



# FESTUS FOCUS

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## 135th Army Band Concert Coming June 16 at West City Park—

This band is stationed in Springfield, Missouri, and consists of one warrant officer and 37 enlisted personnel. The 135th Army Band performs at many

ceremonial events, including the Governor's inauguration. We are pleased for this band to be coming to West City Park to play for our residents in June. Mark your calendars now and join us in June.

**Gannon Avenue Enhancement Project-** Construction has begun on Gannon Drive. Traffic is moving one way **southbound** from North Creek Drive up to YMCA Drive. This may last up to 90 business days that will be dependent on the weather and other factors. We would like everyone to know that all businesses are open and accessible along Gannon Drive. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation through this project!



**Central Avenue—** As the Water Department is wrapping up installing the new water line on Central Avenue, the City is working with engineers to complete plans and specifications to go out for bid on resurfacing the street.



**Hahn Extreme Fitness—** This is a new fitness center that has opened in the old Home Furniture building at 407 W Main Street. The center offers Muay Thai,

MMA, Jiu Jitsu, wrestling, and fitness classes for women. For more information call 636-208-9245.

## Get Out and Vote!!

- One contested race and one ballot issue await you Tuesday, April 3, 2012, when the polls open at 6am. Ward three has a contested race between incumbent Kevin Dennis and Mike Povich.
- Also on the ballot, is a tax increase measure for the Tourism Tax, increasing from 2% to 5% of the amount charged to guests at the motels, and to expand the areas where the money can be used. Expanding the scope to include advertising, handout materials, fliers, and more promotional type activities can generate more visitors, helping the local motel operators.
- In turn, this could help the City by generating more sales at local shops and eateries. We can promote our festivals, car cruises, ball tournaments, and more. Get out and let your voice be heard at your ward polling location.

**Polls close at 7:00pm.**

**Community Planning Grant-** Don't forget we are having our first Community Planning Area meeting April 12, from 6:30-8:30pm at Pevly City Hall. All are welcome to attend. This is everyone's chance to participate in Festus' future housing, transportation, environment, and economic development. We hope to see a lot of our residents there!!

## 2012 Spring Clean-Up

**IESI Collection Midwest Recycling Center-Services—** The annual Spring clean-up provided by IESI will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012, at the Public Works parking lot from 8am-4pm. There will be a dumpster for yard waste, bulk items, and recycling. IESI employees will be on site to assist with larger items. Hazardous materials are not accepted. This company will also be on site for the purpose of collecting electronic recyclables. Generally, there is a fee to collect TVs and monitors. We did receive a grant to pay for this service, so this is your chance to recycle your old TVs at no charge! Other items they recycle are appliances, computers, DVD players, printers, etc.



### Festus Public Library

**"What is Holistic Health?"**— This is a free class being held at the Festus Public Library April 17 from 6-7pm. The class is being offered by Nan Backes, the owner of Natural Health & Home on Bailey Road. Come to the Library for an introduction to Naturopathy, Herbology, nutrition, and Homeopathy.

### Free Summer Fitness Program!!

The Friends of the Festus Parks is going to be sponsoring a summer fitness program at the Band Stand in Sunset Park. This program will be eight weeks long, and we will continue to provide the information in the Festus Focus all summer. More information is also available on the City website under "Upcoming Events." This is the perfect chance to try these out if you were interested but hadn't gotten around to it. It is also a great opportunity to get fit for free!!



**Yoga in the Park**— There will be Yoga every Tuesday from 6:30pm-7:30pm beginning May 15. The classes will be tailored so anyone will be able to benefit and enjoy them. In case of rain during the scheduled time, an extra class will be added to the end of the session.



**Zumba in the Park**- Zumba classes in the park will be on Wednesdays from 6:30pm-7:30pm beginning May 16. You may want to bring 3 lb weights or a couple of water bottles with you. If there is any rain at all on a scheduled day, the class will be moved to the old band building directly behind City Hall.

### Swimming Pool Guidelines

Pool permits are required for any pool that is two (2) feet deep or deeper. **This includes blow up pools.**

- Pool structures must be at least five (5) feet from the property lines (rear and side) and six feet from the house.
- The pool must have a minimum of a 48 inch barrier. This can be a chain link or slat fence with openings no larger than four (4) inches.
- Pools cannot be installed over the top of utility easements
- Electric running to pools must be installed underground.

**These are just a few of the requirements.** For more information please visit the Planning/Building FAQ section on the City website or call Public Works at 636-937-6646.



### Pet of the Month—

The City of Festus has this male Chihuahua and Dashchund mix. He is very good natured and good with kids. The adoption fee is \$60 if you would like to take him home. The fee includes an

exam, rabies shots, and spaying/neutering. If you would like to adopt, please contact Tim Mullins at 937-6646. Thank you!!



### Building Code Update-

The City of Festus adopted the 2009 ICC Building Codes. The new codes will go into effect on April 12, 2012. Copies of the code book, deletions, and additions will be available at the Festus Public Library for review. You can make copies, but cannot remove them from the Library. More information can also be found in the Planning/Building section of the City website or by calling 937-6646.

**Veterans' Memorial Bricks-** If you would like to order a Veterans' Memorial Brick to be installed by Memorial Day, please place your order prior to May 1st. Each brick is \$100, and applications are processed at City Hall. Thanks!

### News Updates—

- **Council Meetings**— April 11 and 25 at 7pm.
- **Workshops**— May be held on April 4 and 18 at 7pm
- **Park Board**— April 26 at 6pm
- **Planning & Zoning Meeting**— April 19 at 6:30 pm
- **Board of Adjustment**— April 9 at 7pm
- **Spring Cleanup-** Saturday, April 21, from 8am-4pm at Public Works—950 N 5th Street
- **Community Planning Meeting**— April 12 from 6:30pm—8:30pm at Pevly City Hall
- **"What is Holistic Health?"** - April 17 from 6-7pm at the Festus Public Library