



JUNE 2015

## Mayor's Message:

Spring is off and running and summer is now here and is sure to have many exciting events and activities in store for everyone. I hope you'll find the time to visit our park, cool off in the shade or attend one of our many events this year. Additional information on upcoming events and activities can be found inside this newsletter and on our website at [www.weldonspring.org](http://www.weldonspring.org).

The very first event of the year was our Annual Kids Fishing Day where we found our kids having another opportunity "To Get Hooked on Fishing" in just a few short hours. Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> I had the pleasure of baiting hooks and watching the many smiling faces of local children lined around our lake enjoying the day. We got some great pictures from the day's activities and have posted them on our website. It goes without saying but our next big event is the **Independence Day Celebration**, which as tradition holds will once again be held on July 4<sup>th</sup> which is a Saturday this year; the Park will open at 5:30 p.m. Look for additional event details in this newsletter or online.

Our Park is a beautiful place to be and was once the best kept secret in St. Charles County, it is now quite popular to the surrounding community. I've seen the interest in and use of our park rise over the last decade. Your Board of Aldermen and I have looked for ways to expand the park system and amenities so when the five acre "Brock Property" adjacent to the current City Park became available we jumped at the chance to expand.

I'm thrilled to announce that Weldon Spring has purchased the Brock Property and will be increasing our primary City Park from 13 to 18 acres. The challenging part now begins, which is to determine what the community would most like to see out of their parks and recreation system. The City would like to hear your input and feedback on how to best plan out the development of the existing and newly acquired park land. To that end we've prepared a **Parks & Recreation Survey** which is enclosed in this newsletter and can also be picked up at City Hall or downloaded from our website.

Often times when a community plans for the future it is difficult to see the big picture and understand how the pieces of the puzzle fit together. Before park improvements or new programs are implemented the City engages its residents to obtain their input to determine which park amenities and activities are most important to them. This is why completion of the P&R Survey is so critical to help develop both short and long range park plans. I ask you to take a moment and please complete the survey, fold it and mail it back or drop it off at City Hall or leave in drop box on front porch of City Hall. We certainly look forward to reviewing your responses!

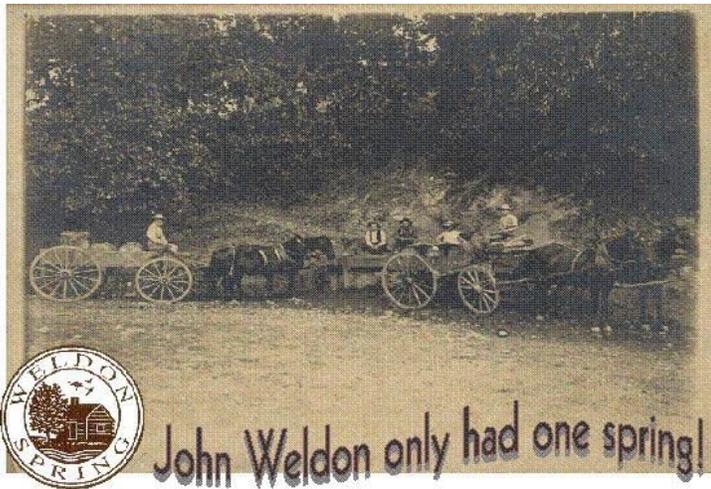
I thank you for the continued public trust and support that you have entrusted to me as your Mayor. I respect this position and consider it an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Weldon Spring. My wife, Janet and I look forward to greeting and welcoming you once again to this year's annual Independence Day Celebration.

I remain,  
Respectfully Your Mayor,

*Don Licklider*



## History of Weldon Spring



Have you ever wondered how your city made its way on the map? Who founded it? And what made people travel to this area in the first place? Many citizens didn't fully know how to answer those questions until recently. Prehistory facts date Weldon Spring back to early 5,000 B.C.E. when it was originally inhabited by Native Americans. Rich hunting, fishing opportunities and the abundance of chert that was fabricated into tools, weapons and other domestic items attracted the Natives to this beautiful region. After years of excavating, artifacts were found in the area dating back to 8,000 B.C.E (over 10,000 years ago) spanning four principal periods of prehistory: Paleo-Indian, Archaic, Woodland and

Mississippian.

Later on, the Mississippian cultures flourished in the area by abandoning tribal lifeways for increasing complexity, sedentism, centralization, and agriculture. The production of surplus corn, trade with other cultures and attractions of the regional chiefdoms led to rapid population concentrations, most notably Cahokia Mounds.

Entering into 1541, the first Europeans to explore the Weldon Spring area were Spaniards. The area was claimed for Spain by DeSoto and claimed for France by LaSalle. In 1658, King Louis XIV of France ordered that the Mississippi River Valley area, including Weldon Spring, be explored for potential locations for trading posts. French explorers from Quebec searched the area and the French formally took possession of the area in 1682 which was part of the larger area they named Louisiana. By 1760, French traders, trappers, and missionaries had explored the Mississippi Valley and established settlements as far south as the Missouri River in St. Charles County. Louis Blanchette, a French Canadian fur trader, established an active trading post and settlement on the Missouri River. He named the settlement "Les Petites Cotes" or "The Little Hills" because of the foothills along the northern bank of the Missouri River. When Spain gained control of the Upper Louisiana Territory from France, they founded the San Carlos Borromeo Church in the settlement. The name was later anglicized to "St. Charles".

In 1790, Weldon Spring was first settled by a frontiersman from North Carolina named John Weldon. Weldon received a 425-acre land grant from Spain. He constructed a log home on a ridge overlooking a spring. However, Native Americans burned the cabin in the early 1800's. Weldon, with the help of neighbors, built a larger home with four rooms downstairs, one room upstairs and two fireplaces. This land is now occupied by the Emmanuel United Church of Christ near Highway 94 and I-64 and the spring which attracted Weldon to the area is still flowing today under Hwy 94.





## TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR INDEPENDENCE

The City of Weldon Spring's Annual Independence Day Celebration will be on **Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**. As always, we are planning to give you an amazing event this year.

There will be lots of fun activities and entertainment for the entire family. Once again, you can look forward to inflatables for the kids, balloon sculptures, face painting and a fantastic magic show. We know you'll look forward to the live music played by our local Social Distraction Band (many of whose members live in the Weldon Spring area). And, of course, the kids all love Cindy's Zoo. You'll find all this and more FREE courtesy of the City of Weldon Spring.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July food vendors will be on hand selling delicious festival cuisine. Look for vendors such as **Los 3 Compadres Mexican Restaurant**, **Mattingly's serving hamburgers, hot dogs, & more**. **Boy Scout Troop #353** will be serving water, soda, popcorn & watermelon slices to tempt your taste buds. And . . . also, on hand for this special event will be our friends at **Deter's Frozen Custard** - so be sure to stop by and grab something tasty!

We can always use more volunteers for this event, so please contact Sarah Jackson at City Hall. 636-441-2110 ext. 111 or [sjackson@weldonspring.org](mailto:sjackson@weldonspring.org) right away.

We look forward to seeing you on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and celebrating our Country's Independence!

***Weldon Spring Park is the place to be this year for FOOD, FIREWORKS and FUN!!!***



### City of Weldon Spring Road Projects Update

#### PROJECTS UNDERWAY:

##### ***::Weldon Spring Parkway Phase 2::***

The project limits are from Independence Road to 280 feet southwest of CenterPointe Hospital Drive. The City has awarded a tree clearing contract to Davey Tree Services for the clearing of the larger trees within the project limits. The necessary trees have been cleared due to the need to avoid the Indiana Brown Bats' summer habitat. The right-of-way clearance has been approved by MoDOT. Plans, specs and estimate (PS&E) were approved by MoDOT on April 28, 2015. We received MoDOT Authorization to Advertise on May 17. Advertisement for Bids was published in the paper on May 22. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for June 11 at 2:00 p.m. and the bid opening is scheduled for June 16, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. The project should be completed in late 2015 or early 2016.



## **PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE:**



### ***::Independence Road Phase 3::***

The project limits are from Wolfrum Road to 350 feet west of Nancy Lane. Right-of-way acquisition has been completed the City is addressing MoDOT comments in order to get approval and right-of-way clearance.

The final plans, specifications, and cost estimate are completed and will be submitted to MoDOT for approval with the right-of-way clearance documents. The major road construction will be delayed due to the length of time necessary to acquire the right-of-way which delayed the final plans preparation. The project will go out for construction bid potentially in mid-2015. After a contractor is awarded the project the contractor will start clearing trees, install storm sewers, and do some of the grading in order to get the utility relocation completed in 2015. Major lane reconstruction will start in the spring of 2016. The traffic on the section of Independence Road Phase 3 under construction will be reduced to one-way traveling west from Wolfrum Road during construction in 2016. The project should be completed in late 2016.

### ***::Independence Road Phase 4::***

The project limits are from Galahad Drive to 350 feet west of Nancy Lane. The conceptual design for the road reconstruction should be completed in early June 2015. The project's tentative timeline is preliminary design and right-of-way plans in 2015, right-of-way acquisition and final plans in 2016, and construction in 2017.



## **Clean Water is Essential for a Clean Environment**

Summer is upon us. Please be aware of some seasonal things you can do to help improve our water quality within the City: If needed, use fertilizers and pesticides per the manufacturer's recommendations.

- When draining a pool be sure to check that the discharge water has a PH in the range between 6.5 and 8.5. Try to insure that the backwash does not cause any drainage problems.
- Consider adding a rain garden or rain barrel to your summer yard projects.
- If you have a pet, remember to clean up after them and dispose of the waste properly. The City Park has pet waste bags available along the walking trail.
- Start planning to do some plantings of trees, shrubs or ornamentals to increase the green space on your property and to help absorb storm water and reduce runoff.
- If you have a septic tank and have not checked it recently, you should check once a year.

Making a few changes in our daily lives can significantly reduce the amount of pollutants we contribute to stormwater runoff. Check out our website for City Newsletter back issues online, and more tips and information on improving storm water 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. You should contact either:

**Frank Godwin**  
Storm Water Manager  
636-441-2110 ext. 110  
[fgodwin@weldonspring.org](mailto:fgodwin@weldonspring.org)

**Joe Hartman**  
Code Enforcement Official  
636-441-2110 ext. 107  
[jhartman@weldonspring.org](mailto:jhartman@weldonspring.org)



## Pavilion Reservations Still Available



The City is accepting reservations for the two pavilions for the 2015 calendar year. There are still some open time slots and days available. It's the perfect place for that outside birthday party or reunion. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Pat Oldcroft at (636) 441-2110 ext. 100 or by email at [poldcroft@weldonspring.org](mailto:poldcroft@weldonspring.org). Proof of residency is required in the form of a copy of your driver's license and a recent utility bill with your address listed along with your reservation fee.

## The Count Down Begins!

It's summer time again and you know what that means, Fourth of July is right around



the corner! Get ready because firework stands will be setting up in various locations in the City of Weldon Spring starting June 14<sup>th</sup> but cannot start selling until June 19<sup>th</sup> upon successfully passing safety inspections by the City and Fire District. To make sure everyone is going to stay safe this summer here are some helpful tips and facts to keep families and loved ones safe during this busy time.

First things first, if you have little ones in the family make sure to keep a close eye on them **at all times**. One third of the accidents that occur during this season are due to parents that don't pay attention to where their child is. Second, it's never a good idea to mix alcohol and fireworks. If you plan on consuming this day hand the lighter off to someone else that way you can sit back, relax and enjoy the show. Third, please **do not** place any body part (face, hands or eyes) over a firework when lighting. Parents, if you are buying the fun pack of sparklers, make sure to keep them a safe distance away from your child's eyes. It's all fun and games until someone gets hurt. Finally, if you plan on showing off the awesome fireworks you bought make sure to keep your grass wet to prevent fires and **remember** fireworks can only be shot off July 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> between 12:00 PM and 11:00 PM. Just keep in mind ladies and gentlemen the safety of your family along with your neighbors. Use common sense and you'll have a great Fourth of July!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Mayor Don Lickliger occasionally looks for professionals or retired professionals to volunteer to become a commissioner on one of his committees. Mayor Lickliger is currently looking for volunteers for the Board of Architectural View Committee, the Board of Adjustment and/or the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Volunteer opportunities are also offered year-round for various city events. Those interested would be working with individuals of all ages. We need volunteers for each of the special events held here in Weldon Spring.

It's a great way to give back to your community, learn new skills and meet new people. Whether you are a student in need of community service hours, a stay at home mom/dad or a retiree looking to meet new friends, your volunteer time with the City really counts! All student volunteer hours will be recorded per calendar year (student community service hours are signed off after each volunteer opportunity).

If this sounds like an opportunity that you may be interested in, please call Pat Oldcroft at 636-441-2110 ext. 100 or by email at [poldcroft@weldonspring.org](mailto:poldcroft@weldonspring.org).





## Keep Your Identity Protected

Attention tax payers and debit card users: have you bought anything recently with your debit card or did you pay your taxes online? If so, you could be at risk of identity theft! 2015 marked a brand new year with high hopes of identity theft declining but unfortunately in the last 3 months it's been on the rise and many Weldon Spring businesses and residents have been affected. To help keep your identity protected at all times during tax season and just in general here are a few tips to help lower your chances of identity theft.

- Leave your social security card **at home!** Don't ever carry it in your wallet or give the number out freely. **Only** give your number out if you absolutely have to.
- For those who love using their debit card, be aware of your surroundings and watch out for shoulder surfers. Criminals are everywhere and will do anything to get information.
- Use your free hand to cover the pad when entering your PIN or simply just use credit. It's much harder to gather personal information when using credit because it's layered whereas debit goes straight to your bank account.
- To help avoid cyber-attacks online install firewall and virus detection software. By installing these programs it will be much more difficult for criminals to access your information during tax season or when you're shopping.
- Use a "dump card" (aka prepaid card) when shopping online. By having a dump card you can load however much money you would like and shop freely without the risk of identity theft.

Just keep in mind, as technology advances so do the criminals. Be smart and avoid situations where your identity could possibly be stolen. Constantly check your bank account, collect your mail on a daily basis and avoid unwanted bank and/or IRS calls. Keep these tips in mind and you'll be identity theft free.



## Concept Plans for New 116 acre Park at Pitman Hill & Kisker Road in Weldon Spring

The St. Charles County Parks Department will be hosting an Open House to unveil the latest conceptual plans for the recently purchased 116 acres of park land nestled along and between Pitman Hill and Kisker Rd. The Open House will be on Monday, June 29 from 5-8 p.m. at the Kisker Road Library Branch located at 1000 Kisker Road. St Charles

County Parks Staff will be on hand to discuss the proposed concert that will be used to help develop the new parkland. Consult the County's Parks page on their website for updates or more information: [www.sccmo.org/232/parks-recreation](http://www.sccmo.org/232/parks-recreation).



### **New Hire and Opening Available**

The City offered another summer internship program this year with the emphasis in Public Relations. The successful candidate was selected and we are happy to announce and introduce Sarah Jackson as this year's Public Relations Intern. Sarah is from Florissant and attends Lindenwood University where she is going into her senior year. She studies business communications with an emphasis in marketing. She will be assisting with many of the special events in the Park and has been asked to begin ground work for planning a new event/activity to be held in the Park. Please join me in welcoming Sarah to the Weldon Spring City Team!

As we welcome one; we begin to say goodbye to another. Our longtime City Treasurer, Janet Lieurance, has announced her resignation. She has been on staff with Weldon Spring for over 12 years and has served the position of City Treasurer well. She has cited the desire to spend more time with her husband and two children. Janet has agreed to stay on until a new replacement can be found and trained. We'd like to thank Janet for her years of service to the City and community! For more info about the City Treasurer opening please visit our website and click on "employment opportunities". (Web Site: [www.weldonspring.org](http://www.weldonspring.org))



OH SAY CAN *what so proudly we hailed at*  
YOU SEE BY *the twilight's last gleaming?*  
THE DAWNS *Whose broad stripes and*  
EARLY LIGHT *bright stars thru the perilous*  
*fight, o'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly*  
*streaming? And the rocket's red glare, the*  
*bombs bursting in air, gase proof through the night*  
*that our flag was still there. Oh say does that star-*  
*spangled banner yet wave o'er the land of the free*  
*and the home of the brave?*





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**Mark Your Calendar!**

Residents of the City of Weldon Spring are always invited to our Public Meetings.

Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

**MUNICIPAL COURT**

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month promptly at 6:00 p.m.**

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month**

*[except during the months of November & December]*

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**

**1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month**

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month**

*All meetings begin at 7:30 o'clock p.m. and are held at City Hall located at 5401 Independence Road at Nancy Lane – Please enter through the side door.*

**Any questions please call Pat: (636) 441-2110 ext. 100**

**LIST OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS & CONTACTS**

**City Hall . . . . . (636) 441-2110**

- City Administrative Asst, Pat Oldcroft ext. 100
- City Administrator, Michael Padella ext. 102
- City Clerk, Melinda Kwiatkowski ext. 103
- City Treasurer, Janet Lieurance ext. 105
- Zoning Commissioner, Joe Nichols ext. 106
- Code Enforcement, Joe Hartman ext. 107
- Municipal Court/Traffic, Laura Brown ext. 108
- Storm Water, Frank Godwin ext. 110
- Intern: Sarah Jackson ext. 111
- Parks Department, Richard Kersting
- And Howie Milwerger ext. 104

Or . . . . . (636) 485-3840

**Mayor Don Licklider ext.-101 –or- Home: (636) 441-1801**

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