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## FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

### GREEN PARK ROAD PROJECT UPDATE

The Green Park Road project has begun with the first phase of the utility relocations. This should be done by the end of July. The second phase of the grading, pavement and restoration will begin after the utility relocations are complete. The first section of this phase will start at Green Park Road and Lin Valle to Kohrs and should be completed by September. The second section will be Kohrs to Mueller with the third and final section from Mueller to Tesson Ferry. There are road closures along Green Park Road from the bridge to Tesson Ferry Road with the traffic available to local drivers only! Please use alternate routes if available.

### GREEN PARK ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT UPDATE

The bridge project has had delays with all the rain since the project began. It is anticipated the project will be completed by the end of July.

**There is a construction schedule posted on the city website ([cityofgreenpark.com](http://cityofgreenpark.com)). This is a tentative schedule and could change if there is bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances.**

### NEW ST. LOUIS COUNTY PROGRAM

St. Louis County has a new low-interest rate financing program for home owners in St. Louis County. The City of Green Park has signed an agreement with St. Louis County to make this available to the home owners in the city. The program is called "St. Louis County Saves". For more information contact Anne Klein, Director of Energy Sustainability, Office of County Executive, St. Louis County, Missouri, 314-332-2156 or the website at [info@stlouiscountysaves.com](mailto:info@stlouiscountysaves.com).

### Some information obtained from the website regarding the program:

- Make energy efficiency upgrades, including replacing HVAC and water heaters
- Interest rate fixed at 3.5% for unsecured personal loan; APR will vary based on 3% loan fee and term
- Owner-occupied, single family homes are eligible
- Borrower requirements set at FICO score >660; Debt-to-income ratio <45%
- Borrow \$2,500-\$15,000
- Combine with utility rebates and federal tax credit for more savings

St. Louis County Saves is dedicated to providing you with these benefits:

- Save money on rising energy cost
- Improve the comfort of your home
- Keep St. Louis County green and growing!

Zella Pope  
City Administrator/City Clerk

## City Meetings

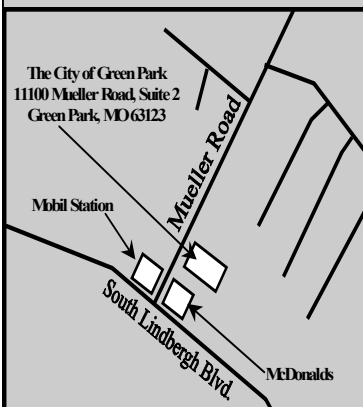
The regularly scheduled meeting for the **Board of Aldermen** is held on the **third Monday** of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Special Meetings and Town Hall meetings are scheduled as needed.

**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.*



## **A Few Summer Reminders...**



### **KEEP YOUR LAWN MOWED**

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**.

City Hall receives numerous complaints regarding residents not taking care of their lawn. When a complaint is received, it is investigated, and if warranted, a letter is sent to the resident giving them a comply by date.

If you would like to add yard waste to your solid waste services, it is available through American Eagle on a monthly basis. This is a separate fee that is paid for by the residents and you will be billed for this service by American Eagle at the monthly rate of \$9.00. If you are interested in adding yard waste, please call American Eagle at 314-631-8381.

### **DO NOT LEAVE PETS IN HOT CARS**

Please **do not leave pets unattended in hot cars.**

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**. Even on seemingly mild days, an enclosed car can be deadly. In a Stanford University study, when it was 72 degrees outside, a car's internal temperature climbed to 116 degrees within one hour. A parked car quickly becomes unbearably hot inside within minutes, even with the windows left slightly open. Studies show that cracking the windows has little effect on a car's internal temperature.



A dog's normal body temperature is between 101 to 102.5 degrees. Dogs are especially vulnerable to heat-related illness because they can only cool off by panting and through the pads in their feet. Exposure to excessive heat causes the body's cells to stop working properly and release deadly chemicals, which can lead to nerve damage, heart problems, liver damage, brain damage and even death. Essentially, all of the dog's organ systems shut down at once.

**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.**

### **\*\*\*\*\*NO FIREWORKS\*\*\*\*\***



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

To report illegal fireworks:

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

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2011

### *America's Night Out Against Crime*



The "28th Annual National Night Out" (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the *National Association of Town Watch (NATW)*, has been scheduled for **Tuesday, August 2.**

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups,

businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over 37 million people participated in National Night Out 2010.

#### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:**

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

*It's a great way to meet your neighbors, our St. Louis County Police and Mehlville Fire District. Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, August 2.***

### Planning & Zoning Commission

Gary Neutzling, Chairman  
 Bob Reinagel, Vice Chairman  
 Helen Summers, Secretary  
 Rob Klockenkemper  
 Anthony Pousosa  
 Dave Van de Riet  
 Vicki Gamache  
 Robert Nikolai

### 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  
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### County & State Representatives

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 Cloria Brown  
 (573) 751-3719

Congressman Russ Carnahan  
 (314) 962-1523

## **SUMMER BBQ SENIOR BINGO**

### **WEDNESDAY – JULY 20, 2011**



The City of Green Park will host a **SUMMER BBQ SENIOR BINGO** on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at City Hall. This event is open to our Green Park residents age 55 and over. There is no cost to our residents — it's absolutely **FREE!** Attendees receive a wonderful lunch and prizes are awarded to the winners.

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

*Attendance is by reservation only.*

For reservations call City Hall at:  
**(314) 894-7336**

**NOTE:** In order to be fair to everyone, we cannot take reservations for future bingo events until they are announced in our newsletter.

## HEAT STRESS PROTECT YOURSELF

When the body is unable to cool itself by sweating, several heat-induced illnesses such as heat stress or heat exhaustion and the more severe heat stroke can occur, and can result in death.

### Factors Leading to Heat Stress

High temperature and humidity; direct sun or heat; limited air movement; physical exertion; poor physical condition; some medicines; and inadequate tolerance for heat.

### Symptoms of Heat Exhaustion

- Headaches, dizziness, lightheadedness or fainting.
- Weakness and moist skin.
- Mood changes such as irritability or confusion.
- Upset stomach or vomiting.

### Preventing Heat Stress

- Know signs/symptoms of heat-related illnesses; monitor yourself and others.
- Block out direct sun or other heat sources.
- Use cooling fans/air-conditioning; rest regularly.
- Drink lots of water; about 1 cup every 15 minutes.
- Wear lightweight, light colored, loose-fitting clothes.
- Avoid alcohol, caffeinated drinks, or heavy meals.

### What to Do for Heat-Related Illness

- Call 911 at once.

While waiting for help to arrive:

- Move the person to a cool, shaded area.
- Loosen or remove heavy clothing.
- Provide cool drinking water.
- Fan and mist the person with water.

For more complete information:

OSHA  
U.S. Department of Labor  
[www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)  
(800) 321-OSHA

## SOLICITORS

After the long winter we've had, everyone is happy to see summer has finally arrived! However, with the nicer weather you're likely to see more solicitor activity in your neighborhood.

On September 20, 2010, the City of Green Park approved Ordinance 622 amending Chapter 620 of the Green Park Municipal Code pertaining to solicitation. All solicitors/peddlers or transient merchants doing business within the limits of the City must first register with the City Administrator for a license.

Included in the ordinance it states Solicitors/Peddlers or Transient Merchants must at all times display on their person in an obvious and observable manner a valid, current license issued by and on file with the City. Permits are valid for hours of operation only between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

If you are contacted by Solicitors/Peddlers or Transient Merchants who **DO NOT** have a permit issued by the City of Green Park, please contact St. Louis County Police **IMMEDIATELY** AT 615-4266 or call 911.

For residents who do not wish to be contacted by Solicitors/Peddlers or Transient Merchants, you should display a "NO SOLICITORS" sign on your premises.

The city has posted signs within the city limits stating a permit is required for Solicitors/Peddlers or Transient Merchants. All recognized charitable organizations or any other bona fide, non-profit, charitable, educational, political, social welfare or religious organization shall be exempt.

*You may view the entire ordinance on the city's website at [www.cityofgreenpark.com](http://www.cityofgreenpark.com) on the "home" page.*

## AIR QUALITY FORECAST INDICATORS

### GREEN

"Green" means that air pollution is not forecast to be a health problem.

### YELLOW

"Yellow" means very sensitive individuals and people with respiratory disease should limit prolonged exertion outdoors today.

### ORANGE

"Orange" means sensitive children and adults, and people with respiratory disease should limit prolonged, moderate exertion outdoors today.

### RED

"Red" means sensitive individuals and people with respiratory disease should avoid exertion outdoors. Others should limit prolonged or vigorous outdoor exercise today.

## COMMUNITY ROOM RESERVATIONS

- ◆ **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***

4th.....Independence Day  
*City Hall is Closed*

5th.....Planning & Zoning  
Meeting at 7 p.m.

18th.....Board of Aldermen  
Meeting at 7 p.m.

20th.....Senior Bingo  
Lunch at 11:30 a.m.  
Bingo at 12:30 p.m.

### ***AUGUST***

2nd.....National Night Out

9th.....Planning & Zoning  
Meeting at 7 p.m.

15th.....Board of Aldermen  
Meeting at 7 p.m.

### ***SEPTEMBER***

5th.....Labor Day  
*City Hall is Closed*

6th.....Planning & Zoning  
Meeting at 7 p.m.

19th.....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, 2010

General Ledger City funds:	
<b>Receipts ending 12/31/10</b> .....	\$ 1,250,413
<b>Expenditures ending 12/31/10</b> .....	\$ 1,212,592
Reserved for Capital Improvements.....	\$ 362,478
<b>FUND BALANCE</b> .....	<b>\$ 3,258,972</b>

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