



# A View from the Hill



### A Letter from the Mayor

Dear Residents of Rock Hill,  
As we wrap up 2022, I would like to wish everyone a joyous Holiday season. Thank you for making this a great City to live, work and play. Don't forget to take some time out of your busy days to enjoy the festive cheer of these magical holidays!

-Edward Mahan, Mayor      [emahan@rockhillmo.net](mailto:emahan@rockhillmo.net)



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### Holiday City Hall Closings:

Dec. 23, 26 and Jan. 2.

Starting with the first Friday in January, City Hall will be closed on Fridays.

## OAK TRAIL PARK UPDATE

#### LASTWEEK •

Last week a team from Native Landscape Solutions removed the invasive species from Oak Trail Park.

#### SPRING TIME •

Native Solutions will be back out to reseed the area with native seedings. We will invite residents, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts to mulch the trail, plant trees, and clean up the Oak Trail. Additional information will be available after the new year.

### Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 24, 27 & 31  
Happy Holidays  
City Hall Closed

Dec. 30  
Noon Year's Eve  
Activity Box  
dropped off, register  
online by Dec. 27  
(Limited boxes  
available)

Jan. 19: 6pm  
Coffee with the  
Mayor

The General  
Municipal  
Election filing for  
the April 5<sup>th</sup>  
election is now  
open and will close  
on December  
27<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.



# ROCK HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Residents of Rock Hill.....

Every 28 seconds, a vehicle is stolen in the United States.

In urban areas, it's an even more pervasive problem.

With the arrival of winter, please remember to think security instead of comfort when warming up your car before driving or leaving your car unattended and running. We've all done it; gone out to our car, turned on the engine, and left the car to warm up while we pop back in the house or workplace. Nearly half of motorists - 47 percent - admit to leaving their car unattended on frosty mornings while it warms up.

There have been thefts in our area where vehicles have been stolen while the vehicle is left running, keys in ignition, unattended. Criminals do target residential streets and some businesses looking for this exact type of opportunity. One local auto theft occurred on a residential street at 8am on a weekday morning.

So tempting though it is in cold weather, never leave your vehicle with the engine running to warm up while you nip back inside, even if it is only for a couple of minutes, as it only takes seconds for thieves to strike.

So, stay with your vehicle while it warms up and secure it when running into a business even for a short time. This will ensure that you are the one who drives away in your warm car, not the thief.



## Salt Improves Winter Conditions but Harms Ecosystems.

### What can you do to help?

- ☒ Shovel (or use a snow blower) before you use any product; never put a de-icing product on top of snow.
- ☒ Adopt the "Just Enough" principle, putting down just enough product to keep high traffic areas clear of ice.
- ☒ Sweep up un-dissolved product after a storm is over for reuse.
- ☒ Consider switching to a non-chloride de-icer.
- ☒ Support changes by your municipality to minimize salt usage.
- ☒ Inform a neighbor about the impacts chlorides have in our streams and rivers.

#TakeItEasyOnTheSalt

As St. Louis prepares for the upcoming winter weather, [MSD Project Clear](#) reminds you to take it easy on the salt. Too much salt ends up in our creeks and streams, causing pollution and harming plants, fish, and other natural habitats. If you can, try shoveling before using salt, and remember, a little salt goes a long way.

## Rock Hill Public Library

Happy December from your friends at Rock Hill Public Library!

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

Come by and see us and find your next great read, use our new computers, or attend an awesome program!

Just added! New and improved Teen Lounge! More room, more space to play games, study or hang out!

Do you want something that we do not have? Complete the Recommend a Purchase form to let staff know what you would like to add to our collection. Click on link provided to recommend books for the library to buy. We look forward to your suggestions.

<https://www.rockhillpubliclibrary.org/recommend-a-purchase/>

Don't have change or cash to pay for items (Books for Sale, faxes, lost/damaged materials, donations, earbuds). We have Square! You can now make payments with your credit card or bank card via Square.

Finally, the Rock Hill Public Library will be closed on **Saturday, December 24 and Monday, December 26** in observance of **Christmas**. And the library will also be closed on **Saturday, December 31** and **Monday, January 2** in observance of **New Year's Eve and New Year's Day**.

For more information about our upcoming programs, stop by the Rock Hill Public Library at 9811 Manchester Road, give us a call at 314-962-4723, or visit us at <http://www.rockhillpubliclibrary.org/>

Happy Holidays!

