



VINITA PARK
CITIZEN NEWSLETTER
PUBLISHED BY



VINITA PARK CITY HALL

APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2025

VOLUME 2025:4

NEWS WORTH KNOWING

**VINITA PARK
CITY HALL**

8374 Midland Blvd.
Vinita Park, MO
63114
(314) 428-7373
FAX: (314) 428-7379
8:30 A.M. – 5:00
P.M.

MAYOR

James W. McGee

COLLECTOR

Jeanette Carridine

**BOARD OF
ALDERMEN**

WARD 1

Brian Gremaud
Richard Redel

WARD 2

Wanda Fairley
Richard G. Fairley

WARD 3

Celeste McGee
Marcietta D. Reed

WARD 4

Dianne Bryant-Miller
John Phillips

Hello everyone!

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Please be advised, that street sweeping has started and will be done on the first Tuesday and Wednesday of the Month from April-November. Please obey the NO PARKING on street sweeping day signs that are posted on each street.

The City-wide clean-up will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025. Please check your City Calendar for dumpster locations in your Ward. **Please be advised that this will be the only City-wide clean-up held this year.**

Phase 2 of the North and South Sidewalk project which will include new sidewalks on North and South Road all the way to Midland to the St. Louis County Library will begin soon. This project will improve safety along the North and South corridor for our residents. We are also working with the Missouri Department of Transportation on new sidewalks along Page Avenue to improve the safety of our residents. We will also start on our street repair program in 2025.

The City of Vinita Park and the 24:1 Municipalities are working on establishing a Transportation Development District (TDD). This district will allow us to receive funds for improvements to our roads and sidewalks without a tax increase to the residents. It will allow us not only to improve our streets and sidewalks but also fund other projects we may have planned.

I believe that it's crucial to our city's success, because we believe in building stronger communities, engaging families, and successful children.

James W. McGee
Mayor

ALDERMEN'S CORNER



Happy Easter Vinita Park Wards 1, 2, 3, and 4

Easter is fast approaching, so bring your children, family and friends out to our annual Easter Egg Hunt and fellowship with one another while the children are taking pictures with the Easter Bunny and enjoying the weather.

I attended the Missouri Municipal League Legislative Conference on March 26th and March 27th in Jefferson City. This conference focused on bettering our City and community.

PS a reminder to save the date, June 14, 2025, for the Bursting and Blooming Garden Contest. The deadline to sign up for the contest is 5:00 p.m., Friday, June 13, 2025. Please call City Hall at 314-428-7373 to enter the contest.

Encouraging Words

Do something to help someone, say a kind word or two. You wouldn't know how much it means to someone and makes them happy.

“Action without vision is only passing time, vision without action is merely day dreaming, but vision with action can change the world”(Nelson Mandela)

Constantly working hard for our community.

Board President
Alderman Celeste McGee
Ward 3

Dear residents:



Spring is in the air! That means it is time for planting! Tree planting around Vinita Park is April 11, 2025. Tree planting starts at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall.

If you have any questions about trees that are outside your yard, please call our Arborist, Jack McDonell at 314-376-5625. If you have any concerns about trees in your yard, you can be placed on our tree list. You can also contact Jack about that too.

As always, I want to thank our Mayor, James W. McGee, our Aldermen, our Chief of Colice, Chief Buchanan and his team, Public Works and office staff at Vinita Park. Most of all the residents of this great city! Be well! Be safe!

Alderman Reed Ward 3

Tree Trivia: What is the crown of a tree?

A: The highest point. B: The branches and leaves at the top. C: The tip of the roots.

Answer: B



To the good people of Vinita Park...

Be nice, be helpful, be understanding and be thankful.

Alderman John Phillips, Ward 4

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 prevent 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 permit the occupant of any building or dwelling of a unit, until the inspection is complete, 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.

Yard Waste

All Yard Waste should be placed in a designated yard waste can or brown yard bags for pickup. Yard Waste in plastic bags will **NOT** be picked up. Public Works will **only** pick up limbs that are knocked down during a storm of at least 60 mile per hour winds or greater, and placed on the curb within **48 hours** after the storm.

Bulk items

Bulk pick-up is available once a month. Furniture and other items may be disposed of by contacting Waste Connections (636) 321-2100. Please **DO NOT** put bulky items out before trash collection day or prior to contacting Waste Connections.

Street Sweeping

Please be advised, street sweeping days have been changed to the first Tuesday and Wednesday of the Month from April-November. Please obey the NO PARKING on street sweeping day signs that are posting on each street. Trash, recycling and yard waste collection days have NOT CHANGED.

Reminder

As we strive to keep our city Clean & Beautiful, trash containers should be placed curbside after 6:00 p.m. prior to the collection day and must be removed before 8 p.m. the day of collection. Failure to comply with the above could result in the resident receiving a summons to appear in court. Please Do Not allow your dog to defecate on your neighbor's yard.

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.

Public Works Director

Frank Gooden

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Community Day is scheduled for May 17th at the Normandy High School Parking Lot, running from 12 PM to 3 PM. Various police departments from the Saint Louis area will be present to showcase their latest equipment to the public. Attendees can also enjoy complimentary food, access to community resources, and a variety of entertaining activities for all ages.

For any inquiries, please reach out to Sergeant Hawkins-Byrd at (314) 574-4041.

Spring is quickly approaching

be prepared for changing weather, check the forecast, secure belongings from wind, and practice safe driving, especially during rain, while also being mindful of pedestrians and cyclists

**Police Department Contact Info for registering
for
Vacation Checks
314-499-6090**

NCPC contact information, Emergency 911, Non-Emergency Dispatch: 314-428-6868,

NCPC Headquarters: 314-499-6090, and NCPC Chief's Office: 314-499-6099.

Serving: Beverly Hills, Dellwood, Flordell Hills, Hanley Hills, Pine Lawn, Uplands Park, Velda Village Hills, Vinita Park, Wellston.

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 this may cause.

Low Income, Elderly, and Disabled Customer Utility Programs offered by Community Organizations and Utility Companies

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) ▪ 314-863-0015

- Helps to pay for gas in the wintertime and electric in the summer.
- Both tenants and homeowners can apply.
- Available through local community agencies.
- <http://www.caastlc.org/programs-page/energy-services/>

CAASTLC Home Weatherization ▪ 314-863-0015

- Seals air drafts, install insulation, ensure furnace, and water heater are running efficiently.
- Income Requirements are based off the Federal Eligibility Guidelines which is included in the application.
- Both tenants and homeowners can apply.
- Utilities Assistance for heating and cooling is also available.
- <http://www.caastlc.org/programs-page/>

MSD Customer Assistance Program ▪ 866-281-5737

- 50% rate reduction to qualified low-income, elderly, and disabled customers.
- Homeowners under the age of 62 must have liquid assets and real estate valued at less than \$10,000 including residence and automobiles.
- Must own and/or reside as tenant in property that receives rate reduction
- <https://www.stlmsd.com/customer-service/rate-information/customer-assistance-program>

Non-Emergency Dispatch

If there are any non-emergencies which require a police officer, please contact dispatch at 314-428-6868.

Consolidated Municipal Courts – City of St. Ann

For Municipal Court matters, please call 314-428-6811.

Currently Serving: Beverly Hills, Vinita Park, Wellston

Customer Utility Programs offered by Community Organizations and Utility Companies for all Residents

Ameren Upgrade Rebates ▪ 800-552-7583

- Get cash back for updating heating and cooling systems
- <https://www.ameren.com/missouri/energy-efficiency/residential>

Spire High Efficiency Rebate Program ▪ 800-887-4173

- Residential Customers can receive rebate checks on energy-efficient HVAC, integrated systems, and programmable thermostats.
- Work must be performed by a licensed HVAC or plumbing contractor
- <https://www.spireenergy.com/rebates-offers-home>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 1 – April Fool’s Day/Parks Open for Reservations/Street Sweeping
- April 2 – Municipal Court 10:00 a.m./Consolidated Municipal Courts City of St. Ann/Street Sweeping
- April 3 – Trash and Recycle Pick-Up
- April 4 – 1st Friday with Alderman Richard Fairley 6:00 p.m., City Hall Board Room
- April 7 – Trash Pick-up
- April 10 – Trash and Recycle Pick-up
- April 12 – Passover Begins/Easter Egg Hunt Charles Forrester Park 10:00 a.m.
- April 13 – Palm Sunday
- April 14 - Yard Waste Pick-up
- April 16 – Housing Court 9:30 a.m./Municipal Court 10:00 a.m./Consolidated Municipal Courts City of St. Ann
- April 17 – Trash and Recycle Pick-up
- April 20 – Easter
- April 21 – Yard Waste Pick-up/Board of Aldermen Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- April 22 – Earth Day/Neighborhood Watch Meeting 6:00 p.m. Vinita Park
- April 23 – Administrative Professional’s Day
- April 24 – Holocaust Remembrance Day/Trash and Recycle Pick-up
- April 26 – City-wide Clean Up
- April 28 – Yard Waste Pick-up
- May 1 – National Day of Prayer/Trash and Recycle Pick-up
- May 2 – 1st Friday with Alderman Richard Fairley 6:00 p.m., City Hall Board Room
- May 4 – Cinco de Mayo
- May 5 - Yard Waste Pick-up
- May 6 – Street Sweeping
- May 7 – Municipal Court 10:00 a.m./Consolidated Municipal Court City of St. Ann
- May 8 – Trash and Recycle Pick-up
- May 11 – Mother’s Day
- May 12 – Yard Waste Pick-up
- May 14 – Housing Court 9:30 a.m./Municipal Court 10:00 a.m./Consolidated Municipal Courts City of St. Ann
- May 15 – Trash and Recycle Pick-up
- May 19 – Yard Waste Pick-up/Board of Aldermen Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- May 22 – Trash and Recycle Pick-up
- May 26 – Memorial Day/City Hall Closed
- May 27 – Yard Waste Pick-up
- May 30 – Trash and Recycle Pick-up
- June 2 – Yard Waste Pick-up
- June 3 – Street Sweeping
- June 4 – Municipal Court 10:00 a.m./Consolidated Municipal Court City of St. Ann
- June 5 – Trash and Recycle Pick-up
- June 6 – 1st Friday with Alderman Richard Fairley 6:00 p.m., City Hall Board Room
- June 9 – Yard Waste Pick-up
- June 12 – Business Watch 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Vinita Park City Hall/Trash and Recycle Pick-up
- June 14 – Flag Day
- June 15 – Father’s Day
- June 16 – Yard Waste Pick-up/Board of Aldermen Meeting 6:30 p.m.

- June 18 – Housing Court 9:30 a.m./Municipal Court 10:00 a.m./Consolidated Municipal Courts City of St. Ann
- June 19 – Juneteenth Holiday/City Hall Closed/Trash and Recycle Pick-up
- June 20 – Summer Begins
- June 23 – Yard Waste Pick-up
- June 24 – Neighborhood Watch Meeting 6:00 p.m. Vinita Park City Hall
- June 26 – Trash and Recycle Pick-up
- June 30 – Yard Waste Pick-up