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**Willard Aquatic Center
Open's Saturday
May 20, 2017**

We Connect



We are Willard, we are one, we want your feedback! Starting this month, 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 committee that most closely aligns with their interests. The objective of each committee will be to surface survey questions for a community-wide survey, which will be distributed to all customers this August. Results from our community survey will be incorporated into Willard's (twenty-year) Comprehensive Plan. Committees being formed:

Community Development Committee – This committee is for those interested in realty, construction, property management, landscaping, house cleaning, grant writing, or data collection.

Developing Tigers Committee – This committee is for those interested in education, childcare, school programs, DARE programs, law enforcement or security, grant writing, or data collection.

Outreach Committee – This committee is for those interested in marketing, graphic design, economic branding, tourism, industrial partnerships, rural services, annexation, grant writing, or data collection.

Economic Impact Committee – This committee is for those interested in supporting Willard businesses,

grant writing, or data collection.

Veteran Tigers Committee – This committee is for those interested in honoring veterans, environmental sustainability, recycling, medical and healthcare issues, and grant writing and data collection.

Financial Perspectives Committee – This committee is for those interested in the financial position of the city, revenue collection processes, grant writing and data collection.

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Committee – This committee is for those interested in technology, innovation, entrepreneurship, ecommerce, grant writing and data collection.

If you are interested in the opportunity to share your perspective, please email the City Clerk at clerk@cityofwillard.org with your contact information and committee choice. Once committees have been formed, a kickoff meeting will be held in June so you can meet your committee partners and schedule a working session in July to collect your committee's feedback.

I44 To AB Highway Improvements

Exciting NEWS !! The Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT) has announced funding for the I44 to Route AB Highway Improvement. Follow the link to provide comments to MODOT, regarding the prioritization of the new highway to (and through) Willard. http://www.modot.org/plansandprojects/construction_program/STIP2018-2022/stipcomments.htm. Individuals should craft comments that relate to their personal situation. That said, some thought-starters may be:

- Thanking MODOT SW District Office for their availability to municipal resources for ongoing conversations and planning.
- Being thoughtful of the safety issues related to traffic between Farm Road 94 and Jackson Street
- Supporting NW Greene county, including Walnut Grove and Ash Grove communities.
- Understanding police, business, quarry, school, and residential traffic patterns.
- Reducing travel times to historical sites and recreation areas.
- Improving routes for first responders and emergency vehicles.

Note: Person completing form should identify the job number by 8P0601C or "Greene – I44 to Route AB"

Get Connected !!

Willard Parks and Recreation is getting online registration! The rollout of this project is now underway. We are currently asking patrons to visit our website at registration.willardparks.com click on "sign in" and create a user profile for their families. This profile will be stored, so no more filling out 3 registration forms for 3 kids to play soccer! As we move forward, online payments for sports and camp registrations, rentals, and more will mean no more mailing a check and hoping you made the deadline.

Check it out and get started today!



Shop Willard First

May 11 - The Chamber is making breakfast for it's members from 7:30am to 9:30am. Stop by for some mean pancakes, eggs, and bacon before starting your business day! Huge thanks to Freedom Bank for sponsoring the food!



City Wide **YARD SALE**

June 3 - The City-Wide Garage Sale is Saturday, June 3rd. If you plan on participating please fill out this form: <https://goo.gl/forms/TKibVLmP5VDWBfdB3> so the Chamber can add your address to the map.



Congratulations to Willard High Seniors, **Breanna Allison** and **Corrienne Thedell** on being the recipients of the Willard Area Chamber of Commerce scholarships!

BUSINESSES OF THE MONTH

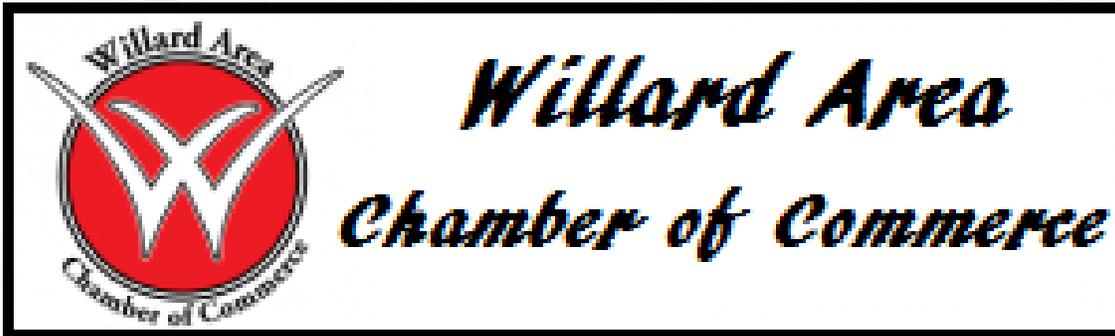
Mid-Missouri Bank (Platinum member)
www.midmobank.com

Irwin Printing
www.irwinprinting.com

Baird Real Estate
bairdrealstate@yahoo.com

Willard Branch Library
www.thelibrary.org

Angel Wings Cleaning, LLC
www.angelwingscleaningcompany.com



Upcoming Events



- Chamber Breakfast.....May 11th
- Farm Park Fun Mudder Registration Deadline.....May 13th
- Last Day of School.....May 19th
- Pool Opens.....May 20th
- Splash Bash.....June 2nd
- City Wide Yard Sale.....June 3rd
- Farm Park Fun Mudder.....June 3rd
- Dive-In Movie.....June 16th
- Freedom Fest.....June 24th

Public Swim Hours for Willard Aquatics Center

Monday—Friday:

1:00pm—7:00pm

Saturday:

12:00pm—7:00pm

Sunday:

12:00pm — 6:00pm

Cost:

Children 2 and under...FREE

3 to 54 years.....\$4 /NR \$5

Seniors 54+.....\$3/NR \$5

Season Passes are available

For more information visit
www.willardaquatics.com

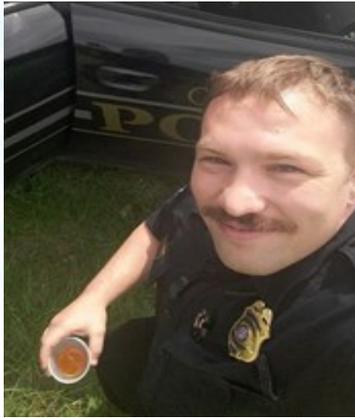
POOLing Together

We just keep ticking projects off our list! We have completed the sandblasting and repainting of the pool. The fresh paint will protect and extend the life of the pool and help maintain our filter equipment, as the previous coat of paint was beginning to chip and flake, clogging our filtration system. We are also updating the landscaping both inside and

outside of the pool house. Outside, patrons will be greeted by fresh landscaping featuring azalea and Hosta's. Inside, dead grass and mud will be given a tropical feel, with giant banana trees, elephant ears, and ornamental grasses forming the backdrop for your beach "stay-cation" in your backyard. Come check it out, we open for business May 20th!

Featured Officer – Steve Purdy

Corporal Steve Purdy was born in Springfield, Missouri. He was raised in the Ozarks in both Missouri and Arkansas. Corporal Purdy graduated the Missouri Sheriff Association POST 640 hour Police Academy. He was first in his class for academics and he was class president. Corporal Purdy was hired on to the Willard police Department in 2012 and continues to serve tirelessly. In 2013, Corporal Purdy won the Joe L. Cosby fighter of the night award at the Springfield Guns and Hoses Boxing Competition. That was the same year, he received the award of Willard Police Department Officer of the Year. In January 2016, Corporal Purdy was promoted to Investigator.



Among Officer Purdy's investigative successes, was the conviction of a man responsible for a burglary with a property loss of over \$15,000. He also presented to the court, a crime against persons case that resulted in a conviction for several felonies. Corporal Purdy made international news when he recovered a burial flag that draped the coffin of a WWII veteran. The flag was stolen from a family in New York and believed to have landed in Willard, Missouri.

Corporal Purdy received a tip and used his keen investigative skill to convince the thief to relinquish the flag. It was subsequently returned to the family just before the 4th of July. We are very blessed to have Corporal Purdy on our team. **As a side note, his mustache is the bomb!**



As we approach the end of the 2017-18 school year we are sad to say good bye to many retirees of the district. Our Superintendent of 14 years, Dr. Kent Medlin will be retiring this year along with Assistant Superintendent Dr. Stewart Pratt. Their service to the district has gone above and beyond expectations and will be greatly missed.

We will also be honoring 15 other retirees:

Janet Shelton-Turner, Jeff Staley, Rhonda Magnuson, Terri Hession, Patricia Andrews, Ron Evans, Jill Sellmeyer, Terri Barnicle, Lori Ferguson, Shana Toler, Diane Jewell, Lynn Crandall, Mary Rummel, Wendy Dorland, and Deborah Harden.

All of these wonderful educators have helped to make it "Good to be a Tiger"! We thank you for your dedication to serving students and wish you all the best of luck in your future adventures!



Saturday May 20, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. kicks off the Willard Branch Library's summer reading program! Celebrate the end of the school year and the start of summer with a Summer Reading kick-off party. Join us for board games, snacks and fun, and sign up for the Summer Reading Program at the same time!



New Insurance Services Office Rating

Willard Fire Protection District would like to proudly announce a new change to the Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating in our district. We take pride in providing the best service possible to our community. The combined efforts of our volunteers, career staffing, and new equipment have helped to provide this new rating.

The tax levy and bond that passed by our community enabled us to get the improved staffing and equipment needed to change this rating.

The improved staffing allowed Willard Fire to be re-recognized and allowed us to increase our rural water supply draft sites.

With the new ISO ratings:

- All Willard Fire Protection District is a class 4. This is an improvement for most from what was previously a class 5 in

Willard

- For the rural areas, which was a class 6, it is an even bigger improvement

This is a significant change in rating and will benefit many families within the Willard Fire Protection District response area.

All residents and business owners in the Willard Fire Protection District are encouraged to contact their insurance companies to see how the improved ISO ratings may affect their insurance premiums. The new rating will go into effect June 1, 2017.

You can pick up a copy of the ISO letter at the main station, 240 N. Z Highway, Willard.

We want to thank the voters again for passing the Bond and Levy that gave us the tools needed to improve this rating and help us help you!

Drug Take Back Day

The DEA Drug Take Back Day was a success! The Willard Police Department collected over 75 pounds of unused medication. The DEA promptly collected the medications and will dispose of them according to EPA regulations. The Drug Take Back day happens twice a year. We'll see you in the fall.



Contacts

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Jennifer Rowe.....	417-742-5302
Chief of Police	
Tom McClain.....	417-742-5341

Meeting Dates

Board of Aldermen

May.....8th & 22nd

Planning and Zoning

May.....23rd

Park Board

May.....25th

Economic Development

May.....15th

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