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Willard Watch

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A message from the Clerk....

Did you know that the week of October 7th through the 13th is Fire Prevention Week? Have you taken the chance to head over to the Willard Fire Protection District on Z Highway to see the beautiful station? Willard is blessed to have an amazing crew in our Fire Protection District that work hard to keep everyone safe and be involved in the community. They spend the month of October visiting the schools and teaching our

youth about the importance of fire safety. If you see one of them out and about, tell them thank you and to keep up the good work!



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

Jennifer Rowe
City Clerk / Director of
Emergency Management



Fall is in the Air



Go go go! Where are your shoes? Grab your jacket. Have your homework? Anything I need to sign?

Football practice after school. Little brother has soccer practice. Sister has karate. Church tonight. Games

on Friday, again on Saturday. Monday's no good, Tuesday's busy, maybe Thursday?

Remember that time in the park? Quiet and soothing.

Fall marks the end of summer, the temperatures become tolerable and are the appetizer to the holiday season. The

staff at Willard Parks encourages you to take a break for a moment, to step outdoors and breathe. Unplug for just a moment, and take a stroll down to the park at Jackson Street. Feel that solitary moment to just breathe deep the beauty of our quiet, lovely little world. Enjoy the warm sun on your face, the crisp breeze on your skin.

Then, if you are looking for something to do, here are some upcoming activities!

October

Our Town Fall Festival & Country Show

Date.....Saturday, October 20
Price.....FREE!

Basketball

Date.....Currently Registering-through October 30
Price.....\$40-45 Early, \$55-60 After October 30

Boo Bash Middle School Dance and Costume Party

Date.....October 27th
Price.....\$5

Trunk or Treat

Date.....Saturday, October 27
Price.....FREE!

November

School's Out Camp at the Rec

Date.....November 2-6
Price.....\$22.50/Day

Veterans Day Parade

Date.....Saturday, November 3
Price.....FREE!

Christmas on the Frisco

Date.....Saturday, November 17
Price.....FREE!

Turkey Trot

Date.....Thursday, November 22
Price.....Varies (visit website)

As always, more information available at www.willardparks.com!



National Drug Take Back Day

When: Saturday, October 27

At Family Pharmacy from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

At Police Station from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

On October 27th, the Willard Police Department is partnering with the DEA for **National Drug Take Back Day**. This program allows citizens to safely and responsibly dispose of unused prescription medication. The Willard collection site will be at the **Family Pharmacy** between 10:00AM and 1:00PM. We will also be collecting medication at the Willard Police Station between 1:00PM and 2:00PM. Please check your medication storage area and make a clean sweep.



See you there!

*Please note: Due to safety concerns, we cannot accept aerosols, inhalers, glass containers or syringes. **Epi pens are okay.***

For more information on medication disposal please visit the FDA website: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/resourcesforyou/consumers/buyingusingmedicinesafely/ensuringsafeuseofmedicine/safedisposalofmedicines/ucm186188.htm>



5th Annual Our Town Fall Festival & Country Show

Saturday, October 20, 2018

Where: Willard Intermediate Schoolgrounds

Time: 9:00 am-3:00 pm

This year will be our **5th annual** festival! Our Town is an outdoor event for people of all ages located on Willard Intermediate Schoolgrounds at 407 Farmer Road in Willard. We have traditional fall foods, activities, crafts, and an entertainment stage.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Trick or Treat! Before you decide if you are going to trick or treat, Willard Fire Protection District would like to share some safety ideas to keep you and your family safe this fall.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has compiled a list of Halloween Safety Tips:

- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you
- Agree on a specific time children should return home
- Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends

- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home
- All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant
- Avoid masks, which can obstruct vision
- If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks
- When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is nontoxic and always test it in a small area first
- Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation
- Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street

The National Safety Council recommends the following for motorists:

- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing
- Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween



Willard Fire Protection District would like to recommend the following: if you do not feel comfortable on Halloween night going out in the neighborhoods, look for trunk or treat events or open house events. Churches, community centers and fire stations sometimes provide safe places for the kids to play and trick or treat. Willard Fire Protection District will be hosting our 3rd annual Open House that night starting as early as 5:30 so bring the kids by to play and get some candy and even get on the fire truck!

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 (look for our weekly trivia question) or Twitter.





News From Willard Fire

Willard Fire Protection District is the recipient of two grants which will benefit our community. Read the following press release for more information:

For immediate release **WILLARD, MO** - The Willard Fire Protection District has been awarded two federal grants announced by United States Senator Roy Blunt's office. The first is for \$247,419 under FEMA's Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER). The funding will provide for the hiring of three (3) new fire fighter positions for the Willard Fire Protection District.

Fire Chief Ken Scotts says, "Our district is a growing area and our services are being stretched. FEMA has recognized our need for additional staffing to begin to address response times into our outlying areas. The additional staffing will allow for some inroads towards improving our response times into our Station 2 and Station 3 district areas while maintaining our own fiscal responsibility to the taxpayer." The second grant FEMA awarded to the Willard Fire Protection District is a Recruitment and Retention grant for the volunteer side of the Willard Fire Protection District. This grant is for four (4) years totaling \$168,500. Scott continued, "This grant

was given to Willard to encourage 8 volunteers to train and make the fire service their ultimate career path. It provides the funding needed to equip and train each person to make them qualified for a career they would like to follow. It allows for a fire fighter I and fire fighter II certification class and an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) class to be given over the next four (4) years along with a myriad of other training. While the training is occurring over the next four years, the level of certifications for our volunteers will have the bar raised. Our fire district will benefit from the grant by getting the use of these personnel while they are in training and the FEMA funding will allow it to occur at no cost to our taxpayer." The board would like to recognize Assistant Chief David Deck who has been the lead in securing both the SAFER and the Retention grants. Assistant Chief Deck has been pivotal towards securing over \$675,000 in grant monies the past two years and well over a million dollars in funding the past 7 years. Board President Kelly Davis states, "To be awarded one grant per year is remarkable, but to be awarded two grants in the same calendar year speaks volumes for our district. FEMA recognizes

hard work and fiscal responsibility by everyone in the fire district, including its patrons. We try to operate at a very high level and this funding will enable us to continue on the steady upward climb of our fire district."



Homecoming Parade

WOW! What an amazing day for Willard as more than 5,000 students, staff, and community came together to celebrate being a Willard Tiger at the Willard Tigers District Wide Homecoming Parade! It was a day to be remembered for our students and we extend a huge "Thank you!" to all who



helped make it possible including the City of Willard, Willard Fire, Willard Police, and our Willard Area Businesses that continue to support Willard Tigers.

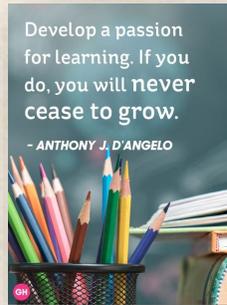
7 Habits Training

At the end of September we were also grateful for the opportunity to host many community members in a complimentary 7 Habits of Highly Effective People training. As leadership becomes more and more integrated in our school culture, we feel like it's important to share that knowledge with our community around us. Stay tuned for more opportunities as we continue this journey.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

As fall quickly approaches we are well on our way to the end of first quarter! Can you believe it?! Friday, October 19th is the end of first quarter, as well as a student half day. Parent-teacher conferences will be hosted the weeks of October 22nd and 29th. Be sure to talk with your child's building for specific times and dates. Thank you for your support of Willard Schools!



Meeting Dates

Board of Aldermen

October.....9th & 22nd

Planning and Zoning

October.....23rd

Park Board

October.....25th

Economic Development

October15th

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