



# VALLEY PARK POLICE

## A St Louis County Police Partnership

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



JULY 2023

### Calling 911 on the 4th of July

#### No

- People are setting off fireworks.
- Fireworks debris is landing in my yard.
- My wife is too upset to sleep.
- My cat is upset and hiding.

#### Yes

- People just set their house on fire.
- Body parts are landing in my yard.
- My wife won't wake up.
- My cat is shooting back.



### JOIN US!

Tuesday  
July 18, 2023  
11am – 1pm

#### The Shack

13645 Big Bend Rd.



### JOIN US!

Wednesday  
July 19, 2023  
11am – 1pm

#### Sugarfire

932 Meramec Station

Join officers of St. Louis County Police Department's West County Precinct and Valley Park Detail with raising money for Special Olympics, Missouri.

100% of the donations collected will benefit Special Olympics



Special Olympics

### DID YOU KNOW?

July 22, 1934 - Bank robber John Dillinger was shot and killed by FBI agents as he left Chicago's Biograph Movie Theater. Dillinger was the first criminal labeled by the FBI as "Public Enemy No. 1." Dillinger was wanted for his deadly crime spree that extended through the states of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa.

### Crime Stats/Activity-June

Calls for Service .....	501
Traffic Citations Issued ..	96
Auto Accidents .....	21
DWI Arrests .....	1
Assault .....	2
Burglary .....	0
Larceny .....	8
Stolen Autos .....	1



if you  
**SEE** | **SAY**  
something | something™

### NEED THE POLICE? Here is some important information you need to know.

The St. Louis County Police Department's, Bureau of Communications, recently implemented a new "AI" phone system to help expedite calls for service. When calling to have police dispatched for a non-emergency (636) 529-8210, simply saying "Dispatch" or "Dispatcher", will route the call to the dispatching center. If the system does not recognize what the caller is saying after two attempts, the system will automatically give a number prompt menu. Dispatch is number "8".

Since implementing this system, the overall call volume has been reduced by over 20% and has streamlined non-dispatch facilitation by 30 seconds or more. This has allowed for quicker dispatch of officers, which means quicker police response time to the citizens.

If you have a true emergency that requires immediate police response: **DIAL 911**



**REMINDER**  
ALL FIREWORKS  
ARE **ILLEGAL**  
IN THE CITY OF  
VALLEY PARK







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# BEAT THE HEAT!

**Keep your pets safe this summer.**



Stay hydrated!



**NEVER** leave a pet in the car!



Asphalt test before walks



### ASPHALT TEST:

Press the back of your hand firmly against the asphalt for 7 seconds. If it's too hot for you, then it's too hot for your pet.



Do **NOT** shave your pets



Limit outdoor exercise



Access to shade

REMEMBER!

### HOW HOT IS TOO HOT? ☀

AIR	CONCRETE	ASPHALT
85°	→ 105°	→ 130°
91°	→ 125°	→ 140°
97°	→ 145°	→ 150°



## Easy Ways to Prevent Crime #9PMROUTINE

**Ensure windows are closed and locked, especially on the first story**

**Leave outside lights on at night**

**Keep garage door closed and lock interior door to house**

**Use motion lights and security cameras**

**Keep doors locked and use the deadbolt**

**Limit places someone can hide. Keep shrubs less than 2 feet tall and leave 6 feet of space open below your tree canopy.**

**Plant shrubs with thorns near windows and fences to deter burglars**

**Keep Locked!**

**Remove valuables including keys, wallet and guns**

**Shred personal information and breakdown boxes. An empty box of an expensive item advertises what's inside your home.**

**Use an USPS approved mailbox with a lock or mail checks directly from the post office**

