



THE CITY OF

ROCK HILL

827 N. Rock Hill Rd. • Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. | www.rockhillmo.net

March 6, 2020



A Letter From the Mayor

Dear Residents of Rock Hill,

Happy Spring! As you start the process of opening windows and gearing up for Spring Cleaning, be sure to take some time for you! Many of the restaurants in Rock Hill offer patio dining for an evening outside. It's also a great time to take the kids to check out the new

playground at Oakhaven park. This time of renewal may push your interests to get involved with the City of Rock Hill. We offer a number of boards and commissions that may be the perfect fit for you. We are currently looking for volunteers to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Please contact City Hall to find out how to get involved.

I've also had a number of residents ask about two construction projects happening in the city. The first is the water line replacement on Manchester Road. Missouri American Water is replacing the water line under Manchester Road from Hanley Road to Berry Ave. This work is being done in preparation for MODOT's upcoming roadwork on Manchester Road. MODOT has limited the water company's work to the overnight hours to limit the impact on traffic during the day. Missouri American Water expects to be finished with the line

replacement by the end of March. By that time they expect the weather to be warm enough to use hot asphalt to repair Manchester Road rather than the cold patch asphalt they have to use now.

The second project is the MSD Project in the Industrial Court. MSD is installing a trunk sanitary sewer line. This line will connect to the line installed near Brentwood Park and will connect to the line being installed through Ladue over the next 4 years. This project is part of the Consent Decree MSD entered into with the EPA in order to separate the combined sanitary and stormwater sewers throughout St. Louis. MSD expects the project to continue for at least another 6 months.

In closing, we love hearing from our community and a recent concern has been about housing violations. Rock Hill has a code enforcement officer who addresses these violations. The city is willing to work with our residents to provide additional time to address the violation, so long as the city sees reasonable progress being made. If residents do not work with the city and progress is not being made on addressing the violation then the city will refer the matter to municipal court. Remember, it takes all of us working together to make Rock Hill a wonderful community.

Edward Mahan, Mayor

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.

During 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 the 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.

Rock Hill police took a stolen auto report on January 31, 2020 where the owner left the vehicle warming up and running, keys in ignition, unattended in his driveway. This

occurred on a Friday morning. He last saw the vehicle at 7:10 a.m. and noticed it missing at 7:15 a.m. He then called police. Criminals target residential streets and some businesses looking for this exact type of opportunity.

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 few 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 car, not the thief.



Ward 3

It looks like we have successfully made it through another St. Louis winter, easier than we thought it would be. Residents are anxiously awaiting more sunshine and warmer days. Meanwhile ward 3 is constantly changing with new homes and MSD construction.

As spring approaches I encourage you to visit Oak Haven Park and enjoy all the improvements completed over the last several months. New playground equipment and shelter have been added. Thanks to everyone who has been complimentary on the changes. It looks great!

Two new homes have been approved for N. Rock Hill Rd. which will be begin construction soon. The street is seeing a lot of new residents with new or rehabbed homes adding to the neighborhood improvement. Hudson Heights is completed and all those new homes and residents have settled in and we hope they are all pleased with their decision to live in Rock Hill. We welcome all our new neighbors and thank them for choosing Rock Hill. I encourage them to contact us with any questions or comments they have.

MSD construction continues as they replace and install new pipes to improve our storm water system. I think we will all be glad to see this finished, but hopefully it will be worth the wait. The city is looking forward to the opening of "The Hanger". This new bar/restaurant is opening where "Sliders" operated. It is expected to open sometime in March.

And as always we are always looking for exciting new businesses to locate in Rock Hill. So if any of you know of anyone please contact us and we will try to accommodate.

Last but not least we would like to wish our alderman Bob Weider the very best in future endeavors. He has decided to step down from the board to spend more time in all his other ventures. We will miss him and appreciate all his time and attention spent in our ward. Please remember to be a good neighbor and pick up your dog waste and DON'T FORGET TO VOTE! Have a great spring and please contact me with any comments or questions you may have.

Alderman Ward 3, Mary Wofford and Bob Weider

Library

The Rock Hill Public Library offers programs for adults and children to build community and foster lifelong learning.

Our winter programming has been a hit! We recently had a Stuffed Animal Sleepover for kids and an Instant Pot class for adults - if there is continued interest we hope to have these programs again soon. Check out our Facebook page (@rockhillpubliclibrary) for program photos.

Need stress relief? In addition to our bi-monthly Chair Yoga program, we now offer Guided Meditation on the first Monday evening of every month. Registration is required.

Looking for a place to take the kids on a Saturday morning?

We now have Storytime for ages 2-5 bright and early at 10:30 a.m.!

As spring approaches, be sure to check out our seed library. Patrons can take and leave seeds of all kinds, including flowering plants, herbs, vegetables and more. Summer Reading Club will be here before we know it and planning for our annual SRC Trivia Night Kickoff is underway. Information about our services and full event calendar are available at www.rockhillpubliclibrary.org or feel free to give us a call at 314-962-4723. We hope to see you soon at 9811 Manchester Road!

Fire Department

Spring cleaning to do list:

- Change those batteries and check your smoke detectors - residents needing assistance with their smoke detectors contact the fire department
 - Have an escape plan should a fire occur
 - Designate a place to meet family members outside
 - Take some time to prepare your home by adding house numbers that are visible from the street
- Any questions can be answered by calling your Rock Hill firefighters at 314-962-6254.



Parks and Recreation

Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, March 28 • 9:30 a.m.

Steger/Givens School

Residents \$4; Non-residents \$6

Register by March 25. Crafts, photos with the bunny, snacks, an egg hunt and more. Get a registration form online!

Day Camp Registration

June 1 - July 10 • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Steger/Givens School

Residents \$260; Non-residents \$340

Arbor Day

Saturday, April 25 • 11 a.m. • Hensley Park

Tree themed crafts, activities and a picnic lunch. No charge!

Lunch and Bingo

1st Thursday of the month • 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Webster Rec Center

Pre-register at 314-963-5600

Rock Hill residents get resident rate at Maplewood Family Aquatic Center

Pool passes for Maplewood Aquatic Center go on sale April 1. Residents are required to fill out a residency form at Rock Hill City Hall. The form along with two forms of residency are required to purchase your pool pass. Passes may be purchased at THE HEIGHTS starting April 1 or at the pool starting Memorial Day weekend.

Weather permitting, park restrooms will open the beginning of April

For additional information about upcoming Parks and Recreation events contact Katy: knieman@rockhillmo.net, 314-561-4304

2020 Census: Help Missouri Get Its Fair Share



The 2020 Census is our chance to make sure the hard-earned tax dollars we send to Washington, D.C. make their way back to Missouri. For every adult and every child that is not counted in the

Census, our state will lose \$1,300 in federal dollars every year. That adds up to \$13,000 per person over the next 10 years. When every Missourian is counted, we get our fair share of funding to pave our roads and rebuild bridges. Our health care programs and community health centers get more funding to take care of our family, friends, and neighbors. And our schools get important funding to take care of our kids. Let's tell our neighbors about the importance of the 2020 Census. Because Missouri Counts!