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Willard Watch

Celebrate Arbor Day



Plant A Tree



A message from the Clerk....

In a small community like Willard, there are a certain number of things you can always depend on: the town will turn out in full for home football games, sweet corn being sold at a roadside stand, and Lucille Murray up to her elbows in a flower bed. For over 20 years, Lucille Murray has been involved in the betterment of Missouri Parks and Recreation in her community. She has served on various boards and committees, including the Tree City Board, the Willard Park Board, and the Willard Planning and Zoning Commission. In addition to her leadership roles, she has given freely of her time to both the Willard Parks and Recreation Department and to the Dickerson Park Zoo. Lucille has



been instrumental in planting more than 150 trees in and around Willard's parks, and is responsible for the majority of the landscaping at the Dickerson Park Zoo. Combined, Lucille has dedicated more than 26,000 hours of time over the past 20 years to the design, development, installation, care and maintenance of the

landscaping of both Willard and the Dickerson Park Zoo. Lucille is as hardy as the plants she chooses for her landscapes, working diligently no matter the weather. She shows up early in the summer and works steadily through the heat of the day, regardless of the temperature. In the winter, she can be found working away any time the temperature rises above 20 degrees. There is only one thing that can slow Lucille down; visiting with the guests that stop to thank her for her efforts. The City of Willard is exceptionally grateful for Lucille and her efforts, and are very thankful for her contributions to make our communities that much more enjoyable.

On Friday, April 6th, the City recognized Lucille Murray for over 20 years of service and volunteering. We ended the celebration by planting a tree for Arbor Day, commemorating 20 years as a Tree City!

Thank you all for making our City the best place to be in Southwest Missouri!

Jennifer Rowe

City Clerk / Director of Emergency Management



Spring Lawn Maintenance

Spring has arrived just in time for some early spring time maintenance to get your yard ready for the season growth spurt. Here are a few tips to help you prepare.

- * Prune away dead or damaged branches on trees and shrubs
- * Cut back flowering perennials and ornamental grasses 3-4 inches above the crown of plant
- * Rake out dead fallen leaves and dead foliage around plants and trees and flower beds.
- * Prep damaged bare spots in your lawn by raking with a metal rake then sow your choice of grass seed mixture and turf amenities.



- * Spruce up landscapes areas by adding mulch or gravel
- * Patch or replace rotten or damaged pickets, boarder lattice or privacy fences and consider a coat of paint or sealer.

Remember the city's Municipal Code section 215 prohibits permitting grass weeds to exceed 12 inches in height.

Rules and Proper Etiquette of the Frisco Highline Trail

- Greenway trails are open from sunrise to sunset
- Springfield-Greene County Park Board ordinances apply to the greenways
- The trails are for non-motorized use only, including bicycling, walking, running, skating
- Travel on the right-hand side of the trail
- Pass on the left and announce your presence before you pass
- Cyclists - keep speed to 10MPH or less
- Proceed in single file when approaching others, around curves and under bridges
- Use caution at road crossings
- Keep dogs on leashes and under control
- Clean up after your dog - scoop the poop
- Wear a helmet when biking - especially children
- Avoid using trails during unfavorable conditions
- Respect private property - stay on the trail



Report unsafe trail conditions in Greene County to the Park Board (417) 864-1051. Report illegal activity by calling 911.



Calling All Senior Citizens!

Did you know that there is a committed group of people that meet **each Wednesday at 11:30 am** at the Willard Community Center? This group has lunch together, visits, plays cards and board games, and socializes. There is a **\$3.75** fee for the lunch, but the socializing and visiting is free! This is a good way to find out what is new in the community, to find other opportunities for socializing, and meet friends you didn't know you had! Join them on Wednesdays, 11:30 am, at **222 W. Jackson St, Willard, MO**

Spring is here! Winter is back... Spring is here! Winter is back... Spring is, well it's Missouri. We won't really know when spring is truly here until summer starts, but at the Parks Department, we are committed to pretending it's spring time! We expect big things this year in the Parks Department!

A.M. Donuts and Coffee will be at the Frisco Highline Sports Complex serving from their food truck! Our grounds crew is hard at work, you may have noticed some of their work installing new flower beds, cleaning up the right of ways, and painting and staining signs and buildings at some of our complexes. Summer Baseball Registration is open, you can register online at www.willardParks.com.

Follow us on Facebook for updates! We will see you in the park!



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BEFORE YOU DOZE



Before you go to bed at night, do you think about ways you can protect your family? You probably make sure all the doors are locked and everyone is safely in the house but have you thought about one simple step that may save your families' lives? Close Your Door Campaigns have become a part of the firefighter's toolbox for saving lives during a fire. The US Firefighter Safety Research Institute (FSRI) has completed over a decade long research on delaying the spread of fire.

This research has led to the understanding that shutting your bedroom door at night can hinder the spread of fire. This could give you more time to make decisions which will help you get out of the fire or even buy more time for firefighters to come in and rescue you.

Visit the website for the Close Before You Doze Campaign at <https://closeyourdoor.org/>. It contains useful information for you and your family. Per the website, the following facts may help you to understand the importance of closing your doors:



- **Fire is Getting Faster** – 40 years ago you had 17 minutes to escape your home and now you have only 3 minutes *NIST Technical Note 1455-1, February 2008
- **The Difference a Door Makes** – closed doors leave a more survivable temperature of <100 degrees vs. an opened door at >1,000 degrees
- **Close your bedroom door at night** – about half of home fire deaths result from fire reported between 11 pm and 7 am, when most people are asleep. The door is a barrier that could save your life.
*Civilian Fire Fatalities in Residential Buildings (2012-2014), *FEMA, July 2016
- **Don't Forget the Front Door** – Even when exiting a burning structure, close the door behind you. It will cut off the oxygen supply and may stop fire's growth.

There are many activities on the website for your family to follow.

If you have questions or would like further information on ways Willard Fire can serve you, please contact us at 417-685-3114 or info@willardfire.com. You can visit our website www.willardfire.com or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.



Alumni Banquet on April 21st

The Willard High School Alumni Association would like to invite all Willard graduates to the Alumni Banquet on Saturday, April 21st. The Banquet will begin at 5 p.m. and at Willard High School. The day of April 21st will be filled with activities that you will not want to miss out on!

2nd Annual Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show

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Saturday, April 21, 2018
 Willard High School ♦ 515 Jackson St ♦ Willard, MD
9:30am: Registration/Setup **11am-4pm:** Show
 Pre-Register at www.willardbiz.com/carshow

Willard High School's Future Business Leaders of America chapter will be hosting a car show from 11am-4pm prior to the Alumni Banquet. Following the car show at 4 p.m, alumni will be able to take a tour around the High School to see how much Willard schools have evolved. Don't forget to throw some cash in your pocket before you attend because there will be auction items, raffles, and more! All funds will go to benefit the five \$1,000 scholarships that will be presented to the class of 2018. Make sure to come out and honor your graduating class!

DATES TO REMEMBER

As we start winding down this school year, put these dates on your calendar! Many students will be taking the MAP test while high schoolers will be taking End of Course exams starting at the end of April. If you know any students taking these tests, don't forget to give them a pat on the back and wish them good luck! Another date to look forward to is Graduation 2018. Graduation will be held Saturday, May 19th at JQH arena at 8 p.m. The class of 2018 hopes to see you there! The last day of school for all students will be a half-day and will be Thursday, May 24th. We're looking forward to two more months of learning and exploring ahead!

Wayne Dailey – Willard Fire

Protection District Board President

On March 23, 2018 we said our final goodbyes to our Board President, Wayne Dailey. Wayne served on the Willard Fire Protection District board for 24 years and was just beginning another six year term when he passed away on Friday night, March 16. We are so thankful to Wayne for his service in our community and to his family for their support as he served. He will be greatly missed and will not be easily replaced.



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Meeting Dates

Board of Aldermen

April9th & 23rd

Planning and Zoning

April.....24th

Park Board

April.....26th

Economic Development

May.....21st