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Willard Watch



A message from the Clerk....



Spring has sprung in Willard! Our Parks Department and City websites are constantly updating with information on what is happening around Willard. The newsletter is also a good place to look as it highlights upcoming events!

The Parks Department is going full steam with several exciting activities already in the planning stages. The Disc Golf Course is nearing completion, the indoor garage sale is almost here and Freedom Fest 2018 is beginning to fill up with vendors! (Curious about being a vendor? Check out www.willardparks.com and sign up!) The Veteran's Parade is already in motion as well, accepting

entries. You won't want to miss it!

Don't miss the Arbor Day Celebration at Jackson Street Park on April 6th at 4:00 p.m.

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

Jennifer Rowe

City Clerk / Director of Emergency Management

Trash Talk

Here are some little known facts about the trash companies that are allowed to pick up trash inside the city limits of Willard.

- Trash is picked up every Tuesday.
- Recycling is picked up every other Wednesday.
- Per City Ordinance you are allowed to put your trash can out on Monday after 7:00pm, and it must be put up by midnight the day it is picked up.
- If there is a holiday or inclement weather trash and recycling will run one day behind.
- Republic, WCA, and Patriot are the only trash companies allowed inside city limits to pick up residential garbage.
- Residential trash service is available as an option for water customers (this is not mandatory).
- It is a onetime deposit of \$25, and then \$14 that is added to the water bill to have trash through the city.
- Beginning, changing, or ending trash service through the city has to be done in person.
- Residents are allowed 1 trash and 1 recycling cart per account.
- City only does billing for the trash companies. Any issues must be resolved through the trash company.

For more information on what can and cannot be recycled along with the dates that it is picked up, come into City Hall and pick up a calendar or visit www.cityofwillard.org.



Why would a Willard Officer wake you up in the middle of the night?



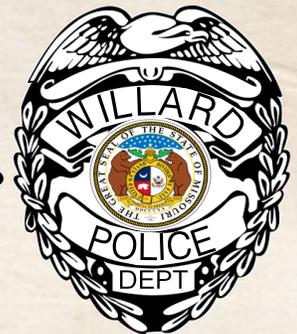
Willard officers are dedicated to preventing crime where possible. The easiest way to accomplish our

mission is to view vulnerabilities from a criminal's perspective. During nighttime neighborhood patrols, officers occasionally find that a garage door has been inadvertently left open, rendering the contents on display. That is to a criminal what a 75% off, red tag, clearance is to an avid shopper. To minimize the potential of thefts and burglaries, the officer will likely attempt to contact the resident and advise them of the situation. As you might guess, some citizens are thankful and some are downright grumpy. It is not our intent to wreck a good night's sleep, it is our mission

to keep families safe.

Likewise, if an officer finds an interior light illuminated in a car, he will attempt to contact the owner and advise them of the situation. Illuminated interior lights are frequently associated with vehicles that have been tampered with. At the very least, they are a strain on the battery, which could be dead by morning.

As a reminder, closing and locking doors (to homes and vehicles) is one of the best deterrents. Keeping valuables secure or out of sight is also helpful. With that said... Sleep tight!



What's new in the Park?

As winter is slowly making its way into spring, Willard Parks and Recreation is excited to welcome back warmer days, the green grass of the parks, and Spring Soccer and Volleyball!

Register now online, registration ends March 10th.



We are hiring for seasonal positions! Check out our website to apply. <http://www.willardparks.com/employment.html>



What else is new? Keep your eyes peeled for the Greystone Disc Golf Course, opening soon at the Miller Farm Park. This tournament grade, 12 hole course will be opening soon, and we are excited to see you there. Our community building is in the process of a facelift. You may have noticed some construction, or if you have been inside, fresh paint and completely renovated restrooms. We will continue making progress, and we intend to bring you a beautiful venue in which to hold your events.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Brush Fire Safety



Willard Fire Protection District would like to remind you of the following information when cleaning up your yards.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requires, through the Willard Fire District, you to fill out a burn permit application.

There are open burn permit standard conditions required by DNR including but not limited to:

- ◆ The permit is to "open burn" vegetative or untreated wood

- ◆ The permit is effective for 60 days from the date issued
- ◆ Permittee shall notify the Fire District each day before starting any burning
- ◆ All non-recreational fires must be extinguished by 5 pm

Weather is always a factor when burning.

Some examples of when not to burn are as follows:

- ◆ **Low (relative) humidity** – dead forest fuels and the air are constantly exchanging moisture. Grass and other small fuels lose moisture and quickly dry out during low humidity causing a higher fire danger. Even one significant storm is not always

enough to change the moisture exchange.

◆ **Wind** – on low humidity days with excessive or even smaller winds, the air becomes drier and so does the fuel source for fire. High winds can cause a fire to spread quickly.

When burning, do not leave the fire unattended and have a water source close by. It only takes an ember jumping to another location to start another area burning.

Willard Fire, in most instances, will post Red Flag Warning days on our facebook page. You can always call the captain on shift at 417-693-0501, if you are unsure if you should burn or not.

Always remember to call 911 if your burn is out of control.



If you have questions or would like further information about obtaining a burn permit, please contact Stefanie Shell at 417-685-3114 or stefanieshell@willardfire.com You can visit our website www.willardfire.com to get more information about the open burn permit and standard conditions.



Ground Breaking

We were thrilled to break ground on our additional intermediate school in February! Located on the corner of Miller & Mount Vernon Street in Springfield adjacent to the current Willard Orchard Hills

Elementary, this intermediate school will house about 400 5th and 6th grade students, scheduled to open in the fall of 2019! Thank you for your support in making this dream for our district become a reality!



Spring Break Make Up Days

As we dive into March, Spring Break is right around the corner! Because of the inclement weather in January and February, **students will be in session on Monday, March 12 and Tuesday,**

March 13 as snow (ice!) make-up days. For now, the last day of school remains as Thursday, May 24, that will be a half day for our students.

BOE Recap

Did you know that Willard Schools sends out a recap email following each Board of Education meeting? It's true! It is a great way to keep up with what is happening in our school district whether you are a parent, grandparent, or just a Willard Schools supporter, we invite you to sign up to

receive the monthly Board of Education recap [here](#). You may have missed the news from our February Board Recap that Willard Schools Board of Education approved building a six court tennis complex for our students and community! More details to come in the following months.

Attention Willard High School Alumni

Be sure to mark your calendar for the WHS Alumni Association Banquet held on

Saturday, April 21st at 5PM at the High School. All Willard Tigers are welcome!



Meet Captain Brett Fish

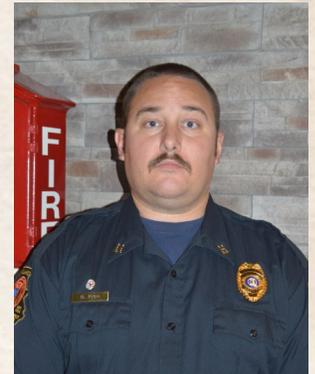
Captain Brett Fish started with Willard Fire as a volunteer and is now a career firefighter who has moved up to the rank of Captain. "I worked with Brett for about a year. He was always willing to jump in and help with tasks around the station." Captain Clinton Gibbens

What are your hobbies away from work? "I enjoy family campouts, fishing, and board games when not at work."

What would be a perfect afternoon for you? "The perfect afternoon for me would be playing games with friends and family while some good BBQ is cooking in the smoker."

How long have you been in the fire service? "I have been in the fire service for 8 years."

What was your reason for joining the fire service? "I joined the fire service to have a positive impact on my community."



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Meeting Dates

Board of Aldermen

March.....12th & 26th

Planning and Zoning

March.....27th

Park Board

March.....22nd

Economic Development

March.....19th