

**WHILE YOUR WEEKS ARE JAMMED**  
with work, details and all those obligations...

Now it's time to plan a weekend jam with friends and family – a fun-filled celebration!

Festus comes alive with memorable special events, sights, sounds and tastes to delight everyone in the family.

**Plan something Funderful!**

## Funderful Festus Festivals

Firecracker Extravaganza  
**JUNE**  
West City Park

Festus Gong Show\*  
**JULY**  
Sunset Park

Festus Blues & Funk Fest  
**AUGUST**  
West City Park Fairgrounds

Twin City Days  
**SEPTEMBER**  
Festus Main Street and Parks,  
+ other locations

The George Portz Festus Missouri Traditional Music Festival\*  
**SEPTEMBER**  
West City Park

Main Street Car Cruise  
**SEPTEMBER**

Tour of Lights  
**DECEMBER**

\*no beer sold or permitted

Visit [www.CityOfFestus.org](http://www.CityOfFestus.org), then click on the Event Calendar for event information, dates and times.

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### St. Louis Area

Headed to a St. Louis Cardinal baseball, Rams football or Blues Hockey game? Taking in wine country, a concert, a museum, casino or the zoo? You're just over one-half hour from the heart of downtown, including the Gateway arch, Busch Stadium, the fabulous Fox Theatre and The Missouri Botanical Gardens.

### Here's how you can double your fun:

Before you buy tickets or lock in dates for your visit, check out the Funderful Festus Festivals schedule, pick your favorite festival weekend activities, then make plans to get the most out of that family outing, girls' getaway or boys' weekend by stopping, playing and staying in Festus, in the Center of it All!

### Nearby Attractions Include

- To the North
- Villa Antonio Winery > 9 miles
  - Kimmswick, Missouri > 14 miles
  - Mastodon State Park > 14 miles
  - Anheuser Busch Brewery > 33 miles
  - Busch Stadium > 35 miles

- To the South
- Sainte Genevieve Wine Country > 35-45 miles



### Where to Stay in Festus

Looking for a safe, comfortable stay just a bit away and yet close to it all? Relax... Festus has the names you trust and the value and comforts you want for your home away from home. Just off Interstate 55, Exit 175.

#### Click It, Call It, Book It!

**Best Western Shalimar Plaza Hotel & Conference Center**  
1200 West Gannon Drive  
book.bestwestern.com  
(636) 937-0700

**Comfort Inn**  
1303 Veterans Boulevard  
comfortinn.com  
(636) 937-2888

**Drury Inn Festus**  
1001 Veterans Boulevard  
druryhotels.com  
(636) 933-2400

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites - Festus**  
1802 Gamel Cemetery Road  
hiexpress.com  
(636) 937-7100



**Plan something Funderful!**

Explore, eat, shop, relax and stay!

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(636) 937-4694

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Weekend fun time.  
Making memorable moments.



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# Festus Missouri Funderful Festivals





# Welcome to Festus

Many towns look alike, but some towns have "it".... a warm, inviting community spirit, hometown appeal and special activities and events that form a special destination and sense of place.

Whether you're a family, group, couple or single, Festus, Missouri welcomes you to experience why visitors return, time after time, year after year.

## Remember

Long summers with bandstand community concerts, kettle corn, caramel apples and ice cream treats

Seeing your first '57 Chevy

Discovering how much you love the blues or bluegrass

Honoring our nation with patriotic colors flying and magnificent, "ooooo"-worthy fireworks bursting in the night sky

The highlight of holidays, the wonder of magical Christmas light displays



# Funderful Festus Festivals

## The Key to Fun!

### ★ WEST CITY PARK

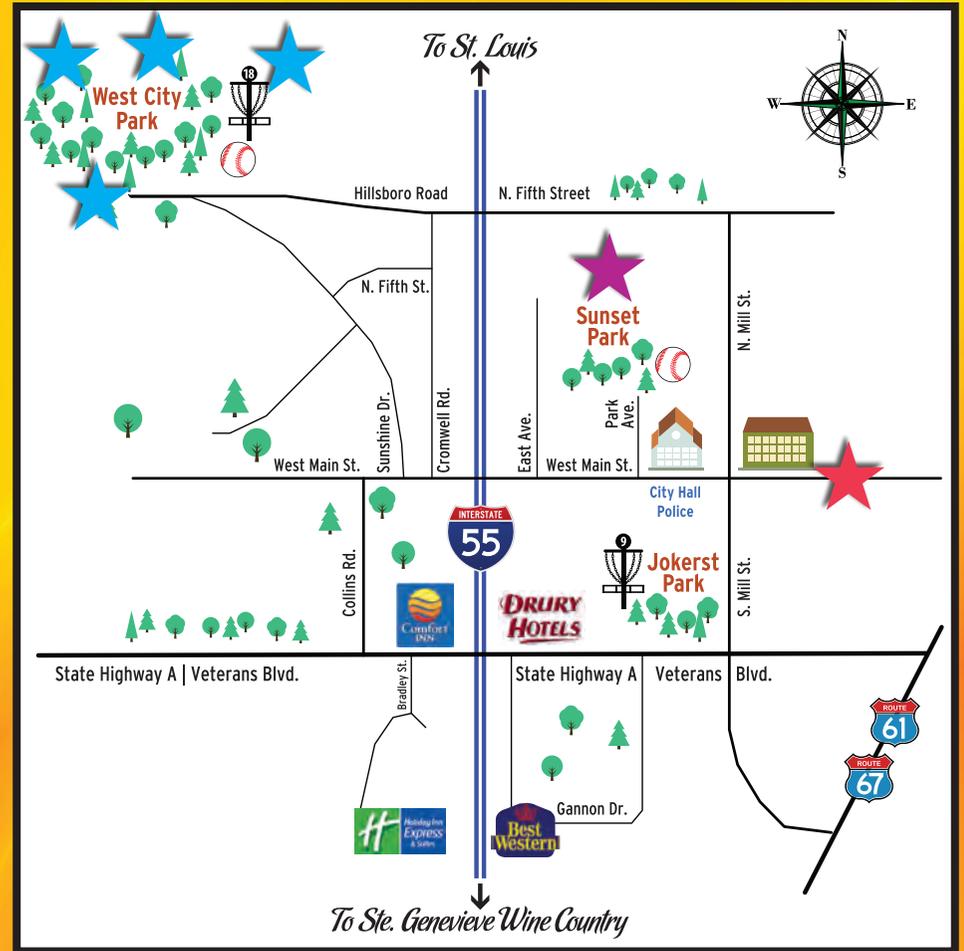
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### ★ SUNSET PARK

- Festus Gong Show

### ★ FESTUS MAIN STREET

- Twin City Days
- Main Street Car Cruise



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with parks, pavilions, fields and paths, outdoor activities and acres to play.

CHECK IT OUT!

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## FESTUS GONG SHOW

Remember the Unknown Comic? And some entertainers who should remain unknown? Find out who has what it takes to win prize money and who'll get the gong during the Festus Gong Show. Each year in mid-July the Festus Gong Show brings out the best of and the, well, gong-able talent in the region. Whether you're inspired by a knockout act or watching the judges decide they can't bear it any more – bang the gong! – It's always a crazy fun and laugh-filled time. Saturday evening, mid-July in Sunset Park. Sponsored by Friends of the Parks



## FIRECRACKER EXTRAVAGANZA

Summer officially begins here the last Friday and Saturday in June with the Firecracker Extravaganza in West City Park. In addition to the colorful night-time sky show, you can enjoy music, face painting, carnival rides, crafters, concessions (with summer staples from ice cream and cotton candy for the family to corn dogs and, yes!, beer.) Co-sponsored with Crystal City

## MAIN STREET CAR CRUISE

Chrome grills, taillights, fenders, fins, this is how the fun begins. Show your kids what makes up a collectible, classic car. Muscle car speedsters and old school roadsters share the road on a Saturday with mini vans and Mini Coopers in late September when Main Street yields the right of way both directions for these beauties.



Fiddlers, pickers, cloggers, gospel and bluegrass aplenty. Tap your toes to a great mix of classic country, Cajun music and more when around 20 acts and champion fiddler and event organizer George Portz and his Friends of Bluegrass turn West City Park into a stage. Arts, crafts and food round out the event, typically scheduled for the last weekend in September.

## THE GEORGE PORTZ FESTUS MISSOURI TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

## FESTUS BLUES & FUNK FEST

Where else in the region can you savor the sounds of the blues AND authentic Cajun cuisine? In August, bring your lawn chair and dancing shoes to the West City Park Fairgrounds and get ready to get down to the blues. In addition to a lineup of the best of the blues bands, the tasty New Orleans style Cajun specialties (shrimp and gumbo, anyone?) prepped by event co-sponsor Taytro's, enjoy activities including face painting, and the Bubble Bus for kids and adults alike. No longer a best-kept area secret, this event grows each year. Sponsored by Friends of the Parks



## TWIN CITY DAYS

In early September, the adjoining Cities of Festus and Crystal City unite for Twin City days, a four-day community fun-filled festival. The event features a golf tournament, community breakfast, sports for children and adults, a dog show, Main Street Entertainment, a Craft Fair, a Custom & Antique Car & Tractor show, Seniors in the Park concert and lunch, Trivia Tournament, an oldies' music dance and much more on Main Street, in city parks and other locations. See the Twin City Chamber of Commerce website for annual event brochure and event times/dates/locations.



## TOUR OF LIGHTS

Gather the gang for carolers, hot chocolate and cookies when the Tour of Lights kicks off the first Friday in December, with fireworks lighting Santa's way to the West City Park Gazebo. The festive lights and displays transform the park into a delightful winter wonderland, open from 6-10 pm every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday during December and the entire week of Christmas through New Year's Day. Be sure and drive through Festus neighborhoods to see how residents dress up their homes in the holiday way.



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