



# JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

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# NEWSLETTER

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## OFFICES CLOSED

**July 04, 2025**  
*Independence Day*

**September 01, 2025**  
*Labor Day*

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Check our website for all upcoming meetings, agendas and journals.

# Project Redbird (South) Phase 2



Project Redbird (South) Phase 2 is one of the transportation infrastructure projects needed to support the major industrial development of the James Hardie manufacturing facility, as well as enhance accessibility for local traffic.

The purpose of the project is to build a much-needed connection between the existing and recently rebuilt Castle Acres Road and Calvary Church Road. The improvements include grading and construction of a new asphalt pavement section up to the crossing of Plattin Creek, and

building a 235-foot span concrete girder bridge. This estimated \$5 million project is expected to be completed in late fall of 2026.

For the latest updates on all Project Redbird plans, please visit [Project Redbird Plans](#).

## County Roadwork Ahead

Annually, Jefferson County undertakes approximately 60 miles of pavement surface preservation on our county roads. Chip seal paving, also known as chip and seal or asphalt surface treatment, accounts for around 50 miles of this effort. The process involves applying a layer of asphalt emulsion or binder to a paved surface, followed by a layer of crushed stone chips. The procedure aims to seal cracks, provide a new driving surface, and protect the underlying pavement from weathering.

The process of chip sealing a road is usually accomplished in 1-2 days depending on the length of the road and its distance from the stockpile of rock. A notice of work being performed is posted on the roadway typically 2 weeks in advance. Work Zone signage is placed during the workday as well as flaggers directing traffic during the job process. The speed limit is reduced to 20mph on the roadway for the safety of the workers and to help reduce accidents to those traveling the roadway.

Excessive rock is put down on the roadway to ensure the seal is completely covered; however, it can pose risks if precautions are not taken. If drivers are speeding, the chips can be slung from the tires on their vehicles and cause damage to oncoming traffic as well as the workers performing their duties. Signs are posted notifying the public of 'Fresh Oil / Loose Gravel' as well as lowered speed limits to 10mph slower than the posted speed, as per federal guidance.



The chip seal process can cause dusty conditions, as well as the possibility to get oil/tar/chips on your vehicle, if driven through at high speeds. If you do get oil on your vehicle, simply use WD-40 to remove it. The emulsion usually cures within a couple of days.

The County sweeps up excess chips within 5 days. The result is a low-cost, high benefit roadway that will look good, drive well and last for years to come. In conclusion, drive slowly, avoid driving in the fresh oil, obey the flaggers, and use alternate routes if possible.

Make sure to visit the Public Works page on our website for [weekly project updates](#).

# Old Lemay Ferry Road Phase 5 Improvements

Jefferson County Public Works has another section of Old Lemay Ferry Road to be improved for the safety of motorists. This section of improvements is from Vogel Road to Spring Forrest Road. Jefferson County plans to continue the improvements that were constructed 2 years ago just North of Spring Forrest.

These improvements add 5 foot paved shoulders on both sides of Old Lemay Ferry Road. Currently there are steep ditches adjacent to the roadway, and the new improvements will also include enclosed drainage with concrete curb and gutter along the East side, and portions of the West side of the road.

A left-hand turn lane will also be added to Adobe Drive for the residents traveling Southbound on Old Lemay Ferry turning into the Buena Vista Subdivision. The addition of guardrail will also be placed where needed at a few of the steep drop offs.

Utility relocations will continue through the summer which include underground AT&T, Charter, and Spire Gas Lines to make room for the said improvements. Construction will take place later this fall with the awarded contractor – Jokerst Paving out of Festus, MO.



## 2025 County Road Striping Program

The Jefferson County Public Works Department has finalized the scope of our 2025 county road striping plan. In general, we intend to restripe yellow centerline pavement markings on all County-maintained roads this year, as well as all white edgeline pavement markings on roads bound to the North by State Route M/MM and bound to the West by MO Route 30. This equates to over 4 million linear feet of yellow centerline and 2.3 million linear feet of white edgeline paint stripe. In addition, approximately 2,600 linear feet of stop bars, 1,100 linear feet of crosswalks and hundreds of directional symbols will be repainted this year.



The County has contracted with America's Parking Remarking out of St. Louis, Missouri to perform this work the week of June 2nd (or June 9th depending on weather). The project should take our contractor approximately 3 to 5 weeks to complete all the striping. This work is very weather-dependent, so it may take longer. Most traffic paint striping activities should be completed by mid-July 2025.

The striping operation includes a striping truck, then a trailing vehicle to warn of wet paint, and then a county vehicle at the rear to assist the operation and increase drying time. The entire striping operation travels at about 10 MPH. We understand that getting stuck behind the striping operation could cause an inconvenience; however, it is strongly recommended that vehicles do not try to pass the striping operation. Driving on wet paint makes a mess of your vehicles, as well as our county roads.

The striping operation is marked with signs that advise motorists of the presence of wet paint. The County recommends that vehicles stay within their lanes and keep behind the striping operation's trailing vehicle. Depending on temperature and humidity levels, it usually takes about 2 to 3 minutes for the paint to dry. In rare cases it can take a few minutes longer. If the public happens to get paint on their vehicles, the County suggests that they try to remove it with WD-40 as quickly as possible prior to contacting the County or contractor to make a claim for damages.

# Jefferson County Recognized as a Blue Shield County

Jefferson County was recently honored as the first county to earn the Blue Shield designation. This recognition is part of Governor Mike Kehoe's Safer Missouri initiative, which supports communities through state grants for law enforcement training and equipment.

Established under [Executive Order 25-03](#), the Missouri Blue Shield Program recognizes communities that demonstrate a strong commitment to public safety, support for law enforcement, and the development of lasting safety partnerships.



Blue Shield communities are eligible to receive funding—drawn from a \$10 million grant pool administered by the Department of Public Safety.

For more information on the Missouri Blue Shield Program, you can visit Governor Mike Kehoe's [website](#).

## Annual Land Sale



In accordance with state statute, the Collector's Office will conduct the annual tax sale on Monday, August 25, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. The sale will be held at the Administration Center, located at 729 Maple Street, Hillsboro, MO 63050. Properties with tax delinquencies of three years or more will be offered for sale.

Those wishing to participate must obtain a bid number during the week of August 19, 2025. Bid numbers will not be issued on the day of the sale. To be eligible to bid, all Real Estate and Personal Property taxes registered in your name must be paid in full.

All properties are sold to the highest bidder at the auction, and payment must be made that day by cash, check or credit card (credit card convenience fees will apply). Bid packets are available on our website or may be picked up in person at the Collector's Office, 729 Maple Street, Hillsboro, MO 63050.

Additional information, including a list of properties and FAQ can be found on our [website](#).

## Board of Equalization Appeals

If you believe your personal property assessment is incorrect, start by contacting the Assessor's Office before filing an appeal. To initiate the appeal process, you will need to obtain an appeal application from the County Clerk's Office.

Once the County Clerk's Office receives your completed appeal form, a hearing will be scheduled with the Board of Equalization. All appeal forms must be submitted to the County Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on July 14, 2025. Forms sent by mail must be postmarked by the same deadline. Appeals will not be scheduled until all required forms have been received. Incomplete or missing forms may result in dismissal.

If you plan to submit written testimony or evidence, please provide five copies: one for each Board member (3), one for the Secretary, and one for the Assessor's Office. Board of Equalization meetings are held as needed in the Assembly Room of the Administration Center. Taxpayers are welcome to attend. To confirm meeting times or for questions about the appeal process, please call 636-797-5486.

All correspondence with the Board must go through the Secretary of the Board of Equalization. Contacting Board members directly outside of official meetings is not permitted.

For additional information on the Board of Equalization, visit the County [website](#).

# Kimmswick Park Ribbon Cutting



In April, the Parks and Recreation Department teamed up with the Port Authority to celebrate the ribbon cutting of the new park in Kimmswick, which is located in District 4.

The new pavilion, playground, and comfort station are open and ready for everyone to enjoy. Let the fun begin!

Local residents and officials came out to show their support and enthusiasm for the new park giving the community a new place to relax, play, and enjoy the outdoors. For added convenience, the pavilion has a QR code that directs visitors to an online reservation system where they can check availability and secure a time that fits their schedule.

Parks are more than just places to play—they help people stay healthy, bring communities together, and even support the local economy. They also protect our green spaces and offer peaceful spots where people can unwind and enjoy the outdoors.

We're excited to see this space become a place where memories are made.



Learn more about the Jefferson County Parks and Recreation Department, by visiting our [website](#).

## National Vietnam War Veterans Day



On March 29, 2025, County Executive Dennis Gannon presented a proclamation to the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) in honor of Vietnam War Veterans.

The Vietnam War, which began in 1955, saw U.S. involvement from 1962 to 1973. At its peak in 1969, over 500,000 American troops were stationed in Vietnam. More than 9 million Americans served during the conflict, with 2.7 million deployed to Vietnam.

The war claimed 58,260 American lives, including 1,418 from Missouri and 30 from Jefferson County. Many veterans returned to a divided nation and faced public criticism.

To honor them, March 29 is observed as "National Vietnam War Veterans Day" in Missouri and other states, a day recognized by Congress in 2017.

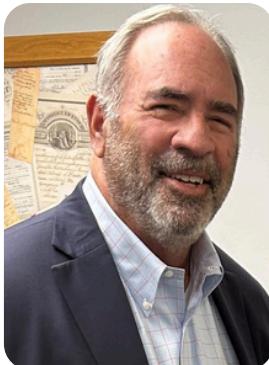
### Did you know?

The Municipal Building—also referred to as the Justice Center—is located at 400 First Street, Hillsboro, MO 63050. It is home to several essential county departments, including the County Counselor's Office, Juvenile Office, Municipal Court, and the Sheriff's Office. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information, visit the department pages: [County Counselor](#) | [Municipal Court](#) | [Juvenile Office](#) | [Sheriff's Office](#).



# WORDS FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE



There are great things happening here in Jefferson County.

With the recent announcement from Ameren Missouri and the exciting news about their reinvestment in the former Rush Island Power Plant to create a new hybrid energy center combining natural gas and energy storage, Jefferson County is proud to support this transformative project.

This major investment in Jefferson County is yet another sign that our community is a willing partner in progress and innovation. We welcome this bold initiative as a vital step toward securing a cleaner and more reliable energy future. The forward-thinking leadership of Ameren Missouri should be applauded for recognizing the potential of this site and for committing to a vision that aligns with both environmental responsibility and economic opportunity. Jefferson County stands ready to support this project and looks forward to the lasting benefits it will bring to our region.

Over the past year, we've also made several updates to improve how we serve our residents. Many of these changes were driven by feedback from citizens, staff, and our County Council. One major improvement is our new agenda management system, which makes it easier to access important information.

Agendas now include attachments, meeting recordings are timestamped by agenda item, and a live voting display is available both in person and online. We also updated the Assembly Room with new equipment to make meetings more organized and accessible for everyone—whether you're attending in person or tuning in from home.

Whether you live here, work here, or do business here, now is a great time to be part of Jefferson County.

Regards,  
Dennis J Gannon  
County Executive

## We're Hiring!

Custodian (**Facility Management**)

Deputy Juvenile Officer (**Juvenile**)

Maintenance Laborer (**Parks & Recreation**)

Mechanic/Welder (**Public Works**)



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# 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**

**FOLLOW US ON**  
**FACEBOOK**

THE JEFFERSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION IS PROUD TO HOST THE ANNUAL



**SUNDAY. SEPTEMBER 21, 2025**  
RACE STARTS AT 08:00 AM

**Northwest Sports Complex -**  
4900 Byrnesville Rd., House Springs, MO 63051

**5k - \$20** thru 8/31 **10 Mile - \$30** thru 8/31  
Increases \$5 on September 1, 2025

**Register BY AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup> to guarantee a race shirt**

**Day of Registration:**  
6:30 am - 7:30 am (cash or check)

**Register now at <https://raceroster.com>**

636-797-5334

 [PARKS@JEFFCOMO.ORG](mailto:PARKS@JEFFCOMO.ORG)

## YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE GRADES PRE K - 6

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**  
**AUGUST 24TH**

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



**High Ridge Civic Center:**  
(Pavilion 1 - Small)  
2800 Community Ln,  
High Ridge, MO



**High Ridge Civic Center:**  
(Pavilion 2 - Large)  
2800 Community Ln,  
High Ridge, MO



**North West Sports Complex:**  
4900 Byrnesville Rd,  
House Springs, MO



**Sunridge Park:**  
8900 Tower Rd,  
Hillsboro, MO



**Pleasant Valley:**  
6701 Pleasant Valley Rd,  
Eureka, MO



**Kimmswick Pavilion:**  
6090 Mississippi  
Imperial, MO

## PAVILION RENTALS

Planning a gathering? Our 6 beautiful pavilions are available for rent all summer long! Perfect for picnics, parties, and special events.



**Reserve your spot today!**

**Saturday's starting September 6<sup>th</sup>:**

3 practices - 5 games

**2 locations to choose from:**

Northwest Sports Complex  
Festus - Baptist Park

## SILVER SNEAKERS

### BOOM MIND

Strength, Confidence and Flexibility. Mind takes the best of yoga and Pilates and combines them into one fusion class.

### CIRCUIT

This is a body strength workout using hand weights, elastic bands and alternates with low impact aerobic choreography.

### STRENGTH & BALANCE

A class, designed for Seniors, to improve strength, balance and flexibility!

### CHAIR YOGA

Get ready to move through a complete series of seated and standing yoga poses.

### FULL BODY FITNESS

Strengthen and Tone from head to toe in this class. Free weights, movement, and balance will be used to increase range of movement and muscle strength. All fitness levels are welcome!



### VINYASA FLOW YOGA

Build strength, flexibility, and focus in this fast-paced, energizing class. Modifications offered for all levels. Get ready to sweat and flow!

# CLASS SCHEDULE

## **HIGH RIDGE CIVIC CENTER**

### Monday

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM Silver Sneakers Boom Mind

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM Cardio Strength

7 PM – 8 PM Zumba

### Tuesday

9 AM – 10 AM Yoga Flow

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM Silver Sneakers Circuit

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM HIIT

6 PM – 7 PM Vinyasa Flow Yoga

### Wednesday

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM Silver Sneakers Strength & Balance

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM Silver Sneakers Circuit

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM HIIT

6 PM – 7 PM Vinyasa Flow Yoga

### Thursday

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM Gentle Yoga

Silver Sneakers Chair Yoga

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM HIIT

6 PM – 7:30 PM Martial Arts: Taekwondo

### Friday

Silver Sneakers  
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM Full Body Fitness

### Saturday

8 AM – 8:45 AM Fitness Flow Yoga

9 AM – 10 AM Restorative Yoga

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Stay active, inspired, and connected all year long with our Parks & Recreation ongoing programs!

# PET SAFETY AND FIREWORKS

## KEEP YOUR PETS INDOORS

Do not allow your pets outside during the fireworks.

## PROVIDE A SECURE SPACE

Create a safe and comfortable space for your pets, like a room in your home or a kennel, to help them feel at ease.

## MAKE SURE YOUR PETS HAVE PROPER ID TAGS

If your pet gets frightened and runs off, ensure they have a collar with current contact information.

## MICROCHIP YOUR PETS

Microchipping is the most reliable form of identification. Be sure to keep your contact information updated with the microchip provider.

Jefferson County Animal Control can microchip your pets for \$10.

## WALK YOUR PETS EARLIER IN THE DAY

Some pets become too scared to go outside when the fireworks begin.

### Jefferson County Animal Resource Center

4848 State RT 30  
House Springs, MO 63051  
636-797-5577



## **NOTICE TO READERS: INJURIES FROM FIREWORKS**

Fireworks are a popular way to celebrate Independence Day on July 4th in the U.S. Each year, about 8,500 people go to the emergency room because of fireworks injuries.

Most of these injuries—about 70% to 75%—happen between June 23 and July 23. Children under 14 make up about 40% of those hurt, and boys aged 10 to 14 are the most at risk. Men are three times more likely to be injured than women.

The most common injuries affect the hands, face, and eyes. People handling fireworks are more likely to be seriously hurt than those just watching.

Additional information about fireworks safety: Visit the [CDC Website](#)

# COOLING CENTERS IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	HOURS
Jefferson County Health Dept	1818 Lonedell Road Arnold, MO 63010	636-282-1010	Mon – Thu: 8AM-5:30PM
Jefferson County Library District – Arnold	1701 Missouri State Road Arnold, MO 63010	636-296-2204	Mon – Thu: 9AM-8PM Fri – Sat: 9AM-5PM
Salvation Army Jefferson County	3740 Telegraph Road Arnold, MO 63010	636-464-0787	Mon – Thu: 8:30AM – 3:30 PM
Jefferson County Library District – Barnhart	7479 Metropolitan Blvd 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
Crystal City Public Library	736 Mississippi Avenue Crystal City, MO 63019	636-937-7166	Mon – Thu: 9AM – 8PM Fri – Sat: 9AM – 5PM
Aging Ahead Quad Cities Senior Center	221 Bailey Road Crystal City, MO 63019	800-243-6060	Mon – Fri: 8AM – 4PM
De Soto Public Library	712 South Main Street De Soto, MO 63020	636-586-3858	Mon – Wed: 9AM-6PM Tues, Thu, Fri: 9AM-5PM Sat: 9AM-1PM
Festus Library Public Library	400 West Main Street Festus, MO 63028	636-937-2017	Mon – Thu: 9AM-7PM Fri: 9AM-5PM Sat: 9A-2PM
Jefferson County Health Department - Hillsboro	405 Main Street Hillsboro, MO 63050	636-797-3737	Mon – Fri: 8AM-5:30PM
Jefferson County Library District – Northwest	5680 State Road PP High Ridge, MO 63049	636-677-8186	Mon – Thu: 9AM-8PM Fri: 9AM-6PM Sat: 9AM-5PM
Jefferson County Library District – Central Office	5678 State Road PP High Ridge, MO 63049	636-677-8689	Mon – Thu: 9AM-8PM Fri: 9AM-5PM Sat: 9AM-5PM
Aging Ahead House Springs Senior Center	6180 Highway MM House Springs, MO 63051	800-243-6060	Mon – Fri: 8AM – 2 PM

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[www.showmejeffcoevents.com](http://www.showmejeffcoevents.com)

The Jefferson County Tourism Commission is dedicated to boosting the county's economy by promoting travel and tourism, generating increased revenue and supporting local businesses in the process.

# Air quality impacts your health

Avoid spending time outdoors when air quality is poor.



Ground-level ozone ( $O_3$ ) forms when nitrogen oxides ( $NO_x$ ) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) react in sunlight and heat.

Emissions from vehicles, industries, and solvents are major sources. Even low levels of ozone can cause lung irritation, asthma attacks, and other respiratory problems.

Check the air quality in your area:

[AirNow.gov](http://AirNow.gov)

[weather.gov/airquality](http://weather.gov/airquality)

Summer is in full swing, with temperatures soaring to record-breaking highs.

If you or someone you know needs relief from the heat, make sure to visit the [Department of Health and Senior Services website](#) for cooling centers in your area.

**LEARN MORE:**

[www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov)

[www.weather.gov/safety/](http://www.weather.gov/safety/)

## PROTECT YOURSELF FROM HEAT & SUN



Drink plenty of **water** and avoid alcohol. Beverages with electrolytes can also help protect against heat stress.



Apply **sunscreen** (SPF 30 or higher) every two hours.



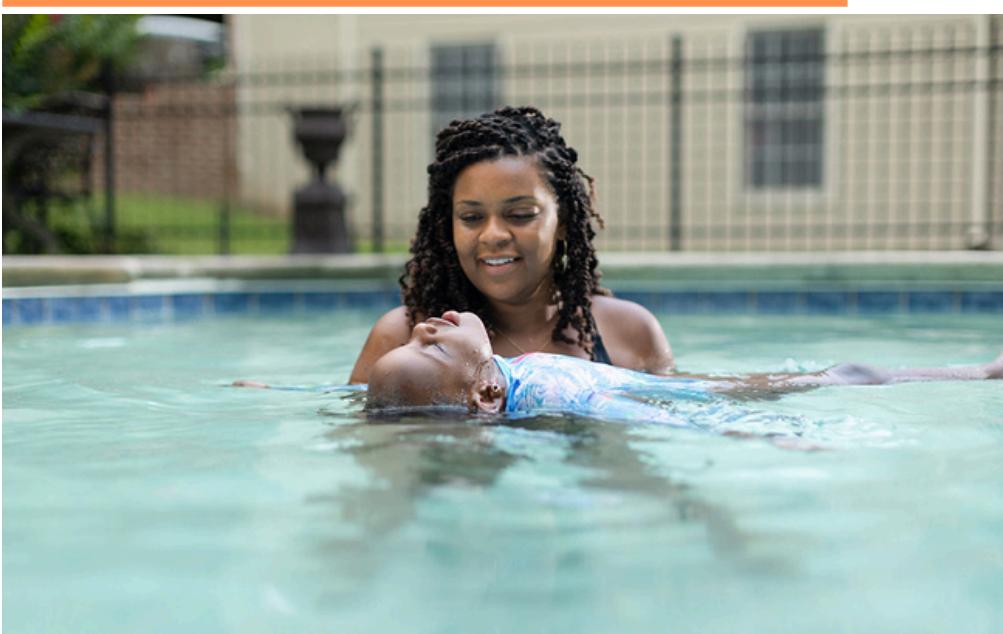
Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, and **light-colored clothing**.



Take regular breaks in the **shade**.



weather.gov 



Keeping kids safe around water helps everyone enjoy summer.

Drowning is the top cause of death for ages 1–4 and second for ages 5–14. It's quick, silent, and can happen anywhere—pools, lakes, bathtubs, even buckets.

Learn more about swimming safety:

[Summer Swim Safety](#)

[Drowning Data](#)