ANIMATED AND DYNAMIC MOTION ANIMATION USING A DIGITAL CAMERA OR DISCONTINUITY.

The up-grades taking place at these loca-tions will include the addition of family restrooms, private study rooms, expanded computing areas and quiet, comfortable seating areas.

In the fall of 2015 five more SCIL branches will close for similar upgrades: Oak Bend Natural Bridge, Prairie Commons, Cliff Cave and Samuel C. Sachs. We expect these locations to be closed approximately six months.

Construction on all of the new and reno-vated buildings in phase one of the Your Library Renewed campaign is expected to be complete in mid-2016.

The timeline is subject to change based on weather conditions and other factors.

We invite you to follow our progress by visiting www.scil.org/your-library-renewed. Additional updates will be posted on our Facebook and Twitter pages—so be sure to follow along!

Administrative News - Cross Training

The City of Vinita Park is a diverse and ever changing environment that allows several departments to cross-train in different areas to help keep up with the constantly changing City needs.

Cross-training ensures productivity and ensures needs in each department will be met.

Cross-training is taking place at City Hall. Ms. Carman Brown, Deputy City Clerk, has been training with Ms. Veronica Scofield, the City’s Courts Clerk on Court Administration procedures.

Similarly, Ms. Carman Brown, our Deputy City Clerk, and Ms. Sherry Sulver, our City Collector, will be cross-training with Ms. Melody Korn, our City Clerk. Ms. Melody is new and will be cross-training with Ms. Sherry Sulver. These procedures are in place to ensure all areas are covered and City Hall can operate in an efficient manner in the event of an absence.

City Spending

The Business Visa Card is being utilized for bill paying because it allows the City to earn money back for the Boys and Girls Club youth account. The money earned can be used for the incentive program for the children to keep them coming to the center. In addition, they can be rewarded with a trip to Six Flags.

PET TAGS

Please get your Pet Tag by February 13th, 2015, as a late fee will be incurred after that date.

City Hall Closing

City Hall will be closed on Monday February 16th, 2015 for President’s Day. The City Hall will re-open on Tuesday, February 17th, 2015. In addition, the monthly Board Meeting will be held that evening at 6:30pm. All are encouraged to attend.

CANDIDATE FILING

The closing date for filing the Declaration of Candidacy was January 20th, 2015.

Write-in candidates have until March 27th, 2015 to declare their candidacy. We welcome the following candidates for Alderman for the City of Vinita Park.

- Ward 1: Janet Simms
- Ward 1: Brian Gremaud
- Ward 2: Veronica Conner
- Ward 3: Dennis Hayden
- Ward 3: David Harlerrnan

BASIC EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

Once you have gathered the supplies for a basic emergency kit, you may want to consider adding the following:

- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Your family’s traveler's checks and change
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records, the waterproof, portable container. You can use the Emergency Financial Aid E-FAX (PDF – 997kb) developed by operation Hope, FEMAA and Citizen Corps to help you organize your important documents.
- Emergency medical supplies, such as a first aid book or free information from the web site (See Publications)
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold climate
- Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in colder climates.

Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper- when diluted, nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a household cleaner. 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 chlorine
- 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 pencils
- Books, games, puzzles, or other activities for children

Be prepared for an emergency by keeping your gas tank full and if you find yourself stranded, be safe and stay in your vehicle. Keep your flashers on, call for help and wait until it arrives.

HOME

Your disaster supply kit should contain essential food, water, and supplies for at least three days. Keep this kit in a designated place and have it ready in case you have to leave your home quickly. Make sure all family members know where the kit is kept. Additionally, you may want to consider having supplies for sheltering for up to two weeks.

KITCHEN LOCATIONS

Since you do not know where you will be when an emergency occurs, prepare supplies for home, work and vehicles.

In case you are stranded, keep a kit of emergency supplies in your car. This kit should include:

- Jump starter cables
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- First aid kits and necessary medications in case you are away from home for a prolonged time
- Food items containing protein such as nuts and energy bars; canned fruit and portable can opener
- Water for each person and pet in your car
- AM/FM radio to listen to traffic reports and emergency messages
- Cat litter or sand for better tire traction
- Shoelace or rope
- Warm clothing, gloves, hats, sturdy boots, jackets, and an extra change of clothes
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Also consider:
  - A fully-charged cell phone and phone charger
  - Flares or reflective triangle
  - Baby formula and diapers if you have a small child

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2015 VOLUME 2015:02 NEWS WORTH KNOWING

WORDS FROM THE MAYOR

February 2015

VINITA PARK CITY HALL
3874 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
922-0889
Richard Redell
368-3239
WARD 2
Wanda Fairley
395-7028
Ora Stokes
429-6863
WARD 3
Celeste McGee
426-5529
Dennis Hayden
276-6188

The City of Vinita Park would like to extend heartfelt sympathy to the Hollowell family and the Brown family in the loss of their loved ones.

The City of Vinita Park Family would like to extend heartfelt sympathy to the Alderman Family.

We would like to welcome our new residents and business owners who have relocated to the City of Vinita Park.

Our Boys & Girls Club did a tremendous job in helping our neighbor community of Wellston in a cleanup effort to help keep their city clean. We would like to thank Officer Brown and Officer Moonchild who came in on his day off. With a special thanks to Mr. Melvin Wright in helping make our community a great success and transporting our Boys & Girls Club to Wellston.

A 4-1 vote orchestrated by Council Steve Stenger overruled a 7 year county contract to lease space for a Health Clinic and a Social Services Counseling Center at Page & Ferguson for our residents and especially our senior citizens. The four thousand dollar ($400,000) contract was moved to make a soccer field in Fenton. This will not help make our community stronger. If you disagree, please contact County Executive Steve Stenger at (314) 615-7016.

We would like to thank Alderman Redel, Alderman Fairley, Alderman McGee and Alderman Hayden for attending the informational meeting on Saturday, January 31st, 2015. The meeting was very informative about the $1,000 bills filed in Jefferson City. These bills are designed to merge the smaller cities with St. Louis County which results in stopping the services that Vinita Park provides to our residents.

In the meeting we gave an overview of the 24:1 action, the process that will be taken, an open discussion on how to save our villages and cities. This is very important and we all need to work together to better our communities. I am asking all of our elected officials, businesses and residents to write to their State Representatives and Sena-tors in Jefferson City about how you feel about merging all cities with Saint Louis County. For further information, contact City Hall.

Now is the time to come together. The 241 communities that make up the Normandy School Collaborative are facing seri-ous challenges in the coming days and months. Missouri State Legislators are already discussing new laws and policies ranging from transfers to municipal revenue. The outcome of these decisions will have a lasting impact for years to come. We traveled to Jefferson City in opposition to Senate Bill #5 in reference to reforming the Municipal Courts. The City of Vinita Park has adopted a resolution on Municipal Courts Best Practice. It’s the city’s official’s responsibility to keep our communities and enforce the laws that the state passes down.

Beyond Housing is accepting applications. If your home is in need of repairs please contact (314) 918-9918 extension 28.

We ask that you continue to work together to make Vinita Park a strong community by engaging our families and successful children.

James W. McGee
Mayor/City Administrator
YOUR ALDERMEN’S CORNER

**Happy Valentine’s Day Wards 1, 2, & 3 Residents**

I would like to extend a hearty welcome to all the new residents and business owners that have relocated to our community. I have had an opportunity to meet some of you and hope to meet others soon.

I encourage our residents to get involved in our community by participating in our city government through our monthly Board Meetings, the third Monday of each month at 6:30pm.

**Job Fair Information**

Job Fair Thursday, February 26th, 2015 11:00am-2:00pm at the DoubleTree Hotel 1973 Craig Shire Road Saint Louis Westport, Missouri 63146 you can also go online to register.

The 3rd Ward Alderwoman Celeste McGee and City of Vinita Park would like to extend our sympathy to Steven and the entire Hollowell family for the loss of their mother Mrs. Mary Hollowell.

Mary was a longtime resident of Vinita Park who lived on Washington Street. Mary was a school teacher for over 30 years. She was a pillar of the community and she will surely be missed.

In addition, our heart is saddened on the loss of Mrs. Glenda Brown of the Atherton Apartments. Glenda was a longtime resident of Vinita Park. We would like to extend our condolences to David and the entire Brown family. She will surely be missed as well.

Happy Black History Month!

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**Hello Ward II/Seniors**

I want to thank God for our lovely and caring people of Vinita Park. My spouse suffered a heart attack on January 15th 2015, and was treated at St. Mary’s Hospital. He’s home and doing well. I want to thank our Mayor James W. McGee, the Board of Aldermen, Chief Swope, the Police Department, Gerald French and Public Works, for your outpouring of cards, phone calls, text messages and emails. Words alone can never express my many thanks to all of you for your thoughts and prayers.

Seniors, I hope all are well and staying warm during these cold days. If you need anything give me a call, my phone number is listed on your new 2015 calendar. We look forward to our first luncheon on March 12th, 2015 hope to see you all then. I want each of you to bring in something new you would like to see and do. This year, I want to celebrate birthdays from January thru March.

“Food For Thought!” Real friends are those who, when you’ve made a fool of yourself, don’t feel you’ve done a permanent job.

“Leadership with Integrity Accessible, Committed & Honest”

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

**The Police Department is looking forward to 2015. Our commitment to maintaining our Community Policing focus will be stronger than ever. As soon as it begins to warm up, officers will be once again performing foot patrols, participating in parades, Easter, July 4th events, Movie Night and many others. Because of the commitment to the police department by the citizens, Mayor McGee and the Board of Aldermen, we are expanding our support to the children in our wonderful city. The Boys & Girls Club, The Basketball League, The Rams and Cardinals games, the Computer Lab and many other activities will give our kids many many of things to do during the year.**

Officer Colten Brown is once again heading the efforts of the Police Department in this fun day. His enthusiasm is not only felt by the kids, but also all of the parents and adults who participate in these programs.

Officer Phillip Quinn had been named Officer of the month for January 2015. Since coming on board in September 2014, Officer Quinn has been exemplary in his work ethics, meeting and greeting the citizens and business owners. Please say hello to him if you see him out, he is currently assigned to the evening shift.

Thanks to all of those who make this community everything it is. We look forward to serving the citizens to our very best in 2015 and will do everything we can in helping make it another great year.

Col. Tim Swope
Chief of Police
Vinita Park Police Department

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

**George’s Restaurant**

George’s Restaurant is a local eatery that offers a variety of delicious dishes. They are well-known for their friendly service and high-quality food. Additionally, they have a wide range of menu options to suit any taste. Whether you’re looking for a quick bite or a full meal, George’s Restaurant is the perfect choice.

**The New York Times**

The New York Times is a well-respected newspaper that covers a broad range of topics, from national and international news to culture and lifestyle. With insightful reporting and thought-provoking commentary, it provides readers with comprehensive coverage of events and issues. It is an excellent source for keeping up with current affairs and gaining a deeper understanding of the world.

**CITY HALL NEWS**

**Winter is almost gone; I am truly ready**

Winter is almost gone; I am truly ready to do. Our greatest weakness lies in our inability to accept any control: Now.

**Sympathy goes out to our family**

Emma K. Robinson on Eads Avenue lost her brother. Let us pray for Mrs. Robin St. Jane Center (314) 383-6539

**Citywide Job Fair**

The 24/1 communities that make up the Normandy Schools Collaborative are facing serious challenges in the coming days and months. Missouri State Legislators are already discussing new laws and policies ranging from transfers to municipal revenues. The outcome of these decisions will have a lasting impact for years to come.

**Call to Action**

We urge you to contact and write your state representatives and your state representative and voice your opinion. We must unite and work together to address these issues while continuing to represent and advocate for the people of our communities.

**Indian Trails Library**

The Saint Louis County Library is excited to be moving forward with the Your Library Renewed campaign. We’ve put together a website where you can follow our progress at www.slcl.org/your-library-renewed.

Here you’ll find a construction schedule, photos from groundbreaking, a live feed from construction sites, and other information about the projects.

2015 will bring many exciting changes for the County Library. Construction has already begun in South St. Louis County.