Financial Education Workshop

There will be a workshop held at the City of Vinita Park in the Court Chambers on Thursday, April 23rd 2015 from 11:30am-12:00pm titled “Financial Fitness: Cash Flow, Estate, Tax, Saving and Investment Planning”. Andrew Hall from the Foundation for Financial Education will be presenting the workshop which will touch briefly on several points, including cash flow management, basics of tax planning, creating a financial road map, an introduction to estate planning, overcoming obstacles to creating wealth, maximum savings, and an investment plan.

The Foundation for Financial Education is a 501C3 non-profit organization dedicated to spreading financial literacy by providing free educational resources directly to the public.

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 Code2008, 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: Electrical Code:1 2000 I 2000 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 for 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 water proof, 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 cleansers.
- 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

I would like to thank Ms. Stokes along with Ms. Fairley and Mr. Redel for our senior citizen luncheon. That was a huge success. In addition, I would like to thank our seniors for coming out and filling the Easter Eggs: they filled over a thousand eggs. I would also like to thank Alderwoman Wanda Fairley and her committee for a job well done in organizing the Easter Egg Hunt for our children, which was a big success.

As Mayor of City of Vinita Park, I’ve traveled to Jefferson City seven weeks in a row. We have launched a united voice of local elected officials in the State Capitol. The Missouri Local Leader partnership has an om mission of nearly nine thousand local elected officials. Together the Missouri Local Leader partnership is a powerful united voice of local elected leaders closest to the communities where we live, work, raise families, and contribute to our State’s progress and quality of life. We support common priorities and principals that together provide a constructive vision for a community served by thousands of elected members statewide. These principles include:

1. Supporting strong local decision making, authority, and accountability.
2. Promote a sound economic policy at all levels of Missouri Government.
3. Preserving and strengthening the quality of life in our community.
4. Protecting the safety of our neighbors and all Missourians.

The Missouri Local Leadership Partnership supports a comprehensive review of our state tax policies. The first legislative
Happy Easter Vinita Park

Wishing all of you a very blessed Easter. I hope everyone had a won- derful Easter. I hope the spirit of Easter brings you Peace, Love, and Happy Living.

The Chamber of Commerce Job Fair for the Military

Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2015
Where: Machinists Building in Bridgeton, MO
Time: 9:30am.

This job fair is for our Military who are seeking jobs. Come join us for a Job Fair at the Machinists Build- ing on St. Charles Rock Road in Bridgeton. President John F. Ken- nedy once said “I look forward to a great future for America, a future in which our country will match its mili- tary strength with our moral restraint, its wealth with our wisdom, its power with our purpose”. Our Military and Veterans do so much for our country. They protect and defend us all so that we can be free. Let’s remember them and support them.

Constantly working hard for pro- gress and stable leadership in our community.

Celeste McGee
3rd Ward Alderman

Hello Ward 2

I hope you’ve had a wonderful Easter. Please don’t forget to vote on April 7, 2015. We have a lot of things going on in our com- munity(Vinita Park). If you need help paying your utility bills, you can call the Community Action Agency at 314-963-0015 from 8:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday. Beyond Housing is accepting home repair applications, please call 314-918-9918. Come up on April 20th at 6:30pm Monday to voice your opin- ion at your City Hall meeting. I would like to thank the Police Department, Public Works, and the City Clerk for doing a wonderful job.

Wanda Fairley
Alderwoman, Ward II

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Alderwoman, Ward II

Wipe feet off on mats and shake water off umbrellas prior to entering buildings when raining.

At home, with the changes of the clocks, test your smoke detectors and change the batteries.

Alderman Redel
Ward One

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

NEWS

TRIM Program
We have 16 trees that will be cut down by April 15, 2015. A portion of the funding for this project was made available through the Missouri Department of Conservation’s Tree Resource Improvement and Main- tenance (TRIM) Program.

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

We have experienced a few identity thefts in the recent weeks. Please remember to never give out your personal information if you do not know the person/ventity with whom you’re speaking. If you get an email, phone call, letter, or other type of contact and you are asked for your social security number or other personal information please be careful. If you don’t trust them or if you simply don’t understand why they need the information, don’t give it out. In these cases, it is truly better to be safe than sorry. If you believe someone has contacted you with ill intent, please contact the police department and report the issue.

Movie Nights are coming!!! Stay tuned for dates and times!!!

Our safety belt warning initiative has proved very successful. We have issued over 150 warnings for drivers and front seat passen- gers not wearing a safety belt. I have received numerous calls from people who received the warning stating they were very happy to be getting a warning simply reminding them to wear their safety belt. Our officers did a great job working with the citizens in making this a great program.

Officer Susie Lorfithidge has been named Officer of the Month for March 2015. Officer Lorfithidge was a Sargent at a nearby agency when we hired her. She has only been with us for a short time, but her knowledge, experience, and the way she works with the citizens has not gone unnoticed. Her commit- ment to patrolling the neigh- borhoods has really helped avert crime. She deals with children very well and loves to talk with the resi- dents. Officer Lorfithidge will continue to be a great asset to Vinita Park.

Sincerely,
Chief Tim Swope