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Willard Watch

Pool Opens



May 24, 2019



A message from the Clerk....

Can you believe it is already May? This is a busy time of year for many with graduations, summer plans beginning and getting out to enjoy the sun! The City is blessed to have the Frisco Highline Trail coming through it, giving families the opportunity to enjoy walking, running and biking outdoors without having to worry about cars. Have you checked it out yet? The City is also working on a sidewalk project this year to connect on Hunt Road and travel down to Miller Farm Park! If you didn't know, Miller Farm Park boasts an amazing Frisbee Disc Golf Course the

entire family can enjoy! Along with the sidewalk project, the City will also have a few major road projects beginning, to include the 4-lane highway expansion and the Miller Road project. Keep watch on our website and the newsletter to see what is happening in Willard!

Hope you all have an incredible May and thank you for making this City the best place to be in southwest Missouri!

Jennifer Rowe

City Clerk / Director of Emergency Management



Park News

It's starting to feel like summertime! Between storms, the parks are flourishing and ready for all the play your families can throw at them! We have lots of great activities and events coming to you this month.

Aquatic Center News

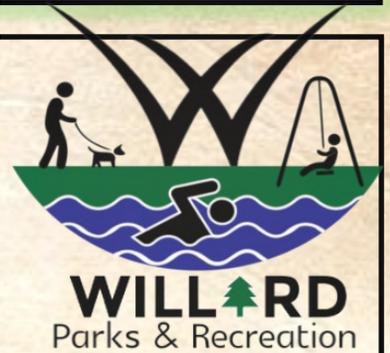


Aquatics has a BIG month of preparing the Willard Aquatics Center for an epic summer! The pool will open May 24th at 3:00pm. On that day the WAC will be hosting

SPLASH BASH into the evening hours featuring a DJ and MORE! Swim lessons will start that week, and registration is online at WillardParks.com. If you're a real fish in the water, tryouts for Willard Swim Team will be held at the WAC May 29th, info is also on the website. New season passes are available for Aquatics Fitness classes. We can't wait to kick off the summer at the WAC!

Rec Center Fitness

At the Rec Center, Registration is open for Adult Co-Ed Volleyball all of May! You can also keep in shape with this month's fitness classes of Zumba, CardioBlast, and Tigertone. Registration is open for Kid-Venture Camp which starts May 28th, hosted at both the REC and Willard



Freedom Fest

It's time to start thinking about Freedom Fest 2019! Registration is open to girls 0-12 for the Little Miss Firecracker Pageant. Also, right now is the time to start thinking about your parade plans! Entry to the parade is free so we expect a fantastic turnout to begin Freedom Fest with a party!

Registration for vendors/sponsors is always open. You can contact us at the REC at 417-742-2262 for more information.



Aquatic Center Prices

Daily Fees

Ages 2 and Under - FREE
Ages 3 + - \$5
Ages 55 + - \$3
Groups of 10 or more may be eligible for a group rate of \$3 each!

Season Passes

Family Season Pass (Up to 3 family members) - \$100
Each Additional Family Member - \$10
Individual Season Pass - \$60

You can find information regarding all of our events, course registration, and other important news on our website, www.willardparks.com. You will also find a printable employment application and listings for open positions here as well.



WillardPublicSchools

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School News

May is here and it's time to celebrate! We are thrilled to celebrate another fantastic year for our 4,600 Tigers at Willard Schools!

Graduation Saturday May 18

Graduation will be held at JQH Arena on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 8PM for the Class of 2019. The last day of school for the rest of our Tigers will be Friday, May 24th. This will be a half day for students with grades K-6 will release at 12:30PM and grades 7-11 at 11:30AM to jump into summer break!

Summer School



For hundreds of our learners, Summer School is just around the corner! June 3-28 from 7:30AM-2:30PM we will host Summer School at Willard South, Willard East, and Willard High School! This is available to our students

at no cost, including breakfast and lunch! Speaking of breakfast and lunch...any child ages 18 and under can eat breakfast and lunch for FREE at any of the three summer school sites during summer school, even if they are NOT enrolled. Call Willard Schools District Office for more information at 742-2584.

CITY-WIDE



City Wide Garage Sale hosted by Willard Area Chamber of Commerce

Date: Saturday June 1, 2019

Contact: (417)742-2442

Info: Be sure to either take part of this huge event or be ready to buy some great deals! We provide the map with garage sale locations.



Willard Fire News

Summer/Memorial Day Safety Tips

Summer is right around the bend and so is Memorial Day. As we begin planning our summer activities and spending time with family, we thought we would share some summertime safety tips.

- **Keep hydrated and protect yourself from the heat.** Make sure you drink plenty of water and use sunscreen, a minimum of 25 SPF. Even on cloudy days, you still need sunscreen.
- **Grill responsibly.** Propane and charcoal grills are for outdoor use only. Place the grill away from the house, deck railings, and overhanging's. Keep children and pets at least three feet away and never leave the grill unattended. Keep your grill clean and remove grease and fat buildup. Make sure to open your gas grill lid before lighting it.
- **Be cautious around water.** Never swim or boat while intoxicated. Have a phone nearby so you can quickly call for help if needed. The Safe Boating Council recommends the following checklist: life jackets for everyone (and they should be worn), throwable floatation devices, a whistle, flares, a first aid kit, and a VHF radio.
- **Food.** A good rule of thumb with food is to keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold to protect yourself from foodborne bacteria. If food has sat out for more than two hours, do not consume. When grilling, use a thermometer to make sure meat is fully cooked. Any keep anything that has touched raw meat away from other foods.
- **Kids.** Supervise them around water and grill areas. Make sure they have sunscreen and plenty of water to drink. NEVER leave children in a parked car.

Enjoy your summer and don't forget we still have the #Willardfit2019 challenge in effect. Get out there and bike, run, walk, jump rope, play with your kids and just enjoy some fun activities to keep in shape and live longer!



If you have questions or would like further information, please contact us at 417-685-3114 or

It's about that time for fire and life safety inspections at your business. You will be receiving a call to schedule a time for your inspection. Remember, these are inspections to make sure your business meets the standards set forth by NFPA 1: Fire Code (National Fire Protection Association) to safeguard your business and the community from fire hazards and other possible hazardous conditions. A checklist is included in the newsletter to help you make sure you are prepared for the inspection. We appreciate our Willard businesses and our community and want to make sure you are all safe. Below is self-inspection checklist.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Compressed gas cylinders are secured to keep from falling. If a cylinder falls and the top breaks off, it can become a missile! ✓ No more than ten gallons of flammable or combustible liquids are stored in garages or other approved locations unless they are stored in an approved flammable storage cabinet. A maximum of 60 gallons is allowed in non-sprinklered buildings. No basement storage is allowed unless protected by sprinklers. ✓ Dumpsters are located more than five feet from combustible walls, roof overhangs or any opening like a door or window. If the dumpster catches fire and it is too close to the building, the fire will likely spread to the building. The same is true for all combustibles up against the building. ✓ All portable heaters are plugged directly into a wall outlet. Do not use any kind of extension cord for an electric heater (not even a power strip equipped with circuit breaker). Heaters use a large amount of electricity and can melt an extension cord. ✓ Portable electrical heaters are equipped with tip-over switches and high limit temperature switch. If it won't shut off automatically when tipped over, replace it with one that will. ✓ Portable heaters are a safe distance away from combustible materials. Electrical heaters will ignite combustibles in a very short time. Keep all materials a minimum of 36" away at all times. ✓ Electrical appliances and the cords supplying power to them are in good working condition. Frayed power cords and worn or poorly maintained electrical equipment can start a fire. ✓ Extension cords are not used in place of permanent wiring affixed to structures, or extended through walls, ceilings or floors. All electrical extension cords are grounded. ✓ Fire Hydrants and Fire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department Connections (FDC) are clear and accessible. Keep a 3-foot clearance of all vegetation, fences or obstructions around all sides of fire hydrants at all times. ✓ Circuit breakers/fuses are labeled in the electrical control panel box. If you need to turn the power off to certain parts of your business or piece of equipment, it is necessary to have the circuit breakers identified. Firefighters need to know, too. In addition, make sure that there are covers on all electrical switches, outlets and junction boxes. Missing covers are common safety hazard. ✓ There is a clear area in front of all electrical control panel boxes. A clear and unobstructed means of access with a minimum width of 36" and a minimum height of 78" shall be maintained from the operating face of the electrical control panel to an aisle or corridor. ✓ The area around the furnace and water heater is clear of combustible materials. Care must be taken to keep this area clear since it tends to be a collection place for all types of storage. They do generate heat and are capable of starting a fire. ✓ No obstructions such as partitions, racks or piled stock are placed so as to interfere with the effectiveness of water discharge from sprinkler heads. Minimum clearance required for sprinkler heads should be 18". ✓ Address numbers for the building and business space are clearly visible from the street. Emergency responders need to be able to find your business in a hurry. Be sure the numbers are visible from the street and at least 4" in height and 1/2" stroke width. Numbers shall be in contrast 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> with their background and visible during the day or night. ✓ No items are stored under exit stairways. Storage is prohibited under exit stairways unless protected by sprinklers or have a 1-hour fire rating. If the stairway catches fire, you have no means of escape and may be trapped on the floor above. ✓ Emergency light fixtures work properly. If equipped with a test button, push to check for proper operation. These help light the way during power outages. You should have a working flashlight handy. Exit signs are illuminated and can be seen from everywhere within your business. If you have lighted exit signs, light bulbs within these signs must be replaced when they burn out. ✓ All exit doors are unlocked during business hours. Exits shall not be locked, chained, latched or rendered unusable from the inside for employees as well as the general public whenever the building is occupied. ✓ There is a clear aisle or passageway to all exit doors. Building occupants must be able to get to the exit doors quickly and safely. There should be no trip hazards and nothing can be stored in front of an exit. ✓ There is a portable fire extinguisher mounted in the business. Fire extinguishers can be very effective and can prevent a small fire from spreading. It must be mounted, readily accessible, and visible to you when it is needed. Make sure all employees know where they are located and how to use them. ✓ All fire extinguishers have been inspected every month, and professionally serviced every year. There is an annual requirement for the maintenance of fire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> extinguishers. Check the tags on your extinguishers to see if they are current. Emergency vehicles need to access the businesses and fire hydrants without being obstructed by parked vehicles. Help us improve our response time. Remember that emergency vehicles are difficult to maneuver in tight places. ✓ Extensive testing of the entire Fire Alarm System has been completed and recorded by a qualified fire alarm service technician. The records are maintained for the fire inspection on request. ✓ A licensed contractor conducts an inspection and maintenance of special extinguishing systems, such as commercial kitchen hoods, at least every six (6) months. 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