



FESTUS FOCUS

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Festus Use Tax Ballot Question

In response to a Missouri Supreme Court decision in 2012, the City is bringing a tax issue question to the April ballot. The question is about implementing a "Use Tax" on personal property bought outside the state. Specifically, this is in response to the MO Supreme Court not allowing cities or counties to collect sales tax on cars, boats, trailers, and the like when licensing if they are bought out of state. The use tax creates equality with local dealers compared to those outside the state. The eliminated tax decreases Festus revenue up to an estimated \$50,000 a year and should not be considered an additional levy but one that was paid by residents prior to the Supreme Court decision. Being a tax issue it is required to be voted on by residents. The April election is Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

WARD CHANGES

Take a close look at your voter reminder card when it comes in the mail in a couple of months from the County Clerk. The City Council wards have been revised so your voting location may have changed. All of the wards have major changes as we follow federal guidelines to update the represented areas according to the Census 2010 population count. The ward map is also online at our website so you can view which ward your home now resides in.

Teamster Camp Information

Festus residents have a chance to voice their feelings on our city joining the Teamster Health and Welfare Camp like those in Pevely and Herculaneum. If the city joins at a cost of between \$5,000 to \$10,000, residents can join the camp for a \$300.00 annual membership fee plus fees for the water park, golf, clubhouse usage, summer camp and more. City council wants to hear from you before making any financial commitment in the next budget year.



PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN TO CITY HALL

Yes, the City should make Teamsters Camp available for residents

No, the City should not spend the money

If you would like to join the Teamsters Camp for \$300.00 a year, plus fees send this slip back to City Hall or place it in the overnight drop box located on the parking lot of City Hall.

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Please Remember to VOTE

Last day to register to vote for the April 2, 2013 election is March 6, 2013. You can register to vote at City Hall and the Library. Identification needed to register. Must be 18.

Festus Library
400 W. Main St.



Festus City Hall
711 W. Main St.

The February Pet of the Month is a 1 year old male shepherd mix. The adoption fee is \$80.00 and includes an exam, rabies shot and spaying or neutering. If you would like to adopt this guy contact Tim Mullins, Festus Animal Control Officer at 636-937-6646, ext. 115.



Jefferson Franklin Community Action Corp. Offers programs designed to help families and individuals that meet income guidelines.

- Energy Assistance - assists households with heating bills from March thru October
- Weatherization and Energy Efficiency and Safety Education
- Women, Infant & Children (WIC)
- Call 636-789-2686, ext. 108 for appt.
- Early Head Start & Head Start
- Family Health & Education Fair
- Step Up to Leadership - Begins in March
- 12 week class for individuals seeking employment or community involvement

JFCAC is located at 105 Municipal Drive in Hillsboro, MO. They are open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8:30-4:30 636-789-2686

Presidents' Day Trash Schedule— Trash pick-up will be running its normal schedule during the week of Presidents'

Trash Schedule Changes— Should trash schedules change due to inclement weather, the changes will be posted on www.cityoffestus.org and on our Facebook page as soon as

TAX ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS

Senior Tax Filing Assistance— The AARP will be at the Festus Library on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9am—1pm to assist seniors with tax preparation. Appointments will need to be arranged with AARP by calling **(314)525-1660**. When calling this number you must leave your name and phone number on the answering machine and someone will return your call within a day. For tax help outside of the normal season, you may contact (888)687-2277.

Adopt-a-Street Program

City of Festus has started an Adopt-a-Street Program. If your organization is interested in adopting a street you can get information regarding this program by contacting Brent Abrams at 636-937-6646. Forms can be picked up at the Public Works Building located at 950 N. Fifth Street.

- **Council Meetings—**February 13 and 27 at 7pm
- **City Hall and Public Works Closed—** February 18 for Presidents Day
- **Park Board—** February 28 at 6pm
- **Planning & Zoning Meeting—** February 21 at 6:30 pm
- **Library Board—**February 7 at 7pm

