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Willard Watch



A message from the Clerk....

Summer is here and the heat is on! Summer in Missouri can have some pretty hot and humid days, so it is very important that you drink a lot of water and take breaks from the heat. This includes your pets as well! Willard also has a wonderful aquatics center that can help you stay cool!

Are you curious what else the City has to offer? Check out our website at www.cityofwillard.org where you can find pool hours, available businesses, and get updates on what is happening. If

you have any questions, feel free to email me at clerk@cityofwillard.org

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

Jennifer Rowe

City Clerk / Director of Emergency Management



Why is Excessive Heat so Dangerous?

- Heat becomes especially dangerous if it lingers for more than one day.
- Hot days and warm nights don't give our bodies time to cool down.
- Heat islands can intensify extreme hot weather, which can cause breathing problems, heat cramps, heat stroke, and may lead to illness or even death.

What can You do?

- Check on your friends, family and neighbors during heat waves.
- Wear light, loose-fitting clothing and drink water often. Don't wait until you are thirsty.
- Avoid unnecessary hard work or activities if you are outside or in a building without air conditioning.
- Stay in an air-conditioned area. Air conditioning is the strongest protective factor against heat-related illness.

Park News

Freedom Fest was a huge success, with thousands of people coming out to enjoy free entertainment, dozens of vendors, live music, and fireworks!



Now that Freedom Fest is behind us, we are well on our way to getting caught up in other areas. Baseball games are nearing completion, summer day camps are going strong, and the pool is rockin'!



If your children play sports, soccer and volleyball registrations will open soon. If your kids are more interested in the arts, DC Dance is now enrolling for Princess Dance Camp. For more information call 361-737-1672.



The summer heat is making us think of a blast furnace, but that's ok, because pool passes are now half off! Pick yours up today at the Willard Aquatic Center.

Heat Related Illnesses



The month of July is typically a hot month with plenty of summer outdoor activities going on. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has provided an excellent source of information on these illnesses.

Heat Stroke

What to look for:

- High body temperature (103F or higher)
- Hot, red, dry, or damp skin
- Fast, strong pulse
- Headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Confusion
- Losing consciousness (passing out)

What to do:

- Call 911 right away-heat stroke is a medical emergency
- Move the person to a cooler place
- Help lower the person's temperature with cool cloths or a cool bath
- Do not give the person anything to drink



Heat Exhaustion

What to look for:

- Heavy sweating
- Cold, pale, and clammy skin
- Fast, weak pulse
- Nausea or vomiting
- Muscle cramps
- Tiredness or weakness
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Fainting (passing out)

What to do:

- Move to a cool place
- Loosen your clothes
- Put cool, wet cloths on your body or take a cool bath
- Sip water

Seek medical help right away if:

- You are throwing up
- Your symptoms get worse
- Your symptoms last longer than 1 hour

Heat Cramps

What to look for:

- Heavy sweating during intense exercise
- Muscle pain or spasms

What to do:

- Stop physical activity and move to a cool place
- Drink water or a sports drink
- Wait for cramps to go away before you do any more physical activity

Seek medical help right away if:

- Cramps last longer than 1 hour
- You're on a low-sodium diet
- You have heart problems

Sunburn

What to look for:

- Painful, red and warm skin
- Blisters on the skin

What to do:

- Stay out of the sun until your sunburn heals
- Put cool cloths on sunburned areas or take a cool bath
- Put moisturizing lotion on sunburned areas
- Do not break blisters

Heat Rash

What to look for:

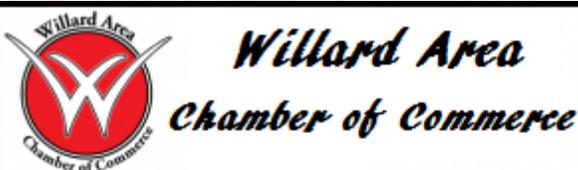
- Red clusters of small blisters that look like pimples on the skin (usually on the neck, chest, groin, or in the elbow creases)

What to do:

- Stay in a cool, dry place
- Keep the rash dry
- Use powder (like baby powder) to soothe the rash



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 or Twitter.



First Ever Fall On The Frisco Saturday September 22nd

Thank you to everyone that came out to support our 6th Freedom Feast - KCBS BBQ Competition on July 30th! It was such a huge success, we became the largest KCBS BBQ Competition in SW Missouri! We had some amazing food and fun times.

We are excited to announce our first Fall on the Frisco presented by the Willard Area Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by the City of Willard and Willard School District. On **Saturday September 22, 2018** we will shut down a portion of Jackson Street to give room to Arts and Crafts Vendors, Food Vendors, Bounce Houses, Dog Costume Contest and so much more! There will be more details as we get closer to the event. If you are interested in applying as a vendor; please check out the details on our website www.willardchamber.org.

Meet Assistant Chief David Deck

Assistant Chief David Deck is a volunteer with Willard Fire. David is a huge asset to Willard Fire and this community. His story is below:

- * **How long have you been in the fire service?** “51 years this July”
- * **What was your reason for joining the fire service?** “In July 1967, myself and some buddies were going through a long drought-ridden summer as we stayed cool in the local burger joint. The fire district of my small town (325 people) was seeing daily grass fires; the town air raid siren was going off all the time. One of my friends had a car and we would chase the fire truck, a converted old gasoline tanker truck, to the fires and watch the 75 year old city mayor along with the property owners, who were mainly farmers, put out the fire. They had a lot of trouble in the day time because everyone was out of town at work. One day we followed the mayor, responding by himself, to a large and swift moving brush fire about 10 miles out of town next to a trailer park. It was dry, windy, and about 100 degrees out and there were only 4 of us. We stood up by the road next to the trailer as the fire produced 5 to 10 feet flames in a hay field moving towards the park. The mayor pulled a red buster line from the truck and started wetting the area. The only help he had were 3 women who lived in the park, one of them holding her small baby as the fire moved towards them. The laundry on their clotheslines started to burn and it was obvious these women and the mayor were no match for this fire. The women were beating it back with wet towels as the mayor tried to pull more hose from the truck but wasn't managing to put much water on the fire as the wind blew it away.

ran down the hill to the scene and started helping. We got a five second lesson from the mayor on how to open and close a fire nozzle and my friend, Hal Day, and I were fighting fire. My other two friends took the wet towels from the women as they moved to safety by the road. The women lost a lot of items and clothes in the yard but no trailer was even scorched. After the mayor and women thanked us and we helped the mayor pick up he told us that the volunteer fire district needed help and that we could come by at the next Monday night meeting and see the Chief. I went to that meeting and never looked back. Hal moved on to Stillwater, OK at OSU and got a bachelor degree in Fire Science. He retired a few years back as a Chief in California.”

- * **What are your hobbies away from work?** “Movies, fishing (almost never), but mostly I look at volunteer firefighting as a hobby.”
- * **If they mad a movie of your life, what would it be about, and which actor would you want to play you?** “The normal thing, I guess, is to say fighting fire and saving lives. But in reality it would be about the people I met (my patients as a paramedic) and what I learned from them. As far as actors, a young me, Kurt Russell, and now Bruce Willis.”



About this time it became surreal to me that someone could be killed or at the least, lose their home. My friends and I looked at each other and without saying a word, all four

We hope that you had a great time enjoying Freedom Fest with our community last week! Summer is typically a time for big facility projects at Willard Schools and this one is no different! Have you seen the walls begin to go up at Willard Intermediate School- South?



In our current buildings, our maintenance crew is painting and laying flooring while our fantastic custodians are deep cleaning so each building is ready to go for August 16th! We hope you're having a great summer and can't wait for #Willard1stDay just around the corner!

Meeting Dates

Board of Aldermen

July9th & 23rd

Planning and Zoning

July.....24th

Park Board

July.....26th

Economic Development

Aug.....20th

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