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Zella Pope Elected Treasurer



Zella Pope, City Administrator for the City of Green Park, was recently elected **Treasurer** of the **Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association—Eastern Division**. Installation of officers was held on June 17th at The Nature Lodge at Sunset Park in Florissant. Alderman Fred Baras, President of the Board of Aldermen, had the honor of swearing in Zella as she took her Oath of Office.

The Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association is a professional organization of municipal clerks and finance officers who have united together to assist members in the performance of their job responsibilities and promote the professional development of its members for the betterment of the public and municipalities they serve. The MoCCFOA provides its members on-going educational opportunities and sponsors certification programs to impart standards of quality and integrity to the profession and improve the methods and procedures which meet the needs of the public as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Congratulations, Zella! We're so proud of you.

City Hall Update on Development in Green Park

Golden Corral will tentatively open July 6th according to their corporate office. The project was delayed due to the sewer extension and parking lot being completed. Golden Corral is a family restaurant with a sit down buffet and grill that will seat 434 persons. They also have a banquet room for gatherings up to 55 persons. The banquet room will be available for reservations after the restaurant has been open for a few months. The hours of operation will be 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. with the exception of Friday and Saturday closing at 10 p.m. Also a breakfast buffet will be served on Saturdays and Sundays from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

2010 Street Replacement Project: The 2010 street replacement project for Arctic and Ambush has been awarded to R. V. Wagner. Construction began the first week of June and should continue until mid-August. If contractors are not working and it is a nice day, it is because they are waiting on concrete to cure so they can start on the next phase or utilities need to be relocated. They want to finish the project on time and will be there whenever possible. Please be patient and courteous with the workers!

Green Park Road Project Update: There is so much red tape with this project due to it being partially funded by a federal grant and moving the trail/sidewalk to the Clydesdale Park side of the road. St. Louis County Parks should finalize paperwork for the land conversion by the end of June. The land swap is necessary for the sidewalk to be located on the Clydesdale Park side of Green Park Road. The process for the land conversion has been very slow due to the Department of Natural Resources and the National Park Service having to approve it. After the land conversion is complete the project will go out for bid and then start as soon as possible.

Zella Pope
City Administrator/City Clerk

City Meetings

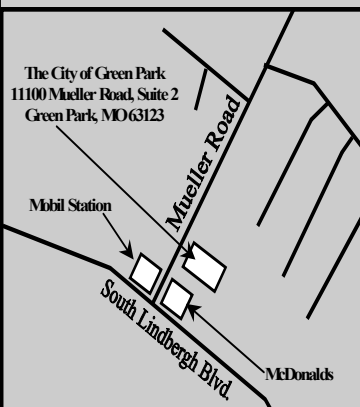
The regularly scheduled meeting for the **Board of Aldermen** is held on the **third Monday** of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Special Meetings and Town Hall meetings are scheduled as needed.

Planning and Zoning Commission meetings are held at City Hall on the **First Tuesday** of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Adjustment meetings are scheduled as needed and held at City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings may be rescheduled due to holidays or election days. Meeting dates are available by calling (314) 894-7336.

Agendas are posted at City Hall and on the City's website in advance of any meeting. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings. The City of Green Park is working to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act mandates. Individuals who require accommodations to participate in the meeting should contact City Hall at 894-7336 (Fax 894-7337) or Relay Missouri at 1-800-735-2966 (TBD) at least two working days prior to the meeting.



Did you know. . .

- ◆ It is unlawful for any person to sell, use, manufacture, display or possess fireworks within the City **at any time**.

The American traditions of parades, cookouts, and fireworks help us celebrate the summer season, especially our nation's birthday on the Fourth of July. However, fireworks can turn a joyful celebration into a painful memory when children and adults are injured while using fireworks. All fireworks are hazardous and can cause injury. Sparklers, considered by many the ideal "safe" firework for the young, burn at very high temperatures (they can reach 1000°) and can easily ignite clothing. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, sparklers cause half of the injuries to children under the age of 5 and 10% of fireworks-related injuries overall.

For many pets and their owners, fireworks can be a nightmare. The loud noises, flashing lights, and smell of sulfur can cause excessive fear in pets. Nervous behaviors such as trembling, whimpering, and panting may be distressful to the pet, but the animal's natural response to flee from what he interprets as a threatening situation may result in serious injury. Some dogs are so frightened by fireworks that they may run through glass windows, or escape from the yard and run the risk of being hit by a car.



To report illegal fireworks:

Notify St. Louis County Police (non-emergency) 889-2341

- ◆ It is unlawful to discharge into a stormwater system any waste materials, liquids, vapor, fat, gasoline, benzene, naphtha, oil or petroleum product, mud, straw, lawn clippings, tree limbs or branches, metal or plastic objects, rags, garbage or any other substance which is capable of causing an obstruction to the flow of the storm system or interfere with the proper operation of the system, or which will pollute the natural creeks or waterways.

**Please do not clean out your lawn mowers
in the City sewer inlets!**



Did you also know. . .

- ◆ It is unlawful for any person owning, controlling, possessing, or having the management or care of any dog or cat to permit such dog or cat to run at large or to go off the premises of the owner or keeper unless it is securely tied and led by a line or leash not exceeding five (5) feet in length, so as to effectively prevent the dog or cat from biting, scratching, molesting, being with, or approaching any other animal or any person. No person shall keep, harbor or house on any premises within the City more than three (3) dogs or more than three (3) cats. Violators may be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90) days or by both such fine and imprisonment.



*For everyone's safety and welfare,
please keep your pets in a fenced yard or on a leash.*

If you see animals running at large, please notify:

**St. Louis County Police 889-2341 or
Animal Control 831-6500**

- ◆ No person shall cause or permit any weeds or rank vegetation growth to attain a height in excess of eight (8) inches upon any property located within the City of Green Park. If weeds or grass attain a height in excess of eight (8) inches, it shall be deemed a public nuisance. If the property owner(s) fail to abate the nuisance, the City may immediately enter upon the property to cut down and remove such growth. Any costs incurred by the City in so doing may be taxed against the owner(s) and the property as a special tax bill. The City is further authorized to record a lien against the property and to take further legal action as may be required to collect same.

*City Hall receives numerous complaints throughout the
growing season from Green Park residents regarding
property owners not taking care of their lawns. It becomes
costly to the City to follow up on these complaints and
take the necessary action to get this nuisance abated.*

Please take pride in your property by keeping your lawn mowed.



Planning & Zoning Commission

Gary Neutzling, Chairman
Helen Summers
Rob Klockenkemper
Bob Reinagel
Joe Monteleone
Anthony Pousosa
Dave Van de Riet

Board of Adjustment

Gary Throm, Chairman
Bill Bader, Co-Chair
Ron Slattery
Leo Uebel
Jordan Krugman
Jim Kilper

City Hall Staff

Zella Pope, City Administrator/CC
Diane DeLonjay, Deputy City Clerk
Vickie Gamache, Utility Person

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St. Louis County
Councilman Steven V. Stenger
(314) 615-5442

State of Missouri
Governor Jay Nixon
(573) 751-3222

Senator Jim Lembke
(573) 751-2315

Representative Vicki Englund
(573) 751-4298

Congressman Russ Carnahan
(314) 225-2671

Property Maintenance Code

Checklist

As homes age, routine maintenance plays a vital role in maintaining property values. The following inspection checklist should help guide you through an evaluation of your property.

Exterior Property Areas

- Sanitation
 - Accumulation of litter, garbage or waste
- Grading/Drainage
 - Areas of erosion
 - Low areas allowing ponding of water
 - Discharging storm water on Public Right of Way or neighboring property
- Sidewalks/Driveways
 - Cracks
 - Broken areas
 - Uneven slabs, trip hazard
- Weeds
 - Excessive weed/tall grass growth
- Accessory Structures: fences, detached garages, sheds, retaining walls.
 - Structurally sound
 - Peeling or flaking paint
 - Good repair

Exterior of Structure

- Street Numbers
 - Visible from street
- Exterior—General
 - Peeling, flaking paint
 - Exterior finishes free from holes/breaks
 - Deterioration
- Foundation Walls
 - Cracks/breaks
 - Tuckpointing
- Windows and Doors
 - Glass free from cracks and breaks
 - Trim free of deterioration
 - Trim free of peeling and flaking paint
- Roofs
 - Loose shingles
 - Condition of roofing materials
 - Flashing
 - Fascia & soffits in good repair
- Drainage
 - Gutters and downspouts connected, secured and free of missing sections
 - Free from accumulation of leaves
 - Downspouts discharge not creating a problem on neighboring property

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS OF GREEN PARK'S "SPRING SENIOR BINGO"

A very special thanks and appreciation to the following businesses for their generous donations in providing lunch and prizes for the *Spring Senior Bingo*. Our residents really enjoy this event, but we could not do it without the kind and generous donations of our business community.

Thomas P. O'Driscoll, P.C.

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Green Park, MO 63123
(314) 894-4488

Suntrup Automotive Group

5926 South Lindbergh Blvd.
6000 South Lindbergh Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63123
(314) 892-2552

Gapsch's Carstar Collision Center

4709 Green Park Road
Green Park, MO 63123
(314) 894-2322

QuikTrip

6312 South Lindbergh Blvd.
Green Park, MO 63123

Packaging Concepts

9832 Evergreen Industrial Drive
Green Park, MO 63123
(314) 329-9700

Pooch Parlor

9975 Lin Ferry Road
Green Park, MO 63123
(314) 842-0030

The Sterling Company

Engineers & Surveyors
5055 New Baumgartner Road
St. Louis, MO 63129
(314) 487-0440

Hair Tailor's

Barbers/Stylists
9947 Lin Ferry
Green Park, MO 63123
(314) 843-0093

Sign-A-Rama

Jim Gleason
6256 Lemay Ferry Road
St. Louis, MO 63129
(314) 843-2225

Dalo Auto Glass Tinting & Accessories

9943 Lin Ferry
Green Park, MO 63123

Pasta House

6214 South Lindbergh Blvd.
Green Park, MO 63123
(314) 894-9161

Church's Chicken

5702 South Lindbergh
Green Park, MO 63123
(314) 849-1114

C&R Mechanical Company

12825 Pennridge Drive
Bridgeton, MO 63044
(314) 739-1800

Cunningham, Vogel & Rost

*Legal Counselors
to Local Government*
75 w. Lockwood, Suite One
St. Louis, MO 63119
(314) 446-0800

Please support our local businesses!

***To view photos taken at the "Spring Senior Bingo"
Visit www.cityofgreenpark.com and click on "Photo Album"***

***If your business would like to become our next luncheon sponsor
Or donate gift cards or prizes, please contact City Hall at
(314) 894-7336***

Any donation is greatly appreciated!



**SUMMER BBQ "SENIOR BINGO"
WEDNESDAY – JULY 28, 2010**



If you are a Green Park resident age 55 and over, please join us for an afternoon of fun at Green Park's **Summer BBQ Senior Bingo**. Barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers will be on the menu along with some picnic favorites. Everything is **FREE!** All you have to do is call City Hall to reserve a seat. However, due to seating capacity, we must limit reservations to the first 40 callers.

Call (314) 894-7336 today to make your reservation!

Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m. and bingo will begin at 12:30 p.m.



SAINT LOUIS COUNTY POLICE

A safe 4th of July holiday weekend for residents and visitors of St. Louis County is the goal for our Department. Firework violations will be the primary focus of patrol officers because of the preventable injuries that result every year from the illegal use of explosive devices. Summonses will be issued to anyone in possession of, using, or selling fireworks in St. Louis County.

The term 'fireworks' in the St. Louis County ordinance covers all combustible or explosives, including sparklers and magic snakes. Fines for the violations range from \$50 to \$1,000. Officers responding to the sights and sounds of fireworks discharges will issue summonses and seize remaining unexploded devices.

Thank you for your cooperation on making this a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend.

P.O. Shawn McGuire

LIGHTNING SAFETY

While many people think they are aware of the dangers of lightning, the vast majority are not. Lightning can strike as much as 10 miles away from the rain area of a thunderstorm; that's about the distance that you are able to hear the thunder from the storm. If you are outdoors, follow this advice:

- * Go quickly inside a completely enclosed building before the storm arrives. Do **not** go to a carport, open garage, covered patio or open window. A hard topped all metal vehicle also provides good protection.
- * If no shelter is available, do **not** take shelter under a tree. Avoid being the tallest object in the area. If only isolated trees are nearby, crouch down on the balls of your feet in the open, keeping twice as far away from a tree as it is tall.
- * Get out of the water, off the beach, and out of small boats or canoes. Avoid standing in puddles of water even if wearing rubber boots.
- * Do **not** use metal objects such as golf clubs, metal bats, fishing rods, or metal tools.
- * Stop tractor work and heavy construction equipment, especially when pulling metal equipment.

**Property Maintenance Code
Checklist**

Exterior of Structure-Continued

- Chimneys
 - Tuckpointing
 - Plumb
- Porches/Decks
 - Handrails and guardrails secure and in good repair
 - Stairways
 - Flooring
 - Structural members

Interior of Structure

- Structural Members
 - Structurally sound, free of deterioration
 - Excessive notching of joists
- Life Safety
 - Smoke detectors in sleeping areas and on each floor level in working order
- Interior Surfaces
 - Clean and sanitary conditions
 - Free of peeling paint
 - Free of cracked or loose plaster
 - Defective surfaces
- Sanitary
 - Free from any accumulation of rubbish or garbage
- Stairs, Railings, Handrails, Guardrails
 - Sound condition
 - Good repair
- Windows and Doors
 - Tight fitting, weatherproof
 - Easily opened
 - Hardware
- Heating Facilities
 - Capable of maintaining a room temperature of 65° F
 - Accumulation of debris around furnace
 - Flue properly installed and in good repair
- Electrical System
 - Adequately sized
 - Switched & Outlets—working order, cover plates
 - Lighting fixtures—working order, secure
 - Loose or frayed wires
 - Excessive use of extension cords
- Plumbing System
 - Plumbing fixtures—working order, free of obstructions and leaks, properly installed
 - Water heater properly installed and in working order
 - Sanitary drainage system in working order

SMARxT DISPOSAL™ OF UNUSED MEDICATIONS

If you do not use all of your prescribed or over-the-counter medication, you can take a few small steps to make an impact in safeguarding lives and protecting the environment by disposing of unused medicines properly:

- 1) **DO NOT FLUSH unused medications and DO NOT POUR them down a sink or drain.**

Traditional advice was to flush unused or expired medications down the toilet. That advice changed for almost all prescription medications. When you flush medications down the toilet or pour them down the drain, they flow through your community's sanitary sewer system to a wastewater treatment facility. Recent studies, using methods which detect low concentrations of compounds, show that municipal wastewater treatment facilities may not always successfully remove medications or their by-products. This treated wastewater is then released into local waterways where it may harm fish and wildlife.

- 2) **Be proactive and dispose of unused medication in household trash.** When discarding unused medications, ensure you protect children and pets from potentially negative effects:

- a) Pour medication into a sealable plastic bag. If medication is a solid (pill, liquid capsule, etc.), crush it or add water to dissolve it.
- b) Add kitty litter, sawdust, coffee grounds (or any material that mixes with the medication and makes it less appealing for pets and children to eat) to the plastic bag.
- c) Seal the plastic bag and put it in the trash.
- d) Remove and destroy ALL identifying personal information (prescription label) from all medication containers before recycling them or throwing them in the trash.

SMARxT Disposal™ is a unique public-private partnership between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the American Pharmacists Association, and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America.

FORECLOSURE EXPERTS ADVISE SAINT LOUIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

- A panel of local experts helped municipal officials and interested citizens understand the latest tools in dealing with foreclosures. Largely due to unemployment, foreclosures continue at an unacceptable level.
- The panel discussion, held at University of Missouri—St. Louis on June 9, was organized by Nina Kobakhidze, a practicum student from the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University.
- Officials from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, St. Louis County, and counseling agencies explained that there are increasingly more programs aimed at delaying foreclosure because of job losses, in hopes that the house payments can be refinanced as the economy recovers. UMMSL Professor Todd Swanstrom moderated the discussion.
- St. Louis County announced that it is expanding its rescue fund to serve consumers within municipal boundaries. Solutions to problem properties were also discussed.
- **All advised homeowners struggling to make mortgage payments should call 2-1-1 to be referred to legitimate, HUD-sponsored, local counseling agencies.**

DANGER

A few minutes in a hot car could kill your pet!

A pet should never be left unattended in a parked car when the outside temperature is over 70 degrees. A parked car quickly becomes unbearably hot inside within minutes, even with the windows left slightly open.

- In just 10 minutes, the temperature inside your car can reach **102 degrees or hotter.**
- In just 30 minutes, the temperature inside your car can reach **120 degrees or hotter.**
- **At 110 degrees, your pet may have just minutes to live!** Your pet will suffer heatstroke, leading to collapse, brain damage and an agonizing death! Allowing an animal to be harmed in this way is considered animal abuse. It is **ILLEGAL** and punishable by fines and imprisonment.

If you see an animal in distress or locked in a parked car, please call the Humane Society's rescue hotline at (314) 647-4400 and the St. Louis County Police

If your pet is overheated, take emergency action!

Put your pet into cold water or give a cold-water rubdown immediately to lower body temperature. Take your pet to a veterinarian for a thorough examination.

COMMUNITY ROOM RESERVATIONS

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| ◆ Birthdays Parties | ◆ Special Events | ◆ Showers |
| ◆ Anniversary Parties | ◆ Holiday Parties | ◆ Classes |
| ◆ Retirement Parties | | ◆ Seminars |

Our Community Room is a great place to hold meetings, conferences, seminars and more. The room can be set up as theater style seating or banquet style seating with a maximum of forty (40) people. Additional tables and chairs may be brought in to accommodate more seating. The maximum number of people allowed in the meeting room is seventy (70).

FEES:

Resident: \$15/hr*

Commercial Resident: \$20/hr*

*Two hour minimum with a \$200 refundable security deposit

HOURS:

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.**

Saturday & Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.**

**Uses are limited to those that will not impact and/or effect City Hall operations

Theater Style Seating



Banquet Style Seating



- Requests to reserve the Community Room shall be submitted a minimum of fourteen days in advance of the requested time and date.
- The Community Room may not be used for fundraising or promotional uses.
- No alcoholic beverages.
- No smoking.
- The City of Green Park has the right to refuse any Community Room reservation request.
- To make reservations or for additional information please contact City Hall at **(314) 894-7336**.

Calendar of Events

JULY

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| 5th..... | Holiday <i>(City Hall is Closed)</i> |
| 6th..... | Planning & Zoning Meeting at 7 p.m. |
| 19th..... | Board of Aldermen Meeting at 7 p.m. |
| 28th..... | Summer Barbecue Senior Bingo Luncheon @ 11:30 Bingo @ 12:30 p.m. |

AUGUST

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| 3rd..... | Planning & Zoning Meeting at 7 p.m. |
| 3rd..... | National Night Out |
| 16th..... | Board of Aldermen Meeting at 7 p.m. |

SEPTEMBER

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| 6th..... | Labor Day Holiday <i>(City Hall is Closed)</i> |
| 7th..... | Planning & Zoning Meeting at 7 p.m. |
| 20th..... | Board of Aldermen Meeting at 7 p.m. |

OCTOBER

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| 5th..... | Planning & Zoning Meeting at 7 p.m. |
| 18th..... | Board of Aldermen Meeting at 7 p.m. |

**HOUSING INSPECTIONS
&
OCCUPANCY PERMITS**

The Board of Aldermen passed an ordinance effective April 1, 2007 amending the zoning code for the City of Green Park. **Occupants of residential properties are required to have an occupancy permit.** Whenever the sale of a building results in a change in the occupant, or whenever premises are rented to an occupant, or whenever there is a change of use of the premises, the occupant is required to apply for a certificate of occupancy. An application for a certificate of occupancy may be obtained from the City of Green Park website or at City Hall. The City of Green Park has contracted with St. Louis County to perform these inspections. If occupancy changes and an occupancy permit has not been granted, the occupant and/or owner of the property is subject to penalties stated in the land use code.

POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT

For emergencies please call 911

St. Louis County Police Department.....889-2341
Mehlville Fire District.....894-0420

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 2009

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| General Ledger City funds: | |
| Receipts ending 12/31/09 | \$ 1,581,328 |
| Expenditures ending 12/31/09 | \$ 2,074,404 |
| Reserved for Capital Improvements..... | \$ 417,072 |
| FUND BALANCE | \$ 3,291,139 |

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