

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

- September 2- Yard Waste Pickup
- September 5- Labor Day/City Hall Closed
- September 6- Trash & Recycle Pickup
- September 7- Street Sweeping/Municipal Court at St. Ann 10:00am
- September 8- Street Sweeping/Housing Court at St. Ann 10:30am
- September 9- Yard Waste Pickup
- September 10- Citywide Garage Sale
- September 11- Grandparent's Day
- September 13- Trash & Recycle Pickup
- September 14- Street Sweeping
- September 15- Street Sweeping
- September 16- Yard Waste Pickup
- September 19- Board of Aldermen Meeting 6:30pm
- September 20- Trash & Recycle Pickup
- September 21- Street Sweeping/Municipal Court at St. Ann 10:00am
- September 22- Street Sweeping
- September 23- Yard Waste Pickup
- September 27- Trash & Recycle Pickup
- September 28- Street Sweeping
- September 29- Senior Picnic 12:00pm/ Street Sweeping



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

I would like to thank all of our residents, Alderman Gremaud, Alderman Redel, and their Committee for doing a wonderful job for our Annual National Night Out. We gave away shoes, shirts, and neck ties. Vinita Terrace and Vinita Park residents were able to get to know each other. Also the children had a great time.

Now is the time to come together with our mission work with our goal area in education. Vinita Park's education work is focused on providing support to families of students from early childhood through high school. For early childhood, the work is focused on ensuring that children who attend one of our partner's daycare centers are ready to enter kindergarten. For K-12 students our efforts are focused on family and parent education and support for students. This could include raising awareness of the importance of kindergarten readiness, supporting attendance, and ensuring that basic needs of families are met. All of these supports are intended to indirectly support the Normandy School Collaborative goal to increase graduation rates.

On August 6th 2016, 24:1 Beyond the Backpack A Back to School Event was a huge success. We gave away over 2,000 backpacks, school supplies, kid haircuts, immunization shots, and much more.

Our Chief of Police Timothy Swope was given a Community Service Award also on August 6th, 2016. I would like to thank Alderman Richard Redel, Alderwoman Veronica Conner, and Alderwoman Celeste McGee for attending the ceremony.

I would like to thank the Transition Team, we had a meeting on August 9th, 2016. We also formed an Arbor Tree Committee and a Building Team Committee for the New City Hall.

On September 4th, 2016 Ritenour High School will have the Community Fireworks Display. We are all welcome to attend. This event will be held on the football field beginning at 8:15p.m. All of the Elected Officials will be on the stage for introductions and photos.

We are talking to pharmaceutical companies that offer free medication delivery for our seniors and all residents. For more information contact City Hall at 314-428-7373

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 Ward 1,2,3 residents

What an exciting time we had at our Annual Youth Day. We could not ask for a better day on the day America celebrates its independence on the 4th of July. The weather was a little damp but it did not stop us from having a good time. God Bless America. Thank you.

Our Annual Youth Day was a huge success thanks to our wonderful Mayor James W. McGee, my Co-Chair Person Chief of Police Tim Swope, a great supporting Board of Aldermen, Alderman Brian Gremaud, Alderman Richard Redel, North County Cooperative Police Department, our cooks, a hard working Public Works Director Gerald French and the Public Works Department. I also want to thank our Senior Citizens Ms. Shirley Kiefer, Ms. Lucille Price, and Ms. Nancy Mewes, and all of the volunteers who helped wrap hot dogs and prepared the food. We appreciate all of you and thanks again.

With great leadership in Vinita Park it takes all of us to make every event successful. My heart goes out to the leaders, residents, and volunteers who take the time out of their busy schedules to put forth an effort to help our children. Our youth is the spirit of Vinita Park with adventure and awakening they are our future, and if we do not do something to help them then who will. Let's continue to support them in all that they do. We live so that our children will think of fairness, caring, and integrity. We educated them by showing good leadership, good behavior, and habits that will make a strong difference in their life. Also I would like to take this time out to congratulate the winners of the 2016 Annual Youth Day Games.

We have 18 winners of our Annual Youth Day Games. Congratulations to all winners!

Golf Ball Race

1st Place Winner: Zion Harrell
2nd Place Winner: Jeffrey Duke Jr.
3rd Place Winner: Chase Hernandez

Hoola Hoop

1st Place Winner: Kayla Carvel/ Zaire Harrell/Autumn Lower
2nd Place Winner: Rihanna Hudson/ Zaire Harrell
3rd Place Winner: Elaina Barnett

Basketball

1st Place Winner: Jayden Rasnett
2nd Place Winner: Zachery Harrell
3rd Place Winner: Zephan Harrell

Football

1st Place Winner: Alexis Elliott
2nd Place Winner: Trevor Daley
3rd Place Winner: Zephan Harrold

Washers

1st Place Winner: Zion Harrell
2nd Place Winner: Jack Ammons
3rd Place Winner: Jayden Barnett

I would like to thank all of the parents who came out to support and help celebrate our Annual Youth Day 2016. The children had an exciting day enjoying themselves by riding the pony's, playing games, getting their faces painted by Popsicle the clown, eating hot dogs, chips, cookies, candy, snow cones, juices, and just having lots of fun. The Youth Committee appreciates all of you and your support. We look forward to next year's Youth event. Once again thank you and have a safe Summer.

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

Board President Alderwoman Celeste McGee Ward III

Hello Vinita Park residents



This is your Alderwoman Conner from Ward 3, and I would like to give you a recap of updates on our City Parks. The safety concerns and repairs have been

completed and Charles Forrester has re-opened. New mulch has also been replaced and the railroad ties have been removed and replaced. I would like to thank our Public Works Department for doing a wonderful job with our parks. Please be patient with us as we continue for improvement with our City Park parking lots. Remember safety is our main goal.

To all residents school is back in session so please obey the school bus stop signs. Please help protect our children.

Alderwoman Veronica Conner Ward 3

Hello Ward 2



I am happy to be back. I would like to thank everyone for all of your prayers for the death of my husband. I also would like to thank the

Committee on the 4th of July Parade and Youth Day.

Mrs. Stokes is coming along fine please continue to keep her in your prayers.

We have a Senior trip coming up this month. I will give you more information when time becomes available.

Our Annual Senior Picnic will be on September 29, 2016 at Vinita Park (behind City Hall) at 12:00pm. Please bring your favorite side dish. All Seniors will receive a phone call as a reminder.

Don't forget to attend the Board Meeting at City Hall at 6:30pm on every third Monday of the month to voice your opinion.

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, and all applicable service charges, fees, trash bills and real estate taxes have been paid in full.

Street Sweeper

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

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 bills and real estate taxes have been paid in full. There were no other changes to the Ordinance and all other previous require-

ments 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**