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Hazelwood teacher wins teacher of the year award

Jamestown Elementary School teacher, Sara Berghoff received the state-wide D.A.R.E. Teacher of the Year Award. Berghoff was nominated by Officer Jeffries.

Photo courtesy Hazelwood School District



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FLORISSANT FALL FESTIVAL

The 21st Annual Florissant Old Town Fall Festival is set for Sunday, Oct. 14

Florissant Old Town Partners and the city of Florissant, along with the entertainment sponsors, the Florissant Fine Arts and Employees Community Fund of Boeing, host the Florissant Old Town Fall Festival on rue St. Francois each year on the second Sunday in October. In past years over 30,000 visitors attended the weekend events and this is expected to be the biggest and best ever.



The Old Town Fall Festival kicks off at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14 and runs until 5 p.m. on rue St. Francois Street in the heart of Old Town Florissant. Eleven full blocks from Florissant Road down to the St. Ferdinand Shrine are closed off for this event. All side streets will be blocked off to accommodate the festival. The street will be filled with activities for everyone with over 150 booths including a full craft fair area, games to play, sale items, food and beverages. There will be old favorites like the chili cook-off, the wine garden, pumpkin decorating and entertainment on almost every block.

FIDO FOLLIES DOG CONTEST: Everyone's favorite event, the Fido Follies dog show, returns and will be located at the Government Center at 1055 rue St. Francois at the very top of the street. This is a dog-friendly event, water bowls will be provided on every block. Bring your furry friends (properly licensed and leashed, of course) and enter them in the dog show. We have categories such as smallest dog, best kisser, best costume, best trick and largest dog to name a few.

FREE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES: Once again, if you are looking for the Children's Hands-On art projects sponsored by the Hazelwood Head Start Program, it will be up at the top of St. Francois on the City Hall lawn. Children will have the opportunity to create their own masterpiece with the help of volunteer teachers.

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CRAFT FAIR: Want to get an early jump on Holiday Shopping? The craft fair continues to grow each year. More than 60 crafters show off their talents with their hand-crafted works for you to browse and shop. The craft fair is located near City Hall and Bank of America.

CAR SHOW:

The Police Welfare Association is back again this year to host a car show on the Knights of Columbus Grounds on the day of the festival. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Florissant Police Department Canine Program.

SHRINE ACTIVITIES: Be sure to visit St. Ferdinand Shrine and make a donation to the Save the Shrine Campaign and participate in activities sponsored by the Friends of Old St. Ferdinand.

ENTERTAINMENT: The concert at the Lawyers Building in the 100 Block of St. Francois this year will be the Ralph Butler Band on the band shell. The concert is presented by the Florissant Fine Arts Council with support from the Missouri Arts Council and Regional Arts Commission on Sunday afternoon. Performances will be at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

FREE SHUTTLE: A shuttle will be provided free of charge on St. Catherine for those festival patrons who have difficulty navigating the St. Francois hill. The FLERT bus will be transporting festival patrons

from block to block on St. Catherine which is one street over from St. Francois. There will be signs directing you to the stops.

Come to the historic Old Town area of Florissant for a great day of entertainment for the whole family. For more information or to join the activities please call the Old Town Partners office at 314-837-0033 or visit the website at www.florissantoldtown.com and click on the Fall Festival link.

The Independent News



Florissant Enters Third Decade of Hometown Tradition with 21st Fall Festival

This year's festival is Oct. 14

Come join Florissant Old Town Partners, City of Florissant, and the Florissant Fine Arts and Employees Community Fund of Boeing at the 21st Annual Old Town Fall Festival Sunday, Oct. 14 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. this year. This yearly neighborhood festival grows more each year, and in previous years over 35,000 visitors attended the weekend events. A full eleven blocks in Old Town (from Florissant Rd. down to St. Ferdinand Shrine) will be closed off for the event. All side streets will be blocked off during the event as well. Events include a craft fair, flea market, chili cook-off, pony rides, wine and cheese garden, large flower show and competition, historic displays, children's activities, pumpkin decorating, re-enactors and celebration of our cultural heritage. The street will be lined with activities for everyone with over 150 booths including games to play, sale items, food and beverages. Of course, Fido Follies will be at the Government Center, 1055 rue St. Francois, at the very top of the street. Barronwood Kennels will emcee again this year and will have trophies for the largest dog, the tallest dog, the best kisser, the best trick, best costume and other categories. The Florissant Police Officers Welfare Association Car & Bike Show is back again on the Knights of Columbus Grounds, 25 W. Washington. Registration is from 8 a.m. to noon with an entry fee donation. Over 50 hand-made trophies will be awarded at 3:30 p.m. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Florissant Police Department Canine Program. There will be 50/50 raffles, prizes, K-9 demos, live music by Blurred Vision, and the first 150 entries get an event T-shirt. Again this year, there's a show within a show, featuring a separate Best Of Award category. The showcase category this year is Gassers. The entertainment at the Lawyers Building in the 100 Block of St. Francois, will be the Ralph Butler Band at 1 and 3 p.m.

Other entertainment: Bucket List Band, Dennis Schilligo, Retro Band, After Hours Sax Quartet, Dan Sproat, Solo Musician, Kraig Kalkbrenner- Flint Knapper, Story Teller, Florissant Barbershoppers, the Retro Band, DK Dance Productions, The Florissant Men of Harmony, Fredbird, Doo Wop, North County Big Band, Angy and Darby, Cookie the Clown, the Kincaid Karacter Puppets, story teller, and pumpkin decorating. The Hazelwood School District will be offering the opportunity for children to create their own treasures with the help of volunteer teachers. There will be free shuttles running up and down St. Catherine all day for patrons' use. More than 60 crafters will show off their talent with hand crafted works for everyone to browse and buy. The craft fair is located near City Hall and the old Bank of America parking lot. The Children's Hands-on Art Activities tent, sponsored by the Hazelwood Early Childhood Program, will be set up on the lawn of Florissant City Hall. MoChips and the Florissant Police Department will again offer free child identification kits inside City Hall. They will be set up in the Council Chambers near the Children's Hands-on-Art at City Hall. This is a dog-friendly event and water bowls will be provided on every block. Dogs must be leashed and licensed. The Festival is chaired by Karen Goodwin and Diana Weidinger, along with their committee. Come to historic Old Town Florissant for a great day of entertainment for the whole family. For more information call 314-837-0033 or visit www.florissantoldtown.com

Entertainment Sponsors:

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Corporate Sponsors:

Barronwood Kennels, Click Heating & Cooling; Florissant Glass, Meridian Waste, Dooley's Florists and Gifts, and Raising Canes.

Community Sponsors:

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Nov. 6th Voter's Forum Oct. 13

The St. Louis Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and the Social Justice Ministry of West Side Missionary Church will host Remember November, a Voter's Education Forum on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. The event will take place at the West Side Church, 2677 Dunn Road. The Voter's Education Forum is designed to help inform members of the community about the mid-term elections, the issues on the ballot, and voter's rights at the polls. The event will consist of a panel discussion followed by a question and answer period. Guest panelists to include:

- Rita Heard-Days, Community Liaison for Missouri Housing Development Commission and former Democratic Member of the Missouri State Senate
- Denise Lieberman, Senior Attorney and Co-Director of the Power and Democracy Program at the Advancement Project
- Margo McNeil, Hazelwood School District Board Director** and former State Representative
- Nancy Price, Secretary of the League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis