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OFFICES CLOSED

October 9, 2023
Columbus Day

November 10, 2023
Veterans Day (observed)

November 23 & 24, 2023
Thanksgiving

December 25, 2023
Christmas



Mitchell Bair Named County Services Director

Jefferson County Executive Dennis Gannon has appointed Mitchell Bair as the new Director of County Services and Code Enforcement. Bair's appointment was approved by the Jefferson County Council at the July 10, 2023 Council Meeting. He replaces Eric Larson who resigned earlier this year.

Bair is a Jefferson County native and began his career here in the County Services and Code Enforcement Department back in 1997. Looking to grow his skillset, he accepted a position at Maryland Heights where he expanded his knowledge in planning, code and community development. In 2008, he was offered the Community Development Director position for the City of Collinsville and later became the City Manager/Economic Development Director.

"It's a very exciting time for Jefferson County, and I couldn't be happier to be back home and a contributing part and leader for the County," said Bair. "The Jefferson County Master Plan process is underway, and there are several other positive projects taking place. There are a lot of great things ahead, and I'm so glad to be a part of it all."

Bair also has a Masters in Public Administration and is AICP Certified.

Learn more about the County Services and Code Enforcement Department on their [page](#).



HALFWAY MARK IN MASTER PLAN PROCESS

On August 15, 2023, the Visualize Jefferson County Master Plan Advisory Panel was held to present the Draft Plan Framework which includes the vision, goals and key recommendations. This puts us halfway through the Master Plan process. The meeting was recorded and can be found on the [Visualize Jefferson County Master Plan website](#).

Next steps are the Preliminary County-Wide Plans and Policies which will establish how we implement the plans.

Stay up to date on the Master Plan process by visiting the [Visualize Jefferson County Master Plan website](#).

Jefferson County Recycling Fair

November 4, 2023 • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

High Ridge Elementary School

2843 Community Lane, High Ridge, MO 63049

For more information, please call: 636-797-6228



FREE PAPER
SHREDDING



ALL ELECTRONICS &
APPLIANCE ACCEPTED



Yard Waste



NON-ELECTRONIC
RECYCLING ITEMS

WARMING CENTERS

Winter is quickly approaching which means temperatures will be dropping. If you or someone you know needs relief from the cold, the United Way in Partnership with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services offers a list of warming centers. Scan the code to learn more.



Check with the warming center before going to ensure the location is open and to learn about their current requirements.



Jefferson County
Collector of Revenue

More ways to Pay!

Jefferson County Collector has launched a new online billing and payment solution, offering more ways to view and pay your Real Estate and Personal Property Tax bill. A quick, one-time payment can be made without registering or you can create an account to enjoy more features like setting up automatic payments, saving payment information for later use and viewing history.

Online payments made easy! Scan the QR code.

WE ACCEPT:



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LEARN
MORE!

- Easy-to-use online portal: access your account view bills and make payments electronically
- Registration is not required
- Go Paperless: get your bills via email
- Automatic payment options
- Recurring scheduled payments
- Receive email reminders
- Pay by Phone: check your account balance or make a payment 24/7
- Pay by text and get text notifications about your bill

CODERED NO MORE, EVERBRIDGE IS THE NEW NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

CodeRED is being replaced and will no longer be available for Jefferson County 911 Dispatch notification alerts beginning in October 2023. A new emergency alert system, Everbridge, will be used, and County residents will need to register with Everbridge to continue receiving alerts.

Everbridge is an emergency alert system that works similar to CodeRED. It allows subscribers to receive alerts and information pertaining to police, fire, severe weather, health and safety. Registration is simple, and you pick the delivery method: text, email, or a phone call.

Scan the QR code or visit the [website](#) to register.



Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Selects KCI Team for Interstate 55 Design-Build Project

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, at the July 12, 2023 monthly meeting, selected the KCI Team for the Interstate 55 Corridor Improvements Design-Build Project. The KCI Team is comprised of KCI Construction Company, Bartlett & West, and Wilson & Company. The selection was based on project goals and the value to taxpayers. Project goals included maximizing reliability and safety on I-55 and US 67, providing a durable and maintainable transportation system compatible with regional development, constructing the project safely and with minimal impact to customers, using a diverse workforce, and completing the project on schedule.

The project is projected to cost approximately \$246 million to construct and be complete by the end of 2026.

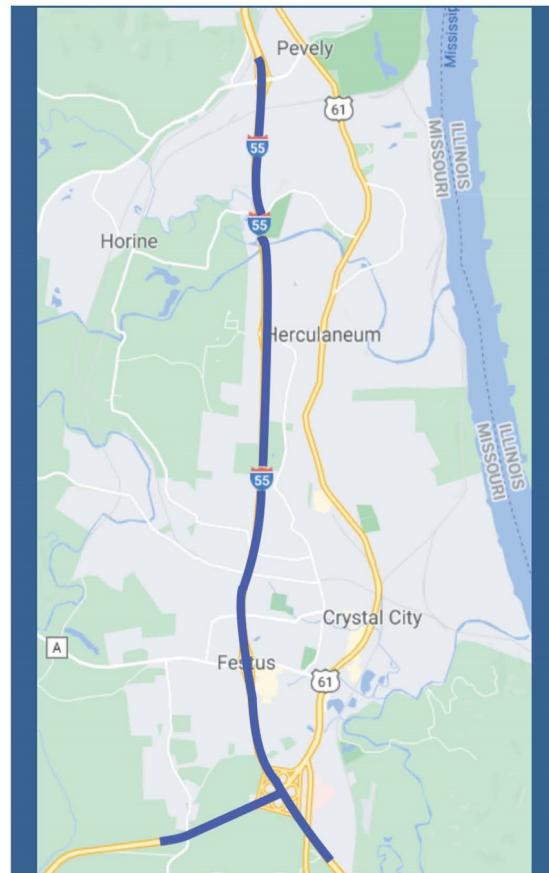
Details include:

- Construction of an additional lane on I-55 in both directions from Route Z to US 67
- Replacement of US 67 and Route CC intersection with grade separated interchange
- Construction of new interchanges at Route Z, McNutt, and US 67/I-55
- Addition of lanes at the SB I-55 to SB US 67 ramp and the NB 67 to NB I-55 ramp
- Replacement of 14 bridges
- Rehabilitation of 12 bridges

"We are very excited that this project keeps moving forward at a timely pace," said County Executive Dennis Gannon. "This project is, really, a big deal for our growing area, providing better and safer transportation for current and future growth."

Over 50,000 vehicles travel this corridor, originally built in the 1960s, daily.

For more information and project updates, visit www.modot.org/interstate-55-corridor-upgrades-jefferson.



eCode360 Upgrade

eCode360 is an online code portal to house codified laws and municipal information. Originally, Jefferson County's eCode page housed our County Charter, code and codified laws. Recently this service has been expanded to include all ordinances and resolutions that have been passed since 2008.

eCode360 can easily be accessed through Jefferson County, Missouri's [website](#) or through an app on your mobile device. Some features of eCode360 include: search, print, email, download, share and sign up for notifications.



Highway Project Updates



ARMBRUSTER, DOSS HOLLOW AND HARNESS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT BUNDLE



Every other year the County partners with MoDOT to inspect and give a safety sufficiency rating on every bridge in Jefferson County, MO. The lowest scoring bridge deficiencies are determined and submitted for funding. The County has secured federal and local funding for the bridges on Armbruster, Doss Hollow and Harness roads.

Each bridge will be completely replaced, concrete resurfacing on the roadway, guardrail placement, and creek channel improvements. Additionally, Harness Road will see a slight road adjustment to reduce the curve. All three bridges will be full closure supported with appropriate signage/detour information placed 2 weeks prior to the start of construction.

Project construction has already started on Doss Hollow Road. Construction began in August on Armbruster Road and in September on Harness Road. All bridges should be completed by the end of year 2023. Total project costs are estimated to be \$3,200,000.

For more information on highway projects visit the [Public Works Projects](#) page.

We're Hiring!

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
(Facilities)**

Maintenance Worker
Custodian



**Great benefits.
Career growth.
Close to home.**

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Highway Updates



COUNTY HIGHWAY DIVISION PLOWS AND TREATS 760 MILES OF ROADS DURING WINTER WEATHER EVENTS

Winter is just around the corner, and with the season comes the dreaded winter weather events wreaking havoc on our roads. During such events, the Jefferson County Highway Division works diligently around the clock to provide safe road conditions for emergency service providers and other vehicular motorists. Forty (40) plow trucks, working 12-hour shifts are needed to maintain the approximately 670 miles of county roads. Additionally, several smaller plow trucks work concurrently to establish drivable conditions on the 90 miles of subdivision streets that are currently part of the Subdivision Maintenance Program. Safety is of upmost concern for our citizens and plow drivers.

Here are a few safety reminders for sharing the roads with snowplows:

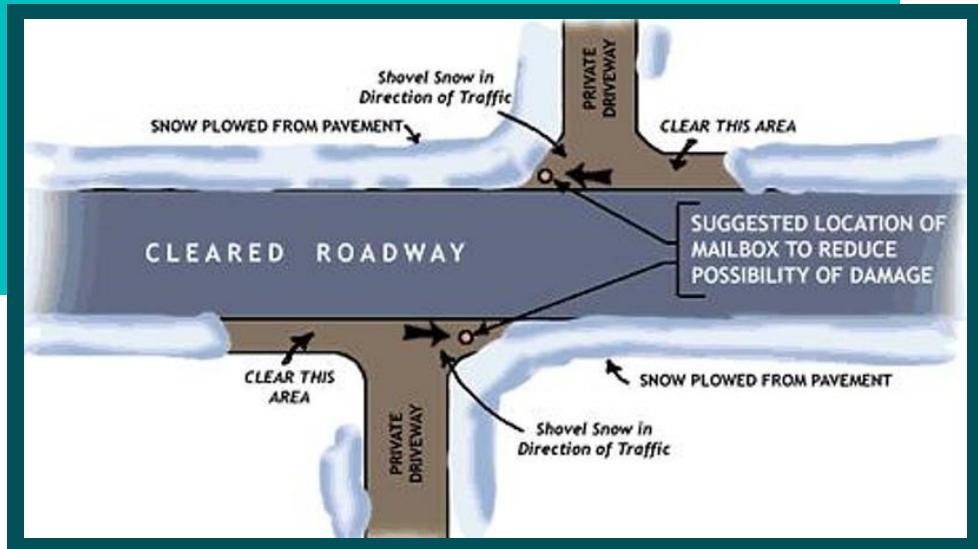
- Always stay at least 100 feet behind snow removal equipment.
- Please yield to all snow equipment. Snow removal equipment always has the "Right Of Way".
- Move cars off subdivision streets and the County Right Of Way. This allows the crews to plow the entire street and to prevent any type of vehicle or property damage.

To learn more about roads serviced by Jefferson County, MO - Government, view our [County Road List 2023](#).

Did you know?

Did you know, there is a correct way to shovel a driveway? To prevent snowplows from pushing fresh snow back into your driveway, focus on clearing an area approximately 10-feet to the left of your driveway (facing street) in the direction of traffic. This allows, during plowing, for the snow to be pushed in the cleared out area and not back into your driveway.

And remember, do not shovel snow into the street. Doing so can cause additional traffic hazards and drifts for homeowners.



PROGRAMS

PARKS NEWS:

The Walking/Jogging Trail at the High Ridge Civic Center is now complete! The trail is about 1/4 mile long and is perfect for a casual walk or running.

Other amenities at the High Ridge Civic Center include two pavilions, three pickle ball courts, a full-sized basketball court, and the Civic Center building holds many programs including martial arts and exercise classes.

Learn more about the [High Ridge Civic Center on the parks page.](#)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:



Adult CoRec Volleyball League

October 13 - December 20

\$250 per team
Season is 8 Wednesday nights
Playoff night at end of season

High Ridge Elementary Gym



Youth Volleyball Camp

Nov. 4, 11, 18 and Dec. 2

Grade 1-3: 8 to 9 a.m.
Grade 4-6: 9:15 to 11:15 a.m.

High Ridge Elementary Gym

PROGRAMS

YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMS:

Mondays

Silver Sneakers Classic
High Ridge Civic Center at 9:30 a.m.

Cardio/Strength
High Ridge Civic Center at 5:30 p.m.

Zumba
High Ridge Civic Center at 7 p.m.

Tuesdays

Yoga Flow
High Ridge Civic Center at 11 a.m.

Silver Sneakers Yoga Chair
High Ridge Civic Center at 12:30 p.m.

High Intensity Interval Training
High Ridge Civic Center at 4:30 p.m.

Martial Arts (Tae Kwon Do)
High Ridge Civic Center at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays

Silver Sneakers Strength and Balance
High Ridge Civic Center at 9:30 a.m.

Cardio Boxx
High Ridge Civic Center at 5:30 p.m.

Zumba
High Ridge Civic Center at 7 p.m.

PROGRAMS

YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMS:

Thursdays

- Gentle Yoga**
High Ridge Civic Center at 8:45 a.m.
- Silver Sneakers Chair Yoga**
High Ridge Civic Center at 10:30 a.m.
- Full Body Burn**
High Ridge Civic Center at 4:30 p.m.
- Martial Arts (Jujitsu/Judo)**
High Ridge Civic Center at 6-8 p.m.

Saturdays

- Fitness Flow Yoga**
High Ridge Civic Center at 8 a.m.
- Restorative Yoga**
High Ridge Civic Center at 9 a.m.

Register for events: jeffcomo.org/parks

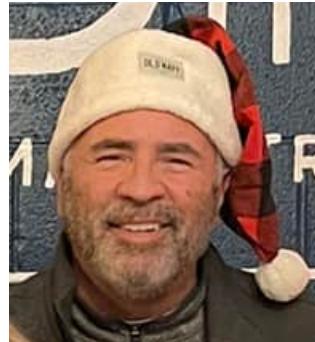
Parks Phone Number: 636-797-5334

Cancellation/Information Hotline: 636-797-6101

Follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/jeffcoparks

WORDS FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

The fiscal year is coming to an end which means we are full fledge into budget season. Starting in September, we meet with each department to discuss their departmental budget needs and agree upon what will be submitted to the County Council for approval. This is no easy feat, and we spend many hours and days sitting together discussing county needs as a whole, requests, and crunching numbers. The budget is submitted to the council in November in which we then go through the entire document together. Once no further discussion occurs, it is submitted for the approval process through the County Council.



The Jefferson County, Missouri Capital Program & Strategic Plan for 2024–2028 was presented to the County Council on August 1, 2023. The plan presents an overview of the major identified capital expenditure requests and provides information on the County Government's major capital needs. Some of the planned priority projects for 2024–2028 include an Outdoor Warning System, conceptual plans and timeline for Courthouse and Jail Capital projects, and Security Controls System Upgrade for the Juvenile Detention facility.

We are about halfway through the Master Plan process. Our Advisory Panel, on August 15, proved very productive. We are hoping to have a Master Plan to present in Q3 of 2024. Speaking of the Master Plan, we have a new Advisory Panel member, aka our new County Services and Code Enforcement Director, Mitch Bair. Bair comes to us with a very extensive background in Community Development, Economic Development and municipal work. We are so glad to have him as part of the team.

Last newsletter, I mentioned expanding services and improving workflow throughout county business. I'm happy to announce the implementation of those services are well underway. CivicGov is a comprehensive community development tool that helps staff improve internal workflows and enable residents to self-service their needs. SeeClickFix is a request and work management app bridging the communication gap between residents and their local governments. Lastly, CivicClerk will streamline the entire agenda management process and includes Live Streaming of our meetings, and Live Voting for our council members. Additionally, we have upgraded our eCode360 so now all Ordinances and Resolutions will be available to be viewed online and can even be searched by keywords.

Lastly, the holidays are quickly approaching, and this is the perfect time to spend quality time with your loved ones. These important connections can bring us unity through togetherness, generosity, and gratitude. Myself and all of us here at Jefferson County, MO – Government want to wish you a wonderful holiday season. Please stay safe!

Regards,
Dennis J. Gannon
County Executive



COUNTY COUNCIL CORNER



I hope this letter finds you and yours well this holiday season!

I am currently the Councilman for District 1 of Jefferson County. My wife Becky and I have been married 44 years, and we have 4 children and 13 grandchildren. We live in High Ridge, and our business, Haskins Storage, is also in District 1 as well as many of our customers.

I have a lot of good memories and a passion for our community. Sixty years ago, I started my schooling at High Ridge Elementary on High Ridge Boulevard. My first job, was as a bagger for Jansen IGA grocer. Our little

league team would get ice cream there after each game. As a young boy, I was baptized in the Baptist Church on the boulevard and now my family is a member of the Catholic Church. In 2007, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the boulevard, I organized a parade and bar-b-que. I have great memories of our High Ridge Civic Center beginning sixty years ago when our fire department hosted High Ridge Homecoming days. We had games like climbing the greased pole, bingo, and free outdoor movie nights.

I'm proud of being part of the many improvements to the park and Civic Center including the new parking lot, pavilion, multi-purpose courts, paved trail, and playground. As your councilman four and half years ago, I led the successful effort to purchase one acre of ground next to the civic center to provide the land needed for many of these improvements. A new Civic Center is also scheduled to replace the existing facility in the county capital improvement plan.

I believe the new streetlight, ten-foot sidewalk, and stormwater improvement project for High Ridge Boulevard will be transformational. The community will benefit by having a safer and brighter boulevard, encouraging economic growth and activity for new and existing businesses, and by providing a pedestrian path for the public to use and enjoy.

We had four well attended town hall meetings totaling over 600 citizens which provided an opportunity to meet and speak with over a dozen speakers and presentations by county directors and office holders.

Let me say, it is an honor to serve, and I am grateful to be your elected representative for our county. As your councilman, I wanted to share the experience and efforts of my time with you. I am proud of our accomplishments and the work to improve our community.

God Bless you and your family this Christmas Season, and have a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Brian Haskins (R), District 1
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BHaskins@jeffcomo.org

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

The holidays are a joyful time to spend with family and friends, but it's important to be safe while celebrating. Here are a few tips to consider during the holiday season.



TRAVEL

- Check the weather before you leave and pack appropriately.
- Always use safety belts and child safety seats.
- Never drink and drive.

COOKING

- Keep an eye on food when cooking. Most house fires start in the kitchen.
- Refrigerate hot or cold leftover food within two hours of being served.
- Keep raw meat away from fresh produce and prepared dishes.



DECORATING

- Turn off holiday lights at night or when you leave the house.
- Don't overload extension cords.
- Keep candles away from flammable materials.
- Keep your Christmas Tree watered, don't let your holiday tree dry out.
- Only use outdoor and indoor lights as indicated on their packaging.

SHOPPING

- Be cautious online, shop securely.
- Set strong passwords and change your password often.
- Shop in groups.
- Park your vehicle in a well-lit area.



GATHERING

- Make sure to have working smoke alarms throughout your home.
- Secure firearms, medications and any hazardous cleaning chemicals that may be accessible to children.

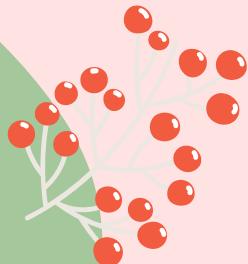
GIVING BACK WITH JEFFERSON COUNTY

JEFFCO SHOP WITH A COP

A program to provide gifts at Christmas for children in need attending participating Jefferson County, MO school districts.

Supported by 27 affiliated first responders, the organization has shopped for over 1,700 children in the last 5 years.

Learn more at their [Facebook page](#).



PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE GIFT GIVING PROGRAM

Many residents in nursing homes and residential care facilities in our county are indigent and have no family or friends. The purpose of the Gift Giving Program is to see that no one will be without a gift at their facility Christmas Party.



TOYS FOR TOTS

Jefferson County, MO - Government will have a Toys for Tots dropbox at the Administration Building, 729 Maple Street, Hillsboro, MO 63050. Some donation item examples are toys, books, backpacks, sporting equipment, electronics and board games. For questions contact Ashley Fears at 636-797-6168.

To learn more on how you can donate, visit the [Public Administrator's website](#).

