



CITY OF ELLISVILLE

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From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

Happy 2021! We are looking forward to getting COVID-19 behind us and moving forward to a time where life seems more like it did before. Things will never quite be the same, but then again, they never are. The City of Ellisville and its citizens have endured many challenges since incorporating in 1932 and I am sure there will be new challenges in the future. Regardless, this pandemic will stick out as the most economically and socially challenging event of our lives. I could not be prouder of how our citizens, City staff and police department have persevered and shined throughout.

Like the rest of America, many people in Ellisville struggled

through 2020 and many more will struggle through 2021. COVID-19 has affected 100% of Americans in one way or another and we all know somebody that has been impacted greatly or even lost their life, but it does not strike evenly. Many families and businesses have been devastated, while many are just getting by and others have flourished.

One of the things that will help mend any community is for more people to get involved and become more active in that community. This year we are asking everyone to generously help their neighbors and the Ellisville community where they can. Please reach out to those around you and ask where help is needed. Shop Ellisville when you can and

remember, it is not out of your way to support our small businesses, especially our dine in restaurants that have been impacted the greatest by St Louis County restrictions.

Please know that City Hall is always looking for good people who want to serve their neighbors in Ellisville. We would like to encourage anybody that is interested in volunteering or serving on one of our boards or commissions to reach out to City Hall at (636) 227-9660 and ask for City Clerk Leigh Dohack or go to www.Ellisville.MO.US or call me personally at (314) 479-8988.

Thank You,
Mayor Mike Roemerman

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The Ellisville Police Department and the COVID Response

At the writing of this article in December of 2020, the Coronavirus has made a resurgence in the community and rates of infection are at an all-time high. I often get inquiries as to the health and well-being of the Police Department, as well as what we are doing to protect our community during such an unprecedented event.

First and foremost, as we come out of this pandemic, we have learned many lessons and overall are better prepared for the future. Key to our department's response is the fact that our officers are still on the job 24/7 every day, providing the type of policing expected by our community. While we look a little different wearing masks and protective equipment when going on calls, and have changed some of our response procedures, I want to assure our public that we are still policing professionally and responsibly.

As the Chief of Police, I am the Emergency Management Director for the City of Ellisville. My credentials include a great deal of training in this area, and I work closely with the St. Louis County Office of Emergency Management. I am also a member of the St. Louis Area Police Chiefs Association. We have met in person when possible, and remotely during the height of the pandemic, to ensure that we are all conducting policing in a best practice and as safe an environment as possible. I am also proud to say that all the police agencies in the West County corridor have entered into mutual aid agreements to assist each other when the need arises due to any reason, including the pandemic. We also work closely with the Metro West Fire Protection District to ensure that all first responders are on the same page and able to provide the highest level of service.

This event tested our capabilities, but never our resolve. There was never a time when the need for police services went unanswered or our public was unprotected from crime or calls for assistance. Our officers put themselves in harm's way on a daily basis to ensure the level of service and responsiveness continues. This is something we signed up for, and while none of us ever envisioned an event of this nature, we were prepared. As we continue to recover, we are ever confident that we will prevail.

Chief Steven Lewis



The City of Ellisville is Seeking Volunteers for Various Boards and Commissions

City of Ellisville is seeking committed and community-minded volunteers to fill current and upcoming vacancies in its **Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Adjustment and Economic Development Commission.**

Volunteers are essential to many organizations including our City government. The Boards and Commissions serve in an advisory role to the City Council. Each volunteer is to be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Council. Appointments are made on an as-needed basis. All volunteer positions are unpaid.

For a list of vacancies or to apply, please visit: <https://www.ellisville.mo.us/243/Boards-Commissions>

Electronic Recycling in Bluebird Park

The City of Ellisville is partnering with Adonis Recycling to provide electronic recycling events on the first Thursday of each month, February – November from 12 noon – 5:00 p.m., except for the month of May when the event will be on Saturday, May 8 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

To find items they accept and cost to recycle certain items go to: www.ellisville.mo.us

Adonis provides a large truck and workers to assist with the unloading of items. Their truck will be in the parking lot of Bluebird Park for each event.



ATTENTION BUSINESSES!

Coupon Marketing Program

As part of the City's on-going efforts 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 includes important information regarding City services, such as trash pick-up, recycling, leaf pick up, snow removal and many others.

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 information is included.

Summer Employment

Applications are available at the Park Administration Center in Bluebird Park Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or download an application at www.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



2021 Ellisville Dog Park Memberships and Open House

Ellisville Dog Park Memberships are currently on sale for 2021. 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. You can purchase a membership online at ellisville.mo.us, or in person at the Park Administration Building.

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.

Free Dog Park Open House! Saturday, May 1st 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 a member of the Dog Park, proof of vaccinations is required.

AMERICAN RED CROSS



**Wednesday, March 17
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Location: Bluebird Park Administration Building
To schedule an appointment visit: www.redcrossblood.org

Half Cent Sales Tax Storm Water Improvement Project Update



In 2020, the City of Ellisville completed asphalt street improvements on Oak Hill Drive, Oak Hill Court and West Oak Hill Drive. The northern section of Oak Hill Drive was removed and replaced with new curbs and asphalt pavement. A new 2” thick asphalt surface layer was placed on the remaining Oak Hill streets.

The City also completed the construction of a section of sidewalk along the north side of Manchester Road, just east of Devore Drive. By connecting the existing sidewalk on the west side of Devore Drive to the existing sidewalk at 15801 Manchester, this project completed the last

section of sidewalk along Manchester Road to provide a continuous safe pedestrian pathway through the entire City.

The City has several streets scheduled for replacement and/or rehabilitation work in 2021. Street replacement is scheduled in the Oaks at Ridge Meadow Subdivision, with work scheduled to be completed over the next two summers. Work is also scheduled in the Tartan Green Subdivision, with portions of Tartan Green Boulevard, Castlerea Boulevard, and Fair Isle Court scheduled for replacement. All of these concrete street replacement projects are anticipated to begin this summer and should be completed in the fall. The City is also planning to rotomill the existing asphalt surface and install a new 2” thick asphalt surface layer on Field Avenue, Towne Drive, Bentshire Court, Castle Tower Drive, and Palace Place Court in 2021.

In addition to these street replacement projects, the City has planned a project for the construction of a new sidewalk along Barbara Ann Lane, between East Meadow Lane and Reinke 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 Mike Hartwig, Assistant City Engineer, at (636) 227-9660 V/TDD.

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

Senior Seminar Program

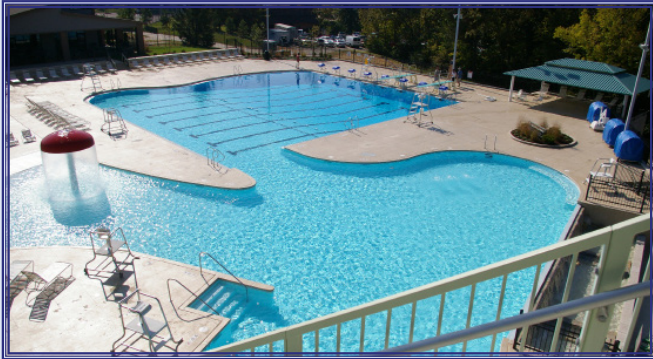
New to Ellisville in 2021! Ted Gottlieb, Certified Senior Advisor will be hosting **FREE** educational senior seminars at the Park Administration Building. Seminars will be held from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. For more information visit: www.ellisville.mo.us.

Dates: March 23, April 27, May 25, August 24, September 28, October 26, November 23, December 28

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Park Administration Center, Bluebird Park

The EDGE Aquatic Center Early Bird Special - Begins Feb. 22!



Memberships will go on sale Monday, February 22 and will be sold at a 10% discount through Friday, May 21. Memberships are available at the Park Administration Center in Bluebird Park. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Ellisville & Wildwood Proof of Residency:

All residents must show proof of residency to purchase a resident pool membership or a Resident ID. **(Required proof of residency includes a personal property tax receipt or an unpaid utility bill AND a picture I.D.)**

Any **Ellisville** resident that 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.

Ellisville Police Get a New Look

The Ellisville Police Station was built 26 years ago, and over that time, has had very few changes. There has been some minor remodeling due to the separation for courts and prosecuting attorney roles in 2017 and a few cosmetic upgrades, but not much else has changed overall. Through a cooperative partnership with Ameren, that is changing! One of the very few positive outcomes of the COVID-19 pandemic, is that Ameren saw a need to divest itself of quite a bit of office furnishings through its AmerenCares Creating Opportunities, Salvaging Treasures (or COST) program. Through a contact with Ameren and some logistical management, the company graciously agreed to donate its repurposed office furniture, workstations and a myriad of other work-related equipment to the Police Department.

As a result, the agency was able to replace all of the almost three-decade-old desks and office equipment with much newer furniture. The best part --- there was no cost to the City! In fact, there was so much extra furniture that a good quantity was also shared with City Hall, allowing for somewhat of an interior facelift there as well. The Police Department is grateful for public partnerships such as this one, and thanks Ameren greatly for allowing us to repurpose its office furnishings, and create an improved working environment!

Pavilion Rentals

Pavilions in Bluebird Park are available to rent. Water and electric are turned on in the beginning of April and turned off at the end of October, weather permitting. Registration begins January 4, 2021 for Residents and January 18, 2021 for Non-residents.

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)

Bussmann Pavilion - Accommodates approximately 125 people. Equipped with water, electric, and 2 barbeque grills. **Fee: \$55.00/day (\$35.00/day Resident)**

Bluebird Pavilion - Accommodates approximately 10 people. Equipped with (1) barbeque grill.
Fee: \$35.00/day (\$25.00/day Resident)



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 8, 2021 through Friday, October 29, 2021. Registration begins January 4, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. for Residents and January 18, 2021 for Non Residents.

- Online reservations!
www.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

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
(September - May)

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Fee: \$2.00 per person

Location: Ballwin Golf Course

FILING IS OPEN FOR THE APRIL 6, 2021 - GENERAL ELECTION

Filing for the April 6, 2021 General Election, to elect three Council Members, one (1) from each of the three Council Districts has begun and will close on **Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.** Any Ellisville resident wishing to become a **CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL MEMBER** may do so by filing an application in writing with the City Clerk at the Ellisville City Hall, #1 Weis Avenue.

In the event that City Hall is still closed due to the Covid-19 social distancing measures, please contact the City Clerk at (636) 227-9660, or by email at ldohack@ellisville.mo.us, to schedule an appointment to complete the filing paperwork.

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. The last day to register to vote prior to the April 2021 election is March 10, 2021.

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.



2021 BLUEBIRD BUSINESS AWARDS

Do you know of an Ellisville business achieving excellence? Nominate this business for one of the 2021 Bluebird Business Award categories. We are accepting applications through October 1, 2021. Submit your nomination (self-nomination is encouraged) on-line at www.ellisville.mo.us.

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

Big Business of the Year Award

This award recognizes a business or organization that makes significant contributions to the City of Ellisville. Winners contribute in "BIG" ways to our community!

ATTEND THE BLUEBIRD BUSINESS AWARDS EVENT

The 2021 Bluebird Awards winners will be honored and celebrated at the Bluebird Business Awards Event on Thursday, November 4, 2021. Reserve your seat or table by October 1, 2021.

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, 2021:

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

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City Council Directory

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16273 Autumn View Terrace Dr.
(314) 479-8988

District 1: Council Members

Vince McGrath
234 Mar-El Ct.
(314) 853-3480

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

District 2: Council Members

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

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

District 3: Council Members

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

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

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

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 may be requested by calling 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.