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Willard Watch



A message from the Clerk....

The City of Willard is off to a great start for 2018! We have several exciting projects in the works, like refinishing Miller Road, widening Highway 160 to four lanes, upgrading our sewer system and updating our Comprehensive Plan. Be sure and check out the website and follow our Newsletter for updates as these projects move forward.

In business news, we currently have 162 active business licenses, with more coming in each week.

Did you know you can check the list of what businesses have a license on our City website? Check it out under the Economic Development tab and Willard Business Listings. Have an idea for a new business you would like to see or to start? Give me a

shout at clerk@cityofwillard.org.

We, at City Hall, are very open to citizen comment and welcome your ideas and opinions! There are also multiple ways to get involved, through various Boards, Commissions, and even volunteering.

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

Jennifer Rowe

City Clerk / Director of Emergency Management



Park News



The resident rodent meteorologist Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, so that means, another period of weather something like either spring or winter.

Here in the Parks Department, it doesn't really change what we do. Which if you've been out and around, you might have noticed. The Recreation Center has got a new coat of paint, making the transition from a mocha to a light gray, and it has really brightened it up. The Community Center is also undergoing an update. By the end of May, you might not even recognize it. All new paint, renovated restrooms, and a storage closet for those unattractive tables and chairs will really revamp the space and be more inviting for reservations.



Greystone Disc Golf Course

Another change you might have noticed is the work on the new Greystone Disc Golf Course out at Miller Farm Park. The maintenance and Grounds Department has been busy setting tee boxes, sign posts, and basket receptacles. We anticipate the course to be open to the public by the end of April.

As always, sports registrations are on the horizon. Stay tuned for more information on how to register for spring soccer and volleyball.

Freedom Fest

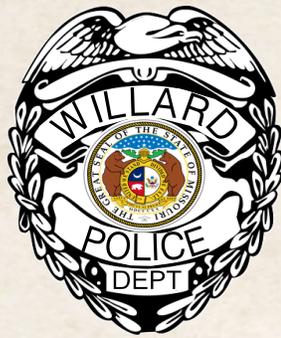
Registration is open for the 2018 Freedom Fest Celebration on June 30th. For more information and to register visit willardfreedomfest.com.



Corporal Purdy Attends HUMINT



Corporal Steve Purdy, one of Willard's finest, was 1 of only 3 officers in the SW Missouri region selected to attend the FBI's 4-day HUMINT training course in Overland Park, Kansas. This prestigious course will add another tool in Corporal Purdy's kit that will enable him to be even more effective as one of our investigators.



Valentines Sweetheart Dance

Sweetheart Dance
Friday, February 9th 2018
6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the REC

Open to grades 5th-8th (younger students may attend with parent or guardian present or permission). Come join us at THE REC for a night of dancing and fun with a rockin' DJ! There will food available for purchase in the concession stand. Parents are welcome!

Tickets are only \$5
For More information call The REC at 417.742.2262



February The month of Love



Willard Fire Protection District is sending you the following Valentine for Valentine's Day:

W – is for Willard, our community. Our Mission Statement is: To proudly protect lives and property by providing prompt, skillful, cost-effective fire protection and life-safety services to the citizens and visitors within the boundaries of Willard Fire Protection District.

E – is for Everyone. Everyone Goes Home Safe is an unwritten, sometimes unsaid, but always known motto in the fire service.

L – is for Looking Out for Your Neighbors. Especially during the cold months and sick season, it's a good idea to check on your neighbors who are elderly or alone.

O – is for Opening Your Heart. Consider reaching out and helping meet someone's needs.

V – is for Visiting Someone. Go to a nursing home and visit someone who might be lonely. You may even have friends or family who might be in need of a good visit.

E – is for Entertainment. The winter months are a good time to stay home and play a board game with your family.

Y – is for Yourself. Sit down and read a good book or learn a new hobby. Take some time for yourself.

O – is for Organizing. Take the time to organize something around you that has been cluttered. It will help you feel better and give you a better chance to relax.

U – is for Update. This time of year is a good time to re-evaluate and update information, forms, files, and even make home improvements.

Willard Fire is concerned about the residents we serve and we want you to be healthy and strong.



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.

100th Day of School

On Wednesday, January 31st we celebrated our 100th day of school! We've had 100 incredible days of learning and activities to make our Willard community proud. We look forward to the rest of the

Spring semester with our students that we know will fly by so quickly! Take a look at these Willard East students dressed in their finest "100 year old" outfits!



Snow Days Extends School

Please note that because of our snow days in January, Willard Schools will now be IN SESSION on Monday, February 19th and the last day of school will be pushed back

to Thursday, May 24th instead of Wednesday, May 23rd. May 23rd will be a regular school day and May 24th will be a half day for students.

Court warming

Friday, February 2nd we will celebrate Court warming at the High School with a "Super Night" of basketball where our girls AND boys 9th-Varsity teams will all play at

home vs Carl Junction in both WHS gymnasiums. There will be a lot of great basketball and celebration. We hope to see you there!



(Photos: WHS Journalism)

**COURT WARMING
FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 2ND**



Meet Fire Fighter Andy Blake

Andy Blake started as a volunteer for the Willard Fire Protection District and achieved the rank of Lieutenant during his volunteer years. In 2016, Andy decided to join Willard as a career firefighter. "Andy brings many years of experience and knowledge to our career staff and volunteers. You can always count on Andy to either know the answer, or figure it out if he does not."

How long have you been in the fire service? "I started as a volunteer in 1993. So this will be 25 years."

What was your reason for joining the fire service? "Me and a buddy thought it would be fun."

What are your hobbies away from work? "I like fishing and hunting."

What do you think you will be like when you are 75 years old? "I have no idea what I'll be like when I'm 75. Hopefully I will still be mobile."



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Meeting Dates

Board of Aldermen

February.....12th & 26th

Planning and Zoning

February.....27th

Park Board

February.....22nd

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February.....8th