



# JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

# NEWSLETTER

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## OFFICES CLOSED

**October 13, 2025**

*Columbus Day*

**November 11, 2025**

*Veterans Day (Observed)*

**November 27, 2025**

*Thanksgiving Day*

**November 28, 2025**

*Friday after Thanksgiving*

**December 25, 2025**

*Christmas Day*

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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

# Jefferson County Stream Clean

The Jefferson County Stream Team, led by the Stormwater Division, hosts monthly clean-up events to remove trash and litter from our local waterways. We're always looking for new volunteers! This is a great way to support the environment and for students to earn A+ community service hours.



## Why Should I Be Concerned About Polluted Streams?

Streams provide a natural habitat and food source for countless animals, fish, and aquatic life. When polluted, streams lose their ability to sustain life. Pollution slowly kills the stream and everything that depends on it. These pollutants contaminate the water, disrupt the reproductive cycles of fish, and destroy the surrounding riparian corridor. Once this ecosystem collapses, the stream dies.

### Common sources of stream pollution include:

- Sediment from unchecked erosion
- Debris from construction sites
- Dumped tires and scrap metal
- Herbicides and pesticides
- Illegal disposal of paint and chemicals



### Drinking Water Supplies

Pollution doesn't just harm wildlife, it affects us, too. Chemicals such as antifreeze, detergents, and oils alter the very makeup of our water. This not only devastates aquatic life but also contaminates drinking water supplies, leading to immeasurable economic and environmental losses.

### Join The Jefferson County Stream Clean Team!

Whether you're looking to make a positive impact in your community or just enjoy some time outdoors, there's a place for you on our team.

Get involved! Learn more about stormwater by visiting our Stream Clean event [website](#) or email [stormwater@jeffcomo.org](mailto:stormwater@jeffcomo.org)

## New Community Development Software is Now LIVE!

We're excited to announce the launch of our new **Community Development software**, a comprehensive solution for Planning, Permitting, Contractor and Liquor Licensing, and Code Enforcement.

Formerly known as CivicGov, this all-in-one platform empowers applicants to:

- Apply for permits and licenses
- Pay invoices
- Schedule inspections
- Track application progress – all **online**

Whether in the office or in the field, this powerful tool improves collaboration, streamlines workflows, and eliminates manual processes. With streamlined routing and real-time updates, staff can reduce risk, increase productivity, and deliver faster, more transparent service to the community.

### Create an account through our Citizen Portal and get started today:

- [Permitting, Planning, and Contractor License Citizen Portal](#)
- [Liquor License Citizen Portal](#)

NOW LIVE!

## PERMITS, LICENSES, P & Z



Online Citizen Portal  
1. Create account  
2. Apply and pay



# Project Redbird (South) Phase 3

Project Redbird (South) Phase 3 is a continuation of the multiple 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 roundabout at the Interchange Exit 170 of Interstate 55 and US 61. This project is a safety improvement that was a result of multiple rounds of engagement with the public about additional measures that would make the area safer in the interim and in the future with increased traffic loads.

The roundabout will consist of concrete pavement with a mountable truck apron; it will be integral with River Cement Road preventing traffic from making left turns across multiple lanes and overall slowdown traffic as it enters an area with multiple potential crossings.

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

## Saline Road Safety Improvements Project (Phase 2)



Saline Road from Northwest Boulevard to 1925 Saline Road, near Hermitage Drive, will be under construction soon following the bidding process and award of the project. The safety project includes adding 4' shoulders along the Saline segment to help keep motorists on the roadway.

Additionally, rumble strips and guardrail will be placed. Two box culverts will receive extensions on both sides of the roadway while the box culvert located near Vince Ann Drive will only be extended on one side. Driveway pipes, inlets, a retaining wall, and gutters will be installed to improve drainage. Signage will be replaced to meet MUTCD codes.

## Gravois Road Updates

Big improvements have recently started on the Gravois Northwest School Road adjacent to the Northwest Valley Middle School and House Springs Elementary School. The contractor, Infrastructure Management, started work on the project on August 18th, and plans to have construction wrapped up by late Spring of 2026.

In years past, there have been many accidents along this stretch of roadway and the Public Works staff have identified many areas to make this section of roadway safer for not only motorists, but also pedestrians. We noticed quite a few crashes on Gravois Road and determined that by adding a two-way left-turn lane, especially for those busy a.m. drop-offs and p.m. pick-up times, coming in and out of the school would reduce the majority of the rear-end crashes.

Additional construction features included within the project, but are not limited to, are concrete curb and gutter sections that will include enclosed storm sewers and drainage structures on the east (school) side of the roadway, a red-stamped concrete buffer between the edge of the roadway and the shared-use path, new streetscape street lighting through the project, modular block retaining walls, pedestrian fencing, new concrete base repairs, and a new ultra-thin bonded wearing surface for a new smooth surface.

Another added improvement to this section of roadway is the new addition of a 10' shared-use path for pedestrians. The shared-use path will connect the bus garage to the school campus, while also providing direct connectivity to the adjacent subdivisions to the school campus.

# Old Lemay Ferry Road (Phases 3 & 4)

Work continues on this section of Old Lemay Ferry Road, from Kneff Road to approximately 0.4 miles south of Regency Woods Place. Our contractor, Above and Below Contracting, has completed placing rock blanket on the large slope north of Frisco Hill Road, and has been working on the widening of the roadway base through the curve.

They are also working on culvert extensions throughout the project. Milling of the existing roadway to facilitate the new surface began at the end of August.



Additional utility adjustments have become a challenge to the work and has necessitated an extension of the road closure north of Frisco Hill Road. For the portion of the road south of Frisco Hill Road, utility work continues which has slowed progress of the road work. The contractor is working on plan revisions to the retaining wall that should reduce the construction impact on traffic in this area.

## Old Lemay Ferry Road (Phase 5)

Another section of roadway improvements is coming to the Old Lemay Ferry corridor. In 2022 and 2023, improvements were made to Old Lemay Ferry from East Rock Creek Road to Spring Forest Road. The Public Works Department plans to tie into those improvements at Spring Forest and continue to add new safety improvements on Old Lemay Ferry to Vogel Road.

The Public Works Department bid this project and awarded the project to Jokerst Paving and Contracting. Jokerst Paving plans to start construction with this project in late fall/early winter of 2025. These improvements to Old Lemay Ferry Road include adding 5' shoulders to both sides of the roadway, while also adding a left turn lane into Adobe Drive for southbound motorists.

A new concrete curb and gutter with storm sewers and grated inlets, concrete barrier walls, guardrail, and a new asphalt overlay will also be included within the project as Old Lemay Ferry currently has two 11' driving lanes. Construction will take place utilizing temporary traffic signals to allow the contractor to work under traffic without needing to close the roadway. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2026.

Stay updated on all upcoming [Old Lemay Ferry Road Project](#) plans and news.

## Harmony Hills Drive Bridge



Near the intersection of Vogel Road and Old Lemay Ferry Road, Harmony Hills, a private subdivision maintained by Jefferson County, will be receiving a new bridge. The existing bridge is structurally deficient and the only way in and out of the subdivision for approximately 45 homes.

and rock blankets will be added in Pomme Creek to protect the new bridge.

The new bridge will be constructed of four concrete spread box beams resulting in a wider bridge than existing. Two concrete driveways at the northwest and southeast corners of the bridge will be replaced,

and rock blankets will be added in Pomme Creek to protect the new bridge.

The main challenge for this project is the accessibility to residents in a narrow construction limit, 317 feet long; therefore, the bridge will be constructed in stages. Construction will begin and conclude in 2026 with the contractor having 130 working days.

To keep track of all upcoming road updates, visit our [Road Updates page](#).

# Become an Election Poll Worker

The Jefferson County Election Authority is looking for poll workers to help with the upcoming 2026 elections. This is a great way to meet new people and play an important role in the voting process.

## Requirements:

- Must be a registered voter
- Able to work the full day (5 a.m.–8 p.m.)
- Enjoy working with others

## Benefits:

- Meet and connect with fellow community members
- Contribute to fair and secure elections
- Earn \$225 per day, plus paid training

## Duties Include:

- Greeting voters and checking IDs
- Verifying voter information
- Assisting with the ballot process

## Election Dates:

- April 7, 2026
- August 4, 2026
- November 3, 2026

Interested in serving your community? [Sign up for more information.](#)



## Candidate Filing

Candidate Filing for the April 7, 2026, General Municipal Election begins on December 9, 2025, and ends at 5:00 p.m. on December 30, 2025. Filing will take place in person at 729 Maple Street, Hillsboro, MO 63050. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Please note that the office will be closed on December 25, 2025, in observance of Christmas.

More information can be found on our [website](#) under the [County Clerk](#) department.

## Did you know?

**The November Special Election is only for voters who reside in the City of Festus and the Rockwood R-VI School District. The election will be held on November 4, 2025, with polls open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Voters are encouraged to bring a valid photo ID and check their [polling location](#) ahead of time to ensure a smooth voting experience.**

## Flag Raising Ceremony



On August 15th, the Jefferson County Parks & Recreation Department and the Jefferson County Port Authority hosted a flag-raising ceremony in Kimmwick.

The 60-foot flag now flies proudly above the town to honor local veterans and recognize their dedicated service. Residents, community leaders, and veterans gathered to celebrate, reflect, and show appreciation for those who have served.

The Parks & Recreation Department and the Port Authority extend their heartfelt gratitude to the veterans whose participation made the day both meaningful and memorable.

Thank you to the veterans whose dedication made this event possible.

# WORDS FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE



## *Jefferson County: A Look Back at 2025*



Reviewing the year's milestones, Jefferson County celebrated a year of growth and progress. Major improvements included upgrades to Kimmswick Landing with a new pavilion, playground, restrooms, and enhanced security.

The Port Authority purchased the Herculaneum Terminal, and key projects like road and bridge upgrades, the I-55 expansion, the James Hardie project, and the new Crime Lab moved forward.

Technology updates, including the new Agenda and Meeting Management system, improved transparency, and Assembly Room upgrades enhanced accessibility. We were also proud to support Ameren Missouri's transformation of the former Rush Island Power Plant into a hybrid energy center known as Big Hollow Energy Center.

We are now deep into budget season, a critical period as the fiscal year draws to a close. Beginning in September, we meet with each department to review goals, priorities, and funding needs. These thorough, collaborative discussions ensure that county-wide resources are allocated effectively. Once all proposals are finalized, the full budget will be submitted to the County Council in November for detailed review; supporting a responsible and well-planned allocation of resources for the year ahead.

As the holidays arrive, we reflect on moments of togetherness and gratitude that strengthen our community. On behalf of everyone at Jefferson County, MO - Government, we wish you a joyful and safe holiday season and look forward to continuing our progress in 2026!

Warm Regards,

Dennis J Gannon  
County Executive

## We're Hiring!

Animal Control Manager ([Animal Control](#))

Administrative Assistant ([Human Resources](#))

Senior Maintenance Worker ([Facility Management](#))

Driver/Laborer I & II ([Public Works](#))



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

# Parks & Recreation

## JEFFERSON COUNTY

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

CANCELLATION/  
INFORMATION HOTLINE:  
636-797-6101

PARKS PHONE NUMBER  
636-797-5334

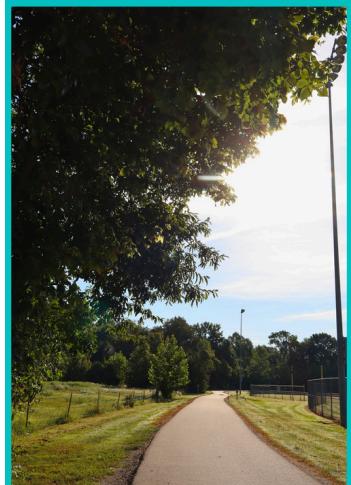
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FACEBOOK](#)

Spanning 20 acres, the Northwest Sports Complex is a hub for recreation and community activity. Whether it's ball fields, a pavilion, picnic areas, or a walking trail, there's something for everyone.

With plenty of open space for casual play, strolling, or relaxing outdoors, the sports complex also offers numerous year-round programs, including adult softball, co-ed coach pitch, legion ball, youth soccer, and tee-ball.

A standout feature is our skate park, the only sculptured skate park in Jefferson County. With lights that keep the fun going into the evening, it is also open daily (weather permitting), providing a safe, exciting space for skaters of all ages to gather and enjoy their sport.

# NORTHWEST SPORTS COMPLEX



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



# Basketball Camps

**High Ridge Elementary Gym**

**November 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025**

**Crystal City, Sacred Heart Gym**

**January 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 31st 2026**

**Grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>**

2025-2026

# Volleyball Camps

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**Parks &  
Recreation**  
JEFFERSON COUNTY



# COUNTY COUNCIL CORNER



Cherlynn Boyer is the Executive Assistant to the County Council and is responsible for a wide range of administrative and legislative support duties. She prepares the Council's annual budget for submission to the County Auditor and ensures the timely distribution of notices and official documents to all of the departments and elected officials. In addition, she conducts research projects to support the work of individual Council members.

Cherlynn attends all County Council meetings and work sessions, where she records the official meeting minutes and prepares the certified record for submission to the County Clerk.

She also serves as the Custodian of Records for the County Council, managing Sunshine Law Requests directed to the Council and coordinating with the County Counselor to ensure compliance with applicable statutes and procedures. In her role, she also serves as the primary liaison for the County Council, facilitating communication and coordination between the Council and other County offices, departments, and the public.

Council Meetings take place at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Assembly Room at the Administration Center, located at 729 Maple Street in Hillsboro. If a Monday falls on a holiday or otherwise noted, the schedule may change. Meeting agendas are posted on the website at least 72 hours in advance, and minutes are published online after they are approved by the Council.

Learn more about the County Council and discover who your Councilperson is on the District Map.

- District 1 - Brian Haskins**  
**County Cell: 636-535-7110**

- District 2 - Billy Crow Jr.**  
**County Cell: 636-331-4732**

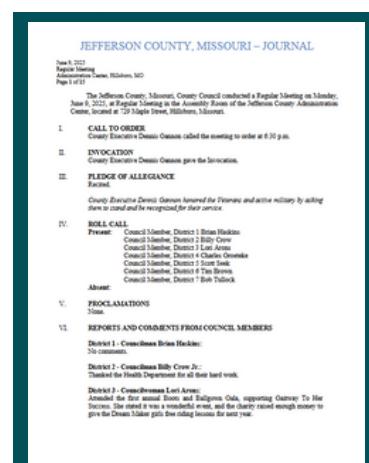
- District 3 - Lori Arons**  
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- District 4 - Charles Groeteke**  
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- District 5 - Scott Seek**  
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## DROP OFF SITES

### ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

729 MAPLE STREET  
HILLSBORO, MO 63050



### HIGH RIDGE CIVIC CENTER

2800 COMMUNITY LANE  
HIGH RIDGE, MO 63049

DEADLINE TO DONATE: 12/15/2025



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 our Gift Giving Program is to see that no one will be without a gift at their facility Holiday Party.

We would appreciate your help with donations to our program.

The average value of each gift is \$15-\$20.

#### DONATION IDEAS:

- Cozy blankets
- Non-slip socks or slippers
- Large-print puzzle books
- Sugar-free treats or soft snacks
- Scent-free lotions or lip balm
- Stuffed animals or plush toys
- Handwritten cards or drawings from kids
- T-shirts, hats, scarves
- Music CDs (easy listening, gospel, classics)

If you would rather make a monetary donation, make checks payable and send/drop off to:  
"Gift Giving Program"  
Tracey Perry, Public Administrator  
P.O. Box 100, Hillsboro, MO 63050

Any questions, contact Veronica Jackson.  
636-797-5385  
vjackson@jeffcomo.org

Your kindness will bring holiday joy to someone who truly needs it!



Support the local businesses who support the area where you live, work and play.

**SHOP LOCAL  
EAT LOCAL  
SPEND LOCAL  
ENJOY LOCAL**



## Christmas Tree Recycling

Drop off used artificial trees & Christmas lights

December - January 15

355 Elm Street Hillsboro, MO 63050



## ANIMAL RESOURCE CENTER

### WISH LIST

The Animal Resource Shelter has a "Wish List" of new or gently used items to help care for animals.

#### Items needed:

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

#### Where to Donate:

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



## RECYCLING EVENTS



### ELECTRONICS RECYCLING/DROP-OFF EVENTS

Oct. 23 • 11 AM - 1 PM

Jefferson College  
1000 Viking Dr  
Hillsboro, MO 63050



Nov. 1 • 9 AM - 12 PM  
Herculaneum City Park  
776 Joachim Ave.  
Herculaneum, MO 63048

#### All Electronics & Appliances

##### ITEMS THAT REQUIRE FEES:

- CRT Monitors = \$5
- CRT TV's 26' or less = \$30
- CRT TV's 27" or greater = \$50
- LED/LCD/Plasma TV's = \$20
- Any Freon containing unit = \$10
- Printers/Copiers/MFP's = \$5

#### NON-ELECTRONIC RECYCLING ALSO ACCEPTED:

- Paper
- Plastic
- Glass
- Cans
- Cardboard
- & more\*

NO PLASTIC BAGS OR STYROFOAM

\*For more information call 314-691-3469

OPEN to  
the PUBLIC

## JEFFERSON COUNTY RECYCLING FAIR

High Ridge Elementary (2901 Community Lane, High Ridge, MO 63049)

November 8

9 AM - 1 PM



ST. LOUIS HELP  
Health Equipment Lending Program

MRC  
Midwest Recycling Center



Free Paper  
Shredding

Home Medical  
Equipment Recycling!  
Collecting  
Wheelchairs, Shower  
Aids, Canes, Etc.

All Electronics and  
Appliances Accepted

PAINT BUSTERS

- Latex
- Primers
- Water-Based Stains

\$1 per pound

BONACKER  
FARMS

Accepting  
Yard Waste

- Paper
- Plastic
- Glass
- Cans
- Cardboard

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.



# Winter Storm Planning Timeline

## A few days out

If the forecast calls for winter weather, start preparing now.

 Have emergency supplies for your home & car

 Check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

 Replenish fuel for your car and heating sources

## The day before

Forecast accuracy continues to improve, so keep checking the latest.

 Adjust plans

 Have multiple ways to receive Warnings

 Bring pets indoors and ensure they have water

## During & After

Remain vigilant and stay informed. Drive only if necessary.

 Check on neighbors and family

 Properly ventilate emergency heat sources

 Keep generators at least 20 feet from your home

 Take it easy when shoveling

For more winter weather related safety tips, visit [The Weather Channel website](#).

**REGISTER NOW!**



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## Protect People, Pets, Pipes, & Plants from cold weather



### People

Minimize time outdoors.

Prepare for power outages.

Check on elderly & other vulnerable people to make sure they're ok.



### Pets

Keep your pets warm, dry & indoors as much as possible.

Ensure their food & water doesn't freeze.

Limit outside time & keep them bundled up.



### Pipes

Insulate pipes if possible.

Open up sink cabinets to expose pipes to heated air.

Disconnect hoses & turn off water to sprinklers.



### Plants

Know their temperature thresholds.

If possible, cover them before the cold weather sets in to help retain some heat.

## Don't Underestimate Sleet Dangers

### Take it easy when shoveling.

Sleet can be much more dense than snow. Go slowly and don't overexert yourself.

### Use extreme caution when driving.

Sleet can cause dangerous road conditions and reduced visibility.

► Reduce speed

► Allow plenty of stopping distance

► Do not use cruise control



**DON'T LET BLACK ICE SNEAK UP ON YOU**

Black ice forms when rain or snowmelt freezes into a thin, nearly invisible layer on the road. It's most common overnight and often sticks around into the morning.

Even if pavement looks clear, black ice can catch you off guard.

To stay safe, reduce your speed, leave extra distance between vehicles, and avoid sudden braking or sharp turns.

**If you or someone you know is needing relief from the cold this winter, please visit the [Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Warming Center website](#).**



Pay special attention on bridges, overpasses, and shaded areas where ice forms first and melts last.