

CITY HALL NEWS

Indian Trails Library

Puppet Party with Ms. Jeanie and Friends Saturday, January 10, 2015 At 2:00pm

Resident storyteller and puppeteer, Ms. Jeanie, will perform a puppet play with the help of a special guest puppeteer. Stay afterwards to create a puppet of your own to take home.

Gift of Reading Story Time Wednesday, January 21, 2015 At 10:30am

Once a month, the Gift of Reading Program provides each preschooler attending story time with a different book to take home to read and start their personal library. Come to story time today and celebrate the Gift of Reading by taking home a free book! Sponsored by the St. Louis County Library Foundation

LEGO CLUB

Saturday, January 27, 2015 At 6:30pm
Calling all **LEGO FANANTICS!** Stop by the library's LEGO Club to show off your building skills. We provide the building materials, you bring the inspiration. Sponsored by the St. Louis County Library Foundation

Button Design Studio

Tuesday January 27, 2025 At 6:30pm
Want to make a statement? Join us in the computer lab as we use special software to design, print and make your own buttons. Ages 10-18, Registration required.

iPad & iPhone Basic I

Tuesday, January 13, 2015 At 2:00pm
Bring your own iPad or iPhone and start making the most of it! This introductory class will take you on a tour of a basic features and functions of your iPad or iPhone such as: getting to know your device, how to use a touch screen, connecting to wifi, using the Apple App Store
Devices will NOT be provided.
Registration Required

iPad & iPhone Basic II

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 At 2:00pm
Bring your own iPad or iPhone and start making the most of it! This is the second class of our Intro to iPad & iPhone series. This user-friendly class will explore: using the virtual keyboard, word processing tips, and internet navigation using Safari. Devices will NOT be provided.
Registration Required

Aldersperson (Run For Office) Candidates

WARD 1 WARD 2 WARD 3

Hey Vinita Park residents, you still have

time, if you would like to run for office as an Aldersperson here in our city, and you have the qualifications, you may stop by the City Hall and declare your candidacy by January 20, 2015.

BASIC EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

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

- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Cash or travelers 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-EFFAK (PDF – 997Kb) 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 the 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 cold-weather climate.
- 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 pencils
- Books, games, puzzles, or other activities for children

Be prepared for an emergency by keeping your gas tank full and if you find yourself stranded, be safe and stay in your car, put on your flashers, call for help and wait until it arrives.

HOME

Your disaster supply kit should contain essential food, water, and supplies for at least three days. Keep this kit in a designated place and have it ready in case you have to leave your home quickly. Make sure all family members know where the kit is kept. Additionally, you may want to consider having supplies

for sheltering for up to two weeks.

VEHICLE

In case you are stranded, keep a kit of emergency supplies in your car. This kit should include:

- Jumper cables
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- First aid kits and necessary medications in case you are away from home for a prolonged time
- Food items containing protein such as nuts and energy bars; canned fruit and portable can opener
- Water for each person and pet in your car
- AM/FM radio to listen to traffic reports and emergency messages
- Cat litter or sand for better tire rotation
- Shovel/ice scraper
- Warm clothes, gloves, hats, sturdy boots, jackets, and an extra change of clothes.
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Also consider
- A fully-charged cell phone and phone charger
- Flares or reflective triangle
- Baby formula and diapers if you have a small child

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 1 – New Year's Day- Closed
- January 2 – Yard Waste
- January 6 - Trash & Recycle Pickup
- January 7 – Municipal Court 10:00am
- January 9 – Yard Waste Pickup
- January 13- Trash & Recycle Pickup
- January 16 – Yard Waste Pickup
- January 19 – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday-City Hall Closed
- January 20 – Election Filing Closing
- January 20- Board Of Aldermen Meeting at 6:30pm
- January 20- Trash & Recycle Pickup
- January 21 – Municipal Court- 10:00am
- January 23 - Yard Waste Pickup
- January 27- Trash & Recycle Pickup
- January 30 –Yard Waste & Recycle



VINITA PARK CITY HALL

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

MAYOR

James W. McGee
426-5529

COLLECTOR

Jeanette Carridine
428-7373

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

WARD 1

Brian Gremaud
922-0885

Richard Redel
368-2329

WARD 2

Wanda Fairley
395-7028

Ora Stokes
429-6863

WARD 3

Celeste McGee
426-5529

Dennis Hayden
276-6188



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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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NEWS WORTH KNOWING

WORDS FROM THE MAYOR

Happy New Year to all of our elected officials, residents, businesses, and employees. I am grateful for each and every one of you. I am here to celebrate all of our accomplishments for December 2014. The City of Vinita Park received from East-West Gateway 2014: **OUTSTANDING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** for Municipal Government Partnerships 24:1 Initiative, The **SELFLESS SERVANT AWARD** from the Shepherds Ministries for service to the citizens of St. Louis County, and the **LEADERSHIP AWARD** for the small cities.

Thanks to Officer Brown, Ms. McInnis, and Ms. Pointer, the Vinita Park Boys and Girls Club made and passed out over 300 meals for the homeless on 12-6-2014. We had over 60 seniors; they had a great time, thanks to Alderwoman Mrs. Stokes, Mrs. Fairley, and Alderman Redel, a special thanks to Alderwoman Mrs. Stokes for chairing the senior events for 2014.

Thanks to Alderwoman Mrs. McGee and her committee for both events. We had a great time with our children's breakfast with Santa and Santa coming to town, it was a great success. Special thanks to Alderwoman Mrs. McGee, our businesses, and all who help service our children. We also had our children football annual banquet on 12-13-2014. To see Vinita Park children receive their awards and hear about the individual achievements was moving.

Vinita Park is a great place to live and I am so grateful. Gratitude unlocks

the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.

Come join Women Living Whole at their Living the Vision workshop. Learn how to create attainable goals that will guide you to create your vision. In this session, participants get a workbook that walks them through creating their goals. Once the goals are created, participants will be encouraged to create a vision board. At the end of the session, women will walk out with well thought out goals and a vision board so they can visually see what they want to accomplish. This is a session you do not want to miss. Come join Women Living Whole, Saturday January 3, 2015 at 3:00pm in the Vinita Park City Hall meeting room.

If additional information is needed, please contact Ms. Jeanine Williams at 314-359-4200.

We have more challenges ahead in 2015 to build a new city hall and make our city a better place to live, work and build a stronger Vinita Park, engaging families and successful children.

James W. McGee
Mayor/City Administrator

YOUR ALDERMEN'S CORNER



Happy New Year Residents of Vinita Park

Another year is here. Another year is here to live, to love, to laugh, and gives. Another year is here to banish worry, doubt, and fear. Another year is here to sing a happy song and pray for peace. (William A. Ward)

Breakfast With Santa

Our Annual Breakfast with Santa and Santa Coming to Town was a huge success, thanks to all of you who came out in supporting these great events on a nice wonderful day. We had a nice turn out of children, parents, grandparents, residents and great grandparents to participate.

The turnout was over whelming. City Hall was filled wall to wall. I cannot tell you how surprised I was to see how many of you to show up to bring love and support. Our children were very happy and filled with joy knowing that Santa is coming and that they were able to tell him what he or she wanted for Christmas.

While the children were waiting with anticipation for Santa, they were served a hot breakfast with bacon, egg n cheese, sausage, hash browns, orange juice, donuts and chocolate milk .

Santa Coming to Town

It was a nice day when Santa came to town riding in a horse and carriage going down each street in Vinita Park, making sure all the kids on each block received candy and some of the children got to ask Santa what they wanted for Christmas.

Winners of the Bike Give-Away

I would like to congratulate all our winners in the Bike Give-Away. We had a total of 13 winners, with all of the other children who attended received a special gift from Santa, all children left the City Hall with some kind of gift.

Bike Give-Away Age 0-3

1. Brielle Hampson age 2yr Vinita Park resident
2. Angel Robinson age 6month Vinita Park resident

3. Cardre Conner age 7month Vinita Park resident
4. Myka Blassingame age 2yr Vinita Park resident

Age 4-6

1. Laron Rogers age 6yr Vinita Park resident
2. Naquisa Blunt age 5yr Vinita Park resident

Age 7-9

1. Brianna Owens age 9yr Vinita Park resident
2. Jocelyn Garcia age 9yr Vinita Park resident

Age 10-12

1. Chrisamison age 11yr Vinita Park resident
2. Ariana Rose White age 10yr Vinita Park resident
3. Nylah McClarren age 12yr Vinita Park resident

Also we gave away 10 Walmart gift cards "Everyone was a winner".

Gift Card Winner

1. Davonte Owens age 5yr Vinita Park Resident
2. Ricardo Garcia age 3yr Vinita Park Resident
3. Sharrell Sanders age 12yr Vinita Park Resident
4. Chase Hernandez age 9yr Vinita Park Resident
5. Krystal Thomas age 6yr Vinita Park Resident
6. Arieal Blunt age 10yr Vinita Park Resident
7. Jordan Mclarren age 7yr Vinita Park Resident
8. Miley Steeples age 1yr Vinita Park Resident
9. Tayanna Owens age 8yr Vinita Park Resident
10. Quentin Blassingame age 5yr Vinita Park Resident

Christmas Lighting Contest

We had 3 winners

1. 1st Place winner Mr. & Mrs. Tony & Sandy Salmieri.
2. 2nd Place winner Nancy Mewes
3. 3rd Place winner Zachary Cavanaugh

As I look back on 2014, I cannot go into 2015 without thanking the people who make our community the place it is today. Our wonderful Mayor James W. McGee, the Board of Aldermen, Chief Swope, the police department, Gerald French,

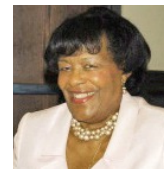
the public works department, our business owners, residents, and volunteers.

My heart is saddened to hear of the loss of our former Ward 3 Alderwoman Mrs. Pamela Fuller of the Atherton Apartment. Pamela was a long time resident of Vinita Park. She served as an Alderwoman for 1 term. The 3rd Ward `Alderwoman and the City of Vinita Park would like to give our heartfelt condolences to Jessie and the entire Fuller family.

Life is great and life is the best gift from God and one can live only once. Many times, life takes you on a rough journey where you feel others are better off than you. And sometimes life gives you more than you asked for and that leaves to the seventh heaven. Life is really short and we need to live life to the fullest.

Constantly working for progress and stable leadership in our community

Celeste McGee 3rd Ward Alderwoman



Hello Ward II/Seniors "Happy New Year To All"

I hope all have enjoyed the Holidays of Christmas, and New Year, and are ready to start a new year. 2014 has been an exciting year; we now look forward to the same in 2015.

We want to thank all the new businesses that have moved into our city, as well as new residents. We are so blessed to have you here. Also, we would like to thank our wonderful Mayor McGee for all his services rendered to this great city.

Thanks to Chief Tim Swope and your entire police department, for keeping our city safe. Also thanks to Gerald French and public works for your hard work in keeping our city clean and beautiful.

Thanks to the entire Board of Aldermen for a job well done, on working together for the residents in the C ity of Vinita Park.

Thanks seniors for making your Christmas Luncheon a huge success. There were over 60 seniors in attendance. In addition, our senior trip to the Lady of the Snow was fun and successful. I look forward

to working with you in 2015. God bless and have a blessed new year.

Echo his praises and tell of his power. (Blessing and Honor and Glory and a Power, "Horatius Bonar")



HELLO WARD II

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I hope 2015 brings you peace and joy. I would like to thank my two residents for the first and second place winnings of the Christmas Lighting Contest.

Next year were going to have a lot of things going on in the community, check

your calendar and come be a part, remember this is your community.

Last month we lost a dear friend, Alderwoman Pamela Fuller, she will be greatly missed by the community.

Wanda Fairley Alderwoman, Ward II

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

Keep Unauthorized Signs off Roadsides

MoDot has a mandate to provide quality, safe traveling conditions for the public and safe working conditions for its employees. It must do whatever it takes to make those conditions a reality. This includes placing restrictions on unauthorized roadside signs.

• Missouri State Statue 227.220 and Missouri Department Of Transportation policy prohibit installation or maintenance of non-approved items on state right of way.

• Non-approved advertising signs or display materials include streamer, garage-sale signs, political signs, banners and balloons.

• Installation and maintenance of these items is unsafe for the people doing so. They also can be dangerous distractions to motorists and obstacles to department roadside operations.

• Because safety is Mo Dot's top priority, the department prohibits installation or maintenance of any non-approved

items on state right of way.

- MoDot staff will remove these items wherever they are found.
- Removed signs will be held at the nearest MoDot maintenance facility.

Thank you for your cooperation. For more information, call 1888 -ASK- MoDot.

Trash Containers

Please remember to remove your trash/ recycle/yard waste containers from the curb the same day service is rendered to avoid receiving a citation.

In addition, you may contact Republic Services (636-947-5959) to receive a trash container.

Leaves/Yard Waste

Yard waste pickup will be every Friday. Please use the yard waste container or brown yard waste bags. Please do not rake leaves into the streets.

Street Sweeper

The street sweeper will operate from April 1st through December 1st.

Snow Removal

As we approach the winter months, please take notice of no parking signs to allow thorough plowing of all streets.

Trees & Limbs

Please call Ameren UE (1-800-552-7583) if any limbs on your property are on electrical lines.

Occupancy Inspection and Permit Required

It shall be unlawful for any person or family to occupy, or for any owner or agent therefore to permit the occupancy, of any building or dwelling until the inspection is complete and occupancy permit has been issued.

The occupancy permit shall not be issued until all violations on the property have been brought into compliance.

Gerald B. French, Sr. Public Works Director

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS



The Police Department is looking forward to 2015. Our commitment to maintaining our Community Policing focus will be stronger than ever. As soon as it begins to warm up, officers will be once again performing foot patrols, participating in parades, Easter and July 4th events, Movie Night and many others.

Because of the commitment to the police department by the citizens, Mayor McGee and the Board of

Alderman, we are expanding our support to the children in our wonderful city. The Boys and Girls Club, The Basketball League, The Football League, The Rams and Cardinals games, Computer Labs and many other activities will give our kids many, many things to do during the year. Officer Colten Brown is once again heading the efforts of the Police Department in these efforts. His enthusiasm is not only felt by the

kids, but also all of the parents and adults who participate in these programs.

Thanks to all of those who make this community everything it is. We look forward to serving the citizens to our very best in 2015 and will do everything we can in helping make it another great year.

Col. Tim Swope Chief of Police Vinita Park Police Department