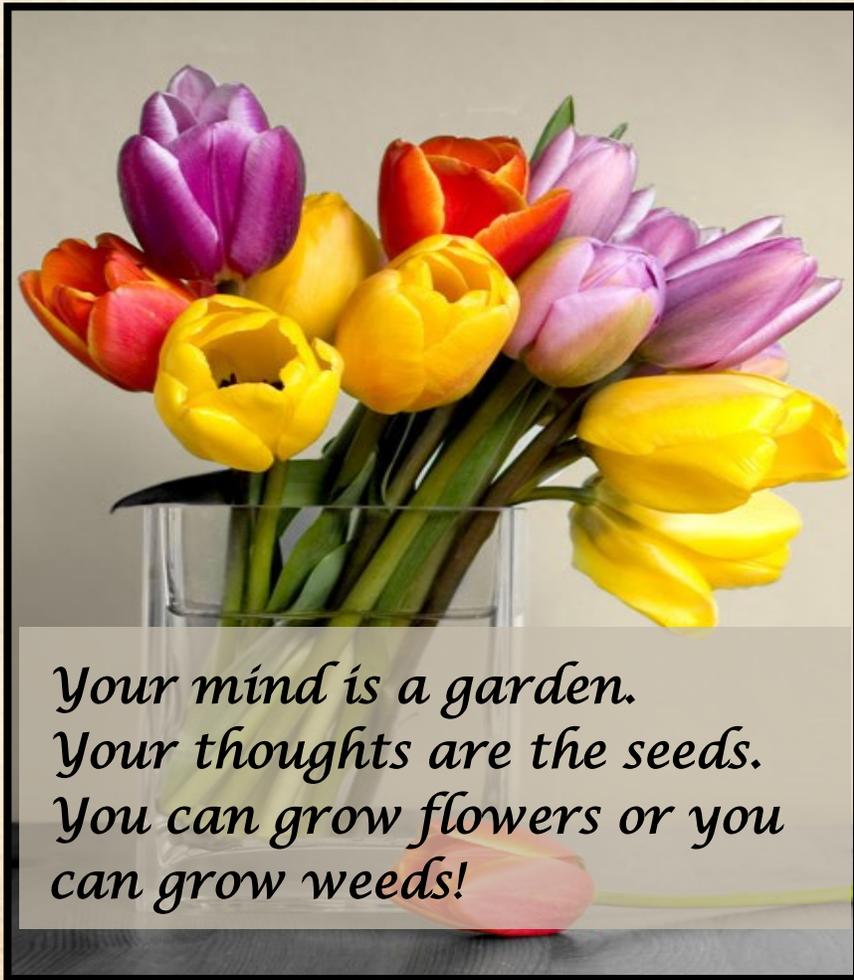


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A message from the Clerk....

Did you know there are multiple ways to serve your community? The City has numerous Boards and Committees that welcome input from all sources. Our Board of Aldermen and Mayor serve 2-year terms, with elections running every April for Aldermen and every other April for Mayor. We also have a Planning & Zoning Commission, Economic Development Task Force, Park Board, Tree Board, and Board of Adjustments. Give me a call at (417) 742-5302 or email at clerk@cityofwillard.org if you are interested in serving!

Thank you all for making this City the best place to be in southwest Missouri!

Jennifer Rowe

City Clerk / Director of Emergency Management



Willard News

Come Join Us!

Willard 2019 Comprehensive Plan Open House

The City of Willard is excited to present the 2019 update of the Willard Comprehensive Plan for public input. An open house will be held on **Thursday, April 25, 2019 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Willard Fire District Headquarters, 240 N State Highway Z, Willard, MO 65781.**

Citizens can provide comments through interactive exhibits and activities covering the goals, objectives, and strategies that will guide decisions on City services, as well as residential and economic development, over the next twenty years. The document update is based on a public survey and a series of meetings with local stakeholders, facilitated by a collaboration of the Southwest Missouri Council of Governments (SMCOG) and the senior planning practicum class at Missouri State University.

The comprehensive plan has served as a continuous source of guidance for the city regarding land use and the continued improvement of City services since it was last updated in 1999. Moving forward, the

Plan will serve as a guide for managing the growth of Willard and capitalizing on its unique assets, including the Frisco Highline Trail and easy access to Springfield with the planned widening and intersection improvements of US Highway 160. The public may access a draft version of the document from **Thursday, April 25, 2019 to Thursday, May 2, 2019** as a digital version on the City and SMCOG websites or as a print version at Willard City Hall during business hours.



Public comments may be submitted to the SMCOG project manager, Brandon Jenson, at BrandonJenson@MissouriState.edu or (417)836-6973 or by mail at: ATTN: Brandon Jenson Southwest Missouri Council of Governments c/o CRPM 901 S National Ave Springfield, MO 65897

All comments received by **Friday, May 3, 2019** will be addressed before the presentation at the **Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 7 p.m.**

Community Events Calendar Now Online

Check out the new Community Calendar on our website at: www.cityofwillard.org/calendar.

Have events you want to be shared? Send a link to clerk@cityofwillard.org or utilityclerk@cityofwillard.org and we will get it put up there!

Free Recycling

If you have a trash account that is included with your water/sewer bill and you live inside of the city limits, you qualify for free curbside recycling. For a complete list of what can and cannot be recycled and the dates that they will pick it up, please visit our website at cityofwillard.org/forms, or come into City Hall for a printed copy.

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Park News

It's *FINALLY Spring!* We've waited patiently over the past few months, and it is finally time to enjoy the nice weather on the way. Along with that weather change, Spring brings a variety of fun and exciting activities and events from the Parks Department.



School's Out Camp

School's Out Camp is on Friday, April 19th from 6:30 AM – 6:00 PM. Kids Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to participate in a fun filled day at the REC Center.



Summer Camp

Kid-Venture Summer Camp registration is open and the calendar is posted. Please call 417-742-2262 if you have any questions.

Pickleball

Also starting this month, our Open Pickleball schedule will be changing to Monday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM, and Wednesday evenings from 5:00- 8:00PM. We have nets, paddles, balls, and the courts...all we need is YOU! Come see what you're missing, we'd love to introduce you to a new leisure activity!

Indoor Yard Sale

First up is the Indoor Yard Sale on Saturday, April 6th from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the Willard REC Center; which has FREE admission to the public!

Youth Baseball, Tee-Ball & Softball

We also have our youth baseball, tee-ball, and softball registration going on through May 1st! \$45 for individual registration, or \$275 for team registration.



Camp Counselors, Life Guards, and Front Desk Attendants. Applications available online or at the Willard REC Center.

You can find information regarding all of our events, course registration, and other important news on our website, www.willardparks.com. You will also find a printable employment application and listings for open positions here as well.



Fire Prevention Reminders

As firefighters, we take our jobs seriously. That not only means meeting you in your time of need but also educating you on ways you can be safe and prevent the need to meet us in person. This month let's focus on some important messages you may need to be reminded of:

Fire Prevention and Safety

- * Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and injuries in the United States (USFA).
- * Make sure when you are cooking, to stay in the kitchen and keep an eye on the stove.

Smoke Alarms save lives

- * If a cooking fire starts, smother it with a pot lid. **NEVER** throw water on a grease fire.
- * If there is a fire – get out and stay out. **NEVER** go back into a burning home.
- * Make sure your smoke alarms are in working order by checking monthly.
- * Change the batteries at the beginning and at the end of Daylight Savings time change. Replace smoke alarms if they are over 10 years old or if faulty.
- * Plan and practice a fire escape plan you can find one at www.nfpa.org.

Address Signs

- * Address signs are available at our Station 1/Headquarters on Z Highway for \$15 each.
- * Address signs are reflective and may help us to find your home faster

CPR

- * Consider taking CPR classes. We are currently working on providing CPR classes to our community at our Station 1/Headquarters
- * Watch for upcoming dates on our Facebook page or by calling the office

Check on elderly neighbors

- * Consider checking on your elderly neighbors.
- * Make sure they have their heating and cooling needs met
- * Make sure they have access to emergency services
- * Check for rugs they can slip on or areas in the house they can trip over

Toddlers and Children

- * You can make learning fire safety with your kids fun
- * Check the sparky.org website for fun ideas
- * Practice an escape plan with children
- * Teach them to not play with hot items (space heaters, stovetops, matches, lighters and cigarettes)



If you have questions or would like further information, 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.



School News

We are welcoming April and warmer weather with open arms! With less than two months of our 2018-19 school year left, there is still so much to be done! Students will continue 4th quarter learning, spring sports, and end of year activities through Friday, May 24th, our last day of school!

As a reminder, there will be no school on Friday, April 19th in honor of Good Friday, but school WILL BE IN SESSION on Monday, April 22nd as a snow make up day. Thank you for your continued support of Willard Schools!

Ribbon Cutting for Tiger Athletic Complex

Thanks to you, our supportive community, we're hosting the official ribbon cutting for the Tiger Athletic Complex upgrades on Thursday, April 18th at 4PM, during the opening ceremony of our Willard High School Jason Pyrah Invitational Track Meet. Please join us to celebrate!

12th Year of Best Music Education

Willard Schools made the list for one of the best Communities for Music Education again! <https://www.nammfoundation.org/articles/bcme-2019-districts> This is the 12th year in a row that Willard Schools have been on the list.

Dr. Teeter Admin Of The Year

Congratulations to our Superintendent, Dr. Matt Teeter, on his recent outstanding accomplishments: National School Public Relations Association "2019 Superintendent to Watch" and Missouri School Public Relations Association Administrator of the Year! We're proud of his commitment to our #WillardFamily!

CONGRATULATIONS



ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR



Willard Public Schools
Student Focused | Strongly Connected | Progress Driven

Congrats Dr. Teeter!

CONGRATULATIONS



Meet Our Shift Crews

In February we were able to hire three career firefighters who joined the nine we already had on staff. We currently have a staff of 17 serving the community of Willard and we are honored to serve.

A Shift Crew Members

Captain Brett Fish, Luke Owings, Joseph Titus, and Tim Allen



B Shift Crew Members

Captain Clinton Gibbens, Andy Blake, and Brad Greer

C Shift Crew Members

Captain Stephen House, Jeremy Deck, Austin Bryant, and Christian Garner



Not pictured is Chris Presley – currently on military leave

Meeting Dates	Contacts
Board of Aldermen	
April.....8th & 22nd	Mayor Corey Hendrickson.....417-234-4713
Planning and Zoning	
April.....23rd	Board of Aldermen Brandon Bond.....417-872-9530 Donna Stewart.....417-493-9894 Sam Baird.....417-844-0636 Samuel Snider.....417-839-9444 Jon Jones.....417-224-2805 Larry Whitman.....417-343-0994
Park Board	
April.....25th	City Administrator Bradley Gray.....417-742-3033 ext 5304
Economic Development	
April.....15th	City Clerk Jennifer Rowe.....417-742-3033 ext 5302
	Chief of Police Tom McClain417-742-3033 ext 5341