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Willard Watch

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A message from the Clerk....

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year Holiday! Things at the City are plugging along with multiple projects underway. I'm sure you all have noticed the construction crews working on our sewer project, some road projects, and Liberty Electric is currently putting in a new substation and running more lines. The weather so far has been wonderful and allowed these projects to continue, but winter could still hit at any time. Did you know that in the event of a major power outage due to an ice storm, the City will open the Community Building (At Jackson Street Park, 220 W. Jackson) as a shelter to assist residents and give them a place to stay warm? When the roads get bad, our public works department has a schedule for how the roads are treated as well. That schedule/map and other helpful tips can be found on our main website under the Winter Weather Information tab.

Thank you all for making our City the best place to be in Southwest Missouri, and I hope you have an amazing 2019!

Jennifer Rowe

City Clerk / Director of Emergency Management

Winters in Missouri bring the potential for dangerous snow and ice storms, which can lead to hazardous driving conditions, the loss of heat and electricity and other risks to life and safety. Extended periods of sub- freezing temperatures can also pose hazards. The best way to prepare is to plan ahead and follow local weather forecasts and news reports.

Dress Warmly and Stay Dry

Begin by dressing correctly for the cold. Several layers of loose-fitting clothing is a good way to start. Then remember the following: a hat; a scarf or knit mask to cover your face and mouth; sleeves that are snug at the wrist; mittens, which are warmer than gloves; and a water-resistant coat and boots.

An outer layer that is tightly woven, preferably wind resistant, will reduce body-heat loss caused by wind. Wool, silk, or polypropylene inner layers of clothing hold more body heat than cotton. Stay dry—wet clothing chills the body rapidly. Excess perspiration will increase heat loss, so remove extra layers of clothing whenever you feel too warm. Do not ignore shivering. It's an important first sign that the body is losing heat. Persistent shivering is a signal to return indoors.

Understanding Frostbite and Hypothermia

Frostbite is an injury to the body that is caused by freezing. Frostbite causes a loss of feeling and color in affected areas. It most often affects the nose, ears, cheeks, chin, fingers, or toes. Frostbite can permanently damage the body. The risk of frostbite is increased in people with reduced blood circulation and among people who are not dressed properly for extremely cold temperatures.

When exposed to cold temperatures, your body begins to lose heat faster than it can be produced. Prolonged exposure to cold will eventually use up your body's stored energy. The result is hypothermia, or abnormally low body temperature. Body temperature that is too low affects the brain, making the victim unable to think clearly or move well. This makes hypothermia particularly dangerous because a person may not know it is happening and won't be able to do anything about it. Hypothermia is most likely at very cold temperatures, but it can occur even at cool temperatures (above 40°F) if a person becomes chilled from rain, sweat, or submersion in cold water.

Staying Safe When Shoveling Snow

- **Check with your doctor.** Because shoveling can place high stress on the heart, speak with your physician first. If you have a medical condition or do not exercise regularly, consider hiring someone to remove the snow.
- **Dress appropriately.** Light, layered, water-repellent clothing provides both ventilation and insulation. It is also important to wear the appropriate head coverings, as well as mittens or gloves and thick, warm socks. Avoid falls by wearing shoes or boots that have slip-resistant soles. Take a break if you feel yourself getting too hot or too cold.
- **Watch for ice patches and uneven surfaces.** Make sure that your hat or scarf does not block your vision. Be aware of your surroundings and alert for snow plows if you go into the street to dig out a vehicle.
- **Clear snow early and often.** Begin when a light covering of snow is on the ground to avoid trying to clear packed, heavy snow. Take frequent breaks and replenish fluids to prevent dehydration. If you experience chest pain, shortness of breath or other signs of a heart attack, seek emergency care
- **When possible, push the snow instead of lifting it.** If you must lift, take small amounts of snow, and lift it with your legs: Squat with your legs apart, knees bent and back straight. Lift by straightening your legs, without bending at the waist. Then walk to where you want to dump the snow; holding a shovelful of snow with your arms outstretched puts too much weight on your spine.
- **Do not throw the snow over your shoulder or to the side.** This requires a twisting motion that stresses your back.

Use a shovel that is comfortable for your height and strength. Do not use a shovel that is too heavy or too long for you. Consider buying a shovel that is specially designed to prevent too much stooping. Space your hands on the tool grip to increase your leverage.

For more information please visit www.https://www.mo.gov/winter-weather-safety

So long 2018, and hello 2019! Yet another great year at Willard Parks is in the books, and we are excited for what this new year will bring. We are putting together quite the list of community events and celebrations for 2019, and we are certain that we have something for everyone. On top of that, The Rec Center will be getting a bit of a facelift to the landscaping around the building, with some captivating plant and water features set to make their highly anticipated debut very soon.

We are also in the middle of our Fall/Winter youth basketball session and will be starting our Winter/Spring session immediately following. Registration for the Winter/Spring session goes through January 5th for the discounted pricing, and through January 8th for the late registration pricing. Check our website (http://www.willardparks.com/youth-basketball.html) or visit The Rec for more information or to register your child.

Valentine's Sweetheart Dance

The Rec will be hosting our annual **Middle School Valentine's Sweetheart Dance** on **February 8th**. The price is $5 at the door, there will be a live DJ, and the concession stand will be open all night.

School's Out Camp Day

Camp Days are only $22.50 per day, per child, and run from 6:30 AM- 6:00 PM. We will have a day full of fun and activities for kids Kindergarten through 6th grade. Registration will be due by February 14th to avoid a $10 late registration fee, so make sure to plan accordingly.

We can't wait to see what 2019 has in store for us, and we hope you'll be there to share in all the fun!

WILLARD FIRE & RESCUE

2018 Year In Review

Whew – 2018 has been quite the year. Another record year for calls (medical, motor vehicle accidents, and fires), we ended the year at 1466 calls. If you follow our facebook page, you can keep track of how many calls we are running in 2019.

Some of the highlights of the year need to be started with seven (7), yes, I said seven (7), life saves! We were able to celebrate those life saves at our recent Christmas/ awards dinner where one of them was able to stand before our crews and present them with certificates. (Picture shown)

Also at that dinner, we celebrated our Career Firefighter of the Year, Clinton Gibbens and our Volunteer Firefighter of the Year, Richard Wells. These two committed many hours to Willard Fire to serve our community and we are thankful.

We were involved in many community events during this year. We will name a few. Hosted school trainings and even did "Stop the Bleed" training at the school. Took our fire truck to school visits including Fire Prevention Week presentations. Made it through the first ever fully involved Willard School District Homecoming Parade and participated in the 2nd Annual Veteran's Parade. Put out the American Flag on our ladder truck for sporting events, 9/11, and the Veteran's appreciation at the High School. Enjoyed visits to our station and Halloween Open House. We even had the chance to cool off the kids during summer school by spraying hoses while they ran through the water. Participated in Career day at the High School and Santa made a visit in the Christmas parade on our fire engine.

We are so appreciative of our Willard Community and are very thankful we get to serve each and every one of you. We could not do this without you and welcome you to come by the station and take a tour or just hang out.

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.

WILLARD POLICE DEPT

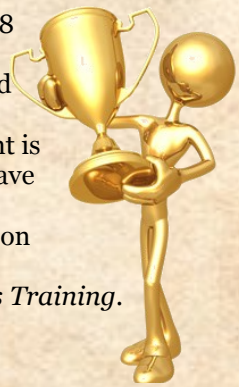
2018 Awards

We would like to thank all of the officers and Staff that help make Willard a wonderful place to live. This years awards go to:

Officer Dakota Radford – Officer of the Year 2018

Sondra Mead – Outstanding Service Award 2018

Greg Raines – Citizen Character Award 2018



The Willard Police Department is proud to have 100% participation for *Autism Awareness Training*.

Meet Volunteer Lieutenant Chad Shell

WILLARD FIRE & RESCUE

Meet volunteer Lieutenant Chad Shell. Chad has been a pivotal volunteer for Willard Fire for over 10 years. During his early years as volunteer, he would run about 50% of the calls for the district in his spare time. He helped to bring the fire district to the combination district it is today (career and volunteer). He currently works two jobs but is still able to maintain his volunteer status and still take care of his family. We asked Chad a few questions to give you an idea of who he is and what drives him.

How long have you been in the fire service? "I have been in the fire service for 12 years. I started with Willard Fire right after the 2007 ice storm."

What was your reason for joining the fire service? "When I was 16 years old my family and I were in a terrible car accident in a rural area just north of the city of Camdenton, Missouri. It was on a holiday weekend when everyone should be off work enjoying time with family and friends. Volunteer fire and EMS responded and took incredible care of all of us. I knew from that point I wanted to know what it was like to serve others in that way. It took me quite a while in life before I could start that journey but it has been an amazing journey I wouldn't trade for anything in the world."

What are your hobbies away from work? "Hobbies are a little harder to answer. My hobby used to be volunteer fire fighting; now I enjoy time outdoors, hunting, fishing, hiking, and kayaking. I also enjoy spending time with my dad working on projects or his hot rod."

What is the one movie you can quote the most? How much of it can you quote? What makes it your favorite quotable movie? "Probably my favorite movie is Band of Brothers. There are so many fantastic qualities to this movie. What I enjoy the most is the commentary from the men that these actors are portraying. The character, integrity, and leadership the brave men showed in the face of awful adversity is just simply amazing. Some of my favorite quotes are:

"I treasure my remark to a grandson who asked, "Grandpa, were you a hero in the war?" "No", I answered, "But I served in a company of heroes"."
— Dick Winters

"War brings out the worst and the best in people. Wars do not make men great, but they do bring out the greatness in good men."

— Dick Winters

"Hang tough!" Never, ever give up regardless of the adversity. If you are a leader, a fellow who other fellows look to, you have to keep going."
— Dick Winters

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Willard School News

We're thrilled to welcome back our Willard Tigers on Monday, January 7th for a fantastic second semester! There will be **no school** for students (pending a lack of snow!) on **Monday, January 21st** so be sure to mark your calendars.

Please join Willard Children's Charitable Foundation at their ***4th Annual Pickin' & Praisin' Bluegrass Jamboree*** on **Saturday, January 26th** at Sac River Cowboy Church Event Center! WCCF grants thousands in scholarships and classroom grants each year to Willard learners. The fun begins at 11AM and you'll enjoy music and friends until 5PM. Tickets are available at the door.

See you there!

Meeting Dates

Board of Aldermen
January.....14th & 28th

Planning and Zoning
January.....22nd

Park Board
January.....31st

Economic Development
February.....19th

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