

WELDON SPRING

WINTER NEWSLETTER DECEMBER – FEBRUARY

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Mayor's Message

Fall is one of my favorite times of year and though the temperatures seemed to drop much faster than normal we were again able to enjoy many of the seasons' favorites: such as our own Senior Citizen Appreciation Day, Halloween with children "Trick or Treating" and let's not forget the changing of colors on the trees. You'll find within the pages of our Winter Newsletter a look back at many of last season's activities and items taking place with the City as well as those to look forward to in the coming months.

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the passing of one of our community's founding "Mothers," Dorothy J. Moore. She passed away on October 17th, 2018 at the age of 97. Mrs. Moore was instrumental in the City's formation in 1984 which was initially incorporated as a Village. She was selected as the first President of the Board of Trustees which for a Village is essentially the same as the Mayor. Mrs. Moore remained active in the community and still drove up until the final year of her life. I can remember her pulling me aside after a meeting when I was first elected Mayor. She told me, 'Don, just remember, they aren't making any more land, so you don't have to accept the first proposal a developer gives the City.' Those words of wisdom stuck with me and still ring true today. Let us pause and mourn the life of one of the truly dedicated and instrumental women that helped shape Weldon Spring into the thriving and upscale community that it is today. You will be missed, Mrs. Moore...

Many new changes are on the horizon for the City as well. Our City Clerk, Melinda "Moe" Kwiatkowski, will be fully retiring after 19 years of service. We are sad to see her go as she has provided a wealth of knowledge and experience to the community and has helped many residents, businesses and elected officials navigate the local government waters over her long tenure with the City. We will be announcing her replacement in the months to come. Additionally, the City will



be searching to fill a new full-time position which will focus on community engagement and improving communications with the public. Look for this and other job postings and announcements on the City's website soon.

In closing, I'd like to wish a very Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and send out Seasons Greetings to all, may you and your family have a very happy, healthy and prosperous Holiday season.

Sincerely,

Don Licklider
Mayor of Weldon Spring

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IMPORTANT DATES:

BI - CITY HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE COMPETITION:
NOW - JANUARY 4TH

TROOP #353 HOLIDAY TREE SALES:
LATE NOVEMBER UNTIL SOLD OUT

SANTA'S VISIT TO WELDON SPRING:
DECEMBER 1ST, 2:00 - 4:00 PM

HOLIDAY COLORING CONTEST:
ENDS DECEMBER 18TH

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

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

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ORDINANCES RECENTLY APPROVED BY YOUR ALDERMEN

Below is a list of related 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 cityclerk@weldonspring.org.

18-04 – An Ordinance amending the Municipal Code by Repealing Section 600.500 (Number of Liquor Licenses Which May be Authorized or Issued) in its Entirety and Matters Relating Thereto.

18-05 – An Ordinance vacating certain portions of a sidewalk within the Camelot Subdivision.

18-06 – An Ordinance Providing for the Approval of the Final Record Plat for the Enclaves at Blue Ridge Terrace.

18-07 – An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2019 and Matters Relating Thereto.

18-08 – An Ordinance Declaring the Results of an Election Held on Tuesday, August 7th, 2018 for the Purpose of Imposing a Local Use Tax at the Same Rate as the Local Sales Tax Rate of the City for Purchases from Out-Of-State Vendors that Exceed a Total of Two Thousand Dollars in a Year. 642 YES votes – 1096 NO votes

18-09 – An Ordinance Providing for the Adoption and Enforcement of Certain Codes in order to Provide for the Public Safety and Welfare.

City of Weldon Spring

– Notice of Candidate Filing Municipal Election –

April 2, 2019

Candidate filing may be done Monday through Friday at City Hall during normal office hours, other than on the Opening and Closing Dates. Normal City Hall office hours are 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Opening Date for Candidacy Filing is 8:00 AM on 12/11/18 for that day only. Closing Date for Candidacy Filing is 5:00 PM on 01/15/19 for that day only. There are no filing fees at this time. There will be three Aldermen, one (1) from each ward elected at the Municipal Election on April 2, 2019. All positions are two (2) year terms.

Qualifications for Alderman are as follows: No person shall be an Alderman unless he or she is at least 18 years of age; a citizen of the United States, and an inhabitant and resident of the City for one year next preceding his or her election, and a resident, at the time he or she files and during the time he or she serves, of the ward from which he or she is elected.

The position for Mayor is also up for the Municipal Election on April 2, 2019. This is a two (2) year term as well.

Qualifications for Mayor are as follows: No person shall be Mayor unless he/she be at least 25 years of age, a citizen of the United States, and an inhabitant and resident of the City at the time of and for at least one (1) year next preceding his/her election.

For more information, please contact the City Clerk at (636) 441-2110 ext. 103 or cityclerk@weldonspring.org.

Veterans Tribute Park opens to the public.

St. Charles County celebrated and introduced their newest addition to the ever-expanding County Parks system with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony on Saturday, October 20th for the Veterans Tribute Park. It lies between Pitman Hill Rd. and Kisker Rd. and is entirely within the city limits of Weldon Spring. Vehicles access the park can from Kisker Rd. but there is a footbridge for pedestrian access on the Pitman Hill Rd. side. There was a large turnout for the ceremony with area residents and local dignitaries in attendance.

"Veterans Tribute Park is unique in many ways," said County Executive Steve Ehlmann "It is the only County park of its kind surrounded by residential development in a suburban setting, and there are numerous amenities to enjoy – there is something for everyone. This park will be a destination for families in St. Charles County and throughout the region."

Some of the highlighted features of the park include:

- A destination playground for children of all abilities
- A paved walking and biking trail system – a 1.6-mile trail on the perimeter with smaller internal trails
- Two lakes stocked for catch-and-release fishing
- An off-leash dog park divided into small and large dog areas
- A veterans' memorial plaza in development that is scheduled to open in 2019

For more information, visit sccmo.org or call the St. Charles County Parks Department at 636.949.7535.



Senior Day 2018

On Friday, October 12th the City of Weldon Spring put on its Senior Appreciation Day. This event comes around once a year and celebrates the wonderful seniors in our community.

We had a great turnout this year, even though gloomy weather loomed. It was a joy to see so many familiar faces in the crowd. Donna and Bill Brinker, a couple from the community, said, "We look forward to Senior Citizen Appreciation Day every year." The event featured live music by Carol & Gary Bibb and the Trail Busters Band, dancing, a balloon artist, delicious food, and great conversation.

This event would not be possible without the community support. We thank all of the volunteers and especially our Gold Level sponsors listed below for making this event a huge success.

The city thoroughly enjoys putting on this event every year, and we hope everyone had a great time. We were happy to have all of you, and hope to see you again in 2019.



Senior Day Gold Level Sponsors:

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Lutheran Senior Services

CenterPointe Hospital

Ameren Missouri

Deaf Dog Ink

Independence Road Phase IV Update

The Final Plans, Specifications and Bid Documents for Independence Rd. Phase IV has been completed and approved by MoDOT, and the project scope is from the City Park (east end of the project) to Galahad Dr. (west end of the project). The City has selected Cochran Engineering to provide construction engineering, inspection, and testing services for this project. General contractor bids for the construction have been solicited and opened by the City and the apparent low/qualified bidder is Karrenbrock Construction out of New Melle, Missouri. The low bid from Karrenbrock was \$1,856,856.17 which includes some upgraded building material alternates. This project has funding from the federal STP roadway program, St. Charles County Road Board and the City of Weldon Spring.

The City intends to select and provide a notice to proceed to the successful bidder in November of 2018 and from that date the contractor will have 12 months to complete the project. The tentative completion date will be in November of 2019. Traffic will be reduced to one direction of travel for the duration of major work and will follow the same direction of travel (westbound) as Ind. Rd. Phase III had. Drivers are encouraged to seek alternative routes to avoid the construction zone and alleviate congestion in this fourth and final phase of the Independence Road Improvement Projects.



Statement of Receipts, and Disbursements, and Indebtedness:

The city of Weldon Spring, Missouri
Unaudited Statement of Receipts and Disbursements and Indebtedness
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2018 is available at www.weldonspring.org

Police Home Checks for Vacationers

The City of Weldon Spring and the St. Charles County Police Department encourage residents that travel over the Holidays to register for Home Checks. St. Charles County Police have requested that all requests be submitted through the St. Charles County Police website: www.sccmo.org/FormCenter/Police-Department-23/Extra-Patrol-Vacation-Checks-79. You may also contact the County Police Department by phone at (636) 949-3000 or City Hall for more assistance.
Alderman Gerry Baker, who has used this service, said "I have been very pleased with the Police checks of our home during times when my family and I are out of town for extended period especially around the holidays."

A (not so) Rare Bird Sighted in Weldon Spring Park

A male Pileated Woodpecker has been spotted in the tall trees in Weldon Spring Park. The distinctive call and loud drumming draws attention to the vicinity of the trees beside the Red Barn; then, as it flies off one tree to another, the crow-sized bird is easily spotted by its large band of white plumage across the wide black wings and topped off by a large red crest on the bird's head.

The Pileated Woodpecker is not necessarily "rare" in this part of the country but isn't commonly seen in most urban areas. They can be found in suburban areas with large trees and patches of woodland, much like we have here in Weldon Spring.

Male Pileateds have a distinctive red "mustache" or stripe of red feathers on its cheek, which the female does not. Both sexes have the showy red crest or topknot of feathers that distinguish it from the smaller, more common Redheaded woodpecker, which has no crest (think of a cardinal's crested head) but the Redheaded woodpecker's entire head is a blaze of red.

Look for these large, loud and beautiful birds in our City Park, or anywhere there are old growth hardwood trees. Occasionally, these large birds will visit backyard feeders if suet is offered.

Legend has it that Walter Lanz was inspired to create his most famous cartoon character when a Pileated woodpecker interrupted Mr. and Mrs. Lanz on their honeymoon in a cabin...the laughing call and red-crested intruder became Woody Woodpecker.

For more information on the Pileated woodpecker or any of our native woodland birds, go to the Cornell Ornithology Lab website: www.allaboutbirds.org.



Winter Storm Water Update:

Clean Water is Essential for a Clean Environment

Fall is here, and Winter will soon be upon us. Please be aware of some seasonal things you can do to help improve the water quality within our City waterways:

1. Dispose of gathered leaves, pet waste, chemicals, paints, and other solid debris responsibly with your waste collector.
2. If needed, use fertilizers and pesticides only per the manufacturer's recommendations.
3. Use deicing chemicals and salt sparingly and only when needed. Remember rock salt damages concrete and is bad for the drainage channels.
4. Do some fall plantings of trees, shrubs or ornamentals to increase the green space on your property. Seasonal tree trimming and proper disposal of the branches should be done in the fall or winter dormant season. Stabilize any bare area in your yard with straw or other like materials.
5. If you have a septic tank and have not checked it recently, you should check it before winter, when service and access may be a problem.

Making a few changes in our lives can significantly reduce the number of pollutants we contribute to stormwater runoff. Be sure to check out our City of Weldon Spring website for City Newsletter back issues online, and more tips and information on improving stormwater quality. As always, if you see any suspicious dumping of any liquids or debris into the storm sewers, drainage ways or waterways within the City of Weldon Spring, please report/contact the City.

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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.

Santa's Visit to Weldon Spring

December 1st 2:00-4:00pm at The Parks Building

Santa may have his hands full this time of year, but he once again has decided to make a special visit to Weldon Spring. He has taken time out of his busy schedule to visit with the children of our community to spread some holiday cheer. We at City Hall would like to invite all of our residents, young and old, to celebrate the season with our favorite winter character. Santa Claus will sit for free photos with children and families. The photos will be printed for pickup at the event, and be emailed to the respective family. We will serve some of Santa's favorite treats like cookies and hot cocoa. Coloring sheets for the Mayor's Coloring Competition will also be available.

Donations for the Tri-City Food Drive, though not required, are certainly encouraged. All are welcome for this free event, please check the city website and social media for updates about this event.



Annual Holiday Coloring Contest

For all of our young artists in the community be sure to get your coloring pages submitted for the Mayor's Annual Holiday Coloring Contest which is running now through December 18th. The coloring pages can be accessed online at weldonspring.org and can be downloaded and printed. If you cannot download or print the pages, please stop by City Hall to pick up blank copies. They may also be picked up or completed at this year's Santa's Visit event on December 1st in the Parks Building at the City Park. The deadline to return the completed entries to City Hall will be Tuesday, December 18th.

There are three age categories and a bonus category for anyone wishing to color the "Hunger Never Takes a Holiday Coloring Page." The Mayor will once again have the challenging task of judging colored pages from the children of Weldon Spring. Winners will receive a Holiday Stocking and have their photo taken with Mayor Licklider.

Bi-City Holiday Food Drive

The 9th Annual Bi-City Holiday Food Drive is currently underway and will be ending on January 4th, 2019. Weldon Spring is competing against the City of Cottleville in the annual food drive. Entering into the holiday season last year we were pleasantly surprised by the generosity of the Weldon Spring community. We are hoping to count on an even larger amount of donations this year. We are looking for non-perishable food items and toiletries. All of the items collected in Weldon Spring will go to Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service. It is the largest social services provider for individuals, families, and children in St. Charles, Lincoln and Warren counties.

The City will also be collecting donations for Five Acres Animal Shelter the only "No-Kill" shelter in St. Charles County. They can use Purina Dog and Puppy food as well as kitten chow. New and gently used towels and blankets, beds, collars, and leashes are also welcomed. Monetary gifts are accepted, checks can be made payable to

A donation box will be inside of the City Hall lobby which is open Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM and a drop off box on the front porch of City Hall for weekend donations. Monetary donations are accepted, please make checks payable to "Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service" or "Five Acres Animal Shelter."

Let us join together and remember the holidays are more about giving than receiving. Please check the City website for updates and information about donation options.

Something new this year for the Annual Food Drive

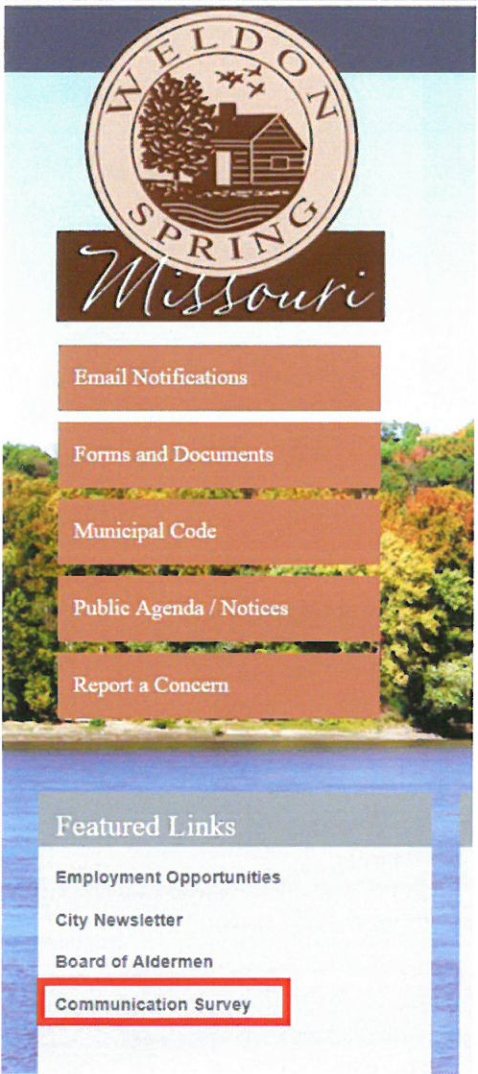
For any donation of 20 food or pet items donated or for a monetary donation of \$20.00 to either Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service or Five Acres Animal Shelter you will receive one raffle ticket for a chance to win a beautiful Holiday Lantern. The Lantern is approximately 20" high by 8" wide. It is metal and lights up with your choice of a steady, flashing or fading lights, valued at over \$60.00.



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.

Santa's Visit to Weldon Spring

If you would like to hear how you may help with this event please contact City Hall

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.

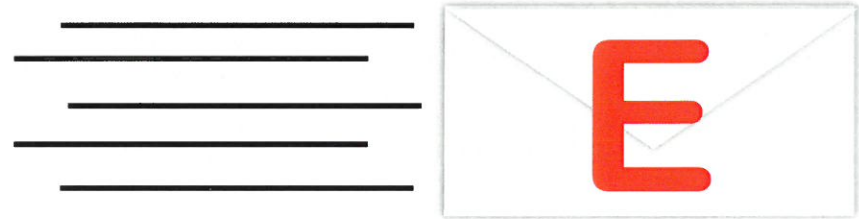
Architectural Review Committee

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

Board of Adjustment

Appeals board in the enforcement of Zoning Regulation.

Sign Up for City E-mail Notifications



The City of Weldon Spring's website features an option to sign up for informational e-mail notifications. This application is the quickest 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.