



June 2016

City of Tradition and Progress

Mayor's Message:

Independence Day is an opportunity to remember the journey of our forefathers whose unwavering spirit made our freedom possible. On Monday, July 4th, join us as we celebrate our nation's birthday and recognize those who have served, and those who continue to serve our country, and thank them for their service. This will be our 15th Annual Independence Day Celebration at the City Park. Additional details on this and other upcoming events and activities can be found inside this newsletter and on our website at www.weldonspring.org.

Our first event that was scheduled was the Movie & Food Truck Night in the Park, however, due to the rain in the forecast on June 3rd we went ahead and canceled the event. We will be rescheduling the event for the end of July or beginning of August. Stay tuned for announcements on the City's website and social media. The next event, which fortunately the weather cooperated with us on, was the Annual Kids Fishing Day where we found our kids having another opportunity "To Get Hooked on Fishing". It was held on Saturday, June 11th and once again, I had the pleasure of coming out and seeing the many smiling faces of our children as they tried to pull in the "BIG ONE". We got some great pictures from the day's activities and have posted them on our website.

Following up on last year's purchase of the Brock Property next to the City Park, the City is in the process of reviewing park planning and engineering services. We are in the process of working with a design engineering firm to develop a concept plan for the development of this tract as well as the existing park for future park improvements. Once the initial plan is agreed upon we will have engineering designs created to begin the development of the Park land. Be sure to keep an eye on upcoming Board Meeting agendas where the plans will be openly discussed and shared with the public.

Recently there has been a lot of road construction around town. The City and County appreciate everyone's understanding and patience. No one enjoys delays or the inconvenience that come along with construction, but I know most people realize a little bit of repair goes a long way to avoid accidents and reduce unsafe driving conditions. Some projects like the Independence Road Improvement are larger and take much more time as this is a complete reconstruction and upgrade of the roadway. Others like the Sammelman Road improvement address a long existing ninety degree turn and eliminate it with an acceptable turning radius. If you see or believe there are unsafe driving conditions please do not hesitate to contact City Hall and share your concerns.



I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing friends, neighbors and new faces at this year's Independence Day Celebration. Be sure to bring the whole family!

I remain,
Respectfully your Mayor,

Don Licklider



Weldon Spring Incorporates

In 1935, the Daniel Boone Bridge was constructed over the Missouri River connecting St. Louis County to St. Charles County via U.S. Highway 40 (known today as Interstate 64). Following construction of Interstate 70 and the opening of the Blanchette Bridge over the Missouri River, population growth in St. Charles County began to flourish due to convenient access to job opportunities in St. Louis County. This accessibility, combined with less expensive land (on average) than land in St. Louis County helped kick start significant housing development in the area. In the 1970's, St. Charles County had over a 50% increase in population and became one of the fastest growing counties in the United States at that time.

By the early 1980s, growth in and around the Weldon Spring area was the cause of concern for many area residents. With the fear of aggressive development and loss of the rural character and charm, local residents joined together and decided to seek incorporation status for Weldon Spring as a "village" in 1984. The community's status was later upgraded to that of a fourth class City in the State of Missouri. One of the principal reasons residents wanted to incorporate was to gain control over local land use and zoning decisions and take charge of the community's destiny.

In 1988 the newly formed City began preparation of their first Comprehensive Plan. This Plan plotted out desirable future land uses and was later finalized and formally adopted in 1990. The Plan served as a road map of sorts for future development as well as the implementation and/or expansion of municipal services. Following the adoption of the Plan, new Zoning and Land Use Ordinances were drafted and adopted two years later with the intention of carrying out the vision and goals of the Comprehensive Plan. In 2000 a new Comprehensive Plan was adopted, reflecting new community conditions as well as new goals and policies reflecting the changing desires of City residents. The 2008 version of the Comprehensive Plan was a full rewrite of the 2000 Plan. Once again the City's Comprehensive Plan was updated in 2015. This latest version of the Plan is a strategic update to the 2008 Plan and reflects the community's values and vision once again defined and guided by the residents both elected/appointed and at large representing the fabric of what we now today know to be Weldon Spring and we affectionately call home.



ORDINANCES RECENTLY APPROVED BY YOUR ALDERMEN

Below is a list of pertinent ordinances that the Board of Aldermen passed for the first few months of 2016. If you would like additional information on any of the ordinances, please feel free to contact the City Clerk at (636) 441-2110 ext. 103 or mkwiatkowski@weldonspring.org.

16-06 – An Ordinance authorizing the erection and enforcement of No Parking signs on John Linn Place within the City.

16-07 – An Ordinance approving the Conditional Use Permit for the QuikTrip Corporation.

16-08 – An Ordinance approving the Site Plan for the QuikTrip Corporation Site improvements.

16-09 – An Ordinance declaring the results of an election held on April 5th, 2016 to approve the continued application and collection of the local sales tax on the titling of motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors that were purchased from a source other than a licensed Missouri dealer.

16-10 – An Ordinance that amends the City Code by repealing Section 235.120 "Harassment" in its entirety and replacing it with a new Section 235.120.



MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS – 2016

The following are the Official, Certified Results from the April 5th, 2016 General Municipal Election:

Ward I – 2 Year Term:

Bruce Robb – 176

-0- Write-In

Ward II – 2 Year Term:

Donald Schwaab – 253

Mike Rouhani – 34

1 Write-In

Ward III – 2 Year Term:

William “Bill” Kohrs – 176

4 Write-In

Proposition B: “Shall the City of Weldon Spring, Missouri continue applying and collecting the local Sales tax on the titling of motor vehicles, trailers, boats, and outboard motors that were purchased from a source other than a licensed Missouri dealer? Rejection of this measure will result in a reduction of local revenue to provide for vital services for the City of Weldon Spring, Missouri and it will place Missouri dealers of motor vehicles, outboard motors, boats, and trailers at a competitive disadvantage to non-Missouri dealers of motor vehicles, outboard motors, boats and trailers.”

540 – YES

195 – NO

The City Welcomes a New Alderman

The City of Weldon Spring welcomed recently elected Alderman Don Schwaab to the Board of Alderman Thursday evening. Schwaab is an Alderman in Ward II. He will be joining six other elected officials on the board.

Elected Officials:

- Donald Lickliger, Mayor
- Bill Hillmer, Alderman Ward I
- Bruce Robb, Alderman Ward I
- Don Schwaab, Alderman Ward II
- Janet Kolb, Alderman Ward II
- Gerry Baker, Alderman Ward III
- Bill Kohrs, Alderman Ward III



Pictured is Aldermen Don Schwaab and his wife Sherry

Schwaab is eager to get to work as alderman and “give back to the city”. Like many others, Don Schwaab and his family were affected by the tornado that ran through Weldon Spring in 2013. He says “Weldon Spring did so much for me and my family, and I felt that it was my duty to run for alderman and help Weldon Spring like they helped me”. While Schwaab might be new to his position in Weldon Spring, he has been a part of the city’s Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for several years now.

Although Weldon Spring is gaining an Alderman on the board, the city is also losing one. Schwaab will be replacing Alderman Mark Kaiser, who did not seek re-election. Kaiser served as an Alderman in Ward II for two years. The Mayor presented Mark Kaiser with a certificate of appreciation to thank him for his hard work and dedication for the past two years.



City of Weldon Spring, Missouri
Unaudited Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
and Indebtedness
For the Six Months Ended March 31, 2016

	General Fund	Municipal Building and Park Fund	State Revenue Sharing and Road Funds	Sewer Escrow & Maintenance Funds	Total
Revenues:					
Franchise Fees	\$225,441				\$225,441
Licenses and Permits	\$13,204				\$13,204
Court Fines and Fees	\$39,982				\$39,982
Local Sales Tax		\$160,638			\$160,638
Metro Park District Tax		\$9,240			\$9,240
Motor Vehicle Sales and Fees			\$104,354		\$104,354
Federal Road Grants			\$307,477		\$307,477
St. Charles County Road Grants			\$99,540		\$99,540
Sewer Assessments and Fees				\$49,157	\$49,157
Other (Includes Interest)	\$1,438	\$631	\$79	\$100	\$2,248
Total Revenues	\$280,065	\$170,509	\$511,450	\$49,257	\$1,011,281
Expenditures:					
Personnel Services	\$127,689	\$33,195			\$160,884
Professional Services	\$32,641				\$32,641
Operating Expenses	\$42,619	\$23,484	\$3,266	\$41	\$69,410
Law Enforcement			\$204,227		\$204,227
Debt Service				\$34,363	\$34,363
Capital Improvements		\$16,308			\$16,308
Road Expenses (pending reimbursement)			\$243,044		\$243,044
Capital - City Streets			\$67,918		\$67,918
Total Expenditures	\$202,949	\$72,987	\$518,455	\$34,404	\$828,795
Total Revenues Less Expenditures	\$77,116	\$97,522	-\$7,005	\$14,853	\$182,486

INDEBTEDNESS

Neighborhood Improvement District Bond Issue bearing interest at 3.00% per annum; principle payment of \$65,000 plus interest payable annually; due July 1, 2016, outstanding March 31, 2016 \$270,000



Open Arms

As the summer season kicks off and schools are letting out, you might start to see some unfamiliar faces around your neighborhood. Don't feel shy or threatened, it's probably just your new neighbor(s)! In today's busy society, it is not uncommon for the new people on the block to go unnoticed, at least for a while. Being hospitable is a timeless American tradition. Taking five minutes out of your day to welcome your new neighbors is a bigger deal than you think.

Recently we did a Q & A with Anthony Bartlett, the Founder and President of St. Louis Transplants. If you are not familiar with the company, St. Louis Transplants is an organization that is devoted to helping people who are new to town, get acclimated to their new environment in a short amount of time. Their job is to eliminate the struggles of finding new friends after re-locating to a whole new city. "If you want to know where to catch the game, go for a walk, take the kids to play, join a club, grab dinner or meet someone with whom you can do any of the above, that's why we're here", said Bartlett.

Q. What inspired you to create St. Louis Transplants?

"I was adopted by a neighbor as a friend when I moved back to St. Louis. Also, I didn't want to see good people move away from St. Louis, because of a lack of comfortability."

Q. What is the mission of St. Louis Transplants?

"We want to help any employer bring new talent to St. Louis. Our job is to make your visit to the St. Louis area a "personal" experience so that you'll feel comfortable moving here."

Q. How would you describe St. Louis?

"St. Louis is the friendliest city in America, where no one wants to be your friend. The majority of the people that live in St. Louis are from St. Louis; therefore, they interact with the people they (already) know."

Q. Explain the importance of welcoming in new neighbors?

"Most people decide within the first week if they will permanently stay in a city. You want people to feel comfortable in their surroundings. It's our job to let people know that they can make a difference. A simple invitation to a barbecue can be the deciding factor between a family staying or moving away."

Q. What is the deciding factor in picking where you want to move?

"Today most people are making their decisions based upon comfortability and where they feel they fit in best. It is our job not only as St. Louis Transplants, but residents of the community to welcome them in with open arms."

We can all learn something from Anthony and St. Louis Transplants. You can make a difference in someone else's life. Reaching out to others helps them get involved in their community and feel more welcomed. There are plenty of neighborhood and city events to participate in. This year's National Night Out date is Tuesday, August 2nd. Invite your neighbors out, so they can feel a part of their neighborhood as well as the rest of the community. Moving to a new city and into a new neighborhood can be a stressful and even frightening experience. When you greet new people with warm smiles and open arms, it can make the transition much smoother for them, and after all you may make some new friends while you're at it!

If you would like to know more about St. Louis Transplants check out their website: <http://www.stltransplants.com/>



2016 INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION!

The City of Weldon Spring's Annual Independence Day Celebration will be on **Monday, July 4th**. 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. We know you'll enjoy the live music played by our local Social Distraction Band. And, of course, the kids all love Cindy's Petting Zoo. Admission is FREE, as are the events and entertainment, all brought to you courtesy of the City of Weldon Spring.

The 4th of July vendors will be on hand selling delicious festival cuisine. There will be a few new food vendors, as well as some returning favorites, such as Los 3 Compadres. 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 than last year's!

We are always looking for volunteers or helpers for this event, so please contact Ira Hughes at City Hall. 636-441-2110 ext. 111 or ihughes@weldonspring.org right away to sign up to help. We look forward to seeing you on the 4th of July and celebrating our Country's Independence with us!



City of Weldon Spring Road Projects Updates

1. **WSP Phase II:** RV Wagner has reached "Partial-Completion". This means that all items on the original contract have been completed and accepted. One change order for additional work relating to the installation of additional directional signage, installation of delineators on islands at 94 & Ind. Road, and installation of additional street signage will be complete by June 10, 2016. The Change Order work is scheduled to be complete by the end of June.
2. **Ind. Rd. Phase III:** This project extends from Wolfrum Rd. to the City Park. Grading operations continue. Installation of storm sewer pipe and structures for EB Independence is scheduled to begin during June. After the storm sewer installation is complete fine grading will begin. Missouri American Water must relocate water main before work on boulder wall at Tudor Trace can begin. **REMINDER:** *This portion of Ind. Rd. is one way only heading west bound; during the July 4th festival traffic will have to exit to the right.*
3. **Ind. Rd. Phase IV:** This extends from Galahad Dr. to the City Park. The City received right-of-way/easement acquisition clearance from MoDOT. The City Attorney and Engineer are working on the negotiating with property owners along the proposed improvement for both permanent right-of-way as well as temporary construction easements.
4. **Culvert Pipe Replacement on Wolfrum Road:** The temporary and full closure of Wolfrum Road will be for two days beginning on July 5th (weather permitting) in order to replace a culvert pipe under the roadway. The existing corrugated pipe has begun to collapse on one end and needs to be completely replaced. The closure will be just past Cedar Junction Ln. and the "S" curve by 420 Wolfrum Rd. Due to the one way traffic on Independence Road between Wolfrum Rd. and the City Park, drivers will have to use Rt. 94 as their alternative detour route. County crews will be conducting the work and will place electronic message boards one week prior to the closure to advise drivers.





Clean Water is Essential for a Clean Environment

Everybody can do some basic things to help the local environment and improve our water quality in the City. Summer is the time of year we turn our attention to the maintenance of the exterior of the house, pools, and lawn care for the season. Keep in mind the effects your activity has on the environment and your neighbor downstream. You can also check the St. Charles County & St. Peters websites and the Missouri Stream Team website for schedules of conservation events in our area. Below are some additional tips for summer:

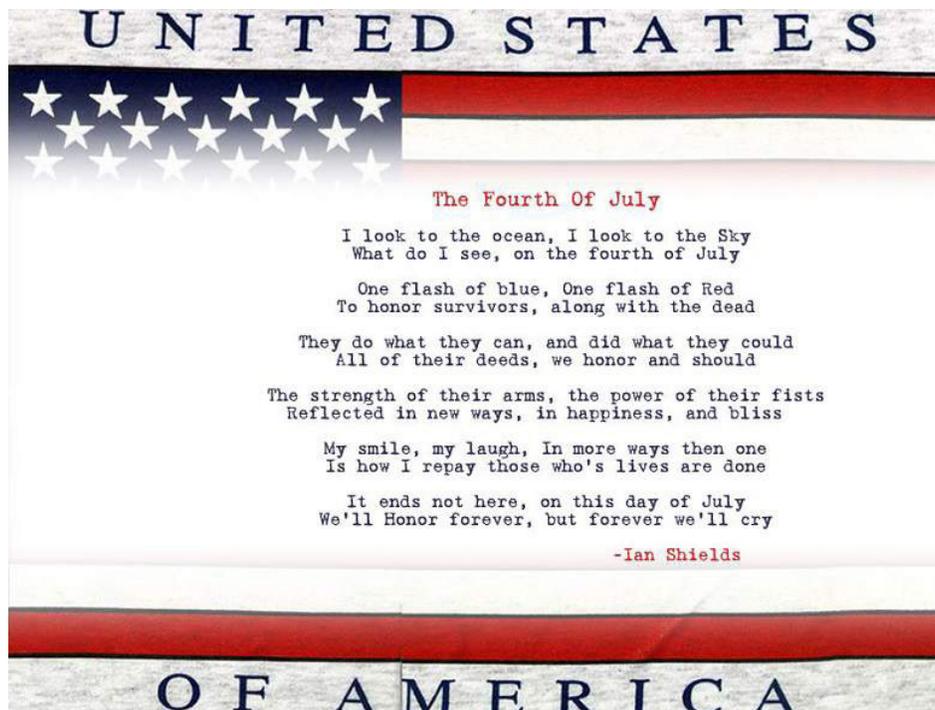
- Don't forget to use Missouri One Call or dial "811" before you dig holes for tree plantings or for any other significant excavations on your property.
- Remember that yard and pet waste needs to be disposed of properly. Do not put it in the storm drains or storm drainage swales.
- If doing exterior house cleaning remember to follow the directions on the cleaning materials and if spraying for insects to follow all application guidelines and storage procedures.
- Washing your car in your yard to reduce run off is beneficial on many levels.
- Adding a rain barrel to some downspouts can help improve the environment.

Making a few changes in our daily lives can significantly reduce the amount of pollutants we contribute. Check out our City of Weldon Spring website at www.weldonspring.org for City newsletter back issues on line and more tips and information on Storm Water Quality and City events.

Just a reminder: If you see **any suspicious dumping** of liquids or debris into the storm sewers, creeks or waterways within the City of Weldon Spring, please **contact the City**. You may contact the City Administrator for immediate service or either:

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

Joe Hartman
Code Enforcement Official
636-441-2110 ext. 107
jhartman@weldonspring.org





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ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
MONDAY – JULY 4TH – 5:30 P.M. - ??



FREE FACE PAINTING, FREE MAGIC SHOW, FREE BALLOON ART, FREE INFLATABLES, FREE FIREWORKS, FREE MUSIC, AND LOTS A FUN

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

1st Wednesday of each month promptly at 6:00 p.m.
[except during the month of July it will be held on July 13]

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

2nd Tuesday & 4th Thursday of each month

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

1st Monday of each month

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION

3rd Tuesday of each month

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, Sue Steiger 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
 Public Relations Intern, Ira Hughes ext. 111
 Parks Department, Richard/Howie ext. 104
 Or (636) 485-3840
Mayor Don Licklider ext.-101 –or- Home: (636) 441-1801

BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

- Ward 1: Bruce Robb 636-939-0606
 Ward 1: Bill Hillmer 636-447-9156
 Ward 2: Janet Kolb 636-441-0200
 Ward 2: Don Schwaab 636-634-6613
 Ward 3: Bill Kohrs 636-300-1063
 Ward 3: Gerry Baker 636-329-8121

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