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Welcome Back the Jennings Newsletter!

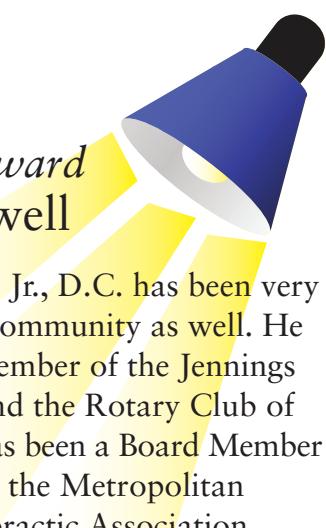
We have heard from so many of you who enjoyed the newsletter and want to see it come back. This issue of the newsletter will be mailed to everyone, but going forward, the newsletter will be available on our website, www.cityofjennings.org.

JENNINGS SPOTLIGHT

Winner Paul F. Dedrick Legacy Leadership Award Dr. Ray E. Howell and Mrs. Sally S. Howell



Dr. Howell moved from North St. Louis City to Jennings in 1935 where he graduated from Jennings High School. His father, Ray E. Howell Sr., D.C. graduated from the Missouri Chiropractic College in 1927, inspiring the generations that followed. Ray, Jr. graduated from Logan College of Chiropractic (now Logan University) in 1952 followed by his son Mark Howell, D.C. and grandson, Adam Howell, D.C. Dr. Howell established his practice in Florissant in 1956. Chiropractic doctors of the Howell family have provided Chiropractic care to the families of North St. Louis City and County for most of the last 89 years. Son, David Howell, M.D. has practiced medicine for over 25 years. He is an Instructor of Clinical Medicine in the Department of Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine.



Dr. Ray Howell, Jr., D.C. has been very involved in his community as well. He was a charter member of the Jennings Kiwanis Club and the Rotary Club of Florissant. He has been a Board Member and President of the Metropolitan St. Louis Chiropractic Association, Rotary Club of Florissant, Florissant Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Ferguson-Florissant Board of Education. He served on the board of directors for North County YMCA (Emerson YMCA), Florissant Valley Sheltered Work Shop (Valley Industries), Florissant Valley Fine Arts Council, and Florissant Industrial Commission. He is a life member of the Friends of Old St. Ferdinand. He served 6 years as Elder at the Northminster Presbyterian Church in Dellwood and at First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson.

Dr. Howell also served for 18 months in the U.S. Army in Okinawa, Japan during the Korean Conflict.

A Word From The Mayor



Greetings and Welcome to Jennings News!

Well, we've been working and turning towards progress here in Jennings. I've met with all departments on the following objective: "Our goal is to improve the quality of life for the residents of the City of Jennings". I would like to thank the departments for their cooperation. All departments understand the importance of being fiscally responsible for their budgets, and are responding effectively to our residents.

As with any city of our size there will always be issues that keep us occupied. I encourage you to come to the council meetings to understand the city's processes and contact your council person to assist you. We have four wards in the city, and each ward has two council members available to you. The council meetings will always be posted at city hall and on our website.

In August I hosted the first "Tea Time with the Mayor," and we dined and enjoyed light conversation about the state of the city. Stay informed as I will announce the next one soon.

Looking towards the future, the city has acquired two properties on the north and south side of the Civic Center. We will begin the process of discussing building a new state of the art Recreation Center! Details and your input will be coming soon so stay tuned! We also have businesses interested in coming into our community, and there's a steady stream of new residents requesting occupancy permits.

I hope you enjoy *Jennings News*, feel free to contact me at City Hall at (314) 388-1164.

See you soon!
Mayor Francine Dugger

City Hall Schedule

January-February 2017

City Hall and other City Offices will be closed for regular business on the following days:

Martin Luther King Day

Monday, January 16

President's Day

Monday, February 20

Meetings

Jennings City Council Meeting

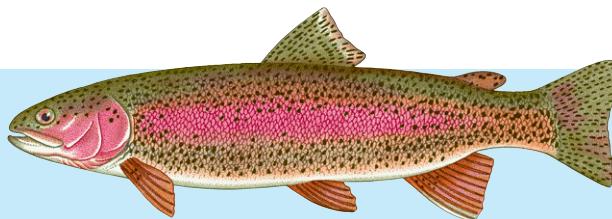
Every 2nd and 4th Monday, 7pm at Jennings City Hall, 2120 Hord Ave.

Jennings Neighborhood Watch

Every 2nd Thursday, 7pm at Gore Community Education Center, 2545 Dorwood Dr.

Planning Commission Meeting

Every 1st Thursday, 5:45pm at Jennings City Hall, 2120 Hord Ave.



Trout Fishing In Koeneman Park

Rainbow trout have been stocked at Koeneman Park for winter fishing. Trout fishing is "Catch and Release" through January 31st, with "Catch and Keep" starting February 1st. This will be strictly enforced!

Catch and release fishermen need to use a barbless hook, and will also need a fishing license if they are between the ages of 16-64. To catch and keep your fish in February, a trout permit is required in addition to a fishing license. Winter hours for Koeneman Park are 7am to 7pm.

Winter Crime Prevention Tips

The winter holiday season is one of the prime times of year for con artists, scammers and thieves. Keep yourself, your family, your credit and your possessions safe by keeping these tips in mind.

Don't help car thieves by leaving your car unattended to warm up in the driveway. Criminals come into the neighborhoods in the early morning specifically looking for vehicles like this to steal.

Keep your doors and windows locked, in your home and in your car. Don't leave extra items in sight in your vehicle to tempt thieves.

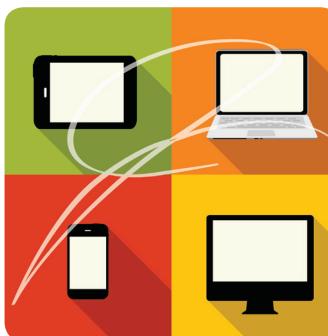
Be conscious of your surroundings while walking to and from your car.

Be careful about offers that you receive by mail, phone or on-line. If it sounds suspicious or too good to be true it probably is. Ignore it or report it to the police, the post office, or the Better Business Bureau. The only contest in Missouri you have to pay to play or enter is the lottery.

Guard your credit by keeping a close eye on your credit card and bank statements. Look at them as soon as you receive them, and report any questionable entries immediately.

Don't let strangers into your home to use your phone. If you want to help them, offer to make the call for them and lock the door while you do so.

Introducing the City of Jennings Tech Team



The City of Jennings has created a TECH (Technology and Educational Computer Hosts) Team. Their goal is to keep the city updated and functioning properly with modern advances in technology.

Their primary responsibility is to identify, resolve and troubleshoot computer problems, maintain communication systems and monitor networking and software compatibility issues.

Tech Team Mission Statement

Their mission is to ensure that city employees reach the highest level of functionality when using city technology while assisting the residents in making Jennings a better place to live.

Your TECH Team members are Rise' Johnson, Dianna Drake, Rich Santel and Jim Maixner. They can be reached by contacting City Hall at (314) 388-1164.



"Thank You, Theresa Bland for 40 years of commitment to Walgreens and the Jennings Community. Congratulations!"

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OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY)

Home Repair Program
Family Development
Housing Assistance
Energy Services

Visit us online at
www.caastlc.org
or in person at:
2709 Woodson Rd.
Overland, MO
314-863-0015

Jennings City Council Member Reports

Ward 1



Councilwoman Miranda Jones

I am so excited that the Jennings News is back. Communication is vital to the success of our community. I am Miranda Jones your Ward 1 Councilwoman. It is my pleasure and honor to serve as your representative and a voice for our community.

The last few years we have seen some dramatic changes in the world and our local community in regards to inclusion, diversity, safety, urban crime and gun violence, healthcare and greater attention to our civil rights. On August 9th, 2014 our world changed. The tragic events of that day and the unrest that followed have served as a catalyst for change all over the country. We are all a part of history and have been greatly affected, especially in Ward 1, west of Lucas and Hunt. However, while the eyes of the world are on us, we must keep our eyes open about what is and is not happening in our own backyard. I have been in office for over a year now and it has been filled with so much turmoil that we have not had the opportunity to move forward and really progress.

Now is the time for all of us to move forward, work together and figure out how to make Jennings a respected and desirable place to live and thrive. I appreciate the attention and work on behalf of the regular faces we see at our meetings and activities. However, we need to see more new faces and hear different voices, not just when something is wrong but consistently and persistently challenging and helping us to create a new vision, redefine and enhance our community. We have had to make some very difficult decisions this year that have impacted our city and my fear is that we are not truly representing the collective voices of the residents of Jennings. I want to hear from you! I want to see you at the meetings!

If you have an interest in the future of this city I beg you to come and let your voice be heard. If we need to have meetings at different times or you need transportation let me know. In addition to regular monthly meetings, we will also host several other opportunities for greater interaction including our ward meetings. Jennings is 15 minutes from everything; we have an award winning school district, beautiful parks and affordable housing. We have a great foundation that with your input and our collective impact can make our city great!



Councilman Allan Stichnote

Hi! my name is Allan Stichnote. I am Councilman for Ward 1. I have served on the City Council for over 16 years. I also served as president on the Jennings Historical Society for over 6 years. I have lived in Ward 1 for 30 years. If you have any concerns please call me at (314) 951-4243. Enjoy your holiday!

Ward 2



Councilwoman Francine Dugger

Greetings Mighty Ward 2 Residents! As you can see Phase II of Jennings Place and Regions Bank is underway. It's always a good thing to see construction. The new O' Reilly Auto Parts is open for business.

Also a reminder if you see unwelcome activity on your block, say something. You can always call me at (314) 435-3485 or City Hall at (314) 388-1164.



Councilwoman Yonnee Fortson

Greetings, I am Councilwoman Yonnee Fortson and I live in and represent the residents in Ward 2. I have been on the Jennings City Council for a year and a half. Although there have been some difficult challenges during my term, I have learned and grown a lot.

I am extremely happy that the Jennings newsletter is back. Communication is the key to assuring that we can get the information out to our residents. I welcome each and every one of you to attend our council meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (314) 643-7028.

Ward 3



Councilwoman Phyllis Anderson

Ward 3 had their community clean-up on Friday, November 4, 2016. The Jennings High school students and the Police Explorers all participated, along with councilmembers Phyllis Anderson, Yonnee Fortson and Allan Stichnote. Thank you

for all your help.



Councilwoman Nicole Cook

We're trying our best to give the city what it needs and what it deserves. I am a proud Jennings resident and would like you to support the beginning of a new Jennings.

Ward 4



Councilwoman Carol Epps

The Jennings newsletter is back! The *Jennings News* gives the councilmembers a chance to let our constituents know what's going on in our City. There is so much progress going on in the 4th ward. We have new businesses here and

more are coming.

We welcome and support our new neighbors, also we thank them for bringing jobs and opportunities to our community. As the new year begins, my husband and I will continue to work hard to serve the people of Jennings. Remember this is our community, we must all do our part.



Councilman Rodney Epps

Hi! To everyone, so glad to have the newsletter back. As we know, it's not possible for everyone to attend Council meetings, for those that can thank you, for those that can't I hope information in the newsletter will enlighten you on our

day-to-day as elected officials. Since the last newsletter, in Ward 4 we have opened a gas station, convenience store and car wash at Jennings Station Rd. & West Florissant and a climate controlled self-storage facility. Soon there will be another gas station, convenience store and car wash at Jennings Rd. & Hwy. 70. A three-story gated senior housing unit at the corner of Lalite and Wilborn has recently opened. Construction of new homes in the 5200 to 5400 blocks of Hamilton, Helen, Hodiamont, Janet, Sherry and Wilborn will start soon. Other projects in our city include a new Regions Bank at the corner of Lewis & Clark and Jennings Rd., and a Da Vita Dialysis Healthcare at Buzz Westfall. Also, a successful renewal of our police contract with the County Police, as they are doing a great job. I would like to say I'm personally checking to see what, if anything, other cities are doing to combat the high grass and board-ups of derelict and condemned properties, as it has become overwhelming. We must get tougher on absentee landlords.

I am here to serve you, feel free to call anytime.
(314) 385-9669.

Services available at City Hall

Building Department

- > Housing Inspections
- > Occupancy Permits,
- > Plumbing, Electrical, Excavation Permits, etc.

City Clerk

- > Sunshine Law Requests,
- > Ordinances
- > Meeting Minutes, etc.

Collectors Department

- > Business Licenses,
- > Liquor Licenses
- > Yard Waste Stickers, Bulky Trash Stickers, Vehicle Stickers, etc.

NEW DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES



Director of Housing & Economic Development
KIMBERLY SMITH



Finance Director
RISE' JOHNSON



City Hall Receptionist
LOLITA THOMAS



"Congratulations, Beverly Roche, on your retirement! Thanks for your 43 years of dedicated service to the City of Jennings as an elected official, Finance Director, and community leader. May you continue to enjoy all that life has available for you."

Riverview Firefighter Mark Kuehl teaches our youngest residents about fire safety.



JENNINGS RECREATION DEPARTMENT
SENIOR ACTIVITIES, CALL (314) 388-3040

January/February

CASINO TRIPS

Lumiere Casino

January 3
10am - 3:30pm
\$10 plus cost of lunch & play

Hollywood Casino

January 12
10am - 3:30pm
\$7 plus cost of lunch & play

River City Casino

February 16
10am - 3:30pm
\$7 plus cost of lunch & play

RESTAURANTS

Fast Eddies

January 5
1pm – 4pm
\$10 plus cost of lunch

Dine-In Movie

January 24
10am - 3:30 pm

Joy Luck Buffet

February 14
10am - 3:30pm
\$7 plus cost of lunch

SHOPPING

Lindbergh Run

January 10
10am - 3:30pm
\$5 plus cost of lunch

West County Mall

February 24
10am - 3:30pm
\$7 plus cost of lunch

Rock Road Run

February 2
10am - 3:30pm
\$5 plus cost of lunch

Latta Watt Creek

January 20
10am - 3:30pm
\$10 plus cost of lunch

The Kitchen Sink

January 26
10am - 3:30pm

C&K Bingo

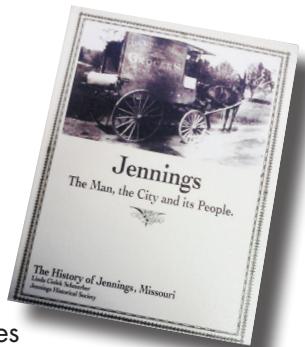
February 7
10am – 4pm
\$10 plus cost of pkg.

Jennings Historical Society

The non-profit Jennings Historical Society was founded in 1980 to collect and preserve the history of the founding and growth of the city of Jennings; to educate all ages to understand the past, appreciate the present and have a vision of the future. No political candidates or causes are endorsed by the society. Dues supported, the JHS receives no city funding.

To view the collection or donate items to the Historical Society contact Linda Schmerber to make an appointment at (314) 381-6650.

You can purchase the society book, *Jennings The Man, the City and its People* for \$25.00 by contacting Linda or at City Hall.



Free Home Delivery

Pharmacy Hours

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St. Louis, MO 63118

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Fax: (314) 645-9989

www.forestparkpharmacy.com

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF JENNINGS

New Public Relations Specialist

The City of Jennings now has a Public Relations Specialist. His name is **John Parker**, he is the owner of Evolution Communication Group. You may contact him at: evoCommGroup@gmail.com.

Housing & Urban Development

The O'Reilly Auto Parts Store is now officially open for business. It is located next to the Dollar Tree on Jennings Station Road.



The old Regions Bank is being replaced with a new facility that is currently being built at the corner of Lewis & Clark and Jennings Station Rd.



Waste Management Senior Discount (314) 506-4700

10% Senior discount for heads of household age 65 or older (applications at City Hall). Waste Management will provide a 70-gallon tote, free of charge, to any resident age 65 or older.

- > One bulk item can be placed at the curb each week at no additional charge
- > Yard waste service is optional and is \$8.05 per month and includes a 96-gallon cart.
- > Yard waste stickers are \$1.75 each, bulky trash stickers are \$5.25 each.

Three new homes are under construction in Alexandria Place.

DaVita Dialysis Healthcare at Buzz Westfall Plaza is 98% complete.

STAR Residences Senior Housing. A 3-story senior housing development in Ward 4 located at the corner of Lalite and Wilborn, for info call (314) 382-2560.

Jennings Place groundbreaking and site work is underway at the former River Roads site.

Andy's Auto Care and North County Pawn are working hard to improve the exterior & parking at their facilities on West Florissant and Solway.

Ken's Complete Auto Care at 9400 Lewis & Clark is now complete and open.

Fence Maintenance

Many residents have done a fantastic job with maintaining their fence rows and overgrowth. It is important for several reasons, security, emergency utility repair access, it limits insect and animal harborage, it keeps your fence from being destroyed and getting rid of invasive species like honeysuckle and kudzu which can spread throughout the city if unchecked. If you have not

gotten on board yet please do, improve the beauty of the city and avoid a possible citation.

Sewer System Repairs

Missouri Sewer District continues ongoing sewer system repairs throughout the city with cured in place pipe (CIPP) main repairs and sewer lid risers. These are the crews you see working on the mains in the street with steam coming out of the manholes.

Also, crews are rerouting downspouts that were tested positive to the sanitary system. The downspouts that remain attached to the sanitary system can be a contributing factor to the sewer system becoming overcharged during a heavy rain event and add to basement sewage backups.

Pothole Repairs

City roadway maintenance division crews repair potholes all year, even during the winter months, in order to keep the roads safe for the city residents and visitors. Residents are encouraged to take action and report all potholes. You can report a pothole location 24 hours a day by calling the Public Works Dept. at (314) 381-7184. Please remember that Jennings Public Works only repairs potholes on city-owned streets in Jennings. We will make a field inspection of every reported pothole. In many cases we will immediately fill the pothole. However in some cases we may choose to delay a repair based on weather, material availability or technique determined to be best for the situation.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Games



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Jennings High School Homecoming Parade

