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Willard Watch



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A message from the Clerk...

'Tis the season for giving and bringing cheer. Did you know there are many ways that you, our citizens, can help our community? The Willard Police Department, City of Willard, and Willard PAL would like to extend thanks to Great Southern Bank and their branch manager Wayne Hughes. Great Southern Bank allows a few days a year for their employees to work in the community. Wayne has dedicated the past few days this week working out at Camp Character, giving back to our community and our youth.

Individuals like Wayne help Willard to be the best it can be. You know the old saying that it takes a village? Well, it could not be truer. Through the many hours and donations, Camp Character has gone from a spot in the woods, to an amazing retreat for our youth to build solid foundations and futures.

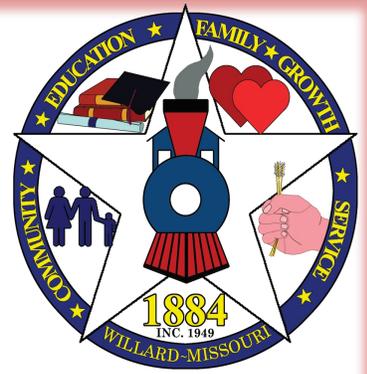
As you look around Willard, what do you see that you feel could be better? Have you ever thought about stepping in and

volunteering to achieve that goal? If you are ever interested in giving back to your community, stop by City Hall and talk! Willard is an incredible community with amazing people, and a place to be proud of.

I hope each of you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you Great Southern Bank and Wayne Hughes, and thank you all for making our City the best place to be in Southwest Missouri!

Jennifer Rowe

City Clerk / Director of Emergency Management



Willard School News

We're wrapping up a fantastic first semester! Can you believe that our Willard learners have been in school for 84 school days by Christmas break? Speaking of Christmas Break...we're just a few weeks away. Beginning with a half day on December 21st, there will be **no school for students December 25 - January 4.**

However, before that we've got dozens of events where our Willard Tigers will shine like The Suessified Christmas Carol play at the Middle School, Willard High School Choir Concerts, several elementary music programs, wrestling, basketball, cheerleading state competition and more!

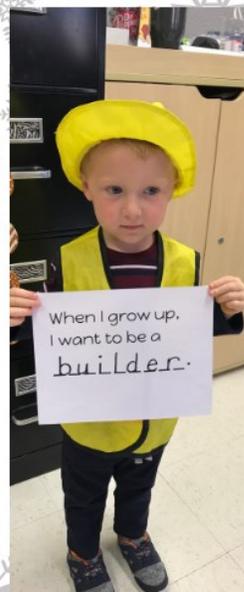
The City of Willard, along with Willard Schools, Willard Fire

Protection District, Willard Police Department, and passionate community members and business leaders are joining forces to create a safer and more friendly environment for all, including individuals with autism. A training for several members of these groups will be hosted on the afternoon of December 10th.

Later that evening, at the Board of Alderman Meeting, the proclamation will be read to celebrate Willard as an Autism Friendly Community.

To celebrate, cake and lemonade will be served next door, following the proclamation, at Willard Community Building. This event is free and open to the public. Please join us!

CHRISTMAS BREAK





Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!"

Ahh, December. Bitter cold winds, 70-degree days, snow, or ice, or both. Children (and teachers) hoping for a snow day, and everyone excited for Christmas! At Willard Parks we are ready for Christmas! Here is a look at our upcoming events!



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Spring 2019 Basketball Registration- Ongoing-Jan 4th

December 14th- Middle School Christmas Dance

December 15th- Breakfast with Santa

December 26th-28th and January 2nd-4th Winter Break

Kid-Venture Camp

Check out our website at www.willardparks.com for more information and for registration!

The staff at Willard Parks and Recreation would like to thank the community for another great year and to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season!



Recycling Simplified

This time of year we have lots of gift paper and boxes that we just don't know what to do with. Well did you know that All Willard Customers who live inside of the city limits are allowed recycling.

Just a helpful reminder to make sure you're putting the right materials in your recycling container—paper, cardboard, metal cans, plastic bottles and jugs.



Paper & Cardboard

- * Flattened cardboard, newspaper, magazines, office paper and common mail can be recycled as long as they aren't contaminated by food, liquid or waste.
- * Break down cardboard boxes. It makes them easier to process and leaves more room for other recyclables.
- * Paper can't be recycled if it's mixed with other materials. Remove the bubble wrap or plastic windows before recycling padded packaging or security envelopes.

Metal Cans

- * Before recycling food and drink cans, remove paper or plastic labels and clean out any residual materials.
- * Some metal cans have an insulated coating that might not be recyclable. When in doubt, throw it out!
- * Recyclables don't need to be thoroughly washed, but they do need to be dry so they don't contaminate other items.



Plastic

- * While hard plastic containers like water bottles, milk jugs and detergent containers can go in your container, flexible plastics like grocery bags, bubble wrap and Styrofoam require special handling and can't be recycled curbside.
- * Lids are too small to recycle by themselves so put them on the containers or throw them away.
- * If you can poke your finger through the plastic, it doesn't belong in your recycling container.



No Connected or Mixed Materials

- * When two or more materials are connected they cannot be recycled as is, even if they're all recyclable.
- * If all of the mixed materials are recyclable, like a plastic package with a paper insert, separate the items and put them in your container individually.
- * If only part of the mixed material is recyclable, like a window envelope, separate the plastic portion from the paper and recycle the paper.

Don't Bag or Contain

- * Never bag or bundle your recyclables. Items should be placed in the container individually.
- * Plastic bags can get caught in the machinery causing delays and damage to equipment.
- * Bundled recyclables can't be sorted at the facility, so all of it ends up in a landfill.

No Soiled or Wet Materials

- * One dirty item can contaminate an entire truckload, so make sure recyclables are empty, clean and dry.
- * Once cardboard or paper comes into contact with food or liquid, it can no longer be recycled.
- * Never allow more than one teaspoon of liquid to remain in a recyclable.



If you would like to know more about what should and should not be recycled, please visit: www.recyclingsimplified.com

It's hard to believe it is already December again! The year 2018 is almost gone but before it leaves, we get to celebrate Christmas. While trying to think of something to write for the newsletter, I came across a picture of a Scavenger

Hunt and my first thought was "How fun would that be?" Anyway, I think it would be fun so I have put together a Scavenger Hunt for the people of Willard. There are twelve businesses around Willard who were willing to put up a small

sign from Willard Fire Protection District in their window. Each sign has a different picture on it.

I have included a Scavenger Hunt form in this newsletter. Try to find all twelve pictures and include where you found

them by Thursday, December 20. However many you find, you can come by the station for a small Christmas treat from Willard Fire. And while you are at the station (240 N. State Hwy Z), take a tour. We would love to show you around!

May you and your family experience a very Merry Christmas, 2018. It has been our privilege to serve you and we will continue to serve you in 2019.

5 Santa	Where:
Hint: Santa cannot remember where his vintage sleigh is. It might be in the attic.	
5 Candy cane	Where:
Hint: Can you spare a dollar for a candy cane?	
5 Snowman	Where:
Hint: don't be a pill and put this snowman in a box.	
5 Elf girl	Where:
Hint: get the coupons, We are going grocery shopping.	
5 Red nosed reindeer	Where:
Hint: when Rudolph needs a doctor he looks on proctor	
5 toy soldier	Where:
Hint: you can bank on the soldiers who fought for our freedom	
5 gingerbread man	Where:
Hint: gingerbread man got gas and a famous pizza	
5 snow globe	Where:
Hint: did I mention, Frosty's getting a haircut?	
5 Christmas train	Where:
Hint: Tom likes trains but they don't need tires	
5 Christmas sleigh	Where:
Hint: Don't be a big pig when you eat in my sleigh	
5 stocking	Where:
Hint: I hope I don't cashew looking at your stocking early	
5 Willard fire Christmas fire truck	Where:
Hint: o' o' o' says Santa, about our classic fire truck	

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




Meeting Dates

Board of Aldermen
December.....10th & 20th

Planning and Zoning
December.....18th

Park Board
January.....31st

Economic Development
December.....17th

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