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# Willard Watch

WILLARD AREA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Fall ON THE FRISCO



Saturday, September 21, 2019  
Downtown Willard | Jackson Street  
8:00AM-3:30PM

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# A message from the Clerk....

**T**he month of September kicks off the National Preparedness Month. Do you and your family have a plan for an Emergency? If a disaster hit tomorrow, how would your family move forward? With the news focused on the Hurricanes, it is important to realize that disaster can happen anywhere. Being prepared is essential no matter where you live! A few of the important things to consider are having an emergency kit, special needs of anyone in your family, pets, and setting up a meeting location in the event that you are not together when disaster strikes.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency website lists a few essentials that everyone should have in their emergency kit.

- Three-day supply of non-perishable food.
- Three-day supply of water – one gallon of water per person, per day.
- Portable, battery-powered radio or television and extra batteries.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- First aid kit and manual.
- Sanitation and hygiene items (moist towelettes and toilet paper).

- Matches and waterproof container.
- Whistle.
- Extra clothing.
- Kitchen accessories and cooking utensils, including a can opener.
- Photocopies of credit and identification cards.
- Cash and coins.
- Special needs items, such as prescription medications, eye glasses, contact lens solutions, and hearing aid batteries.
- Items for infants, such as formula, diapers, bottles, and pacifiers.
- Other items to meet your unique family needs



#PreparedNotScared #BeReady.

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

*Jennifer Rowe*

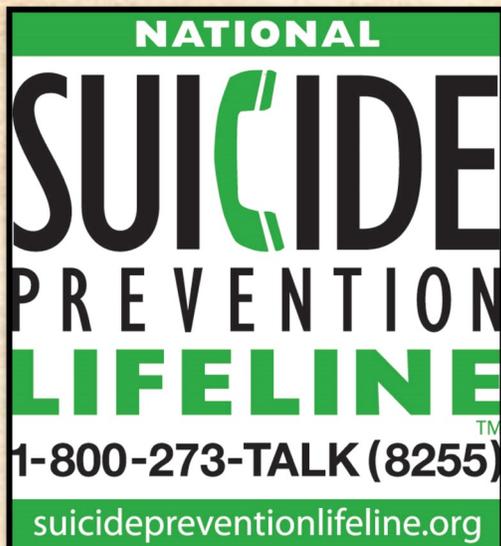
**City Clerk / Director of Emergency Management**

## Willard Fire News

### Suicide Prevention Month

Every month I sit down at my computer and determine what we should highlight in the City of Willard Newsletter. Sometimes it's easy to find a topic for each month. September was easy to find a topic for but not an easy topic to discuss. September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. According to Suicide Prevention Lifeline (website: [suicidepreventionhotline.org](http://suicidepreventionhotline.org)), We Can All Prevent Suicide. Understanding the issues concerning suicide and mental health is an important way to take part in suicide prevention, help others in crisis, and change the conversation around suicide.

Log onto the website to read more. Suicide affects everyone and most people are not able to talk about it. There is a stigma that something is wrong with you if you have suicidal thoughts, but that is not true. There are many things that can lead to thinking this life isn't worth it anymore. But there are many places and people out there to help. Do not pull away – reach out!



**Please call the Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 to talk to someone and find out your options. Inform yourself of the support you can get. Visit [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org) to find ways to get help.**

According to the website, here are some warning signs to look out for if you know of someone who is struggling emotionally:

- Talking about wanting to die or to kill themselves
- Looking for a way to kill themselves, like searching online or buying a gun
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live
- Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain
- Talking about being a burden to others
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs
- Acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly
- Sleeping too little or too much
- Withdrawing or isolating themselves
- Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge
- Extreme mood swings

If you recognize any of these warning signs in a friend or family member, please call 1-800-273-8255 to get advice on how to help.

Mental health is just as important as your physical health. Nobody is truly alone in this world and if you feel you are, reach out and find someone who can help you with those feelings. Your life is precious and deserves to have peace.

-Stefanie Shell

We hope this information is helpful to you. If you have questions or would like further information, 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.

# Park News

The sunflowers have “set” at Miller Park, and are no longer the lovely, picturesque backdrop for photos that they once were, but there are still many beautiful opportunities to be involved in! Soccer and Volleyball games start soon, and registration for Fall Basketball starts soon!



## Doggy Dive!

Once again, Willard Parks is hosting the Annual Doggy Dive Dog Swim event at the Willard Aquatic Center. This event will feature fun dog themed vendors, friendly dog competitions such as long jump and treat catching, and beautiful, clean water for your doggos to play in.

## Daddy Daughter Ball

Mark that calendar for a special evening out. Willard Park's and Recreation will be holding a Daddy Daughter Ball at the Willard Community Building. Each ticket will come with a full meal, a lovely night of dancing, and memories to last a lifetime. Registration is limited for this event, so make sure you sign up early.

THE ANNUAL WILLARD AQUATICS  
**DOGGY DIVE!**  
**2019**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 9:30A-3:00P  
**OPTIONAL GAMES FOR AWARDS!**

JOIN THE FACEBOOK EVENT FOR DETAILED INFORMATION!  
\$5 per dog entering the facility

Address: 218 W. Jackson St Willard, MO 65781  
Little Dogs (<30 lbs) 9:30a-Noon  
Big Dogs (>30 lbs) 12:30-3p

For more information, call: 417-742-5385 or @WillardParksAndRec

WILLARD Parks & Recreation  
4LZ Pet sitting  
PETCOTTAGE 417-319-4757  
All PET Supplies EQUINE CENTER

**Father & Daughter Ball**

The Willard Parks Department would like to formally invite all fathers and daughters to the Community Building at

222 W Jackson St  
Willard, MO 65781

on September 28th, 2019  
at 5:00 p.m. for dinner and dancing.

Formal Setting  
Onsite Photography  
DJ  
Dinner  
Concessions  
Prize Incentives  
Special pricing for pre-registry

## Senior Exercise

Want a great way to meet new people and stay active and young. Senior Exercise is designed for seniors of all ages to come enjoy some fun, low impact exercise.

**Cost:** FREE  
**When:** Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays | 10-11 a.m.  
**Location:** Recreation Center (September-May)  
Community Center (June-August)  
**Instructor:** Marilyn Nelson

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Willard Area Chamber of Commerce



Willard Parks and Recreation is partnering again with the Willard Chamber of Commerce for their Annual **Fall on the Frisco** Craft show event! Mark your calendars for **September 21st**, and take a stroll down Jackson Street to check out cool craft



## Senior Luncheon

Have you wanted to get to know your neighbors in Willard, but never felt you have the chance? The Senior Luncheon is a great opportunity for community, visiting, games, and great home cooked food!

The Willard Senior Luncheon is every Wednesday from 11:15-1:30 pm. This luncheon has a small charge depending on the day's menu items. After lunch, stick around and visit or play board and card games!

**Cost:** FREE  
**When:** Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Willard Community Center, 222 W Jackson St  
**Contact:** Ruby, 417-818-5232 for more information

So here is the event in a nutshell. During the Fall on the Frisco Festival on Saturday September 21st we will have a Show-N-Shine Car Show at the Middle School from Noon to 4 p.m.. Then at 4 p.m. the festival is over and we basically move (if you want) out and park along Jackson Street which will be closed to all traffic except cruisers. We will then cruise until at least 8 p.m.. This is the way a car show should go. Designed by cars people for car people! Be There!

Cool Spot where we will give out awards from Show-N-Shine as the cars Cruise by and talk to the driver's about their rides!

WILLARD MIDDLE SCHOOL Registration point for the Show-N-Shine (Noon) Also Check-in point and turn around for the cruise route 4-8 p.m.

Proceeds to Benefit the Willard Children's Charitable Foundation

Additional Parking

REDLINE IS CRUISE ROUTE

**SPECTATORS DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!** Grab your lawn chair and get here! This is a family friendly event all day long. Come to the Festival, checkout the Show-N-Shine and stick around for the cruise. A good cruise needs at least two things: Killer Cars and Spectators. After all if we have no one to "Show-Off" to what's the point! RIGHT! If you are a car guy or girl grab the kids (grab the grandkids) and get here early to stake claim to some prime lawn chair realstate! SPECTATORS ARE FREE - But you better get here EARLY!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK  
CRUISING THE HIGHLINE

vendors, petting zoo, bounce houses, hear live music, and maybe even spot Sandy the Sasquatch?! Stick around after the craft show for some good old fashioned fun, and join us for the “Cruisin’ on the Highline” classic car show and cruise event. Cars from every generation will make their way up and down Jackson Street, so grab a lawn chair and enjoy the show!



What a fantastic #Willard1stDay! We are a few weeks into an amazing school year and it's already flying by! Thank you to the hundreds of families who sent and tagged #Willard1stDay on those fabulous first day photos.

Our leaders are jumping right into their learning, both students and staff! Our students are getting in the groove of their coursework and teachers have spent time investing in their classroom environment to develop a risk taking atmosphere.

## Community Tailgate

As high school and middle school fall sports heat up, we want to celebrate with our community at our Community Tailgate on Friday, September 6th! Stop by the District Office backyard between 5:30PM-7:00PM for a complimentary hotdog, chips, and a drink, as well as a stamp for free entry to the game. We look forward to this opportunity to connect with our community every fall.

**COMMUNITY TAILGATE**  
5:30-7:00  
DISTRICT OFFICE BACK YARD  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6



## Homecoming

We hope you'll join us in rolling out the red carpet for 2019 Willard Tiger Hollywood Homecoming on Friday, September 20th! All of our Tigers and community are invited to join in on the excitement the entire week, September 16-20. Find information about [Spirit Week](http://www.willardschools.net) on [www.willardschools.net](http://www.willardschools.net)!

All are welcome to join us for our 2nd Annual District-Wide Homecoming Parade on September 20th at 10AM on Jackson Street. Community members are welcome to join our 4,600 Tigers for the parade by watching at the East Center parking lot.

**WILLARD**  
*Hollywood*  
**HOMECOMING**  
2019  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 2019**

**Hollywood HOMECOMING**  
**SPIRIT WEEK**

MONDAY: P J DAY  
TUESDAY: HERO VS VILLIAN  
WEDNESDAY: WESTERN WEDNESDAY  
THURSDAY: DISNEY DAY  
FRIDAY: WILLARD WEAR

*"Lights, Camera, Homecoming"*

### Meeting Dates

#### Board of Aldermen

September.....9th & 23rd

#### Planning and Zoning

September.....24th

#### Park Board

September.....26th

#### Economic Development

September.....16th

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

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