

# CITY HALL NEWS

## 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

- July 1- Street Sweeping/Municipal Court 10:00am
- July 2- Street Sweeping
- July 3- Observance of Independence Day/ City Hall Closed/ Yard Waste Pick-up
- July 4- Independence Day/ Fourth of July Parade Annual Youth Day
- July 7- Trash & Recycle Pick-up
- July 8- Street Sweeping
- July 9- Senior Luncheon/Street Sweeping
- July 10- Senior Refund Begins/ Yard Waste Pickup
- July 14- Trash & Recycle Pick-up
- July 15- Street Sweeping/ Municipal Court 10:00am
- July 16- Street Sweeping
- July 17- Yard Waste Pick-up
- July 20- Back to School Program/ Board of Aldermen Meeting 6:30pm
- July 21- Trash & Recycle Pickup
- July 22- Street Sweeping
- July 23- Street Sweeping
- July 24- Yard Waste Pick-up
- July 26- Parents Day
- July 28- Trash & Recycle Pick-up
- July 29- Street Sweeping
- July 30- Street Sweeping
- July 31- Yard Waste Pick-up



### VINITA PARK CITY HALL

8374 MIDLAND  
(314)428-7373  
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

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922-0885

Richard Redel  
368-2329

#### WARD 2

Wanda Fairley  
395-7028

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#### WARD 3

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## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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NEWS WORTH KNOWING

## WORDS FROM THE MAYOR

On June the 9th, the City of Vinita Park hosted its 4th Annual Business Luncheon. That was a huge success. We had over thirty businesses in attendance, and we gave a visual of our City. Kevin Hall was our guest speaker and he gave insight on how to successfully run a business. Bodine received a business award for community service for the City of Vinita Park. There were also several other businesses that received awards for support of the Boys and Girls Club and the Breakfast with Santa Event.

I would like to thank Alderman Redel from Ward I, Alderman Stokes from Ward II, Alderman McGee, and Alderman Conner from Ward III for attending the Missouri Municipal League Elected Officials Training Conference last month in Columbia, MO. The conference was an overview of municipal government, where the City fits in the Federal system, the roles of elected officials, conducting city business, budgeting, ethics, liability and risk, sunshine law, economic development, personnel law, taxation, and revenue. The conference was very resourceful in providing ways to merge our communities together.

We have teamed up with the American Red Cross in reference to the Home Fire Preparedness Campaign. Home fires are becoming an increasing threat and there have been lives lost as a result. The goal of The Home Fire Preparedness Campaign is to save lives, reduce injuries, build a more resilient community through raising awareness, and community participation across St. Louis County. The American Red Cross has partnered with the fire departments, houses of worship, businesses, schools, and surrounding neighborhoods to create a local coalition which supports the

Home Fire Preparedness Campaign. As citizens, we have to take action within our home and community to keep our community safe and protect our family.

Education plays an important role in the future and success of our children. We must think and act creatively to provide a safer learning environment. The Police Department and Normandy School District has come together to support the academic achievement of our children. Our children learn better in a safe environment. This emphasis on learning allows children to develop themselves, their families, and their community. Our reputation for policing in our community has allowed our officers to get to know the residents and their families in the City of Vinita Park. We will begin policing services for Wellston and also Vinita Terrace. If one City falls short, we all fall short. We must come together and build a stronger community so our residents can feel safe in their homes.

Vinita Park has teamed up with the Mid-County Junior Vikings with 7 football teams. Registration begins July 1st through August 22nd, 2015 for grades K through 8. For more information contact Greg Robinson at 314-285-9138.

Our Police Department hosted a three on three basketball tournament between the Vinita Park Boys and Girl Club and The Wellston Boys and Girls Club. That was a great turnout. 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



## Happy 4th of July Vinita Park Residents

The Busting in Blooming Garden Contest winners are:

- 1st place **Jim Ulett, 8310 Washington Ave**
- 2nd place **Connie Bono 2308 Gilrose**
- 3rd place **Evelyn Daniels 8327 Buchannon**

I would like to thank Mrs. Kiefer, a pillar of Vinita Park who never says no and is always willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done. We had a wonderful time going around Vinita Park looking at all the beautiful yards, and yes it was NOT raining. The Gardening Committee would like to thank all of the participants and once again congratulations to the winners.

The City of Vinita Park Annual 4th of July Festivities will be held on Saturday July 4th, 2015 and will begin with a parade starting at 10:00am sharp.

The Parade will begin east onto **Page Ave to North & South**, left turn onto **North & South**, left turn onto **Midland Blvd**, then left turn onto **Yeoman** into **Vinita Park**.

At the park, we will have our patriotic tribute rising of the American Flag and also prizes will be awarded for the best decorated cars and bicycles in the parade.

Come join us for some fun, games, prizes, pony ride, face painting, and much, much, more. Lunch will be served and everyone is invited to join us for a great Red, White & Blue Celebration!!

Independence Day to me means a day of freedom of life in the

heart,body, and soul, the action, the spirit of men and so it must be earned daily and not taken for granted. Also, I'm so proud to be an American, land of the free home of the brave. May God Bless America.

"Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding" (Albert Einstein)

### Save the Date

Are you looking for a job? Are you tired of sending resumes left and right and never getting an answer? Dress in your best professional clothes, bring resumes and visit our St. Louis Career Fair

**When:** August 11, 2015 from 11:00am-2:00pm

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

### Encouraging Words

"Education is the key to unlocking the world and a passport to freedom" Oprah Winfrey

Working hard for progress and stable leadership in our community

**Celeste McGee**  
Alderwoman, Ward III

## Hello Ward 2



I would like to thank everyone who came out for the TV donation provided by the City of Vinita Park.

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

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.

Summer has arrived and temperatures are increasing. If you need assistance with your electric bill, contact Step Corp at 314-863-0015.

Also, don't forget about the Boys and Girls Club this summer. Contact City Hall for more information.

**Wanda Fairley**  
Alderwoman, Ward II

## Hello Residents of Vinita Park



### Date to Remember

Vinita Park Back to School Program.  
July 20th 2015

Now it's time for us to come to the aid of our children. Vinita Park will begin taking donations and supplies on July 20th 2015 at City Hall, 8374 Midland from 8:30am-5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Parents and grandparents can begin registering your child, children, and grandchildren living in your household. You will need to show proof of residency in order to register your children. Please provide a copy of your occupancy permit at the time of registration. Please be aware that the registration process takes place in person. You can not register over the phone.

Last month I attended the Missouri Municipal League Elected Officials Training Conference in Columbia, MO. I was so elated by all the information provided from each and every seminar. We had the best instructors through out the entire training experience.

### Seniors

Our next Senior Luncheon will be held on July 9th at 12:00 noon at City Hall. All birthdays from June and July will be celebrated. Seniors please provide City Hall with your birthday when you RSVP for

# PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

the Senior Luncheon. We want to make sure everyone with birthdays in June and July receive a gift.

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

**Alderwoman Ora Mae Stokes,**  
Ward 2

### Rate Increase Notice Effective February 1, 2015

#### Residential/Commercial Inspection & Occupancy Permits

- **One Hundred Dollars (\$100)** for the initial residential inspection
- **One Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$125)** for the initial commercial inspection
- **No Charge** for the first residential or commercial re-inspection
- **Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75)** for the 2nd re-inspection of the same residential or commercial property, including fire marshal's re-inspection
- **Fifty Dollars (\$50)** for fire inspection for each new commercial occupancy inspection
- **Fifty Dollars (\$50)** for the occupancy permit sale property

• **Forty Dollars (\$40)** for the occupancy permit for residential rental property

• **Fifty Dollars (\$50)** for commercial occupancy permit

• **Fifteen Dollars (\$15)** for a copy of any type of occupancy permit

• **Fifty Dollars (\$50)** for an amended copy of any type of occupancy permit

#### Park Reservations

• **Thirty Dollars (\$30)** reservation fee for residents of Vinita Park plus one hundred dollars (\$100) refundable deposit

• **Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75)** reservation fee for non-residents of Vinita Park plus one hundred dollars (\$100) refundable deposit

#### Pet Tags

• **Ten Dollars (\$10)**

#### 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

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.

#### Trees & Limbs

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

#### Trash Containers

Please remember to remove your trash, recycle, and 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 or for any trash service questions.

#### New Park Equipment

I would like to thank Mr. Brown and the Youth Build for assembling our new bleachers.

**Gerald B. French**  
Public Works Director

# POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

## Greetings

The Police Department continues to handle complaints regarding speeding cars on Page. We will increase enforcement in the immediate future to try and gain compliance of the speed limit. The safety of other drivers and pedestrians is of the utmost importance.

Our neighbor Vinita Terrace has accepted our proposal to provide

police services for them. We will begin July 1st. Everyone is very excited to begin this new partnership.

As the weather warms up, please be aware of keeping your vehicles locked when unattended. Cars and stolen property from cars are often crimes of opportunity. Simple measures can help dissuade thieves from making you a victim.

Watch for officers on foot patrol. They are hitting a few streets a day. Say hello and get to know them!

**Sincerely,**  
**Chief Tim Swope**