PAYMENTS TO CITY HALL
The forms of payments to the City of Vinita Park must be cash, money orders, debit/credit card, or a check. We can now also accept debit/credit cards over the telephone as well. No personal checks will be accepted for payment. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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 drafts, instills 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 reside as tenant in property that receives rate reduction.

https://msd.com/customer-service-information/customer-assistance-program

NON-EMERGENCY DISPATCH
If there are no emergencies which require a police officer, please contact dispatch at 314-428-6868.

CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPAL COURTS - CITY OF ST. ANN

CURRENTLY SERVING: Beverly Hills, Vinita Park, Westcott

CUSTOMER UTILITY PROGRAMS OFFERED BY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND UTILITY COMPANIES
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.spiereenergy.com/rebates-offers-home

AMERICAN WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM • 877-513-8520
• Water Line, Sewer Line, and In-Home Plumbing protection plans
• Monthly fee to enroll in plans
https://awusa.com/products-services-water-line-protection

For more information please visit our webpage at www.vinitapark.org or scan the QR Code below.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 3 – Senior Citizen Utility Tax Refund Application Begins
July 4 – INDEPENDENCE DAY City Hall Closed • 4th of July Parade Annual Youth Day
July 5 – Street Sweeping
July 7 – Recycle Pickup
July 8 – Trash & Yard Waste Pickup
July 13 – Street Sweeping
July 12 – Municipal Court 10 am/Consolidated Municipal Courts City of St. Ann
July 13 – Recycle Pickup
July 14 – Trash & Yard Waste Pickup
July 17 – Board of Aldermen Meeting 6:30 pm
July 19 – Housing Court 9:00 am/Municipal Court 10 am/Consolidated Municipal Courts City of St. Ann
July 20 – Recycle Pickup
July 21 – Trash & Yard Waste Pickup
July 23 – Parents Day
July 25 – Neighborhood Watch Meeting 6 pm Hanley Hills
July 27 – Recycle Pickup
July 28 – Trash & Yard Waste Pickup

August 1 – Street Sweeping
August 2 – Street Sweeping/Municipal Court 10 am/Consolidated Municipal Courts City of St. Ann
August 3 – Recycle Pickup
August 4 – Trash & Yard Waste Pickup
August 5 – Recycle Pickup
August 11 – Trash & Yard Waste Pickup
August 16 – Housing Court 9:30 am/Municipal Court 10 am/Consolidated Municipal Courts City of St. Ann
August 17 – Recycle & Yard Waste Pulip
August 18 – Trash & Yard Waste Pickup
August 21 – Board of Aldermen Meeting 6:30 pm/Senior Citizen Utility Tax Refund Application Deadline
August 22 – Neighborhood Watch Meeting 6:30 pm Vinita Park
August 24 – Recycle Pickup
August 25 – Trash & Yard Waste Pickup
August 28 – Recycle Pickup
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Please be Advised That Dates, Times & Events Are Subject To Change Due To Covid-19 Pandemic Restrictions -

Mayors Message

I needed to do my job as the City's Tax Collector for the City of St. Ann. I would like to thank the Board of Aldermen for supporting and helping me to get the necessary training to collect all business taxes and to plan and collect the taxes from our local businesses so it helps manage our tax dollars.

Jeanette Carridine
Chief of Police

The Board of Aldermen recently passed an ordinance restricting open burning and if you would like a copy please come to City Hall. We will also be considering an ordinance restricting residents that have chickens from allowing them to run loose throughout our City.

As we continue working together to make our community safe to live, work and play, I would like to thank our elected officials, police department, public works, administration and Vinita Park residents who work extremely hard to keep our city clean, beautiful, and a safer place to live.

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

City of Vinita Park General Fund as of May 31, 2023 T- O - Funds available $7,112,147, Personnel Service $3,975,791, Supplies $191,050, other services and charges $1,543,104, Total: Operating exp. $5,709,945, Non-Operating Activity $4,427, OPERATING RESERVE: $-1,406,629. City of Vinita Park Financial Status as of May 31, 2023: General Fund $1,406,628.55, Cap Improvement Fund $465,257.36, Storm Water Parks Fund $243,190.00, Road Fund $87,011.30, Sewer Lateral Fund $405,486.63, Prop P Fund $1,171.17, Accts Receivable $1,568.32. Total Reserves & Accounts Receivable $2,610,895.03.

James W. McGee • Mayor
YOUR ALDERMEN'S CORNER

Hello residents of Vinita Park,

I hope all father's had a wonderful Father's Day.

The City of Vinita Park will be having a Parade on July 4, 2023 and I hope everyone can come out and enjoy the Parade.

I recently attended the 2023 MML Elected Officials Training Conference in Columbia, Missouri. Topics covered at the training included conducting city business, personnel law, ethics and the Sunshine Law.

I would like to thank everyone that participated in the Vinita Park Burstin Bloom Garden Contest 2023. What a beautiful day we had going out and looking at the homes in Vinita Park. The residents that entered the contest did a fantastic job cleaning up their yards and out did themselves by displaying different types and varieties of flowers, colors, textures and styles. I would also like to thank my Co-Chair Alderwoman Dianne Bryant-Miller.

To our Mayor, our Village Hills, Village Hills, Pine Lawn, Uplands Park, Velda Village Hills, Vinita Park, Wellston.


The Board of Aldermen, when we work together, we can get things done!

I recently attended an urban forest workshop. The presentation was about the importance of the environment and community health regarding trees and other greenery. Also, urban trees and native plants on both public and private properties can reduce the health concerns of asthma and heart conditions. This is a vision for 24:1.

Our Arborist and Forestry Department will prune (cutting trees) and plant on your property. There is a waiting list for residents who will be contacted first. If you want to be included on the waiting list, please leave your name, address, and phone number and contact City Hall at 314-428-7373 or myself at 314-239-9952. Please, continue to have a safe and great summer!

Tree Fact:
Trees have feelings too! They have sensory systems, and they respond to touch and sound. Trees straighten themselves to resist stress and relax to release.

Greetings to the City of Vinita Park.
Summer is finally here. Let's beautifully our lawns and continue to keep our streets clean and presentable. A special thanks goes to everyone who participated in our first Annual Juneteenth Celebration. It was a fun time in the sun with great food, music, and games. Be sure to take advantage of the free lunch for our kids in this community. Lunch is given out at our local library from now until August M-F 12noon-1p.

Mr. Davis, Wanda Fairley Ward II

Dealing with high temperatures:

Tips for making your vehicle less likely a target for theft/break-in:

- Do not keep valuables in your vehicle.
- Purse, wallets, keys
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- Firearms
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*A letter from Chief of Police, John Buchanan*

Dear Residents:
The summer is the time for going to the pools and having fun! Summer is also the time to make sure you are taking care of yourselves in the excessive heat that we all know Missouri is prone to have.

Here are some tips for staying cool and making sure you have a fun and healthy summer:

- Wear appropriate clothing – choose lightweight, light-colored, and loose-fitting clothing.
- Stay cool indoors.
- Stay in an air-conditioned place as much as possible.
- If your home does not have air conditioning, go to a service mail or public library. Just a few hours spent in air conditioning can help you body stay cooler when you go back into the heat.
- Call your local health department to see if there are any heat-relief shelters in your area.

If outdoors:

- STAY HYDRATED! Drink plenty of fluids (stay away from sugary or alcoholic drinks).
- If you start not feeling good while outdoors find a shady place to sit and get out of the direct sunlight and rest.
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Have a safe Summer.

Board President
Alderman Celeste McGee
Ward 3

PUBLIC WORKS

Permits

Please come to City Hall to secure the proper permits PRIOR to having any work done to your property. Doing so will prevent unreasonable delays and fees if you are not sure if you need a permit, PLEASE call City Hall at 314-428-7373 to inquire.

Occupancy Inspection & Permit Required

It shall be unlawful for any person or family to occupy or for any owner or agent to permit the occupancy of any building or portion 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 pickup, limits being knocked down during a storm and placed on the curb within 48 hours after the storm.

Street Sweeping

Please be advised, street sweeping days are the first Tuesday and Wednesday of the Month from April-November. Please call 314-428-7373 for pickup. This will be strictly enforced.

Bulk Items

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

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.

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 neighboring 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.

Public Works

Frank Gooden

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The City Police Department will provide a FREE steering wheel lock for your vehicle.

Contact BCI at 314-499-6090

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:
The North County Police Cooperative will be hosting the next Neighborhood Watch meetings on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at the City of Hanley Hills City Hall and on August 22, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the City of Vinita Park City Hall.

Just a reminder that trash and recycle cans must be removed from the curb no later than 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
314-499-6099

NCPC Contact Information:

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