



FESTUS FOCUS

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Christmas Tree Disposal

Waste Connection will pick up Christmas trees on your regularly scheduled trash collection day during the last week of December and the first two weeks of January. Trees will need to be on the curb by 6am and have no traces of ornaments or tinsel left on them.

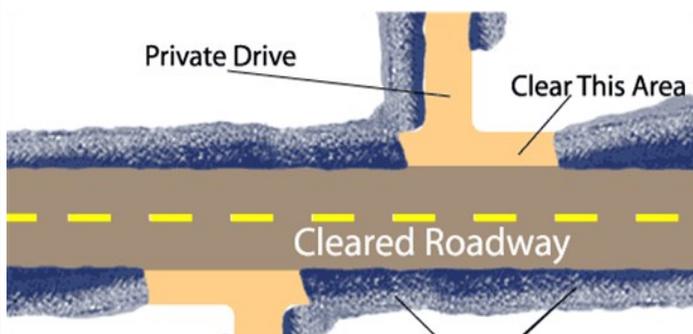


Snow Plowing

As we head into the winter months the Street Foreman wanted to remind everyone about the City's plowing policies. The City is divided into 4 sections (N, S, E, W) and in those groups are snow routes (for ex: W Main, N & S Mill, Pounds, Gamel Cemetery, etc) that are plowed until they are passable and then they will move on to the secondary streets (for ex: Valentine, Woodrow, Ridge, Moore, Delmar, Vine, subdivisions, etc). Due to the cost of equipment and materials, the City does not do any type of pretreating. If you have a driveway, please park in it when snow is predicted so that streets may be plowed in a more timely and safe manner.

Here's a Shoveling Tip

To reduce the amount of snow that might block your driveway, shovel an open area along the shoulder at the entrance (see illustration below). Plow blades will then push snow into the area just before your driveway, leaving a much smaller amount in front of it. Snow plowed from roads could end up blocking private driveways for some time. The City recognizes the inconvenience this causes, but because of liability issues cannot clear privately owned driveways or parking lots.



Please Help Keep Storm Drains Clean

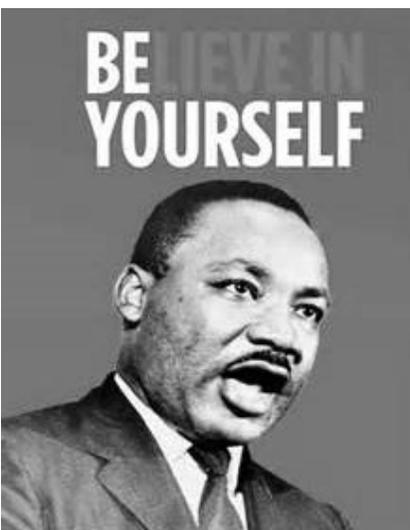
As a reminder - it is against city ordinance to rake leaves or other yard debris onto any city street so please don't blow grass clippings or rake leaves into the street as these will go down the drain and clog the storm water drains causing problems and back ups for the whole city. Offenders can be ticketed and fined. Yard waste can be bagged and set out for the monthly yard waste pickup.



All city offices will be closed Tues., Jan. 1 to celebrate the New Year's Holiday.

All offices will reopen on Wed., Jan. 2.

Happy New Year! 2019



All city offices will be closed Mon., Jan. 21 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr Day. All offices will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 22.

Council Meeting: January 9 and 23 at 7pm
Park Board: January 17 at 6pm
P & Z Meeting: January 17 at 6:30pm
Library Board: January 3 at 6pm
Court in Session: January 8 and 29 at 6pm
Board of Adjustment: January 14 at 7pm

LOOKING FORWARD

Hopefully you had a chance to enjoy one or more of the myriad of events that are hosted by the city and funded by the Festus Tourism Commission! The planning process for most of those events and some new ones is already underway! Stay tuned to the Focus, the website, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to stay up to date on all the city's happenings!



Cold winter weather can cause plumbing pipes to freeze and possibly burst which can cause flooding and expensive water damage to your home, but taking preventative measures before that happens can save you costly repairs and can eliminate the risks and inconvenience of waking up to frozen pipes. The pipes most at risk for freezing are exposed pipes in unheated areas of the home, pipes located in exterior walls, and, any plumbing on the exterior of the home. Garden hoses should be disconnected, drained, and stored before the first hard freeze. Foam pipe insulation or heat tape can help exposed interior plumbing. Extra insulation can be added to exterior walls.

If you travel during the winter months and leave your house vacant for extended periods of time there are additional preventative measures that should be taken to ensure that your home is adequately protected. Do not leave your furnace set any lower than 55 degrees. Also, shut off the main water supply and drain the system by opening all faucets and flushing the toilets.

If your pipes do freeze, the safest and least messy thawing methods involve a gentle heat dryer, heat lamp, or household iron. (DO NOT use a propane torch or other open flame as they will heat the pipe too quickly and may cause it to explode!) Some people recommend wrapping rags over a frozen pipe and pouring boiling water over it. Obviously, this method is very messy! Never pour boiling water directly onto a frozen pipe.

Library Coming Events

Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, January 7, 2-6pm

Give blood and save lives.

To donate, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Beginning Yoga Moving to Thursdays! Every Thursday, 1pm

In January, Yoga moves to a new day of the week. Every Thursday at 1:00 pm, join certified instructor Eddy Dow for an introduction to yoga. This free class is suitable for all ages, including seniors. Mats are provided, but feel free to bring your own equipment.

Baby Lap Time Saturday, January 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 with 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.

Adult Coloring Thursday, January 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.

Paws for Reading Every Tuesday, 5:30pm

Each Tuesday, join Charley the Dog for Paws for Reading! This is a great way to encourage a new reader to practice reading out loud. Dogs are the best listeners and children enjoy reading to them.

Story Time Every Thursday, 10:30am

Join us every Thursday morning for stories, songs, and rhymes perfect for teaching children ages 2 and up the joy of reading!

