



# Festus Focus

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School is now in session so please be vigilant for children coming and going to school, especially in the mornings and early evenings. Sometimes they get excited and don't pay attention and run out into the streets so, please, be alert when driving around at these times.

We have been experiencing a rash of break-ins so don't leave any-

thing valuable in your car. Take everything out of your vehicle so you don't become a victim of this type of crime. Unfortunately, we have had firearms taken from cars so, please, do not leave unattended weapons in your automobiles. Take them in the house with you.

As you may have noticed, the Police Department is changing the color scheme of our patrol cars. We are gradually switching over to a black and white themed fleet and replacing older cars with newer ones. We think this makes our patrol cars stand out and be clearly visible to the citizens of Festus.

Twin City Days was a great success and it was a great way to show off what Festus has to offer its citizens. Plenty of family themed events were available as well as events geared towards adults. We hope everyone had a great time and we are looking forward to next year's Twin City Days!

## ADOPT A STREET

Help keep your favorite street clean by adopting a street! The City provides the tools and trash bags and you provide the sweat. It's not hard work and you help your city stay clean. A hearty thank you to our current Adopt A Street participants: The Baer Family on Lee Avenue; The Muddy Toe Clan on West Main and The First United Methodist Church on American Legion Drive! Look for the signs identifying their areas! To participate, call 636-937-6646.



The bi-annual clean up day is **Saturday, Oct 19 from 7am -3pm** at the **Public Works Building** parking lot at **950 N 5th Street**. There are some requirements to participate:

- ◆ Proof of residency is required
- ◆ No hazardous materials
- ◆ No construction materials

An IESI employee will be on staff to assist with larger items. Also, Midwest Recycling (MRC) will be available for electronics.

MRC recycles anything that uses a cord or a battery. This could mean remotes, headphones, wires, remote control cars, televisions, stereos, computers, monitors, any computer accessory, all the way to kitchen appliances, such as refrigerators, washers, dryers, water heaters and almost anything in between. However, they DO NOT accept any type of light bulbs, thermostats, smoke detectors, alkaline batteries, VHS tapes or floppy disks, or PCB ballasts. Here is a link to their website that is a little more detailed about items MRC will accept. [www.Midwrc.net/electronics-recycling/](http://www.Midwrc.net/electronics-recycling/)

MRC will be charging a \$15 fee for any CRT & Projection televisions if you bring in more than one per car. The only reason why they charge for CRT and Projection televisions is because of the cost to properly recycle them.

There are no limits on anything else, Just CRT and Projection televisions.

There is no limit or charge for LCD televisions and CRT monitors are still free with no limit.



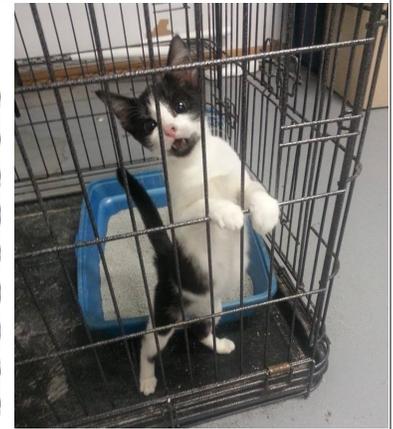


This beautiful girl is about a year old and is good with other dogs and cats. She is full of kisses and loves to be scratched!

## In need of "Fur"-ever Homes

Call Tim at 937-6646 to set up an appointment to visit with any of the pets that are currently available for adoption. The kennel is located at 2260 Sunshine Drive near West City Park. Adoption fees are \$80 which covers the cost of the animal's care and a voucher to use at Jones' Animal Health Clinic to get the animal up to date on shots and to be spayed/neutered.

**With winter coming, any donations of small, thin blankets would be appreciated.**



This kitten would be a great addition to any loving home. Kittens are relatively low maintenance pets and make great companions for any age.

**Great Pumpkin Festival**  
**Saturday, October 26, 2013**  
 10am till noon

Merchants displaying an orange pumpkin in their window will be handing out candy to children who are accompanied by an adult.

Costume judging will be in front of Metro Office Supply.

Call 937-7757 for more information.



**Council Work Session— Oct. 2 at 7pm**

**Council Meetings— Oct. 9 & 23 at 7pm**

**Park Board— Oct. 24 at 6pm**

**Planning & Zoning Meeting— Oct. 17 at 6:30**

**Library Board— Oct 3 at 6pm**

**Get involved—come to a meeting!**

### Just A Reminder

- ⇒ Daylight Savings Time will end on Sunday, Nov. 3. Don't forget to set clocks back one hour. This is also a great time to change the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- ⇒ There is no burning of leaves, brush or other vegetation inside the city limits. These can be disposed of on yard waste pick up days.
  - Yard waste can be Christmas trees, grass clippings, leaves, tree limbs up to 6" in diameter, and other yard or garden waste.
  - Up to 12 bags (NOT plastic), containers or bundles of yard waste can be disposed of at each monthly pick up.
  - Limbs will be accepted only if they are in 4 foot lengths and tied with twine or rope.
- ⇒ Recreational fires are allowed only if they are contained in a fire pit.

The Festus Public Library is thrilled to welcome back best selling author Elaine Viets on Friday, Nov. 8 at 6pm. Join us "after hours" for a visit and book signing with Elaine as she discusses "Fixing To Die," the ninth Josie Marcus, Mystery Shopper mystery set in St. Louis. This event is hosted by the Friends of the Festus Public Library. Books for signing will be available for purchase from Books Galore.



It's time for teens to sharpen their pencils - but NOT to take tests! We are hosting a Teen Manga Drawing Contest. Teens in grades 7-12 may submit up to 3 original drawings of sci-fi/fantasy characters they have created. We will be accepting submissions at the library September 3-30 and announcing the winners on Friday, October 18. Good luck!

Don't forget that e-books and e-audiobooks may now be checked out from the library by visiting our website at [www.CityofFestus.org/library](http://www.CityofFestus.org/library) and clicking on the Overdrive link. It's easy to get e-books onto your device and there are never any late fees!



### Festus Public Library Foundation

Please consider donating to the Festus Public Library Foundation. When you make a contribution to help meet future goals, your name will be added to the Contributors' Board at the library. Contributions can be monthly, annual, or one time. Please call or visit the library for more information.

