



VALLEY PARK POLICE

A St Louis County Police Partnership

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



JUNE 2023



School's out for summer! Whether you're a child or parent, summer is the time to have some fun, mix up the routine, and take a break for some good old-fashioned outdoor recreation. It also means an influx of children who will be running, riding bikes, playing ball

just having fun outside. It's important to keep this in mind while out driving this time of year. Remember to put your phone down, slow your roll, and pay a little extra attention to what's going on outside your car, especially while travelling through subdivisions and around playgrounds. Do your part to help keep our children safe this summer.

Going on vacation? Did you know the St. Louis County Police Department provides home vacation inspections while you're away? All you need to do is visit www.stlouiscountypolice.com and complete the online "Vacation Inspection Form" or visit the Valley Park Station to request a Vacation Inspection. Upon your request, an officer will check your residence regularly while you are on vacation. When you return, contact the Valley Park station to verify you have returned and that your home is in order.



PROPERTY CRIME HELP PREVENT IT



LOCK IT

Ensure your car doors and all doors to your residence are kept locked.



LIGHT IT

Leave exterior residence lights on at night or utilize motion detecting lights.



HIDE IT

Keep valuables in your garage, car, and home out of sight.



REMOVE IT

Removing valuables from your car is better than hiding them. This includes garage door openers and spare keys.



CLOSE IT

Keep your garage door closed and double-check it is closed at night.



REPORT IT

Report all criminal & suspicious Activity immediately.

WORK ZONE SAFETY

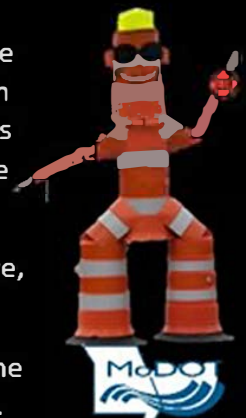


Motorists are reminded to slow down, put their phone down and pay attention as they drive past work zones. Not all work zones look alike. Work zones can be moving operations, such as striping, patching or mowing. They can also be short term, temporary lane closures to make quick repairs or remove debris from the roadway.

Driver inattention was the number one cause of work zone crashes last year. The average text takes five seconds to read. Traveling at 55 mph, you will travel more than the length of a football field—blindfolded. MoDOT's slow moving maintenance operations move as slow as 10 mph and if you aren't paying attention to the road, you will come up on the closed lane very quickly.

The top five contributing circumstances for work zone crashes: distracted/inattentive, following too close, improper lane usage, too fast for conditions and failed to yield.

Please pay attention and drive safely in work zones. Wait to merge and take turns with the other drivers on the road. We want you and our workers to make it home safe every day.





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UTILITY & RECREATIONAL OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE OPERATION

As these vehicles have become more popular, it is important that we ensure our citizens are familiar with the city's ordinances related to their operation within the city of Valley Park. Here are some highlights of the ordinances to be aware of. For a full description of these ordinances visit www.valleyparkmo.org.



UTILITY VEHICLE – Ordinance 340.115

Any motorized vehicle manufactured and used exclusively for off-highway use which is sixty-three (63) inches or less in width, with an unladen dry weight of one thousand eight hundred fifty (1,850) pounds or less, traveling on four (4) or six (6) wheels, to be used primarily for landscaping, lawn care or maintenance purposes.

- No person shall operate a utility vehicle upon the highways of this City or State, except as follows:
 - Utility vehicles owned and operated by a governmental entity for official use;
 - The City may issue special permits for utility vehicles to be used on highways within the City limits by licensed drivers. A fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) may be collected and retained by the City for such permits.
 - No person shall operate a recreational off-highway vehicle within any stream or river.
 - A person operating a utility vehicle on a highway pursuant to an exception covered in this Section shall have a valid operator's or chauffeur's license
- No persons shall operate a utility vehicle:
 - In any careless way so as to endanger the person or property of another; or
 - While under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance.



RECREATIONAL OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE – Ordinance 340.120

Any motorized vehicle manufactured and used exclusively for off-highway use which is more than fifty (50) inches but no more than sixty-seven (67) inches in width, with an unladen dry weight of two thousand (2,000) pounds or less, traveling on four (4) or more non-highway tires and which may have access to ATV trails.

- No person shall operate a utility vehicle upon the highways of this City or State, except as follows:
 - Utility vehicles owned and operated by a governmental entity for official use;
 - Recreational off-highway vehicles operated within three (3) miles of the operator's primary residence. The provisions of this Subparagraph shall not authorize the operation of a recreational off-highway vehicle in a City unless such operation is authorized by such City;
 - The City may issue special permits to licensed drivers for special uses of recreational off-highway vehicles on highways within the City limits. A fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) may be collected and retained by the City for such permit.
 - No person shall operate a recreational off-highway vehicle within any stream or river.
 - A person operating a recreational off-highway vehicle on a highway pursuant to an exception covered in this Section shall have a valid operator's or chauffeur's license

VALLEY PARK MUNICIPAL COURT

320 Benton St, Valley Park, MO 63088
636-225-5696

Hours of Operation:

8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
(Closed 1:00pm - 2:00pm)



The Valley Park Municipal Court meets on the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month.

- Code Enforcement docket begins at 4:00pm
- Arrestment and Payment docket begins at 5:00pm
- Trials are held at the end of the 5:00pm docket
- All Court Payments are due before 12:00 p.m. on Court Day.