NEWS FROM CITY HALL

Temporary Employees
Please welcome the 2 temps that have been hired; Carmen Brown as Deputy City Clerk and Melody Korn as City Clerk.

Utility Bills
The Utility Rebate checks will be ready for pick up on Friday, September 19, 2014. Please bring picture identification and supply us with a telephone number to reach you for emergency purposes.

Vinita Park Home Repair Program through Beyond Housing
The City of Vinita Park has received grant money to improve the quality of our homes and make them safe up to city code. Repairs which could be performed include tree removal, roof, windows, driveways, A/C, siding, waterproofing, electrical, plumbing, or flooring. For more information, please contact Nicole Wise- man with Beyond Housing at (314) 932-1079 until it arrives.

Women Living Whole Monthly Event “Walking in Financial Freedom”
Jeanine Williams
This is a financial educational exploitation! Do you want to take charge of your finances? This meeting will help you start to do just that. You may be thinking I don’t know how or how can I get started? Well stop thinking about it and come hear about it; so you can put some steps together to make it happen.

Date: Second Saturday of every month
Place: Vinita Park City Hall, Meeting Room 8374 Midland Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63114

BASIC SUPPLIES FOR CONTINUATION
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
- 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- EFFAK (PDF – 997Kb) 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 the web (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 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 chlorine bleach on color or bleach with added cleaners
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper plates, plastic utensils
- Paper and pencils
- Books, games, puzzles, or other reading materials
- Toys or other items for children

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

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.

VEHICLE
In case you are stranded, keep a kit of emergency supplies in your car. This kit should include:
- Jumper 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 a 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 rotation
- Shovel/ice scraper
- Warm clothes, gloves, hats, sturdy boots, jackets, and an extra change of clothes
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Also consider
- A Fully-charges cell phone and phone charger
- Flares or reflective triangle
- Baby formula and diapers if you have a small child
- Be prepared for an emergency by keeping your gas tank full and if you find your self stranded, be safe and stay in your car, put on your flashers, call for help and wait until it arrives.

Col. Tim Swope, Chief of Police
Vinita Park
Police Department

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2014 VOLUME 2014:07 NEWS WORTH KNOWING

I would like to thank Alderman Stokes and her committee for the back to school supplies and the National Nite Out. Due to their hard work, the event was a great success. I also want to thank her for her dedication and continued loyalty to the City of Vinita Park.

Our Inspectors are going through our city for code enforcement. We had several complaints about residents not keeping up their properties. The inspectors are going to every home notifying residents if their homes are not up to city code. If you need help, we have agencies that you may contact such as Beyond Housing (314) 932-1079; Community Action Agency (314) 863-0015; Rebuilding Together St. Louis (314) 918-9918. If you are in need of additional time for repair, please contact the Public Works Director at (314) 428-7373.

I would like to thank Alderman Celeste McGee and Aldermanork Ola Stokes for attending the Governor’s Conference on Economical Development. We learned about successful strategies for business attraction, base training strategies, ignoring small business growth in our community, what makes a community successful, powering the future, energy production in Missouri. the impact on electric rates, and financing local infrastructure.

New city hall building which is 2 financing the project. We are looking at grants and government loans for public buildings, as well as banks. We are asking your continued support on working together to make Vinita Park a stronger community by engaging families and support for our children.

We had a businessman’s luncheon with 37 businesses in attendance. We told them our city plan for the future. We have 3 businesses that will be expanding and we’ll be adding 350 jobs. The meeting was very successful. All of the business attendees were pleased in the direction we’re moving our city. Thank you, Col. Tim Swope of the Clergy for attending and for their spiritual guidance.

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

WORDS FROM THE MAYOR

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 Fairiley
395-7028

WARD 3
Celeste McGee
426-5529
Dennis Hayden
276-6188

IMPECT AN DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 13 – City-wide garage sale
- September 15 – Board of Alderman meeting, 6:30pm, City Hall
- September 16 – Trash and Recycle Pickup
- September 17 – Street Sweeping
- September 17 – Municipal Court, 10am, City Hall Court Room
- September 18 – Street Sweeping
- September 19 – Yard Waste Pickup
- September 23 – Trash and Recycle Pickup
- September 24 – Street Sweeping
- September 25 – Street Sweeping
- September 25 – Senior Luncheon
- September 30 – Anniversary Drive, 12:30pm
- October 1 – Street Sweeping
- October 1 – Municipal Court, 10am, City Hall Court Room
- October 3 – Yard Waste Pickup
- October 7 – Trash & Recycle Pickup
- October 14 – Trash & Recycle Pickup
- October 15 – Municipal Court, 10am, City Hall Court Room
- October 17 – Yard Waste Pickup
- October 20 – Board of Alderman meeting, 6:30pm, City Hall
- October 20 – Trash & Recycle Pickup
- October 28 – Trash & Recycle Pickup
- October 31 – Halloween Event, 5:00pm – 7:00pm
- October 31 – Yard Waste Pickup
63103
3026 Laclede Avenue St. Louis, Mo.
Emerson Performance Center
Address: Harris Stowe State University
Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Minority Professional Career Fair

Save the date
PS. Thanks to our wonderful Tax Collector, Jeanette Carridine, for keeping track of all of those winners.

“Leadership with Integrity, Accessible, Committed & Honest”

Your Alderwoman Ora M. Stokes
Ward 2

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

Trees & Lims

Please call Ameren UE (1-800-552-7777) if any limbs on your property are on electrical lines.

Occupancy Inspection and Permit Required

Only for those who own or rent a property. Owners or renters who sign up for the service. The fee is $50.00 per year. Failure to keep weeds, grass, noxious plants, weeds, tall grass, and other vegetation growing on such property cut and removed. When such weeds, grass or other vegetation shall at least the height of seven (7) inches, it shall be deemed a public nuisance (Section 215.110).

Vinita Park Residents

Ward 2

Your Alderwoman Ora M. Stokes

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

OPPERATION NEWS

Police Department News

Voice: 314-957-7333
Fax: 314-957-1118

The radio dispatch service change-over went perfectly. All 911 calls are routed di-
rectly to dispatch and calls for service on the non-emergency 314-427-9000 are being
directed as they come in. Officers are being dispatched in a timely manner. Thanks to everyone for their patience in the switch.

We have started a new service for the

We hope to see all of you there. Until then, May You All Be Blessed.

YOUR ALDERMEN’S CORNER

Happy Labor Day

Vinita Park Residents

Bye, Bye, Summer Time

It’s time to go back to school. There is nothing like the first day of school, you know it’s time to go back to school when you hear a parent singing it’s the most won-
terful time of the year.

For those of you who are headed back to school this school year, and for those who are already in school.

Here are a few tips to help you.
1. Be safe walking to bus line. Do not talks to stranger report any incidents that happen within 48 hours to the police.
2. Learn as much as you can while you are still young, life becomes too busy later.
3. Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it.
4. Learn something every day if you pay attention.
5. The more you read, the more you will happen within 48 hours to the police.

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