

CITY HALL NEWS

September Board Meeting

The September board meeting has been moved from Monday, September 21st to Monday, September 28th at 6:30 pm

Payments to City Hall

The forms of payments to the City of Vinita Park must be **cash, money orders, or a business check. No personal checks will be accepted for payment.** We apologize for any inconvenience.

Code Adoption

Ordinance No. 1247, Adoption of the National Electrical Code/2008, NFPA 70 and Ordinance No. 1248, Adoption of the International Code Council (ICC) Codes were passed at the March 16, 2015 Board Meeting. The following code books will be on file at the City Hall for public to view: 2009 ICC Code Book and 2008 National Electrical Code Book (NEC).

BASIC EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- 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. Or 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).

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 1- Trash & Recycle Pickup
- September 2- Street Sweeping/ Municipal Court 10:00am
- September 3- Street Sweeping
- September 4- Yard Waste Pickup
- September 7- Labor Day/ City Hall Closed
- September 8- Trash & Recycle Pickup
- September 9- Street Sweeping
- September 10- Street Sweeping
- September 11- Yard Waste Pickup
- September 12- Citywide Garage Sale
- September 13- Grandparents Day
- September 15- Trash & Recycle Pickup
- September 16- Street Sweeping/ Municipal Court 10:00am
- September 17- Street Sweeping
- September 18- Yard Waste Pickup
- September 22- Trash & Recycle Pickup
- September 23- Street Sweeping
- September 24- Street Sweeping
- September 25- Yard Waste Pickup
- September 28- Board of Aldermen Meeting 6:30pm
- September 29- Trash & Recycle Pickup
- September 30- Senior Picnic/ Street Sweeping
- October 1- Public Forum for Municipal Park Grant, 6:00pm, Council/Courtroom



VINITA PARK CITY HALL

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MONDAY – FRIDAY
8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

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James W. McGee
426-5529

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Jeanette Carridine
428-7373

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

WARD 1

Brian Gremaud
922-0885

Richard Redel
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WARD 3

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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2015 VOLUME 2015:09 NEWS WORTH KNOWING

WORDS FROM THE MAYOR

The City of Vinita Park and Beyond the Backpack back to school event was a huge success. We had a total of 1,500 backpacks and 40 backpacks were left over. There were over 60 children who received haircuts, eye exams, and physicals. The children also enjoyed themselves while playing on the bubble bus, bounce house, and with the Elmo character. The parents were able to find various resources offered within the community. The Veiled Prophet Foundation presented a check to Beyond the Backpack for \$5,000. This was our first event working together as a community. We are looking forward to an even better turn out next year.

Senate Bill 5 was sponsored by Senator Schmitt of Glendale Missouri. It passed with 100% of the votes in the Senate. Our Senator Maria Chappelle-Nadal voted against our City. Our State Representative, Clem Smith and Joe Adams tried to speak on behalf of our community on how it would affect the residents in our area. Governor Nixon signed the bill into law.

Each City must be in compliance with about 13 standards. Each City must have or report the following: an annual audit, a detailed budget with revenues and expenses, refuse services with recycling, a comprehensive plan for the City, and a Capital Improvement Plan.

There are several more standards as well. The City of Vinita Park is in compliance of all these standards. Senate Bill 5 has more standards added to this bill that includes a 12.5% limit on court revenue for all of St. Louis County, including the North County cities, and all other cities and towns in the state

including rural communities. In addition, cities that are patrolled by the St. Louis County are not affected. The current laws say a City can keep 30% collected from court fines. The question is why is North St. Louis County being reduced to 12.5% and other parts of the County and State can keep up to 20%. I will keep you informed about the impact of Senate Bill 5 in the next newsletter.

Vinita Park Town Hall meeting will be on Thursday September 17th, 2015 at 6:00pm at City Hall. We will be discussing Senate Bill 5, moving forward on funding for a New City Hall, Police Accreditation, and also moving forward with merging The Village of Vinita Terrace with The City of Vinita Park.

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

James W. McGee
Mayor/City Administrator

YOUR ALDERMEN'S CORNER



Hello Vinita Park Residents

What a wonderful time we had at our Annual National Night Out. The weather was very nice not too hot or cold, it was just right. I would like to thank all of you who came out to support our National Night Out because it promotes unity with in our community, help support police and community partnership, help our neighbors feel safer, it also promotes a better place to live, work, and play. This was also a great opportunity to come out and meet your Mayor James McGee, Chief of Police, Time Swope, The Vinita Park Police Department, The Public Works Department, The Board of Aldermen, your neighbors, and also to enjoy lots of fun, food, entertainment. I would like to give a special shout out to Chairpersons Alderman Brian Gremaud and also Alderman Richard Redel for doing a great job.

Save the Date

When: September 17, 2015

Where: Doubletree Hotel
St. Louis at Westport
1973 Craigshire Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63146

Time: 11:00-2:00pm

Come meet face to face with the hiring decision makers from some of the best employers in St. Louis. Dress in your best professional clothes; bring plenty of resumes and Good Luck!

Words of Encouragement

"Get involved, stay informed on what's going on in your community, report all speculation activity, and stay safe".

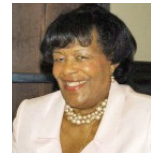
"Working hard for progress and stable leadership in our community."

Celeste McGee
3rd Ward Alderwoman

Attention Parents and Grandparents

The City of Vinita Park partnering with

Hello Ward 1 and Seniors



Welcome Back to School!

The City of Vinita Park wants to wish you all the best for the 2015-2016 school year. May all of our children be safe and blessed throughout the school year. Our back to school event was a huge success as we partnered with Normandy Strong and Beyond Housing and the 24:1 community. Our children were able to receive free haircuts, wellness exams, eye screening exams, and backpacks filled with supplies.

We would like to thank Albertine Auto Body Shop, Azar Automotive Repair, Best Transportation, End Time Ministry, Laffey Equipment, Phoenix Realty, and also Malcom Kleanman, CPA for their generous donation of school supplies.

We would also like to thank Barbara Gomillion and Barbara Turner who are always there to support our Back to School Program.

Our Annual Senior Picnic will be held on September 30th 2015, 12:00 noon at Vinita Park behind City Hall. Don't forget it's a potluck so bring your best dish. I look forward to having a great time.

Sympathy goes out to the family of Sheila Black, a resident of Vinita Park at 2157 Penfield Ave.

Our Annual National Night Out on August 25th, 2015 had a great turn out. Everyone who attended had fun, plenty of food, a live band, and lots of games. Congratulations to all of the winners. We look forward to another year. I would like to thank our wonderful Public Works Department for doing a great job.

As always I would like to thank Chief Swope and his staff for doing a fine job in our City. We are so blessed to have such a crew to take care of us day and night. Thank you guys so much may God bless you

Food For Thought

"The fellow who does things that count doesn't usually stop to count them.

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

Alderwoman Ora Mae Stokes,
Ward 2

Hello Ward 2



I would like to thank Normandy Strong and Beyond Housing for hosting the back to school drive. It was a huge success.

I would also like to thank the Police Department and Public Works for doing a wonderful job in our City.

I hope all seniors were able to get their utility bills submitted into City Hall for the Senior Tax Refund.

If you need assistance with your utility bill, contact Step Corp at 314-863-0015.

If you know of anyone who is between the ages of 18-35 and is in need of assistance or is disabled, I know someone I can refer them to. Please call me at 314-395-7028 and leave a voice message and I will get back with you.

K-Mart is hiring for all positions. You can go online at www.jobs.kmart.com.

I would like to give my condolence to the family of Sheila Black on Penfield Ave.

Don't forget the Senior Picnic on September 30th, 15 at 12:00pm at Vinita Park behind City Hall.

Alderwoman Wanda Fairley,
Ward II

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

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.

Trees & Limbs

Due to the weather we are behind schedule in our seasonal tree trimming. Please be patient as we make our way through the city block by block.

Street Sweeper

The street sweeper will operate from April 1st through December 1st. Please be mindful of the No Parking signs located at the beginning of each street to avoid receiving a parking citation on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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 pick-up. 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.

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.

Appreciation Letter

I would like to thank the Public Works Department for doing a great job maintaining our parks and restrooms. The following letter was sent to City Hall by a Vinita Park resident:

"I would like to personally thank this department and who ever play a role in keeping up the park and restroom area. I was just amazed at how clean it was and I am truly glad that I am a resident of Vinita Park".

Public Forum

We will be holding a public forum for the 2015-2016 Municipal Park Grant on Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 6:00pm, in the council/courtroom. Please come out to hear our plans and give you input on the use of the grant for our city parks.

Gerald B. French
Public Works Director