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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 travel 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.

IMprotant 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

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MONDAY – FRIDAY
8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

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 or a basic event success. We gave away over 2,000 backpacks, school supplies, kid haircuts, immunization shots, and much more.

Our Chief of Police Timothy Swepe was given a Community Service Award also on August 6th, 2016. I would like to thank Alderman Richard Redel, Alderman Gremaud, Alderman 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 by engaging in families, and success in children.

James W. McGee
Mayor/City Administrator

Indian Trails Library March Events

• Art @ Your Library: The Parrot Pirate
• Lap Time - Join us for your favoritesongs, finger plays and stories. Stay afterwards for our popular playtime for babies and their caretakers. Ages 0-2.
• Creative Cardio Aerobics - Join us for an aerobic workout and tone your entire body doing low and high impact moves. Ages 2–12.

As your Tax Collector, my goal is to help manage our tax dollars. In the City of Vinita Park, we provide services for our residents to an average of $2 Million in taxes. I sometimes have to discourage you; you can get started in organizing your information.

Women Living Whole

February 12, 10:00am – 12:00pm

March 13, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

“Being Seen as a Professional” — Presented by John E. Lee

John E. Lee is a business coach and consultant with over twelve years of experience in the training and development field specializing in leadership, executive and business coaching.

May 21, 10:00am – 12:00pm

“Achieving Your Dreams”; How to Achieve Success in Business and Life — Presented by James W. McGee

James W. McGee is the Mayor of Vinita Park.

We are fighting extremely hard for the Normandy School District. We’ve traveled to Jefferson City several times to talk to Legislators. We presented a detailed plan for the Normandy School District to make it happen.

The Normandy School District does not have a high graduation rate. It has one of the lowest graduation rates in the state. We are working hard to bring out academic success and improvements. These students are the future of our community.

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Jeanette Carridine

James W. McGee
YOUR ALDERMEN’S CORNER

Hello Vinita Park
Ward 1,2,3 residents

What an exciting time we had at our An-
nual Youth Day. We could not afford for a
better day on the day America cele-
brates 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 suc-
cess thanks to our wonderful Mayor
James W. McGee, my Co-Chair Person
Chief of Police Tim Swope, a great sup-
porting Board of Aldermen, Alderman
Brian Gremaud, Alderman Richard Re-
del, 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 suc-
cessful. My heart goes out to the lead-
ers, 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 educat-
ed 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 con-
gratulate the winners of the 2016 Annual
Youth Day Games.

Hello Vinita Park residents
Ward 3

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 re-
pairs 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 Depart-
ment 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 ses-
sion so please obey the school bus stop
signs. Please help protect our children.

Alderman 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
it time becomes available.

Our Annual Senior Picnic will be on
September 29, 2016 at Vinita Park (be-
hind 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 Meet-
ing at City Hall at 6:30pm on every third
Monday of the month to voice your opinion.

Alderman 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 pre-
vent 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 per-
mit the occupant of any building or dwell-
ing of a unit, until the inspection is com-
plete 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 Wednes-
day 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. 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 Per-
mits. 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 Enclo-
sures) – requires trash dumpster enclo-
sures to be constructed at commercial,
and multi-family dwelling locations in
the City of Vinita Park. This ordinance is im-
mediately effective for all newly placed
dumpsters in the City of Vinita Park. If a
building has an existing dumpster, an en-
closure 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.

Reminders
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 recep-
tacles 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 receiv-
ing 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