



Little Rome of the West

NORMANDY NEWS

Winter 2012



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Dear Normandy Residents,

Winter is upon us, the autumn colors have faded and the smell of wood fires is in the air. During this joyous time of the year may all your paths lead home and may you be filled with a child's wonder and awe of the holiday season. It is the time of year when we think about all the things we are grateful for in our lives. Take the time to reflect on those things we take for granted: loved ones, friendship and community. Please be mindful of those who are less fortunate. Look around your neighborhood and reach out to someone who may need your help. This is the time of year to give with ample opportunity to serve others. These actions allow the bells of peace to ring loud and bestow the sounds of joy and happiness to all you meet this season.

On behalf of the City of Normandy, its City Council and staff, I wish you the best of the holiday season and a Happy New Year!

*Patrick Green
Mayor, City of Normandy*





When it snows...

Reminder to all Normandy residents about snow events. This City handles snow removal with our own Public Works Department.

When conditions warrant, our Public Works Department is called in by the Police Department when street conditions become bad enough to require maintenance. The City of Normandy has a lot of streets with steep grades and a few streets with speed bumps, therefore we have a policy of pre-treating all hills and stop signs with salt prior to all forecasted snow events.

Once we have pre-treated, we will *not* plow until the snowfall has reached several inches. Plowing removes the salt from the street surface that was spread to melt the snow on the streets. We will continue to plow and spread salt the entire duration of each snowfall every two to three inches of snow. Once the snow has stopped, we will plow All City Streets on a curb-to-curb basis. Be aware that this final plow operation WILL deposit snow onto your driveway apron.

We ask that whenever possible during snowfall, you *park your vehicles in your driveway*. This allows our snow equipment to plow from the center of the street to the curb. If you do park on the street, please pay attention that you park your vehicle as close to the curb as possible and PLEASE do not park adjacent to a vehicle that is parked directly across the street from your vehicle. This “bottle-necks” the street and makes it very difficult to maneuver a 10-ft snow plow through your block. **A classic example would**

be Waco Drive where the street is on a steep hill, it is very narrow, residents park on both sides of the street and the Waco street surface gets very slick, very fast. Most Normandy streets are 26-ft in width or narrower. Two vehicles parked adjacent from each other eats up about 16-ft of street width if both vehicles have tires resting at/near the curb. This does not leave much room for a 10-ft snow plow. Most of Normandy’s streets are declared “Snow Routes” which does allow Normandy to legally tow vehicles obstructing traffic. This also provides for the safe passage of the sanitation truck, fire trucks and/or an ambulance.

Normandy also has a “**NO Parking Here To Corner**” ordinance which prohibits parking within 75-ft of any “T” intersection. The intent here is to allow for the same simple passage of larger vehicles at all intersections. Here again Normandy has the right to legally tow vehicles parked within this area. This again is designed for the safe passage of the sanitation truck, fire trucks and/or an ambulance.

Speaking of Emergency Vehicles, there is also an Ordinance stating that *EVERY house in Normandy must bear Address Numbers*. This will assist all emergency vehicles in locating each home in a timely manner; in an emergency, seconds count...



Holiday Safety

The winter holidays are a time of celebration to usher out the old and bring in the new. It is a time to make resolutions for the next year to come. Let's make resolutions to keep this holiday season safe. The following are some safety tips:

- If you go out and drink, please don't drive. Have a designated driver or call a cab to bring you home.
- When driving, please wear a seat belt and don't text or talk on the phone.
- When backing out of your driveway or out of a parking space at the mall, please look twice for pedestrians walking by, especially small children whom you may not see on first glance.
- Hot objects such as ovens, fire places, candles, electric heaters, and heating pads can be dangerous to small children since they will reach out to touch or grab things and are more susceptible to harm.
- Deep fried turkey or an oven-baked ham is a great holiday entrée, but pouring grease down the kitchen sink regularly can cause costly sewer blockage. Instead, pour used grease and oil in a container, freeze it, then dispose of it in the trash.



Community Improvement

The City of Normandy is looking good and will be even better in the future!

The infrastructure improvements completed in 2012 include chip sealing and concrete work on Augusta in Ward 3 and also on Dartmoor and Paddington in Ward 1.

The Sinclair Gas Station at the Bermuda Road Entranceway to the City of Normandy will be undergoing a transformation. The City now owns the present structure and land. Three designs are being considered to use the building as a Police Station for Wards 1 and 2. In addition to the structural improvements, the whole corner will be incorporated into a beautification project that will create a welcoming entrance to our community.

The City continues to receive compliments on the gardens at Wayside and the other beautification efforts throughout the City.

The finished drawing of the "Great Street" project can be viewed on the web site. There are many improvements the city must make in order to meet future needs in services and operations. These accomplishments will determine future revenues. We must meet these challenges and exhibit leadership in order to say we are successful. Like everything, change for the better will take time and patience. Our strength comes from those who are positive and not negative, and who offer constructive ideas that lead to positive change. These are the people who are focused on the betterment of our community.



This beautiful new pavilion in Teardrop Park was purchased from a company in Pennsylvania. It was manufactured and pre-assembled at the factory, then transported by truck and finished on-site. This innovative building process made it possible for the City to add this beautiful structure to the park and keep the improvement within our budget goals.



Foreclosure Intervention Services

If you are having trouble paying your mortgage,
Beyond Housing can help.

Contact us at 314-533-0600 ext. 22



Citizens for the Advancement of Normandy and the Wayside Garden

The Wayside Garden was a the backdrop for our Jazz Festival on September 22, 2012. It was a family event and included great music, food and fun.

We are pleased to have such a wonderful garden in our community. You are always welcome at Wayside: stroll through the garden, attend the events, talk with the gardeners, grow your own tasty vegetables.

Join us for the 2013 growing season and the Jazz Festival in the fall. To find out more, call 314 236-5124 or e-mail waysidecommunitygardenstl@gmail.com.

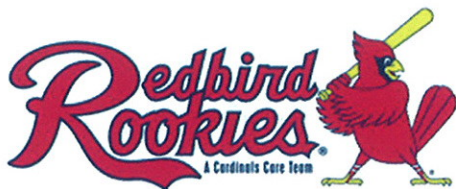


**HELP
WANTED**

Volunteer Opportunities

The City of Normandy's Park Board Committee is looking for volunteers to provide maintenance to plants and local area planters. Please contact **Tish Booker** at 314-385-3300 ext. 3016 if you would like to help.

Volunteer help is also needed at the concession stand during league baseball games. If you would like to participate in this fun activity, please contact **Councilman Evans** at the Redbird Hotline; 314-385-3000, ext. 3109.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Cydney Evans and *Lavonne Clay* who reside in Ward Two are each a recipient of a Faith Foundation Scholarship. Both of these hard-working students participated in the Redbird Rookie program in 2012 and were chosen for their awards from a group of 300 applicants. Each of them will receive \$5000 toward their choice of high school or college tuition.

The requirements to apply for the scholarship included writing an essay, volunteering in the community, maintaining a 3.0 GPA and receiving a recommendation from a teacher or community leader. Great Work kids!



The City of Normandy & St. Louis Cardinal Care's REDBIRD ROOKIE'S 9TH SEASON SIGN-UPS!

The Normandy Red Bird Rookies League is gearing up for the upcoming 2013 summer season with a recruitment drive that will be held at Normandy City Hall (7700 Natural Bridge Road) on **Saturday February 23rd from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and on Saturday March 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** These are open registrations for boys and girls who would like to play baseball in 2013.

The 2013 baseball season begins June 1st.

Red Bird Rookie Baseball will provide baseball activities for several different age groups:

- Group A** - The first and youngest group is "Tee Ball" which includes boys and girls from 5 to 7 years of age.
- Group B** - Ranges from 8 years of age up to 10 years of age.
- Group C** - Consists of a girls softball league for ages 10 through 13.
- Group D** - Third oldest age group includes children from 11 up to 13 years old.
- Group E** - This group is slightly more competitive with youth from 14 to 16 years of age.

All sports equipment for the league has been provided by St. Louis Cardinal Care.

Questions? Call the **Red Bird Rookie "Hot Line" at 314 385-3300 ext. 3109.**

The "Hot Line" staff will gladly return your call.



From

The Normandy Police Department

FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Residents,

As the holiday season approaches, I would like to take a few minutes to remind everyone of a few things that we need to pay special attention to during the next few weeks.

CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

Historically, the months of December and January are known for their higher than average calls for burglaries and stolen vehicles. It is our job to prevent these types of crimes from occurring. However, we cannot do this with 100% success, without the help of our citizens. Law enforcement and the community must work together and create relationships that build on trust and commitment to eradicate crime in the City.

The policing style of the Normandy Police Department is very community oriented and many practices have been put into place to ensure that we never lose sight of the fact that the Police Department cannot be successful without the eyes and ears of the citizens. With that said, the Normandy Police Department will be hosting a Citizen's Police Academy, beginning the third week of February 2013. More details will be made available as we get closer to that time. The goal of the academy is for citizens, mainly from Normandy, Greendale, Bellerive Acres, and Pasadena Park, to spend one night a week with officers from our department and learn how and why we do some of the things that we do. By providing hands on instruction into the police culture, citizens get a better understanding of why there may be two or three police cars on a traffic stop or how magnetic fingerprint dust works better on some surfaces than others. All

classes will be taught by certified police officers, mainly from the Normandy Police Department or experts from other law enforcement agencies.

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

With that said, the next few months are critical in driving down local crime statistics. Many burglaries occurring during these months can be attributed to criminals believing that all houses are full of Christmas presents. The majority of burglaries occur during the day and involve some sort of forced entry to the back of the residence. By entering the rear of the house, police patrols are less likely to observe the crime. It is important that you know who your backdoor neighbors are. By having a relationship with them you can agree to watch out for suspicious people in each other's backyards. By knowing your neighbor, you know who belongs in his or her backyard. If someone does not look familiar, a quick call to 911 can have the police on their way in a matter of seconds, this head start assists us in finding the person and determining who they are and what they are doing. If you would like to get even further ahead of the criminal, the Normandy Detective Bureau has invisible marking pens that you can borrow to mark your property. All you need to do is contact Det. Lou Porzelt or Det. Steve Whitworth at 314-385-3300, ext. 3020 and ext 3021, respectively.

DO NOT "WARM UP" YOUR CAR

Stolen vehicles are also a concern during this time of year. The most common excuse that we hear is "I was just warming it up". Warming up a car in the driveway unattended is an invitation for a bad



holiday season. This crime of opportunity can have devastating effects on vehicle owners. Not having a vehicle can affect your job, providing food for your families, or getting medical attention. The average car warms up in less than five minutes, long before the chill of winter can get to you if you are dressed appropriately. It is recommended that the practice of warming up unattended cars be forgotten and never practiced again.

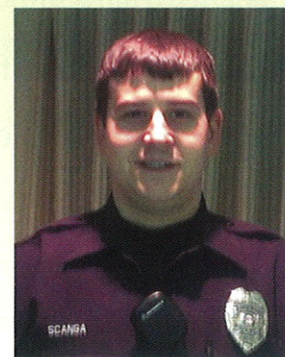
In closing, I would like to thank all of you for your support of the Normandy Police Department over the past year. We look forward to creating new relationships in the upcoming months and we wish all of you the best in your holiday season. It is also our hope that we see many of you at the citizen police academy in February. Applications are available at the Normandy City Hall and will be distributed at Neighborhood Watch meetings and/or Council Meetings.

CARING FOR OUR LOVED ONES IN THEIR GOLDEN YEARS

As we grow older, we all have family and friends who are well into the golden years of their lives. Sometimes these loved ones have accidents or leave the house without telling anyone. This can cause unwanted stress and concern for family members who worry about the safety of their loved ones especially if there is a distance barrier that separates us from them. One of the programs that the Normandy Police Department employs is a "Welfare Check", where Normandy Police officers will stop by your loved ones residence and verify that they are OK. If you are a concerned family member or friend of an elderly resident in our city or our contract Cities you can use this service by calling the Police Department at 314-385-3300 or by calling St. Louis County Police Dispatch at 314-889-2341. Just let them know that you would like a Normandy Police Officer to respond to the resident's address and check on their welfare. Be prepared to know their address and to leave a number that we can call you back at with the results of our check. Once again, this service is only offered to those of you who live in the police service contract areas that the Normandy Police Department patrols.

WELCOME!

The Normandy Police Department is pleased to announce the addition of Police Officer Christopher Scanga to our family.



Chris is 28 years old and a graduate of the St. Charles County Police Academy. Chris began his career with the City of Jennings and the City of St. Ann before coming to the Normandy Police Department

Chris brings with him a hardworking attitude and a goal-oriented outlook for his future. Having spent the past few months with Chris, I am excited to have him as a member of our team and wish him the best in his future with the City of Normandy.



Get Ready for Winter!!!

Prepare Your Home For Winter Weather

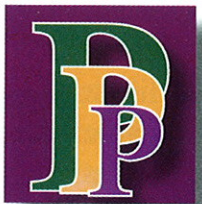
- Have your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector batteries checked
- Have furnace and hot water tank checked
- Inspect windows for damage or leaks
- Make sure storm doors function properly
- Check gutters; make sure they are properly attached and cleaned out
- Turn off outside water faucets from inside the house
- Store garden hoses, tools, lawn mowers, barbecue grills, lawn chairs, and flowerpots
- Have duct work cleaned.
- Have your fireplace inspected and cleaned
- Do not overload electrical outlets (wall socket) beyond their capacity with extension cords or multiple plugs.
- Make sure flashlights have batteries
- Take extra care; never leave burning candles unattended
- Go over your emergency evacuation drill with your family, plus, have a location to meet once safely outside the house
- Have a checklist at the front door for what kids should have before leaving the house for school: gloves, hats scarves, hand warmers, and backpacks
- Keep a supply of salt, sand and a snow shovel



Conserve Water Now, Save Money Later

(Check Your Toilet Bowl!)

A leak of one drop per second can waste 3000 gallons of water per year. Toilet leaks are one of the most common water leaks. To test your toilet, put some food color in the tank. DO NOT FLUSH! Wait 15-20 minutes, then check the toilet. If the water in the bowl is colored, you have a leak.



Remember the 3 P's: Pets, Plants, Pipes

Residents with small pets need to remember coyotes will attack pets left alone outside at night during the winter. Stay outside in the yard with your pets when they go out; don't leave them alone. Bring cat food and dog food inside. Bring your pets in, making a place for them when temperatures reach freezing. They depend on you for protection.

Don't forget about the plants outside. Prepare your gardens for winter.

Pipes outside can freeze until they burst or sustain damage. Turn off your outside water line from inside house then turn on the faucet and drain the line from the outside.



Winter Auto Safety Tips

- Pack your emergency kit with jumper cables or booster pack, scraper with brush, and a can of fix-a-flat
- Have your battery, windshield wipers, transmission belts, brakes, brake lights, tires, and radiator checked.
- Keep a gallon of windshield wiper fluid or de-icer in your trunk (and extra bottles in your basement or garage)
- Make sure you have your auto insurance card in your car
- Keep your license plates and lights clear of dirt and debris
- Do not allow your car to idle for warm up in an attached garage to your house. Carbon monoxide fumes can be lethal. Do not allow your car to idle unlocked in your driveway. Unlocked, running cars are an open invitation for theft. (See Police Chief Mininni's advice on pages 7 & 8.)
- When braking while driving, give yourself plenty of distance to avoid sliding or brakes locking up. Keep extra distance between your car and the car in front of you while waiting at a stop light or while driving on the street or highway.
- Stay 25 yards (the length of one tractor-trailer) back from the salt trucks on the road where you are much more visible to the truck driver



Tips for Household Garbage Collection

- Lids MUST be kept closed on rollout trash carts. (to keep animals, birds, insects and rain water out of the rollout cart and to keep trash & debris inside the cart.)
- Plastic bags may be used for household garbage but ONLY when used inside of your rollout cart or trash can.
- Roll-out carts MUST be used for your regular trash collection and trash cans must be used for heavy-pick-up collection. Trash cans will not be collected on your regular trash day, only roll-out carts. Carts and cans must be placed out for collection by 7:00 a.m. on the proper collection day.
- Residents should keep their old trash can(s) for use on heavy-pick-up collection days. Residents wishing to dispose of their old trash can may do so by placing their unwanted trash can at curb on heavy-pick-up Wednesday. Please place a note on unwanted can and our sanitation crew will dispose of your can.
- Please do not store food, household trash or cardboard in your recycling bin.



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**Autumn, the year's last,
loveliest smile.**

- William Cullen Bryant

