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it's never too soon to think



Start working on getting your winter body bikini-ready! The Jeffersonville Parks Department will offer its first session of Bikini Boot Camp March 5-April 23. The boot camp will meet on Tuesdays at Nachand Fieldhouse from 7:30-8:45 p.m. The cost for the camp is \$10. Exercises will include strength and weight bearing as well as cardio. For more information, visit jeffparks.org



THERE'S SO MUCH MORE!

Visit us on Facebook or visit us online at cityofjeff.net to keep up with the latest city happenings and programs.



TRIPLE CROWN TRAINING RETURNS!

It's OK to resolve to get healthy, lose weight and run or walk a half marathon in 2013 ...

The Jeffersonville Parks Department is going to help you keep your word to yourself with a 12-week training plan and a chance to meet new like-minded runners/ walkers that will encourage you and hold you accountable!

The park's department Triple Crown training program will meet Feb. 2 to April 20, every Saturday at 8 a.m. at The Overlook. Cost: \$15 (includes t shirt) and pre-registration encouraged.

For more information, visit jeffparks.org

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**CITY ANNOUNCES
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The Jeffersonville Board of Public Works has announced the city's holiday closing schedule for 2013. There will not be city services — and City Hall will be closed — on the following days:

- **NEW YEAR'S DAY AND THE DAY AFTER NEW YEAR'S DAY:** Tuesday and Wednesday Jan. 1 - 2
- **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY:** Monday, Jan. 21
- **PRESIDENT'S DAY:** Monday, Feb. 18
- **GOOD FRIDAY:** Friday, March 29
- **MEMORIAL DAY:** Monday, May 27
- **INDEPENDENCE DAY:** Thursday, July 4
- **LABOR DAY:** Monday, Sept. 2
- **COLUMBUS DAY:** Monday, Oct. 14
- **VETERANS DAY:** Monday, Nov. 11
- **THANKSGIVING DAY AND THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING:** Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27-28
- **CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY:** Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 24-25

FROM THE MAYOR

Home for the holidays

The holiday season has arrived, and in the spirit of Old Saint Nick we're working hard to bring a very joyous holiday season to Jeffersonville.

Hard work and a little good luck has made this year something special. With help from Governor Daniels, Jeffersonville is quickly becoming the place to do business in Indiana.

Our efforts to lure Amazon are proving worthwhile. Their doors are open with 1,500 new employees and truckloads of holiday cheer are leaving the River Ridge site every day for destinations worldwide.

Along with Amazon, we've seen Accent Marketing expand with 300 new jobs while Advanced Metals Technology also added 300 employees. Together we're making Jeffersonville stronger and more resilient.

In our first year, we've focused on putting people back to work by attracting good-paying jobs to the city. In the end,

we all benefit when new businesses call Jeffersonville home.

Excitement is also building for Big Four Station and this spring residents will be able to bike and walk across the Big Four Bridge — connecting our downtown with the Louisville riverfront. Big Four Station will soon become a destination point, bringing more people to Jeffersonville and further spurring our local economy.

We've done so much in our first year, and I'm confident 2013 will bring even more progress. We have momentum on our side and with your help we can make great things happen.

I'm a firm believer in "good things happen to good people." In my book, they don't come any better than the people of Jeff.

Happy Holidays,

Mike
502-295-3738



You want to meet Mike?

Mayor Mike Moore spent the summer and fall hitting the streets with his staff, department heads and public safety officials answering your questions and getting your ideas for the future of Jeffersonville.

Just because it's winter

doesn't mean he's going into hibernation, though. Mike is available to visit with neighborhood associations, civic organizations and other groups, so if he hasn't made it to your neighborhood yet — or if you're ready for round

two — now is the time to arrange a meeting.

Call Judith at 812-285-6402 to get on the 2013 calendar. And keep an eye on the city's website — cityofjeff.net — to see if a meeting is scheduled in your area.

NOTES FROM THE SHELTER

Financial gift gives J.B. Ogle shelter a boost



SARAH GREEN
Director, J.B.
Ogle shelter

Christmas came early for the J.B. Ogle Animal Shelter this year when shelter director Sarah Green learned in late summer that the shelter had been gifted \$52,000.

The gift was a bequest from the estate of Ms. Stella Bello. "This gift will help us immensely in the form of caring for our animals and improving their lives at the shelter," Green

said. "The money will be used for medical expenses and various projects including securing a fenced in area for the dogs to run off leash, a "cat room" in the lobby, and the purchase of crates to ensure safe transport of our animals. These are things that would not be possible without the compassion and generosity of Ms. Bello."



Low-cost spay-neuter clinics offered monthly

The J.B. Ogle Animal Shelter holds low-cost spay and neuter clinics the first Tuesday of every month. A variety of other services are also offered during the clinics. Call the shelter at 812-282-0071 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

SERVICES OFFERED AT THE CLINICS:

• Spay and neuter surgery is \$40. Pit bulls are always free.

Vaccinations

- Rabies \$10 (required by law)
- **Canine vaccinations:** Distemper/Parvo \$10; Bordatella \$10; Heartworm Test \$15; Vectra \$10
- **Feline vaccinations:** FVRCP \$10; Feline Leukemia \$10; FELV/FIV combo test \$15; Feline Revolution \$15
- Other services: microchipping \$15; nail trims \$5

The J.B. Ogle Animal Shelter is located at 201 Willinger Lane in Jeffersonville. You can call the shelter at 812-282-0071; look for them on Facebook or visit them online at www.jbogleanimalshelter.com.

PLANNING AHEAD 2013



HULA PARTY!

The Jeffersonville Parks Department is throwing a hula party from 2 to 4 p.m. on Feb. 16 for kids ages 4-11 years old. Come and decorate a Hula Hoop, take hula lessons and play luau games. Pre-registration is required. Call 285-6440 for more information.



JAMMIN' IN JANUARY

The next Jeffersonville Arts Alliance Jam Session will be Jan. 12. The community is invited to come and help create public art to be displayed throughout the city. To register for the JAM session, or for more information on the Jeffersonville Arts Alliance, visit www.jeffarts.org

\$5 adoption continues through Christmas

Starting on Thanksgiving and continuing through Christmas, the adoption fee for all adult cats at the J.B. Ogle Animal Shelter will be \$5 when you bring in 5 items from the shelter's wish list.

WISH LIST:

- Wet/canned cat food
- 55 gallon garbage bags
- garden hoses
- heating pads
- kitten/puppy formula
- blankets/towels
- dog/cat toys
- floor squeegies
- paper towels
- Dawn dish soap
- baby nasal aspirators

SOAR TRIPS

S.O.A.R. stands for Senior Outings and Adventures in Recreation. The Jeffersonville Parks Department offers a trip once a month and travels by van or bus to various local attractions. Upcoming S.O.A.R. outings include:

- **JANUARY 23:** Frazier Historic Arms Museum
- **FEBRUARY 27:** Derby Dinner Playhouse
- **MARCH 20:** Ali Center
- **APRIL 17:** Falls of the Ohio State Park

Pre-registration for S.O.A.R. trips is required! Pricing varies. For more information, call 812-285-6440.



Commitment to job growth, fiscal stability among session priorities

BY STATE SEN. RON GROOMS
R-JEFFERSONVILLE

State lawmakers are gearing up for the January start of the 2013 legislative session. It's a budget session, meaning the Indiana General Assembly will draft a comprehensive two-year proposal to fund essential government services, ranging from public safety and infrastructure needs to our state's education system.



The budget determines exactly where and how taxpayer dollars will be spent and, consequently, affects every Hoosier in every corner of the state.

As we head in to this budget year, continuing Indiana's tradition of fiscal responsibility remains one of my top priorities. To date, Indiana has passed four consecutive balanced budgets. While other states and our federal government have operated deep in the red, Indiana has spent within its means and maintained prudent reserves that have helped us weather the recent recession better than most.

On top of our responsible fiscal standing, Indiana continues to be a national leader in job creation. Since July 2009 – our state's low point of employment during the recession – Indiana's private-sector job growth has outpaced the nation nearly two-fold, 6.3 percent to 3.6 percent. In 2012 alone, the Hoosier state has added more than 43,000 private-sector jobs at a faster rate than the national average.

Southern Indiana – Clark and Floyd counties in particular – has contributed a great deal to this growth. Unemployment rates in our community continue to drop and remain below the national average. I expect this trend to continue as the Ohio River Bridges Project increases access to Kentucky, bringing more business to our area, and as globally successful companies, such as Amazon, continue to set up shop here.

Employers look for predictable tax en-

vironments supported by a government that doesn't depend on raising revenue to cover its expenses. Meeting these expectations has certainly been a priority among state and local leaders.

While other states have raised taxes to fill budget gaps, Indiana has capped property taxes, reduced the corporate income tax rate and eliminated the inheritance tax. As of this October, Indiana ranks best in the Midwest and 8th overall in Area Development magazine's "Top States for Doing Business" study. As we write the budget this year, lawmakers must continue to support the tax environment, regulatory conditions and economic development policies that allow entrepreneurs to succeed and bring more jobs to Hoosier neighborhoods.

One of the most important functions of government is to make sure young Hoosiers have access to the training and education they need to obtain meaningful, high-paying jobs. Indiana must continue its push to make college affordable, while also working to expand high-quality options to ensure we don't take a 'one size fits all' approach to higher education.

The jobs of tomorrow increasingly demand a highly-specialized set of skills. Broadening options and making sure students have a clear path toward employment is the only way Indiana will remain competitive in this global, 21st-century economy. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the General Assembly to find innovative solutions that will take Indiana's education system to the next level.

During the past few years, Indiana has proven itself as a truly stand-out state. But our work is far from over. As we draft the next budget, lawmakers must focus on keeping Indiana fiscally responsible, supporting a tax climate that invites job creation and pursuing excellent educational opportunities if we hope to stay on our current track.

As always, I am interested in any ideas you have to better our state and community. Contact me at Senator.Grooms@iga.in.gov or visit my virtual office at www.in.gov/Senator.Grooms.

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The Jeffersonville City Council meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Monday of every month in room 101 at City Hall. Meetings are open to the public.

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10 PROJECTS, 6 YEARS ...

welcome to the future

Mayor Mike Moore continues to push forward on several projects he identified earlier this year as his primary long-term objectives. The ten capital improvement projects center around improving the quality of life in Jeffersonville while avoiding tax increases for residents or amassing any debt for the city. Moore hopes TIF funds will pay for the projects over the next six years as they are accumulated.

"These are very exciting projects that will make our city a better place to live and raise a family," said Moore. "This plan proves we can move the city forward without higher taxes or incurring unnecessary debt. My vision for Jeffersonville is to offer the finest parks and amenities to our residents."

The projects range from the Big Four Station at the foot of the Big Four Pedestrian Bridge to the widening of 10th Street. The total plan will cost about \$36 million.

"We are investing in our future," Moore said. "When we make such an investment, we will see more development and growth. With that comes more jobs and tax revenue that will eventually lessen the burden on our taxpayers."

Here's a look at the priorities:



1 10th Street

This long-term project is targeted to begin in 2015 and includes the widening of Jeffersonville's major east to west corridor as well as the addition of turning lanes to the busy highway.



2 Vissing Park

Major renovations to the park off 10th Street in eastern Jeffersonville will include the addition of two softball fields, a basketball court and other amenities. The project is on track to be finished in March.



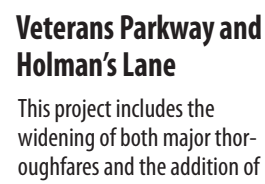
3 Falls Landing Park

Not only does this project serve the practical purpose of solving a long-standing drainage problem in the city's downtown, but will also create a community gathering place, complete with a walking track and other family-friendly amenities near 9th and Spring streets.



4 Jeffersonville Marina

In an effort to show off one of Jeffersonville's greatest assets — the Ohio River — this project entails plans for a complete overhaul of the city's boat ramps and docks and will give residents a completely new experience on Jeffersonville's water.



5 Veterans Parkway and Holman's Lane

This project includes the widening of both major thoroughfares and the addition of some lanes. With the addition of businesses in River Ridge and the impending construction of the East End Bridge, upgrades to this area are a necessity for easy travel, safety and future development.



6 Big Four Station

Plans for the plaza that will welcome visitors crossing the Big Four Pedestrian Bridge as they come into Jeffersonville include 80 percent greenspace, a water feature, restrooms and plaza for a farmer's market. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring. Read more about Big Four Station on pages 4 and 5.

7 23-Mile Bike & Hike

A \$3 million transformation of abandoned railroad tracks running through the city into a walking and biking path will eventually create a recreational loop around Jeffersonville.

8 Allison Brook Park and Community Garden

A park, walking trail, pond and community garden are in the works for a vacant lot at the corner of Allison Lane and Middle Road.

9 The Preserve

This \$100,000 project will create a park and nature preserve on 28-acres between the Meadows and Kingsfield subdivisions.

10 Chestnut Street reconstruction

Once complete, this corridor will serve as the official connection between Big Four Station and the historic downtown retail district.



LEAVES, LIMBS & TREES ...

how and when to get them picked up

HOLIDAY TRASH PICK-UP

CHRISTMAS WEEK
Since Christmas Eve and Christmas Day fall on Monday and Tuesday, trash that is normally picked up on Mondays and Tuesdays will instead be picked up on Wednesday. Trash normally picked up on Wednesday and Thursday will be picked up on Thursday. Friday's pick-up will be on normal schedule.



NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY
Trash pick-up normally scheduled for Tuesday Jan. 1 and Wednesday, Jan. 2, will be picked up on Thursday Jan. 3. Trash normally scheduled for pick up on Thursday, Jan. 3 and Friday, Jan. 4, will be picked up on Friday.

For questions about trash pick up, yard waste disposal, bulk trash pick up, visit the street department page at cityofjeff.net or call 812-285-6455.

It's the time of the year when the days are shorter and the falling temperatures mean there are plenty of falling leaves. As you keep up with raking and preparing your yard for the winter, keep in mind the procedures for disposing of yard waste, leaves and limbs.

YARD WASTE

Yard waste will be picked up on your regular trash pickup day, except in newly-annexed areas, where yard waste is picked up on Fridays. Yard waste should be in containers clearly marked "yard waste". These containers can include trash cans, cardboard boxes and paper yard waste bags. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be picked up. Do not mix trash, dirt and rocks with yard waste or sweep yard waste into the streets.



LIMBS

Limbs are generally picked up on the same day as trash, however there are times — due to equipment maintenance or heavy workloads — that the chipper truck is behind schedule. Limbs should be placed at the curb — but not blocking drainage structures — neatly stacked. If you have hired a contractor to trim or cut down trees, the contractor is responsible for the removal of limbs and logs.



Jeffersonville has a growing number of active Neighborhood Associations and the Jeffersonville Neighborhood Leadership Alliance aims to bring those associations and the city's Block Watch programs together to share information, resources, and work together towards common goals. To find out how you can become involved in JNLA or how to start a Neighborhood Association, call Rick Lovan at 812-285-6400 or contact a current Neighborhood Association leader:

• **BUTTONWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION:**
Abbie Zastawny — 502-533-6330;
abbiez@insightbb.com

• **CHERRY HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION:**
Sandy Knott — 502-494-4951;
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• **FIELDS OF LANCASSANGE:**
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• **FRANKLIN COMMONS:**
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• **MELLWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD:**
Lisa and Steve Gill — 812-283-7875

• **NORTHAVEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION:**
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• **OAK PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION:**
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• **ROSE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION:**
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• **STONYBROOKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION:**
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• **TERRACES OF PARK PLACE:**
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• **WHISPERING OAKS II :**
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• **OAK PARK 8TH ADDITION**
Mark Martin — 812-283-2178

• **PORT FULTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**
Ed Siewert — 502-741-7781

storm **H₂O** solutions

Flooding impacts more than floodplains; maps identify at-risk areas

Over the next three months, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) will be taking comments on the recently released Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) used by permitting officials, builders and developers, lenders, realtors, insurance agents and the general public.

These maps describe the areas — primarily adjacent to streams, creeks, rivers, etc. — most at risk of flooding by different rain events. Identifying these areas and what is located there helps the city and its citizens prepare for — and avoid — flood hazards and are used in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The FIRMs are available for viewing at the City of Jeffersonville's Building Commissioner's and City Engineer's offices, City Hall, 500 Quartermaster Court, Jeffersonville and on the City's website at <http://www.cityofjeff.net/>.



Dumping of trash — including appliances, tires, yard waste and limbs — in streams and water ways is illegal. The dumping of such objects can block stream flow, which can worsen flooding.



Localized flooding can also occur outside the mapped flood hazard areas. These localized flooding episodes pose the same hazards and cause as much damage as rain events in at-risk areas.

Factors that contribute to localized flooding include clogged storm inlets, blocked drainage easements, and dumping in local streams. Storm inlets can quickly become clogged with falling leaves and litter, causing street flooding. Yard waste improperly placed in drainage easements prevents proper drainage in back yards. Illegal dumping of trash, appliances, tires, yard waste and tree limbs into streams may block stream flows, causing overbank conditions, worsening flooding conditions of full streams channels and can cause bank erosion, which contributes sediment that further restricts stream channel capacity.

For information on the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), visit <http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program>.



WHAT YOU CAN DO TO REDUCE RISKS

Fallen leaves in streets or carried by stormwater runoff clog storm drains, causing localized flooding.

Collect fallen leaves into paper bags or old garbage cans marked "YARD WASTE" and sit at the curb as you would your regular trash. The city will collect the yard waste at no additional fee. Leaves can also be composted or mulched into the lawn. Clear leaves from storm drains on your street or in front of your house before it rains to keep the drainage clear.

Get the 2012 holiday trash pickup schedule and guidelines for yard waste disposal on page 9



REPORT INCIDENTS OF ILLEGAL DUMPING

Dumping in local streams and creeks is illegal and should be reported immediately. The city maintains a hotline for reporting illegal dumping, whether into streams or storm drains.

To report these incidents, call the community hotline at 812-280-3885. Incidents can also be reported on the city's YourGov web-based site or smart phone app.

Visit our website at www.cityofjeff.net for a link to the site or visit jeffersonvillegis.com/yourgov/yourgov.aspx

The Jeffersonville Drainage Board pays for this space as part of its public education obligation under the city's storm water permit, saving the board approximately \$12,000 annually versus the cost of a separate mailing.



WHEN IT RAINS, IT DRAINS

The city's Stormwater MS4 Program now has a logo to identify stormwater issues. Where you see our logo, stormwater quality is at work.

Be sure to visit our website at www.cityofjeff.net for water quality information, the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program and upcoming events that address storm water quality in Jeffersonville.

BIG FOUR STATION

Forum gives residents final look at Big Four landing



At a public forum earlier this month, Jeffersonville Mayor Mike Moore presented Jeffersonville residents with revised plans for Big Four Station, the new park situated at the foot of the Big Four pedestrian and bicycle bridge.

More than 100 residents were on hand to see the updated plans for the project, which is being designed by Jeffersonville-based The Estopinal Group. Several revisions have been made to the design of Big Four Station — originally presented to the public this summer — based upon residents' suggestions during a public hearing earlier this year, and from additional input Mayor Moore received during several evening neighborhood meetings he has hosted over the past few months.

Some of the design changes presented this month include a new location for the restrooms, LED lighting on the railings rather than on the bridge ramp, a different route for the running path, and some changes in the design of the park's light fixtures and signage to blend in better with the historic Rose Hill neighborhood nearby.

Changes have also been made to the design of the obelisk, which will be at the center of the landing. The design will relate to the former railroad crossing at the site and there will be a marker on the obelisk indicating the height of the river during the 1937 flood. A water feature surrounding the obelisk has also been reduced in size.

But perhaps the most notable change from the original design is the vast amount of greenspace — roughly 80 percent — included in the park. Louisville's Great Lawn in Waterfront Park has become an award-winning and popular gathering place for the community, and the goal is for Big Four Station to likewise become a gathering place for Jeffersonville residents.

Unlike the Great Lawn in Louisville, however, Big Four Station will be connected to Jeffersonville's downtown central business district — something Moore and other city officials believe is crucial to the future of the district. The city secured a \$250,000 grant this summer specifically designated to funding the development of a link along West Chestnut Street between Pearl and Spring Streets, which will connect Big Four Station and visitors to the park, to the shops and restaurants in downtown Jeffersonville.

Work on the ramp to the Big Four pedestrian bridge has been going full steam ahead and noticeable changes are quickly taking shape. The ramp to the bridge is expected to be completed in April. Big Four Station is estimated to take an additional 14 months to complete.

5

upcoming things you should check out

SEW MUCH FUN!

The In Stitches Kids Sewing Club will meet from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 22 at the Ken Ellis Center. The class is open to ages 9-11. The cost is \$5 per class. The deadline to register is the Monday prior to each class.



NOW YOU'RE COOKING!

The Sticky Fingers cooking class is open to kids ages 7-11 and teaches easy recipes and healthy eating habits. Limited use of the stove is part of the class. The class meets Dec. 22. The cost is \$5 per class. Pre-registration is required. Visit www.jeffparks.org for more information.



WRITE IT DOWN!

Students in grades Kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to enter the Jeff Parks Department Essay Contest for a chance to win a 2013 season pass to the Aquatic Center. The essay topic is "My favorite thing about Christmas." Entries are due by Dec. 7. Visit www.jeffparks.org for more details.



YOGA WITH NICOLE

Every Monday at Kyle Vissing Park (Wildwood at Sylvan in Oak Park) at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at the old Parks Office, 1406 Frederick Ave., at 6 p.m. Drop in for a single class for \$10 or purchase 5 for \$40.



ZUMBA

Get in on the latest fitness craze. Zumba is a Latin inspired, easy to follow, calorie burning, dance fitness party. Let loose every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at the old Parks Office, 1406 Frederick Ave.



holiday fun in the city

HOLIDAY COOKIE STROLL

It's as good a time as any to start marking some things off your holiday shopping list, and Jeffersonville's downtown merchants will provide the nourishment for you to shop til you drop.

The Holiday Cookie Stroll returns to downtown Jeffersonville on Saturday, Dec. 1. Come early and take a stroll down Spring Street while enjoy delicious holiday goodies from local merchants and then stay late for the holiday parade! The Holiday Cookie Stroll starts at 3 p.m.



LIGHT UP JEFFERSONVILLE

Kick off the holiday season with our annual light up event! Come enjoy music, dancing, refreshments, a visit from Santa and free trolley rides through downtown! Light Up festivities start at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1, in Warde Park.



LIGHT UP THE HOLIDAYS PARADE

Jeffersonville's annual Light Up the Holidays Parade will make its way down Spring Street starting at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1. Come enjoy a parade of holiday festivities! There will be music, dancing, floats and appearances by your favorite Christmas characters. It's fun for the whole family!



TEA WITH MRS. CLAUS

Who knows how to make the holidays special better than Mrs. Christmas herself? Come enjoy tea, cookies, crafts and games with Mrs. Claus on Sunday, Dec. 9 at the Ken Ellis Center from 1-3 p.m. Admission to this event is \$5 per person. Please RSVP to Sara Schutz at sschutz@cityofjeff.net.

THERE'S SO MUCH MORE!

Visit us on Facebook or visit us online at jeffparks.org for more information about holiday events or other programming offered by the parks department.



Jeffersonville on ice

Ice skating rink returns to downtown

For the second year, The City of Jeffersonville will open its seasonal ice skating rink, at the corner of Spring and Market streets, on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

"Our ice rink was a wildly popular destination last year for young people, families and everyone young at heart who enjoy an old-fashioned, festive atmosphere," Mayor Mike Moore said. "It's unique in our area. Seeing skaters all bundled up gliding along the ice and everyone enjoying our historic downtown ... It's a great way to showcase our city," Moore added.

Here's a look at the hours of

operation:

- The ice rink will be open seven days a week beginning on opening day, Friday, Nov. 23 and continuing through Friday, Dec. 21.
- Beginning on Saturday, Dec. 22 and continuing while kids are out of school for holiday break, the hours at the skating rink will be extended to noon til 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and noon to

10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

- The ice rink will be open from noon to 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve.
- The ice rink will be closed Christmas day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.
- After Jan. 6, the ice rink will only be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The ice rink will remain open through Jan. 27.

prices

- \$8 per person
- \$6 group rate (10 or more)
- \$2 discount if you bring your own skates
- **TUESDAYS:** Eat Local Night (Kids skate for \$4 with a receipt from a Jeffersonville restaurant)
- **THURSDAYS:** Shop Local Night (Kids skate for \$4 with a receipt from a Jeffersonville merchant)

special events

- **FRIDAYS:** Teen Night. Skate with a DJ from 7-10 p.m.
- **SUNDAYS:** Skate with Santa from 1-4 p.m.
- **SATURDAY, DEC. 22:** Ugly Christmas Sweater Party! Get \$2 off admission if you wear an "ugly" Christmas sweater.
- **SUNDAY, DEC. 9:** Nutcracker on Ice at 11 a.m.

