Public Work Director

Gerald B. French

City Hall News

Payments to City Hall
The forms of payments to the City of Vinita Park must be cash, money orders, credit or debit card, or a business check.

No personal checks will be accepted for payment. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Beyond Housing Home Repair Program
Beyond Housing, Inc. has been awarded a $200,000 grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines and the St. Louis Office of Community Development to administer a home improvement program in Vinita Park. Grant funds will be used to assist low-income homeowners, seniors, and veterans in correcting code issues, safety, and health-related concerns, and make other needed home repairs. Income-qualified households will receive a grant for home repair work that will be forgiven after five years. All work will be performed by licensed and insured contractors and inspected by Beyond Housing and the St. Louis County Department of Public Works. To find out more about the program and whether you qualify please call Beyond Housing at 932-1079 and ask for Michele Chapel.

Basic Emergency Supply Kit
A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- 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, FEDMA 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 bleach 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/kid 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

- July 5th – Municipal Court of City of St. Ann 10:00am/Street Sweeping
- July 6th/Street Sweeping
- July 7th - Yard Waste Pickup/Senior Citizen Utility Tax Refund Begins
- July 11th - Trash & Recycle Pickup
- July 13th - Board of Aldermen Meeting 6:30pm
- July 15th - Trash & Recycle Pick-up
- July 19th - Municipal Court of City of St. Ann 10:00am
- July 21st - Yard Waste Pickup
- July 23rd - Parent’s Day
- July 25th - Trash & Recycle Pick-up
- July 28th - Yard Waste Pickup

Public Works Newsletter

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Community Newsletter

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Words from the Mayor

I would like to thank you all for attending the Vinita Park/Park-Imo onus Ceremony. The Vinita Park is now Ward 4. We had eleven honorees and it was a huge success. We are asking all of our residents to bring your property up to code and keep our city clean. Please cut your grass, bring your trash cans in after trash pick up, and move your vehicles on Street Sweeping days.

Our North County Police Cooperative received the Public Safety and Community Policing Award from the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis. Our Police Department is doing a wonderful job and we should encourage them to keep up the good work.

I would like to thank Alderman Mick Mcgee, and Alderman Reed from Ward III for attending the Missouri Municipal League’s Policing Program. The conference was a great success and an overview of Municipal Government, Conducting City Business, Budgeting, Sunshine Law Liability and Risk, Communicating the Value of Public Service, Local Revenue Sources, Economic Development, Roberts Rule of Order, and Missouri Municipal League Services. The conference was very resourceful in providing ways to run our city more efficient and effective.

I would like to say congratulations to Mahlia Pryor who was selected from Washington Elementary School to participate in the STEM Program. Mahlia will be participating in the National Youth Leadership Forum. The competition will be in Chicago, Illinois. Mahlia will also have the opportunity to explore a future career in these exciting STEM pathways, engineering, study of medicine, and also detective work.

The City’s five budgets for 2017 and 2018 are Operating, Capital, Road, Sewer, and Parks and Water. The proposed itemized budgets are as follows: Projected Operating Budget is $4,757,412 and Projected General Revenue tax $ 5,056,432 and $297,520 in reserves. Projected Capital Improvements Outlay Budget is $310,025 and Projected revenue is $359,099 with $44,074 in reserves. Projected Road Budget is $269,323 and Capital Outlay is $105,282 with $164,041 in reserves. Projected Sewer Budget is $353,031 and Projected Sewer Outlay Repairs is $25,500 with $327,531 in reserves. Projected Parks and Storm Water Budget is $225,105 and Projected Expenditures is $213,983 with $11,122 in reserves. The City Overall Reserves is $843,789. Improvements to City, Police Department, Public Works and Parks Department are as follows: one 17 inch computer monitor, 10 new leased police cars, 10 computers for the police cars, 10 bullet proof vests, 100 Taser cartridges for training, 20 new Tires for Police Cars, 20 new Tires for Police and Public Works Tires, $10,500 in car parts, three street repairs; Northbury Lane, Bennett Avenue, and Washington Avenue, Wash Station for Public Works, Accreditation for Public Works, Public Works, demolition of six homes, tool for Mechanic, All Data Subscription, sink with eyewash station, snow blower, lawn mower, one pick-up truck, utilities, trash and yard waste pick up, parking lot repairs, fence for Police Department, and park renovation. We have three city parks that are open to the public as well as the City of Vinita Park. We have Mayor Charles Forester from 1966 to 1983, Mayor Virginia A. Biro from 1984 to 2010, and Mayor James W. McGee from 2010 to present. I would like to thank all of the Mayors for bringing the city to where it is today.

All of our elected officials and employees believe in building a stronger community, engaging families, and successful in children.

James W. McGee
Mayor/City Administrator