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# The City of Green Park Green Park News



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## *...NEWS UPDATE...*

### DEVELOPMENT IN GREEN PARK

#### **QuikTrip is nearing completion!!!**

The weather this winter has caused some delays in construction but they are going full force now. The anticipated opening will be around the middle of April.



#### **Golden Corral is on track!**

Project completion is set for April. 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. Golden Corral is currently accepting employment applications at the Holiday Inn on South Lindbergh.

### 2010 Street Replacement Project



The 2010 street replacement project for **ARCTIC** and **AMBUSH** has gone out for bid with the bid opening scheduled for Friday, April 2nd. Construction should begin shortly after a contract is awarded.

### Green Park Road Project Update

AmerenUE has begun their utility pole relocation process for the Green Park Road project. The City is waiting for the State to approve St. Louis County Parks' paperwork for the land swap which is necessary for the sidewalk to be located on the Clydesdale Park side of Green Park Road. The paperwork is now in Jefferson City to be finalized. Getting approval to use the strip of land along the park for the sidewalk has been a very slow process because of the federal regulations involved due to the County's use of federal funds when it purchased the property for the park years ago. The latest update with St. Louis County Parks is this approval process will take about 60 days. As soon as this is done the City will go out for bid. The project should begin in five to six months barring unforeseen issues to be addressed.



## City Meetings

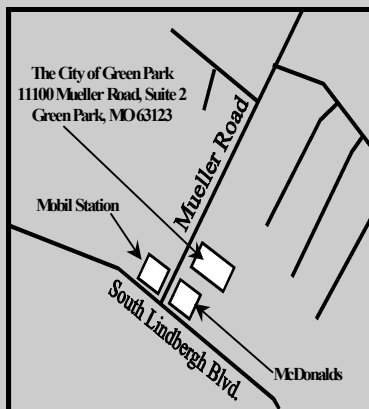
The regularly scheduled meeting for the **Board of Aldermen** is held on the **third Monday** of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Special Meetings and Town Hall meetings are scheduled as needed.

**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.*



## **THANKS TO ST. LOUIS HONDA**

A very special thanks and appreciation to **Dave Mungenast St. Louis Honda** for providing the wonderful lunch for our Senior Bingo on January 13th! **Shan Herwig**, St. Louis Honda's Business Development Manager, did a superb job in planning and catering all the delicious food. We had a packed house and everyone appreciated the generosity of St. Louis Honda.

St. Louis Honda is the #1 volume Honda dealer in Missouri for 15 consecutive years (as verified by American Honda 2009). They have expanded their business with their third location at 6160 South Lindbergh Boulevard in the City of Green Park. The City of Green Park warmly welcomes them to our community and wish them continued success.

## **NEXT "SENIOR BINGO" WEDNESDAY – APRIL 28, 2010**

Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m. and bingo will begin at 12:30 p.m. If you are a Green Park resident age 55 and over, please join us for an afternoon of fun and a chance to meet and greet your neighbors. You may even be lucky and win a prize! Everything is **FREE!** All you have to do is call City Hall to reserve a seat. Due to seating capacity, we must limit reservations to the first 40 callers.



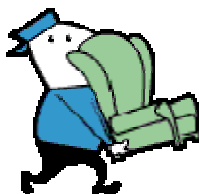
**Call (314) 894-7336 today to make your reservation!**

Visit our website at [www.cityofgreenpark.com](http://www.cityofgreenpark.com) to view photos from the January 13th Senior Bingo!

## **LARGE HOUSEHOLD ITEM PICK-UP THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2010**

The City of Green Park pays for pick-up of one (1) large household item for each resident two (2) times per year. The next large item pick-up is scheduled for Thursday, April 8th. Large item pick-up **excludes** white goods, e.g. refrigerators, freezers, etc. Each resident may place **one** large item to the curb and the haulers will remove it.

Now's your chance to get rid of that old, ugly, tattered sofa or chair, or that old television set that doesn't work!



If you're not sure whether the item you want picked up is included in this large item pick-up, please call American Eagle at (314) 631-8381.

**Mark your calendar — APRIL 8TH!**

**WINNERS OF  
“LIGHT UP GREEN PARK” HOLIDAY CONTEST**

The City of Green Park is pleased to announce the winners in the 2009 “Light Up Green Park” Holiday Contest:

	<u>1st Place</u>	<u>2nd Place</u>	<u>3rd Place</u>
<b>Ward 1</b>	9945 Slevin	11009 Hillhurst	10906 Suanis
<b>Ward 2</b>	9951 Alix	9508 Antigo	9600 Antigo
<b>Ward 3</b>	9218 Cedarberry Ct.	9373 Southtowne Farms	10941 Cedarberry Pl.

The above winners received some wonderful prizes made possible by the generous donations of our sponsors. We acknowledge and thank the following businesses for their kindness in supporting our events:

<b>Thomas P. O’Driscoll, P.C.</b>	<b>Lion’s Choice</b>	<b>The Cleaning Authority</b>
<b>Neighbors Credit Union</b>	<b>Steak-n-Shake</b>	<b>Wilson Manufacturing Co.</b>
<b>Gapsch Carstar Collision Ctr.</b>	<b>McDonald’s</b>	<b>R. V. Wagner, Inc.</b>

We also wish to thank **Shawn McGuire** and his fiancée (Jessie), Shan Herwig, and Mike Vonderheit for performing the difficult task of judging.

We hope our residents had the opportunity to see the winning designs. Let’s make 2010 even better. . .start your planning now!

**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  
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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

**NEW WEBSITE DESIGN**



We updated our website with a fresh new look, incorporated additional features, updated our photo albums, and kept it user-friendly. You’ll be able to click on the “Calendar” tab and see what events the city has planned. Then, by clicking on the event, you’ll be able to see the planned agenda. We have even included a “Meeting Archive” tab for purposes of viewing the Board of Aldermen meeting minutes from past meetings dating back to January of 2009.

One of the new features will be a directory of the businesses located in the City of Green Park. If you are a business, please visit our website and click on the “Businesses” tab to create your company’s listing. There is no fee to have your business listed on our website.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact City Hall at (314) 894-7336.

Visit our website at [www.cityofgreenpark.com](http://www.cityofgreenpark.com).

## 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



## **SAINT LOUIS COUNTY POLICE PROMOTIONS**

Saint Louis County Police Chief Tim Fitch announced the promotion of Lieutenant Michael Dierkes to the rank of Captain on Monday, January 25, 2010. Captain Michael Dierkes is a 22-year police veteran who has served in multiple divisions within the department including the South County and Affton Southwest Precincts, the Bureau of Drug Enforcement, the Tactical Operations Unit, the Bureau of Criminal Identification, the Bureau of Crimes Against Persons, and the Municipal Services Unit. Captain Dierkes has received over 70 awards, commendations, and letters of appreciation throughout his career with Saint Louis County Police.

Captain Dierkes will be assigned as the commander of the Affton Southwest Precinct effective Monday, February 15, 2010. He will replace the current commander, Captain Jon Belmar, who has served as commander of the Affton Southwest Precinct for the past 6 years. Captain Belmar will be assigned to the Special Operations Unit and serve as the commander of the Tactical Operations Unit.

We would like to welcome Captain Dierkes as the new commander of the Affton Southwest Precinct. We also congratulate Captain Belmar on his new assignment and thank him for his hard work and dedication over the past 6 years.

## **SAINT LOUIS COUNTY POLICE CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY**

The Affton/Southwest Precinct will be conducting another Citizens Police Academy that will begin in late March.

The Citizens Police Academy is a great opportunity to experience police work first-hand. During the Academy, citizens will get to interact with police officers in a classroom-type setting and will receive instruction on several different aspects of police work.

Several guest speakers from the department will be demonstrating and sharing details about their specific job in the department and what their duties entail on a day-to-day basis.

Graduates of the Academy have continued their "police experience" by assisting the St. Louis County Police during special events and participating in the "ride-a-long" program.

Don't miss your chance to experience the Academy! Due to high demand for attendance for the Academy, please sign up as soon as possible.

The Academy will be conducted on the following dates:

March 23rd	7—9:30 p.m.
March 30th	7—9:00 p.m.
April 3rd	9:00 a.m.—Noon
April 6th	7—9:00 p.m.

Contact PO's Funston, Roediger, or Sebek at **615-4266** for an application.

## **SAINT LOUIS COUNTY OLDER RESIDENT PROGRAMS ANNOUNCES HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANT**

The Saint Louis County Older Resident Programs (CORP) has announced a new program that may be of assistance to older residents in our community. They have received federal and state grants of funds made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The program is administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and titled the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP). The CORP allocation of these funds is designated for County residents **60 years of age or older**.

Because of the difficult economic situation of the past year or so, many households in our area are struggling financially. If financial difficulties threaten their housing or have caused them to lose their homes, these individuals or families could be eligible for this program.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- ◆ Person must be homeless or in imminent danger of becoming homeless.
- ◆ Person must be 60 years of age or older.
- ◆ Last permanent address must have been in St. Louis County.
- ◆ Person must be a citizen of the United States or be able to document lawful immigrant status.
- ◆ Gross income must be at or below 50% of Area Median Income (\$23,750 for one person, \$27,150 to two people).
- ◆ Person must be sustainable after grant assistance has ended. Basic income guideline for sustainability is 25% of Area Median Income (or half of the amounts above).

People who might be eligible for this funding should call **(314) 615-4516** for referral to a case manager.

## **FREE CFL RECYCLING FOR AMERENUE CUSTOMERS**

AmerenUE's Residential Energy Efficiency Department is launching a compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulb recycling program to make disposing of CFL bulbs easier for UE customers. The program offers residential customers a convenient no-cost way to safely dispose of used CFL bulbs.

Customers simply bring their used CFL bulbs to an AmerenUE authorized recycling location for disposal. Recycling centers will accept broken CFL bulbs if they are in Ziploc-style plastic bags.

More than 50 authorized CFL bulb recycling locations are available. UE has initially established recycling centers in Ace Hardware stores and in the City of St. Peters to provide this service throughout the UE territory. Additional sites, including retailers, municipalities and communities, will be added soon. UE has also partnered with Home Depot to be part of their existing recycling program.

To see a complete list of recycling locations and CFL programs, go to [UEfficiency.com](http://UEfficiency.com).

## **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

## APRIL 1ST UNITED STATES CENSUS DAY

The U.S. Census Bureau is issuing a call to action for every resident of our nation: **"BE COUNTED IN 2010"**

### *The Census: A Snapshot*

- ◆ **What:** The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.
- ◆ **Who:** All U.S. residents must be counted — people of all races and ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens.
- ◆ **When:** Census Day is April 1, 2010. Questionnaire responses should represent the household as it exists on this day. More detailed socioeconomic information will be collected annually from a small percentage of the population through the **American Community Survey**.
- ◆ **Why:** The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years. The census will show state population counts and determine representation in the U.S. House of Representatives. The accuracy and comprehensiveness of the citizen count is perhaps more important than ever. State officials explain the importance this way: *"Missouri is currently forecasted to retain all nine Congressional seats by a margin of 0.1% to 0.2% of total population. Missing an average of ten, 4-person households per county during the Census would completely erode our margin for retaining all nine Congressional seats at the 0.1% of total population margin."*

### *A Complete Count: The Importance of Census Data*

- ◆ Every year, the federal government can allocate more than \$400 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data.
- ◆ Census data guide planning for new hospitals, roads, job training centers, schools and more.
- ◆ Census data are used to determine the need for additional social services, block grants and other grant programs essential to many communities.
- ◆ Census data inform a diverse range of local initiatives, from justifying the need of an after-school program to designating urban revitalization areas.

### *2010 Census Questionnaire: Quick, Easy and Confidential*

- ◆ With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire is one of the shortest questionnaires in history and takes just 10 minutes to complete. (Forms will be mailed in March 2010.)
- ◆ By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's census questionnaire responses with anyone.

## **BECOME A SPONSOR**

**ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS / MANAGERS: We are in need of more sponsors!** We could not do the Senior Bingo luncheons or the Holiday Decorating Contest without the help and donations from our Green Park sponsors. We are proud and fortunate to have such generous business owners in our community. We hope more of our local businesses will see the value in giving back to the community that supports your business by being a sponsor.

The City needs sponsors to provide lunch for our Senior Bingo for approximately 46 people. If lunch is more than you are able to provide, then perhaps you could donate prizes. After all, what's bingo without prizes?! How about donating gift certificates to some of our local restaurants or fast food establishments? Green Park has plenty to choose from (Bartolino's, Casa Gallardo, Pasta House, Café Manhattan, Denny's, All American Sports Bar, Lion's Choice, McDonald's, Steak-n-Shake, Church's, Cecil Whitakers Pizza, etc.). Or maybe a gift certificate from a retailer or a service provider (i.e., Michael's, Shop-n-Save, Aldi Foods, Walgreens, a hair or nail salon, a florist, etc.).

Perhaps your company has promotional items with your corporate logo that you would care to donate? (i.e. Golf shirts, t-shirts, golf balls, coolers, mugs, key rings, tools, candy, popcorn, memo pads, etc.). It's a great way to advertise your company.

These are just a few ideas of how your business can participate in sponsoring our events. We have many more ideas! Just call and talk to the staff at City Hall and we'll be happy to help you.

**CONTACT CITY HALL AT (314) 894-7336**

**TO BECOME A SPONSOR**

## *For Your Safety. . .*

We have had recent reports from our residents and the St. Louis County Police that items have been stolen from automobiles left unlocked. The St. Louis County Police have already made arrests in this latest round of thefts.

**Please do not leave valuables in your vehicles and do not leave your vehicles unlocked.** When you leave valuables in unlocked vehicles, it is an invitation to thieves to take what they want. Always lock your vehicles. It is also a good idea not to leave your garage door opener in your vehicle.



**If property theft does occur, please notify St. Louis County Police immediately by calling the Affton Precinct at:**

**(314) 889-2341**

## COMMUNITY ROOM RESERVATIONS

- |                              |                          |                   |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| ◆ <b>Birthdays Parties</b>   | ◆ <b>Special Events</b>  | ◆ <b>Showers</b>  |
| ◆ <b>Anniversary Parties</b> | ◆ <b>Holiday Parties</b> | ◆ <b>Classes</b>  |
| ◆ <b>Retirement Parties</b>  |                          | ◆ <b>Seminars</b> |

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

### APRIL

1st.....U.S. Census Day  
6th.....Election Day  
7th\*.....Planning & Zoning Meeting at 7 p.m.  
8th.....Bulk Item Pick-Up  
19th.....Board of Aldermen Meeting at 7 p.m.  
28th.....Senior Bingo

### MAY

4th.....Planning & Zoning Meeting at 7 p.m.  
17th.....Board of Aldermen Meeting at 7 p.m.  
31st.....Memorial Day  
(City Hall is Closed)

### JUNE

1st.....Planning & Zoning Meeting at 7 p.m.  
21st.....Board of Aldermen Meeting at 7 p.m.

### JULY

5th.....Holiday  
(City Hall is Closed)  
6th.....Planning & Zoning Meeting at 7 p.m.  
19th.....Board of Aldermen Meeting at 7 p.m.

*\*NOTE: The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, April 7th, due to Election Day on Tuesday, April 6th.*

**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

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

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