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# JEFFERSON

COUNTY, MISSOURI



# NEWSLETTER

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## OFFICES CLOSED

**January 20, 2025**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**February 12, 2025**

Lincoln's Birthday

**February 17, 2025**

President's Day

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Check our [website](#) for all upcoming meetings, agendas and journals.



# High Ridge Boulevard Pedestrian Sidewalk

On October 10th, a ceremonial ribbon-cutting event took place to mark the official inauguration of the newly constructed pedestrian sidewalk and the enhanced roadways along High Ridge Boulevard. This significant occasion represented the successful project led by Jason Jonas, the Director of Public Works for Jefferson County, in collaboration with his team. Their efforts were primarily aimed at enhancing pedestrian safety and accessibility within the community.

This project's completion is a result of the hard work and devotion of everyone involved, and it reflects a larger commitment to enhancing infrastructure and making pedestrian traffic safer. In addition to making it easier for people to move around on foot. The improvements also boost the neighborhood's general livability and connection.



The ribbon-cutting demonstrated the community's commitment to improving infrastructure for its citizens. Many community residents and stakeholders gathered to celebrate this important milestone, and County Executive Dennis Gannon and County Councilman Brian Haskins welcomed them all.

The event attracted a remarkable number of attendees, exceeding 200 individuals. This significant participation reflects a strong interest and engagement from the community, highlighting the event's importance and appeal.



Such a turnout demonstrates the public's enthusiasm and emphasizes the event's relevance in addressing pertinent issues. The high level of involvement serves as a testament to the event's successful outreach and impact.

The recent enhancements to the sidewalk and roadway are anticipated to create safer conditions for pedestrians, thereby encouraging increased foot traffic and supporting a healthier lifestyle among residents.

This initiative underscores the essential requirement for financial commitment towards public infrastructure that improves connectivity and mobility for every individual within the community. By prioritizing such investments, the initiative aims to create a more integrated and accessible environment, ensuring that all residents can benefit from enhanced transportation options and improved access to essential services.



# Walk Bike Master Plan Open House

On October 24th, the Walk Bike Jefferson County team hosted an Open House aimed at showcasing the potential transformations of local streets to enhance safety for pedestrians and cyclists. This event provided an excellent platform for attendees to gain insights into the current progress of the project, particularly focusing on the proposed draft network designed for walking and biking.



This interactive element not only highlighted the benefits of the planned infrastructure improvements but also encouraged public feedback and discussion. Overall, the event served as a vital step in fostering community involvement and support for the initiative, emphasizing the importance of creating safer routes for walking and biking throughout Jefferson County.



In addition to the informative presentations, the Open House featured a pop-up demonstration that allowed members of the public to visualize the proposed changes in a practical setting.



Keep up to date by visiting the [Walk Bike Jefferson County Master Plan website](#). You can use the website to provide comments and suggestions regarding the Master Plan or the planning procedure.

## Public Works Completed 1,748 Citizen Service Requests in 2024



For the year 2024, the Public Works Department successfully addressed a total of 6,933 work orders submitted internally. This comprehensive effort included the fulfillment of 402 service requests specifically related to Stormwater management, alongside 1,346 service requests pertaining to Highway and Traffic operations.

The wide range of services offered by the department demonstrates its dedication to serving the community and reflects a proactive approach to maintaining Jefferson County's roadways, bridges and infrastructure. Thank you to our Public Works department for your hard work and efficiently handling these requests for our community.

Our website's Public Works page allows you to make [service requests online](#).



# Real Property Tax Credit for Seniors

The Jefferson County Real Property Tax Credit for Seniors was established in response to enabling legislation from the Missouri General Assembly and enacted on February 15, 2024, by Jefferson County under Ordinance [#24-0132](#).

Starting March 1st, applications for the tax credit will be available to the public on [Jefferson County's website](#) and at the offices of the County Clerk and County Collector.

One of the qualifications for this tax credit is that applicants must be at least 62 years old as of January 1, 2024. For other qualifications, please see the [Collector's webpage](#).

In addition to the qualifications and timeframe for applying, there is also a list of frequently asked questions. The County is committed to making this process as user friendly as possible for the seniors of Jefferson County.

## Paying Late Taxes

The image shows a screenshot of the Jefferson County Property Tax Inquiry website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Shopping Cart', 'New Search', and 'Other Resources'. The main heading is 'wEdge Jefferson County Property Tax Inquiry'. Below this, there are two tabs: 'Parcel Search' and 'Personal Property Search'. The 'Personal Property Search' tab is selected. The search form includes an 'Account Number' field, an 'OR' separator, and an 'Owner Name' field. There is a checkbox for 'Search All Tax Years' which is checked. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Search' (green) and 'Clear Form' (blue).

Real Estate & Personal Property taxes became delinquent on January 1st. Per State Statute, Interest & penalty accrue monthly, and the interest increases 2% a month for 9 months of the year.

Payments may be made in person at the Collector's office, online at [www.jeffcomo.org](http://www.jeffcomo.org) (Collector's page), through the mail or by dropping in the drop box on the front of the Administration Building, 729 Maple Street, Hillsboro, MO 63050.

## 2025 Assessments Have Been Mailed

The Jefferson County Assessor's Office mailed hard copies of personal property assessment lists the first week of January 2025.

Per Missouri State Statutes, assessment lists are to be returned to the Assessor's office before May 1, 2025, to avoid late penalty.

Taxpayers still have the option to E-File their 2025 Assessment List. When you receive your 2025 Assessment list it will provide a link to the E-File website, account number and PIN.

If you do not receive a 2025 assessment list by the end of January, please contact the Assessor's Office at 636-797-5343 or [ppassessor@jeffcomo.org](mailto:ppassessor@jeffcomo.org).

**Assessments  
going in  
the mail!**





# Civic Development Launch

In August of 2024, we went Live with CivicPlus's Agenda and Meeting Management software which includes many enhancements to the agenda/meetings platform and has received significant positive feedback. As we are continuing to improve processes for business with our citizens and workflow for our employees, we anticipate launching CivicPlus's Civic Development software in the first half of 2025.

Civic Development, previously known as CivicGov, is a multi-module platform including permitting, licensing, Code Enforcement and Planning & Zoning.

The permitting and licensing modules will be the first to be implemented and will allow citizens to create an account to apply for liquor licenses, contractor licenses, and permits.

Citizens will also be able to pay and receive your license/permit online. Additionally, citizens will be able to track the progress of their applications throughout the process. This will allow for quicker processing, citizens to be more informed and reduction in human error.



We appreciate your patience as we work through this exciting transition.

If you have any questions, call or email Deputy Director of Administration Ashley Fears at 636-797-6168 or [afears@jeffcomo.org](mailto:afears@jeffcomo.org).

## Fetch Happiness, Adopt A New Friend

### Adoption

Jefferson County Animal Control requires adopters to be 18 years old and to meet the animal in person to ensure a perfect match for their household, with the option to bring along other pets to observe their interaction.

The adoption process is 20 minutes long and involves meeting the animal, filling out the Adoption Application, and working with the Rescue Coordinator. All animals must be spayed or neutered according to state laws. Adoptions typically occur within two to three business days, ensuring pets are ready for their new owners.

### Find Animals

If you're looking to adopt a furry friend, you can check out the animals available at the Animal Resource Center by visiting their [website](#) or Facebook page, [Jefferson County Animal Control, Missouri](#).

It's important to remember that new animals are taken in every day which means there is always a diverse selection of breeds, ages, and energy levels to choose from.

**Adoption Matchmaker**

HI THERE!  
I'M APOLLO

Age: 3 years old  
Sex: Male  
Weight: 60 pounds  
Coat Color: Brown splotchy with white chest

Single 3 year old neutered male  
seeking female human companion

**ABOUT ME**

I have been at the Animal Resource Center for OVER A YEAR searching for a home. I prefer females, but I am not against giving males a try. I may look all tough on the outside but on the inside I am a bit of a scaredy cat. I am sometimes apprehensive about new things, but as you can see by my pics a trip to McDonald's turns me into a wide-eyed fast-food eating machine. I am all about a good game of fetch and need someone who can handle my energy. If you think you're right for me, come adopt me today!

JEFFERSON COUNTY  
ANIMAL RESOURCE  
CENTER



# Barbagallo Says Goodbye To County Council



On December 19, 2024, Councilmember Gene F. Barbagallo, who has proudly served District 2, held his final council meeting, signaling the end of his tenure.

This gathering was filled with heartfelt acknowledgments from colleagues and constituents alike, who took the opportunity to express their appreciation for his unwavering commitment and the significant contributions he has made to the community during his time in office.

As he prepares to transition out of his role, he is set to hand over the responsibilities to Billy Crow, who is scheduled to assume his position on the County Council in January.

In a gesture of appreciation, Charles Groeteke, the Chair of the Council, presented Gene with a proclamation

that conveyed a thank you for his commitment and time spent serving on the council.



## Dan Stallman Retires, Tim Brown Steps In



At the end of September, Dan Stallman retired from his Jefferson County Council seat representing District 6. Dan was appointed by the County Council in January 2017. Throughout his tenure, Stallman demonstrated unwavering commitment, consistently dedicating his efforts to the Council's objectives.

Dan has significantly improved the quality of life for people living in District 6 and demonstrated a considerable commitment to the concerns of his constituents.

Councilman Stallman also took on the role of being a member of the Road Committee during the years of 2023-2024. His involvement further showing his dedication to take care of the infrastructure needs of the community, reflecting his ongoing commitment to improving the overall welfare of the citizens he

represents. His active participation in such committees highlights his proactive approach to governance and community service.

Tim Brown was appointed by the Council to take Dan Stallman's place. The first meeting with Brown who will serve as the Councilman for District 6, took place on October 15, 2024.

District 6 includes the southern portion of Jefferson County, which includes the cities of De Soto and Olympian Village along with parts of Hillsboro.

Please visit our [website](#) to learn more about the [Jefferson County Council](#) and the District you are in. Additionally, you have access to the agendas, journals, and upcoming Council meetings.





# R Parks & Recreation

## JEFFERSON COUNTY

**REGISTER FOR EVENTS**  
[JEFFCOMO.ORG/PARKS](http://JEFFCOMO.ORG/PARKS)

**PARKS PHONE NUMBER**  
**636-797-5334**

**CANCELLATION/INFORMATION HOTLINE:**  
**636-797-6101**

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Jefferson County has approximately 282 acres of parks and recreation space for public use. There are 12 county parks that include hiking trails, passive recreation space, fishing and boating opportunities and more.

The public has the ability to reserve fields for games and pavilions at various locations. All four fields are yours for the duration of the weekend, which covers Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, if you reserve them on Friday.

You may reserve our field and pavilion via the Parks and Recreation sections of our county website under the Facilities option.

*Tuesday Morning*  
**Yoga Flow**

Returning **01/07**

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9:00 - 10:00 am Every Tuesday

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 Website: [www.jeffcomo.org/parks](http://www.jeffcomo.org/parks)

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



# WORDS FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday.

With the new year ahead, I eagerly anticipate the upcoming selection process for the new leadership of the county council, as it represents a pivotal opportunity for our community. The establishment of a fresh leadership team is essential for fostering collaboration and driving progress in our initiatives.

Working in unison with the newly appointed leaders will be crucial as we strive to advance our goals and address the challenges facing our county. I am committed to contributing positively to this collaborative effort, ensuring that we collectively move forward in a manner that benefits all constituents.

An event that I look forward to each year is the State of the County Address, which takes place in February. This occasion provides me with a valuable platform to present the accomplishments we have achieved over the past year, as well as to outline the objectives we aim to pursue in the future for the benefit of our county.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to Northwest High School for their generous hospitality in hosting this important event this year. Their support plays a crucial role in facilitating our discussions and engaging the community in our shared vision for progress and development.

2025 is set to be a year filled with significant transformations and development. Exciting positive developments are on the horizon for Jefferson County, promising a continuation of the good things that have been unfolding here.

Regards,  
Dennis J Gannon  
County Executive

## JEFFERSON COUNTY GROWTH ASSOCIATION

*cordially invites you to the*

## STATE OF THE COUNTY *Jefferson County Plans for 2025*



Host this year  
Northwest High School  
Northwest R-1 School District

### Save the Date!

**February 17, 2025**

#### Location:

Northwest High School / 6005 Cedar Hill Road, 63016

#### Guest Speakers:

Northwest School District Superintendent, Dr. Jennifer Hecktor  
Jefferson County Growth Association President, Dan Govero  
Jefferson County Missouri Executive, Dennis Gannon

*Each year the JCGA welcomes hundreds of individuals to the Annual State of the County who work, live, and support Jefferson County Missouri. Come listen to the County Executive deliver the State of the County Address.*

This yearly event is transmitted live, enabling audiences to engage from the convenience of their residences. Participants can enjoy the experience without the need to attend in person, fostering a sense of inclusion and accessibility.

To access the live stream, individuals are encouraged to follow the [Jefferson County Growth Association](#) on Facebook or to visit their official [website](#) to obtain the necessary link.

# COUNTY COUNCIL CORNER

2025, can you believe it has been 25 years since Y2K. Think of all the advancements made in the last 25 years. Time really does fly.

That is true for me also. I cannot believe it has been almost a year since I became the County Councilwoman for District 3. I have committed to responding to the citizens in my district, answering their questions, and helping my community in any way I can. I have enjoyed attending meetings of the various county departments and ribbon cuttings of the new businesses coming to Jefferson County.

I want to mention several highlights of my year. I attended the 12-week Citizen's Academy, which is open to the public and shows how detailed our Sheriff's department is and its responsibilities. We can be proud of what our Jefferson County Sheriff's officers do daily to keep our communities safe.



My two favorites from the academy were my ride-along with Officer Gamm and the mock trial. Both were very informative and showed a different perspective of their duties. During the class, we toured the jail and courthouse. And, who can forget seeing the Bearcat up close and meeting the special canine officers? I highly recommend taking the time to participate in this informative program. It should be offered this spring. You can find more information by contacting the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department at [jcsd.org](http://jcsd.org).

Another highlight this year was attending the Jefferson County Growth Association Women's Storyteller events, which are held quarterly. We heard several excellent women speakers who gave inspiring talks to many women across the county. You can find more information at [jcgamo.org](http://jcgamo.org).

The most exciting achievement for me this year is the re-opening of the Aging Ahead Senior Center in Arnold. It has been over four years since the seniors in Arnold had a place to eat, socialize, have fun, and play bingo!

We meet every Monday and Wednesday from 12:15 to 2:15 at Jefferson College. Jessica Brownlie is our Aging Ahead Director. If you have any questions, you can call her at 314-413-1240. You can find more information on their [website](#).

*Lori Arons*

*County Councilwoman District 3*

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## Winter Storm Products

### 1. Winter Storm Warning

*Snow, sleet or ice expected! Take Action!*

Confidence is high that a winter storm will produce heavy snow, sleet or freezing rain and cause significant impacts.

### 2. Winter Storm Watch

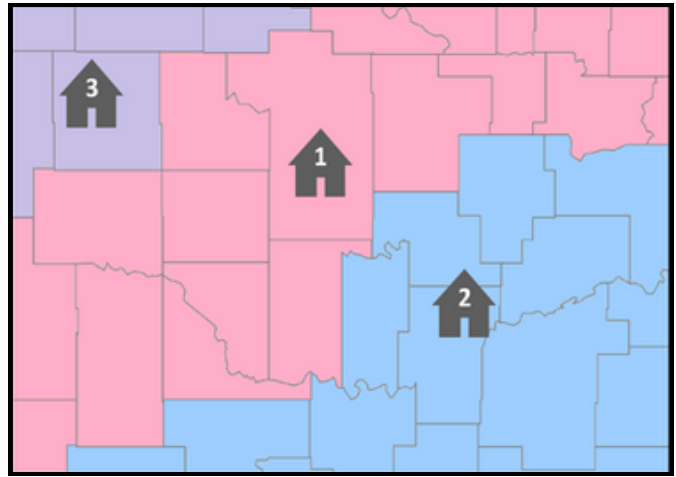
*Snow, sleet or ice possible! Be prepared.*

Confidence is medium that winter storm could produce heavy snow, sleet, or freezing rain and cause significant impacts.

### 3. Winter Weather Advisory

*Wintry weather expected. Exercise caution.*

Light amounts of wintry precipitation or patchy blowing snow will cause slick conditions and could affect travel if precautions are not taken.



## WARMING CENTERS IN JEFFERSON COUNTY WINTER 2024/2025

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	HOURS
Jefferson County Library District	1701 Missouri State Road Arnold, MO 63010	636-296-2204	Mon – Thu: 9AM-8PM Fri – Sat: 9AM-5PM
Jefferson County Health Dept	1818 Lonedell Road Arnold, MO 63010	636-282-1010	Mon – Thu: 8AM-5:30PM
Jefferson County Library District - Windsor	7479 Metropolitan Boulevard Barnhart, MO 63012	636-461-1914	Mon – Thu: 9AM-8PM Fri: 9AM-5PM Sat: 9AM-5PM
Jefferson County Library District- Cedar Hill	6780 Mall Drive Cedar Hill, MO 63016	636-551-1020	Mon – Thu: 9AM-8PM Fri: 9AM-5PM Sat: 9AM-5PM
De Soto Public Library	712 South Main Street DeSoto, MO 63020	636-586-3858	Mon – Wed: 9AM-6PM Tues, Thu, Fri: 9AM-5PM Sat: 9AM-1PM
St. Andrews United Methodist Church	1004 Rock Road DeSoto, MO 63020	636-586-2472	Mon – Thu: 9AM-2PM
Festus Public Library	400 West Main Street Festus, MO 63028	636-937-2017	Mon – Thu: 9AM-7PM Fri: 9AM-5PM Sat: 9A-2PM
Jefferson County Library District	5678 State Road PP High Ridge, MO 63049	636-677-8689	Mon – Thu: 9AM-8PM Fri: 9AM-5PM Sat: 9AM-5PM
Jefferson County Library District NW	5680 State Road PP High Ridge, MO 63049	636-677-8186	Mon – Thu: 9AM-8PM Fri: 9AM-6PM Sat: 9AM-5PM
Jefferson County Health Department Hillsboro	405 Main Street Hillsboro, MO 63050	636-797-3737	Mon – Fri: 8AM-5:30PM

\*INFORMATION PROVIDED BY UNITED WAY 2-1-1. | Updated as of 12/05/2024



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TRAFFIC, MISSING PERSONS, & MORE




## CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING


**December 26 – January 15**

**FREE**

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



## Staying **warm** when the power is out



- Close blinds or curtains to keep in some heat.
- Close off rooms to avoid wasting heat.
- Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing.
- Eat and drink. Food provides energy to warm the body. Avoid caffeine and alcohol.
- Stuff towels or rags in cracks under doors.

## Frostbite & Hypothermia: Know Your Actions



If someone might have frostbite or hypothermia, seek medical attention immediately!



Get to a warm area



Remove wet clothing



Warm up with dry layers of blankets or clothing



Place skin affected by frostbite in warm water (NOT hot)



**Frostbite Caution:** Do not use fireplaces or artificial heat sources for warming. Do not rub or put pressure on areas with frostbite.



If you must venture outdoors during extreme cold this winter, dress in layers. Cover exposed skin to reduce your risk of frostbite or hypothermia.

Try to seek shelter from the wind as much as possible while outside. Once inside again, change into dry clothing immediately if you are wet.

Watch for frostbite and hypothermia and take immediate action upon the first detection of either.



Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour Saturday night.

## TIME CHANGE

**Sunday  
March 9, 2025**

Now is also a good time to replace the batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.



## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS SPRING FORWARD

