



# Olivette Life

*...in the center of it all*



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## General Municipal Election

The City of Olivette, Missouri, will hold an election on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015, for one (1) City Council Member position, to serve for a three-year term.

Qualifications and platform statements have been supplied by the candidates as noted below.



### Suzanne Sierra Sewell

I am 49 years old, married and have 2 children. I've lived in Olivette for 20 years and my profession is Strategic Communications.

"As longtime Olivette residents, my family and I enjoy the area's many benefits—excellent schools and parks, wonderful neighborhoods and an inviting, community atmosphere.

My 20+ years working in corporate communications have given me the skills to help address the city's issues. My experience includes generating awareness about issues, managing crisis communications, building consensus and community outreach.

If elected, I will work diligently with my fellow council members to attract not just more, but the right kind of businesses to Olivette so we can all benefit from a more thriving, robust community.

Please vote for me on April 7!"

### Morton Morty Bertish

I am 64 years old, retired, married with 2 children, and have been a resident of Olivette for 43 years. I served on the Community Affairs Commission 20 years and the Parks & Beautification Board three years. I sponsored free basketball for Olivette youth for seven years. I served as Arrowhead Park Chairman for 20 years. I work on the NHID project. I pushed to have the Stacy Park winterized for children playing soccer in the fall. I served on a Committee to pick a City Manager. I coached a first grade soccer team O.A.A. I am always proposing new ideas to improve Olivette.

"I want to bring more business to Olivette.

I want to work hard to promote the City of Olivette as a good place to work, go to school, and live.

I want to work to bring the City together and build more community spirit.

I will work hard to reach out to all citizens of Olivette to open the lines of communication between the Council and the citizens."



# CITY OF OLIVETTE

## City Council

Jean Antoine, Mayor  
Ruth Springer, Chairman Pro-tem  
J. Gregory Carl, Council Member  
Maxine Weil, Council Member  
Missy Waldman, Council Member



## Telephone Numbers

Emergency .....	911
<b>Non-Emergency Numbers</b>	
Fire .....	993-0408
Police .....	645-3000
City Hall .....	993-0444
City Hall Fax .....	993-8135
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## Message from the Mayor



Well, here we are nearing the second quarter of the new year. Time is flying, and there are many successes accomplished by the City and many opportunities and concerns in the years to come.

There are many things I can honestly say I am proud to have been a participant. I'm nearing the end of my term of service, and I've elected NOT to run again. I think the time is right for new blood.

I am leaving the City of Olivette far better than when I started. Development has started and there's more to come. We've spent money to upgrade and better maintain our parks. We're working to improve our systems so that developers are interested in coming to Olivette with high quality development. Spending has been kept in check... we continue to stay within budgets. We hire competent and qualified people, and our employee pension fund is well funded and solid. More than anything, we, your neighbors, govern for the people we serve and live with and our professionals treat people with dignity and respect...residents or not. Now for updates:

**The New City Hall-** Recently, a bid has been let for the demolition of the 6 homes on the new site for City Hall. We are moving as fast as possible to get our new home designed and built. That will allow us to formulate a game plan for our current grounds. In fact, our Economic Development Commission has already begun analysis for what opportunities (in the form of retail, services, mixed use and jobs) we can bring to the current City Hall location. You're welcome to attend any of the meetings by EDC or the Council and follow what's at hand. We need you and want your involvement and support.

**Party In the Park & Olivette On the Go-** The Parks & Recreation Department, under the guidance of their new Director, Beverly Tucker Knight, is busy planning upcoming events. Party in the Park will be held at Stacy Park on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, beginning with family activities, bounce houses and pony rides at 6:30pm, followed by an outdoor movie at 8:30pm. In addition, the Olivette On the Go Committee has already begun planning for the fall festival to be held September 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars now, so you won't miss these great community events.

**Consolidating Local Governments-** Lastly, there are efforts by legislators and special interest groups to reduce the number of municipalities and/or consolidate St. Louis City and County. Neither, in my opinion, serves us well. There are meetings underway by **BETTER TOGETHER** to get public support for such. Please do some reading and plan to attend the meetings so that you know what this means for you. Like I said, I don't think we're better served by either of those options, and this topic is way too complicated to fully explore in an article like this, but feel free to contact me or any of the other Council Members for more information.

**Personal Note-** Olivette, I've loved every minute (almost) of my stay. This is a great city with many great people. I think our best days are still to come. Thank you for your confidence, trust, support and the opportunity to serve this fine city.

Jean Antoine,  
Mayor

## Campaign Signs

As the April 7<sup>th</sup> elections near, it is important to remind residents of the City's rules and regulations regarding Campaign and Political Signs.

Chapter 415 Sign Regulations of the Olivette Municipal Code permits no more than a total of four (4) political or campaign information signs on private property. No distinctions are made on the use (whether commercial, residential, or institutional) nor on the size of the property.

### No permit is required for placement so long as the signs are:

- on behalf of candidates for public office or on measures on election ballots;
- limited to 4-square feet;
- do not exceed three feet (3') in height measured from the ground placed on;
- placed at least 10-feet from the roadway curb;
- placed with consent of the property owner; and
- not illuminated, sandwich boards, or V-shaped.

The City of Olivette urges all candidates and residents to promptly remove campaign and political sign information after the election is over. In extreme cases, if a temporary sign is not removed within a reasonable amount of time, the City will notify property owners of the need for removal or replacement.

For additional information regarding the City of Olivette's sign regulations, contact the Department of Public Services at 314.993.0252

## Spring Time Permits

As winter comes to an end, and the days are conducive to being outside, you may notice Mother Nature has made some anticipated exterior improvements into immediate must-do tasks. Before you start repairs, make sure to call the City's Public Services at 314.993.0252 to determine if you need a Building Permit. In an effort to keep Olivette a clean and safe community, our Municipal Code contains several important codes regarding the maintenance of private property.

**Fences:** Did you know that repairing an existing fence may require a building permit? Chapter 435 of the Olivette Municipal Code requires the installation of any fence or screening device to obtain a building permit. This includes the replacement or expansion of an existing fence.

The City has adopted certain design and placement regulations. All fencing, whether replacement, extension, and new, is subject to these regulations. Even if the fence already exists.

Fencing along a street side is limited in to no more than 36-inches in height and subject to certain design and placement requirements. Fencing along a side and rear property line is limited to 6-feet in height, must have all structural post facing the interior of the subject property, and can only be authorized for the placement on the owner's property.

Before you connect to a neighboring existing fence, make sure you check to see if the neighbor's fence extends to the property line. The City does not have authority to authorize a fence to connect to any structure off the property owner's grounds.

**Decks:** Did you know that repairing an existing deck may require a building permit? The construction of a new deck or the expansion of an existing deck, regardless of the width, size, or height above the ground, requires a building permit. A deck in excess of 650 square feet must have the construction plans prepared by a Missouri Registered Architect or Engineer. All decks are subject to zoning setbacks, limiting their location on the property grounds.

Patios and other flat work: While sealing an asphalt driveway normally does not require a building permit, replacing existing asphalt or re-pouring a concrete slab does. A building permit is necessary for the construction of any flatwork, including patios, driveways, driveway turnarounds, pool-decks, sidewalks, etc., consisting of cement or asphalt. All flatwork is subject to certain zoning setback requirements, limiting their location on the property grounds.

**Roofing:** While replacing rooftop shingles and the tar paper underneath (underlayment) normally does not require a building permit, the replacement of any decking boards or trusses does. Many times, damage to the decking or trusses is not visible until the shingles and underlayment are off. The City tries to expedite building permits for roof repairs when this becomes apparent.

**How to obtain building permits:** Application forms and the fee schedules maybe access through the City's website at [www.OlivetteMO.com](http://www.OlivetteMO.com). Most residential building permits, if not all, require three sets of site plans identifying the size and location of work proposed and three sets of the construction specifications being followed.

Building permits may be dropped off at the Public Services Building, located at 1200 North Price Road. Office hours are from 7:30am to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. At the time of application, a permit review fee is charged. Fees are based on the estimated cost of construction. At the time the permit is issued, inspection fees and any associated deposits are due.

Avoid delays or work disruption by calling the City's Public Services at 314.993.0252 before you start. Also take into account the review time necessary to receive a building permit. Depending on the scope of work and the number of permits under review, the average building permit takes 5 to 10 working days for review.

# PROJECT UPDATES

## New City Hall

In August 2014, Olivette citizens approved a \$13.5M bond to purchase land, and design/construct an new City Hall. The building will house Police, Fire, Planning and Community Development, Administration, and some Park and Recreation staff. The new facility will be located on the east side of Dielman Road just north of Walgreens – currently six homes sit on the site.

Since the bond approval, much work has been completed. Soil and air environmental testing was completed by Shifrin Associates. (There were no negative findings.) Volz Inc performed survey and topography work. Property purchases were completed by January 2015.

Since taking ownership of the properties, additional environmental testing was completed on the interior of the buildings. (Findings were as expected.) Gas, water, and sewer lines have all been "abandoned". And the City is currently seeking bids to perform demolition of the existing buildings. Demolition should be completed by the end of April.

Archimages, the architectural firm hired to design the building, has been working with staff on the building layout. This work should be completed by mid-March, at which time we will move into building detail design.

## Old Bonhomme Road

The \$2.4M street and sidewalk improvement project (of which \$1.9M is provided through a grant) continues to move forward. The project was redesigned in May of 2014, narrowing the sidewalks from five feet to four feet with passing areas – as was requested by some of the residents along Old Bonhomme Road.

In September, the City mailed fair-market-value offers to property owners for the purchase of right-of-way necessary for construction. As of mid-February, of the 86 property owners from whom right of way is required, the City has successfully negotiated with 49 property owners.

While the City continues to negotiate with property owners, the grant requires that right-of-way acquisition be completed by June 30, or the grant will expire and funding be returned. With this deadline looming, it became necessary to begin condemnation proceedings.

Condemnation is a court process that insures all necessary steps were taken to compensate property owners fairly for their property interests. The City has taken these steps, and while we believe we will be successful in acquiring the property interests, the grant deadline continues to loom.

By the time this article is published, condemnation hearings will have begun. Please follow [www.OlivetteMO.com](http://www.OlivetteMO.com) for updates.

## North Price Neighborhood Investment District

Construction will begin shortly on the North Price street improvement. The \$1M project includes street improvements and sidewalk construction. Gershenson Construction was hired to perform this work. This project is a partnership between the City and the property owners along North Price. The City secured funding for the project and will oversee the construction. Once completed, the property owners will repay the project debt, and the City will take over maintenance of the street.

# Police Chief's Corner



Chief Rick Knox announced this month that he has, with the City Council's approval, made the following promotions:

Sergeant **Bill Miller** to Lieutenant  
Sergeant **David Wolf** to Lieutenant  
Police Officer **Ranile Robins** to Sergeant  
Detective **Garrett Wood** to Sergeant.

**Lt. Miller** is a 27 year veteran with the Police Department. During his career, he has been a Field Training Instructor and a Firearms Instructor and he will now be assigned as a Patrol Commander. Lt. Miller will complete his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Columbia University next year.

**Lt. Wolf** began his career with the Police Department in 2001. Prior to working in Olivette, Lt. Wolf served with the Chesterfield Police Department for approximately three years. Lt. Wolf's duties will now encompass the Department's Professional Standards Bureau. Lt. Wolf received his Master's degree in Public Administration from Norwich University in 2011 and he will attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA in July of this year.



Left to right: Lt. David Wolf, Sgt. Ranile Robins, Chief Rick Knox, Lt. Bill Miller, Sgt. Garrett Wood

**Sgt. Robins** has been with the Olivette Police Department since 2006. As an eight-year veteran, Sgt. Robins is a member of the Crisis Intervention Team, leads the Neighborhood Watch program, represents the Department in a multi-jurisdictional Citizens Police Academy and will now be assigned as a Patrol Supervisor. Sgt. Robins used to be a child abuse investigator for the State of Missouri Children's Division and holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Mississippi State University.

**Sgt. Wood** began his law enforcement career with the Warren County Sheriff's Department in 2006 where he served two years. After joining the Olivette Police Department in 2008, Sgt. Wood has been a patrolman as well as a detective. Sgt. Wood is also a member of the Crisis Intervention Team and will now be assigned as a Patrol Supervisor. Sgt. Wood earned his Master's in Counseling Psychology from Lindenwood University in 1995.



## City Council Revises Seatbelt Ordinance

In October 2014, the City Council amended section 370.160, specifically seatbelts, of the City of Olivette Municipal Code. Prior to that date, Olivette police officers could not initiate a traffic stop solely on the basis of a motorist not using his/her seatbelt. With the action of the Council, however, Olivette now has a primary seatbelt law. This means that Olivette police officers may stop motorists when they observe them not wearing their seatbelts.



With the support of his officers behind him, Chief Knox made the suggestion of the ordinance change to the City Council and noted that many communities in the area have similar laws. The Police Department feels that passage of the ordinance is a step to ensure that occupants of motor vehicles are using their seatbelts, thus promoting public health, safety and welfare.

The ordinance change took effect last October, but a six month grace period is in effect until May 1, 2015. Until that date, motorists can be stopped for the primary seatbelt violation, but only warnings will be issued.

## Olivette Police Department

### Gets Re-Certified



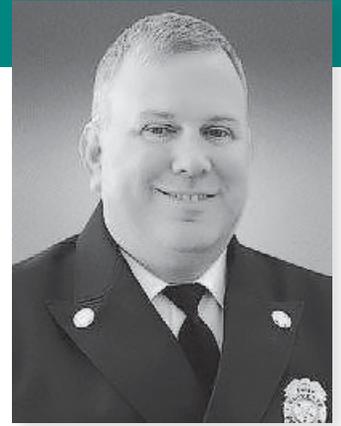
Chief Rick Knox receives re-certification plaque From Chief Dennis Corley and Chief Robert Pruett

At a recent City Council meeting in January 2015, the Olivette Police Department received its re-certification in accordance with the Missouri Police Chiefs' Charitable Foundation program. The Department had an on-site assessment in April 2014 and was found to be in compliance with all 208 standards. The Department was first certified in 2010.

### Receives New Vehicle



The 2015 Ford Police Interceptor Utility was 100% funded by the Missouri Department of Transportation after the Police Department was selected from over 75 area departments for its traffic/DWI enforcement efforts.



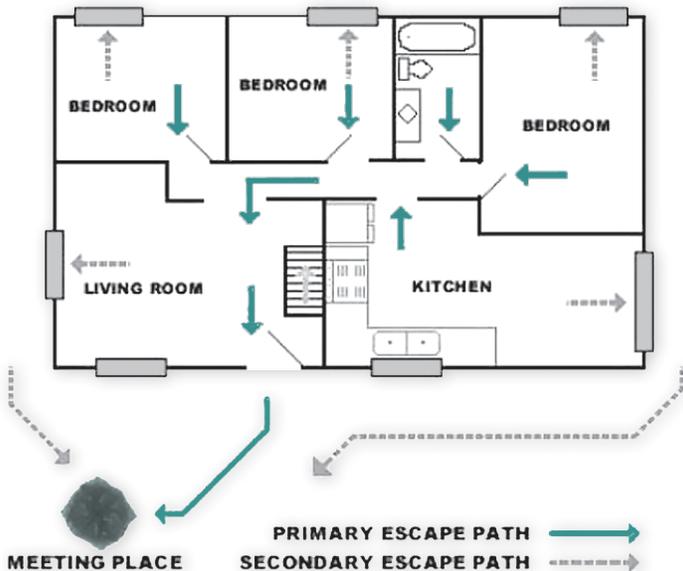
## Plan your E.D.I.T.H. (Exit Drill in the Home)

With the warmer weather it is a good time to review our fire escape plan with the entire family.

Sit down with your family and draw a floor plan of your home that clearly identifies two exits out of every room, especially bedrooms. Include stairways, doors, windows, decks and porches. Locate and identify a central meeting place outside the home. Plan today because when fire strikes there is no time to plan.

**Have a Family Meeting Place!** like a mailbox, a tree or a neighbor's home. This will help people to know if everyone made it out safely. Call the fire department from a neighbor's house and wait for them to arrive. Never go back inside a burning home for any reason. Firefighters are trained and equipped to do this. While kneeling, feel the crack between the door and its frame with the back of your hand and then reach up as high as you can go. If you feel any warmth do not open the door and use an alternate route. If the door feels cool, open the door with caution.

**Practice makes perfect!** Hold realistic fire drills in your home regularly and have everyone participate. Practice various scenarios, like pretending that some of the exits are blocked, so that alternate routes need to be used. Speed is crucial, as fire can spread rapidly. Make sure everyone in the home can open doors and windows in the event of a fire. Security bars should be equipped with quick release devices from the inside and everyone including small children should know how to use them.



**Test doors before opening them!** Crawl low under smoke, as you exit the home. Smoke contains deadly gases and heat rises. Cooler, cleaner air is near the floor. By sleeping with your door closed it will act as a barrier to help protect you from smoke and fire. In the event that you are trapped, close the door between you and the fire. Stuff cracks under the door to keep smoke out and call 911 if there is a phone in the room. Wait at the window and signal for help. While kneeling, feel the crack between the door and its frame with the back of your hand and then reach up as high as you can go. If you feel any warmth do not open the door and use an alternate route. If the door feels cool, open the door with caution.

We tend to practice everything else in our lives why not practice something that will save your life. Be ready for the unexpected and have a plan that all of the family is aware of, in addition if there is a slumber party don't forget to fill your overnight guests in on what you do in case of a fire. The fire department will be there when you need to be rescued from a fire but a well prepared plan that is followed by the whole family will make it a much safer event.

As always, if you have any questions do not hesitate to call the fire department at 314.993.0408.

Scott E. Avery  
Fire Chief

## Rapid Access Program

When responding to 911 calls, firefighters and paramedics occasionally find themselves unable to enter a residence because the patient's condition has rendered them unable to unlock the door. Because time is a critical factor in emergency situations, Paramedics are sometimes required to enter the home by force, causing a delay in patient care as well as property damage that can be costly for the homeowner to repair. Seeking to reduce instances of forced entry, the Olivette Fire Department has developed a program called Rapid Access that enables firefighters and paramedics to reach patients quickly and safely.

**How does Rapid Access work?** Olivette residents interested in participating in Rapid Access may notify the Olivette Fire Department to request a Kidde key box, and a representative will assist you with the necessary paperwork and installation. The code for your box will be pre-installed prior to installation and ensure that it is entered into East Central Dispatch's computer database. The code is only known to the dispatch center and Olivette Fire Department.

If a 911 call is placed from a home participating in Rapid Access, dispatchers will send the code to the responding unit, enabling emergency personnel to enter your home and provide care.

**Are homeowner's codes secure?** Once a code is entered into the computer system, it will be accessible to emergency response personnel only if a 911 call is placed from that residence. All paper copies of codes selected are destroyed immediately upon successful entry into the database.

**Is installation difficult?** The units install in just a few minutes using four provided screws. A detailed photo installation guide is provided, showing homeowners where and how to mount the box. If necessary, District staff will install boxes for City of Olivette residents at no cost.



If you have questions about Rapid Access, please call us at 314.993.0408. Someone will be glad to address any concerns you may have.

## SUMMER ADVENTURE CAMP!



### “Out Run, Out Swim and Out Play!”

Make memories and build friendships that last a lifetime as the Olivette summer camp tradition continues! Each week features games, arts & crafts, sports, songs and team-building activities built around the week’s theme— plus a field trip and two swim days at a regional pool. Camp travels to field trip and swim locations via chartered school bus. Campers bring a bagged lunch each day.

### Camp registration begins March 6<sup>th</sup>

Download a registration form at [OlivetteMO.com](http://OlivetteMO.com) or call 314.991.1249

Ages 4-12	Days	Dates	Times	Cost
Week 1: Meet Olivette	Mon-Fri	6/1 - 6/5	9:00am - 3:00pm	Res: \$72 /Non-Res: \$82
Week 2: Mad Scientists	Mon-Fri	6/8 - 6/12	9:00am - 3:00pm	Res: \$72 /Non-Res: \$82
Week 3: Zoo Animals	Mon-Fri	6/15 - 6/19	9:00am - 3:00pm	Res: \$72 /Non-Res: \$82
Week 4: Artistic Freedom	Mon-Fri	6/22 - 6/26	9:00am - 3:00pm	Res: \$72 /Non-Res: \$82
Week 5: Team Challenge	Mon-Thur	6/29 - 7/2	9:00am - 3:00pm	Res: \$72 /Non-Res: \$82
Week 6: Top Chef!	Mon-Fri	7/6 - 7/10	9:00am - 3:00pm	Res: \$72 /Non-Res: \$82
Week 7: Earth Week	Mon-Fri	7/13 - 7/17	9:00am - 3:00pm	Res: \$72 /Non-Res: \$82
Week 8: Super Heroes	Mon-Fri	7/20 - 7/24	9:00am - 3:00pm	Res: \$72 /Non-Res: \$82
Week 9: Sportsmania!	Mon-Fri	7/27 - 7/31	9:00am - 3:00pm	Res: \$72 /Non-Res: \$82
Early Adventure Wks 1-4 & 6-9	Mon-Fri	6/1 - 6/26 & 7/6 - 7/31	8:00am - 9:00am	Res: \$12.50 /Non-Res: \$15
Late Adventure Wks 1-4 & 6-9	Mon-Fri	6/1 - 6/26 & 7/6 - 7/31	3:00pm - 5:30pm	Res: \$20/Non-Res: \$25
Early Adventure Wk 5	Mon-Thur	6/29 - 7/2	8:00am - 9:00am	Res: \$10 /Non-Res: \$12
Late Adventure Wk 5	Mon-Thur	6/29 - 7/2	3:00pm - 5:30pm	Res: \$16 /Non-Res: \$20

## Blood Drive

Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-6:00pm at Olivette Community Center, 9723 Grandview Dr.

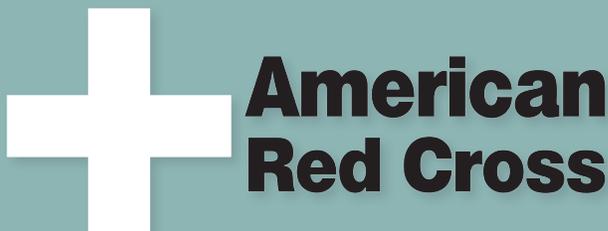


### SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT ON-LINE TODAY!

Visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) website and click the blue box in the upper right corner that says: **Give Blood. Find a Blood Drive.**

Use the sponsor code: **OlivetteCommunity**

For questions on donor eligibility, please call the 24 hour Eligibility Hot-Line: **1.866.236.3276**



## ADULT COED SOFTBALL

### Spring & Summer Double-Header Leagues

Sneak in some exercise this spring and summer with an Adult Doubleheader Softball League. Each league is five weeks long with 10 games in all! All games are officiated by ASA Umpires and are played at Stacy and Warson Parks. Space is limited to 7 teams per night!



### Registration & Fee Information

Team registration open now at [teamsideline.com/olivette](http://teamsideline.com/olivette)

Leagues	Days	Dates	Times	Location	Reg Deadline
Spring League	Tue & Thur	April 21*	9:00am - 2:00pm	Stacy & Warson Parks	Wednesday April 1 <sup>st</sup>
Summer League	Tue & Thur	June 9*	9:00am - 2:00pm	Stacy & Warson Parks	Wednesday May 6 <sup>th</sup>

#### Fees

Single Season Resident Team: \$300.00 / Non-resident Team \$400.00

Dual Season Resident Team: \$550.00 / Non-Resident Team: \$750.00 (valid only when paid prior to spring season)

A Resident Team has 50% or more players living in Olivette or sponsored by a business located in Olivette.

\*Start dates for both leagues are weather dependent

For more information, please contact Erin Menzel at 314.994.2403 or [emenzel@OlivetteMO.com](mailto:emenzel@OlivetteMO.com)

## All-Olivette Garage Sale Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-2:00pm



Clean out your basement, garage or attic and join the community-wide Garage Sale for free! Ordinarily there is a small fee to hold a garage sale in Olivette, but on this special date the permit fee is waived. The Olivette sale will be promoted in local newspapers and on [craigslist.org](http://craigslist.org).

Maps of participating homes will be handed out at Stacy Park from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm on sale day.

To participate, please call the Olivette Parks & Recreation Department at 314.991.1249 or send an e-mail to [opr@OlivetteMO.com](mailto:opr@OlivetteMO.com) with the following information: name, phone number and the Olivette address where the sale will take place. Don't miss out! Registrations are accepted now through May 1<sup>st</sup>!

# NEW THIS YEAR AT PARTY IN THE PARK 2015

People's Choice Outdoor Movie on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>



Bring the family and enjoy free games, bounce houses, pony rides and more from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Stacy Park. As the sun sets, grab your popcorn and enjoy the film YOU picked! Visit [OlivetteMO.com](http://OlivetteMO.com) to vote on which movie will be shown! The movie receiving the most votes by June 1st will be shown on June 26. Food and beverages will be available for purchase during the event from Olivette's own Fallon's Bar & Grill! For more information, please call the Parks & Recreation Department at 314.991. 1249.

6:30-8:30pm Family Activities, Bounce Houses, and Pony rides  
8:30pm Outdoor Movie as voted on by you!



## Olivette Electronic Recycling Day

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-5:00pm  
Stacy Park Parking Lot, 9750 Old Bonhomme Rd

Those old electronics didn't sell at the Garage Sale? Recycle them! Any item that plugs into the wall will be accepted!

Such as (but not limited to):

- TV's \*
- Radios
- DVD players
- Printers
- Computers
- Appliances
- Cell phones

\* A small fee may be collected for TV's



# OLIVETTE IN BLOOM

## OIB 2015 Kick Off Meeting Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

2:00pm at Jan Fitzgerald's on 26 Crosswinds in Olivette

### I'd like to invite you to...

volunteer with Olivette in Bloom this year.

We are having a Spring Kick Off meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is a great time to ask questions and get to know the other volunteers.

For more information about *Olivette in Bloom*, check out the website at: [www.olivetteinbloom.org](http://www.olivetteinbloom.org). Have questions? Call Jan the *Olivette In Bloom* Volunteer Coordinator at 314.991.4954 or email her at [j Fitzgerald26@earthlink.net](mailto:j Fitzgerald26@earthlink.net)



### Below is some information about being a volunteer with OIB

- OIB volunteers do not need to be expert gardeners! We welcome every one- regardless of their gardening skills. Each workday is manned by a Garden captain who will guide the team.
- Come as many Saturdays that you can. Volunteer for one work day or all of them.
- We send out reminders before every workday. Just respond on the Thursday before with a yes or no and then show up!
- OIB is a great way to meet new friends and contribute to beautifying our community!



**What do you think? Come give it a try....and join us on the 15<sup>th</sup>!**

If you can't make the 15<sup>th</sup>, give me a call and I will answer any questions you may have!

Thanks again for your consideration and we hope you will join us so we can continue to make Olivette a beautiful place to call home!

## Parks & Recreation

# NATIVE PLANT SALE

sponsored by Olivette in Bloom

## Take your garden for a walk on the wild(flower) side!

Native plants are ideally suited to our climate and environment.

**When:** Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Where:** Stacy Park Pavilion, Old Bonhomme Rd. (just south of Olive in Olivette)

**Supplied by:** Missouri Wildflowers. Great prices!

**Contact:** Olivette In Bloom President, Jasmine Fazzari at [jasjfazz@yahoo.com](mailto:jasjfazz@yahoo.com)

# 2015 Garden Work Days

Saturdays, 3/28-11/7  
8:00am-10:00pm

Sign up now, even if you are unsure of your summer plans.  
We understand if you need to make changes later as the summer progresses.

Volunteer's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Veterans Memorial Park	Stacy Park	Olivette Community Center
All Garden Clean Up 3/28	All Garden Clean Up 3/28	All Garden Clean Up 3/28
Garden Installation 5/2	Garden Installation 5/2	Garden Installation 5/2
5/30	5/30	5/30
6/27	6/20	6/20
7/25	7/18	7/11
8/22	8/15	8/8
9/19	9/26	9/12
10/17	10/24	10/10
Fall Clean up: 11/14	Fall Clean up: 11/14	Fall Clean up: 11/7

Email to: [jfitzgerald26@earthlink.net](mailto:jfitzgerald26@earthlink.net) or Mail to: Jan Fitzgerald, 26 Crosswinds, Olivette, MO 63132 Questions? Call Jan 314.991.4954

## Olivette Stream Team

### The Department of Public Works...

is planning a spring clean-up of the section of the River Des Peres that borders Olivette. We are looking for residents and community organizations to help plan, promote and facilitate the clean-up. What better way to help the environment and your community! For more information please contact the Department of Public Works at 314.993.0252 or [BMcGregor@OlivetteMO.com](mailto:BMcGregor@OlivetteMO.com).



## How RainScapes Can Help The Environment and Storm Water Management

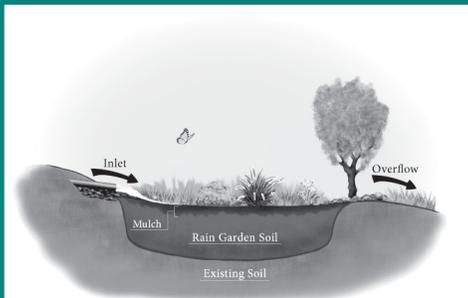
During heavy rains only a small portion of the precipitation absorbs into ground through lawns and unimproved areas because of the high clay content in local soils. The additional stormwater from hard surfaces like streets, parking lots, driveways, roofs and patios (impervious areas) can often cause serious problems for our downhill neighbors. The impervious area associated with a medium size house can produce over 2700 gallons of stormwater runoff during a one inch per hour rainfall! This impervious stormwater can also collect pollution along the way and damage the ecosystem in Black Creek, Pebble Creek and the River Des Peres.

RainScapes are watershed friendly ways to slow, absorb, clean and reduce rainfall runoff. RainScape projects are designed to slow the runoff and reduce the amount of runoff and pollutants entering our streams.

Stormwater that soaks into the ground is filtered by the soil and replenishes groundwater. Additional environmental benefits of these projects include reduced energy and water consumption, increased wildlife habitat and improved air quality in our suburban landscape. Rain gardens, rain barrels, bioswales, dry wells and permeable pavements are common Rainscape projects.

While these projects might sound small in the grand scope of stormwater, each one cumulatively can make a difference. The Public Works Department is working with the Deer Creek Watershed Alliance and Missouri Botanical Gardens to find grant opportunities and RainScape education resources for residents.

For more information contact the Public Works Dept. at 314.993.0252 or [BMcGregor@OlivetteMO.com](mailto:BMcGregor@OlivetteMO.com)



## Olivette Awarded Trim Grant

The City of Olivette has been awarded a Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) Grant through the Missouri Department of Conservation. This program will provide \$25,000 to fund a Geographical Information System (GIS) survey of trees on City streets and in City Parks.

The TRIM program is a competitive cost-share program provided and administered by the Missouri Department of Conservation in cooperation with the Missouri Community Forestry Council and the U.S. Forest Service. The purpose of the program is to provide financial assistance for the management, improvement or conservation of our community forests.

The Public Works Department released a request for proposal this past November and received four proposals. ArborPro, Inc. ([www.ArborProUSA.com](http://www.ArborProUSA.com)) was awarded the project and will begin work surveying trees this spring. The scope of services includes:

- Creation of GIS City tree inventory
- Training for City staff to revise and update inventory
- Creation of 5 year plan for tree maintenance based on collected data
- Creation of an i-Tree Streets analysis and report based on the City tree inventory.
- One year of updates and support for ArboPro Tree Inventory software

With this valuable information City Staff intends to apply for future TRIM grants to maintain and plant trees in our vibrant community forest. These grants are an excellent opportunity to leverage City funds and provide more comprehensive services. For more information please contact Bruce McGregor, Director of Public Works, at 314.993.0252 or [BMcGregor@OlivetteMO.com](mailto:BMcGregor@OlivetteMO.com).



### Did you know Olivette is a destination for employment?

Approximately 6,094 people travel into Olivette for employment. When compared to the other 90 municipalities in St. Louis County, Olivette ranks 26th in workplace population.

Given Olivette consists of only 2.78 square miles, with 10.5% representing land zoned for light industrial and 4.8% of land zoned for commercial use, Olivette is impressively and efficiently managing the City's land area.

When considering the land area of other municipalities in St. Louis County, Olivette averages about 2,186 employees per square mile, placing us 19th for workers per square mile. This represents a higher density of workforce population in comparison to communities such as Chesterfield, Ellisville, St. John's, Webster Groves, University City, and Town & Country.

### Did you know people who work in Olivette earn higher wages than the Saint Louis County average?

According to the 2013 Census, people who work in Olivette earn a median income of \$39,483. This is the 14th highest in Saint Louis County. Since the economic downturn, employee wages within Olivette have stayed relatively consistent while other municipalities have decreased.

## City of Olivette

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Olivette, Missouri 63132-3199

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### Median Earnings for Employees for 2009, 2011, 2013

Municipality	2009	2011	2013	Percentage Change
Olivette	\$39,375	\$36,705	\$39,483	0.3%
Ellisville	\$29,596	\$29,745	\$29,167	-1.4%
Rock Hill	\$33,884	\$32,962	\$28,920	-14.6%
Shrewsbury	\$32,023	\$34,625	\$31,077	-3.0%
St. John	\$36,250	\$34,894	\$32,017	-11.7%
Saint Louis County	\$32,009	\$33,181	\$33,474	4.6%

ACS 5-Year Estimates 2005-2009, 2007-2011, 2009-2013, Median Earnings for workers

The 2013 Census identified Olivette as the 2nd highest percentage of employees working in industries related to professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services. Olivette ranks 12th in information, finance, insurance, real estate and rental and leasing industries.

Industry Classification	Rank	Percentage or Number
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	2	21.3% of employees
Information and finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	12	13.8% of employees

ACS 5-Year Estimates 2009-2013 for Workplace Population

### In summary

While we may not be a large community, ranked 36th in overall land area, Olivette is efficiently and diversely using its land resources. While we may not have the large retail strip centers or high-rise office buildings, our employment numbers reflect efficient use of our land area and diversity in our workforce. With resilient and robust employment, Olivette is a proven great place to work and live—truly "a dynamic sense of place".

**Economic Development Commission** to host Public Hearing on March 23, 2015 on proposed 5-year Economic Development Plan. Information is available at [www.OlivetteMO.com](http://www.OlivetteMO.com)

## New Businesses in Olivette

Business	Address	Description
Boggs, Avellino, Lach, & Boggs, LLC	9326 Olive Blvd.	Attorney Offices
American Homecare Management Corp.	9666 Olive Blvd., Ste 210	Home Health Care Provider
Great Wall Insurance	9378 Olive Blvd., Ste 208	Insurance Agent
Studio D Marketing Communications	9374 Olive Blvd., Ste 104	Advertising
Context Network	9666 Olive Blvd., Ste 750	Network Consulting
KWO LEE, Inc.	9378 Olive Blvd., Ste 108	Import/Export Of Produce
Step It Up, Inc.	9326 Olive Blvd., Ste 120	Not-For-Profit
CBL Industries	1322 Baur Blvd.	Authorized Kirby Vacuum Distributor
Beacon Virtual Assistance, LLC, dba Olivette License Office	9652 Olive Blvd.	Licensing Office