The forms of payments to the City of Vinita Park must be cash, check, 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 on 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/pace-plan/low-income

American Water Protection Program ▪ 877-513-8520
• Important family documents such as birth certificates, Social Security cards, passports, or driver's licenses.
• Should not use scented, color safe or fabric softener.
• Can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency supplies in your car. This kit contains a flashlight, a whistle, and a whistle whetstone to whet your knife.

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

For Questions about trash, recycling or yard waste pick-up contact Waste Connections at: (636) 321-2100

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Pleased be advised that dates, times, & events are subject to change due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 1 - New Year’s Day
January 5 - Municipal Court City of St. Ann 10:00 am
January 6 - Recycle Pickup
January 7 - Trash and Yard Waste Pickup
January 13 - Recycle Pickup
January 14 - Trash and Yard Waste Pickup
January 17 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday - CITY HALL CLOSED
January 18 - Board of Aldermen Meeting 6:30 pm
January 19 - Housing Court 9:30am Municipal Court City of St. Ann 10:00 am
January 20 - Recycle Pickup
January 21 - Trash and Yard Waste Pickup
January 25 - Neighborhood Watch Virtual Meeting 6:00 pm
January 27 - Recycle Pickup
January 28 - Trash and Yard Waste Pickup
February 2 - Groundhog Day/Municipal Court City of St. Ann 10:00 am
February 3 - Recycle Pickup
February 4 - Pat Tag Deadline/Pavilion & Ball Diamond Reservation Bega/Trash and Yard Waste Pickup
February 10 - Recycle Pickup
February 11 - Trash and Yard Waste Pickup
February 12 - Lincoln’s Birthday
February 14 – Valentine’s Day
February 16 – Housing Court 9:30am Municipal Court City of St. Ann 10:00 am
February 17 – Recycle Pickup
February 18 – Trash and Recycle Pickup
February 22 – Board of Aldermen Meeting 6:30 pm
February 23 – Neighborhood Watch Virtual Meeting 6:00 pm
February 24 – Recycle Pickup
February 25 – Trash and Yard Waste Pickup

2021 was certainly different than we could have ever anticipated. Condolences to all the families who lost loved ones.

I appreciate all of the Vinita Park resident feedback on our community input survey. We are working together to improve and rebuild the Normandy School District, the Walton Road Distribution Center that will bring over 200 jobs, sidewalks for North & South Road, Street Pavement Improvements, Electric Car Charging Stations, Job Training, Athletic Sports for our youth, Dog Park, Senior Program to help repair homes, and a garden club for growing food. The COVID-19 St. Louis Emergency Rental Assistance Program will provide back rent and temporary rental and utilities assistance to low and moderate-income households, call 314-809-0910 for information.

I would like to thank our elected officials, employees, police department, and Vinita Park residents who work very hard to keep our city clean, beautiful, and a safer place to live. Vinita Park has received several awards for working together in moving our city forward.

City of Vinita Park General Fund as of November 30, 2021 Y-T-D - Funds available $4,186,709, Personnel Service $1,557,448, Supplies $76,224, other services and charges $731,186, Total: Operating exp.–$2,364,858, Non-Operating Activity ($547,964), OPERATING RESERVE—$1,766,887. City of Vinita Park Financial Status as of November 30, 2021: General Fund $1,766,886.94, Cap Improvement Fund $205,744.68, Storm Water/ Parks Fund $274,437.36, Road Fund $210,278.51, Sewer Lateral Fund $459,238.92, Prop P fund $1,021,05, Accs Receivable $95,166.67. Total Reserves & Accounts Receivable $2,976,774.13.

Working together is very rewarding and crucial to our city’s success, because we believe in building stronger communities, engaging families, and successful children.

James W. McGee - Mayor
Happy New Year Vinita Park Residents!

“Another year is here. Another year is here to live, to love, to laugh and give. Another year is here, to banish worry, doubt and fear. Another year is here to sing a happy song and to pray for peace.”

(William A. Ward)

As I look back on 2021, I cannot go into 2022 without thanking the people who make our Community the place it is today. I would like to give a word of thanks to all of you for your hard work and outstanding contributions for making Vinita Park what it is today. To our wonderful Mayor James W. McGee, the hardest working Mayor in North County you are the greatest. Thank you for the success and growth to our city, balancing the budget for the last eight years, for making sure we have the best employees on the face of the earth, for helping our residents find resources with Food Pantries and rental assistance, just to name a few. Your dedication and commitment serve as a vital link in the drive which our community and our hard work shows that you care about our senior citizens, our youth, residents, employees, and our community. I would also like to thank the Board of Aldermen, elected officials, Brent and City staff, Chief John Buchannan and the North County Police Cooperative staff, Public Works Director Steve White and Public Works staff, residents, volunteers, family and friends for making Vinita Park what it is today.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2022 to you and your family.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Christmas is one of the times I like to remember childhood memories like when you got your first bike or roller skate that was under the Christmas tree. No matter how you celebrate Christmas there is no one way to do it. The good you do for others is the good you do for yourself, so take time out to show love, be happy, and have Peace and Joy.

Bringing the spirit of Christmas from your houses to be blessed.

MOTIVATIONAL

Life is great and life is the best gift from God and one can live only once. Many times life takes you on a rough journey where you feel others are better off than you and sometimes life gives you more than you ask for... Life is really short and we need to live to the fullest.

Happy New Year

I would like to send condolences to the families of Shirley Kiefer and Georgia McNutt, my prayers are with you. They both always volunteered for City events to help make the events a success and you will both be missed.

Please remember to stay safe by practicing social distancing, wearing your masks, and washing your hands. By doing these things you can prevent spreading COVID-19.

Constantly working for progress and stable leadership in our Community.

Board President
Celeste McGee
3rd Ward Alderman

Happy Holidays

Ward 2.

Hope your season will be safe and healthy.

Let me first start off by giving my condolences to the families of Shirley Kiefer, Georgia McNutt who have recently passed away. We are truly missing them in our Community.

The Arbor Board will begin, March or April 2022, to start planting trees for residents who want one in their yard. Soon you will see door hangers on your door to contact our Arborist, Doug Seeley for a tree. Not only trees will be available but other grasses or other plants can be planted.

More information about the date and time will be up coming.

Take care! Relax for this New Year! Happy New Year

Alderman
Marciea D. Reed

Greetings Vinita Park Residents!

As we start the New Year, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you in 2022. I hope you had a great holiday season and are as excited about the New Year as I am.

The latest Missouri American Water newsletter had good tips for homeowners regarding proper disposal of F.O.G. (Fats, Oils and Grease) that lead to costly and unpleasant issues for your home plumbing so I wanted to share them with you.

Here you go:

1. Never pour your grease into sinks, toilets or down drains.
2. After cooking, allow the grease to cool and use a rubber scraper to remove the fat, oil and grease from cookware, plates, utensils and cooking surfaces, then place the grease in a sealed container and dispose of it in the trash.
3. Install gaskets/strainers in sink drains to catch food scrap and empty them into the trash.
4. Garbage disposals do not prevent grease from washing down the drain.

Detergents that claim to dissolve grease may pass it down the line and cause problems in other parts of the wastewater system.

5. Share this information with your friends and neighbors.

I hope to hear from you this year.

“Service to the public” is my goal. I appreciate your suggestions and criticisms.

Sincerely,

Rich Redel, Ward 1 Alderman

We all know that 2021 was a very challenging year, but we’ve made a lot of progress since 2020. This year will be even BETTER! Vinita Park continues to move forward, locally and nationally. We continue to help lead the 24-1 Municipal Partnership by reducing operational costs of individual cities, providing oversight for the NCPC and by providing effective, community-focused police service to several communities. We have also been recognized nationally for our ability to build within the Normandy footprint, and improve city services across municipalities – working together.

I am very encouraged about 2022, and as a community, we have a lot to look forward to. As a nationally recognized Tree City, we continue to keep our city beautiful through the efforts of our Public Works department. We continue to demolish vacant, uninhabitable homes, maintain and improve our neighborhood parks, and increase small business opportunities. We’ll also see the development and construction of a new electric charging station for electric vehicles.

I look forward to working on behalf of all residents of Vinita Park. I would love to return to open public board meetings, parades, and other community celebrations. Please get vaccinated, or boosted, to minimize the spread of the Delta and Omicron variants. Let’s keep each other safe!

Peace, Love, and much Prosperity.

John Phillips II
4th Ward Alderman
Welcome to 2022 everyone!

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 delays. 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 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 of 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 pickle. Yard Waste in plastic bags will NOT be picked up. Public Works will only pickup limbs that are knocked down during a storm of at least 60 mile per hour winds or greater, and placed on the curb at least 24 hours after the storm.

Bulk Items

Bulk pick-up is available on a monthly basis. Furniture and other items disposed of by contacting Waste Connections (636) 321-2100. Please DO NOT put bulk items out in the trash or as part of yard waste collection.

Snow Plowing

We are getting close to the snow plowing season so please be mindful of the Snow Routes in Vinita Park. Also, when snow plows are out, please move your vehicles off the street so the plows can make it through.

Reminder

As we strive to keep our city Clean & Beautiful, trash and recycling cans 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.

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 we report any littering to City Hall to Police Department.

Thank you for helping to keep our City Clean & Beautiful.

Public Works Director
Steve White

A Letter from Chief of Police, John Buchanan

Hi everyone, I’m hoping that everyone is enjoying their holiday and are looking forward to a happy new year (2022). First and foremost, I want to thank each and every one of you for making the North County Police Cooperative Neighborhood Watch Program the amazing success that it has been.

We are hosting our annual neighborhood watch Holiday Party via zoom on Wednesday, January 19, from 6:00-8:00, so I want to work forward to celebrating with all of you. If you have never joined in the festivities that the NCPC offers you then we do not know your missing as we are sure of our regulars can tell you. This is a unique opportunity to meet and greet all of our great officers, City Officials, your neighbors and to see everyone’s smiling faces. We want everyone of you to please enjoy the joining of all of our 8 communities together in celebrating the new year. You are two have an amazing time this evening. Start to give away, music, slides and shows and so much more. Please join us and let your voices be heard as we ring in another amazing year!

We will be hosting our party on Zoom which can be accessed through the following information:

Zoom Meeting ID: 723 495 3654

Dial in: (312) 626-6799

Please contact Cpl. Corey Hawkins-Byrd for more information at (314) 574-5080 or email chopsbyrd@northcountypolico.org

NCPC contact information, Emergency 911, Non-Emergency Dispatch: 314-628-6888.

NCPC Headquarters: 314-60.6900.

Important things to remember:

The North County Police Cooperative will be hosting the February 2022 City of Vinita Park Neighborhood Watch meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Virtual Meeting Zoom: 7224934370 (312) 626-6799.

Just a reminder that trash and recycle cans must be removed from the curb by 8:00 p.m. on the day of pick-up. This will be strictly enforced.

Sincerely,

John E. Buchanan
Chief of Police
North County Cooperative
314-499-6090


PUBLIC WORKS