



VINITA PARK

CITIZEN NEWSLETTER

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# VINITA PARK CITY HALL

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NEWS WORTH KNOWING

**VINITA PARK  
CITY HALL**

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Vinita Park, MO  
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8:30 A.M. – 5:00  
P.M.

**MAYOR**

James W. McGee

**COLLECTOR**

Jeanette Carridine

**BOARD OF  
ALDERMEN**

**WARD 1**

Brian Gremaud  
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**WARD 2**

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**WARD 3**

Celeste McGee  
Marcietta D. Reed

**WARD 4**

Dianne Bryant-Miller  
John Phillips

Hello everyone!

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Halloween and I hope you all have a safe holiday season.

We are currently working on the safety of our sidewalks with Phase 2 of the North and South Sidewalk project which will include new sidewalks on North and South Road from Page Avenue to Midland and continuing to the St. Louis County Library. We are currently accepting sealed bids on this project and it is our plan for construction to begin prior to the end of the year.

City of Vinita Park General Fund as of August 31, 2024 Y-T-D - Funds available \$1,243,475, Personnel Service \$833,978, Supplies \$37,115, other services and charges \$257,847 Total: Operating exp.-- \$1,128,940, Non-Operating Activity (\$4,474), OPERATING RESERVE:--\$110,061. City of Vinita Park Financial Status as of August 31, 2024: General Fund \$110,061.16, Cap Improvement Fund \$547,068.26, Storm Water/Parks Fund \$130,171.33, Road Fund \$14,437.39, Sewer Lateral Fund \$358,887.81, Prop P fund \$1,246.99, Accts Receivable \$51,632.36. Total Reserves & Accounts Receivable \$1,213,505.30.

James W. McGee  
Mayor

# ALDERMEN'S CORNER



Hello residents of Vinita Park

I attended the 2024 MML 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Branson, Missouri. This conference focused on how to better our City and discussed the gender gap.

The City of Vinita Park Halloween Event will be held from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2024 at City Hall.

Save, this date. The City of Vinita Park will be having our Annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at City Hall.

Continue to keep our Mayor James W. McGee in your prayers as well as Steven and Frank Gooden of Public Works.

Encouraging Words

Life is short. If you don't wake up, it might pass you by.

If you wanna be somebody and you wanna go somewhere, you better wake up and pay attention, because tomorrow is not promised.

Board President  
Alderman Celeste McGee  
Ward 3

Dear Residents:



Hope all is well! The year seems to be going really fast. Fall is in the air! I want to thank our Mayor, Administration, Chief and his staff, Public Works for working together.

Our Arborist, Jack from Beyond Housing, may have contacted you about removal of a tree in your yard. If you were on the list for a tree removal and you have not been contacted, please, call me and I will find out where you are on the list. Jack has been working very hard to work with our residents and other residents in the 24:1 community.

Thanking you in advance, because you matter most!

Alderman Marcietta D. Reed  
Ward 3  
312-428-7373

Fun Fact: Trees can grow on the moon. In 1971, Apollo 14 planted tree seeds on the moon. They grew just like other trees. They are called moon trees.

# **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. Parks rental will close October 31<sup>st</sup> for the season.

**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



MAYOR MCGEE PARK | 8374 MIDLAND BLVD, VINITA PARK, MO | 8PM-8PM

## PAWS AT THE PARK Get Your License!



\*Pets not required to attend event \*

(Vinita Park residents bring  
rabies vaccine and \$10)

(Hanley Hills residents will need  
name, address & phone number)

Pet Vendors

Free Dog Food  
(While Supplies Last)



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**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

- October 01 – Street Sweeping
- October 02 – Street Sweeping/Municipal Court 10:00am/Consolidated Municipal Courts City of St. Ann
- October 03 – Recycle Pick Up
- October 04 – Trash & Yard Waste Pick Up
- October 10 – Recycle Pick Up
- October 11 – Trash & Yard Waste Pick Up
- October 16 – Housing Court 9:30am/Municipal Court 10:00am/Consolidated Municipal Courts City of St. Ann
- October 17 – Recycle Pick Up
- October 18 – Trash & Yard Waste Pick Up
- October 21 – Board of Aldermen Meeting 6:30pm
- October 22 – Neighborhood Watch Meeting 6pm Vinita Park
- October 24 – Recycle Pick Up
- October 25 – Trash & Yard Waste Pick Up
- October 31 – Recycle Pick Up/Halloween Event 5 – 7 pm/Halloween
- November 01 – Trash & Yard Waste Pick Up
- November 03 – Daylight Saving Time Ends
- November 05 – Street Sweeping
- November 06 – Street Sweeping/Municipal Court 10:00am/Consolidated Municipal Courts/City of St. Ann
- November 07 – Recycle Pick-Up
- November 08 – Trash & Yard Waste Pick Up
- November 11 – Veteran’s Day
- November 14 – Recycle Pick Up
- November 15 – Trash & Yard Waste Pick Up
- November 18 – Board of Aldermen Meeting 6:30pm
- November 20 – Housing Court 9:30am/Municipal Court 10:00am/Consolidated Municipal Courts City of St. Ann
- November 21 – Recycle Pick Up
- November 22 – Trash & Yard Waste Pick Up
- November 26 – Neighborhood Watch Meeting 6:30pm Hanley Hills
- November 28 – CITY HALL CLOSED/Thanksgiving Day
- November 29 – CITY HALL CLOSED/Recycle Pick Up
- November 30 – Trash & Yard Waste Pick Up
- December 04 – Municipal Court 10:00am/Consolidated Municipal Courts City of St. Ann
- December 05 – Recycle Pick Up
- December 06 – Trash & Yard Waste Pick Up
- December 12 – Recycle Pick Up
- December 13 – Holiday Lighting Contest Deadline/Trash & Yard Waste Pick Up
- December 14 – Breakfast with Santa/Santa Comes to Town
- December 16 – Board of Aldermen Meeting 6:30pm
- December 18 – Housing Court 9:30am/Municipal Court 10:00am/Consolidated Municipal Courts City of St. Ann
- December 19 – Recycle Pick Up
- December 20 – Trash & Yard Waste Pick Up

- December 24 – Christmas Eve
- December 24 – City Hall Closed/Christmas Day
- December 27 – Recycle Pick Up
- December 28 – Trash & Yard Waste Pick Up
- December 31 – New Year's Eve