

CITY HALL NEWS

Payments to City Hall

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

Municipal Consolidated Courts

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

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 1- Municipal Court City of St. Ann. 10:00am
- March 3- Yard Waste Pickup
- March 7- Trash & Recycle Pickup
- March 9- Housing Court City of St. Ann- 10:30am/Senior Luncheon City Hall- 12:00pm
- March 10- Yard Waste Pickup
- March 12- Daylight Saving Time
- March 14- Trash & Recycle Pickup
- March 15- Municipal Court City of St. Ann- 10:00am
- March 17- St. Patrick's Day/Yard Waste Pickup
- March 20 –Board of Aldermen Meeting 6:30pm
- March 21- Trash & Recycle Pickup
- March 24- Yard Waste Pickup
- March 28- Trash & Recycle Pickup
- March 31- Yard Waste Pickup



VINITA PARK CITY HALL

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MONDAY – FRIDAY
8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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NEWS WORTH KNOWING

WORDS FROM THE MAYOR

We need to continue to work together on improving our city. Our City Administration, Police Department, Public Works Department, and Board of Aldermen are working hard to keep our city running more effective and efficient.

I would like to say congratulations to Robert Edward Davis for receiving an Achievement Award on being accepted to Washington University. I also want to congratulate Jeff Carvel the Public Works Foreman on receiving an award for his dedicated service to the City of Vinita Park along with his wife Nikki Carvel and their daughter Kayla Carvel whom both received awards for their continuous and outstanding volunteer work.

The city park behind Vinita Park City Hall will be closed during the months of May through June for park renovation. There will be a new pavilion, new bathroom, two new benches around the play area, and also two new barbeque grills. St. Louis County Department of Transportation removed the decorative guard rails from all the dead end streets at Midland Blvd within Vinita Park and Vinita Terrace, and replaced them with metal poles. These poles do not create the same safety purpose nor are they decorative. We can let our voices be heard at the next Department of Transportation Board Meeting on Monday March 13, 2017 at 3:00p.m. 1050 North Lindbergh Blvd Creve Coeur, MO 63132. Missouri Sewer District (MSD) will be replacing our storm-water pipe underneath the bike/walk trail. Please be mindful of this construction work and to all safety signs.

Once this pipe is replaced the bike/walk trail will be restored to full use.

I would like to say congratulations to all of the residents who graduated from the Citizen Police Academy. I would like to thank all of the police officers who taught the Police Academy Class during their free time. They did a great job and it was a huge success. I would advise all of the residents to be a part of the Citizen Police Academy to see what it's like to be a police officer.

Our police officers work hard to keep our city safe. Within the first 3 months of operation with our Special Operation Division the North County Cooperative Police Department has made 42 arrests with 74 felony charges all of which are drug and gun related, did 13 search warrants, 37 firearms were seized, and 2 drive-bys were prevented. A large quantity of Marijuana, Heroin, PCP, and Cocaine has been seized. Our police officers are doing a great job with getting drugs and guns off our streets and keeping our city safe. I want to thank them again for all of their hard work.

Our next Senior Luncheon will be on March 9th, 2017 at City Hall at 12:00 noon.

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

As the President of the Board of Aldermen I would like to extend my hearty welcome to all new residents, Vinita Terrace, business owners who have relocated to our Community. I have had the opportunity to meet some of you, and I hope to meet others real soon. I encourage our residents to get involved in our community by participating in our City Government through our monthly Board of Aldermen meeting, the third Monday of each month at 6:30pm.

Beautification

In the month of March we will be cleaning out the flower pots and flower beds in Bira Park. If you like getting your hands dirty, have a green thumb, and would like to volunteer to help call City Hall at 314-428-7373 for more information.

Save the Date

June 17, 2017 is Vinita Park's Annual Bursting and Blooming Garden Contest. The deadline is Friday June 16, 2017 at 5:00pm.

Job Fair Information

When: Tuesday March 28, 2017
Time: 11:00am-2:00pm
Where: Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westport 1973 Craigshire Road, St. Louis, MO 63146

(Bob's Discount, Citibank, Sam's Club, Whelan Security, Medical West, AT&T, Toyota Bodine, Sears, Taco Bell, Sprint, Macy's Credit and Customer Services).

Job Fair Information

When: Thursday May 4th, 2017
Time: 11:00am- 2:00pm
Where: Doubletree Hotel at Westport 1973 Craigshire Road, St. Louis, MO 63146

**Breakfast with Santa
Toy Give-Away Winner
Age 0-3**
Jedidiah Maney.

Once again I would like to say congratulation to Jedidiah Maney.

Inspirational

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today. (H Jackson Brown Jr.) Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try.

**Alderwoman Celeste McGee
Ward III**

Hello Ward 2 and our wonderful Seniors



I am so grateful to be celebrating our first Senior Luncheon for the year which will be on March 9th, 2017 at City Hall at 12:00 noon. I am asking for all of the callers to call and remind you all of the date. Don't forget to give the callers your birthdays for the months of January, February, and March. You will receive your first phone call reminder on Friday March 3rd and again on Tuesday March 7th. Also we need to discuss new ideas for things you would like to do for example, a shopping trip or a luncheon trip. Let me know and I will see what I can do.

Happy St. Patrick's Day everyone!

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

**Alderwoman Ora Mae Stokes
Ward 2**

Hello Ward II



Happy St. Patrick's Day. We are busy this year in Vinita Park and we would like for you all to participate in our events.

Don't forget to come to City Hall every third Monday of each month to voice your opinions. Also don't forget to come out and vote on April 4th, 2017 every vote counts.

Our Senior Luncheon will be held on March 9th, 2017 at City Hall at 12:00pm. We will call and remind you all.

Also please remember to place your trashcans at the curb by 5:00pm on

Monday evening and put your trashcans away on Tuesday after it's been collected. This will help keep our city clean and beautiful.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

On March 31st, 2017 we will have our first Easter Egg Hunt meeting at City Hall at 1:00pm. I will need volunteers on April 3rd, 2017 to help stuff eggs at City Hall at 11:00am. Also we will provide you all with a light lunch.

We will have our Annual Easter Egg Hunt coming up on April 8th, 2017 at Charles Forrester Park at 10:00am. Please come to City Hall and sign your children up ages 0-12 years old beginning on March 27th, 2017 between the hours of 8:30am-5:00pm. The last day to sign up for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be April 7th, 2017 at 5:00pm. I hope you can come out and bring the children. If it rains on the scheduled day I will reschedule for April 15th, 2017 same time and location.

**Alderwoman Wanda Fairley
Ward II**

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.

Mosquitos

As we approach the mosquito season it is very important to remove all items from your property that may hold water. Failure to do so can result in a summons to appear in court and possible fine. Some items to look for are: tires, swimming pools, pottery, and etc.

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.

New Ordinances

The Vinita Park Board of Aldermen recently passed several new ordinances that may apply to you. Provided below is a synopsis of each Ordinance.

Ordinance 1286 (Occupancy Permits) – changes Section 510.120(B) of the Code of Ordinances relating to Occupancy Permits. The Ordinance adds a provision that prior to obtaining an Occupancy Permit all applicable service charges, fees, trash

and real estate taxes have been paid in full. There were no other changes to the Ordinance and all other previous requirements for obtaining an Occupancy Permit still apply. City Hall staff will be verifying that the above referenced charges and fees are paid in full prior to issuing occupancy permits

Ordinance 1288 (Trash Dumpster Enclosures) – requires trash dumpster enclosures to be constructed at commercial, and multi-family dwelling locations in the City of Vinita Park. This ordinance is immediately effective for all newly placed dumpsters in the City of Vinita Park. If a building has an existing dumpster, an enclosure must be built around the dumpster, following the specifications listed in the Ordinance, by November 1, 2016. Please be advised that a Building Permit must be obtained prior to starting construction of the enclosure.

Ordinance 1289 (Rental Registration Licenses) —requires that any owner of a single-family residential rental property must annually register each property they own and obtain a Rental License from the City of Vinita Park. It also requires that prior to any rental license being issued all applicable service charges, fees, trash bills and real estate taxes are paid in full.

For any questions related to these new ordinances please contact City Hall at 314-428-7373.

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.

**Gerald B. French
Public Works Director**