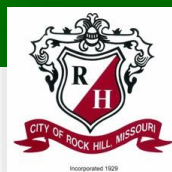




A View from the Hill

April 2022



A Letter from the Mayor

Dear Residents of Rock Hill,

I would like to thank the voters of Rock Hill for allowing me to continue to serve as your Mayor, for a third term. I am committed to working with the Board of Alderman and City Staff to make sure Rock Hill continues to be a strong community of multi-generational families, with a growing economy, and a continued energetic community spirit. I would like to congratulate returning Alderman, Jennifer Davis and Jeffrey Took, and welcome incoming Alderman Tina Wiley. Lastly, I would like to thank outgoing Alderman, Jackie Rappold for her service to the City. Mrs. Rappold was vital in many updates within the City, including but not limited to the update of the City Website in 2019. The result of her dedication and hard work to the Parks and Recreation Commission will be apparent for years to come.

Again thank you for entrusting me as your Mayor and don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything.

-Edward Mahan, Mayor; emahan@rockhillmo.net or 314-561-4317 ext. 8017



Virtual Coffee with the Mayor Wednesday, April 20 6 p.m.

Special Guest: Hudson Elementary School Playground Committee C0-Chairs: Allison Aardsma and Leah Rush

They will be speaking with the Mayor about the partnership with the City on a Municipal Park Planning Grant. The City is looking for community input on this project.

The renovation of the playground with Municipal Park

Grant funds will be open to the public during non-school/activity hours.



Rock Hill Day Camp Registration is officially open. Day Camp will run June 6-July 15, Monday-Friday, 9 am-3 pm (no camp July 4) at Hudson Elementary School. The Rock Hill Day Camp is open to kids who have completed Kindergarten-completed 5th grade.

Additional camp information as well as the link to sign up is available by [clicking here](#).

We are currently searching for camp staff and volunteers. If you know anyone interested, they can get an application online [here](#) or reaching out to Katy: knieman@rockhillmo.net.

Rock Hill Arbor Day Celebration

Friday, April 29: 10 am
Whitfield Park

(Berry Rd & Madison Ave)

Activities, tree seedling
give-a-way, and story
time with the Rock Hill
Library



TONIGHT

EGG HUNT AND PHOTOS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Craft project available starting at 6pm

Egg Hunt Begins promptly at 6:15pm.

Hunt followed by photos with the Easter Bunny.

Stroup Field: Corner of McKinley Ave & Old Warson Rd.

No charge! Event held Rain or Shine.

Questions? 314-561-4304; knieman@rockhillmo.net



RAIN or shine

Aquatic Center Information

Maplewood Family Aquatic Center
7550 Lohmeyer, 63143

Rock Hill residents can purchase a Resident daily
admission or season pass. Residents are required
to get a Proof of Residency form from Rock Hill City Hall.
(827 N. Rock Hill Rd. Open Mon-Fri; 8am-5pm)

Bring in two forms of residency: Photo ID, Utility Bill, Personal
Property Tax Receipt, Occupancy Permit

For hours of operation, fees and rules [click here.](#)

Webster Groves Aquatic Center
33 E. Glendale, 63119

Rock Hill residents can purchase a
Non-Resident daily admission or Season Pass.
For hours of operation, fees and rules
[click here.](#)

Rock Hill Public Library

Greetings from the Rock Hill Public Library! We are open Monday-Thursday 12-7 PM, Friday 12-5 PM, and Saturday 10 AM-2 PM. Don't have time to come into the library? Curbside service is available Monday-Thursday from 10 AM-12 PM.



We are looking for a teen intern for the summer! Know a teen who's looking for (paid!) work experience? Send them our way or direct them to our application at <https://www.rockhillpubliclibrary.org/about-us/#employment>

Join us on Zoom for FREE gentle yoga on Wednesday, April 20 at 8 PM. Beginners are more than welcome to attend! Sign up at <https://forms.gle/5y9fdY6QwUDNQW5U6>

The library continues to offer monthly Take and Make craft kits for our littlest patrons. Drop by the library to pick up a kit and have screen-free fun. This month, kids can make an adorable cupcake liner flower!

For more information about our programs, visit our website at <https://www.rockhillpubliclibrary.org/> or feel free to give us a call at 314-962-4723. We hope to see you at the library soon!



Spring is in the air! Time for Yardwork and Trimming!

CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED)

What is it and why is it important to implement? CPTED is an approach to deterring criminal behavior by designing your residence or business to influence criminal acts prior to them occurring. CPTED is an important strategy to employ to your residence as it will, generally, make potential burglars feel less comfortable in your area and around your home. Here are some things you might want to consider while cleaning up your yards.

Residential Entry Points:

Daylight View – Stand outside of your home's primary front entry/exit areas. From this line of sight, what can you see?

- Ask yourself, can you be seen by neighbors or vehicle passing by? If you cannot see them, they cannot see you either. Criminals like privacy too!
- Repeat this process on each side of your home.

Night View – Now, stand outside of your home's primary front entry/exit areas at night.

- Repeat the Daylight View process. What can you see from your doorways?
- Is lighting present to highlight these same entry/exit points?
- Are there dark spaces that could be lighted? Repeat this process on each side of your home.

Street View of Property:

- Walk or drive by the front of your residence from the street.
- Can you see clearly down both sides of the residence?
- Can the windows and doors be seen from the street-view?
- Does your property follow the 2'-6' rule (hedges and bushes no more than 2' high, and tree limbs trimmed to at least 6' above ground)? This reduces hiding spots for criminals.
- At dark, have tree canopies grown so large that they block any street or residential lighting sources?
- Are there places for a person to conceal themselves near your doorways?
- How well maintained is your yard? A well-manicured property displays strong ownership and presence.
- Is my address clearly visible, so First Responders can identify my house if I call?
- Is there any signage present to display ownership (No trespassing, alarm signage, etc.)?

We would like to remind residents to keep yard waste out of sewer drains:

If yard waste (such as leaves, grass clippings, weeds, brush and small twigs) is disposed of along a creek or in a storm drain it can have a negative impact on the community.

Yard waste decaying in creeks and rivers decomposes in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic life can't survive in water with low oxygen. As yard waste decomposes, plant nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus are also released. These nutrients promote the excessive growth of algae in the water. As the water becomes polluted, it does not support aquatic life and becomes a health hazard.

What Can You Do?

- ✓ Never allow yard waste to be washed down or put into storm drains.
- ✓ Do not sweep or blow grass clippings along the street or into a storm drain.
- ✓ Do not dump grass or yard waste onto a creek bank or area where it will be washed into creeks and rivers.
- ✓ Control soil erosion on your property by planting native trees and ground cover to stabilize erosion prone areas.
- ✓ Compost leaves, brush, grass clippings and other yard waste.
- ✓ Mow grass higher and leave grass clippings on the lawn to retain moisture and provide nutrients to the soil as they decompose.
- ✓ Do not over water your lawn or garden. This may increase leaching of fertilizers to ground and surface water.

Manchester Road Construction Update

At this point, the construction crews are anticipating a full closure of Manchester near Dorothy the weekend of April 22. They are still working out the details on this closure, which was postponed twice in February. In addition, they are starting plans for this summer's full closure of Manchester just west of Hanley, to replace the Black Creek bridge. They plan to start on May 1, 2022. The work will consist of a full road closure on Route 100 at Black Creek just west of Hanley Road intersection and a partial closure on Manchester Road from Mary Avenue to Dorothy Avenue. The Full closure will be in place from May through the end of August. Detour Maps around the closed section of Manchester will be provided prior to the closure.

