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JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI



NEWSLETTER

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OFFICES CLOSED

October 14, 2024
Columbus Day

November 11, 2024
Veterans Day

November 28, 2024
Thanksgiving Day

November 29, 2024
Friday after Thanksgiving Day

December 25, 2024
Christmas Day

January 1, 2025
New Year's Day

Purple Heart County

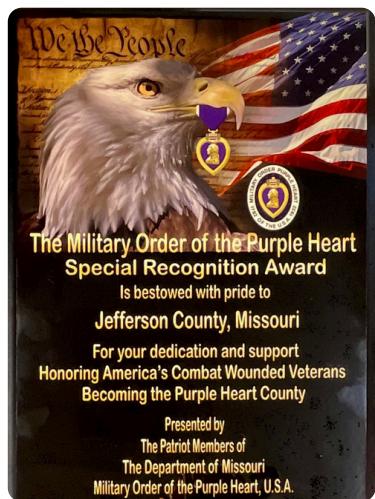


County Executive Dennis Gannon read a proclamation designating Jefferson County as a Purple Heart County during the July 8, 2024, County Council Meeting. The County Executive and members of the County Council signed the proclamation. Along with the proclamation, signage designating Jefferson County as a Purple Heart County will be placed along various state-maintained and county-maintained roads in Jefferson County.

Originally designed as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782, the Purple Heart is the oldest military award still in circulation today. It is the first medal or award for service in America that is offered to US Armed Forces members who have suffered injuries or made the ultimate sacrifice while engaged in conflict with a country that has been officially designated as the enemy of the US.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart's objectives are to support legislative efforts, encourage patriotism, create a friendly environment among combat wounded veteran members and their families, and, above all, ensure that we never forget.

"We appreciate the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients made in defending our freedoms," said County Executive Dennis Gannon. It is important that we acknowledge them for their courage and show them the honor and support they have earned.



At Jefferson County, MO – Government, we encourage the citizens of Jefferson County to show their appreciation for the sacrifice the Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms, to acknowledge their courage, and to show them the honor and support they have earned.

To learn more about the Military Order of the Purple Heart, visit purpleheart.org.

Roadwork Updates and Alerts

The County is currently engaged in multiple road development projects that are in various stages of execution. We prioritize the regular monitoring and maintenance of our roadways and the surrounding right-of-way, reflecting our dedication to improving transportation conditions for all residents and visitors in Jefferson County.

There are times we will need to provide notifications regarding any updates that could affect your commute, such as short-term road closures, the application of roadway markings, and preservation of pavement surfaces.



**JEFFERSON
COUNTY, MISSOURI
PUBLIC WORKS**



To ensure that you are kept up to date with the latest traffic conditions, it is advised to check the schedule for weekly road updates. This not only lets you know of potential delays but also allows for adjustments to your travel routes.

This information covers a range of topics related to road construction efforts, such as planned activities, meeting schedules, and potential bidding opportunities. It also includes important updates that are likely to affect the community, helping to keep everyone in the loop about changes and developments that could impact their surroundings and daily routines.

DID YOU KNOW?

Everyone has the opportunity to sign up for supplementary notifications that pertain to various aspects of local governance and infrastructure development! [Sign up today!](#)

The Walk Bike Master Plan is Moving Forward

The Walk Bike Plan that Jefferson County is developing will serve as a blueprint for safer areas for pedestrians and bicyclists to navigate around the county.

In mid-July, the Walk Bike Team organized a series of five focus groups aimed at collecting feedback on potential improvements for walking and biking in the community. These sessions brought together a diverse group of participants, each contributing unique perspectives and suggestions that highlighted the needs and desires for better walking and biking experiences.

On August 7th, an advisory panel met to discuss the findings and data that had been gathered up to that date. This meeting was an important opportunity for the panel to review all the relevant information and share insights on what had been discovered so far.

Additionally, on August 15th, the Pevely Days celebration featured a public engagement event that provided an excellent opportunity for community members to participate and voice their opinions.

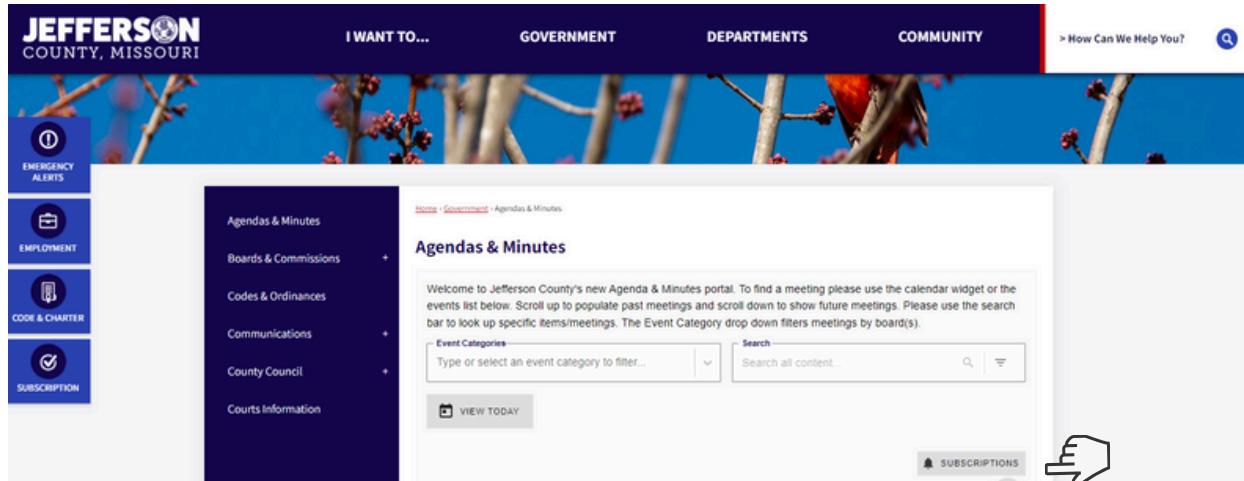


We'd love for you to stop by our Open House on October 24th to hear your ideas! Visit our [website](#) to stay up to date.

AMM is Live

On Monday, August 12, the County Council kicked off their first meeting with the new Agenda and Meeting Management system, signaling a new chapter in their approach to organizing and running their meetings. This innovative system streamlines the process, allowing for a more efficient way to manage meetings and ensuring that all relevant information is conveniently located in one place for everyone involved.

The introduction of this system is a game changer for the County Council, as it enhances transparency and accessibility for both council members and the public. With everything centralized, it not only simplifies the preparation for meetings but also makes it easier for attendees to stay informed and engaged with the proceedings.



If you want to stay in the loop about meetings, agendas, and minutes, just hit the [Subscription button](#) to get notifications.

GIS Updates

Get ready for some significant upgrades to our Geographic Information System (GIS)! Over the next few months, the system will undergo a major transformation, moving from outdated physical servers to modern virtual machines as well as a major ESRI software upgrade.

Why the Change?

Currently, GIS operates on two physical servers housed at the REJIS office. However, with advancements in technology and a significant new version of the ESRI software, it's been recommended to transition to virtual machines (software-based resources that run applications without relying on physical hardware). This change will not only keep us up to date but also enhance the performance and capabilities of our GIS. Many ESRI applications and processing currently used will be deprecated (no longer supported) without this software upgrade and requires a mandatory migration to provide this GIS technology to all users.

What Does This Mean for You?

County offices currently use internal GIS Viewers for data search and visualization. These tools, along with data editing performed by the Assessor's office's mapping division, the planning division in County Services, and the GIS division, will all be affected by the upgrade. The GIS division, which maintains the system and collaborates with all departments, will be tasked with recreating all internal GIS Viewers and applications post-upgrade.

One of the most popular tools, the [Property Viewer](#), along with other [GIS applications](#) available on the County Website (found under Home > Departments > Assessor > GIS Data/Maps), will be rebuilt. This upgrade is an opportunity to create a more robust application system, enhanced tools, and new GIS applications for both county employees and the public.

Stay Connected

If you experience any issues with GIS access, have specific data requests, or simply have questions, please reach out to GIS Coordinator Sandy Kost directly at skost@jeffcomo.org.

Stormwater Runoff



Why has stormwater runoff become such a problem?

Urbanization, increasing commercial and residential development have a great impact on local water resources. More impervious surfaces (roads, rooftops, parking lots and other hard surfaces that do not allow stormwater to soak into the ground) increase the rate of stormwater runoff. This means a greater volume of water carrying pollution into surface waters and less water soaking into the ground.

Where does stormwater go?

- Stormwater flows directly into our rivers, lakes, streams and the ocean or into a stormwater system through a storm drain which are located in parking lots and along the curbs of roadways. The grate that prevents larger objects from flowing into the storm sewer system is called a catch basin. Once below ground, the stormwater flows through pipes, which lead to an outfall where the stormwater usually enters a stream, river or lake.
- In some areas, the outfall may lead to a stormwater management basin. These basins control the flow and improve the quality of stormwater, depending on how they are designed. They can also recharge groundwater systems

Contaminants include:

- Cigarette butts, litter, and other debris from sidewalks
- Motor oil poured into storm sewers
- Pet wastes
- Settled air pollutants
- Yard wastes, pesticides and fertilizers from lawn care
- Sediments or chemicals

Less water soaking into the ground also lowers ground water levels, which can dry up streams and hurt stream ecosystems, and can reduce the supply of well water.

What are some simple changes I can make to protect our waters?

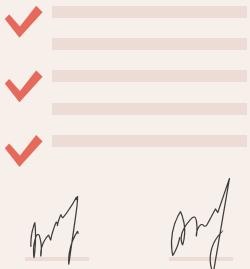
- Never dump contaminants (listed above) into the roadway or stormwater catch basins.
- Landscape your yard to minimize rainwater runoff and divert rain from paved surfaces onto grass to permit gradual infiltration.
- Preserve the established trees in your neighborhood, which help minimize the damage caused by surface runoff. Choose the appropriate plants, shrubs and trees for the soil in your yard; do not select plants that need lots of watering, which increases surface runoff.
- Consult your local nursery or your county's Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension office for advice on which plants, shrubs and trees will grow well in your yard.
- Excavation or grading with no erosion control measures in place to protect the waterways and or adjoining property.

Rain Events That Exceed Stormwater Systems Capabilities:

Flash floods are the most dangerous kind of floods, because they combine the destructive power of a flood with incredible speed. Flash floods occur when heavy rainfall exceeds the ability of the ground to absorb it. They also occur when water fills normally dry creeks or streams or enough water accumulates for streams to overtop their banks, causing rapid rises of water in a short amount of time. They can happen within minutes of the causative rainfall, limiting the time available to warn and protect the public.

Interested in learning more? Visit our [Stormwater page](#).

Marriage Licenses



In order to obtain a marriage license, you will need to complete your online application before visiting the Recorder's Office. You can do so by clicking on the following [link](#); this action will direct you to the necessary platform where you can complete your application.

This requirement ensures that the process is smooth and that all necessary documentation can be reviewed in a timely manner, allowing couples to proceed with their plans without unnecessary delays. You can make that appointment by calling 636-797-5414.

For additional information on obtaining your marriage license, please see the [Marriage License Information](#) document.

Poll Workers Needed

We are recruiting poll workers for this busy election year.

Responsibilities:

- Greeting voters
- Check Photo ID's
- Verify voter information
- Execute the ballot voting process

Benefits:

- Meet new people
- Serve your community
- Earn \$150 a day plus paid training

Qualifications:

- Be a registered voter
- Be able to serve the entire day
- Enjoy working with others

For more information, please contact the [County Clerk's Office](#) at 636-797-5486.



Animal Resource Center "Wish List"

The Animal Resource Shelter has a "Wish List" for new or pre-owned items to aid in taking care of sheltered animals.



Our "Wish List" includes the following:

- Blankets
- Bleach
- Cardboard pet carriers
- Dawn dish soap
- Wash cloths and hand towels
- Floor squeegees
- Pet Taxis
- Dog collars (size Medium and Large) and leashes
- Cat collars (easy release)
- Storage totes
- Plastic double sided cat food bowls
- Nyla bones or hard chew toys for dogs
- Cat toys
- Cardboard flats

Visit the [Animal Resource Center](#) page for more information.

If you would like more information on working at the Animal Resource Center, visit the [Human Resources](#) page.

Parks & Recreation

JEFFERSON COUNTY

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

FALL YOUTH BASKETBALL CAMP - COED

NOVEMBER 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

1ST - 3 RD GRADE

\$45

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM



4TH - 6TH GRADE

\$45

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

SACRED HEART GYM

200 BRIERTON LN, CRYSTAL CITY, MO 63019



Parks & Recreation
JEFFERSON COUNTY



JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION PRESENTS



REGISTER HERE!

COED REC VOLLEYBALL

Register today to join us Wednesday Nights!
6 people per team! (must have at least 2 women)
- Registration deadline is October 10th -

8 games plus playoff's for only \$250 per team -
first game is October 16th!!

High Ridge Elementary Gymnasium
2901 High Ridge Blvd, High Ridge, MO 63049

Parks & Recreation
JEFFERSON COUNTY

Parks & Recreation
jeffersoncountymo.parks

LIVE

Parks & Recreation
JEFFERSON COUNTY

is now on INSTAGRAM



The more fun you're having, the harder we're working!



WORDS FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

As we head into Q4 of 2024, it makes me think of all we have accomplished this past year. Our new Agenda and Meeting Management software is live and has received great feedback from employees and citizens. This software has allowed us to streamline our workflow and provide more transparency.



The Walk Bike Master Plan has kicked off and continues to move forward with great strides. I encourage all to attend the upcoming Open House on October 24 to ensure your voice is heard.

Additionally, we continue to move forward with the Visualize Jefferson County Master Plan, Community Development software and James Hardie.

The Jefferson County, Missouri Capital Program & Strategic Plan for 2025-2029 was presented to the County Council on August 1, 2024. This is a great presentation of what capital improvements we have made over the last year which include the much needed construction of our new Facility Department building and continued ADA repairs and upgrades to the Courthouse, Jail, Justice Center, and Administration Building. 2025's priority projects include an Outdoor Warning System, lighting and expanding kennels at our Animal Resource Center, and formulating conceptual plans for Courthouse and jail.

The holidays are just around the corner. Myself and all here at Jefferson County, MO - Government wish you and your loved ones a safe and merry holiday season.

Regards,
Dennis J. Gannon
County Executive



Explore the Natural Beauty



This holiday season, consider supporting your community by shopping at local businesses. Not only will you find unique gifts that you won't see in big chain stores, but you'll also be helping to boost the local economy and keep your neighborhood vibrant. So, why not explore the charming boutiques and markets in your area! You might just discover some hidden gems while spreading holiday cheer!



COUNTY COUNCIL CORNER



My name is Bob Tullock, and I have the privilege of serving as the County Councilman for District 7, and it has been an honor to represent your interests on the Jefferson County Council.

District 7 is largely rural, and many of my constituents value the opportunity to live, work, and enjoy life in Jefferson County. I am committed to supporting our families and businesses because, without your contributions, we wouldn't be able to enjoy the services that benefit us all.

Jefferson County is currently working on a new Master Plan that will guide the County's development in the years ahead. You have a voice, and it is important to let your elected officials know how you feel.

Since being elected, I have consistently advocated for our residents. I voted in favor of the Senior Citizen Tax Credit, co-sponsored a resolution to prohibit illegal immigration in our County, and I make it a priority to thoroughly study every bill and resolution that comes before the council for a vote.

As we face upcoming legislative challenges, it's important for me to hear from you. I meet regularly with the residents throughout District 7, as it's important to me to have a clear understanding of what is important to you.

As an example:

- What are your thoughts on developing private 55+ Retirement Communities across Jefferson County?
- Should the County focus more on addressing nuisance properties?
- How do you feel about high-density development?
- Would you support the pursuit of a county-wide airport, largely funded by federal and state grants, if it proves to bring economic benefits to our community?
- Should large developments be required to incorporate an apprenticeship training program within their development as a condition for approval?
- How are the roads, sidewalks, trails, and parks throughout Jefferson County?

Your opinions and suggestions are valued and will allow me to do a better job on the council. Please feel free to share your thoughts by emailing or calling my County cell phone.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative.

Bob Tullock, District 7
Phone: 636-535-3593
BTullock@jeffcomo.org

We're Hiring!

Animal Control Officer ([Animal Control](#))
Maintenance Worker ([Facility Management](#))
Deputy Juvenile Officer ([Juvenile Treatment Center](#))
Driver/Laborer I & II ([Public Works](#))

Great benefits. Career growth. Close to home.

APPLY AT JEFFCOMO.ORG/HUMANRESOURCES



JEFFERSON COUNTY
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.



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

TOY DRIVE

DECEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 19

Drop Off Locations:

Administration Building
729 Maple Street
Hillsboro

High Ridge Civic Center
2800 Community Lane
High Ridge

Donation Examples:

- Toys
- Books
- Board Games
- Back Packs
- Electronics
- Sports Equipment

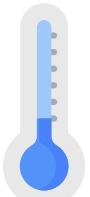


Jeffco Think 6 will be collecting old Christmas lights, artificial trees and other decorations that are no longer needed.



November 11 – January 31

Hillsboro Recycling Center
355 Elm Street, Hillsboro



If you or someone you know needs relief from the cold, please refer to the warming centers map for locations near you.

3RD ANNUAL

Jeffco Shop with A Cop

CHRISTMAS BINGO



DESIGNER BAG BINGO

Nov. 16, 2024

Doors open at 4 p.m.

Bingo starts at 6 p.m.

Meramec Arnold Elks Lodge

1515 Miller Rd. • Imperial, MO 63052



Benefits
Jeffco
Shop
with a Cop

\$40

Registration Includes

Buffet dinner including pasta, salad and garlic toast

Bingo & Games

10 Bingo Rounds

(1 winner per round)

Extra Opportunities

Raffle Items • 50/50

To reserve seating in advance, provide the name of the participant and mail a \$40 registration check to:
Festus Police Department
Attn: Jeffco Shop with a Cop
100 Park Ave. | Festus, MO 63028

Please make registration checks payable to:

Jeffco Shop with a Cop
For ticket/table inquiries, contact Jessica Griffaw at 636-535-8128
j.griffaw@hillsboromo.org



Sponsored by:
Meramec
Arnold Elks

Extra Game Sheets

1/\$10 • 3/\$25

- No outside alcohol
- Snacks allowed
- All you can drink
Premium/Rail - \$25

*Only 8 per table, no add-ons

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Jefferson County Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring its annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program from December 26, 2024, through January 20, 2025.

Please dispose of your natural Christmas Tree with us!

Recycling locations are as follows:

- Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge #1721 - 4 Elks Drive, Crystal City
- Pleasant Valley Nature Preserve - 6701 Twin Rivers Rd., Eureka
- Sunridge Park - 8093 Tower Road, Hillsboro
- Lower Courthouse Parking Lot - 300 Main Street, Hillsboro

A sign will designate the drop area for your tree at each location. For more information on this program, please call the Jefferson County Parks and Recreation Department at (636) 797-5334, or email us at parks@jeffcomo.org.

Need a ride?

WE CAN HELP!!!

- This is a free service for qualifying residents of Jefferson and Franklin County.
- Call 877-RID-EZMO (877-743-3966) and schedule your ride 48 hours before the date needed.
- If you would like to sign up to become a driver, apply through the [Jefferson Franklin Community Action Corporation](#)!

JEFFERSON COUNTY RECYCLING FAIR

Saturday, October 5, 2024
9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

High Ridge Elementary School
2901 Community Lane, High Ridge

FREE PAPER SHREDDING:

- Invoices
- Tax Records
- Credit Card Receipts
- Financial Records
- Legal Documents
- Cancelled Checks
- Outdated Business Records

JEFFERSON COUNTY RECYCLING ITEMS ALSO ACCEPTED:

Paper
Plastic
Glass
Cans
Cardboard

NEW VENDOR



WWW.STLHELP.ORG

Home medical equipment recycling.
Collecting wheelchairs, shower aids, canes, etc.

BONACKER FARMS

ACCEPTING
YARD
WASTE



Breakfast &
Lunch
Available For
Minimal Fee

Loot's
LUNCH CART
(314) 566-9256



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Cell Phone
Charger



First Aid Kit



Jumper Cables



Spare Tire



Flares



Water,
Snacks



Mittens,
Hat, Boots
Warm Clothes



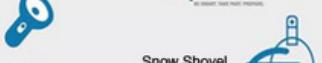
Flashlight



WHY?
BUILDING AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT
FOR YOUR CAR



AMERICA'S
PrepareAthon!
An Emergency Readiness Program



Snow Shovel
and Brush



Blankets



Sand or
Kitty Litter



Tow Rope

Make sure you have everything you might need in your car, work, and home before the winter storms hit. Ensure that pets and farm animals have access to the necessities in case of a winter storm.

For more Safety Weather Tips, please the [National Weather Service website](#).



REGISTER FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS
FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, MO

SCAN ME!



KEEPING CITIZENS INFORMED

As winter approaches, it's crucial to stay informed and prepared for changing weather conditions by signing up for notifications with Everbridge to receive updates.

It's easy to register, and you can choose between text, email, or phone call as your communication method. To register, either scan the QR code or visit the [Everbridge notification page](#).

This project is funded by the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District, the Jefferson County Storm Water Department and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. For more information, please call 636-797-6228