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# Willard Watch



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# We Connect

**W**e are Willard, we are one, we want your feedback! Continuing in August, we are sharing additional opportunities for you to connect with Willard leadership and to thought-partner with fellow Willard citizens through our 2017 Citizen Advisory Network (CAN). Through this CAN initiative **ALL** customers of Willard are welcome to

attend the advisory network meeting scheduled for **August 25th at 3pm** at the **Community Building ( 222 W. Jackson Street)**. The primary objective of each meeting will be to surface questions for community-wide surveys, which will be distributed to all customers beginning later this year. Results from our community surveys will be

incorporated into Willard's 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Based on feedback from network participants, the next Citizen Advisory Network (CAN) Meeting will focus on the Parks and Recreation Department.

I hope to see you there! If you are able to attend, please RSVP to [ca@cityofwillard.org](mailto:ca@cityofwillard.org).



Thanks again for your commitment to our community!

*Brad Gray*  
Willard City  
Administrator



**Willard Area  
Chamber of Commerce**

## 9/11 Flag Planting

**W**e are looking forward to this year's 9/11 Flag Planting event! We will need a lot of volunteers to make this run smooth. If you're available September 10, in the evening, please contact Jen Welton at: [jwtelton@willardchamber.org](mailto:jwtelton@willardchamber.org).



## Willard Fire Education

**W**hen giving tours at Willard Fire Administration Building/ Station 1, we encounter many questions. We thought we would highlight a few and give a little education about fire protection districts.

**How many firefighters work for Willard Fire?** We have 13 career firefighters and 18 volunteers.

**Do the firefighters get to sleep?** Yes, most times. The firefighters work for 24 hours so they start their day off at 7 am and work until 7 am the

next day. They then have two days off and return on the third day. This creates 3 shifts A, B, and C shifts. As long as they are not out on a medical call, motor vehicle accident, or fire, they can sleep at night.

**How do we pay for their services?** Willard is a fire protection district. This means all of our services are paid for by you, the taxpayers. This comes through your property tax each year and helps us to maintain a budget. Please remember, we had an ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating change in June and you may be

able to lower your home insurance costs.

**How heavy is the gear you wear?** Depending on what we are carrying (a firefighter always has at least one tool), all the gear, plus extra tools, can weigh 65 pounds or more. Come by for a demonstration of all our gear.



Do you have more questions to ask us? You can go to our website at [www.willardfire.com](http://www.willardfire.com) or call us at 417-685-3114. We also welcome groups or families to come take a tour.



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**Fall Has Fallen at Willard Parks and Recreation**

It's that time again. The start of school is just around the corner, and Willard Parks and Recreation is celebrating with a whole slew of programs!

**Registration is now open for the following programs:**

- Little Doggie Dive** (under 30 lbs).....August 19<sup>th</sup>
- Sun Yi's Traditional Tae Kwon Do**.....August 21<sup>st</sup>
- Big Doggie Dive** (over 30 lbs).....August 26<sup>th</sup>
- Cowgirl Queens and Dusty Jeans back to school dance**.....August 25<sup>th</sup>
- Fall Soccer**..... Register online by August 26<sup>th</sup>
- Fall Volleyball**..... Register online by August 26<sup>th</sup>
- Youth Cheerleading** ..... Register online by September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Registration is open online for all programs at [registration.willardparks.com](http://registration.willardparks.com). Check out our website for more information, and come join us for an awesome time!

**Don't miss out on the fun! Register now!**

**Is Your Address Visible On Your House?**

Why is it important to have your address posted in a visible location on your house?

Well...

Most people associate your address as a place where the postman delivers your mail. That is a big reason we have assigned addresses, but there are many more. In case of an emergency, fire, police and paramedics responding to calls are given an address as a location. If your address is not posted in a visible location first responders could spend extra time looking for your address during an emergency.

In addition, the City of Willard has adopted the 2012 international Building Codes as stated in the IRC (International Residential Code) Section R319 SITE address – R 319. 1 Address numbers- “Buildings shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or

alphabetical letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches high with a minimum width of ½ inches. Where access is by means of a private road and the building address cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure”. Please take a moment and make sure your address is visible. It may save someone’s life!

If you need an address sign, the Willard Fire Protection District offers address signs that are made of aluminum



and are finished with a high visibility reflective coating. For more information contact the Willard Fire Protection District at 417-685-3114.



## Meet Administrative Assistant Stephanie Shell

For those of you who come in to take a tour or ask a question, the person you will meet first is Stefanie Shell. She is the administrative assistant to the fire chief and sits at the front door. Stefanie started as a volunteer and came to work for us full-time in June 2016. “Stef has come full time into our department and made contributions since Day 1. She not only runs the office and keeps our department progressing each day, but she also maintains her FF I and FF II certification. She is a very capable fireman and EMT. Her personality is contagious and she is a joy to work with. We are very fortunate to have her here.” Chief Ken Scott.

**How long have you been in the fire service?** “I joined the fire service 7 years ago when I decided to take an EMT class at Willard Fire. After taking the class, I decided to join the department to keep my medical skills

honed.” **What was your reason for joining the fire service?** “When I lived in Indianapolis, I took a job where I replaced a lady on maternity leave. While she was training me, she told me about her volunteer job as a firefighter and EMT. I became intrigued with being a volunteer firefighter. After 4 years of living back in Missouri, I received a call from my mom that my dad may have had a heart attack and CPR was in progress. I arrived at my parent’s house to see the paramedic comforting my mom after telling her my dad had passed. I, to this day, remember that scene and thought I wanted to make a difference in people’s lives the way that paramedic did for me and my family. When the opportunity came for me to take an EMT class, I jumped in and have never looked back.”

**Who has been the greatest influence in your life?** Since this doesn’t limit the number, I have to say there are several great influences in my life: Jesus Christ, my parents, and all my friends. But to be more specific, I have to say my ex-husband, Chuck, and my husband, Chad, have both been major influences in my life. Chuck showed grace and forgiveness when our marriage fell apart and laid down his selfishness to make sure we took care of our son. And Chad has helped me to find out the path I wanted to take and encouraged me all the way. He is the one who helped me to become a firefighter and I am forever grateful for his continued support and influence in my life.



## School Starts August 17th

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It’s our favorite time of year! Everyone is buzzing with excitement and we can’t wait to welcome back 4,600 Tigers on Thursday, August 17th!

About 45 new teachers will join the Willard family next week with a warm welcome to “Willard 101” training. All Willard Tiger staff will gather for Convocation on the morning of August 15th to celebrate the beginning of an incredible school year. The evening of August 15th will be bustling with Back to School Night for our elementary K-4 Tigers and intermediate 5-6 Tigers. Each building will be

hosting their own set of events, so please visit your student(s) building website ([www.willardschools.net](http://www.willardschools.net)) for more information.

As you send your student(s) back to school on Thursday, August 17th, we want to share in your excitement with photos. On social media (Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram), please use the hashtag #willard1stday when sharing your first day of school pictures so we can follow along with our Tigers’ adventures. **See you Thursday, August 17th.**

**Meeting Dates**

<b>Board of Aldermen</b>	August.....14th & 28th
<b>Planning and Zoning</b>	August.....22nd
<b>Park Board</b>	August.....31st
<b>Economic Development</b>	August.....21st

**\*Reminder all meetings start at 7:00 p.m.\***

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