

# THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE



KEEP YOUR  
DISTANCE



WASH YOUR  
HANDS

Residents,

I wish you happy holidays, even if this newsletter is received before Thanksgiving. After the year we have had, we need to celebrate the season early and possibly keep decorations until mid-March. Okay, maybe not that long, but my sentiment remains.

As we venture on into the winter and the cold grips us tighter, we will start to think about our annual family gatherings. I want to encourage everyone to be safe this season. The CDC recommends keeping festivities to those in your households, reducing travel, and following all personal health guidelines.

Since the last newsletter, a lot has taken place. The City Park Playground has doubled in size. This expansion allowed for more play structures and swings. Thank you to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for their hard work on that project. The Official City website is now up and running, offering an accessible space for all to use.

With 2021 on the horizon, the city has many projects that will improve our wonderful community. First, the City is planning to have a Community-Wide Survey conducted on a myriad of issues and city services. A third-party contractor will administer and manage the survey. When you receive yours, please answer honestly and to your fullest ability, all responses will be completely confidential. Second, City Park will get new trails that will bring the total distance to over a mile. Third, the City is planning on hosting our summer events. Look to our social media and [weldonspring.org](http://weldonspring.org) for more information.

As we have done in previous years, Weldon Spring and Cottleville are collecting goods for Sts. Joachim & Ann, and Five Acres Animal Shelter. Find more information inside this newsletter. This year has been incredibly challenging for small local business establishments. I encourage all to shop locally this season to help our neighborhood businesses. I know they would be so grateful for the support.

Sincerely,  
Donald Licklider

## Important dates:

**Municipal Election Candidate  
Filing for 2021:**

8am 12/15 - 5pm 1/19

**Municipal Court:**

1st Wed 6:00pm

**Board of Aldermen:**

2nd Tues & 4th Thu 7:30pm

**Planning & Zoning:**

1st Mon 7:30pm

**Architectural Review:**

3rd Tues 7:30pm

**Parks & Recreation Advisory  
Committee:**

2nd Mon 6:00pm City Hall

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Municipal Court	ext. 108
City Clerk	ext. 103
Code Enforcement	ext. 107
Planning & Zoning	ext. 106
Storm Water Management	ext. 110
Parks Management	ext. 104
City Treasurer	ext. 105
St. Charles County Police	(636) 949-3000
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City website: [weldonspring.org](http://weldonspring.org)

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# WELDON SPRING ELECTED OFFICIALS

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# 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](http://weldonspring.org). Contact the City Clerk, at (636)-441-2110 Ext. 103 or [bhanks@weldonspring.org](mailto:bhanks@weldonspring.org) for any additional information on any of the ordinances.

**20-18 – Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS)**  
Participation: This Ordinance allowed full-time City's employees to join and participate in the LAGERS retirement program. Passed on July 23, 2020

**20-19 – An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021:** This Ordinance set the budget for the City of Weldon Spring for the current fiscal year, which runs from October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021. Passed on September 8, 2020.

**20-20 – Holt Subdivision Final Plat:** This Ordinance approved the final plat for the Holt Subdivision. The Holt Subdivision are 2 lots located on El Caballo Drive. Passed on October 13, 2020.

**20-21 – An Ordinance Establishing the Filing Procedure, Requirements, and Time Period for the Offices of Mayor & Alderman for the City of Weldon Spring, Missouri in the April 6th, 2021 Municipal Election:** This Ordinance is updated and approved by the Board every year to establish procedures for the upcoming Municipal Election. Passed on October 22, 2020.

**20-22 – An Ordinance Amending Section 420.020 & 420.030 of City Code:** FEMA recently updated their flood plain maps and the City needed to pass this Ordinance to be in compliant with the state. Passed on October 22, 2020.

**20-23 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Deed of Dedication for Sanitary Sewers:** The Deed of Dedication allowed the City to formally dedicate the sanitary sewers within the Neighborhood Improvement District to Duckett Creek Sanitary District. Passed on October 22, 2020.

# NOTICE OF FILING DATE FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Pursuant to § 115.127, RSMo, the City of Weldon Spring, Missouri gives notice that the opening filing date for the general municipal election to be held on the 6th day of April 2021 shall be on December 15, 2020. The offices to be filled are Mayor and one (1) Alderman for each of the three (3) wards. Filings shall be received by the City Clerk, during regular office hours, at City Hall 5401 Independence Road in the City of Weldon Spring commencing at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2020. The closing date and time for filing shall be 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

# PROCLAMATION TO ENCOURAGE SHOPPING LOCAL

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Weldon Spring in St. Charles County enjoy an unparalleled quality of place and life that is among the best in metropolitan St. Louis and the American Heartland; and

WHEREAS, the City of Weldon Spring realized that the overall local economy has suffered in 2020 due to the global health pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Weldon Spring realizes that a strong local economy is critical during these difficult times and the need to support our local businesses is greater than ever; and

WHEREAS, local retail sales help fund vital community services, such as police protection and road improvements, parks and recreation, and other important parts of everyday life in St. Charles County; and

WHEREAS, residents making purchases at stores and restaurants with St. Charles County offer tremendous gains for our local economy and have a positive impact our community ability to provide essential support to local residents and businesses.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Donald Licklider, Mayor of the City of Weldon Spring calls upon all of our residents and businesses to support the local community and St. Charles County by making every effort this holiday season and throughout the New Year to "Shop Locally!"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Weldon Spring, St. Charles County, Missouri, to be affixed this 6th day of November 2020.

Donald D. Licklider, Mayor



# A BRAND NEW WELDONSPRING.ORG

Weldon Spring is incredibly excited to announce the updated City website. Residents, businesses, and community members will experience an improved user-friendly system with new, accessible navigation features. In addition to this, the City has decluttered old content and incorporated a more convenient design and layout. Community members now have the option to pay online with a credit card for all city business.

The City's last website update was in 2013. A new website was necessary to meet the needs and expectations of the general public. The website project began early this year. After a request proposal process, a new website provider was chosen. The Board of Alderman approved this project on June 9.

All residents can sign up for email notifications. Visit [weldonspring.org/notify](https://weldonspring.org/notify) to opt-in for important updates and messages.



## COVID-19 AND THE HOLIDAYS

Because incidences of COVID-19 and other illnesses continue to grow, many are seeking safer ways to celebrate family traditions during fall and winter holidays. To aid in this planning, the St. Charles County Department of Public Health joins the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and others in issuing recommendations focused on staying healthy during the holiday season. “Gathering together and celebrating with family are at the heart of most holiday traditions,” Department of Public Health Director Demetrius Ciani-Chapman says. “However, as contact tracing links a growing number of COVID-19 cases to family get-togethers and community gatherings, we must take steps to protect those at the highest risk for serious complications when we celebrate. We urge members of our community to take personal responsibility to help reduce the spread of illness by minimizing close contacts, wearing a mask or face covering when interacting with those outside their immediate household, washing hands and surfaces regularly and staying home if they feel sick or have been exposed.”

### Tips for Reducing the Spread of Illness during Holiday Gatherings

The Department of Public Health recommends the following preventative actions this holiday season:

- Wearing masks or other face coverings when interacting with others outside your immediate household, including extended family, friends and members of the community.
- Washing hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or hand sanitizer and disinfecting commonly touched surfaces regularly.
- Gathering with your immediate family or a small group of individuals. Shorten the duration of these events and arrange spacing between seating to lessen the risk for exposure.
- Hosting or attending outdoor activities with social distancing and mask wearing enforced. For indoor events, open windows or take other steps to improve ventilation as a means for diffusing the virus.
- Serving plated meals, instead of buffets, to reduce the handling of potentially contaminated utensils and dishware.
- If traveling, drive to your destination and self-quarantine for several days prior to departure/after your return to reduce the risk for exposure.
- Receiving a flu vaccination at least two weeks prior to your event.
- Any individual who is sick, is experiencing COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms, is awaiting test results, or may have been exposed to illness should stay home and avoid contact with others.

Since the virus that causes COVID-19 is spread person-to-person, the safest activities involve reducing exposure with others. Here are a few lower-risk alternatives to holiday favorites:

- Preparing traditional family recipes for those within your household or delivering holiday treats in a way that avoids contact with others.
- Continuing traditional family activities like watching sports, movies or parades, playing family games and caroling through virtual connections.
- Shopping online and scheduling delivery of food/packages to your home.
- Touring holiday light displays with members of your household in your personal vehicle.
- Mailing hand-written notes, calling loved ones or creating virtual holiday cards for friends and family.
- Contacting your favorite charity to discuss volunteer/donation options, instead of planning in-person activities.



# CITY EVENTS 2021



The City of Weldon Spring is happy to announce the Summer 2021 Event Line up. Currently, Staff plans to hold the regular Summer events and possibly add some new ones. Follow the City's Social media and sign up for email notifications for more information.

- Kids Fishing Day
- Independence Day Celebration
- City Park Tree Planting
- Summer Movie Nights

Each event will be addressed with health and safety as its highest priorities and are subject to cancelation at the City's discretion.

## HELP WELDON SPRING DESIGN A CITY FLAG

Weldon Spring is looking for residents to get in touch with their creative side to design something for the entire community to enjoy. The City needs residents to create a flag that showcases Weldon Spring. All ages and skill levels are encouraged to get involved with this fun community project.

The City will begin accepting flag design submissions starting December 1 through February 29. The City will choose elements from multiple submissions to create three final concept designs representative of Weldon Spring and our community. Of those three, the Board of Aldermen will choose to designate one to be the City's new official Flag\*. When a final concept flag design is selected and approved by the Board of Aldermen, it will be proudly flown at City Hall and various locations around the community. More information will be available via [weldonspring.org](http://weldonspring.org). The City looks forward to receiving creative and unique submissions from the community for this fun project. For more information, please visit [weldonspring.org](http://weldonspring.org) or contact City Hall for specific questions.

Use the box below to design the flag. Helpful tips: keep it simple, use 2-3 colors, try not to use letters or words.



Think about things that represent Weldon Spring: a natural spring, a log cabin, the missouri river. lots of green space.

please send designs via mail to city hall or email them to [communityrelations@weldonspring.org](mailto:communityrelations@weldonspring.org)

\*not all ideas will be incorporated. City Staff will refuse any submissions it deems inappropriate. The board of Aldermen may not select t any flag to be the official city flag.

## COME PLAY! PLAYGROUND EXPANSION COMPLETE

Phase II of the City Park Playground Expansion is complete. This expansion brought new equipment to the park for community members to enjoy. New features include an updated swing set with belt, ADA, and Parent + Child swings, and low to the ground climbing stones were installed. Visitors will notice the Cattail reed climbers. This piece was specially designed for the playground, making City Park the only one to have these.

The playground also received a new layer of woodchip surfacing and borders. Although the City was unable to host a grand reopening event for the park due to COVID-19, the City is excited for all to enjoy the new facilities while practicing safe social distancing. This project was planned by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) and approved by the Board of Aldermen in June of 2020. The total cost of the project was just under \$140,000. The City welcomes the community back to the newly renovated playground. For more information on Parks and Recreation or the playground expansion project, please visit [weldonspring.org/parksandrec](http://weldonspring.org/parksandrec).





# GO THE EXTRA MILE:

## CITY PARK TRAILS EXPANDING IN 2021

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee and Board of Aldermen have approved a \$275,000 park trails expansion project. In 2021, City Park will have new paved trails winding through the property's northeast portion. Other trails will pave the rock path around the playground and connect to the Park Building (red barn) and public restrooms. This project is expected to be completed by early summer 2021.



## BRUSH HONEYSUCKLE: INVASIVE MENACE IN MISSOURI

Weldon Spring is fortunate to have many wooded areas that make our community unique. Keeping this natural setting has long been a goal of the City and our citizens.

Bush honeysuckle is an invasive species that chokes out natural plants, which lead to erosion along our creeks and streams. Bush honeysuckle leaves appear early in the spring and remain late into fall, giving them a competitive advantage over native plants. They limit sunlight to native plants inhibiting seedling establishment and forest regeneration. They also compete for soil moisture and nutrients and may produce a chemical that inhibits native plant growth. All honeysuckle species also spread from the roots, resulting in the ability to dominate an area further.

Identifying Bush Honeysuckles :

- 6 to 20 feet tall, depending on species
- Opposite leaves, narrowly elliptical with green surface and pale green, slightly fuzzy underside
- thornless and hollow twigs
- 1-inch long fragrant paired tubular flowers with narrow petals; white flowers that later become yellowish
- Pair of red berries near the origin of leaves in fall (which provides no nutritional value to wildlife)

There are several different methods of control for the bush honeysuckles.

- When the plant is small, and the soil is moist, hand pulling is an option if the entire plant can be removed. This method should not be used in highly sensitive areas because it disturbs the soil and aids in the spread other invasive species.
- The cut-stump method involves cutting the bush off at the stump and applying an herbicide with a sprayer or brush thoroughly covering the freshly cut area.

Residents are encouraged to remove bush honeysuckle from their properties and plant native species.

Find more detailed information on Bush Honeysuckle at [www.mdc.mo.gov](http://www.mdc.mo.gov).



# CITY FINANCES

## FISCAL YEAR 2020 RECAP

The FY 2020 Budget which began on October 1, 2019 and concluded on September 30, 2020 was relatively productive especially considering the global COVID-19 Pandemic. The COVID-19 event was a major disruption to the normal operations and priorities of the City. A Mid-Year Budget Adjustment was prepared, reviewed and adopted by the Board of Aldermen. This revised budget reflected concerns for reduced revenues and scaled back capital and special projects identified at the beginning of the fiscal year. Fortunately, by fiscal year-end most revenues had remained on target and some even experienced increases year over last. Additionally, the City Clerk initiated and completed several audits of lines of revenue for franchise fees and sales taxes. The outcome of these audits produced numerous corrections which subsequently generated revenue for the City that previously was unexpected. This auditing initiative by city staff ultimately preserved much of the funding levels which otherwise would have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 economic retractions.

## FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET SUMMARY

Careful consideration and input were taken to develop the FY 2021 Budget and another aggressive list of capital/special project funding activities was identified and programed into the Budget. Between the Finance Committee, Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, staff and the Board of Aldermen, ideas for projects and priorities were developed and incorporated into the new fiscal year Budget which began on October 1, 2020. For FY 2021 greater attention and emphasis is being placed on maintenance and upkeep of municipal assets including property, buildings, streets and stormwater systems.

City staff have called attention to the City's public infrastructure having reached a critical stage in their useful life, the streets and stormwater collection systems are now between 20-30 years old. The maintenance requirements are increasing exponentially and, in an effort, to keep pace with the increasing demands, the City has increased funding for roadway maintenance by utilizing fund reserves as a stop-gap measure. This approach will help maintain and preserve existing pavement conditions but will not be sustainable long-term. Additionally, the planning and community engagement initiatives identified in FY 2020 that were postponed due to COVID-19 have been carried forward to FY 2021, these include a Community Wide Survey, Citywide Park & Trail Master Planning and Facility Needs Assessment. Also, implementation of technological improvements are planned along with pursuing the development of marketing and promotional strategies for the community. For more details regarding the fiscal condition of the City or information regarding the FY Budget please visit [weldonspring.org](http://weldonspring.org)

### City of Weldon Spring, Missouri Unaudited Statement of Receipts and Disbursements and Indebtedness For the Fiscal Year Ended Septmeber 30, 2020

	General Fund	Municipal Building and Park Fund	Revenue Sharing and Road Funds	Escrow & Maintenance Funds	Notations: Notations:	Total
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Franchise Fees	\$492,642					\$492,642
Licenses and Permits	\$92,581	\$2,877				\$95,458
Court Fines and Fees	\$64,083		\$1,135			\$65,218
Local Sales Tax		\$363,040				\$363,040
Metro Park District Tax		\$21,402				\$21,402
Motor Vehicle Sales and Fees			\$214,128			\$214,128
Federal Road Grants			\$568,259 <sup>1</sup>			\$568,259
St. Charles County Road Grants			\$1,075,849 <sup>1</sup>			\$1,075,849
Sewer NID Assessments/Fees (Delinquent payments)				\$6,898		\$6,898
Other (Includes Interest)	\$9,517	\$9,463	\$0	\$0		\$18,980
CARES Reimbursements	\$9,145				<sup>2</sup>	\$9,145
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$667,968</b>	<b>\$396,782</b>	<b>\$1,859,371</b>	<b>\$6,898</b>		<b>\$2,931,019</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>						
Personnel Services	\$418,931	\$153,128				\$572,059
Professional Services	\$63,442		\$48,378			\$111,820
Operating Expenses	\$90,612	\$87,366		\$2,106		\$180,084
Law Enforcement			\$235,420 <sup>3</sup>			\$235,420
Capital Improvements	\$4,745	\$169,706	\$0	\$0		\$174,451
Sewer NID Close Out				\$8,094 <sup>5</sup>		\$8,094
Road Expenditures (Pending reimbursement)			\$159,013 <sup>4</sup>			\$159,013
Capital - City Streets			\$672,650			\$672,650
COVID-19 Expenses	\$9,836					\$9,836
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$587,566</b>	<b>\$410,200</b>	<b>\$1,115,461</b>	<b>\$10,200</b>		<b>\$2,123,427</b>
<b>Total Revenues Less Expenditures</b>	<b>\$80,402</b>	<b>-\$13,418</b>	<b>\$743,910</b>	<b>-\$3,302</b>		<b>\$807,592</b>

#### FOOTNOTES

- (1) Federal and County Road Grants exceed expenditures due to prior year timing issues
- (2) COVID-19 expenses reimbursed through 6/30/20
- (3) Law Enforcement (Policing Services) is paid annually in January
- (4) Road Expenditures to be reimbursed through Federal & County road grants
- (5) Transfer from Sewer Fund Balance to cover NID close out expenses



## WELDON SPRING- COTTLEVILLE GOODS DRIVE COMPETITION



Weldon Spring is again supporting Sts. Joachim & Ann this winter season by collecting donations from the community. The pantry distributes food products, personal hygiene, household

cleaning supplies, and even back to school supplies. Weldon Spring and Cottleville will again face off to collect the most food. Additionally, the City will be collecting for Five Acres Animal Shelter, a no-kill shelter in St. Charles County. The animal shelter needs pet food, toys, and gently used pet items. For individuals wishing to make donations, City Hall will be accepting items from December 1, 2020, until January 8, 2021. City Hall will be open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A donation bin will be placed outside on the front porch of City Hall for contact-free delivery. Financial contributions can be made, as well. For any questions regarding donations, please contact City Hall. The City looks forward to this friendly competition while collecting items for this cause to help other community members.

## COMMUNITY WIDE SURVEY 2021

City of Weldon will begin conducting a citizen satisfaction survey in early 2021.

The purpose of the survey is to gather feedback on city programs and services. It will be a valuable tool used to measure the progress of Board of Aldermen priorities and help plan for the future. Actively engaging citizens will help identify areas of improvement.

The survey will be administered by ETC Institute. As a national leader in survey research, the ETC Institute has conducted hundreds of customer satisfaction surveys for cities across the country. Approximately 500 Weldon Spring households will be chosen at random to participate in the survey. This quantity of households is needed in order to obtain a sufficient sample that represents the views and perceptions of the entire community. Selected households will have the opportunity to complete the survey by mail, e-mail or phone.

The survey will ask residents about their level of satisfaction and priorities for a wide range of community services including public safety, parks and recreation, code enforcement, public works, communication and customer service. It will take participants approximately 15 minutes to complete a survey. All personnel information will remain confidential.

The survey results will be presented to City Staff and the Board of Aldermen, and then made available to the public.

## CITY SERVICES THROUGH ST. CHARLES COUNTY: POLICE, PUBLIC SAFETY & ROADS

St. Charles County Police Department is contracted for dedicated patrols in Weldon Spring. This year, the City's contract came in at \$235,420. By contracting with the county for police services, the City saves significant money on overhead costs compared to manning/equipping our own police department.

Like police, St. Charles County provides road maintenance and repairs. These services include snow removal and stormwater system upkeep. Weldon Spring chooses to contract with the county due to its cost-effectiveness compared to generating a major investment in property/facilities, equipment and staffing for a public works division. Weldon Spring generates roughly \$210,000 annually for public works maintenance. In recent years the City has been subsidizing this with various other tax revenue sources generated in the General Fund to keep up with the high demands for upkeep. In the future, other revenue-generating paths may need to be explored to keep up with the continued demands.



If residents have concerns about policing, repairs, or maintenance that needs attention, contact City Hall at 636-441-2110 or visit [www.weldonspring.org/our-community/report-a-concern](http://www.weldonspring.org/our-community/report-a-concern). If there is an emergency, please contact 911.





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