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 (LHEAP) + 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.caastic.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.caastic.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.
- www.stltmsd.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 314-428-6889.

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

American Water Protection Program + 877-513-8520
- Water Line, Sewer Line, and In-Home Plumbing protection plans
- Monthly fee to enroll in plans

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

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER
PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT DATES, TIMES & EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS
- May 5 – Street Sweeping / Municipal Court City of St. Ann 10:00am
- May 6 – Street Sweeping / Recycle Pickup
- May 7 – Trash & Yard Waste Pickup
- May 9 – MOTHER’S DAY
- May 13 – Recycling Pickup
- May 14 – Trash & Yard Waste Pickup
- May 15 – ARMED FORCES DAY
- May 17 – Board of Aldermen meeting 6:30pm
- May 19 – Housing Court 9:00am Municipal Court City of St. Ann 10:00am
- May 20 – Senior Lunchbox City Hall 12:00pm / Recycle Pickup
- May 21 – Trash and Yard Waste Pickup
- May 26 – Neighborhood Watch Virtual Meeting 6:00pm Zoom ID: 7234993547 312-826-6799
- May 27 – Recycle Pickup
- May 28 – Trash and Yard Waste Pickup
- May 31 – MEMORIAL DAY, CITY HALL CLOSED
- June 3 – Street Sweeping / Municipal Court City of St. Ann 10:00am
- June 5 – Trash & Yard Waste Pickup
- June 10 – Recycle Pickup
- June 11 – Trash and Yard Waste Pickup
- June 14 – FLAG DAY
- June 16 – Housing Court 9:00am Municipal Court City of St. Ann 10:00am
- June 17 – Recycle Pickup
- June 18 – Deadline for Garden Contest / Trash & Yard Waste Pickup
- June 20 – FATHER’S DAY
- June 21 – Board of Aldermen meeting 6:30pm
- June 24 – Recycle Pickup
- June 25 – Trash & Yard Waste Pickup
- June 29 – Neighborhood Watch Virtual Meeting 6:00pm Zoom ID: 7234993547 312-826-6799

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER
MAY/JUNE 2021 VOLUME 2021:5 NEWS WORTH KNOWING

WORDS FROM THE MAYOR • MAY 2021

Happy Mother’s Day to all! Vinita Park Moms! You all are so bless a loving our city, I would like to thank all elected officials, employees, & residents for getting the Covid-19 vaccine. Thanks to 100% of elected officials, 70% of senior citizens, & 40% of residents that have been vaccinated. We encourage all residents to get vaccinated. This is why we can come together to uplift and edit one another. When one resident dies from Covid-19, it is one too many. Please get your Covid-19 vaccine. We are looking to demolish 3 buildings that are a nuisance in our City; 8149 Madison, 2038 North & South, & 8227 Page Ave. We are working on demolishing other properties as well. We are asking all residents to continue to beautify our city by keeping their grass cut and the upkeep outside their homes. If all residents took part percentage of the free Spring Cleanup we had on April 24. It was a huge opportunity for residents to help clean up our city. Dumpsters were placed in each ward for residents to use. We will be having another cleanup in the fall. There will be more information to follow.

We will be getting new playground equipment for our children at Charles Forrester Park & James W. McGee Park. The NPCP Police Dept is partnering with the Viking athletic league to keep our youth off the streets. On April 17, 2021, STL Outlaws won 2nd place in a tournament in Chicago. The TruVision Basketball team attended a tournament in Indiana, April 23-24, 2021. The 17-year-old team had a record of 7-0 and came in 1st place, the 15-year-old team came in 3rd place, & the 2nd grade team came in 2nd place playing against fourth grade.

I would like to congratulate Alderman Marcela D. Reed for being elected to serve on the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis Executive Board.

Congratulations to Robert, son of proud father and Vinita Park resident Paul Davis on achieving superior academic performance this past semester at Washington University in St. Louis by earning a 3.6 GPA. Robert’s performance resulted in him being named to the Dean’s List in the College of Arts and Sciences. We are asking all residents to participate in the Normandy Schools Collaborative crisis. The State Senate cut $1.5 million dollars from the new education program in St. Louis after concerns were raised about money going towards groups that back Charter schools.

In a March 23rd letter, Dorothy Rhode-Collins, President of the St. Louis School Board, wrote, “I believe taxpayers of the state of Missouri do not need to subsidize a multimillion-dollar organization whose goal is to dismantle traditional public schools and their elected school boards. City of Vinita Park General Fund as of March 31, 2021 Y-T-D - Funds available $5,322,578, Personnel Service $2,270,158, Supplies $86,230, Other services and charges $929,830, Total: Operating exc. $-3,285,218, Non-Operating Income $15,454, OPERATING RESERVE $-2,652,815. City of Vinita Park Financial Status as of March 31, 2021: General Fund $2,952,815.71, Cap Improvement Fund $134,849.02. Storm Water Park Fund $233,169.45, Road Fund $198,662.69, Sewer Fund $463,233.56, Prop F Fund $1,107,46, Accs Receivable $118,582.67. Total Reserves & Accounts Receivable $3,202,320.50.

Our Police Department, Public Works Department, and all employees have given themselves to this community without condition. I am proud to work with employees who care about making this a better place for our residents.

We have come a long way, but there is still work to do. We need your help in working together to make our city a better place to work and raise family. I am proud to work with our residents, employees, elected officials, and businesses who care about keeping our city clean, safe, and a better place to live.

We need to stand together to keep moving forward.

All our elected officials and employees believe in building a stronger community, engaging families, and success in children.

James W. McGee – Mayor
YOUR ALDERMEN’S CORNER

Hello Ward 2.

Happy Holiday to you and your family. Remember to wash your hands before you leave your home. Keep your distance from others and stay 6 feet apart. Continue to pray for those who lost loved ones during this pandemic. Let us all hope that it will be over soon so we can get back to our normal lives. We did a drive-by birthday celebration in March for Alderman Stokes. She was so surprised and appreciative. She sends her love. Please check with your physician about the Covid-19 vaccination.

I would like to thank the Public Works Dept, Police Dept, & Mayor McGee for doing such a great job in Vinita Park. Please call up to City Hall 8:30am - 5:00pm, Monday - Friday, with any questions or concerns.

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

LET’S KEEP OUR CITY CLEAN!

Thank you,
Alderman Wanda Fairley.

15, 2021. Time: 8-11 a.m. Place: Natural Bridge between North Oaks Plaza, ending at Jennings Station Road. Please sign up at the website: https://24244.5360 neighborhood-clean-up-kick-off Please feel free to contact me if you need assistance. 

Alderman Maria Del. Reed, Ward 3

Dear Residents of Vinita Park,

A general municipal election was held Tuesday, April 6, 2021, thank you for all those that came out to show your support for our City and casting your vote.

We are always grateful to those residents that show up at the polls to express their views regarding the City of Vinita Park.

As we mark a year of the coronavirus pandemic, we hope there is some light at the end of the tunnel now that vaccines are being distributed. However, contrary to what many non-health workers believe, it is still important to continue the guidelines we have been following for months:
- Wearing masks
- Social distancing
- Avoiding large gatherings

We all appreciate the efforts of every resident to keep our community safe and healthy. With time, we will get through this together.

I hope you all had a Happy and Safe Easter and enjoy the great spring weather!

Sincerely,
Alderman Rich Redel, Ward 1 Alderman

Hello to all Vinita Park Residents,

Let us all keep our city beautiful and clean. If you see someone littering, please take it as an opportunity to educate someone. I would like to work with all of you on Happy Mother’s Day. I would like to send a special Mother’s Day wish to my mother, Mrs. Vernemaud.

Alderman Brian Gremaud

Ward I

Hello Vinita Park Residents,

Hope all is well. I want to thank you all for your continued support. I would like to thank Mayor McGee, Chief Buchannan and the NCPC Police Dept, the Public Works Dept, city employees, and my fellow Aldermen for doing an outstanding job. I would also like to thank Alderman Wanda Fairley for being our forestry team at Beyond Housing.

To plant anything in your yard, please call Dig Rite at 1-888-344-7483. After you dig, they will advise you of where you can dig so you won’t touch any gas or electrical wires.

Hopefully, we can resume our Arbor Day efforts soon. Information will come out later.

We need volunteers to help clean up our community. Date: May 15, 2021. Time: 8-11 a.m. Place: Natural Bridge between North Oaks Plaza, ending at Jennings Station Road. Please sign up at the website: https://24244.5360 neighborhood-clean-up-kick-off Please feel free to contact me if you need assistance. 

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Dear Residents of Vinita Park,

As our country, and specifically Vinita Park, emerge from the coronavirus pandemic, I’m optimistic about the future, and I believe the remainder of 2021 has to offer. As we begin to “get back to normal”, let’s continue to be considerate and safe in regards to our neighbors, and local businesses. We have come a long way, but the pandemic is not completely defeated.

Spring is in full swing and Summer is on the way. I enjoy seeing our neighbors walking their yards, walking their dogs - and themselves, and all the activity associated with the warmer weather. Hopefully, the City will be able to resume our in-person board meetings, holiday celebrations, and other planned activities in the near future.

Please take the time to fill-out the attached survey regarding the construction of a potential recreational center within the City of Vinita Park. We like to get as much feedback from citizens as possible, to see if this project makes sense for Vinita Park. For the record, this project would not cost residents ANY additional tax monies to help fund the project. The City will schedule a Town Hall Meeting in the near future where residents can ask questions and voice their opinions.

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Littering

Please help keep the City of Vinita Park clean. Please do not litter in our parks, streets, and bike/walk trail. The City of Vinita Park is proud to announce that you report any littering to City Hall/City Police.

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

John Phillips

Alderman, 4th Ward

ALDERMEN’S CORNER CONT.

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 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 pick-up. Yard Waste 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.

Reminder

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Public Works Director

Craig Lovings

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John Buchannan

Parks Lead Laborer

PUBLIC WORKS

The North County Police Cooperative and the City of Vinita Park is proud to announce its sponsorship and participation with the Viking Athletic League. The league is a coed recreational basketball and cheerleading program that is open to grades K-8 and is free of charge.

We are still actively recruiting adult volunteer coaches to help with all aspects of the program.

Memorial Day weekend, the North County Police Cooperative will be conducting foot patrols throughout the City of Vinita Park. These officers will be out talking to and meeting members of the community.

Please feel free to say hello, address concerns or just introduce yourself.

John E. Buchanan

Chief of Police

North County Cooperative
314-499-6099


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A Letter from Chief of Police, John Buchannan