



City of Ellisville Trailblazer

Spring 2020

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

It is very exciting to consider all the wonderful things we have to look forward to this upcoming year. Consideration was made toward making a statement about our city's "2020 vision" this year! This would not only state our outlook for the year, but also perfect vision so, I dared not. We all know that life is not perfect, especially when it comes to government, but it still makes me smile to introduce the concept without implying a claim.

It makes me smile because all things considered, we could not ask for a more perfect situation and outlook for Ellisville than we have here today. We are large enough to have many valuable amenities and small enough to be accessible and connected to our citizens. The atmosphere and culture at city hall, within our council, the administration and all departments is very unique, uplifting and truly special. We continue to grow in a positive manner as a community and we are incredibly fortunate to be where we are at as a city right now.

We had just finished the holidays, full of thanks, full of gratitude, we counted our blessings and celebrated the merriest of things just before we started this new decade. We looked back to appreciate all the great memories of the past decade that got us to this point and we smiled. My wish for all of us is that we are able to carry these sentiments forward through to the next holiday season and the remainder of this decade and we smile! This is my 2020 vision for Ellisville and all of our friends and family!

Please never hesitate to reach out to us for anything or ask what you can do to get more involved in your community. Please remember to shop local, shop Ellisville and please look forward to participating in the upcoming 2020 Census.

Yours Truly,

Mayor Mike Roerman

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Applications are available at the Park Administration Building in Bluebird Park Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or they can download an application at ww.ellisville.mo.us. All applicants must be 16 years of age or older. For more information, please call (636)227-7508.

Seasonal Openings:

Day Camp Counselors

Summer T-Ball Coaches

Fall Tiny Tot Soccer Coaches

EDGE Aquatic Center

Concessions

EDGE Aquatic Center Cashiers



BALL FIELD RENTALS

Conner Field and Field #2 are available on an hourly basis, Monday through Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. starting Monday, March 9, 2020 through Friday, October 30, 2020. Registration begins January 2, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. for Residents and January 16, 2020 for Non-Residents.



- Online reservations! Ellisville.recdesk.com
- Teams may reserve a maximum of 2 hours per week.
- Conner Field is located by the Bussmann Pavilion and is considered the upper field.
- Field #2 is considered the lower field.
- Fee: \$9.00/hour Resident - \$10.00/hour Non-Resident



PAVILION RENTALS

Pavilions in Bluebird Park are available to rent. Water and electric will be turned on in the beginning of April and turned off at the end of October, weather permitting. Registration begins January 2, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. for Residents and January 16, 2020 for Non-Residents.

Bussmann Pavilion

Accommodates approximately 125 people. Equipped with water, electric, and (2) barbeque grills and is near the ballfields

Fee: \$55.00/day (\$35.00/day Resident)

Lions Pavilion

Accommodates approximately 100 people. Equipped with water, electric, (1) barbeque grill and is located near the playground.

Fee: \$55.00/day (\$35.00/day Resident)

Bluebird Pavilion

Accommodates approximately 10 people. Equipped with (1) bbq grill.

Fee: \$35.00/day
(\$25.00/day Resident)



National Night Out is a Big Success

The Ellisville Police hosted its annual National Night Out event on October 1st in 11 Ellisville neighborhoods, making it one of the most successful National Night Out events in Ellisville so far.



National Night Out is designed to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. The event is nationally recognized and promotes crime prevention. It encourages people to get out in their neighborhood and get to know their neighbors and police, as well as be a part of the community.



A big thank you to all of the residents, first responders, and city officials who participated in the National Night Out event. Ellisville Police officers were stationed at each location while Chief Steve Lewis and Mayor Mike Roerman visited as many of the locations as possible. Metro West Fire Protection District was also a part of the event. It was a fun night for all involved and a great success. Neighborhoods celebrated National Night Out by hosting potlucks, ice cream socials, BBQs, meet and greets, games, outdoor movies, and live music. These neighborhoods included Cherry Hills West, Clarkson Pines, Covert Lane, Fairview Drive, Hutchinson/Springer neighborhood, Orth Lane, Mar-el Court, Clayton Oaks, Waldens Meadow Court, Mar-el/Lemar neighborhood, and Autumn View.

Pictured top left is Mayor Roerman, Captain Jeff Diehl, and Chief Lewis with residents of Clayton Oaks watching an outdoor movie. Pictured bottom right is Officer Josiah Peacock and K-9 Dark with residents of Covert Lane.

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:

- Entertainment, 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 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

Meadowlark Park Renovation



Meadowlark Park in the Clayton Oaks subdivision was completely 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 who attended the park meetings and provided ideas that led to the renovation of Meadowlark Park!

The majority of the funding for these improvements was provided by a grant from the St. Louis County Municipal Park Grant Commission.



American Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN BLUEBIRD PARK

Wednesday, March 18th 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Bluebird Park Administration Center

Wednesday, June 10 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Mobile Blood Unit – Bluebird Park Parking Lot

Behind the Lens: Photography Contest and Exhibit



Join us for the 2nd annual Behind the Lens: Photography Contest Exhibition at the Park Administration Building in Bluebird Park. The exhibit will be on display November 7-13

This contest is an event of the Ellisville Arts and History Council and is free and open to both amateur and professional photographers. Entry requirements, registration forms, and judging information can all be found on the City website.

Ellisville's More Than A Market, Market

As we close out 2019 and look forward to the 2020 Market season, there were so many people who made the Market such a success in 2019. Thank you to all the fabulous City employee's, my family and all the awesome vendors who contributed to the Market's success. Most important are the market goers who came by and purchased those special items week after wonderful week.

The Market for 2020 will open on June 4th and run every Thursday with the exception of July 2nd and July 16th. Planning is in full swing and we are hoping to bring many new and exciting events to the Market. This season look for a larger offering of fresh vegetables and many new and exciting vendors. There will be snow cones and cotton candy options with a variety of different entertainment. And of course, there's the family fun, there will be face painting, balloon animals, jugglers, hula hooping lessons and so much more. For a complete list of upcoming events and participating vendors you can go to our Facebook page, [EllisvillesMoreThanAMarket,Market](https://www.facebook.com/EllisvillesMoreThanAMarketMarket) as well as through the City's website, where you can find a link to our website.

It's going to be a great year at Ellisville's More Than A Market, Market! If you are interested in being a vendor, please call Carri at (314) 397-0612 or via email EllisvillesMarket

Recycling in Ellisville

The City provides at no charge, weekly recycling services to all single family residences. Collection of recyclable goods is every Wednesday. Recycling containers are provided and are available 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 is on the first Thursday of each month at Bluebird Park.

The EDGE Aquatic Center Pool Passes Early Bird Special Begins February 24



Memberships will go on sale Monday, February 24, and will be sold at a 10% discount through Friday, May 22. Memberships are available at the Park Administration Building in Bluebird Park. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Ellisville & Wildwood Proof of Residency

All residents must show proof of residency to purchase a resident pool membership or a Resident I.D.

Required proof of residency includes a personal **property tax receipt or an unpaid utility bill AND a picture I.D.**

Any Ellisville resident who wishes to pay the resident daily admission to the EDGE Aquatic Center must purchase a Resident I.D. for \$3.00.

Renewals can now be processed over the phone.

ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

Watercolor Techniques Ballroom Dancing Swing Dancing Easy Social Dancing Line Dancing

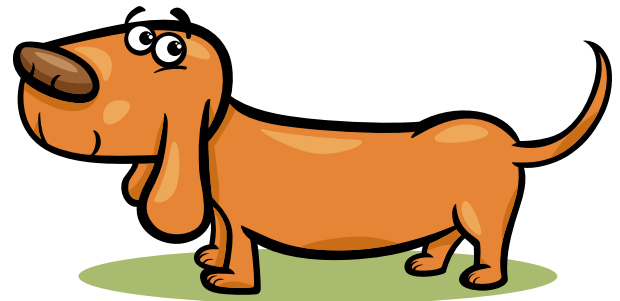
Dance and watercolor classes are being offered at the Park Administration Building in Bluebird Park beginning in February. For specific dates, times, fees and to register visit: www.stlcc.edu/CE or call the Community College Continuing Education office at: (314) 984-7777.

2020 Dog Park Memberships Now on Sale

Ellisville Dog Park Memberships are currently on sale for 2020. Memberships are \$40 per year for up to three dogs in a household. Proof that your dog is spayed or neutered and proof of current Rabies and Bordetella vaccinations are required. To purchase a membership, you can go online to: <https://www.ellisville.mo.us/198/Parks-Recreation>, or memberships can be purchased in person at the Park Administration Building in Bluebird Park.

The Ellisville Dog Park is located in Bluebird Park, in the back of the Park adjacent to the ballfields and the Bussmann Shelter. There are two off-leash areas, one for large dogs and one for small dogs. A membership is required to use the Dog Park areas.

There will be a free Dog Park Open House on Saturday, May 2, from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. It's a great chance to try out the Dog Park before becoming a member, and it's also an excellent time for current members to meet other Dog Park members and their dogs. If you aren't already a member of the Dog Park, proof of Rabies and Bordetella vaccinations are required.



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

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 to our City website.

Please send your job postings to: AJ Jones, ajones@ellisville.mo.us

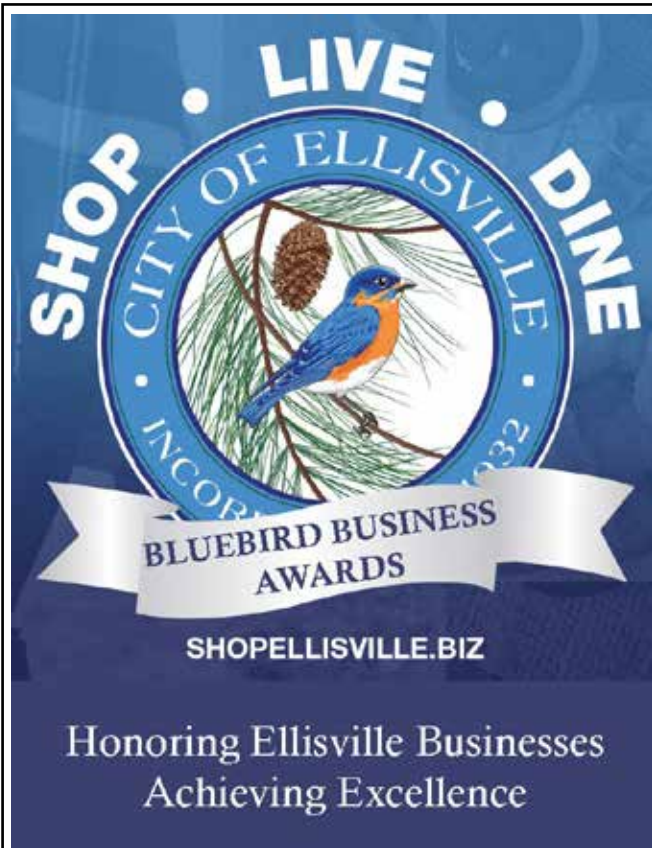


Electronic Recycling Events in Bluebird Park

The City is partnering with Adonis Recycling for Electronic Recycling Events in Bluebird Park. We are currently working on scheduling the upcoming events. Please visit our website at www.ellisville.mo.us for more information.

No Election April 2020

In 2012, the voters of Ellisville approved changing to staggered four-year terms for the Mayor and Council Members. With this change, there will be no General Election in April 2020 for the City Council.



ATTEND THE BLUEBIRD BUSINESS AWARDS EVENT

The 2020 Bluebird Awards winners will be honored and celebrated at the Bluebird Business Awards Event on Thursday, November 5, 2020. Reserve your seat or table by October 1, 2020.

The networking alone and connections you'll make through the process and at the event can be most valuable.

BE A SPONSOR

The deadline for sponsorship is October 1, 2020: PLEASE CHECK SPONSORSHIP LEVEL:

- _____ Bluebird Platinum Level \$2,500
- _____ Robin Diamond Level \$1,500
- _____ Cardinal Gold Level \$750
- _____ Mockingbird Silver Level \$500

PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR NOW

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2020 BLUEBIRD BUSINESS AWARDS:

Do you know of an Ellisville business achieving excellence? Nominate this business for one of the 2020 Bluebird Business Awards. Accepting applications through October 1, 2020. Submit your nomination (self-nomination is encouraged) on-line at <https://ellisville.mo.us/545/Bluebird-Awards-Program>

Businesses may be nominated for more than one award. A business may only win one category award per year and will not be eligible to win that award again for a period of five years.

BLUEBIRD BUSINESS AWARD CATEGORIES

Community Spirit/Support Award

For actively creating a positive impact on the community, their workforce and/or the environment

Beautification Award

For most improved/maintained storefront

Ellisville Project of the Year Award

For a project or endeavor that significantly enhances the City of Ellisville and helps create lasting value

Special Recognition for Non-Profits

For Non-Profit organizations serving our businesses

New Entrepreneur Award

For demonstrating a level of entrepreneurial spirit, leadership, perseverance, innovation and determination

Ellisville Business of the Year Award

For demonstrating pride and commitment to its clientele

Legacy of Ellisville Award

For longevity, quality products and/or services, and community service

The Left of Bang!



To protect and serve. That's what I have sworn to do. To protect the innocent, and who is more innocent than our children? No one. I can't do it alone. The police can't do it alone. We need your help.

Since peaking in 1990, violent crime has been on a steady decline. (Pew Research Center, October 2019.) However, every time I turn on the news, or open up Facebook, it seems like there is another report of a school shooting. I get alerts on my phone from a dozen news organizations every time someone fires a gun in public. I have to have the mindset when I go to work that I will be ready when something happens, not if something happens. Ellisville is a very safe community, but thinking, "it won't happen here" is one of the most dangerous thoughts we can have. It can happen here, or we can prevent it, together.

Last April I attended a week-long training called School Shield, put on by the National Rifle Association (NRA). The training was incredible and allows me to assess the strengths and vulnerabilities of schools, churches, businesses, etc. We could lock down our schools, put bars on the windows, put metal detectors at the doors, have bomb sniffing dogs, search bags, pat down all visitors, and guess what...Someone would still find a way to commit a violent act at that location. Bad people are going to do bad things.

So what was the most important thing that I took away from my training last year? The Left of Bang. Imagine a timeline in front of you, going from left to right. In the very center of the timeline is the BANG! The moment the gun goes off for the first time in the school and the killer claims his or her first victim.

Everything to the right of that happens after that gunshot. The additional victims, the police response, the medical response, securing crime scenes, reunification of survivors with parents, hospital visits, funerals, regret...

Everything to the left of that bang is an opportunity for us to prevent a tragedy. We just need to know about it. Right now I want you to get out your phone or computer and Google EVAN SANDY HOOK PROMISE. Stop reading this, press play and watch. I'll wait.

Powerful stuff. Knowledge is power. From 1974 to 2000, 93% of school shooters planned the attack in advance. In 4 out of 5 school shootings, at least one other person had knowledge of the attacker's plan but failed to report it. Guns used in 68% of gun-related incidents at schools were taken from the home, a friend or relative. Around 77% of active shooters spent a week or longer planning their attack. Nearly ALL mass attackers in 2018 made threatening or concerning communications. Seventy percent of people who die by suicide tell someone their plans or give some other type of warning signs. Thirty-nine percent of parents wrongly believe children don't know where a gun is stored. (sandyhookpromise.org)

Talk to your kids. They might not be planning anything violent, but they may have seen signs from someone who is. If you see or hear something odd, report it. We get paid to investigate these things. No matter how insignificant it might seem, it could be a piece of a much bigger puzzle. I don't want to ever respond to an act of violence at one of our schools. I am prepared to, but responding means we're already too late. I want to live in a world left of bang, and I want you there with me.

Corporal George S. Corless

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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.

Dates: Jan 9, March 12, May 14, Aug 13, October 8 and Dec 10

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

Please bring your Driver's License and AARP Card

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