



# FESTUS FOCUS

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## January 1, 2017

### Preliminary Flood Plans for Festus

The city has received preliminary copies of the revised Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) maps for the City of Festus from the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). These preliminary FIRM and FIS reports include proposed flood hazard information for certain locations in the City of Festus. These proposed flood hazard determinations, when finalized, will become the basis for the floodplain management measures that Festus must adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Copies of the maps can be viewed in the Public Works building at 950 N Fifth Monday thru Friday during regular business hours of 7:30am - 4:30pm or on FEMA's website. To access these reports via the website, go to [www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata](http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata). Click "preliminary flood data search tool" which will be in blue. Under the "jurisdiction" column use the drop down menus to choose the state (Missouri), county (Jefferson), and community (Festus, City of).



# FEMA

### Christmas Tree Disposal

Waste Connection will pick up Christmas trees on your regularly scheduled trash collection day during the last week of December and the first two weeks of January. Trees will need to be on the curb by 6am and have no traces of ornaments or tinsel left on them.



- **Council Meeting** -- January 10 and 24 at 7pm
- **Park Board** -- January 25 at 6pm
- **P & Z Meeting** -- January 18 at 6:30pm
- **Library Board** -- January 4 at 6pm
- **Court in Session** -- January 9 and 30 at 6pm
- **Board of Adjustment** -- January 8 at 7pm

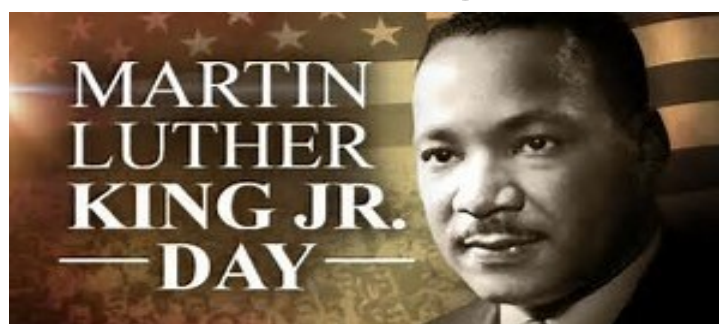
### FEMA INFO CONT'D

After clicking "search" choose the "Preliminary Products (180)" and it will expand to show "Preliminary FIRM Panels (174), Preliminary FIS Reports (5), and Preliminary FIRM Database (1)." Choose the FIRM Panels if you would like to see proposed changes. Festus, specifically, can be found on Preliminary FIRM panels: 29099C0356F, 357F, 358F, & 359F. The FIS report is included over the five panels under the "Preliminary FIS Reports (5)."

## All city offices will be closed

## Monday, Jan. 1 and Monday, Jan. 15, 2018

## to celebrate New Year's & Martin Luther King, Jr Day.



## Start the New Year at The Library!

**Monday, January 8, 2 – 6 pm**

### Red Cross Blood Drive

We are proud to partner with the Red Cross to help our community by donating blood to save lives. Walk-ins are welcome or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) for availability.



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.

**Friday, January 19, 10 am – 1 pm**

### Arnold Job Center:

#### Job and Resource Fair

The Arnold Job Center is bringing together a variety of local employers and community assistance agencies for unemployed and underemployed residents. Representatives will be at the library to assist with online job applications. This event is veteran-friendly!



### Check it Out!

The Festus Public Library has added some unique items to our usual collection of books, DVDs, and magazines. Check out one of our Brain Kits; a box of logic games and puzzles for all ages to keep your brain sharp, patrons can take home a telescope for a week at a time, and we have a DeskCycle for in-library use to burn off calories while reading a book or magazine. Stop by today and ask us what's new!



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.



### Story Time

Every Thursday morning at 10:30 we present stories, songs, and activities for children ages 2 and up.