



CITY OF WELDON SPRING
5401 INDEPENDENCE ROAD
WELDON SPRING, MO 63304

WELDON SPRING

SUMMER NEWSLETTER JUNE – AUGUST 2018

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Mayor's Message

Residents,

The Summer is upon us. As the smell of fresh-cut grass fills the air, we can get excited about the events this season brings. I enjoyed Kids' Fishing Day and am looking forward to the return of our grand Independence Day Celebration.

Kids' Fishing Day was held on Saturday, June 9th at the City Park Lake. The event was open to the entire community. This year the Community Emergency Response Team or CERT helped out at the event and had many useful tips for keeping you and your family safe during a disaster. If you missed it this year feel free to come by and fish the City's well stocked lake.

It is my great pleasure to announce that the Independence Day Celebration will be held on Wednesday, July 4th. The City is happy to be able to bring this family-friendly event back after last year's was rescheduled for a Fall Festival due to the Independence Road construction.

Be sure to mark you calendars and save the date for this year's Senior Citizen Day on Friday, October 12th.

Back in March, the City's Board of Aldermen voted to place a use tax, "Prop-U," an initiative on the August 7, 2018 Ballot. Weldon Spring is working in conjunction with many of the other St. Charles County cities who currently do not have a use tax adopted yet. Information regarding "Prop-U" can be found on page 6. It clearly explains what a use tax is, how it affects the community and other relevant details regarding this ballot initiative.

It has been a couple of months since the Municipal Election, but I would like to congratulate Andy Clutter, Ward 1, Don



Schwaab, Ward 2, and Phil Martiszus, Ward 3 on their successful election to serve on the Board of Aldermen for the City. I know they will work hard to represent the needs and desires of our community. I would also like to thank Bill Kohrs, Ward 3 and Bruce Robb, Ward 1 for their long and dedicated service on the Board of Aldermen working to better our community. Thank you to all who voted in the April 3rd election.

Sincerely,

Donald D. Licklider
Mayor

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IMPORTANT DATES:

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION:
JULY 4, 5:30 PM– 10:30 PM

SENIOR CITIZEN APPRECIATION DAY:
OCTOBER 12, 3:00 PM–6:00 PM

MUNICIPAL COURT:
1ST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT
6:00 PM AT CITY HALL

BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETINGS:
2ND TUESDAY & 4TH THURSDAY OF
EACH MONTH AT 7:30 PM AT CITY HALL
(EXCEPT IN NOV. & DEC. ONLY THE
2ND TUESDAY OF THOSE MONTHS)

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:
1ST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30
PM AT CITY HALL

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION:
3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT
7:30 PM AT CITY HALL

2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

The following are the Official, Certified Results from the April 3rd, 2018 General Municipal Election:

Aldermen Ward I – 2 Year Term:

Anderson Clutter – 299

Aldermen Ward II – 2 Year Term:

Donald Schwaab – 345

Victor Conlin – 86

Aldermen Ward III – 2 Year Term:

Phil Martiszus– 252

Deronnda “Ronnie” Griesenauer - 134

WELDON SPRING BOARD OF ALDERMEN

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JKOLB@WELDONSPRING.ORG

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ORDINANCES RECENTLY APPROVED BY YOUR ALDERMEN

Below is a list of pertinent ordinances that the Board of Aldermen passed since the last Newsletter. If you would like additional information on any of the ordinances, please feel free to contact our City Clerk at (636) 441-2110 ext.103 or mkwiatkowski@weldonspring.org.

- 18-01 – An Ordinance establishing the order of the names on the ballots for election of Alderman and directing the City Clerk to submit the legal notice for publication and form of ballot to the County Election Authority for the April 3rd, 2018 regular Municipal Election.
- 18-02 – An Ordinance vacating certain portions of a sidewalk within the Camelot Subdivision.
- 18-03 – An Ordinance authorizing and directing the submission of a ballot proposition to the qualified voters of the City of Weldon Spring, to consider imposing a local Use Tax at the same rate as the local Sales Tax for the purchases from out-of-state vendors that exceed a total of two thousand dollars in a year.

City of Weldon Spring, Missouri
Unaudited Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
and Indebtedness
For the Six Months Ended March 31, 2018

	General Fund	Municipal Building and Park Fund	State Revenue Sharing and Road Funds	Sewer Escrow & Maintenance Funds	Total
Revenues:					
Franchise Fees	\$221,698				\$221,698
Licenses and Permits	\$36,664				\$36,664
Court Fines and Fees	\$24,691		\$476		\$25,167
Local Sales Tax		\$154,360			\$154,360
Metro Park District Tax		\$9,987			\$9,987
Motor Vehicle Sales and Fees			\$107,038		\$107,038
Federal Road Grants			\$176,657		\$176,657
St. Charles County Road Grants			\$212,489		\$212,489
Sewer Assessments and Fees				\$48,445	\$48,445
Other (Includes Interest)	\$16,242	\$10,820	\$0	\$653	\$27,716
Transfer From Cash Reserves			\$0		\$0
Total Revenues	\$299,294	\$175,167	\$496,660	\$49,099	\$1,020,221
Expenditures:					
Personnel Services	\$135,994	\$32,523			\$168,518
Professional Services	\$43,087		\$3,875		\$46,962
Operating Expenses	\$46,736	\$39,463	\$1,694	\$40	\$87,934
Law Enforcement			\$218,480		\$218,480
Debt Service				\$35,504	\$35,504
Capital Improvements	\$7,624	\$3,626			\$11,250
Accounts Receivable - Rd Expend			\$662,184		\$662,184
Capital - City Streets			\$38,790		\$38,790
Funding from Cash Reserves	\$0				\$0
Total Expenditures	\$233,441	\$75,613	\$925,024	\$35,544	\$1,269,622
Total Revenues Less Expenditures	\$65,853	\$99,554	-\$428,364	\$13,556	-\$249,401
INDEBTEDNESS					
Neighborhood Improvement District Bond Issue bearing interest at 3.00% per annum; principle payment of \$70,000 plus interest payable annually; due July 1, 2018, outstanding March 31, 2018					\$105,000

*The Law Enforcement cost (police service) is paid annually in January.
**A portion of the Road Expenditures will be reimbursed through Federal and County Grants

Public Safety in Your Neighborhood & Around Town

The number one complaint which City Hall receives is for speeding, followed by stop signs being rolled or ignored. These streets are most familiar to us, and we cannot that take for granted. Anything can happen within a split second, and an accident can have consequences that last a lifetime.

If you witness speeding or other traffic violations occurring around town do not hesitate to contact City Hall to request additional police patrol and enforcement. Stop sign, speed limit and other traffic control signage is covered by the City of Weldon Spring ordinances and tickets/citations can only be issued by an authorized police agency on behalf of the City of Weldon Spring.

City Hall can help coordinate with the St. Charles County Police Dept. to ensure that your concerns are followed up on and that an appropriate response can be formulated. The primary goals is to help keep the community safe. You can call or submit a concern via our website under “Report a Concern.”

Weldon Spring contracts with the St. Charles County Police Department for police services. They provide dedicated police patrol daily and provide 24/7 emergency response. The coverage includes the entire city limits, both public and private streets. If you have an emergency always call 911; for non-emergencies or to request an officer to be dispatch to your location you may call (636) 949-3000 and dial 1 to reach the Dispatchers.

Together we can all work towards doing our part to help keep and make our community a safer place to live, work and play. And remember, never TEXT and DRIVE. A distracted driver is a dangerous driver!

PROP U



USE TAX MEANS:

- SAME TAX RATE
- NO DOUBLE TAX

OUT-OF-STATE VENDORS



- Weldon Spring Stores
- 1/2% Paid Currently

- Catalogues
- Online Stores (Items shipped to MO)
- 1/2% Proposed with Prop U

Weldon Spring residents will have an opportunity to vote on Proposition U on the August 7th ballot. Prop U would approve a "Use Tax" on the purchase of goods from out-of-state vendors. The funds generated would go towards Public Safety.

What is a Use Tax? In the simplest terms, a Use Tax is a Sales Tax applied to the purchase of goods by Missouri residents and businesses from out-of-state vendors. The amount of Use Tax due on a purchase is equal to the Sales Tax rate in effect at the point of delivery. For Weldon Spring the Sales Tax rate is ½% so the Use Tax would also be ½%. A Sales Tax is collected at the "point-of-sale" and a Use Tax is collected based upon the "point-of-delivery".

- It is important to note that a use tax is not double tax. If sales tax applies to the purchase in another state, purchaser will not pay a use tax.
- It is primarily a business tax, but there are cases where it may apply to individuals. Missouri State Law says that when individuals make more than \$2,000 in purchases from out of state that the individual must pay a Use Tax by declaring those purchases on their annual tax returns.

Is this a new tax? Weldon Spring businesses and residents already pay a Use Tax to the State and St. Charles County, so this is nothing new. The only entity who does not receive the Use Tax is the City of Weldon Spring. Currently, local businesses and residents can go out of state and save money by not paying the Weldon Spring's portion of the City Sales Tax. In Missouri alone, more than 105 cities with a population of higher than 2,000 already have a Use Tax, and 45 of the 50 states also have a Use Tax on the books.

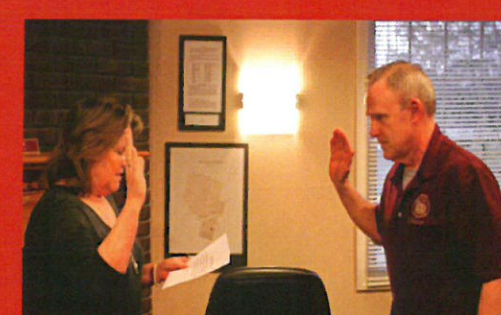
How will the Use Tax be used? According to the Missouri Municipal League, passage of Prop U could bring in an estimated revenue \$28,500 annually to the City of Weldon Spring. The Board of Aldermen has determined that additional funds from Prop U will go towards public safety: roadway maintenance/improvements and for policing services/protection. Learn more at www.weldonspring.org or contact City Hall.

This document was prepared and paid for by the City of Weldon Spring, Donald Licklider, Mayor; 5401 Independence Rd., Weldon Spring, MO 63304 solely to educate and inform residents about questions that may be presented at the polls. It is NOT intended to advocate, support or oppose the passage or defeat of any measure or candidate. Each voter should vote based on his or her own judgement.

Welcome to our new Aldermen

And thank you to our former ones.

Your Alderman work hard to represent their wards in city matters. They care for the great community that is Weldon Spring. Welcome in Alderman Clutter, Alderman Martiszus, and Alderman Schwaab for another term. Also the City expresses its gratitude to Bill Kohrs and Bruce Robb for their years of service as Aldermen.



Summer Storm Water Update

Clean Water is Essential for a Clean Environment

Making a few changes in our daily lives can significantly reduce the number of pollutants we contribute to stormwater runoff.

Consider adding a rain garden or rain barrels to your summer yard projects. Planting native trees, shrubs, and ornamentals will increase the green space on your property and help retain stormwater runoff.

Use fertilizers and pesticides per the manufacturer's recommendations. Dispose of debris properly.

When draining a pool be sure to check that the discharge water has a PH in the range between 6.5 and 8.5, this will ensure that the backwash does not cause any problems.

If you have a septic tank, you should check it at least once a year.

Clean up after pets and dispose of the waste properly.

If you see any suspicious dumping of solids, liquids or debris into the storm sewers or waterways within city limits, contact either:

Frank Godwin
Storm Water Manager
636-441-2110 ext. 110
fgodwin@weldonspring.org

Mark Rockamann
Code Enforcement Inspector
636-441-2110 ext. 107
mrockamann@weldonspring.org

Please check out our City of Weldon Spring website at www.weldonspring.org for more tips and information. Or check out www.dnr.mo.gov for more information.

In the City Park:

Kids' Fishing Day 2018

On June 9th the City hosted it's 19th Annual Kids' Fishing Day at the City Park. The event was free to attend and there were lot of exciting moments! The City's lake was stocked and the fish were biting. During the weekend of June 9th - 10th any person could fish state waters without an MDC fishing permit, trout permit, and prescribed area daily tag.

There was free food and drinks, as well as other fun gifts provided to those in attendance. Weldon Spring C.E.R.T. was also at the event this year and they lended a hand. Our local Cottleville Community Fire District and St. Charles Ambulance District joined us for the event too. Visit Weldon Spring CERT on Facebook or contact the Team Coordinator, Dana Puckett by email for information about the CERT program and how to get involved.

We were happy to see so many familiar faces both young and old bring their fishing gear, lawn chairs and lucky fishing hats and join us for this family-friendly event. And for the less prepared worms were provided and we even had extra fishing poles to loan out so there was no excuse not to cast a line and test the waters. If you missed this year's event be sure to catch us next year on the 2nd weekend of June.

Independence Day Celebration 2018

The City of Weldon Spring's Annual Independence Day Celebration will be on Wednesday, July 4th beginning at 5:30 pm and running until the conclusion of the fireworks display. Many of the same events and activities are planned for this year's Celebration. Once again, you can look forward to inflatables/bounce houses for the kids, balloon sculptures, face painting and a fantastic magic show. And, of course, the kids all love Cindy's Petting Zoo. We know you'll enjoy the scents, sounds and atmosphere at this family friendly event. Admission, events, and entertainment are all free, brought to you courtesy of the City of Weldon Spring.

The 4th of July food vendors will be on hand selling delicious eats and treats. There will be new food options as well as some returning favorites. Be sure to bring a blanket and/or lawn chairs so you can stake out the perfect spot to view the breathtaking fireworks display, which promises to be even bigger and brighter then last year's Fall Festival.

Event volunteers are always needed. Contact City Hall to inquire how you can get involved, call (636) 441-2110. We look forward to seeing you on the 4th of July and celebrating our Country's Independence with us!



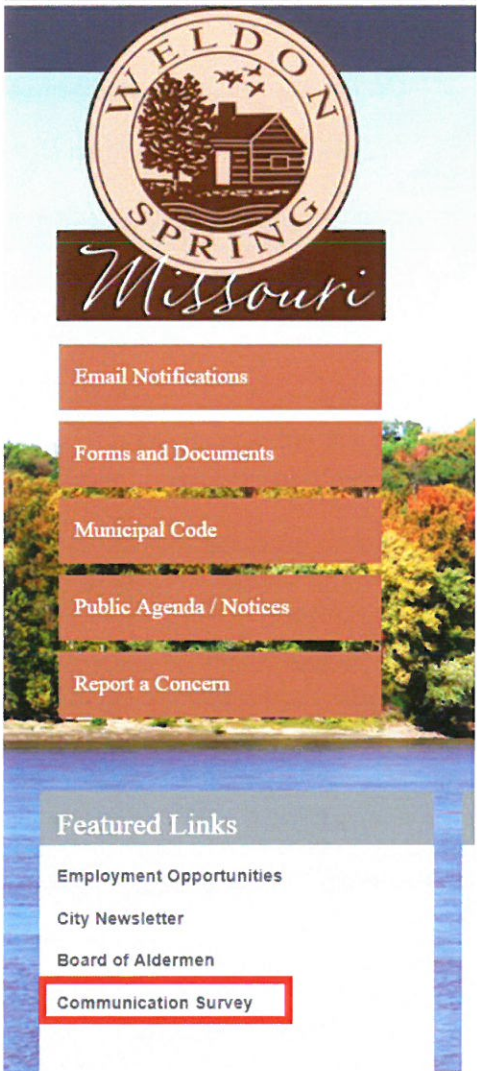
Thinking of doing your own fireworks for the 4th?

Section 620.040: Unlawful Discharge of Fireworks – *The discharge of fireworks within the city limits shall be limited to the second day of July through the sixth day of July of the same year, between the hours of 12:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M. only, unless authorized by City permit. Persons fifteen (15) years of age and younger shall not discharge fireworks except under the supervision of an adult. Supervision shall be adequate where the adult is within sight and sound of the minor during discharge of the fireworks.*

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Have You taken our Communication Survey?

The City is conducting a Survey to gage public opinion of our communication efforts. It is a simple survey that only takes a few minutes of your time. Thank you in advance for your participation and opinions. Go to www.weldonspring.org under *Featured Links* on the home page to reach the Communication Survey.



Volunteer Opportunities:

The City has a variety of ways residents can volunteer. Candidates will need to fill out the Volunteer Application form, available online.

4th of July Support Volunteers:

We need volunteers to help with activities, bounce-houses, directing traffic and more. Please call City Hall (636) 441-2110 to find out how you can help.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

The Committee was created to study and make plans and recommendations for parks and recreation programs.

Planning & Zoning Commission

Reviews applications for new projects and make recommendations to the Board of Aldermen.

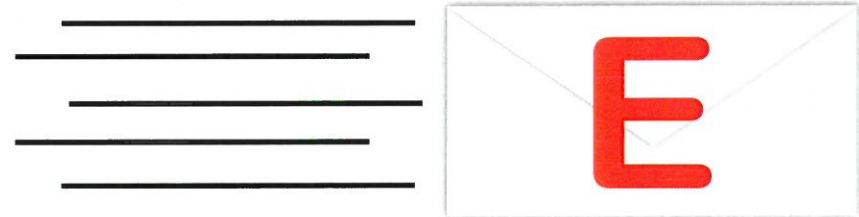
Architectural Review Committee

Reviews building plans to ensure they meet building aesthetic guidelines in Municipal Code.

Board of Adjustment

Appeals board in the enforcement of Zoning Regulation.

Stay in the loop & Sign Up for City E-mail Notifications



The City of Weldon Spring's website features an option to sign up for informational "Email Notifications". This is a quick and easy way to receive information from the city on a multitude of subjects. It will provide subscribers with up-to-date information regarding city news, projects, events, and other city/county related items. Please go to weldonspring.org/notify.aspx for the latest on what is happening around town.