



FESTUS FOCUS

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February 1, 2017

Yard Sale

Friday, February 24, 9am – 5pm, &
Saturday, February 25, 9am – 12pm



Join the Friends of the Festus Public Library as they sponsor the yearly yard sale!

You'll be sure to find a bargain on toys, knick-knacks, housewares, and more!



CFD Souper Bowl

Ends Saturday, February 11

Bring in your non-perishable food items and personal items such as laundry detergent and toilet paper to benefit local food pantries. We are competing against Crystal City and De Soto libraries and we want to bring the CFD trophy back to Festus – the library with the most donations wins!



Story Time

Join us every Thursday morning at 10:30 as we present stories, songs, and activities for children ages 2 and up.

Lap Time for Children

Join us Saturday, Feb. 11 & 25 at 9:30am for stories, songs and games promoting early literacy skills for babies and toddlers.



The Great American Eclipse will happen on August 21, 2017.

Where Will You Be When the Sun Goes Dark?



Eclipse News

Solar Eclipse glasses are now available for purchase at the Public Works Building for \$1 per pair. Some type of eye protection is necessary to look at the sun and neither sunglasses or welding masks provide enough protection. Also, all information about the eclipse and events planned for that weekend (Aug. 18 - Aug. 21) is now directly available at www.FestusEclipse.com or you may also find it by going through the city's website - www.CityofFestus.org. Get ready because this type of eclipse won't happen in Festus again until 2505!

All city offices will be closed

Monday, Feb. 20

in observance
of President's Day.

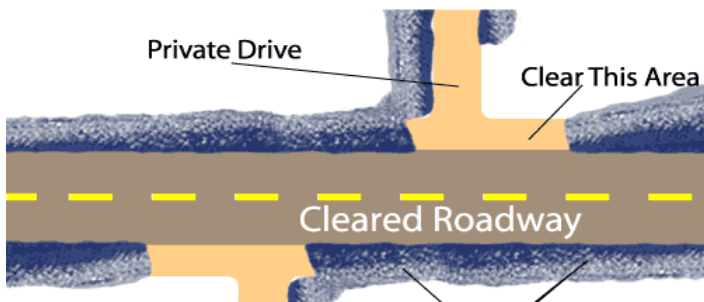


Snow Plowing

As we head into the winter months the Street Foreman wanted to remind everyone about the City's plowing policies. The City is divided into 4 sections (N, S, E, W) and in those groups are snow routes (for ex: W Main, N & S Mill, Pounds, Gamel Cemetery, etc) that are plowed until they are passable and then they will move on to the secondary streets (for ex: Valentine, Woodrow, Ridge, Moore, Delmar, Vine, subdivisions, etc). Due to the cost of equipment and materials, the City does not do any type of pretreating. The plow truck drivers do request that if you have a driveway to please park in it when snow is predicted so that they can get the streets plowed in a more timely and safe manner. See the "Snow Shoveling Tips" below for a great hint on how to clear your drive in a way that the plows won't put more snow at the end of your driveway.



Snow Shoveling Tips



To reduce the amount of snow that might block your driveway, shovel an open area along the shoulder at the entrance (see above illustration). Plow blades will then push snow into the area just before your driveway, leaving a much smaller amount in front of it.

Snow plowed from roads could end up blocking private driveways for some time. The City recognizes the inconvenience this causes, but because of liability issues cannot clear privately owned driveways or parking lots.



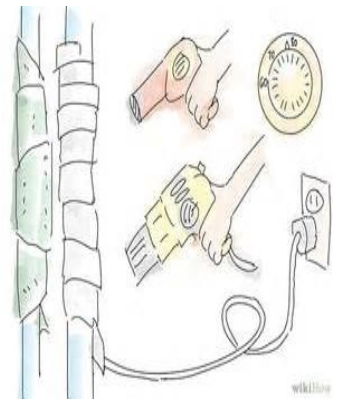
Preventing Frozen Pipes

Cold winter weather can cause plumbing pipes to freeze and possibly burst which can cause flooding and expensive water damage to your home, but taking preventative measures before that happens can save you costly repairs and can eliminate the risks and inconvenience of waking up to frozen pipes. The pipes most at risk for freezing are exposed pipes in unheated areas of the home, pipes located in exterior walls, and, any plumbing on the exterior of the home. Garden hoses should be disconnected, drained, and stored before the first hard freeze. Foam pipe insulation or heat tape can help exposed interior plumbing. Extra insulation can be added to exterior walls.



If you travel during the winter months and leave your house vacant for extended periods of time there are additional preventative measures that should be taken to ensure that your home is adequately protected. Do not leave your furnace set any lower than 55 degrees. Also, shut off the main water supply and drain the system by opening all faucets and flushing the toilets.

If your pipes do freeze, the safest and least messy thawing methods involve a gentle heat dryer, heat lamp, or household iron. (DO NOT use a propane torch or other open flame as they will heat the pipe too quickly and may cause it to explode!) Some people recommend wrapping rags over a frozen pipe and pouring boiling water over it. Obviously, this method is very messy! Never pour boiling water directly onto a frozen pipe.



- **Council Meeting** -- Feb. 8 and 22 at 7pm
- **Park Board** -- Feb. 23 at 6pm
- **P & Z Meeting** -- Feb. 16 at 6:30 pm
- **Library Board** -- Feb. 2 at 6pm
- **Court in Session** -- Feb. 14 and 28 at 6pm
- **Board of Adjustment** -- Feb. 13 at 7pm