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FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

Welcome Spring!!!

I think everyone is ready for spring. I know I am! It has been a very cold and snowy winter and I am looking forward to warm weather and sunshine. Along with the warm weather comes lawn and yard maintenance. 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.

Green Park Road Project Update

The Green Park Road project has officially begun!!!! The project will be done in two phases. The first phase which has started is the demolition of the three houses on the north side of Green Park Road by Tesson Ferry, followed by the installation of storm sewers and the utility relocations. This phase should be completed sometime in June, weather permitting. The second phase will include the construction of concrete curb and gutter as well as grading, pavement reconstruction and site restoration. If all goes well, the project should be completed by the end of November.

FOR RESIDENTS ALONG GREEN PARK ROAD IN THE CONSTRUCTION AREA: If someone in your home has a mobility disability, is handicapped, or has special needs, please contact City Hall so that accessibility arrangements may be made with the contractor during road construction.

Green Park Road Bridge Project Update

The bridge project has also begun in February. It has started with the relocation of a Laclede gas line. The temporary bypass road will be constructed mid-March and then the actual tear out and replacement of the bridge. The bridge should be reopened to traffic sometime in June, weather permitting.

There is a construction schedule for both projects posted on the city website (cityofgreenpark.com). This tentative schedule could change if there is bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

New Businesses Coming!!!

The city has approved plans for a Dairy Queen and a Fifth Third Bank that will be located next to Golden Corral on South Lindbergh. We look forward to having these two businesses in the City of Green Park.

Zella Pope
City Administrator/City Clerk

City Meetings

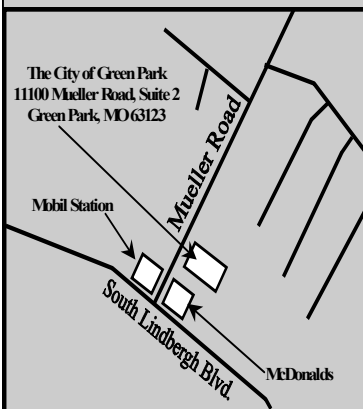
The regularly scheduled meeting for the **Board of Aldermen** is held on the **third Monday** of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Special Meetings and Town Hall meetings are scheduled as needed.

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.



SEWER LATERAL REPAIR PROGRAM

On April 6, 1999, the citizens of unincorporated St. Louis County voted YES on Proposition 1 on the St. Louis County Election ballot. Proposition 1—The Sewer Lateral Repair Program (SLRP) — covers the cost of repairing a defective residential sewer lateral in unincorporated St. Louis County and in some municipalities that contracted with the County. The City of Green Park contracts with St. Louis County so our homeowners are eligible for assistance from this program.

What costs does the program cover?

- The cost of the portion of the residential sewer lateral that runs from the foundation of a house to the sewer main.
- The cost of repairing the excavated yard area with seed and straw.
- The cost of repairing pavement areas, which have been disturbed during the repair process.

What costs are NOT covered by the program?

- The SLRP **does not cover** septic tank replacement or private treatment systems.
- The SLRP **does not cover** the cost to replace any trees, shrubs, flowers, sod, decks, decorative concrete, retaining walls or out buildings that may be affected during the repair of the sewer lateral

How does the program work?

STEP 1: When a backup/blockage occurs or a sinkhole is noticed, the property owner is required to hire a St. Louis County licensed plumber/drainlayer to have the sewer lateral cabled in an attempt to clear the blockage. If the problem is not resolved by cabling, the property owner should proceed to *Step 2*.

STEP 2: The property owner should contact the SLRP at **(314) 615-8427** for information on the program and to request an application. Applications are available at any Department of Public Works office, by mail or fax. In addition, most plumbing/drainlaying contractors have the applications available. Once the application has been received, the application must be completed by the property owner, adjacent property owner (if necessary), as well as by a St. Louis County licensed plumber/drainlayer.

STEP 3: The completed application, along with a video of the inside of the sewer lateral (performed by a St. Louis County licensed plumber/drainlayer), should be sent to the SLRP office for review. The location of the defective sewer lateral on the property should be clearly marked by the plumber/drainlayer, with paint, stakes and/or flags.

The following actions will take place when an application is received:

1. The SLRP staff will notify the applicant when their application is received and verify the applicant's \$50.00 annual Sewer Lateral Repair fee has been paid. This fee is included in real estate tax bills issued to residents of Green Park.
2. The Department of Public Works will solicit at least three (3) bids from the SLRP qualified contractor's "Repair List" to perform the repair.
3. After a contract has been awarded, the applicant will be notified by the SLRP office and informed of the name of the contractor who will be making the repair.
4. Inspections will be made by all relevant agencies.
5. After the repair has been completed, the contractor will submit an invoice to the Department of Public Works.
6. Upon approval of the final inspection of the repair and the receipt of all required documentation, St. Louis County will pay the contractor.

What if I need an emergency repair?

In those cases where an emergency repair of a residential sewer lateral is necessary, either the property owner or a licensed St. Louis County plumber/drainlayer is required to call the SLRP at **(314) 615-8427**. This number is monitored for assistance at all times. The SLRP personnel will attempt to expedite the repair in order to relieve the immediate health hazard.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

◆ ***CURFEW***

It is unlawful for any minor to loiter, idle, wander, stroll or drive or ride in an automobile, or play in or upon the public streets, highways, roads, alleys, parks, playgrounds, wharves, docks, or other public grounds, public places and public buildings, places of amusement and entertainment, vacant lots or other unsupervised places, between the hours of **11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.** of the following day, except on Fridays and Saturdays, when the hours shall be **12:00 Midnight to 6:00 a.m.**, official City time, except when the minor is accompanied by his/her parent or where the minor is upon an emergency errand or legitimate business directed by his/her parent.

◆ ***COVERED WASTE CONTAINERS***

Solid waste from residential premises shall be deposited and stored in residential solid waste containers. Such containers shall not be filled in excess of fifty (50) pounds and shall be **covered with a fly-tight lid at all times** except when depositing waste therein or removing waste there from and shall be **leakproof**. Certain non-putrescible solid wastes generated on residential premises such as small appliances, small furniture and small rugs, homeowner's construction debris from home repair and minor remodeling not to exceed two (2) trash cans per pickup, but excluding hazardous waste, special waste (except as defined herein), tires and car parts, may be set out with, but not in, the solid waste container if the item(s) will not easily fit into the solid waste container; provided that the owner of the premises takes care that the **items are kept from blowing, spilling or otherwise being scattered**.



◆ ***STORAGE AND PLACEMENT OF WASTE CONTAINERS, RECYCLABLE WASTE AND YARD WASTE***

Residential solid waste containers, recyclable waste and yard waste containers shall be stored in a place not visible from the street which the residential structure faces. Containers and bundles of yard waste shall be placed at the curb or street frontage not more than twelve (12) hours prior to the regularly scheduled collection day. Waste containers shall be returned to their appropriate storage places no later than 12:00 Midnight on the day of collection.

◆ ***ACCESSORY STRUCTURES (i.e. sheds, detached garages, etc.)***

No freestanding structure that is accessory to a single-family dwelling shall exceed 144 square feet in gross floor area (GFA) and 14 feet in height, except for detached private garages which shall have a maximum GFA of 650 square feet and shall not be greater in height than the primary structure and in no case greater than one story in height. No lot having a single-family dwelling with an attached garage shall be permitted a detached private garage as an accessory structure.



Planning & Zoning Commission

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(314) 615-5442

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(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



SAINT LOUIS COUNTY POLICE

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

The Affton/Southwest Precinct is now enrolling interested citizens for the next Citizen's Police Academy. This Citizen's Police Academy is a great opportunity for members of the community to become more aware with roles and responsibilities of the St. Louis County Police Department. Participants leave this training with a greater understanding of the police mission and with increased ability to see how the St. Louis County Police serves the community.

If interested, contact P.O. Funston or P.O. Roediger on how to receive an Academy Registration Form. The dates for the Academy are as follows:

March 24, 2011	7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.	Grace Union Church 3900 Union, 63125
March 31, 2011	7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	CMPA 1266 Sutter Ave, 63133
April 9, 2011	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Antire Firing Range
April 14, 2011	7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Grace Union Church 3900 Union, 63125

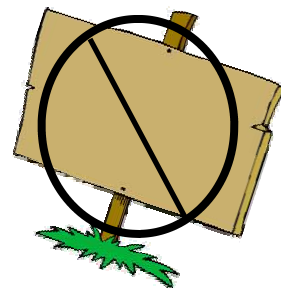
P.O. Shawn McGuire, DSN 3645
St. Louis County Police Department

SIGNS IN CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY PROHIBITED

The City has seen an increasing problem with numerous temporary signs being posted on right-of-way property throughout the City of Green Park. This includes, but is not limited to, real estate signs, job ads, garage sales, etc. Often times these signs are then never removed. It is a violation of our Green Park City Code to post signs in the right-of-way.

Per *City Code Section 415.080, Sign Regulations for Residential Districts*, **temporary signs may not be posted closer than two feet from the right-of-way.** The right-of-way includes that area **twelve feet** from the street curb.

The City will remove any signs located in the right-of-way.



LIGHT UP GREEN PARK CONTEST WINNERS



9373 Southtowne Farms (*First Place—Ward 3*)

It was another year of wonderful holiday displays in the City of Green Park. Every street you drove down during this holiday season you could see the scattered glow of holiday lights.

This year the City appointed St. Louis County Officer Shawn McGuire to judge the competition. Designs were judged on elements such as elaboration, creativity, complexity, use of lights and overall impression.

Congratulations to the following First, Second and Third Place winners from each ward:

	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE
WARD 1	9945 Slevin	10906 Suanis Ct.	9806 Colchis
WARD 2	9600 Antigo	9551 Alix	9508 Antigo
WARD 3	9373 Southtowne Farms	9218 Cedarberry Ct.	10941 Cedarberry Pl.

Winners received cash, gift certificates and merchandise made possible through the generous donations of the following local businesses:

THOMAS P. O'DRISCOLL, P.C.
AMERICAN EAGLE WASTE
GAPSCH CARSTAR COLLISION CENTER
HOCHSCHILD BLOOM & CO., LLP
WILSON MANUFACTURING
THE PASTA HOUSE COMPANY
NEIGHBORS CREDIT UNION
WEIS DESIGN GROUP
CUNNINGHAM, VOGEL & ROST, P.C.
QUIK TRIP CORPORATION
THE CLEANING AUTHORITY
PAYKEN CONSULTING, LLC
REAL MEX RESTAURANTS (CASA GALLARDO)
LION'S CHOICE
BUDROVICH
R. V. WAGNER, INC.
WALGREENS

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

WATERSENSE: MAKING EVERY DROP COUNT

You can save water and energy, help the environment and keep money in your pocket with a few changes to use water more efficiently.

WaterSense — an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) program that seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply — estimates the average American household spends up to \$500 per year on water and sewer bills. A few easy changes could save you about \$170 per year.

One of the easiest ways to save water is to install water-efficient products. The EPA WaterSense label helps you select water-efficient faucets, showerheads and toilets that are independently certified to use at least 20 percent less water and perform as well as, or better than, less efficient products.

WaterSense offers the following facts and simple steps to help you start saving water today. It's as easy as *check, twist and replace*.

- **Check** for leaks. A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons of water a day. To check if your toilet has a leak, place a drop of food coloring in the tank and wait 10 minutes. If the color shows in the bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing the leak may be as simple as replacing the toilet's flapper.
- **Twist** on a WaterSense-labeled bathroom faucet aerator to use 30 percent less water without a noticeable difference in flow.
- **Replace** a showerhead with a WaterSense-labeled model that uses 20 percent less water, but provides strong flow and spray. In a year, you could save more than 2,300 gallons and up to 300 kilowatt hours on water heating. If every U.S. household installed WaterSense showerheads, in one year we could save over 250 billion gallons of water and about \$2.5 billion in energy costs for heating the water.

Benefits of Water Efficiency:

- **Save money.** If every household installed WaterSense faucets, showerheads and toilets, the country would save more than 3 trillion gallons of water and more than \$18 billion dollars a year by reducing the need for costly water infrastructure and treatment plants.
- **Save energy.** It takes energy to heat water; it also takes a lot of energy to treat and deliver water for U.S. households, enough electricity to power more than 5 million homes for a year.
- **Help the environment.** If one in every 100 American homes replaced old fixtures with ones that were energy efficient, savings of 100 million kilowatt hours of electricity per year would save 80,000 tons of greenhouse gases, equivalent to removing 15,000 cars from the road for a year.

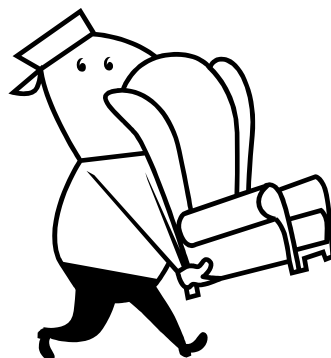
Visit: www.epa.gov/WaterSense/calculate_your_water_savings.html

LARGE HOUSEHOLD ITEM PICK-UP THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2011

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 7th.

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. 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.

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



All items to be picked up must remain stored indoors until twelve (12) hours before the scheduled pick-up date. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Mark your calendar — **APRIL 7th!**

The next large item pick-up is scheduled for December 8, 2011.

SPRING SENIOR BINGO WEDNESDAY — APRIL 20, 2011



The City of Green Park will host a **SPRING SENIOR BINGO** on Wednesday, April 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.

Due to the cancellation of our February 9th Valentine Senior Bingo, the residents who had made reservations for that date were contacted by City Hall staff and were confirmed to attend the Spring Senior Bingo. Therefore, our April 20th bingo is already filled to capacity. If we receive any cancellations and you want to be put on a "waiting list," please call City Hall at **(314) 894-7336**.



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

If you need to cancel your reservation, please call City Hall at

(314) 894-7336

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

MARCH

21st.....Board of Aldermen
Meeting at 7 p.m.

APRIL

5th.....Election Day

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

7th.....Bulk Item Pick-Up

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

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

24th.....Easter Sunday

MAY

3rd.....Planning & Zoning
Meeting at 7 p.m.

16th.....Board of Aldermen
Meeting at 7 p.m.

30th.....Memorial Day
City Hall Closed

JUNE

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

20th.....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:	
Receipts ending 12/31/10	\$ 1,250,413
Expenditures ending 12/31/10	\$ 1,212,592
Reserved for Capital Improvements.....	\$ 362,478
FUND BALANCE	\$ 3,258,972

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