

A View from the Hill

April 2021



A Letter from the Mayor

Dear Residents of Rock Hill, Congratulations to Alderman Johnson, Alderwoman Westfall and Alderwoman Wofford on their reelection to the Board of Alderman.

Thank you to everyone who voted and for the passage of Proposition U and Proposition E, allowing the City to continue to provide high quality services.

May 8th from 9AM-12PM we will host one of the St Louis Area Food Bank drop offs. Please stop by and say hello during our Mayors for Meals Event at City Hall. The last page of this new letter lists the donation needs of the St. Louis Area Food Bank. Edward Mahan, Mayor <u>emahan@rockhillmo.net</u>

Fire Department Update

Spring is here! Change those batteries in your smoke detectors. Have an escape plan should a fire occur and a place to meet family members outside. Take some time to prepare your home by adding house numbers that are visible from the street and clean around your furnace and hot water heater. The Rock Hill Firefighters would also like to thank the Rock Hill Residents for passing Props U & E.

Any Questions please call your local Firefighters at 314-962-6254





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<u>MARK YOUR</u> <u>CALENDAR</u> Virtual Coffee with the Mayor: April 21, 9am

Arbor Day Passport: April 22

Family Night Bingo April 23

Senior Bingo May 3

National Day of Prayer: <u>May 3</u>

Mayors for Meals: May 8

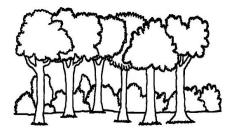


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Day Camp registration is now open! The Rock Hill Day Camp will run June 7-July 16, Monday-Friday 9am-3pm. For additional information on day camp and a link to register online, <u>click here</u>.

ARBOR DAY PASSPORT Passport activities available April 22-May 3. Pick up your passport at Turner Park to start activities.



Collect a stamp at each park and turn into City Hall for a certification of completion and prize pack.



Rock Hill Public Library

Do you miss the library? Stop by for curbside service Monday-Friday 12-6 PM and Saturdays 10 AM -2 PM. Give us a call when you're in the parking



lot and we'll bring books, disposable masks, and other materials out to your car. Want to walk or bike to the library? No problem! We'll leave materials in a designated spot for contactless pickup.

Spring is here, and so is our seed library! Free seeds are available to our community during curbside hours and can be found by our front door. Take what you want, and feel free to donate your own if you have some to spare. We have flowering plants, grasses, veggies, and more. Come to the library at 9811 Manchester Rd. to see what we have to offer.

The library has two wonderful programs for adults coming up this month. Relax with us at our free gentle yoga session on Zoom April 28 at 8 PM! Our yoga instructor will focus on breathwork and simple yoga poses to help you wind down at the end of a long day. Beginners and yogis alike are welcome to attend! **To register, click here:** <u>https://forms.gle/</u> <u>WRybDpQHw8muMjuQA</u>

We are excited to announce our first virtual Author Talk with local writer Carl Phillips coming up on April 29 at 7 PM! Mr. Phillips will read some of his newest work with a community-led Q&A to follow. Plus, one lucky audience member will win a free copy of his newest poetry collection, *Pale Colors in a Tall Field*! **To register, click here:** <u>https://forms.gle/</u> <u>S8ew6YipBwpCqggb9</u>

For kids, we continue to have monthly Take and Make Craft kits available during curbside hours. Stop by or call ahead at 314-962-4723 to learn more about our fun screen-free activities!

Looking for multiple books about the same topic? We have book bundles available for kids and adults! Custom bundles are available upon request.

For more information, give us a call at 314-962-4723 or email <u>pa-</u> <u>tron@rhplmo.org</u>. We have more programs in the works, so be sure to visit <u>www.rockhillpubliclibrary.org</u> or connect with us on social media to stay up to date on library news!

quatic 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.



Stop by to see Mayor Mahan at Rock Hill City Hall:

AYORS FOR MEALS

CITY OF ROCK HILL

827 N. Rock Hill Rd., Rock Hill, MO 63119 Saturday, May 8th | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

BEST ITEMS TO DONATE

Canned Meat **Canned Vegetables** Canned Fruit Peanut Butter Cereal Pasta Dish Soap Sanitizing Wipes

Soap / Lotion Toothpaste Baby Food / Formula **Feminine Products** Shampoo / Conditioner Diapers Toilet Paper Paper Towels

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Turner Park Master Plan

Turner Park is located off Rock Hill Road between Lithia and Eldridge.

In 2019, Jeffrey Fritz donated a portion of land adjacent to Turner Park to the City. In 2020, the City applied for and was granted a Municipal Planning Grant with the goal to incorporate that piece of land and make updates to Tuner Park. The Municipal Planning Grant has allowed the City to hire the landscape architecture firm, SWT Design. The Parks and Recreation Commission along with SWT Design has spent the last several months working on designs for what the updates could look like. The Parks and Recreation Commission has seen the value and use of the basketball court as well as a path that utilizes the length of the park foot print. The goal is to update the basketball court as well as address a number of water drainage issues the current park design deals with. The playground and pavilion were installed in 2012 and will remain.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is now at the point in the process where they are looking for community input. An online survey will be available starting tomorrow, Wednesday, April 21 and open for two weeks. We are encouraging all residents to participate. To get to the link on the survey, <u>click here.</u>

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Some Suggestions from the Rock Hill Police Department: While on vacation:

- Contact the Rock Hill Police and ask them if they will periodically check your house during your absence.
- Cancel newspapers until further notice.
- Do not advertise your absence by posting your vacations activities or plans on social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter or Foursquare.
- Ask a trusted friend or neighbor to look in on the house daily. Request them to pick up flyers and mail. Invite them to use your driveway.
- Let other trusted neighbors know that you will be away and tell them what visitors you might expect on the property. Ask them to call Police if they see anything unusual.
- Arrange for the lawn and garden to be regularly maintained.
- Disable the garage door opener.
- Do not store jewelry or keys to vehicles in predictable places such as master bedroom dressers or, in the case of keys, near the front door. Store high value/sentimental jewelry in your safety deposit box.

Around the house

- Regularly maintain shrubs and hedges around the property to prevent sight lines from being blocked.
- Keep your garage door closed unless you need to access the garage.
- While working around your property, keep exterior doors that are not in your line of sight locked.
- Keep your screen door locked while inside and avoid leaving wallets or purses near the front door or in plain view.

While out

- Close and lock all windows and doors.
- Lock all gates around the house. Never leave the garage door up while your away from home, even for a short period of time. Always close and lock the garage when not at home.

