First Annual Western Greene County Veterans Day Parade
Saturday November 4th
**We Connect**

We are Willard, we are one, we want your feedback! Continuing in October, 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 network meeting scheduled for **October 27th at 3pm** at the Willard Fire Station (240 N. Highway Z, Willard Mo 65781). The primary objective of each meeting will be to surface questions for community-wide surveys, which will be distributed to all customers beginning 2018. Results from our community surveys will be incorporated into Willard’s 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Based on feedback from network participants, the next Citizen Advisory Network (CAN) Meeting will focus on **water**. I hope to see you there! If you are able to attend, please RSVP to ca@cityofwillard.org.

Thanks again for your commitment to our community!

**Brad Gray**
Willard City Administrator

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**Police News**

**Liquor License Compliance Checks**

Kudos to our area businesses who sell alcohol. In September, Corporal Bell conducted a liquor compliance check and all of our businesses passed. We regularly use alcohol sales compliance checks as a tool in our efforts to keep the Willard community safe. Thanks to the training and diligence of each business, no minors were able to purchase alcohol. Outstanding!

**Campfire**

On Saturday September 30th, 25 DARE students and their parents participated in a campfire held at the PAL/DARE campgrounds. The menu included hotdogs, marshmallows and drinks. As with campfire tradition, there were games and storytelling. Chief McClain added some DARE curriculum review and topped off with prizes. A great time was had by all.

**Recovered Property**

We are doing some spring cleaning in the fall. Our evidence room is full and it is time to purge the accumulation of returnables. If you have lost property, turned in property, have been the victim of theft or we have collected evidence and your case is now closed, we want to hear from you!

Please contact Lt. Shipley at 417-742-5335 or email me at lt@cityofwillard.org. I would be delighted to reunite you with your things.

**New DARE Instructor**

Congratulations to Officer Scott Rowe! In September 2017, he graduated the DARE Instructor School and is a certified DARE Instructor.

DARE is an education program designed to teach kids drug, alcohol and violence prevention. It was founded in Los Angeles and has become an international program. DARE has been a standard part of the 5th grade curriculum for the Willard Intermediate students since 1993. Chief McClain, who has been a DARE instructor since 1991, is passing the baton to Officer Rowe who is ready to make a difference in the lives of our students. Congratulations Officer Rowe!
October is Fire Prevention Month (the week of October 8 through October 14 is set aside as fire prevention week). This year’s theme is “Every Second Counts, Plan 2 Ways Out.” We have been scheduling presentations at the elementary schools. As our kids learn to be safe in fire situations, let’s go over some things adults need to do to help with fire prevention:

- Make sure your smoke detectors are in good working order and have fresh batteries. Contact us if you need a smoke detector.
- Make a home fire escape plan, “Every Second Counts, Plan 2 Ways Out.” If you have kids at home, this is especially important to plan and practice so they are prepared if there is a fire. Remember, children do not hear smoke detectors when they are sleeping so you need to plan a way to get them out at night. (Visit usfa.fema.gov for escape plan information).
- Is your house number visible from the street? Make sure we can see it, especially at night. We have reflective signs available to purchase for $15.
- You might consider purchasing at least one fire extinguisher for your kitchen area. (Local chain stores carry them in the $30 to $50 range.)

If you have questions or would like further information, 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.
October is shaping up to be a very busy time at Willard Schools. From fall festivals to celebrating 50 years of Willard Tiger Football, our buildings are bursting with excitement from staff and students alike.

On Friday, October 6th we will celebrate 50 years of Willard Tiger Football! Along with honoring our the class of 2018 Seniors involved in Girls Golf, Band, and Football, we will celebrate the 1967 football team led by Coach Larry Hall. We invite our Tiger Community and Tiger Alumni to join us in this celebration.

Much like the City of Willard is preparing a long term plan, the School District is executing some planning of its own. A large group of community members, parents, students, and staff will come together for the first time this month to start the process of creating a 5 year strategic plan. This important process will cumulate over the next few months to draft a plan to present to the school board in early Spring. Stay tuned for updates to come from this process!

Meet firefighter Brian Schafer

Brian Schafer joined us this year after a long career at Springfield Fire Department. He brings with him many certifications and educational skills, including but not limited to; fire investigator, fire service instructor, FEMA safety officer, FEMA instructor, FEMA hazardous materials specialist, rope rescue technician, and a host of other qualifications.

Brian is also a member of Missouri Task Force 1 and was deployed to help with rescues in Texas during Hurricane Harvey.

“Brian is a hometown guy that brings almost 30 years of experience and qualifications to the Willard Fire Protection District. His on scene demeanor and teaching capabilities make him a tremendous asset for our district. We are fortunate to have him.” -Chief Ken Scott.

How long have you been in the fire service? “28 years.”

What was your reason for joining the fire service? “Good job with time to farm.”

What are your hobbies away from work? “Skiing, repelling, scuba diving, hunting, riding, wood work, horseback riding, and mainly fun stuff with my daughter.”

If you could have one wish come true, what would it be? “Double the size of my farm for my daughter, be about 2000 acres for her then.”