

CITY HALL NEWS

Payments to City Hall

The forms of payments to the City of Vinita Park must be **cash, money orders, credit or debit card, or a business check.**

No personal checks will be accepted for payment. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Ward 1, Ward 2, Ward 3 and Ward 4

Hello Vinita Park, if you are a resident of the City of Vinita Park and have the qualifications to run for office as Mayor, Alderperson, or Collector, you may declare your candidacy at Vinita Park City Hall beginning at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 12, 2017. The closing date for filing to run for office is 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Please contact City Clerk Brent Bury with any questions or for more information.

BASIC EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

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- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger

Once you have gathered the supplies for a basic emergency kit, you may want to consider adding the following items:

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers

- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container. You can use the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit - EFFAK (PDF - 977Kb) developed by Operation Hope, FEMA and Citizen Corps to help you organize your information.

- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or free information from this web site. (See Publications)
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.

- Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.

- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted, nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Alternatively, in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.

- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels and plastic utensils
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

For more information, go to <http://www.ready.gov/kit#> or call (800) 621-FEMA (3362).

Non-Emergency Dispatch

If there are any non-emergencies which require a police officer, please contact dispatch at 314-427-8000.

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Municipal Consolidated Courts

For all Municipal Court matters please call 314-428-6811

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 1-Municipal Court City of St. Ann-10:00am/Street Sweeping
- November 3-Yard Waste Pickup
- November 5-Daylight Saving Time
- November 7-Trash & Recycle Pickup
- November 9-Housing Court City of St. Ann-10:30am
- November 10-Yard Waste Pickup
- November 11-Veteran's Day
- November 14-Trash & Recycle Pickup
- November 15-Municipal Court City of St. Ann-10:00am
- November 17-Yard Waste Pickup
- November 20-Board of Aldermen Meeting-6:30pm
- November 21-Trash & Recycle Pickup
- November 23-Thanksgiving/City Hall Closed
- November 24-Yard Waste Pickup/City Hall Closed
- November 28-Trash & Recycle Pickup
- December 1-Yard Waste Pickup
- December 5-Trash & Recycle
- December 6-Municipal Court City of St. Ann-10:00am
- December 8-Deadline for Holiday Lighting Contest/Pet Tag Registration Begins/Yard Waste Pickup
- December 9-Breakfast with Santa/Santa Comes to Town
- December 12-Election Filing Opening/Trash & Recycle Pickup
- December 14-Housing Court City of St. Ann-10:30am/Senior Holiday Luncheon City Hall-12pm
- December 15-Yard Waste Pickup
- December 18-Board of Aldermen Meeting-6:30pm
- December 19-Trash & Recycle Pickup
- December 20-Municipal Court City of St. Ann-10:00am
- December 22-Yard Waste Pickup
- December 25-Christmas Day/City Hall Closed
- December 26-Trash & Recycle Pickup
- December 29-Yard Waste Pickup
- December 31-New Year's Eve



VINITA PARK CITY HALL

8374 MIDLAND
(314) 428-7373
FAX: (314) 428-7379
MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

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James W. McGee
428-7373

COLLECTOR

Jeanette Carridine
428-7373

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

WARD 1

Brian Gremaud
922-0885

Richard Redel
368-2329

WARD 2

Wanda Fairley
667-8080

Ora Stokes
429-6863

WARD 3

Celeste McGee
428-7373

Marcieta Reed
428-7373

WARD 4

Dan Clasby
276-5366

John Phillips
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Leading The Way In St. Louis County

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2017 VOLUME 2017:11 NEWS WORTH KNOWING

WORDS FROM THE MAYOR

I would like to thank my wife and all of the Elected Officials, employees, businesses, Missouri Municipal League, friends, and residents for attending our Park Dedication and making it successful. We have three parks that are named after the Mayors who served the City of Vinita Park.

Our North County Police Cooperative took ten youths to Washington D.C. to the Black History Museum. I received a letter from the field division Kansas City office ATF for the NCPD joint investigation in the arrest of a homicide suspect, stopping a planned home invasion, and recovery of about 20 to 30 high power guns to keep our cities safe. Our Chief and the Police Department are doing a wonderful job.

I want to thank all our Elected Officials who attended the Missouri Municipal League 83rd Annual Conference. Some of the classes were as follows: CCFOA Advanced Academy, Communication for Results and Respect in the 21st Century and Managing Conflict from Higher Ground, Exercising Your Emotional Intelligence, Legislative Update, Build a Better Block, Planning & Zoning, Ten Commandments of Personnel Law, Best Practices in Police Outreach, Fundamentals of Municipal Government, Cyber Threats Facing Local Government and Federal Resources, Ethics Training in the Age of Fake News, Opioid Epidemic and Enhanced Opioid Surveillance in Missouri, Minimum Operating Standards for Municipal Courts, Sources of Revenue & Financing Alternatives and

Marketing Your Destination. This training was good for all the cities that were in attendance to make our community a better place to live.

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Financing is a program that funds energy efficiency and renewable upgrades through a voluntary special assessment on your property. This annual special assessment to repay the financing will be placed on the County tax rolls and can be financed up to 20 years. PACE is one of the fastest growing methods of lending in the country. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Energy Equity Funding at 314-499-8756.

We, the residents of the City of Vinita Park petitioned St. Louis County to resurface Hanley Road. We urge St. Louis County to allocate funding and making completing this project a high priority as soon as possible for the safety and security of all City of Vinita Park residents.

A Scholarship Education Fund is being created for our Vinita Park children. I am seeking committee members to develop the guidelines and other qualifying criteria for the children who can benefit. Please contact Marsha Pointer for more information at 314-423-0127. Let's invest in our children because they are still our future.

All of our elected officials and employees believe in building a stronger community, engaging families, and success in children.

James W. McGee
Mayor/City Administrator

YOUR ALDERMEN'S CORNER



Happy Holidays Vinita Park!

Happy Thanksgiving and Holiday Vinita Park residents. Thanksgiving is a time of the year when the world gets to see just how blessed and how workable we are giving thanks to what we have and not on what we want. It warms the heart to think of those who mean so much to us all year long. The emphasis is not on giving or buying, but on being thankful and expressing that appreciation to God and to one another.

Thanksgiving Poem

For each new morning with its light, for rest and shelter of the night, for health and food, for love and friends, for everything thy goodness sends; For flowers that bloom about our feet's; For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet; For song of bird, and hum of bee; For all things Fair we hear or see, Father in heaven, we thank Thee! Have a wonderful and Safe Thanksgiving. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

I attended the 2017 Annual MML training conference in Lake of the Ozarks September 10-13. This conference focused on Best Practices in Police Outreach, Using Retirement Benefits to Build Better Communities, and Financial Assistance Opportunities from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Improvement and Energy. These classes help me to understand the new trends of Government and help better our City and Community.

Also, I attended Lagers conference. This conference deals with retirement benefits for City employees.

Save this date Attention all youth

December 9, 2017 The Breakfast with Santa event will start at 9:00a.m. -11:00 a.m. at Vinita Park City Hall..... Age 0-12yrThere will be games and prizes for everyone plus Santa will be here to give out toys. P.S. you must be a Vinita Park resident to participate and have a picture ID and proof of residency.

The deadline to enter the 2017 Annual Vinita Park Christmas Lighting Contest is 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 8, 2017. In order for your home to be judged you must sign up at City Hall.

Contest Rules

- 1.Your home must be neat and clean of debris.
- 2.Your home must free of pre-existing decorations for example:

No Fourth of July, Halloween or Thanksgiving decorations. For more information or to enter the contest please contact City Hall at 314-428-7373.

Just a reminder, the Vinita Park History book deadline is due now.....If you have any pictures or short stories that you would like to share for the history book please submit them to City Hall ASAP, this will be the last reminder.

Encouraging words

Look for something positive in each day even if some days you might have to look a little harder.

From my home to yours Happy Holiday
Board President

Alderwoman Celeste McGee, Ward 3

Hello Ward 3

Hi residents of Vinita Park!

Happy Fall!

The changing weather and the leaves changing makes us think of great changes that are coming to Vinita Park.

Also if you are interested in volunteering to help plant new trees around our beautiful City, please contact me at City Hall or at home. We have 25 new trees to plant.

Thanking you in advance, City Hall:
314-428-7373 Home: 314-428-1839

Alderwoman Marcietta Reed, Ward III

Hello Ward 2

My family and I were chosen to participate on the television show Family Feud in 2018. I will inform you all when it will air. We are very excited. Please wish us good luck.

Fall season has approached so make sure your smoke detectors are working with fresh batteries.

I would like to say thank you to Alderwoman Stokes for the wonderful Annual Senior Picnic we had last month in our newly renovated park named Mayor James McGee. We had a great time.



HelloWard 2 and Seniors

I hope you all enjoyed the Halloween Event.

Our Annual Senior Picnic was a huge success and lots of fun. The food was great and I would like to thank Alderwoman Fairley for doing the barbeque for us. I would like to thank our wonderful Public Works Director Gerald French for the lovely music he played for us that we enjoyed. Also, I would like to thank our Chief of Police and the North County Police Cooperative for attending the picnic. Our wonderful Mayor James McGee, you just can't say enough about him. He's so helpful in keeping us all informed about the latest news and things going on in our City, great job Mayor. I would like to say thanks to our Tax Collector Jeanette Carridine for the lovely basket she donated to us to raffle off filled with all kinds of house hold items. Congratulations to our senior Ms. Darlene Southerland of 8301 Jackson St.

Senior Walk

Attention all Seniors and other residents let's meet every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at Charles Forrester Park at 9:00am for a morning walk. For more information please contact Marsha Pointer at 314-423-0127

Our next function will be our Christmas Luncheon, which will be held on December 22, 2017 at 12:00 pm Noon. The location will be The Signature Room, 9002 Page Ave, Overland, MO 63114. The luncheon will be open to seniors, employees, and their families. Please bring a dish. Call 314-428-7373 to RSVP.

Kiwanis Club of Normandy 24:1 Sixth Annual Pancake Breakfast

When: Saturday, November 4th, 2017

Where: Bel Ridge Municipal Complex 8920 Natural Bridge Rd (REAR ENTRANCE)

Time: Serving from 8a.m.-11a.m.

Cost: \$7.00 per person/FREE for children 5 and under with a paying adult

All Proceeds Benefitting the Children of our Communities For tickets or more information, call John Ditto at 314-608-0450

Happy Thanksgiving to you all. I pray you all will have a thankful day with your family members and children. Don't forget to give the one who made the day thanks and bless his name.

"Leadership with integrity, accessible, committed, and honesty.

Alderwoman Ora M. Stokes, Ward II



Hello Neighbors

October is Energy Awareness Month!

Energy Awareness Month is a great time to take action to reduce energy use, which often reduces costs, too. Below are a couple of easy tips to use around your home this fall.

LIGHTING EFFICIENCY:

- LEDs (light-emitting diodes) use 80% less energy than traditional (incandescent) lighting.

- Installing LEDs to reduce energy use and maintenance, and improve safety and light quality.

- Use natural light

- Turn off lights when not in use

- Use fewer light bulbs or fixtures

WATER EFFICIENCY:

- Turn off water when not in use

- Use shut-off nozzles on hoses

- Turn off faucets while washing dishes

I wanted to share a few thoughts of why I love our community,

Not all neighborhoods are created equal, but we in Vinita Park take pride in our community. Because of the low crime rates, we have a sense of ease and calm. Our beautiful tree-lined streets give our neighborhood a charming, older established feel. The easy access to public transportation is fantastic; for commuting millennials to our retirees who wish to keep the car at home, our public transit is a solid advantage to our neighborhood.

Please take time to enjoy walking our neighborhood this fall season and be grateful for the wonderful neighbors who take pride in our neighborhood by keeping their properties free of debris and trash

P.S. I would like to thank Ron and Ila Klemm for painting the boarded up doors and windows of our vacant homes.

Sincerely,

Rich Redel, Alderman Ward I

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

Permits

Please come to City Hall to secure the proper permits PRIOR to having any work done to your property. Doing so will prevent unnecessary delays and fines. If you are not sure if you need a permit PLEASE call City Hall at 314-428-7373 to inquire.

Occupancy Inspection and Permit Required

It shall be unlawful for any person or family to occupy or for any owner or agent to permit the occupant of any building or dwelling of a unit, until the inspection is complete and an occupancy permit has been issued. The occupancy permit shall not be issued until all violations on the property have been brought into compliance.

Street Sweeper

Street sweeping will be the first Wednesday and Thursday of each month. Street sweeper will operate from April 1st through November 1st.

Tall Weeds & Grass Prohibited Section 215.110. Weeds, High Grass, Noxious Plants, Rank Weeds, Thickets or Other Vegetation

Failure To Keep Weeds, High Grass, Noxious Plants, Rank Weeds, Thickets And Other Vegetation Cut And Removed, A Nuisance. All persons owning or occupying any lot or tract of land in the City shall keep the weeds, high grass and other vegetation growing on such property cut and removed. Whenever such weeds, high grass or other vegetation shall attain the height of seven (7) inches, it

shall be deemed a public nuisance.

It is important to keep front and rear yards cut because tallgrass and weeds:

- Reduce adjacent property values and prevent neighbors from having full enjoyment of their property during spring and summer months.
- Attract vermin and insects creating a potential health hazard.
- Cause hay fever and other allergy problems.
- Create a potential fire hazard.
- Detract from the overall beauty and desirability of the City.

The City is authorized to enter upon property to cut tall grass and weeds on property and charge the owner for the cost of cutting as well as an escalating fine. The inspector will only send one notice; all subsequent notices will lead to the city to cut without further notice.

Yard Waste

All Yard Waste should be placed in a designated yard waste can or brown yard bags for pickup. Yard Waste in plastic bags will NOT be picked up. Public Works will only pickup limbs that are knocked down during a storm and placed on the curb within 72 hours after the storm.

Reminder

As we strive to keep our city Clean & Beautiful please do not place trash/yard waste/recycle receptacles on the curb before dusk of the evening before pickup. Once the trash/yard waste/recycle

receptacles have been emptied they should be removed from the curb the same day it was picked up. Failure to comply with the above could result in the resident receiving a summons to appear in court.

Grass Cutting

Please remember to clean up after cutting grass. Do NOT leave grass in the street.

Thank you for helping to keep OUR city Clean & Beautiful.

Littering

Please help us keep the City of Vinita Park clean. Please do not litter in our parks, streets, and bike/walk trail. The City of Vinita Park has asked that you report any littering to City Hall/Police Department.

Gerald B. French
Public Works Director