

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: 1 2009 ICC code Book and 2 2008 National Electrical Code (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).

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 1st Yard Waste Pickup
- May 5th Trash & Recycle Pickup
- May 6th Municipal Court/ Street Sweeping
- May 7th Street Sweeping
- May 8th Yard Waste Pickup
- May 12th Trash & Recycle Pickup
- May 13th Street Sweeping
- May 14th Senior Luncheon/ Street Sweeping
- May 15th Yard Waste Pickup
- May 16th Citywide Garage Sale
- May 18th Board of Alderman Meeting 6:30pm
- May 19th Trash & Recycle Pickup
- May 20th Street Sweeping
- May 21st Street Sweeping
- May 22nd Yard Waste Pickup
- May 25th Memorial Day City Hall Closed
- May 26th Trash & Recycle Pickup
- May 27th Street Sweeping
- May 28th Street Sweeping
- May 29th Yard Waste Pickup



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

Brian Gremaud
922-0885

Richard Redel
368-2329

WARD 2

Wanda Fairley
395-7028

Ora Stokes
429-6863

WARD 3

Celeste McGee
426-5529

Veronica Conner
684-9336



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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2015

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NEWS WORTH KNOWING

WORDS FROM THE MAYOR

To all Vinita Park residents, the City of Vinita Park is a vital prospering community. Our demographics include 70% black, 29% white, and 1% Hispanic/other.

Over half of Vinita Park's land mass is zoned industrial. Vi-Jon, Federal Express, United Industries, Schnuck's Oberweiss Dairy, U.S. Foods, Best Transportation, Americold, Boldine Industries, and FedEx Home Delivery are just a few of the larger corporations located within the city limits. Because of these entrenched and flourishing businesses, Vinita Park's fiscal viability is stronger than ever. Their revenues have increased consistently over the years. The fiscal budget for 2015 and 2016 is expected to be in excess of \$3,000,000.00, which has been the budget balance for the last five years. Our operating reserve at \$217,409.00, CD savings is \$202,000.00, and capital reserve is \$1,074, 059.00. Our overall reserved \$1, 291,468.00, and there is no tax increase. You have to vote on tax increase. Taxes been the same since I been in office as Mayor.

Because of its thriving business community, the City of Vinita Park is not hindered by dependence on revenues from alternative sources. The specter of ticket revenues and the County "tax pool" have very little if any impact on the overall budget. The City of Vinita Park is fiscally sound and will continue to be a dynamic force in North County for decades to come.

The City of Vinita Park's workforce continues to increase. The Police Department with 22 employees, is the largest department in the City of Vinita Park. Their goal is to make sure our residents feel safe in their homes. The Public Works department has 5 employees

who keeps our city is clean and beautiful. In total the city has approximately 35 employees.

The city is governed by its Mayor James McGee and six Board of Aldermen.

Ward 1 Alderman Rich Redel, Alderman Brian Gremaud.

Ward 2: Alderwoman Ora Mae Stokes, Alderwoman Wanda Fairley.

Ward 3: Alderwoman Celestine McGee, Alderwoman Veronica Conner

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen work closely together to provide the City of Vinita Park with the very best customer service. The employees work hand in hand as a family with the elected officials to provide professional, courteous, and thoughtful service. Community events such as Annual Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July Parades, and other various Youth functions are just a few of the ways the City of Vinita Park strives to continue building a strong, lifelong relationships with residents.

Lastly the City of Vinita Park is moving forward on building a new City Hall/Police Department. With a projected cost of approximately \$2,500,000.00, Vinita Park has hired a sought after General Contractor that has vast experience in government projects. This facility will not only benefit the public, but it will also help the environment with the Going Green construction initiative. The City of Vinita Park is better than ever and here to stay.

James W. McGee
Mayor/City Administrator

YOUR ALDERMEN'S CORNER



Happy Mother's Day Ward 1,2.&3

I would like to take this time out to congratulate the winners in the April 7th 2015 election. It shows that we have people who care about their community and want to do all they can to see our city move forward. Congratulations once again.

Job Fair

Date: Thursday, June 4, 2015

Where: Double Tree Hotel
1973 Craigshire Rd 63146

Time: 9:00am-12:30pm

Dress professional/Bring Multiple Resumes/Keep an Open Mind

There may be companies and industries you are not familiar with, but take the time to speak with them it may be your dream job.

Save the Date

Vinita Park Annual Youth Day July 4th, 2015

Attention all youth, the City of Vinita Park will be having it's Annual Youth Day right after the 4th of July parade, Time 11:30am-1:00pm
Where: Behind Vinita Park City Hall.

There will be games, prizes, basketball, a clown, face painting, pony rides, and refreshments

Vinita Park Annual Garden Contest June 20, 2015

Just a reminder: the City of Vinita park will be having it's Busting in Blooming Garden Contest.
Date: Saturday June 20, 2015 please mark your calendar. Last day to register is Friday June 19, 2015

Contest Rules

The Judges will be judging on neatest style, creativity, and color combination.

1. Your home must be neat and clean of debris
2. Any shape, size, and style of color flowers
- 3 Rock garden is acceptable
4. Your home must be free of preexisting decoration for example: NO Christmas, Halloween, Easter, or 4th of July lights or any other decorations will not be judged.

For more information call City Hall. Remember Vinita Park is where you live so let's keep it clean.

Hello Ward 2



I want to thank everyone for re-electing me back in office. I won't let you guys down. I am here to listen and help the residents in the City of Vinita Park.

I would like to wish all mothers A Happy Mother's Day.

Once again I would like to thank everyone for coming out to the Easter Egg Hunt.

FYI

For those of you who received a letter to get repairs done please prepare your home for an inspection so our community can look presentable.

Don't forget to attend the board meetings every third Monday of each month to voice your opinion.

Beyond housing is currently accepting applications for home repairs. Please call 314-918-9918 for more information.

I want to thank the Public Workers and the Police Department for a job well done.

Wanda Fairley Alderwoman, Ward II

Hello Ward 2



Kudos to our newly elected Alderwoman Veronica Conner (Ward 3). Also congratulations to Alderwoman Wanda Fairley (Ward 2) and Brian Gremaud (Ward1) on being relected.

Our second senior luncheon this year will be on May 14th at 12:00pm noon at City Hall. I hope to see you all there. We will be celebrating birthdays from April-May. I have asked that everyone provide us with your date of birth and NOT your age. Your age is not a requirement we just need to know if you are 55 and up.

Sympathy goes out to Pat Gardiner's family. We will truly miss her. She was always the first person to show up at our luncheons. She's reason we have our Senior Annually Pinic each year.

Now is the time for us to get out in the yard and get our flower garden going which we all enjoy to make our city more beautiful.

Food For Thought

Lord you are awesome and wonderful! Help me bloom where you have planted me! AMEN!

" Leadership with integrity, accessible, committed, and honesty
To all mothers have a Happy safe and blessed Mother's Day

Alderwoman Ora Mae Stokes,
Ward 2

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

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.

Trees & Limbs

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

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.

FYI

Bid openings will be held at MSD Headquarters for Medell/Wolter Sewer Project. This will include the removal and replacement of Vinita Park Bike/Walk Trail.

Please do **NOT** leave grass clipping in the street; this is considered littering and a summons will be issued.

**Gerald B. French
Public Works Director**