

A View from the Hill



A Letter from the Mayor Dear Residents of Rock Hill, I would like to extend my congratulations to our

newly elected Alderpersons: Ward 1: Edward Johnson

Ward 2: Sabrina Westfall

Ward 3: Sheldon Verrett; Please note, this was reported incorrectly in the Webster/Kirkwood Times.

The Webster Groves, Shrewsbury, Rock Hill Chamber of Commerce recently announced the 2025 Heart of the Community Award Winners. We are pleased to announce the 2025 Rock Hill Citizen of the Year Award recipient, Alderwoman for Ward 1, Tina Wiley. Tina grew up in Rock Hill and left the city for a short time before returning with her family to build her forever home. Her deep affection for the city is evident in everything she does. For the past three years, she has served as an Alderwoman and also acts as the liaison for the Parks and Recreation Commission. Tina brings a unique warmth and a cheerful smile to every task she takes on. Whether it's calling Bingo at our Family Night Bingo or running the cotton candy machine (and getting covered in sugar) at our Hot Dogs with Heroes event, she does it all with an infectious joy. Rock Hill is truly lucky to have such a kindhearted and always-helpful resident.

Congratulations Tina and thanks for all you have done. -Edward Mahan, Mayor; <u>emahan@rockhillmo.net</u> or 314-561-4317 ext. 8017





CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY WITH US! PLANT A DOGWOOD TREE AND HELP GROW A GREENER COMMUNITY. FREE DOGWOOD TREE SEEDLINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP OUTSIDE CITY HALL FROM **TUESDAY, APRIL 22 TO MONDAY, APRIL 28** (OR WHILE SUPPLIES LAST). AS PART OF OUR ONGOING EFFORT TO RESTORE NATIVE VEGETATION, FIVE TREES WILL BE PLANTED ALONG OAK TRAIL TO REPLACE INVASIVE SPECIES AND SUPPORT A HEALTHIER ECOSYSTEM

TENNIS Lessons



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?

 $\sqrt{}$ Never allow yard waste to be washed down or put into storm drains.

 $\sqrt{-}$ Do not sweep or blow grass clippings along the street or into a storm drain.

 $\sqrt{-}$ Do not dump grass or yard waste onto a creek bank or area where it will be washed into creeks and rivers.

 $\sqrt{}$ Control soil erosion on your property by planting native trees and ground cover to stabilize erosion prone areas.

 $\sqrt{}$ Compost leaves, brush, grass clippings and other yard waste.

 \checkmark Mow grass higher and leave grass clippings on the lawn to retain moisture and provide nutrients to the soil as they decompose.

 $\sqrt{-}$ Do not over water your lawn or garden. This may increase leaching of fertilizers to ground and surface water.

Rock Hill Public Library

Happy Jazz Appreciation Month from your friends at **Rock Hill Public Library!** We are open **Monday-Thursday !!**

We are open Monday-Thursday 10 AM-7PM, Friday 12-5 PM & Saturday 10 AM-2 PM.

Summer Reading Kick Off

SAVE THE DATE!!! Summer Reading is coming to Rock Hill Public Library from May 17-August 2, 2025! Our annual Summer Reading Program kicks off on May 17, 2025, with Babaloo at Oakhaven Park (Gilbert Avenue & Oak Haven Ave)! Color Our World and join us for a season of literary fun & excitement. Don't miss out on the adventure!

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brary Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.



Behind the Pages: A Literary Series

Come hear **Sharon Shinn** talk about writing, publishing, and living a literary life on **May 15 at 5:30 PM**. Shinn is an STL novelist who writes combining aspects of fantasy, science fiction and romance. She has published more than a dozen novels for adult and young adult readers. Her works include the **Shifting Circles Series**, the **Samaria Series**, the **Twelve Houses**

Series, and a rewriting of Jane Eyre, **Jenna Starborn.**

May Murder Mystery Whodunnits Don't miss Death on the Nile (2022) (PG-13), showing on May 13, & Invitation to a Murder (2023) (PG-13) on May 27 as a part of our Murder Mystery Whodunnits film series next month from 1-3 PM. Popcorn and refreshments included.





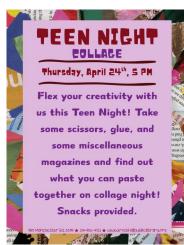
RHPL Plant Swap

Gather up those seeds, those pots you never got around to using, those tomatoes that are suddenly going crazy in your garden - and share them with your neighbors on **Saturday, April 26 from IIAM to IPM!**

Teen Volunteers

We're looking for a few great Teen Volunteers this summer! Click <u>HERE</u> to download a PDF application. Email your application to **patron@rhpImo.org** or print and bring your application to the library.





Teen Night Collages

Join us this Thursday at **5PM** for this month's **Teen Night!** This one is all about collages, so grab a piece of cardstock and a glue stick and put your creativity to the test! *Snacks provided*.

Have a great weekend! Thanks, Randi

