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# A message from the Clerk....

Goodbyes are never easy. Especially those that are taken from us way too soon. Deputy Aaron Roberts was an amazing person. He loved his family, his friends, and what he did. He loved serving his community and protecting his people. Willard was blessed to get to have him for nearly 4 years before he moved on to Greene County as a deputy. If you had the chance to know him, consider yourself blessed. He was someone who would give you the shirt off his back in an instant. Deputy Roberts was one of a kind and taken from us way too soon. He leaves behind an incredible wife, an amazing

daughter, and countless family and friends. Rest in peace, Aaron. We love you and we'll take it from here....

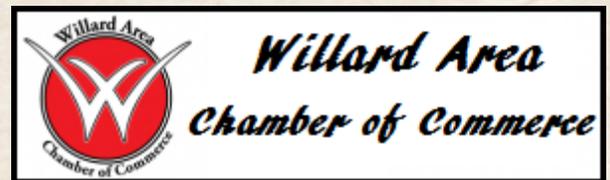
*Jennifer Rowe*

City Clerk / Director of Emergency Management



Join us for our first ever Fall On The Frisco.  
**Saturday, September 22, 2018!**  
**From 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

We will shut down the Downtown portion of Jackson street to house arts/crafts vendors, food trucks, bounce houses, live music, dog costume contest, ComicCon hero and villain walk, beer garden, and more!



## Dog Pageant

### Registration form

- Early Registration fee \$5.00
- Day of Registration fee \$8.00 (Register from 10-11am)
- Where: Event Stage Frisco Trailhead

### Judged Categories:

- Best Dressed
- Cutest Mug
- Best Trick
- Dog/Owner Look Alike



## “Fall” into Fitness at the Willard Parks Department!

Did your busy summer schedule get in the way of your health goals? Willard Parks and Recreation offers multiple ways for you to meet your fitness goals! Whether you are looking to increase flexibility and overall endurance with a low impact class, get your heart rate up with a variety of intense cardio workouts, or just party the pounds away, there is something for



everyone at the Rec Center! Leanna heads up the **Tiger Tone** class on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6pm**, Michelle kickstarts your day with **Cardio Blast** on **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 am**, and Stephanie dances the night away at **Zumba** on **Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm**. *Punch cards are available if you want to get a discount on your fitness!*

We also are offering our **Tumbling Toddlers class** again this fall. Melissa will guide your 2-4 year old children through basic

movements, rhythm, and balance exercises while providing them with valuable social interactions with peers their same age. Classes are on **Wednesdays at 9 am** at the Rec, beginning September 26<sup>th</sup> and running for 6 weeks.

Last and certainly not least, join our most experienced group exercise class at the Recreation Center every **Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am-11am**. Focusing on the fundamentals of balance, movement, coordination, and community, our **Senior Exercise class** is free, fun, and just what you need to

keep on keeping on! We hope to see you there!



If a slow walk is more your style, check out the **Greystone Disc Golf Course** located at **Miller Farm Park**. This course is ready for action with twelve holes, lots of shade, and full color detailed hole markers to let you know what you are up against. Even a perfectly played round will have you walking nearly a mile!

## September 11th NEVER FORGET – 17 years (opinion article by Stefanie Shell)



I really cannot blame people for forgetting, it's easier to put tragic events behind us than to dwell on them and not move forward. But, tragic events in and outside our lifetimes should be remembered. Civil Wars, World Wars, Vietnam War, Oklahoma City Bombing, 9/11, mass shootings, and natural disasters. I could go on. We can get caught up in the tragedy and begin the grieving process all over again and so it makes it hard to never forget. But let's think of reasons why we should never forget and continue to remember.

- The rough times and tragedies in our lives help us to remember what we have come through
- We can treasure the good things that come out of tragedies and learn from the bad things

- We can discover unity in time of chaos
- We can recognize the evil of people who want to destroy people but triumph in the good of humanity as they show kindness and generosity to each other

I see, as we tear down monuments, how we are missing opportunities to teach the next generations of the struggles America has gone through and how to remedy those struggles. When we minimize the past as only hate and destruction, we have missed the chance to show the next generations how to overcome, adapt, survive, and even fight. Of course as a firefighter, I



would be remiss if I didn't encourage everyone to remember 9/11 and the sacrifices made that day by all first responders. I believe we should revisit that day every year with our family and pass on to the next

generation the lessons learned from 9/11. I know my own son was less than a year old in 2001 and his perception of that day in comparison to mine is totally different. America stood still in my mind and he only

knows what he saw on television. Why not take time on Tuesday, September 11 to rehearse the memories of that day with those who are younger. Share your feelings, your discouragements, the good things you remember, and how you dealt with the grief of that day. And if you have memories of other tragedies, take the time over the next year to talk about them too. How can we recover if we do not even know what we are recovering from? I personally love to do the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb in remembrance of a fallen firefighter. When I walk I think of the person I am walking for and the family they left behind. It helps me keep perspective of what sacrifice is all about. Never forget.

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](mailto:info@willardfire.com). You can visit our website [www.willardfire.com](http://www.willardfire.com) or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

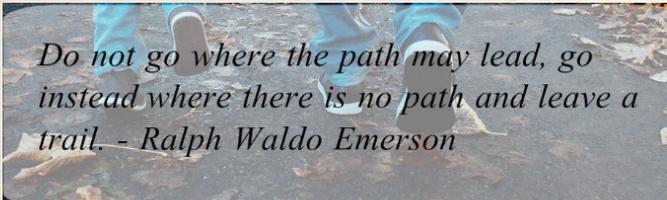


## Willard Homecoming

The school year is in full swing and we're already getting excited for HOMECOMING! In just a few short weeks Willard Tigers from across the District will be celebrating what it means to say #WeAreWillard! On **Friday, September 21st** we invite our community to show their Tiger pride! That day will be a half day for our students as **grades K-6 release at 12:30PM** and **7-12 at 11:30AM**. It will be a BIG day in our District as all 4,600 students will line Jackson Street for our **Homecoming Parade at 10:00AM!** Each student will have pom poms to celebrate as floats with clubs and organizations from every school are represented in the parade.

This is the only time in the school year that our entire District will come together as #1Tiger! Community members are invited to view the parade from East Center parking lot and join us on Friday evening at 6:00 for **Homecoming Festivities** at Tiger Stadium. **Kick off is at 7:00!**

Remember, once a Tiger, always a Tiger!



## Meet Firefighter Jeremy Deck

Jeremy Deck is our firefighter highlight for September. If you recall, a couple of months ago, you met Assistant Chief David Deck, this is Jeremy's dad. It's great to see the traditions of the fire service, which includes many members of families following behind parents, grandparents, uncles, and aunts. It's been great to see Jeremy grow up in the fire service.

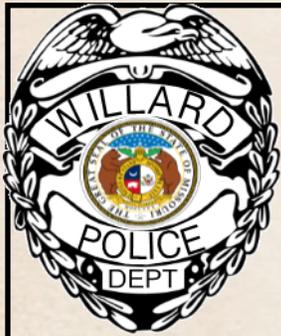
**How long have you been in the fire service?** "I have been in the fire service for 10 years."

**What was your reason for joining the fire service?** "As a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation firefighter, I grew up with it."

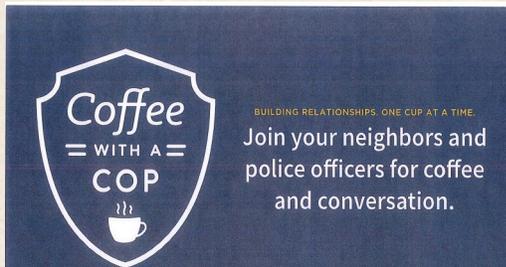
**What are your hobbies away from work?** "When I am off, I am a volunteer firefighter for a neighboring

community."

**What is your favorite movie and why?** "The Big Lebowski is one of my favorite movies. I feel it gives a subjective, physical representation to the deep philosophical, existential component of what it means to be a cog in the machine that is the human experience."



## Willard's Got Talent & Coffee with a Cop



Willard PAL Fundraiser is hosting Willard's Got Talent

**When: October 13, 2018.**

**Where: Willard High School Theater Room**

- Any person living or working in the Willard School District is eligible to compete.
- All Participants will receive a t-shirt.
- Deadline to enter is September 23.
- For more information please email [police@cityofwillard.org](mailto:police@cityofwillard.org) or visit Willard PAL Facebook page for an entry form.

Sunday September 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Naomi's Café 104 W. Jackson	7:00 AM to 8:00 AM
<p>The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve.</p> <p>By removing agendas and allowing opportunities to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood.</p>		
<p>THIS EVENT IS PRESENTED BY THE:</p> <p>Willard Police Department</p>		<p>QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT:</p> <p><a href="mailto:officerduranwpd@gmail.com">officerduranwpd@gmail.com</a> or call J. Duran 4177423077</p>

coffeewithacop.com

### Meeting Dates

#### Board of Aldermen

September.....10th & 24th

#### Planning and Zoning

September.....25th

#### Park Board

September.....27th

#### Economic Development

September .....cancelled

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