



# FESTUS FOCUS

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## May 1, 2018

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### Water Bill Reminders

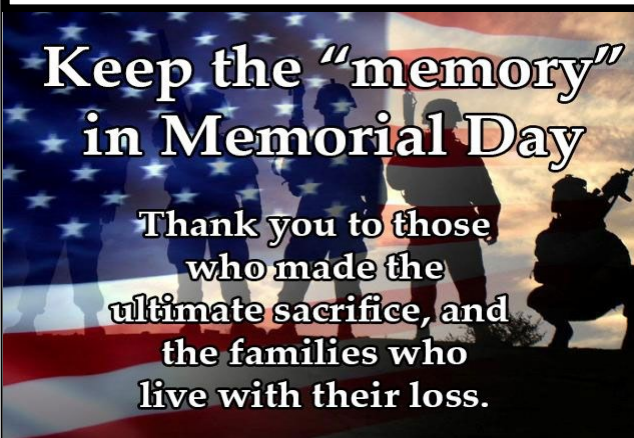
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Bills are mailed 4 - 5 days before the last day of the month so that residents have them by the 1st of the month. The due date is always the 15th and late fees (9% of the current water portion of the bill) are assessed on the 16th after all payments in the drop boxes at city hall and public works as well as all electronic payments that came in overnight have been posted to accounts. Anyone walking into public works to pay their bill is not assessed a late fee on the 16th if overnight payments are still being posted. All outstanding balances on the 1st of the month are subject to immediate disconnection. These outstanding balances are shown near the top of the water bill. City ordinance allows for disconnection for any past due amount. If water is disconnected, the entire past due amount plus the \$25 reconnect fee must be paid before services can be restored. Also, per city ordinance, someone must answer the door when water department personnel comes by to reconnect services.



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- **Council Meeting** -- May 9 and 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 and 15 at 6pm
- **Board of Adjustment** -- May 14 at 7pm



### Kick Off Summer at the Library!

**Baby Lap Time Saturday, May 12, 9:30am**

It's never too early to present early literacy skills to your baby! Babies aged 0-24 months and their caregivers will bond over stories and simple activities. The program is designed to last about 20 minutes, and caregivers are welcome to stick around to socialize and play with their babies afterwards.



**Special Story Time with  
MO State Representative Becky Ruth  
Thurs, May 31, 10:30am**

Festus native and Missouri State Representative Becky Ruth hosts a special story time! Families are welcome to join us.

**Adult Coloring Thurs, May 31, 12pm**

We'll provide coloring sheets, pencils, and markers for an afternoon of relaxing, stress-relieving coloring. Feel free to bring your own supplies as well! This program is intended for adults over 18; no registration is necessary.

**Summer Reading Program Signup begins**

**Tuesday, May 29!**

It's our favorite time of year – Summer Reading! We have a great summer full of fun programs and prizes, so sign up early and start tracking your reading. There is a program for everyone, from babies to adults.



**Juggling Jeff Summer Reading**

**Kickoff Party Friday, June 1, 1:00pm**

We're starting Summer Reading with juggling, jokes, and fun with Juggling Jeff! All ages are welcome and no registration is necessary.

**All city offices will be closed  
Monday, May 28  
In honor of Memorial Day.**

### What's the Difference Between Memorial Day & Veterans Day?

Memorial Day commemorates all those who died serving their country in the Armed Forces while Veterans' Day honors all those who have served in the Armed Forces.

There is still time to sign up at Public Works or at the park on **Saturday, May 5** for the inaugural Dirty Dozen mud run/obstacle course! There are hills to go up and down, water to go through and mud to crawl and slide through. Registration is now \$50 per person for all competitors. You must be 13 to participate and anyone younger than 18 must have a participating adult with them. Find more information on the website or facebook event page.

# The Dirty Dozen Mud Run



## Mayor Mike's Spring Cruise

You asked for it and we are delivering! A second cruise has been added to the summer line up! Join Mayor Mike Cage **Saturday, June 2** for a car show (display only) 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.

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, Scotty Bratcher, John McEuen and The String Wizards, and the Edgar Winter Band. New this year will be two fields of craft and food vendors. Armbands are NOT available. Music will be 6-10pm each night followed by fireworks.



# 30th Firecracker Extravaganza



The Missouri Big Band will be in town **Saturday, June 30** to play in West City Park from 6-9pm. The MOBB will be under the direction of Joe Pappas and will feature local vocalist Joe Scalzitti. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, coolers, and picnic basket and join us for a night of great music Swingin' Under the Stars and celebrating the best swing and jazz big band music of all time!



The Festus Park Board and Fitness N.O.W.! have joined forces to bring boot camp work outs and Zumba to the bandstand in Sunset Park. Boot camp will be Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9am and 6pm. Zumba will be on Saturdays at 9am. City residents can attend 10 classes on Tuesday or Thursday evening or Saturday morning for free. Call Ashley Martin at 314-704-1882 or find and join the Fitness N.O.W. Bootcamp page on Facebook for more information. This outdoor program will run through August 30, 2018.



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