

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Residents,

Winter was eager to arrive here in Missouri. I do not recall a year with less consistent weather. August was beautiful, September was brutal, it snowed on Halloween, and we have now started gearing down for a cold Holiday Season.

This past Autumn was jam-packed for the City. Senior Citizens Appreciation Day, like always, was an excellent time for those who attended. "Thank you" to the volunteers and sponsors that support this event. Their dedication to the senior community speaks volumes about what really matters to them. Our new playground equipment was delivered, installed, and ready for play in less than two days. We hosted a ribbon-cutting for the new jungle gym, as well as a movie night that was chilly but still successful. In early November, volunteers and city staff planted seventy-seven trees on the park property. The trees were from Missouri Forest Releaf, given at low or no cost to the City. The young trees are scattered throughout the 18-acre park. This project is one of many that will take place in our community in the near future.



Santa will visit Weldon Spring on December 8 this year. Mr.

Claus and city staff have put together what has become a holiday tradition for many families in town. City Hall is competing against Cottleville in the annual Bi-City Food Drive. While the folks in Cottleville have won the past two years, I am confident we can pull out a win this year. Details about items needed and drop-off times are listed inside.

The Independence Road Phase IV and MoDOT Highway 94 J-Turn Projects have been completed. I extend gratitude to the residents that showed patience throughout the projects, as I know the inconveniences can be frustrating. Sammelmann Rd. has a curbed walking path so residents may safely access Veterans Tribute Park and Pitman Hill Rd.

As hours of daylight recede, and we start to look forward to the blossoms of Spring, let us not forget to draw near to our family and friends. Soon 2019 will come to a close, and I hope we can look back on this year with joy and gratitude. Moving into the future, I cannot help but be excited about what is to come. Thank you all for making this a wonderful place to live and work.

Sincerely,

Donald D. Licklider
Mayor of Weldon Spring

Important dates:

Santa's Visit:

December 8th, 2019 2-4:00pm

Municipal Court:

1st Wed 6:00pm

Board of Aldermen:

2nd Tues & 4th Thu 7:30pm

Planning & Zoning

Commission:

1st Mon 7:30pm

Architectural Review

Commission:

3rd Tues 7:30pm

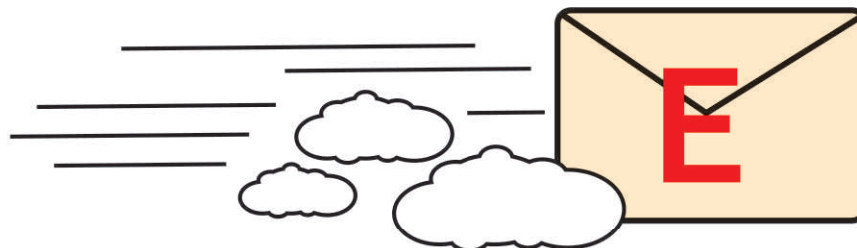
Parks & Recreation Advisory

Committee:

2nd Mon 5:45pm City Hall

Sign Up for Email Notifications:

Do you want to receive the most up-to-date information on what is happening in Weldon Spring? Sign up for email notifications through our website at weldonspring.org/notify. This is your best way to be informed on city business, events, projects, and much more. If you need assistance please contact city hall.



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MUNICIPAL ELECTION APRIL 2020 CANDIDATE FILING

The City of Weldon Spring Notice of Candidate Filing Municipal Election – April 7, 2020

Opening Date for Candidate Filing is 8:00 a.m. on 12/17/19 for that day only.

Closing Date for Candidate Filing is 5:00 p.m. on 1/21/20 for that day only.

Filing may be done Monday through Friday at City Hall during regular business hours, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Excluding the opening and closing dates.

There will be three Aldermen, one (1) from each ward elected at the Municipal Election in April 2020. All positions are two (2) year terms. There is no filing fee at this time.

Qualification for Alderman (Section 110.010 of City Code) are as follow:

No person shall be an Alderman unless he/she be at least eighteen (18) years of age, a citizen of the United States, and an inhabitant and resident of the City for one (1) year next preceding his/her election, and a resident, at the time he/she files and during the time he/she serves, of the ward from which he/she is elected.

For further information, contact Bill Hanks, City Clerk at (636)-441-2110 ext. 103, or email bhanks@weldonspring.org.

RECENTLY APPROVED ORDINANCES

Below is a list of related ordinances that the Board of Aldermen passed since the last Newsletter. Copies of the most recent ordinances can be found under the municipal code at weldonspring.org. Also, please contact Bill Hanks, City Clerk, at (636)-441-2110 Ext. 103 or bhanks@weldonspring.org for any additional information on any of the ordinances.

19-15 – An Ordinance adopting the budget for fiscal year 2020. The purpose of this Ordinance is to set a budget for the City of Weldon Spring for the current fiscal year, which runs from October 1, 2019, to September 30, 2020. **Passed on September 12, 2019.**

19-16 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an intergovernmental agreement with St. Charles County for collection of the Neighborhood Intergovernmental District delinquent accounts. The purpose of this Ordinance is to authorize the St. Charles County Collector to attach any delinquent fees to the owner property tax bill. **Passed on September 12, 2019.**

19-17 – An Ordinance establishing the procedure, requirements, and time period for the Office of Alderman for the City of Weldon Spring, Missouri in the April 7, 2020, Municipal Election. This Ordinance is updated and approved by the Board every year to establish procedures for the upcoming Municipal Election. **Passed on October 24, 2019**

IN PICTURES: WELDON SPRING SITE RIVER CLEAN-UP 2019



WELDON SPRING COUNTS

The U.S. Constitution (Article I, Section 2) mandates a headcount every ten years of everyone residing in the 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Island Areas of the United States. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens, and non-citizens. The first census was conducted in 1790 and one have been conducted every ten years since then. The population totals from the census determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. States also use the totals to redraw their legislative and school districts. The next census occurs in 2020. The U.S. Census Bureau must submit state population totals to the President of the United States by December 31, 2020. The population totals also affect funding in your community, and data collected in the census help decision-makers know how your community is changing. Approximately \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to communities each year.

Will the 2020 Census be the same as 2010?

There are some important changes in 2020:

The U.S. Census Bureau is building a more accurate address list and automating their field operations—all while keeping information confidential and safe. For the first time, people will be able to respond online, by phone, or by mail. They will use data that the public has already provided to cut down on in-person follow-up visits to non-responding households.

Visit census.gov for more information.



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YOU
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JUDGE

Want to serve your community and make extra money? Apply to be an Election Judge!

Individuals are needed to serve as election judges for four elections in 2020: 3/10, 4/7, 8/4, & 11/3

For more information visit:

sccmo.org/422/Become-an-Election-Judge

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ROAD PROJECTS



The following are status updates for road projects in the city.

Independence Road Phase IV: The city has compiled a punch for the contractor to address before this project is considered complete.

Rte. 94 J-Turn Project: This project was completed in the Fall. The J-turn eliminates the possibility to cross 4 lanes of traffic at one time, reducing the risk of t-bone collisions. The shoulders O'Fallon Rd. and Westwood Dr. were also widened as a part of this project.

Westwood Drive: This project is a St. Charles County Highway Dept. managed project on a county road. Temporary Two-way traffic between Dunbarton and Motherhead is slated to open in December. Project completion is expected in summer 2020.

Sammelmann Road Side-walk: A side-walk has been completed from Pitman Hill Road to the first 90-degree turn on Sammelmann Road, and ties into an existing sidewalk.

City of Weldon Spring, Missouri
Unaudited Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
and Indebtedness
For the Fiscal Year Ended Septmeber 30, 2019

	General Fund	Municipal Building and Park Fund	State Revenue Sharing and Road Funds	Sewer Escrow & Maintenance Funds	Total
Revenues:					
Franchise Fees	\$431,461				\$431,461
Licenses and Permits	\$55,152				\$55,152
Court Fines and Fees	\$85,546		\$1,481		\$87,027
Local Sales Tax		\$281,755			\$281,755
Metro Park District Tax		\$14,806			\$14,806
Motor Vehicle Sales and Fees			\$220,168		\$220,168
Federal Road Grants			\$169,124		\$169,124
St. Charles County Road Grants			\$0		\$0
Sewer Assessments and Fees				\$33,066	\$33,066
Other (Includes Interest)	\$31,741	\$256,095	\$1,714	\$4,174	\$293,724
Funding From Cash Reserves					
Total Revenues	\$603,900	\$552,656	\$392,487	\$37,240	\$1,586,283
Expenditures:					
Personnel Services	\$290,796	\$63,434			\$354,230
Professional Services	\$97,484		\$79,800		\$177,284
Operating Expenses	\$93,147	\$64,922	\$22,239	\$569	\$180,877
Law Enforcement*			\$221,412		\$221,412
Debt Service**				\$52,500	\$52,500
Capital Improvements	\$3,671	\$93,411			\$97,082
Road Expenditures*** (pending reimbursement)			\$1,553,470		\$1,553,470
Capital-City Streets-City Share			\$127,369		\$127,369
Total Expenditures	\$485,098	\$221,767	\$2,004,290	\$53,069	\$2,764,224
Total Revenues Less					
Expenditures****	\$118,802	\$330,889	(\$1,611,803)	(\$15,829)	(\$1,177,941)

Footnotes:

* Law Enforcement (Police Services) paid annually in January

**Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) Bond Issue bearing interest at 3.00% per annum; principle payment of \$52,500 plus interest payable annually; due July 1, 2019, outstanding September 30, 2019 and has a \$0.00 Balance remaining.

***A portion of the Rd Expenditures will be reimbursed through Federal & County grants

****Deficit State Revenue Sharing is due to expected reimbursement through Rd Grant monies

CITY FINANCES

Since 2007 the private accounting firm Rubin Brown has analyzed local municipalities' audited financial statements. Year after year, Weldon Spring has been at a top position, leading others within the St. Louis Metro Area*. Rankings are based upon comparative averages, with the 1st quartile (top 25%) being the more favorable and the 4th quartile (bottom 25%) being less desirable.

Overall, the City is in a solid financial position compared to other cities, in all but two of the financial analysis ratios, Weldon Spring ranks within the 1st quartile. The City of Weldon Spring has some of the lowest taxes of any municipality in the St. Louis Metro Area, about \$174.73/per resident. For perspective, the breakpoint between the 1st quartile and 2nd quartile is \$643.58/per resident.

Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Summary:

Careful consideration and input was taken to develop the fiscal year 2020 Budget, and an aggressive list of capital/special project funding activities have been identified. Between the Finance Committee, Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, staff, and the Board of Aldermen, ideas for projects and priorities have been developed and incorporated into the fiscal year 2020 Budget. The City will continue to focus on internal restructuring/staffing levels, and the fiscal year 2020 Budget reflects these additions. The organizational changes are intended to provide more support for the administration, thus allowing the expansion of city services such as general maintenance/upkeep, park & recreation initiatives, and capital improvements.

For a more comprehensive review of fiscal year 2019 Unaudited Statement of Receipts and Disbursements and the fiscal year 2020 Budget in full detail, please visit weldonspring.org.

Five Year Financial Plan:

The continued development and regular review of a rolling Five Year Financial Plan is a high priority of the Finance Committee. The Committee plans to update the Five-Year Financial Plan at the beginning of fiscal year. It is anticipated that the Five-Year Plan will be a working document that will aid the City's Administration and Elected Officials with their prioritization and allocation of municipal resources in the future.



IN PICTURES: Weldon Spring Movie Night

The city hosted a movie night along with the playground ribbon cutting in October.

SCCMO PD RESOLUTION

The City of Weldon Spring Mayor and Board of Aldermen passed Resolution No. 10-24-19A in October. This resolution recognizes and supports the law enforcement officers and first responders who serve the City and the rest of the region. The resolution states the following:

"SECTION 1: That the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Weldon Spring hereby recognize, declare solidarity with, and express support and gratitude for, the men and women who serve, or have served, as law enforcement officers, and in particular to those who serve or reside in Weldon Spring and in the region for their distinctive service and dedicated efforts in supporting the safe and law-abiding citizens of their communities, pursuing justice for all individuals, upholding the laws they have sworn to uphold and enforce, and for maintaining safer communities in which to reside, raise a family, and conduct business.

SECTION 2: That the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Weldon Spring express their strong support and utmost gratitude for law enforcement officers across the United States and in Puerto Rico in the efforts that those officers undertake to build safer and more secure communities; and further, do recognize the law enforcement community for the continual selfless acts of sacrifice and bravery carried out by the members of that community."

STORMWATER UPDATE

Creek Shore Erosion

The City of Weldon Spring is fortunate to have many creeks and wooded areas that maintain the natural beauty of the region. Much of the area falls into riparian zones. A riparian zone is a vegetated area of plants near a stream. A healthy riparian zone plays a crucial role in increasing the water quality in streams and rivers and providing environmental benefits. Protecting and reestablishing riparian zones increases water quality, provides flood control, and reduces water pollution. The dumping of grass clippings, brush, etc. interferes with stabilization efforts because they can smother existing plants. Once they die, their root structure is no longer viable and no longer holding the soil, rendering it bare and unstable.

Who is responsible for creek maintenance?

Creek maintenance is the responsibility of the landowner where the creek is located. In the City of Weldon Spring, most creeks are on private property owned by residents, or on common ground owned by a homeowner's association. Landowners are responsible for helping prevent erosion, clear debris restricting flow, and abiding by all local and federal water laws.

Some of the creeks flowing through the City are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), which is the regulating authority for jurisdictional waterways per federal regulations. If a creek is designated as a "blue line" on a topographical map, then special permits are required before performing any non-routine maintenance to a creek. Maintenance, such as tree removal or picking up trash, is classified as regular, and no permit is required.

BI-CITY FOOD DRIVE

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FOOD DRIVE

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This time of year, when one looks to friends and family for the warmth of the season, one word should echo in their mind. . . Competition.

This year the cities of Weldon Spring and Cottleville will face off in a battle of wits, wagers, and cans. The annual Bi-City Food Drive has officially begun.

Weldon Spring is collecting donations for both Saints Joachim and Ann and 5 Acres Animal

shelter from now until January 8, 2020. Saints Joachim and Ann have requested non-perishable goods such as boxed, canned, bottled foods, and various dried goods. 5 Acres Animal Shelter has asked for any pet-related items such as dog and cat food, toys, collars, and leashes. Any donations may be brought to City Hall; 5401 Independence Rd. An after-hours drop box will be located near the main entrance of City Hall.

Santa's Visit



Sunday

December 8th, 2019

From 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the Red Barn

Santa Claus is coming to town!

Mr. Claus is making his annual stop into Weldon Spring Sunday, December 8, from 2:00–4:00 p.m. This event will take place in the Red Barn at City Park (5401 Independence Rd.). Bring the whole family to visit Santa and take pictures with him. As always, this event is free and open to the public.

THE WELDON SPRING BIG TREE PLANT 2019

The City of Weldon Spring extends a huge “thank you” to everyone who assisted in the tree planting project this past November. The trees and shrubs were given to the City from Missouri Forest Releaf. Forest Releaf is an organization founded in 1976 to create a greener community. Their goal is to provide the framework necessary for communities to cultivate their public greenspaces. Beseda Flooring lent a box truck and driver to transport the trees in mid-October. Scout Troop 353, students from Francis Howell NHS, the Fontana family, and city staff planted 77 trees and shrubs around the 18-acre park. For more information on this project or Forest Releaf, please visit weldonspring.org.



SENIOR CITIZENS APPRECIATION DAY 2019

Senior Day 2019 was an incredible success. The City moved the event to Mid-September to allow for warmer weather. This year some of the City's most valued citizens were treated to a bar-b-cue lunch, live music & dancing, and a balloon twister. This event could not have been done without the help of sponsors and volunteers. The City of Weldon Spring expresses its gratitude to Barb Edwards, Pat Schuknecht, Sherry Schwaab, Ronnie Griesenauer, Aldermen Schwaab, Kolb, Clutter, Baker, and the many others that assisted.



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Costco St. Peters
St. Johns Church



WELDON SPRING EVENT SPONSORSHIPS

The City of Weldon Spring invites interested businesses to become Year Long Event Sponsors. This new program grants participants recognition at city events as well as in newsletters, on the website, and on social media. This opportunity is a great way to connect with the community, boost recognition, and make city events even more incredible. Previous event sponsors have included Central Bank, Baue Funeral Homes, Aetna, Farm & Home Supply, and many others. Contact Mitchell Jordan, Community Relations Coordinator, at mjordan@weldonspring.org for more information.





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