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From the Mayor's Desk

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I have 3 important things to communicate this issue.

FIRST, WE NEED YOUR HELP! The US Census attempts to survey every household in America every 10 years for official population counts and demographic information. Ellisville's population was recently estimated at 9,862 and our goal is to make it to 10,000. Yes this gets us to 5 figures, which is a significant milestone, but there is more to it than that. The most important thing is, our population and demographics are taken into consideration for access to funding for a variety of programs and helps us qualify for county, state and federal grants as well as other valuable services. **PLEASE COMPLETE THE 2020 CENSUS** at www.my2020census.gov ASAP or you can call 844-330-2020. In addition to English, there are also 12 other language options. **PLEASE, EVERYONE COUNTS!** So far Ellisville has 82% participation, which is way above the national average,

so please help us strive for 100%. All answers are confidential and not shared with other government agencies, including Ellisville. So please, **DO NOT HESITATE AND MAKE SURE YOUR HOUSEHOLD COUNTS!**

SECOND, I would like to acknowledge and congratulate Chief Steve Lewis and our exceptional Police Officers. Police agencies all over the country have come under extreme scrutiny in recent months and ours is no exception. I am extremely proud of our accredited Police Department and I am happy to report we have passed all scrutiny. We check all the boxes for best practices in areas such as Community Policing, Implicit Bias, Mental Health Training, Conflict Resolution and Use of Force among others. We also train annually on biased based policing, racial profiling and cultural sensitivity.

LASTLY, I would like to thank everyone in Ellisville for your

patience, cooperation and perseverance during the current COVID-19 pandemic. This has been something none of us have ever seen before, and I am proud of the way Ellisville has handled it. We have all sacrificed! Some much more than others. It warms my heart that during a time where we are required to socially distance, in some respects, there has been a heightened sense of community. To see our residents out exercising and walking their pets more than ever is an amazing sight! I am also proud of the support I have seen for our small businesses... but more is needed. This time has been especially tough for our small businesses! So **PLEASE REMEMBER TO SHOP LOCAL!** Go to www.ShopEllisville.BIZ before you buy, and explore our businesses. You may be surprised at how many hidden gems we have in Ellisville... sometimes in plain sight!

Yours Truly,
Mayor Mike Roerman

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We D.A.R.E. You To Say Goodbye

Corporal George S. Corless



There are two things that Police Officers absolutely hate. The first is change and the second is the way things are right now. So far 2020 has been

nothing but change and I can honestly say I am not a fan of this year at all. Many of you probably went through Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) when you were in elementary school. After much review, research and decades of the D.A.R.E. program the school district has identified what they consider to be a superior program that we are excited to take part in to bring even better skills lessons to your children.

LifeSkills Training will be introduced in the 5th grade beginning with the new school year and will include lessons on Self-Esteem, Decision-Making, Smoking Information, Advertising, Dealing with Stress, Communications Skills, Social Skills, and Assertiveness. The goal of these lessons is to help students mitigate risk behaviors and get them thinking about how risk behaviors can jeopardize their future. A parent letter will be sent home at the end of each module to explain what was discussed in class so that you can continue the dialogue at home.

We all want our children to make good decisions. Kids are under tremendous stress these days. Peer pressure doesn't stop when they step off a bus at the end of the day. Now they can be bombarded by FaceBook, Twitter, SnapChat, Tik Tok, Xbox, PlayStation, and whatever else comes out next. I strongly urge you to monitor these social platforms if your child uses any of them.

I am excited to get back into the classroom and start having these conversations with our students. Hopefully, we'll return to a normal school schedule sooner or later. So like everything else in 2020, I cannot say with any certainty when we will start teaching LifeSkills.

In the meantime, we are here if you need us. Call us anytime with questions, comments, or suggestions. The safety and security of our schools and your children has been and will continue to be my number one priority. I hope everyone has a very fun and productive school year!

Corporal George Corless

Porch Decorating Contest

Calling all Ellisville Residents and Businesses!

Fall is just around the corner and we see decorations going up all over. We would like to invite all our residents and businesses to join in on the fun, decorate your porch or patio, and maybe win a prize!

Sept 16 - October 30

Where: City of Ellisville

Fee: Free!

Be sure to pre-register so we can come by and take a photo to put on our Facebook page and judge your hard work. Judging will be on October 30.



Fall Tennis Lessons

All tennis lesson participants are asked to bring a racquet and water bottle. Lessons are held in Bluebird Park and coordinated by tennis professional, Bill Barker: (314) 518-4200.



Mondays & Wednesdays September 7 - 30

Future Stars (Ages 4-7) - 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Beginner (Ages 7-16) - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Intermediate (Ages 10-18) - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

\$80 (\$75 resident)

Register online or call (636) 227-7508.

ATTENTION BUSINESSES! Coupon Marketing Program

As part of the City's on-going effort to help our businesses thrive, we are offering you the opportunity to introduce your business to every new resident by including a coupon or voucher in our New Resident Welcome Packets. The City of Ellisville provides every new household with a New Resident Welcome Packet. The Welcome Packet highlights City services, such as trash pick-up, recycling, leaf pick up, snow removal and year-round social activities.



How the Program Works:

The City issues approximately forty (40) residential occupancy permits per month. That's forty new households (and potential customers) every month! We ask that you provide the City with enough coupons/vouchers to insert in each Welcome Packet. You decide whether to deliver new coupons monthly, quarterly or bi-annually. There is no fee for the service. Your only expense will be the production of the actual coupons/vouchers. Once you deliver the coupons/vouchers to City Hall, we will take care of the rest.

Coupons/vouchers that offer something free work best to get residents into your business. We ask that your coupon/voucher be sized 5" by 8" maximum. In addition to offering a 'freebie', we encourage you to add language in your coupon/voucher 'welcoming' the new residents to Ellisville and your business. Please include information regarding your hours of operation and services (curb-side pick-up, delivery, open by appointment only, etc.) during the pandemic.

Coupons should be delivered to City Hall, 1 Weis Avenue, Ellisville, MO 63011 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Attention: Economic Development. Make sure all your business contact information is included.

Ellisville Arts - "We Belong"

There is a new sculpture by local artist Sukanya Maya at Ellisville City Hall. It was commissioned by the Ellisville Arts and History Council. "We Belong" is two sided with birds on one side as a reflection of the Ellisville's City logo. The other side is an abstraction of the Missouri and Mississippi confluence. The colors are a nod to the bio diversity of the region and the sculpture is an exploration of the land we live in, the water we drink and our animal brethren. Stop by and enjoy "We Belong" at its location outside the entrance to City Hall.



In addition to "We Belong", you can also experience two sculptures in Bluebird Park, "Agitated Avians" and "World is Her Canvas". These sculptures are part of the Sculpture on the Move program as part of the Creative Communities Alliance.

For more information about the Ellisville Arts and History Council, please contact Council Member Linda Reel at lreel@ellisville.mo.us.

Electronic Recycling in Bluebird Park

The City is partnering with Adonis Recycling for Electronic Recycling Events on Thursdays, September 3, October 1 and November 5 from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. in Bluebird Park.

There are fees to recycle televisions and a few other items. For more information about Adonis Recycling, please visit their website at: <http://adonisrecycling.com>



SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS

Shopping SMALL businesses can help our local economy in BIG ways! Local small businesses are essential to our economy and they are part of the fabric of our life — small business

owners give back to our City through fundraisers, sponsorships and special events. Local shops help create local jobs and add to our unique brand, further improving the economy by attracting more visitors and making it a desirable place to shop, live and dine!

Helping our businesses get back on their feet, during this difficult time, will go a long way to helping the entire Ellisville community because shopping local makes sure our sales tax dollars stay local and contributes to the betterment of Ellisville. We urge everyone to take that extra step and shop locally - it will provide more long-term benefits for every one of us. Don't forget to share on social media — word of mouth is a great way to drive traffic to local stores, both on-line and in-person, and the business owners will appreciate the extra amplification!



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 at ajones@ellisville.mo.us

Managed Deer Hunt in Klamberg Conservation Area

Again this year the Missouri Department of Conservation and the City of Ellisville are working cooperatively to administer a managed deer hunt to help control the deer population. During the hunt the conservation area will be closed to the public but the majority of Bluebird Park will remain open. The dates for this year's hunt are Monday - Friday, November 9-13, 2020.

Five hunters will be selected to participate in each hunt through the Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) managed hunt system. All hunters attend a pre-hunt orientation to learn the rules and regulations of the hunt. All are required to use archery or crossbow equipment, hunt from an elevated stand and are required to harvest an antlerless deer before a second deer (antlered or antlerless) could be taken. A maximum of three deer can be harvested per hunter. No shooting zones of 25 yards are established along the boundaries of Klamberg Conservation Area.

When deer numbers are high, other plant and wildlife species struggle to survive or disappear altogether. To be responsible land managers, deer numbers should be kept in balance with the other species at Klamberg Conservation Area. MDC strives to meet their constitutional mandate which includes the wise management of our natural resources. These management efforts often include population control through harvest.

The Ellisville City Council voted to modify the Ellisville City Code to allow for the managed hunts to help control the deer population in Ellisville and surrounding area as the growing number of deer are creating a danger for vehicle accidents and destruction of native plants and trees.

If you have questions regarding the hunt, you can contact Erin Shank, Wildlife Biologist with the Department of Conservation at (314) 301-1506 or Lisa Blumer, Director of Parks and Recreation at (636) 227-7508.

Ellisville's Epic Leaf Scavenger Hunt!

September 22 - October 31
in Bluebird Park

Due to the popularity of our first scavenger hunt...the City of Ellisville Parks and Recreation is kicking off Fall by hosting its second hunt. We will hide 10 large leaves along the paved trails throughout Bluebird Park on Sept 22! You have until Monday, October 31 to find all the leaves!

So get your walking shoes on and follow the trails. Describe each leaf that you find on the Scavenger Hunt Form (found on our website or at the park office).

Once your form is complete...submit it to the Parks and Recreation Administration office at 225 Kiefer Creek Rd. or email to sgrobelny@ellisville.mo.us by October 31 at 4:30 p.m. You will then be entered into a drawing for prizes. Good Luck!

2nd Annual Behind the Lens: Photography Contest and Exhibit

November 7 - 13, 2020

Park Administration Building in Bluebird Park

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 be found at:

<https://www.ellisville.mo.us/198/Parks-Recreation>
beginning September 14, 2020.

Ellisville Police Department Drone Program



To better serve the citizens of Ellisville and take full advantage of advances in technology the agency has begun a drone program. Effective in 2020, the Ellisville drone program is up and running, although the COVID pandemic has delayed much of our training. To meet all national training requirements, the agency will have three certified drone pilots. Currently we have one FAA certified and licensed drone pilot, the other two will complete their training in late 2020. The Ellisville Police Department plans to utilize our DJI Mavic 2 Zoom for public relations events and operationally to assist in searches for missing persons, lost children and similar activities. The main function will be to alert social media followers of traffic crashes, traffic delays and to share on social media training and public relations activities of the Police Department. The drone will not be used for enforcement efforts or to view private property of businesses or citizens.



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 at ajones@ellisville.mo.us

Time to Say Goodbye

One of our most valuable police employees is retiring in January of 2021. As Chief, I asked that she put together some thoughts and share a bit of her experience with our citizens. Sgt. Nancy Walker has been a mainstay of police services here in Ellisville for the better part of forty years. She is an amazing person and a wonderful employee and will be missed by all. Below are her parting thoughts in her own words.

I was motivated to become a police officer because I wanted to have a meaningful career, and the work provided that reward. In total, I have been a police officer for over 45 years, 39 ½ years here in Ellisville and five with the Ballwin Police Department as patrol officer and one year as a reserve officer. I was the first female officer hired by the Ballwin Police Department in 1975 and the second female officer hired just three months after Ellisville had hired their first female officer in 1981.

After years as a patrol officer, I was given the opportunity to become a D.A.R.E. officer in 1989. I loved my time that I got to spend with the students and teachers of Ellisville, Ridge Meadows, St. Clare of Assisi and St. John Lutheran Schools. I was blessed to be recognized with a lifetime achievement award for D.A.R.E. in 2017 by the Missouri D.A.R.E. Officers Association.

When I look back on my time here at Ellisville, I can see the many changes that not only the Police Department has gone through (better trained officers, better equipment, new technology, and my

many different hair styles), but also the City. The City has a different look now with Manchester and Clarkson Road improvements. More traffic and people out at all hours of the night and day. When I started in Ellisville, the streets at night seemed like they literally folded up at night. We are a far cry from that, these days.

In Ellisville, we have some of the best officers who come to work every day to do the best job they can for the citizens of Ellisville. It has been the greatest privilege of my professional life to count myself amongst them, to count myself a member of this extraordinary family in blue. I feel very lucky to have been a police officer in the City of Ellisville. We receive tremendous support from our mayor, city council, and city manager. We have the best citizens and I can't say enough about how our residents, businesses, and foundation have supported us throughout the years, especially lately. They are why we do this job and we appreciate our community very much.

Sincerely,
Nancy Walker

Bluebird Park's Between a Walk and a Hard Pace Walking Club

Want to meet friends and maintain your health and independence? Ellisville is



pleased to offer a new walking club to our community. All ages and fitness levels are welcome. Dress comfortably and bring your water bottle.

- Thursday Mornings
- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
- Meet outside the Bluebird Park Administration Building
- Free!

CHALKFEST: Sidewalk Chalk Competition

This year Ellisville Parks and Recreation will host our first Sidewalk Chalk Contest. We invite artists of all skill levels and ages to help us decorate our lower parking lot with temporary artwork. The parking spaces will be spaced out appropriately and we will practice social distancing. Participants will have 2 hours to complete their masterpiece. Judging will begin at 11:00 a.m.



- October 3
- 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
- Bluebird Park
- Free – participant supplies own chalk or \$4.00 – City provides chalk
- Pre-registration is required as the spaces are limited.

CITY OF ELLISVILLE
FILING PROCEDURES
APRIL 6, 2021 - GENERAL ELECTION

An election will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, to elect three Council Members, one (1) from each of the three Council Districts. Any Ellisville resident wishing to become a CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL MEMBER may do so by filing an application in writing with the City Clerk, or in her absence with the City Manager, at Ellisville City Hall, #1 Weis Avenue, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, and 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, with the following exceptions: City Hall will be closed on Thursday, December 24, 2020; Friday, December 25, 2020; Thursday, December 31, 2020; and Friday, January 1, 2021.

Applicants for the office of Council Member must be at least 21 years of age. Additionally, all applicants must: (1) be a qualified voter in accordance with State Statutes; (2) be a resident of the City of Ellisville for one year preceding the election; and (3) not owe any unpaid taxes to the City of Ellisville.

Polling places will be published shortly before voting day and all registered voters should also receive postcard notification of your polling place from the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners. If not already registered to vote, you may do so at all motor vehicle registration offices, at most State offices, at Ellisville City Hall, or by mail with the appropriate form. For more information regarding registration contact the St. Louis Board of Election Commissioners at (314) 615-1800. March 10, 2021 is the last day to register to vote prior to the April 2021 election.

If you have any questions, please contact City Clerk Leigh Dohack at (636) 227-9660 x 3039 or by email at ldohack@ellisville.mo.us.

LEIGH DOHACK, CITY CLERK
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Brush Chipping Program

District 1 September 14 - 25, 2020
District 2 September 28 – Oct. 9, 2020
District 3 October 12 - 23, 2020

Leaf Collection Program

First Collection:
District 1 November 2 – November 12, 2020
District 2 November 12 – November 19, 2020
District 3 November 19 – December 3, 2020

Second Collection:
District 1 December 3 - December 22, 2020
District 2 December 22 – December 30, 2020
District 3 December 30 – January 15, 2021



**American Red Cross
Blood Drives**

Give the gift of life on Thursday, September 10 from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. and again at holiday time, on Tuesday, December 29 from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Park Administration Building in Bluebird Park.

Please go to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: **Ellisville** to schedule a time. Or just stop in if you have the time.



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Stephen Chismarich
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District 2: Council Members

Linda Reel
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Mick Cahill
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District 3: Council Members

Cindy Pool
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Dan Duffy
258 Bonnie Ct.
(314) 750-0065

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.

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.