



City of Ellisville Trailblazer

Summer 2019

Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks



Help us celebrate the best fireworks in the Metro Area.

Food and Beverage Vendors from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Activities (Giant Slide, Obstacle Course, Bounce House, Climbing Wall) The band takes the stage from 7:00 p.m.-10:15 p.m.

Independence Day Ceremony at 8:00 p.m. Our traditional fireworks display at 9:30 p.m.

Shuttle bus service to and from Bluebird Park will be available at Eaton Bussmann at 114 Old State Rd and Mercy Clayton-Clarkson at 15945 Clayton Rd

Shuttles will begin running at 5:30 p.m. and run until 11:00 p.m.

Accessible parking will be available in Bluebird Park.

No glass bottles or pets will be allowed inside the Park during the celebration.

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Ellisville Residents,

I am happy to report our new website is up and running!
Check it out at www.Ellisville.MO.US

There is improved navigation and functionality and I highly recommend signing up for email and/or text notifications to stay updated on announcements, meetings, events, jobs and much, much more!

CITY COUNTY MERGER: The City will be hosting another Town Hall meeting to provide information about the potential St. Louis City-County merger plans. City Hall has received a lot of questions and comments about the proposed merger, and this is a great format to share information and gather input from our residents. There was a great turnout at the last two meetings where we shared information,

answered questions and received valuable feedback. Therefore we are planning another informational meeting to keep you informed at 6:30 p.m. on May 30 in the meeting room of the Administrative Building at Bluebird Park: 225 Kiefer Creek Road, Ellisville, MO 63021. We will cover the status of the petitions to merge St. Louis City and County, and we will also provide updates on the petition promoted by the St. Louis Metro Municipal League to put into place a Board of Freeholders to address the St. Louis City and County relationship and any potential collaboration. Please join us at one of these informative meetings, and we will look forward to seeing you there!

Yours Truly,
Mayor Mike Roerman

www.Ellisville.MO.US

Fourth of July Traffic Regulations

1. Traffic flow on Kiefer Creek Road will not be interrupted in either direction until approximately 9:30 p.m., at which time the northbound lane of Kiefer Creek Road at Pierside Lane will be closed to allow for the line-up of the shuttle buses to transport visitors to the various designated parking lots. NOTE: Anyone with a vehicle wishing to leave Bridge Creek Trail, Polo Lake or Woodhill subdivisions will be allowed to leave their subdivisions but must detour south on Kiefer Creek Road to Pierside Lane. Police Officers will be directing traffic south at Kiefer Creek Road and onto Pierside Lane.

2. At approximately 9:50 p.m., the southbound lane of Kiefer Creek will be closed from Manchester to the Park to all traffic except emergency vehicles.

NOTE: Any vehicle needing to leave Carmel Woods or Parkview Estates subdivisions will be allowed to go either direction until 9:30 p.m. and northbound only on Kiefer Creek Road until 9:50 p.m.

3. The roadways will be reopened as soon as the pedestrian traffic has cleared enough to make it reasonably safe; this should be around 11:00 p.m., but pedestrian safety will dictate the actual reopening time of the roadway.

4. Residents walking to and from Bluebird Park from Polo Lake and The Oaks at Kiefer Creek subdivisions are asked to use the sidewalk on Kiefer Creek Road to Woodhill, then the paved trail connecting the Park to Woodhill and avoid walking on Kiefer Creek Road to the Park. The trail is lighted and patrolled by police for your safety.

This trail will be closed to pedestrian traffic five minutes before the fireworks begin until five minutes after the final discharge for safety reasons.



Meadowlark Park Renovation

Meadowlark Park (in the Clayton Oaks Subdivision) will be fully renovated this summer. The improvements will include a shaded picnic area, new playground equipment with poured in place safety surface, swings, new walkways and an overlay of the existing multipurpose court.

The majority of the funding for the improvements will be paid for by a grant from the St. Louis County Municipal Park Grant Commission. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Blumer, Parks and Recreation Director at lblumer@ellisville.mo.us.

SUMMER CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The 2019 Summer City Council meeting schedule was approved at the April 17, 2019 Council Work Session.

Please note that the regular City Council meetings for June 5, July 3 and August 7, 2019 have been cancelled.

The City Council meeting schedule will return to normal in September with regular meetings on the first and third Wednesday of the month.

Ellisville's More Than a Market, Market

By Carri Cahill, Market Master

Spring has sprung and that can only mean one thing... the 2019 Season of the Market is right around the corner. Our first Market will be on June 6, at Bluebird Park, and will be open for business from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Market will continue throughout the summer on Thursday nights in conjunction with the Concerts at Bluebird Park. Be sure to bring your appetite as there will be BBQ available! There will be local artisans offering very unique hand-crafted items, fresh vegetables (season permitting), children's activities, Art & History booth, ice cream truck, face painting and so much more!

If interested in being a vendor you can email ellisvillemarket@yahoo.com or via text to (314) 397-0612.

It is going to be a great and exciting season at the Market so come on out and enjoy everything that the great City of Ellisville has to offer. You won't want to miss it.

Sculpture on the Move – *Muse-IC* in Bluebird Park

The City of Ellisville is part of the Creative Communities Alliance (CCA), which is a coalition of municipal and nonprofit organizations dedicated to the development of community arts in the St. Louis region. One of the CCA programs is Sculpture on the Move.

Last year the City received its first sculpture located in front of the Park Administration Building in Bluebird Park. The sculpture is called *Muse-IC* and will be in the Park for one more year. It is sponsored by the Ellisville Lions Club. The new sculpture the City will receive this year is entitled *Agitated Avians* and it will be in the park for two years. The sculpture is by Craig Snyder from Fireshapes Studio.



Muse-IC



Agitated Avians

Totem Pole Fiber Art Exhibit

Park Administration Building – Bluebird Park

Totems: Personal Stories in Fiber. Each totem (4-6 ft. tall) is the artist's unique creative expression in fiber, fabric, embellishment and stitch.

The exhibit is Friday, October 4 – Friday, November 1, 2019.

Opening weekend hours:

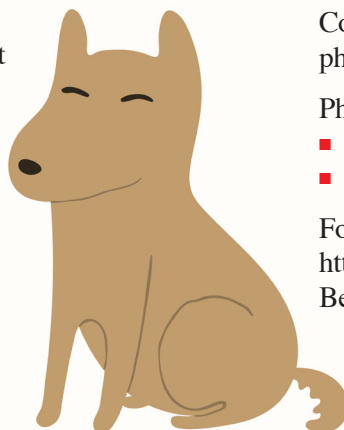
- Saturday, October 5: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday October 6: 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- All other days, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For more information go to:

<https://www.ellisville.mo.us/524/Totem-Pole-Exhibit>

2019 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.



EDGE Aquatic Center

The EDGE Aquatic Center opens Saturday, May 25!!! Memberships for The EDGE are currently available at an EARLY BIRD rate through Friday, May 24.

Membership fees and daily admission rates are available at: <https://www.ellisville.mo.us/213/Aquatic-Fees-Kids-Play>

Behind the Lens Photography Contest

Join us for the 1st Annual Behind the Lens: Photography Contest and Exhibition at the Park Administration Building in Bluebird Park. The exhibit will be on display July 1-5, 2019. This 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 and History Council and is free and open to both amateur and professional photographers.

Photo drop off days are:

- Sunday, June 23 – 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 24 – 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

For an entry form and prize information, go to:

<https://www.ellisville.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/4102/Behind-the-Lens-Flyer-Packet?bidId=>



Ellisville Police Department Certification Process

The Ellisville Police Department is currently in the process of accreditation through The Missouri Police Chiefs Charitable Foundation. Accreditation protects the agency and the community by ensuring the agency follows state recognized best practices for law enforcement. Once the department is accredited, it will be audited on a regular basis to confirm compliance. Meeting the 209 standards set by the MPCCF is no small task, however it allows the agency to increase capabilities and operate more effectively, ultimately providing better services to our community.

2019 Bluebird Park Summer Concert Series 7-9 p.m.

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| June 6 | Trilogy |
| June 13 | Joe Bozzi Band |
| June 20 | Headknockers - Tribute to Foreigner |
| June 27 | Common Time Rhythm and Blues |
| July 4 | Griffin and the Gargoyles
(7:00 p.m.-10:15 p.m.) |
| July 11 | Rocket Ride - Tribute to Kiss |
| July 18 | Grizzly Goat |
| July 25 | Accolade |
| August 1 | Midnight Howlers |
| August 8 | Rockin' Chair |



Community Policing

The Ellisville Police Department is a full service 24/7 police agency capable of providing services and responsive policing to meet the needs of our community. The Police Department employs 24 full-time police officers who work twelve-hour shifts providing constant coverage to respond to the needs of Ellisville residents, businesses and visitors to our City. While we are a smaller agency, we work cooperatively and seamlessly with our neighbors on all sides. We have initiated programs including crime scene processing, canine response, drug recognition expertise, public relations, complex investigation teams, and many more collaborative efforts to ensure that the policing the Ellisville and West County communities receive is the best possible service anywhere in the country. True community policing involves knowing your community and responding to their needs. Their problems are brought to law enforcement from the perspective of the neighborhood, not problems we as an agency perceive. We achieve this through community contacts, foot and bike patrols, business liaisons and being in our schools, churches and neighborhoods as often as possible. We are proud of the policing we provide and look forward to improving on these services. Our 2018 citizen survey of satisfaction with our police department revealed that our agency was rated as good or excellent in over 90% of all categories, and in competency, courtesy and demeanor we were rated over 95% across the board as good or excellent. This is a reflection of the policing that we provide to our community and the pride we take everyday in providing a safe, secure environment for our citizens to work, play and live. This effort, combined with the excellent relationships we have with our other police partners, including the Ballwin and Chesterfield Police Departments, makes for one of the safest communities in the country. Our message to the community is, *"We are here for you and will continue to provide the best services possible at all times"*.

Chief Steven Lewis

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 it on our City website.

Please send your community event announcements to:
AJ Jones, ajones@ellisville.mo.us

FBI National Academy Training Announcement



Captain Andy Vaughn of the Ellisville Police Department recently graduated from the 275th session of the FBI National Academy, located at the Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Virginia. The FBI National Academy, which began in 1935, is a 10-week executive leadership development program. The 275th session

included 251 law enforcement leaders from throughout the United States and 26 foreign countries. Participants are selected each year through a nomination process in which candidates are chosen based on their demonstrated leadership. Less than 1% of law enforcement leaders worldwide have had the opportunity to attend.

While participating in this professional development training, Captain Vaughn completed graduate level coursework which included Advanced Leadership Practices, Managing Organizational Change, Public Speaking, Media and the Law Enforcement Image, Officer Wellness and Fitness, and Psychology of Leadership.

The overall goal of the National Academy is to support, promote, and enhance the personal and professional development of law enforcement leaders by preparing them for complex, dynamic, and contemporary challenges

through innovative techniques, facilitating excellence in education and research and forging partnerships throughout the world. Police leaders who attend the Academy return to their communities better prepared to meet challenges in their communities and within their organizations.

The training is also known for its intense physical challenges. The final challenge is fondly named the “Yellow Brick Road” because when (and if) the students complete this difficult test, they receive an actual yellow brick. Of course, they first have to run 6.1 miles through a hilly, wooded trail, climb over walls, maneuver over and across a cargo net, scale rocks without a rope, crawl under barbed wire in muddy water and more. Captain Vaughn received his yellow brick!

Captain Vaughn says he is honored to have had the opportunity to attend the National Academy.

“It was an honor to have been selected to attend the FBI National Academy. As I return home, I know that the knowledge I gained and the professional relationships that I developed will enhance my ability to serve the Ellisville Police Department and our entire community.”

Upon his return Captain Vaughn was appointed as the Assistant Chief of Police. Congratulations to Captain Vaughn on his achievements, for representing the City of Ellisville, and continuing to demonstrate excellence in law enforcement leadership.

Ellisville Police Department Drone Program

Your Ellisville Police Department will be implementing a new drone program in the coming months. Four Officers are being trained and certified by the FAA as part of 107 certified sUAS (small Unmanned Aerial System) pilots. We are currently developing a very strong privacy policy that complies with all local, state, and federal regulations. The police department has purchased a DJI Mavic Pro 2 Zoom as the platform which is very capable for the missions the police department anticipates. Once all pilots are certified, they will occasionally deploy the drone for operational missions, but primarily for public relations purposes. The police department anticipates using the drone for accident and crime scene reconstruction, missing and lost person searches, and for events such as the 4th of July Celebration.

Eagle Court of Honor held Sunday, April 28

Five new Eagle Scouts were honored by Boy Scout Troop 567 and their families at an Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony on April 28 at the Bussmann Shelter in Bluebird Park.



Pictured above are: John Eritreo, Michael Graves, Cole Johnson, Sam King and Mark Majeski.

Half Cent Sales Tax Storm Water Improvement Project Update

The City of Ellisville will be finishing street improvements on Wolff Lane between Clayton Road and its dead-end this summer. 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. The City would like to thank the property owners on Wolff Lane who granted easements for the new storm sewer system.



The City of Ellisville also recently completed 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 twenty-six foot 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.

In 2019, the City will be completing street improvements on Carmel Woods Drive and Klamberg Lane. Carmel Woods Drive is scheduled for complete concrete street removal and replacement. Work is anticipated to begin in May. Klamberg Lane is scheduled for rotomilling of the existing asphalt surface and installation of a new 2" asphalt surface layer. This work will be completed later this summer/fall.

The City has started the design of a right turn lane on Clarkson Pines Drive at Clarkson Road, the design of a new sidewalk along Barbara Ann Lane and East Meadow Lane.

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.

2019 Home Improvement Program: *Good for Ellisville. Great for Your Wallet.*

Ellisville homeowners are essential participants in securing the future health of our City. As a community and your partner, the City of Ellisville wants to help eligible homeowners increase the safety, comfort and value of their homes. The City of Ellisville has allocated \$20,000 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds towards the Home Improvement Program (HIP).

The HIP is a federally funded program, which provides technical advice and financial assistance to qualified homeowners in Ellisville for a variety of home repairs. The program is administered by St. Louis County's Department of Planning, Office of Community Development.

The applicant must be the owner and occupant of the property to be improved. Gross household income from all occupants must meet established low-moderate income limits (see table). Homeowners must be current in their mortgage payments and real estate taxes must be paid in full. Ellisville is allotted up to \$20,000 total for fiscal year 2019. Applicants are served on a first-come first-served basis until all funds are committed. Applications are taken over the telephone in an interview process.

HUD FY 2018 Income Limits

For St. Louis County, Missouri
Effective April 1, 2018

NUMBER OF PERSONS	Moderate 80% Income Limits	Low 50% Income Limits	Very Low 30% Income Limits
1	43,050	26,900	16,150
2	49,200	30,750	18,450
3	55,350	34,600	20,780
4	61,450	38,400	25,100
5	66,400	41,500	29,420
6	71,300	44,550	33,740
7	76,200	47,650	38,060
8	81,150	50,700	42,380

Approved repairs or replacements necessary to maintain minimum housing code standards are eligible. Homeowners are required to solicit bids and select their own general contractor. The check will be submitted directly to the contractor following final inspection. A participant can receive 100% of the cost of correcting authorized repairs, based on a maximum benefit limit of \$5,000. Program

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Public Hearing for Allocation of 2020 CDBG Funds

The City of Ellisville will hold a public hearing to discuss and allocate \$20,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Fiscal Year 2020. The funds will become available after January 1, 2020. **The public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2019 at City Hall, #1 Weis Avenue, Ellisville, MO 63011.** Please join us and provide your input. You may also submit your comments via email (ahood@ellisville.mo.us) no later than June 10, 2019.



Historically, the City of Ellisville has allocated the CDBG funds towards the Home Improvement Program (HIP). It is the City's intent to continue to allocate the CDBG funds towards the HIP for Fiscal Year 2020. Through the HIP, eligible homeowners may secure up to \$5,000 in forgivable loans to make home improvements that increase the safety,

comfort and value of their homes. Applicants are served on a first-come first-served basis until all funds are committed.

Bluebird Park Amphitheater Renovation Plan



The City is currently working on a plan to renovate the amphitheater in Bluebird Park. The City is working with Planning Design Studios, a landscape architecture firm, to complete the plan. If you would like to give your opinions regarding the renovation, please fill out an on-line survey at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BB_Amphitheater. There will also be some preliminary drawings to view and a survey to gather input at the first Bluebird Park concert on Thursday, June 6 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. If you would like to give input directly to the Parks and Recreation Director, email her at: lblumer@ellisville.mo.us.

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 it on our City website. Please send your job postings to: Aj Jones, ajones@ellisville.mo.us

2019 Home Improvement Program: continued

participation is limited to **Once In A Lifetime Program Participation**, regardless of the fact they married and/or moved to a different address after five years.

Homeowners are required to sign a 5-year Forgivable Loan Agreement that provides for an **annual reduction of twenty percent** of the amount of the grant, as long as they **continue to own and occupy** their house. This 5-year Forgivable Loan Agreement will be on record with the St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds office as a lien against the property. Interested residents should contact the HIP satellite office to make an application:

South County Office, 4546 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63129, (314) 615-4025

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. There will not be an event on Thursday, July 4 but there will be a special Saturday event, July 13 from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon. Adonis recycles anything that has ever had a current running through it. Due to increased recycling restrictions, they do have the following charges:



- \$50 Rear projection and tube televisions
- \$25 CRT Monitors
- \$ 5 Printers
- \$10 Microwaves and flat panel televisions

For more information about Adonis Recycling, go to their website at: <http://adonisrecycling.com/>

City Council Directory

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District 1 Council Members

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Stephen Chismarich
268 Lemar Park Ct.
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District 2 Council Members

Linda Reel
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Mick Cahill
42 Covert Ln.
(314) 281-4112

District 3 Council Members

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

Dan Duffy
258 Bonnie Court
(314) 750-0065

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.

What's happening in Bluebird Park this Summer?

Group and Private Swim Lessons at The EDGE Aquatic Center
6 months-13 years old; all skill levels

Ellisville/Wildwood Gator Swim Team and Mini Gators Kickboard Club
Ages 4-18

Summer Tennis Lessons
Youth and adult lessons/all skill levels;
Morning and Evening Lessons

Voyager Day Camp Ages 5-12;
6-10 hours per day; 1-8 weeks;
Daily swimming at The EDGE!

Mad Science "Make It" Camp
Ages 5-12; August 5-9

T-Ball Instructional classes for
4-6 year olds; Mon. and Wed. or
Tues. and Thurs. evenings

Kids Play on the Splash Pad
Drop-In Mon. and Thurs.;
10:00 – 11:15 a.m.; ages 6 and under

Splash Parties Host your summer birthday parties at the Park Adm. Building and swim at The EDGE Aquatic Center.

High Intensity Interval Training
Wed. and Fri., 5:45 – 6:45 a.m.
Instructor: Susan Schilling

Lafayette Older Adult Day at the Pool
For 55+; Aug. 21; 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Family Movie Series at Sunset
June 7 – LEAP
August 19 – Mary Poppins Returns

For more information or to register for these fun summer activities with the Ellisville Parks and Recreation Department, go to the City website at:

www.ellisville.mo.us or
call (636) 227-7508.

