



The Value of EJC

The value of EJC is recognized by former Presiding Commissioner, Mark Mertens, who had this to say:

"I have been a participant and speaker in the EJC Leadership program and I feel that the Leadership program provides a well-rounded background for anyone, whether a new resident or an old timer, who wants to know what is going on with Jefferson County and how they can be involved."

Attendees consist of people who will be some of the county's future leaders."

"EJC was a great opportunity to gain deeper insight and information on the numerous services and organizations of Jefferson County."

EJC allows community members to really become vested in Jefferson County."

Sara Sucharski

Pony Bird, Director of Development

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Experience Jefferson County

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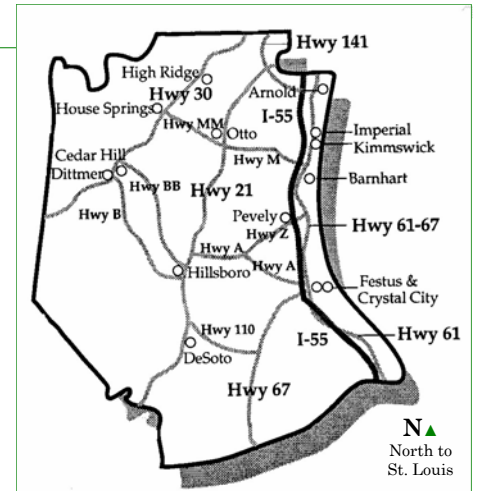
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AND COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Our Vision
To make an impact on Jefferson County by stimulating citizen involvement, promoting a positive county image and providing a framework for citizens to address issues and create positive change.

Our Mission
To create informed citizens and business leaders who will support and improve individual, family and community life in Jefferson County.

"EJC helped me exercise my leadership skills in a practical way."
Bill Overstreet
Community Youth Outreach



A PROGRAM FOR CITIZENS WHO WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN JEFFERSON COUNTY



Provides an intensive program for area business people, civic leaders and residents, new and old, to gain a better understanding of the community in which they live, work and play.

Experience Jefferson County

participants are exposed to the people, business and government leaders, problems and issues that impact their daily lives. The valuable information received through class participation, can be used to suggest solutions, identify new opportunities and help participants play a larger role in the success of their county and its citizens.

"EJC's program was a great way for me to re-acquaint myself with everything Jefferson County has to offer, after growing up here, spending 8 years in Chicago, and moving back to get involved in the family business."

*Tony Becker
Custom Insurance Services, Inc.*

Outcomes

- ▶ Sharpen your leadership skills
- ▶ Understand the social and physical resources of Jefferson County
- ▶ Be more aware of issues facing the county
- ▶ Promote a positive image of Jefferson County
- ▶ Get involved in your county
- ▶ Address issues and create positive change within the county

"Experience Jefferson County is a terrific program for people who can make things happen to become more knowledgeable about our county's assets and needs."

*Steve Stoll
City of Festus Administrator*

Who Should Attend?

- ▶ Those wishing to build strong networks
- ▶ Persons with a desire to learn about their county
- ▶ Citizens wanting to get involved in their community
- ▶ Those wanting to build or strengthen their leadership skills
- ▶ New residents, business people, seniors and young people wanting to learn more about their community

Seminar Topics

vary from year to year.

The program may include:

- Tours of historical sites in Jefferson County
- ▶ Panel discussion with Commissioners, State Representatives and Senators
- ▶ Tours of County government facilities
- ▶ Jefferson City trip
- ▶ Information about available social services
- ▶ Information about the state of health in Jefferson County
- ▶ Some meals and snacks
- ▶ There is a nominal fee to participate

The program is guaranteed to inform, excite and encourage participants to be involved in their county.

"I was able to put my own work and ministry into a larger context, and, I hope to connect others to the Hwy. 30 corridor.

It is important for future progress in the county that we work together from the perspective of the entire county, and I think EJC helps with that goal."

*Rev. Carol DeVaughan
Pastor, Hillside Presbyterian Church*

EJC MEMBERS FORM NETWORKS FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.

EJC IS A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY'S LEADERS OF TODAY AND TOMORROW.

EXPERIENCE JEFFERSON COUNTY IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING ITS PROGRAM FOR A DIVERSE GROUP OF PARTICIPANTS.