



VALLEY PARK POLICE

A St Louis County Police Partnership

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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Help your community: become a trained storm spotter for free!



The National Weather Service in St. Louis, in coordination with partners across the region, are offering storm spotter classes at several locations to prepare for severe weather season. If you would like to assist your local community by becoming a volunteer storm spotter and reporting severe weather to the National Weather Service, or if you simply want to learn more about severe weather, consider attending one of these classes! **Classes are normally held in the evening and last approximately 2 hours.**

Attendees are taught the basics of thunderstorm development, storm structure, the features to look for, and where to find them. What, when, and how to report information, as well as basic severe weather safety, are also covered.

Virtual options are available! If you cannot make it to one of the in-person spotter talks, you can join the virtual talk! **The next class date is April 11, 2024 (7:00-8:30pm)**

For more information and class registration visit: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/c8094354f42d4f459a486bcb70185196>



Welcome to Valley Park

We are pleased to welcome Officer Chorenziak to the Valley Park Detail.

Officer Chorenziak was assigned to the Valley Park Detail on January 28th.

Prior to coming to Valley Park, she was assigned to the West County Precinct. She has 5 years of law enforcement experience, 3 with the St Louis County Police Department and 2 with the St Charles County Police Department.

Officer Chorenziak is looking forward to meeting and serving the citizens of Valley Park.

If you see her out on patrol, give her a wave, say hello, and welcome her to Valley Park.

Safety Tips for driving in the snow:

- Slow down. When there is ice or snow on the road, reduce your speed by at least one-half of the speed limit. When the roads are wet, reduce your speed by at least one-third of the speed limit.
- Turn your headlights on.
- Do not pass or drive beside snowplows.
- Stay back at least 100 feet from snowplows.

Since the roads in the best condition are behind the plows, your safest place to drive is behind the plows.

Road Condition Information:

MoDOT reminds motorists to check its online Traveler Information Map at modot.org.

*The map will be updated continuously throughout the storm to show whether major roads are covered, partly covered, closed or mostly clear.

Missouri State Highway Patrol Hotline (recorded road-condition information) at 1-800-222-6400.

MoDOT Customer Service (live person 24/7) at 1-888-ASK MODOT (1-888-275-6636).



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH



February is Black History Month, a celebration of the history and achievements of African Americans. Shining a light on Black history is important to better understand our progress and struggles as a nation, as well as to grow stronger and achieve aspirations.

Black History Month is also a time to celebrate African Americans in law enforcement, both historically and currently, who fought to make a difference in their communities. Here are a few historical moments for African Americans in law enforcement:

1867- first African American police officers were appointed to a police department in Selma, Alabama

1870- Ofc William Johnson of Jacksonville, Florida became the first African American police officer to be killed in the line of duty.

1875- Bass Reeves became the first African American Deputy U.S. Marshal.

1916- Georgia Ann Robinson became the first female African American police officer.

1941- William B. Lindsay was hired by the Illinois State Police, becoming the first African American state trooper.

1966- Lucius Amerson became the first elected African American Sheriff, serving in Macon County, Alabama.

1976- the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executive (NOBLE) was founded. Today, NOBLE has more than 50 chapters and represents more than 3,000 members worldwide that represent command-level law enforcement officials and chief executive officers from state, county, federal, municipal law enforcement agencies, and criminal justice practitioners.



VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIAL!



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

from

The St Louis County Police Dept.

The Valley Park Police Detail is offering a "Valentine's Day Special" for ex-valentines who may be in trouble with the law.

We will be providing special transportation, food and accommodations, wrist jewelry, and a professional photo shoot for those who qualify. All that's needed is for your former squeeze to have active warrants, be in possession of illegal drugs, or drive while intoxicated.

Know someone that may be interested? Give us a call to schedule your ex's "Special Day".



CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY



WHEN

Tuesday Nights

February 20 - March 26, 2024

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM



WHERE

Twin Oaks City Hall

1381 Big Bend Road

Ballwin, MO 63021



REGISTRATION

Scan the QR Code



WHAT IS THE CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY?

The Citizen Police Academy was developed to promote understanding and cooperation between the Department and the people it serves. We are proud to offer the Citizens Academy to local residents and business employees throughout our community. We encourage our citizens to become actively involved in their neighborhood by providing information that can form a partnership with local law enforcement to aid in solving community problems.

Goals:

- To provide greater awareness and understanding between our department and the citizens we serve
- To inform participants with an understanding of the operations and resources of St. Louis County Police.
- To provide insight into the divisions and functions of the department.

Please note:

This is not an application to become a certified police officer. Participants will not be exposed to high liability areas such as defensive tactics, chemical agents, firearms, or defensive driving.



CONTACT

For more information, email pdixson@stlouiscountymo.gov

ST. LOUIS COUNTY CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY-2024

WHEN:

**February 20th to March
26th, 2024**
6pm-8pm

WHERE:

Twin Oaks City Hall

1381 Big Bend Road, Twin Oaks, MO 63021 6pm-8pm

Metro Air Support

18200 Edison Ave, Chesterfield, MO 63005

**St. Louis County Municipal
Police Academy**

1266 Sutter Ave, St. Louis, MO 63133

FEB 29TH

**INTRO/DEPT. HISTORY
(NPO'S)
6PM TO 8PM
@ TWIN OAKS**

FEB 27TH

**General Assignment-
Det. McClain: 6pm
Crime Scene- Sgt.
Sibley: 7pm
@Twin Oaks**

MARCH 5TH

**Drug Unit- Det. Quinn:
6pm
K-9 Unit- Ofc. Bashaw:
7pm
@ Twin Oaks**

MARCH 12TH

**Air Support- Sgt
Wathen: 6pm-8pm
@ 18200 Edison Ave**

MARCH 19TH

**St. Louis County
Municipal Police
Academy- Ofc. Minor:
6pm-8pm
@ 1266 Sutter Ave**

MARCH 26TH

**St. Louis County
Citizens Police
Academy Graduation
@ Twin Oaks**