Parks & Recreation through Beyond Housing and bank account records in a water make it happen. It is intended to supplement the playoffs. There will also be a 3-on-3

Teen Tech: Stop Motion Animation

Ages 12-18. Registration required.

Indian Trails Library March Events

Thurs., March 27, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Learn how to tell stories through stop animate will be provided. Feel free to attend one of our next events:

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

428-7373

COLLECTOR

Jeanette Cardinile

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN

WARD 1

Brian Gremad

922-0899

Richard Redel

368-2329

Warda Fairley

667-8080

Ora Stokes

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WARD 3

Celeste McGee

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Marcia Reed

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James W. McGee - Mayor

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

MARCH/APRIL 2021 VOLUME 2021:3 NEWS WORTH KNOWING

WORDS FROM THE MAYOR - MARCH 2021

I would like to thank all of our residents for caring for each other during a very difficult time in 2020. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many of our annual city sponsored events were cancelled. I would like to send condolences to all the families who lost loved ones in 2020 & 2021.

Although 2020 was a difficult year due to the Pandemic, I would like to commend all City of Vinita Park employees for continuing to come to work each and every day. I appreciate your feedback from the 2021 Vinita Park survey. We are moving the city forward with your feedback. Our sidewalk project, multipurpose sports and recreation center with city hall attached, and a new street sweeper are in the works. We will be training on code enforcement to keep our city up to code, community policing and our Public Works employees will continue to train on snow removal and street repairs.

The survey identified several additional areas that needed to be addressed in order to create a thriving community. Family, health, education, economic development, and employment were also addressed in the surveys. We have several businesses moving into the City of Vinita Park. We are looking at the holistic approach, built on trusted relationships, with partnerships and resources to support the infrastructure designed for real change and transformative results. The survey helps to build a framework that is unprecedented in Vinita Park’s development.

Walmart, CVS, and Walgreens are among the major pharmacy and drugstore chains that will give COVID-19 vaccines received from the federal government. The free vaccinations are part of the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program, a state and federal partnership that targets getting immunizations in underserved areas.

Walmart #1265 10741 WEST FLORISSANT AVENUE SAINT LOUIS MO 63136 314-521-2230

Beverly Hills Pharmacy 7150 Natural Bridge Rd. St. Louis, MO 63121 314-881-6000

To read the Ameren Missouri Guide for the Community - Powering the Quality of Life please go to the following link: https://www.ameren.com/whatsmissouristhefiles/community/community-guide.pdf

City of Vinita Park General Fund as of January 31, 2021 YTD - Funds available $3,769,091, Personnel Service $1,777,501, Supplies $64,500, other services and charges $744,438, Total: Operating exp.–$2,966,439, Non-Operating Activity $22,609, OPERATING RESERVE–$1,205,291, City of Vinita Park Financial Status as of January 31, 2021: General Fund $1,205,260.73, Cap Improvement Fund $214,942.73, Storm Water/ Park Fund $210,941.30, Road Fund $198,632.05, Sewer Lunar Fund $458,587.88 Prop P Fund $1,372.05, Accts Receivable $177,749.43, Total Reserves & Accounts Receivable $2,465,485.57.

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Hello residents of Vinita Park! My name is Alderwoman Wanda Fairley Ward 2. Dear Vinita Park Residents, I hope you are well and staying safe by practicing social distancing, wearing your masks, and washing your hands.

The coronavirus has led to the cancelation of a lot of our activities and events that were scheduled to be held last year and this year, but most importantly the City was thinking about the safety of our residents, City officials, Police Department, and Public Works. I would like to send out my condolences to all of the residents who lost a loved one due to the coronavirus, especially Alex Childs Atherton, Apartments who lost his wife Vivian, and Mayor McGee who lost his first cousin, they will be truly missed.

I attended the 2021 Tree City USA virtual conference on February 17, 2021 and February 24, 2021. Over 1,500 people from across the country were in attendance. This conference focused on how to save our city trees, and proper planting and pruning of trees. I learned so much about trees and hope I will be attending this conference once again in the near future.

Continue to stay safe and I will see you soon. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me 314-799-9232.

**LET’S KEEP OUR CITY CLEAN!**

Alderwoman Wanda Fairley, Ward 2

**Dear Vinita Park Residents,**

I do hope everyone is having a Happy New Year thus far in 2021. It has been a long time coming but change is on the way! Spring is soon on the way and it will be time for planting trees and beautiful flowers. Our Arbor board is getting ready to expand. New training and new information about our trees in Vinita Park will soon be available. Doug Seely, our Forester, Co-chair Alderman McGee, and I are asking anyone who is interested in joining the Arbor board to please contact us. I can be reached via email at marcietadreed@yahoo.com. More information will be available soon via a presentation zoom meeting. Thank you.

Have a safe and brighter outlook this year!

Alderwoman Marcia D. Reed, Ward 3

**Greetings Vinita Park Residents!**

As we start the New Year, I want to say thank you for the opportunity to serve you in 2021. I hope you enjoyed the holidays and are as excited about the New Year as I am.

As we head into 2021, we must remain hopeful that things will return to normal. It will be a slow transition and one that will require the community’s understanding, cooperation, and patience, but we will get there.

Please do not put your trash cans out too early and be sure to take your cans back after the trash has been emptied.

**Ward 2**

Hello, Alderwoman Celeste McGee

I am happy to be able to communicate with you all again. I hope you all are doing well during this worldwide pandemic. I am praying for those families who have lost loved ones. Please remember to wash your hands and wear a mask when going out. Check with your physicians regarding the Covid-19 vaccine. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, we had to suspend some of our activities. I missed all my senior residents so much. Aid. Stokes sends her love to all. Please continue to pray for her.

The City is trying their best to keep our City safe. Remember you must do your part as well. I would like to thank Mayor McGee for doing a wonderful job. Contact Community Action Agency if you need assistance with your utility bills, 314-863-0015. They also have food giveaways. Check your local news channel for more info. Remember to come up to City Hall to cast your vote for your elected official, on April 6, 2021. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact City Hall. I would like to thank the Public Works and Police Department for the great job they are doing.

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**Ward 3**

Hello, Alderwoman Ora Mae Stokes

I appreciate your suggestions and support of Vinita Park. 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

**Your Aldermen’s Corner**

**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 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 occupancy 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/brown yard bags for pickup. Yard Waste in plastic bags will NOT be picked up.** Public Works will only pickup limbs that are knocked down during a storm and placed on the curb within 72 hours after the storm.

**Street Sweeping**

Street sweeping will be the first Wednesday and Thursday of each month. Beginning April 1, 2021 through November 4, 2021. Please be sure to follow the no parking signs for street sweeping days to avoid receiving a summons.

**Reminder**

As we strive to keep our city Clean & Beautiful please do not place trash/yard waste/recycle receptacles on the curb before dusk of the evening before pick-up. Once the trash/yard waste/recycle receptacles have been emptied they should be removed from the curb the same day it was picked up. 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 we report any littering to City Hall/Public Works.

**Public Works Director**

Craig Lovings

**A Letter from Chief of Police, John Buchanann**

It is a privilege for the North County Police Cooperative to be the full-service police provider for the residents and businesses within the City of Vinita Park.

It is very important that the North County Police Cooperative is providing the highest quality police service for our residents as well as those who work, visit, and travel through all the Cities we patrol. In mid-July 2018, the North County Police Cooperative achieved our goal of obtaining our CALEA Accreditation.

We strive to foster a relationship that builds confidence with our residents. It is very important that all of our Vinita Park residents and business owners understand that “no phone call” is unimportant to us, and if you have a need for the Police even if it is a simple question or minor concern then you should feel free to contact our Dispatch center at 314-428-6988. I look at all people in and around our Cities as the “eyes and ears” for our community.

Together the Community and the Police can provide the best protection and service possible for everyone.

The North County Police Cooperative motto is COMMUNITY FIRST!

The North County Police Cooperative takes all criminal complaints very seriously and we will work together with Federal, State, and Local agencies to prosecute all cases within our patrol area.

I’m very excited about having well trained professional officers to provide quality-policing services to all our residents in the North County Police Cooperative patrol area.

Your safety and sense of security will always be our utmost importance as we provide these services.


Important things to remember:

The North County Police Cooperative will be hosting the next City of Vinita Park Neighborhood Meeting on March 23, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Virtual Meeting Zoom ID: 7234993547, (312) 626-6799.

Just a reminder that Street Sweeping will be starting on April 1, 2021 and violators will be issued a summons.

Sincerely,

John E. Buchanann
Chief of Police

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