



# FESTUS FOCUS

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## May 1, 2017

### Barking Dog Ordinance



Animal Control receives numerous calls about nuisance barking dogs. Ordinance No. 4242 deals entirely with this issue. Pet owners are in violation of this if their dog barks for fifteen minutes or more between 10:00pm and 8:00am or for thirty minutes or more between 8:00am and 10:00pm. However if the owner can prove that the animal was howling or barking because they

were being provoked by someone or was acting as a guide dog, hearing dog, service dog, or police work dog, then no one shall be held liable unless testimony is received from a complainant. No noisome dog issues will be investigated or prosecuted unless a complaint form has been filled out by a complainant or complainants.



### Never (Physically) Pay Your Bill Again

Wouldn't it be terrific if there was a way to pay your water bill without using a stamp or going to the Public Works office or having to take the time to sit down at the computer and never having to pay a late fee or worry about being disconnected or making sure the bill is paid while you are on vacation? There is a way to make all that happen! The city has an ACH program that can debit the amount of your bill each month out of your checking or savings account. It costs nothing and is pulled from your account on the 14th of each month. Customers still receive their bill at the beginning of the month, just like normal, so that it is always known how much will be debited from the bank account. To get ACH started go into Public Works and fill out a form or that form can be found on the city's website - click on "Contact" and then "Forms." It is called "ACH Authorization Form." A voided check will need to be turned in with the completed ACH form.



# LIBRARY

### Summer Reading Kick-Off Party - 10am Sat., June 3

For ages 3 and up

Festus Library is thrilled to join Missouri Evergreen – a partnership with more than 30 library systems in Missouri. The biggest change for patrons will be a redesigned and easy to search card catalog with streamlined requesting capabilities. If you see a book, DVD, or audiobook in our catalog that you want to request, just a click of the mouse delivers it to our library for you to pick up.



Get Ready for Summer Reading Sign Up Begins Tuesday, May 30

**All city offices will be closed on Monday, May 29 to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving.**

Do you know the difference between Memorial Day and Veteran's Day? Memorial Day is set aside to remember and honor those who died in battle or as a result of their wounds while Veteran's Day honors everyone who has or is currently serving regardless if that service occurred during peacetime or war.

### Receive Water Bills Via Email

The city now has the capability to email water bills. There is a form to fill out at Public Works or it may be obtained on the city's website under the Contact and Forms tabs. Customers receive bills almost a week sooner when they are emailed as opposed to coming through the regular mail.



# Upcoming Summer Fun

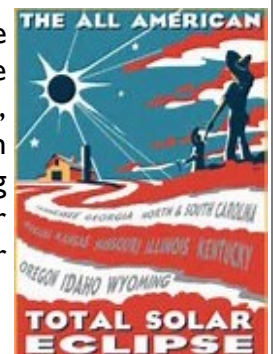
**Firecracker Extravaganza & BBQ Competition:** This is the 29th year for this event! As always the Kids' and Seniors' Fishing Derbies will be held at the lake on Saturday morning with a special appearance by Fredbird during the Kids' Derby. The car show will be held on the stage field this year instead of on the fairgrounds, but will still be happening on Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon the Little Mr. & Miss Firecracker will be held at the stage. The BBQ Competition will get started Friday night and teams will cook throughout the night so that they are prepared for judging on Saturday afternoon. BBQ teams will be set up on the fairgrounds this year. All your favorite food and craft booths will be back as will the carnival. Music will start at a later time on Friday and Saturday nights this year. A later start gives people coming home from work more time to get to the park and, hopefully, allows the temps to cool a bit as the sun goes down. Bands will play from 7pm-11pm (instead of the usual 6-10p) both nights and fireworks will be at 9:45pm - so stick around after the fireworks for the rest of the party! All Mixed Up will be back this year with a performance on Friday night and the Rough Ryders will be making their Firecracker Extravaganza debut on Saturday night. By June 1st registration forms for the fishing derbies and Little Mr. & Miss Firecracker Contest will be available on the city's website under the Festivals and Events tab. Kids' Fishing derby registration forms will be handed out at the local schools by the end of the school year so check backpacks for those!

## CALENDAR

- **May 19-21** Baseball Tournament in West City and Sunset Parks
- **May 29** *Memorial Day*  
(All city offices closed.)
- **June 23-24** Firecracker Extravaganza and BBQ Competition
- **July 4** *Independence Day*  
(All city offices closed.)
- **July 8** Country Summer
- **Aug 12** Blues/Funk Festival
- **Aug 18-21** Eclipse Weekend
- **Sept 4** *Labor Day*  
(All city offices closed.)
- **Sept 7-9** Twin City Days
- **Sept 16** Main Street Cruise
- **Sept 23-24** Traditional Music Fest

**Country Summer & Blues/Funk Festival:** The Friends of The Festus Parks host both of these events in West City Park and they are underwritten by the Festus Tourism Commission. Murphy 500 and the Douglas Warren Band will be returning for Country Summer and crowd favorite, Torrey Casey and the Southside Hustle, and Marquise Knox will be playing the Blues/Funk Festival. The Teckno Bubble Bus will also be at the Blues/Funk Festival for the kids and those that are kids at heart!

**Eclipse Weekend:** Plans are still being made for the eclipse weekend. Most recently, Fastlane was signed to play on Aug. 19. The library is heading up the planning for activities for the day of the actual Total Solar Eclipse—Monday, August 21.



- **Council Meeting** -- May 10 and 24 at 7pm
- **Park Board** -- May 25 at 6pm
- **P & Z Meeting** -- May 18 at 6:30 pm
- **Library Board** -- April 6 at 6pm
- **Court in Session** -- May 2 and 16 at 6pm
- **Board of Adjustment** -- May 8 at 7pm