



# FESTUS FOCUS

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[www.CityofFestus.org](http://www.CityofFestus.org)

Thank you to the Festus Tourism Commission for sponsoring all of these events!



## 30th Firecracker Extravaganza



Join in the 30th annual Firecracker Extravaganza on **Friday and Saturday, June 22 and 23** when we have rides, fishing derbies, car shows and great entertainment to celebrate Independence Day. The weekend's entertainment includes a one night only Hillbilly Authority reunion, John McEuen and The String Wizards, Scotty Bratcher, and the Edgar Winter Band. New this year will be two fields of craft and food vendors. Ride tickets will be \$1.25 each or 22 for \$20. Armbands are NOT available. Music will be 6-10pm each night followed by fireworks.



Come spend an evening with

At The Library



**Washington State Park:  
MO State Parks Rock!  
Thursday, June 14, 1pm**

Meet a naturalist from Washington State Park and learn how geology has shaped our State Parks! For ages 5-12

### Mayor Mike's Spring Cruise

Because of you, a second cruise has been added to the summer line up! Join Mayor Mike Cage **Saturday, June 2** for a car show in the parking lot on S. Second at 2pm, before cruising starts at 6pm and enjoy live music from the Revolution Band on the library's parking lot from 7-11pm. All street legal vehicles are invited to join in! Food and beverages will be available for purchase from the Knights of Columbus.

### The MOBB is Coming!

That sound! The irresistible sound of soaring trumpets, robust trombones, wailing saxophones and that swinging rhythm section...the sound of The MOBB. The Missouri Big Band is a swinging, screaming and roaring 17-piece St. Louis Big Band that celebrates the best swing and jazz big band music of all time. Led by lifetime music educator and musician Joe Pappas, this St. Louis area big band plays a variety of jazz, swing and jazz-standard music that appeals to all ages. The MOBB will be at the stage in West City Park **Saturday, June 30** from 6-9pm. Coolers are welcome. There is no charge to enjoy the music at Swingin' Under the Stars!

**STEM Music Makers  
Friday, June 22, 1:00 pm**

Learn about the science of music and make an instrument to take home. For ages 5-12.

**Adult Coloring  
Thur, June 28, 12 pm**  
For anyone over 18.

**Council Meeting:** May 9 & 23 at 7pm  
**Park Board:** May 24 at 6pm  
**P & Z Meeting:** May 17 at 6:30pm  
**Library Board:** May 3 at 6pm  
**Court in Session:** May 1 & 15 at 6pm  
**Board of Adjustment:** May 14 at 7pm



## City of Festus

**Election: August 7, 2018**

### **-USE TAX-**

On April 25th the Festus City Council voted to place a local Use Tax on the August 7th, 2018 ballot. A local Use Tax is a tax that applies to purchases made from out-of-state vendors.

#### Official Ballot Language - "Proposition F"

Shall the City of Festus, Missouri impose a local use tax at the same rate as the total local sales tax, currently at a rate of two percent (2%), provided that if the local sales tax is repealed, reduced, or raised by voter approval, the local use tax shall also be repealed, reduced, or raised by the same action? A use tax return shall not be required to be filed by persons whose purchases from out-of-state vendors do not in total exceed Two Thousand and 00/100 doallars (\$2,000.00) in any calendar year.

**This is not an increase to the current local retail sales tax rate.**

- YES  
 NO

**This proposal will also eliminate the current sales tax advantage that non-Missouri vendors have over Missouri vendors.**

#### **Frequently Asked Questions About the Use Tax:**

##### **I already pay Sales Tax, is this the same thing?**

No. The Sales Tax applies to purchases made at retail within Missouri, while the Use Tax applies to purchases made from out-of-state vendors. Purchases cannot fall into both groups and therefore a purchase would not be taxed twice.

##### **What is the Use Tax?**

The Use Tax is imposed at the same rate as the local Sales Tax rate, currently two percent (2%). If the local Sales Tax rate is reduced or raised by voter approval, the local Use Tax shall also be raised or reduced by the same action.

##### **How is the Use Tax Reported?**

Businesses report their Use Tax quarterly to the State of Missouri. If the business does not collect the tax, the consumer is responsible for self-reporting purchases subject to the Use Tax exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) in a calendar year to the Missouri Department of Revenue. Residents self-report annually on their taxes due every April 15. This is not a new reporting obligation imposed by the Use Tax. The reporting requirement is currently in existence for the State Use Tax of 4.225%

##### **Why is this important to Festus residents?**

Local businesses are required to pay the local Sales Tax. With no local Use Tax in place, consumers have an incentive to purchase items from out-of-state vendors instead of buying locally. This costs the city local jobs and tax revenue because millions of dollars are sent out of state and local economies. **A Use Tax would ensure that if you are already paying tax on items purchased online, that revenue would stay in our community.** The City of Festus needs to maintain this revenue stream for vital City services such as:

- Public Safety
- Roads
- Sidewalks
- Parks
- Emergency Vehicles and Equipment

**Do other Missouri cities have a Use Tax? YES!** Approximately half of all Missouri cities with populations of 2,000 or more already have a Use Tax in place. The City of Festus does not.

Please visit the Missouri Department of Revenue website at: [dor.mo.gov/business/sales](http://dor.mo.gov/business/sales).