



# O'Fallon Update

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## Water, sewer and trash bill consolidation

In an effort to be more efficient and ease billing procedures, the City of O'Fallon is currently in the process of merging all O'Fallon utility bills (Environmental Services trash and O'Fallon Water and Sewer bills), so that all O'Fallon utilities will be included on one bill. In order to make this change, residents will notice some changes on their bills over the next few months, including:

- By the end of December, all bills will be sent bi-monthly, meaning the bills will come six times per year.
- Some account numbers on bills may change. Please check your account number to see if it has changed, and make sure to include the account number with all payments.
- The physical size of the bills will change.

The City of O'Fallon is always trying to improve our service to residents. We thank you for your cooperation and patience during this process.

## Visit O'Fallon's parks over the holidays



**B**ack in the 1800s, an old millpond not far from City Hall was a favorite place for families, friends and sweethearts to go ice skating, with a big bonfire to keep skaters warm.

The millpond has long since disappeared, but O'Fallon's parks and amenities continue to offer great places to enjoy winter activities, especially during the holidays.

Coming up on December 13, the Old-Fashioned Holiday Stroll offers a one-night chance to walk through the Celebration of Lights in Fort Zumwalt Park. As you and your family and friends tour the holiday lights display, you'll hear live music, watch fireworks over the lake, enjoy festival food, shop for gifts, and visit Santa, too. The \$2 admission for ages 3 and up includes free parking.

Or, bundle up the family and drive through the Celebration of Lights. A portion of the admission goes to local civic organizations and charities. Check page 3 for details.

The Renaud Spirit Center, our City's indoor recreation complex, will be open throughout the holidays except on Christmas Day. And on January 1, you and your family are invited to enjoy the center, free, from noon to 5 p.m.

Don't forget our City's newest attraction, Brendan's Playground, which is one of the best gifts our City has ever received. I am so thankful to O'Fallon's residents, volunteers, parents and businesses. Because of your support, our City has an outstanding place for kids of all abilities to play together.

From our families to yours, the O'Fallon City Council and I wish you and your family a truly Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2012!

*Bill Hennessy*  
Bill Hennessy, Mayor

## "Keep it in the 'O'" this holiday season



This year, do your holiday shopping at O'Fallon retailers. Find everything you need to shower your loved ones with presents and keep your City strong!

When you shop, dine and play in O'Fallon, your purchases provide sales tax revenue to our City. These sales taxes pay for O'Fallon's police department, civic services, parks and much more. "Keep it in the 'O'" and support your hometown.

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## Disabled residents and seniors 65+ are encouraged to save 2011 utility receipts for tax rebates

O'Fallon's utility tax rebate is right around the corner, so be sure to save copies of your 2011 gas, electric and phone bills. In order to qualify for the utility tax rebate, residents must be:

- Ages 65 or older or determined to be totally disabled by the Social Security Administration;
- Have an annual adjusted gross income of \$38,950 or less for a single head-of-household or \$44,500 for a married (two-person) household. Social Security income is not counted.

If you qualify for the City's utility tax rebate, you will be able to file for the rebates at City Hall from April 2, 2012, through May 31, 2012. Watch for more information in the Spring newsletter!

### Are you a low-income homeowner having trouble affording home repairs?

The City of O'Fallon is looking for low-income homeowners in need of home repairs to apply for a no-interest, five-year forgivable loan of up to \$5,000. The loans, which will be available as long as funds last, will be provided to low-to-moderate income O'Fallon homeowners who meet income and other qualifications. The loans can only be used for home repairs and to address code violations.

Eligible home improvements include the repair or replacement of air conditioning and furnace units, water heaters, sump pumps, windows, siding and roofs.

More information about the loans is available at [www.ofallon.mo.us](http://www.ofallon.mo.us) by selecting "Grant Programs" on the homepage, or by calling 636-379-5411.

### Protect your business through O'Fallon's free Business Watch Program

All O'Fallon businesses are invited to join O'Fallon's free Business Watch Program. The program teaches businesses how to spot and report suspicious activity and how to build an effective neighborhood network that helps keep an eye on neighboring businesses. As a service of the O'Fallon Police Department, the Business Watch Program also offers:

- Tips on catching criminals in the act and effectively reporting information to the police;
- Alerts and updates regarding neighborhood crime issues;
- Information geared to each business on crime prevention and detection, including shoplifting and fraud, and the use of high-tech security equipment;
- Access to up-to-date educational law enforcement resources for disaster preparedness and security issues.

To sign up for the program, visit [www.ofallon.mo.us/PD/BWP](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/PD/BWP) or contact Officer Julie Long at [jlong@ofallon.mo.us](mailto:jlong@ofallon.mo.us) or 636-379-5563.

### O'Fallon's Animal Control

#### Lost a pet?

Whether you've lost a pet, found a stray, or have a wildlife concern, the O'Fallon Police Department's Animal Control Division offers several options that can help.

- Check [www.facebook.com/ofallonanimalcontrol](http://www.facebook.com/ofallonanimalcontrol) to see if a lost pet has been picked up.
- Leave a voice message describing the problem by calling 636-240-3200; press 1 for Animal Control/Dispatch.
- Get information about reclaiming an impounded pet and City animal control ordinances and procedures at [www.ofallon.mo.us/PD](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/PD).

Have a question or concern for City of O'Fallon staff? If so, visit the Citizens First Center at [www.ofallon.mo.us](http://www.ofallon.mo.us).

Citizens First Center  
636-379-5553

City Hall  
636-240-2000

Police (Non-emergency)  
636-240-3200

O'Fallon Senior Center  
636-272-4180

Trash and Recycling  
636-272-0477

O'Fallon Water & Sewer  
636-281-2858



# Celebration of Lights

[www.ofallon.mo.us/COL](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/COL)

## O'Fallon's Celebration of Lights dazzles families every year

Treat your friends and loved ones to a magical tour through O'Fallon's 20th Annual Celebration of Lights in Fort Zumwalt Park.

Visitors will find the scenic park magically transformed by millions of twinkling lights and holiday scenes into a winter wonderland offering surprises around every corner. The Celebration of Lights will be open nightly through December 30, except for Christmas (December 25).

There are several ways to see the sights. Visitors can cruise through the park in their own vehicle and tune in to holiday music on their radio. Additionally, visitors can reserve seats aboard the City train, sign up a group for a sleigh-hayride, and make reservations for a horse-drawn wagon or carriage ride.

Here's a breakdown of the 2011 Celebration of Lights schedule, admissions and who to contact to reserve a special ride.

### Drive-through, no reservations needed:

- 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday - Thursday (except Tuesday, December 13).
- 6-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
- *Admission:* \$9 per car, \$15 per van (all sizes), \$1 per person on tour buses (\$25 minimum); "Tuesday Night Special" - \$7 per non-commercial vehicle (all types).
- Bring a food pantry donation of canned or boxed goods and get a \$1 discount per vehicle (except on Tuesdays).

### Make reservations for:

- **City train rides** - "Monday Night Special" train rides through the Celebration of Lights can be booked for December 12, 19 and 26 while spaces last, and *must* be reserved in advance. No other vehicles will be allowed in the park. The cost is \$7 per person for ages 12 and up and \$5 for children ages 1-11. Infants 11 months and under are free, but reservations must be made for everyone. Call 636-379-5502, or email [mseymour@ofallon.mo.us](mailto:mseymour@ofallon.mo.us).
- **Sleigh-hayrides** - Available Tuesdays (except Dec. 13), Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Rides last approximately 25 minutes and *must* be scheduled two weeks in advance. Please call 636-379-5502 or email [mseymour@ofallon.mo.us](mailto:mseymour@ofallon.mo.us). The cost is \$100 per group for up to 25 people, including children on laps.

- **Horse-drawn carriage and wagon rides** - Rides must be reserved in advance by contacting the Carousel Farms and Carriage Company at 636-390-4403, or [windago@centurylink.net](mailto:windago@centurylink.net). Rides are approximately 30 minutes.
  - Private carriages are \$50 for the first two passengers and \$10 for each additional passenger for up to four adults.
  - Private wagons are \$175 for up to 14 passengers.
  - Community wagons are \$10 per passenger; passengers will be seated with other parties.
  - Children age 4 and under ride free if seated on a paying adult's lap.

The Celebration of Lights is sponsored by the City of O'Fallon with participation by local businesses and civic organizations. A portion of the admission money goes to charity. For more information, visit [www.ofallon.mo.us/COL](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/COL).

## Old-Fashioned Holiday Stroll V+

Tuesday, December 13

6 - 9 p.m., Fort Zumwalt Park

*Cost:* Admission is \$2 for ages 3 and older; younger children are free. Free parking with admission.

For more information, contact the Office of Tourism and Festivals at 636-379-5614, visit [www.ofallon.mo.us/COL](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/COL) or see page 6 in this newsletter.



Historic Heald Home in Fort Zumwalt Park

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# Snow Removal

[www.ofallon.mo.us/Snow](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/Snow)

**W**hen it snows, City of O'Fallon crews work 24/7 to clear more than 700 "lane miles" of pavement and get traffic moving. **As a resident, the number one thing you can do to assist snow crews is to never park on the street whenever snow is in the forecast.** Keeping the streets clear of vehicles allows snow plows free access to clearing the roads safely and efficiently. Please remember, always stay clear of snow plows.

Residents also can help protect their property and keep streets clear by following these guidelines:

1. **Keep your mailbox and driveway clear:** There is no perfect solution to prevent plowed snow from blocking mailboxes and driveways, but the problem can be minimized by making room for snow discharged by plows. Simply clear snow from the end of your driveway and along your curb, especially to the left of your driveway (as you face the street).
2. **Don't push snow into the street:** Placing snow in a public street is against City ordinance and may result in a fine. Plus, it makes clearing the streets more time-consuming for crews.
3. **Clear your own sidewalks, mailbox, driveway, parking lot:** Residents and business owners are required to keep their own driveways, sidewalks, mailboxes and private streets clear of ice and snow. The City cannot plow privately-owned streets or lots.
4. **Clear the roads:** By City ordinance, no street parking is allowed during winter weather events. No service will be provided if the crews feel they cannot safely plow your street because of parked cars or other obstructions. Violators may be towed at owners' expense.

## Frequently Asked Questions

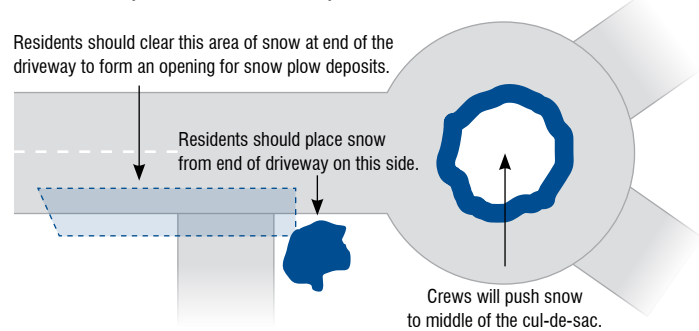
### What roads are cleared by the City of O'Fallon's crews?

The City of O'Fallon is responsible for clearing most streets within O'Fallon City limits, including major thoroughfares such as Mexico, Feise and Bryan Roads. When snow begins to accumulate, snow removal crews are dispatched to residential areas. To keep traffic moving, the City emphasizes clearing major thoroughfares, such as Mexico Rd., Feise Rd. and Bryan Rd., etc. first.

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is responsible for clearing the following federal and state roads: I-70, I-64, Highways K, N, 79, DD, South 364 Outer Road, Technology Dr., East and West Terra Lanes, and sections of Veterans Memorial Parkway. The City of O'Fallon cannot clear these areas. If you have questions or concerns about these roads, please contact MoDOT at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636) or 314-275-1500.

### I live on a cul-de-sac. How will the City deal with the snow on my street?

After last year, the City of O'Fallon heard from residents living on cul-de-sacs. The residents requested that the City plow the snow into the middle of the cul-de-sac rather than up to their property. As a result of these requests, crews will now plow snow to the middle of the cul-de-sac, forming a pile in the center. This should allow for a clear route around the cul-de-sac and easy access to driveways.



### Can I call to report an area that needs plowing?

Yes, O'Fallon's Snow and Ice Removal Center is put into action when the forecast calls for five or more inches of snow and snow has begun to accumulate. At that time, you can call 636-379-3826 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. for snow or ice removal questions or concerns. For questions at other times, please call the City's Streets Division at 636-379-3808. Snow removal information also is posted at [www.ofallon.mo.us](http://www.ofallon.mo.us).

### Is the City responsible for damage to my mailbox, decorative landscaping or basketball hoop?

If your mailbox or landscaping is damaged by a City-operated snow plow, please contact the City's Streets Division for repairs or replacements at 636-379-3808 or through [www.ofallon.mo.us](http://www.ofallon.mo.us). Because O'Fallon's code prohibits basketball goals and other obstructions from being in the City's public right-of-way (mid-street to about 10 feet beyond curb), the City will not pay for any damage.

### If I have an emergency, will the City plow my area first so an ambulance can get through?

Call 9-1-1 only in life-threatening emergencies; the dispatcher will contact the O'Fallon Streets Division should an emergency vehicle need access to a snow or ice-covered street.

For more information on O'Fallon's snow removal process, please call the Streets Division at 636-379-3808 or visit [www.ofallon.mo.us/Snow](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/Snow).



# Roscoe's Den



[www.ofallon.mo.us/Green](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/Green)

## Don't let holiday gift wrap, boxes and cards go to waste – please recycle

Each year, Americans spend about \$2.6 billion on gift wrap. Most of it is discarded, adding 5 million tons to landfills around the holidays, or about 25% more trash than usual.

In O'Fallon, wrapping paper, cardboard boxes of all kinds, and greeting cards can be recycled instead of trashed. So, make this holiday season a “green” season by recycling.

## Free Christmas tree drop-off in Civic Park and O'Fallon Sports Park

Residents can dispose of live evergreen holiday trees, free, between December 26 and January 16, at parking lots in Civic Park or O'Fallon Sports Park. Lots will be open dawn to dusk.

Only live or natural trees with no decorations will be accepted. Please remove all ornaments, tinsel, lights, string or wire. No wreaths, shrubs, plastic bags or yard waste should be dropped off.

## Curbside Christmas tree pickup

For a fee of \$10 per tree, residents may have Christmas trees picked up from their curb. Just call 636-272-0477 for curbside service. The cost will be added to the bi-monthly bill.

Only live or natural trees will be picked up, and trees must have all decorations removed. Do not place trees in a plastic bag. Trees will be picked up on Wednesdays from December 28, 2011, through January 25, 2012.

**Roscoe's Tip:** Green practices not only help protect our environment, they help save the “green” in your wallet, too!



## Recycle unwanted holiday light strands

O'Fallon residents are encouraged to drop off unwanted holiday light strands for recycling.

Starting December 26 through January 16, light strands can be dropped off at City Hall and in parking lots at O'Fallon Sports Park and Civic Park, along with holiday trees.

- Lights from C-7 and C-9 strands, which have larger bulbs, should be removed and discarded. Miniature light strands can remain intact.
- No string, wire, bags or packaging should be used to tie or contain the light strands. Simply drop the loose strands into the receptacle

## Winter yard waste disposal options

With weekly yard waste collection ending for the season on December 9, 2011, O'Fallon's Environmental Services Department wants to remind everyone of the options for wintertime yard waste collection.

Residents enrolled in O'Fallon's yard waste collection can participate in once-a-month yard waste collection on the fourth Wednesday of the month: December 28, January 25 and February 22. **There's no extra charge for the service. Just be sure to arrange for the monthly pick-up in advance by calling 636-272-0477.**

Weekly yard waste collection will resume on Monday, March 12, 2012. Residents who are not enrolled in yard waste collection may sign up anytime by calling 636-272-0477.

Residents also can call Hansen's Environmental Wood Resources at 636-379-1830, and arrange to drop off yard waste at a special rate of \$.50 cents per bag or bundle, or \$8 per cubic yard for loose material. Residents must bring an ID showing their O'Fallon address.

## Trash and recycling collection as usual over the holidays

Just a reminder – there will be no change in trash and recycling collection over Christmas, December 25, or New Year's Eve, December 31. Please set your trash and recyclables out on your regularly-scheduled day.

For the complete holiday collection schedule, visit [www.ofallon.mo.us/ES](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/ES).

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# Upcoming Events

[www.ofallon.mo.us/Events](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/Events)

## Cornucopia of Care Food Drive V+

Through Saturday, December 17

Help the less fortunate in our community. Drop off canned and boxed food and personal care items for local food pantries at:

- O'Fallon Municipal Centre, 100 North Main Street
- Renaud Spirit Center, 2650 Tri Sports Circle
- Lindell Bank O'Fallon, 4521 Highway K
- Fox's Pizza Den, 1120 Technology Drive, Ste. 119
- New Frontier Bank, 5000 WingHaven Blvd.
- First State Bank of St. Charles (in O'Fallon), 300 Woodlawn

For more information, contact Volunteer Services at 636-379-5507 or [volunteer@ofallon.mo.us](mailto:volunteer@ofallon.mo.us).

## 20th Annual Celebration of Lights

November 25 – December 30 (Closed December 25)

Nightly, Fort Zumwalt Park, 1000 Jessup Drive  
*Times, costs:* See page 3 for details.

O'Fallon's annual holiday lights display features traditional and whimsical holiday scenes along an illuminated one-mile route through the park. Cruise through the display in your vehicle Tuesday through Sunday, or book a City train ride or sleigh-hayride at least two weeks in advance. (Please note, no private vehicles are allowed on Mondays or on Tuesday, December 13.) A portion of the proceeds will be donated to local non-profit organizations.

## Old-Fashioned Holiday Stroll V+

Tuesday, December 13

6–9 p.m., Fort Zumwalt Park

*Cost:* Admission is \$2 for ages 3 and older; younger children are free. Free parking with admission.

Stroll through the Celebration of Lights display with your family and enjoy fireworks (7:25 p.m.), holiday caroling, a visit with Santa, shopping vendors' booths for holiday crafts and unique gifts, and festival food and beverages. Watch for signs to parking and complimentary shuttle service. No vehicles or carriage rides will be allowed in the park on this special night.

For more information, contact the Office of Tourism and Festivals at 636-379-5614 or visit [www.ofallon.mo.us/COL](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/COL).

## Hang new hats, mittens on O'Fallon's "Giving Trees"

Through Friday, December 15

O'Fallon Municipal Centre (City Hall) and Renaud Spirit Center

Here's a chance to give a gift of warmth that's sure to be appreciated. Please help decorate the Giving Trees inside City Hall and the RSC with brand-new mittens and gloves, hats, scarves, and socks of all sizes and for all ages. The "decorations" will be donated to the Salvation Army for distribution.

## King Day of Service V+

Monday, January 16

9 a.m.–noon, O'Fallon Municipal Centre (City Hall)

Although City Hall will be closed for business in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, volunteers of all ages are invited to participate in community service projects, including making paper flowers and greeting cards for residents of local care facilities. To register for the King Day of Service, contact Volunteer Services at 636-379-5507 or [volunteer@ofallon.mo.us](mailto:volunteer@ofallon.mo.us).

## O'Fallon's National Volunteer Donor Month V+ Blood Drive

Friday, January 20

11 a.m.–3 p.m., O'Fallon Municipal Centre (City Hall)

During winter, the need for blood donors can become critical. A whole-blood donation can help as many as three people survive a life-threatening trauma or health condition. Platelet and double-red cell donations are especially important to surgical patients and those with cancer or chronic blood disorders.

Appointments are encouraged to speed the process and ensure adequate staffing; walk-ins are welcome. Donors must be at least 17, healthy, and show a photo ID. For more information or to schedule a convenient time, call 636-379-5507 or email [volunteer@ofallon.mo.us](mailto:volunteer@ofallon.mo.us).

The V+ indicates programs for volunteers.  
Contact Volunteer Services at 636-379-5507 or  
[volunteer@ofallon.mo.us](mailto:volunteer@ofallon.mo.us).



## Polar Plunge for Missouri's Special Olympics

**Saturday, February 4**

Noon, Lake Ste. Louise in Lake Saint Louis, Mo.

O'Fallon residents, churches and civic organizations are invited to create a Polar Plunge team and raise funds for Missouri's Special Olympics athletes. Last year, about 450 people – including 20 O'Fallon employees and family members dressed as Star Wars and Star Trek characters – jumped in the lake. The event netted \$90,000 for Special Olympics athletes, with Team O'Fallon's Plunge Squad donating \$6,000.

To learn more about participating or to make a donation, please contact Officer Jeff Cook at [jcook@ofallon.mo.us](mailto:jcook@ofallon.mo.us) or visit Missouri's Special Olympics site, [www.somo.org](http://www.somo.org).

## Free disaster response training

**Friday – Sunday, March 2, 3, 4**

O'Fallon Streets Division headquarters

Don't miss this outstanding opportunity to learn basic disaster response skills through O'Fallon's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, free. The O'Fallon Police Department will conduct the 20-hour course, which will be held Friday, March 2, through Sunday, March 4.

Register online at [www.ofallon.mo.us/CERT](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/CERT). Questions? Contact Officer Andy Stowers at 636-379-5686, or [astowers@ofallon.mo.us](mailto:astowers@ofallon.mo.us).

## Citizens Police Academy

**Begins Thursday, March 15**

Cost: \$30

O'Fallon and St. Charles County residents who are 18 or older are invited to apply for the O'Fallon Citizens Police Academy. The six-week program offers discussions on basic police work, hands-on training and a chance to ride along on patrol. Class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:45–9:45 p.m., with one Saturday class for firearms training.

Additional information about the program and enrollment applications are available at [www.ofallon.mo.us/PD/CPA](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/PD/CPA). Or, pick up an application at the O'Fallon Police Department, 100 North Main Street, O'Fallon 63366. For more information, contact Officer Jeff Cook at [jcook@ofallon.mo.us](mailto:jcook@ofallon.mo.us).

## Join O'Fallon Police Explorer Post 2943

Young men and women ages 14 to 20 who are considering a career in law enforcement are invited to join O'Fallon Police Explorer Post 2943.

For more information, visit [www.ofallon.mo.us/PD/Explorers](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/PD/Explorers). Or, contact Officer Joe Fomera at [joefomera@ofallon.mo.us](mailto:joefomera@ofallon.mo.us) or 636-379-5685.

## Historic Heald Home events

The City of O'Fallon restored this handsome brick house built by Darius Heald circa 1884. The home, which is in historic Fort Zumwalt Park, is open for tours during special events and by appointment. For more information, or to register for any of the programs below, call 636-379-5502 or email [mseymour@ofallon.mo.us](mailto:mseymour@ofallon.mo.us). Or, visit [www.ofallon.mo.us/HealdHome](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/HealdHome).

### Snowflake Exhibit and Book Signing

**Sunday, January 22**

1 – 4 p.m., Heald Home, Fort Zumwalt Park

Cost: \$2 per person at the door; house tour included

View an exhibit of intricate, cut-paper snowflake creations by artist Marion Nichols – aka the Snowflake Lady. Ms. Nichols will give demonstrations of snowflake-making and sell and sign copies of her original snowflake pattern books. The first 100 patrons will receive a pre-folded snowflake pattern.

### Great Backyard Bird Count V+

**Friday, February 17 – Monday, February 20**

Various times each day, Fort Zumwalt Park

Cost: Free; reservations are required for the bird identification program and bird walk.

This four-day event for bird watchers of all ages is part of a national event that aims to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are across the continent. Anyone can participate, from beginning bird watchers to experts, and it helps the birds. Don't forget your binoculars!

**Friday, February 17**

7 a.m. Bird Count (serious birders)

**Saturday, February 18**

10 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Bird Identification (reservations required)

11 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Bird Walk and Count

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. St. Louis Audubon Society exhibit

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Free kids' activities

**Sunday, February 19**

8 a.m. Bird Count (serious birders)

10 a.m. Bird Count – for families

**Monday, February 20**

9 a.m. Bird Count (serious birders)

### Dr. Seuss Birthday Party and Book Swap • Ages 4–9

**Saturday, March 3**

9:30 – 11 a.m., Heald Home, Fort Zumwalt Park V+

Cost: \$10/\$12 per person (Min. registration is 12; max. is 30.)

*One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish* sets the theme for this party honoring children's book author Dr. Seuss. Kids are invited to bring books to the Book Swap to trade for other books. The party includes a story, craft and snack.

# Calendar

All public meetings and Municipal Court proceedings are held at O'Fallon Municipal Centre (City Hall), 100 North Main Street, unless otherwise noted.

## December

- 1-30 Celebration of Lights (Closed Dec. 25)  
Fort Zumwalt Park  
Christy Martin photo exhibit at the Cultural Arts Gallery in the RSC, free
- 8 City Council, 7:30 p.m., workshop 5:30 p.m.
- 9 *A Dickens of a Christmas Carol*, 8 p.m.  
City Hall
- 10 *A Dickens of a Christmas Carol*, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., City Hall
- 12 Municipal Court, 6 p.m.
- 13 Old-Fashioned Holiday Stroll, 6-9 p.m.
- 14 Board of Adjustment, 5:30 p.m.
- 20 Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, 5:30 p.m.
- 21 Municipal Court, 9 a.m.
- 23 City Hall closed
- 25 Celebration of Lights and RSC closed
- 26 City Hall closed, RSC open  
Holiday tree and lights drop off begins at Civic and Sports parks
- 26-30 Celebration of Lights final days, 6 p.m.
- 31 Renaud Spirit Center open, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

## January

- 1 Renaud Spirit Center open, noon-5 p.m.  
Free admission all day
- 2 City Hall closed, RSC open
- 4 Municipal Court, 9 a.m.  
Advisory Green Council, 5 p.m.
- 5 Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.
- 6 O'Fallon Photo Club Exhibit  
through February 17 at the Cultural Arts Gallery in the RSC, free
- 9 Municipal Court, 6 p.m.
- 10 Parks Board, 7 p.m.
- 11 Board of Adjustment, 5:30 p.m.
- 12 City Council, 7:30 p.m., workshop, 5:30 p.m.
- 15 Open auditions for O'FallonTheatreWorks  
spring musical, noon, City Hall  
Fort Zumwalt Park re-opens to vehicles
- 16 City Hall closed, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Renaud Spirit Center open  
King Day of Service, 9 a.m.-noon
- 17 Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, 5:30 p.m.
- 18 Municipal Court, 9 a.m.  
Senior Advisory Committee, 2:30 p.m.

- 18 Public Works Commission, 7 p.m.
- 20 Volunteer Donor Blood Drive, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.  
City Hall
- 22 Snowflake Exhibit and Book Signing, 1-4 p.m.;  
Historic Heald Home, Ft. Zumwalt Park, \$2
- 23 Municipal Court, 6 p.m.
- 25 O'Fallon Convention & Visitors Bureau, 5 p.m.
- 26 City Council, 7:30 p.m., workshop, 5:30 p.m.

## February

- 1-17 O'Fallon Photo Club Exhibit
- 1 Municipal Court, 9 a.m.  
Advisory Green Council, 5 p.m.
- 2 Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.
- 6 Municipal Court, 6 p.m.
- 8 Board of Adjustment, 5:30 p.m.
- 9 City Council, 7:30 p.m., workshop, 5:30 p.m.
- 14 Parks Board, 7 p.m.
- 15 Municipal Court, 9 a.m.  
Senior Advisory Committee, 2:30 p.m.  
Public Works Commission, 7 p.m.
- 17-20 Great Backyard Bird Count  
Historic Heald Home, Ft. Zumwalt Park
- 20 City Hall closed, Presidents' Day  
Renaud Spirit Center open
- 21 Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, 5:30 p.m.
- 23 City Council, 7:30 p.m., workshop, 5:30 p.m.
- 24 Oak Leaf Artist Guild Annual Exhibit  
through April 6 at the Cultural Arts Gallery in  
the RSC, free
- 27 Municipal Court, 6 p.m.

## March

- 1 Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.
- 2-4 CERT disaster response training
- 3 Dr. Seuss Birthday Party, 9:30-11 a.m.  
Historic Heald Home, Ft. Zumwalt Park
- 7 Advisory Green Council, 5 p.m.  
Municipal Court, 9 a.m.
- 8 City Council, 7:30 p.m., workshop, 5:30 p.m.
- 12 Municipal Court, 6 p.m.
- 13 Parks Board, 7 p.m.
- 14 Board of Adjustment, 5:30 p.m.
- 15 Citizens Police Academy begins, 6:45 p.m.
- 20 Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, 5:30 p.m.



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