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# Willard Watch



# We Connect

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we are Willard, we are one, we want your feedback! Continuing in July, 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 July 28th at 3pm at the Willard Fire Station Headquarters (240 N State Hwy Z Willard Mo 65781). 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.

Last month's kickoff meeting went great as the network provided valuable feedback. Two big takeaways from our last meeting were geared towards how the City should complete the survey process and how we present the information to the advisory network in future meetings. Feedback from the network advisors recommended sending out shorter monthly surveys based on City focus areas versus one large survey covering all aspects of City development. Regarding the second piece of feedback, citizen advisors recommended using renderings of city projects to facilitate focus area discussion.

Based on this feedback from our citizen advisors, the next Citizen Advisory Network (CAN) Meeting will focus on street related issues and renderings available for our Miller Road Expansion Project. 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



## You Can Help Improve City of Willard

Are you a bike rider? Or would you like to see improvements to our trails through Willard? With the new highway project, expanding 160 to four lanes from I44 to highway AB, now is the time to submit your comments on how to improve our trail through Willard.

Please take a moment to visit [OTOTrailStudy.com](http://OTOTrailStudy.com) and provide your feedback and ideas! Simply visit the website, click on 'Contact' at the top right-side of the page, and then enter your email address and comments in the areas provided.



## Summer Safety Tips

### Grill Safety:

- Keep grill at least 10 feet away from the house, avoid carports, garages, and decks/porches
- Clean grill on a regular basis
- Check for gas leaks
- Keep a fire extinguisher handy
- Do not leave the grill unattended
- Do not use a grill indoors

### Pool Safety at home:

- Secure your pool with appropriate barriers
- Keep children under active supervision at all times
- Ensure everyone in the home knows how to swim
- Keep water clean and clear
- Enforce safe behaviors around the pool
- Check into first aid and CPR classes



*Reminder – the Willard Fire Protection District is here to serve you. If you have an emergency, call 911. If you have questions, please call us at 685-3114. If you would like a tour of the facility, our normal office hours are 8am to 5pm, lunch from noon to 1pm.*

## Parks News



**A**ugust marks the end of summer for Willard Parks and Recreation, so we try to pack it as full of fun stuff as we can. The Kid-Venture

Camp will be bowling, painting, going to Incredible Pizza, and Partying in the Park to wrap up Summer Camp. At the Aquatic Center, we will be celebrating back to

school with an end of summer blow out with a live DJ rocking the party! We will have our annual Doggie Dive celebrations following the end of the public pool season. Baseball will just be wrapping up our first season in our renovated complex, check out our new concession stand and get a delicious Icee® to help beat the summer heat while you watch the game on the freshly resurfaced field. The Rec Center will host our annual back to school dance, a “Cowgirl Queens and Dusty Jeans” themed party for the area middle schoolers. Lastly, youth soccer and volleyball registrations are in full



swing, and can be registered for online @ [www.registration.willardparks.com](http://www.registration.willardparks.com).

## Upcoming Dates:

### Kid-Venture

- Week of 7/31-8/4 Enterprise Lanes
- Week of 8/7-8/11 Painting Classes at The REC
- Week of 8/14-8/16 Incredible Pizza and Party in the Park

### Aquatics

- 7/21 Dive in Movie “Jaws”
- 8/4 Back to School Bash
- 8/16 Final Day of Pool
- 8/19 30lbs and under Doggie Dive
- 8/26 30lbs and over Doggie Dive



### Rec Center

- 7/24-8/26 T-Ball and Baseball games
- 8/25 Back to School Dance
- 7/15-9/2 Youth Soccer and Volleyball Registration

## **Code Enforcement: Top 3 Common Violations**

### **High Weeds, High Grass, Brush and Spontaneous Growth:**

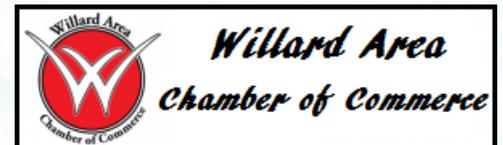
It is a violation to allow grass or weeds to grow over 12 inches high, or allow plants, shrubs or trees to grow in a manner that will obstruct traffic or visibility. This includes overgrowth to trees and vegetation that block sidewalks or hang into public streets or utility services.

### **Accumulation of junk:**

It is a violation to accumulate, store, or pile papers, boxes, old machinery, junk, unusable equipment, junk motor vehicles, auto parts, or scrap metals. Garbage pickup is every Tuesday for residents living inside the city limits of Willard. Recycle pick up is alternating Wednesday's. Contact the Utility Department for more information 417-742-3033.

### **Open Storage of Inoperable Vehicles:**

It is a violation to park, store or leave any vehicle that is rusted, wrecked, junked, or partially dismantled, inoperable or abandoned upon any property unless the vehicle is completely enclosed within a building or fenced area.



## **We've been busy this Summer with Freedom Feast and ribbon cuttings!**

**O**ur BBQ tasting was a huge success! People's Choice winners were:  
**1st:** Smokin' Engineers  
**2nd:** Up Sauce Creek  
**3rd:** Lucky Q



## **New Businesses**

- Haven Physical Therapy
- No Doubt Restaurant & Saloon
- Norma's Carriage House
- Wildflower: A Vintage Market



*Pictured above: Ribbon cuttings for Wildflower: A Vintage Market and Haven Physical Therapy.*



We've just wrapped up another great year of summer school where approximately 1,600 kids enjoyed exploring and learning new things through the month of June!

# Welcome!

July is a big month as we welcome our new Superintendent Dr. Matt Teeter, our new Assistant Superintendent of Academics Dr. Chris Templeton, and Assistant Superintendent of Operations Dr. Derrick Hutsell! Please feel free to stop by District Office this summer and welcome these new faces to our community. As we gear up for Back to School please continue to check [www.willardschools.net](http://www.willardschools.net) for announcements and information before the big day, Thursday, August 17th!



From Left to right: Dr. Derrick Hutsell, Dr. Matt Teeter, and Dr. Chris Templeton

## Pool Passes

### Daily Fees

#### Residents

Ages 3 to 54.....\$4  
Ages 55+.....\$3

#### Non Residents

Ages 3 and up.....\$5  
*Groups of 10 or more may be eligible for a group rate of \$3 each.*

### Season Passes

#### Residents

Family Season Pass (Up to 3)...\$75  
Each Additional Family.....\$10  
Individual Season Pass.....\$50

#### Non Residents

Family Season Pass (Up to 3)...\$85  
Each Additional Family.....\$10  
Individual Season Pass.....\$60



## Meet Battalion Chief Jeremy Bumgarner

In May, we promoted two of our captains to Battalion Chief and this month you get to meet the other one.

Battalion Chief Bumgarner joined the fire service 15 years ago and began working at Willard Fire four years ago.

Bumgarner was awarded Career Firefighter of the Year for 2016 just recently received his diploma from OTC, Associates in Fire Science.



### What was your reason for joining the fire service?

"To be perfectly honest, I joined because I was bored with my job and with college. I didn't really have much direction in life or a plan in regards to life after high school. One day I was out driving around wasting time when I saw a sign at a local fire district asking for volunteer firefighters. I pulled up to the building, signed some paperwork, and about two weeks later, I was on an engine company, responding to calls. It took

about 30 seconds and I was hooked for life. Six months later I was hired as a full time firefighter. It has been a great career. In 15 years I moved up the ranks to Battalion Chief in a great district. Looking back I don't think I would have done anything different."

### What is your favorite hobby away from work?

"fishing, hiking, camping, and hanging out with my family."

### If you were stranded on a desert island, what three items would you want to have with you?

"eyeglasses, compass, and a knife"

### Meeting Dates

#### Board of Aldermen

July.....10th & 24th

#### Planning and Zoning

July.....25th

#### Park Board

July.....27th

#### Economic Development

July.....17th

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

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