellisville is a great location for the business and clients. Ellisville businesses enjoy a great location within West St. Louis County and express positive attitudes about the safety, cleanliness and service offered by Ellisville. When asked, nearly 40% of businesses cited location as a significant factor influencing their decision to locate their business in Ellisville
- Local businesses give the City of Ellisville good marks on timeliness in responding to contact and the permitting process. Ellisville businesses also believe City staff to be very helpful. When asked, 31% of businesses have positive feedback regarding the zoning and permitting processes. Additionally, a majority of businesses responding believe the City has a positive reputation as a location to establish and grow a business.

From your perspective, does Ellisville have a positive or negative reputation as a location to establish/grow a business?

- Positive
- Neutral
- Negative
- Unknown



Half Cent Sales Tax Storm Water Improvement Project Update



Reinke Road

The City of Ellisville recently completed street improvements on Reinke Road adjacent to the new Ruppel Farms subdivision. The

City of Ellisville partnered with the City of Ballwin to complete this work. The project was completed to improve sight distance and drainage along Reinke Road. The improvements included removal and realignment of the existing street and replacement with a new 29' wide asphalt street with concrete curbs and gutters, 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 project also included installation of a new five (5') wide concrete sidewalk on the south side of Reinke Road along the new subdivision. This sidewalk will eventually tie into the sidewalks of the new subdivision.

The city also began street improvements on Wolff Lane between Clayton Road and the dead end. The improvements included removal of the existing street and replacement with a new 26' wide asphalt street with concrete curbs and gutters, installation of a new storm water system, removal and replacement of driveway approaches, utility relocation and other miscellaneous items such as grading and sodding. A majority of this work was completed this year and the remaining work will be completed next spring. The city would like to thank the property owners on Wolff Lane who granted easements for the new storm sewer system.

The city also began street improvements on Devore Drive between Manchester Road and the cul-de-sac. The improvements included removal of the existing street and replacement with a 26' wide asphaltic concrete street with concrete curbs and gutters, reconfiguration of the cul-de-sac, modifications and/or expansion to the existing storm water system, extension of the sidewalk along the west side of the street, utility relocation and other miscellaneous items such as grading and sodding. A majority of

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In 2019, the city will be completing work on Carmel Woods Drive and Klamberg Lane. Carmel Woods Drive is scheduled for complete concrete removal and replacement. Klamberg Lane is scheduled for replacement of the asphalt surface. In addition, the city will begin design of improvements for the entrance of Oak Hill Drive at Manchester Road, Strecker Road, from Manchester Road to the city limits and a right turn lane on Clarkson Pines at Clarkson Road.

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 V/TDD.

Boost Your Brain Power, Play Bridge



We are launching a bridge program. These classes are designed for beginners/novices who have not played bridge before and want to learn in a fun and friendly environment. The program will be tailored to suit the

needs and wishes of the students. The class will be taught by Jay Shah, an accomplished bridge player, having achieved the title of Ruby Life Master. He is an American Contract Bridge League accredited teacher as well as a director.

Session: Tuesdays - January 8th – 29th

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$20.00 per person

Location: Park Administration Building, Bluebird Park

LOAP Lafayette Older Adult Program

Are you interested in making new friends, hearing great speakers and musicians, going on exciting day trips, or playing bingo and cards? If you are 55 plus, this is a great group for you! LOAP is a cooperative partnership between Ellisville, Ballwin, Chesterfield, Manchester, Wildwood, Winchester and the Parkway and Rockwood School Districts. Fee includes: Coffee, soda, and dessert; you just need to bring a sack lunch. Occasionally, special luncheons require a reservation and pre-payment at a higher fee. We also offer several Day Trips throughout the year. For more information, call Recreation Coordinator, Sally Grobelny at (636) 227-7508.

Date: 2nd & 4th Monday every month (Sept-May)
Time: 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
Fee: \$2.00 per person
Location: Ballwin Golf Course

Senior Living – Police Liaison Program

The Ellisville Police Department is pleased to announce their Senior Living – Police Liaison Program. The program is designed to provide members of the senior living communities direct access to local police officers.

The Ellisville Police Department recognizes the growing population of senior citizens in our community and the particular demands placed on them as they manage their daily lives. Seniors have worked hard their whole lives to provide for their families and deserve to live peacefully and safely in their golden years. Many choose to live in senior living communities instead of staying in their own homes due to the opportunities and advantages offered at independent retirement communities.

The Ellisville Police Department is committed to developing positive relationships with our senior citizens living in these communities and empowering them to avoid becoming victims of crime. We want to be proactive in our senior communities. In November, Chief Steven Lewis established a Senior Living Liaison position within the Ellisville Police Department. Sergeant Nancy Walker will be the lead in this position as the department's public affairs officer. Sergeant Walker will be the point of contact for each senior living facility in the City of Ellisville. Any issues, community concerns, presentations, events, or police support will go through her for coordination and response by the police department.

Any senior living community in the City of Ellisville will be able to receive presentations on such topics as Elderly Schemes, Credit Card Information, Ways to Keep Seniors Protected, Emergency Planning, Safety and Security for Seniors, and/or other valuable presentations that the facilities may request. Not only will this help the residents of these communities, but also the facility's staff.

The chief and police staff will meet with each facility director and their key staff to open up lines of communication and outreach as a group. Long-term goals and objectives for the police department relationship with each facility will be presented and realistic goals for working with them will be established. We look forward to increasing our focus on our senior community while making new friends.

Oldies for Oldies Cinema

Date: February 13th
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Fee: \$5.00 per person –
pre-registration required
Location: Park Administration
Building, Bluebird Park



**American
Red Cross**

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Give the gift of life

Wednesday, March 27th 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
at the Park Administration Center,
Bluebird Park.

Ellisville Police Foundation Supported by the Ellisville Community

The purpose of the Ellisville Police Foundation is to support the health and wellness of the Ellisville Police Department and to provide funds in areas of specific officer needs.

The City of Ellisville fully funds the Ellisville Police Department. The agency has an established budget and is able to provide a full time well-trained Police Department providing 24 hours, 7 days a week services. The Mayor and Council are very sensitive to the needs of the agency and ensure that operational expenses are fully covered.

In Law Enforcement, there are items outside of the normal budget that may be purchased to enhance the safety, security, and wellness of police officers. Some of these items include exercise equipment for the police training facility, back up weapons, personal trauma kits, active shooter training equipment, alternative vehicles, and many other items to improve service. Additionally, in the event of a seriously injured officer, the Foundation would provide limited financial relief for the officer and their family.

The Ellisville Police Foundation is established to meet the needs of the police officers of the Ellisville Police Department, with 100% of the funds benefitting the officers. No Foundation funds will be used to purchase items that would normally be budgeted. Best practice supplanting guidelines will be strictly adhered to, and all funds will be accounted for with annual reports detailing expenditures.


Named Funding Opportunities Exist on an Annual Basis in the following amounts:

\$100 – Bronze Sponsor, \$500 – Silver Sponsor,
\$1,000 – Gold Sponsor, \$2,500 – Platinum Sponsor,
\$5,000 – Title Sponsor
(Any other amount deemed acceptable by the donor)

And annually a luncheon with Police Department members will be held where donors will be recognized & reports on prior year expenditures will be provided. All donors will receive an EPD Foundation Decal.

Thank you in advance for your support of the men and women of the Ellisville Police Department.

Chief Steven Lewis



Yes! I would like to contribute to the Ellisville Police Foundation

Business Name / Contact Name

Business / Donor Address

Donation Amount:

- \$100 Bronze Sponsor \$500 Silver Sponsor
 \$1,000 Gold Sponsor \$2,500 Platinum Sponsor
 \$5,000 Title Sponsor Other Amount \$ _____
 Check here if you wish to be invoiced annually by the Ellisville Police Foundation.

Make checks payable to “The City of Ellisville Police Foundation” and send to the Ellisville Police Department, Attn: Police Foundation, 37 Weis Ave., Ellisville, MO, 63011.

City of Ellisville Partners with Local Businesses and Schools

The City of Ellisville is partnering with our local high schools and businesses to bring potential employees and employers together. To help our businesses succeed, we will have a new local job posting section within the City’s website. Businesses are encourage to submit flyers with employment opportunities including possible internships which will be posted on the City’s website. To close the loop, the city has partnered with Rockwood School District who will share the City’s website, full of opportunities and broadcast the flyers for the benefit of their students and families.

If you are an Ellisville business in need of employees or have an internship opportunity, please submit a single page flyer with information on your business and the opportunity via email to ajones@ellisville.mo.us. If you or anyone in your family are interested in a job or learning important business and life skills and the value of earning your own pay, then please check out the City’s website at Ellisville.mo.us for postings.

Meadowlark Park Enhancements Planned

In 2019, Meadowlark Park in the Clayton Oaks subdivision will be renovated to include a new accessible playground and swings with rubberized safety surfacing, improvements to the existing multi-purpose court, a picnic area with shade structure and updated landscaping.

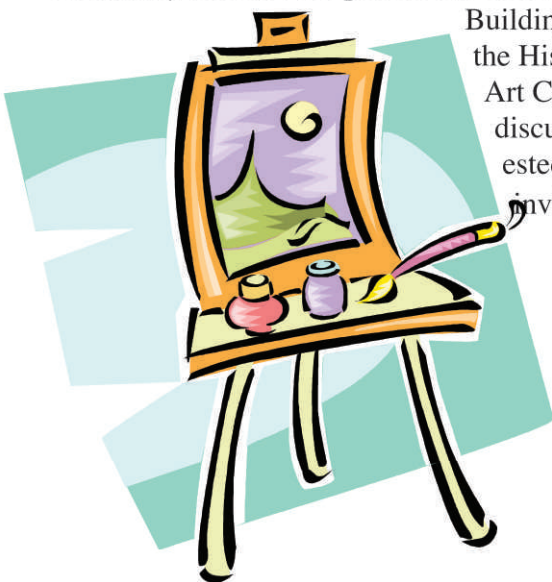
Thank you to the Ellisville residents that attended the park meetings to give ideas that led to the renovation of Meadowlark Park! The majority of the funding for these improvements will be provided by a grant from the Municipal Park Grant Commission. During the renovation, the park will be closed for a period of time. As soon as a construction schedule is set, that information will be available on the City website at: <https://www.ellisville.mo.us/198/Parks-Recreation>.

Ellisville Art Council

In addition to the history exhibit, the City is also soliciting Ellisville residents who would like to participate in an organization that promotes public art in the City of Ellisville. Some ideas include art and photography exhibits, community painting events and expanding art in Ellisville parks.

Anyone who is interested in being involved with this new art organization, please contact Council Member Linda Reel at: lreel@ellisville.mo.us or call her at (314) 954-0067. The Ellisville Art Council is affiliated with the Ellisville Park Board. At the next Park Board meeting on January 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the Park Administration

Building, ideas for the History Wall and Art Council will be discussed and interested residents are invited to attend.



Ellisville History Wall

There is an Ellisville History Wall including photographs and historical items being planned for the Park Administration Building in Bluebird Park. The items in the Wall Exhibit will be changed over time displaying different items of interest about the Ellisville area. The City has some ideas already, but is looking for photographs and artifacts from Ellisville that residents would be willing to loan for the exhibit. If you have something to contribute, please contact Council Member Linda Reel at: lreel@ellisville.mo.us or call her at (314) 954-0067.

Behind the Lens: Photography Contest Exhibition

Join us for the 1st Annual Behind the Lens: Photography Contest Exhibition at the Park Administration Building in Bluebird Park. The exhibit will be on display July 1st - July 5th, 2019 and will include a special showing on July 4th during the City's Annual Independence Day Celebration.

This contest is an event of the Ellisville Arts Council and is free and open to both amateur and professional photographers. As of February 1st, entry requirements and judging information will be on the City website at: <https://www.ellisville.mo.us/216/Programs-Registration-Information>.

Family Bingo

Join us for a fun-filled night.

Bingo - Prizes - Pizza - Beverages

Date: Thursday, March 14th

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$7.00 per person

Location: Manchester Park Building

Date: Wednesday, May 1st

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$7.00 per person

Location: Park Administration Building,
Bluebird Park

Check our website throughout the year for additional Bridge opportunities such as:

- Pay and play events for players who have played bridge before
- A summer youth bridge



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:

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|---|--|
| <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 _____

Recycling in Ellisville

The City provides at no charge, weekly recycling services to all single family residences. Collection of recyclable goods is every Wednesday. Recycling containers are provided by Republic Services and are available to pick up at City Hall. 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 starts again on the first Monday in February at Bluebird Park.



Electronic Recycling Events in Bluebird Park

The City is partnering with Adonis Recycling for Electronic Recycling Events in 2019. Adonis can recycle anything that has ever had a current running through it. There are three items that they charge to recycle and those are televisions with tubes, CRT computer monitors and microwaves. For more information about Adonis Recycling, go to their website at: <http://adonisrecycling.com/>.

The next few recycling events in Bluebird Park will be on February 4th and March 4th from 12 noon – 5:00 p.m. Visit <https://www.ellisville.mo.us/198/Parks-Recreation> for additional dates in 2019.

City Council Directory

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(314) 479-8988

District 1 Council Members

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(314) 853-3480

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

District 2 Council Members

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

Linda Reel
1239 Polo Lake Dr.
(314) 954-0067

District 3 Council Members

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

Dan Duffy
258 Bonnie Court
(314) 750-0065



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: Jan 16th, March 13th, May 15th, July 17th, Sept 18th and Nov 13th

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

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

Location: Park Administration Building, 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.