



VALLEY PARK POLICE

A St. Louis County Police Partnership

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2023



NEW STOLEN LICENSE PLATE REPORTING PORTAL

The St. Louis County Police Department is offering a new way for citizens to report stolen license plates and/or license plate tabs. If your license plates or tabs are stolen within our patrol boundaries, you can report the incident using our new reporting portal. This portal should ONLY be used to report stolen license plates or tabs. Do not use to report stolen dealer plates, temporary tags, or if you know who stole your plates/tabs.



To report your stolen plates/tabs visit: stlouiscountypolice.com/resources-services



Check out this training made available through our Office of Emergency Management. Community Emergency Response Training is offered in partnership with St. Louis Community College.

This eight-week course, taught by area first responders, prepares volunteers to help the community in the event of a crisis. Topics covered include fire safety, search and rescue, team dynamics and disaster medical operations. Training even culminates with a full-scale disaster exercise! The course is FREE with a \$9 registration fee and classes begin the week of September 12.

For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/CERT2023>

Neighborhood Policing

Do you have a question or concern for the Valley Park Police Detail? Perhaps something about ordinance enforcement, neighborhood events, home security assessments, vacation checks, or maybe what kind of donuts they like best. Send your questions/concerns to pd3170@stlouiscountymo.gov and enter "NPO" in the subject box. Some questions/answers will be posted in the following month's newsletter.

We are currently seeking businesses interested in restarting the **Valley Park Business Association**. If you, and/or your business is interested in more information, send your contact information to the same email with the subject "VPBA".



ARRESTED

Recently the Valley Park police detail requested the St. Louis County Task Force assist with the arrest of a known fugitive residing in the 700 block of Benton Street. The Task Force, comprised of St. Louis County PD officers and the US Marshalls, conducted surveillance on the subject's house for several days. On 8/1/23, the Task Force attempted to get the wanted subject to surrender from inside the house, but he refused. CS gas was deployed into the residence which led to the subject's peaceful surrender and arrest.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT



EMERGENCY

9-1-1

(24 hr.) Non-Emergency
Valley Park Detail

(636) 529-8210
(636) 282-8661



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DRIVE it Home Raffle



Support SOMO's 12,000+ athletes and win

Grand prize: 2023 Ford Explorer XLT 4WD SUV Turbocharged

Finalist prizes: \$500 cash



\$5 per ticket
OR
\$20 for FIVE



- Nov. 5: Last chance to purchase tickets for grand prize and finalist prizes
- Nov. 13-17: Area finalists drawn
- Dec. 2023: Grand prize giveaway (detail TBA)

Updates and rules at SOMO.org/Raffle

NEW HAND'S FREE LAW



Did you know on Monday, August 28, 2023, a new law was signed prohibiting the use of handheld electronic devices while driving? According to the new law, drivers are not allowed to hold or support a device (like between your ear and shoulder), write, send or read messages, broadcast a video or watch a movie while driving. The new law is called the **Siddens Bening Hands-Free Law** and is a statewide law.

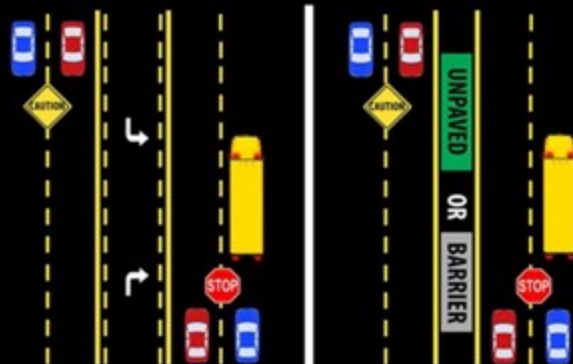
SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

TWO LANE ROADS



Vehicles traveling in both directions **MUST** stop.

4 OR MORE LANE HIGHWAYS



Vehicles behind the bus **MUST** stop.
Vehicles traveling the opposite direction should proceed with **CAUTION**.

FIREPLACE SAFETY Are you a fireplace owner? Is your chimney clean and structurally sound? When is the last time you had your fireplace and chimney inspected or serviced by a professional?



Neglect can play a big role in fireplace and chimney deterioration and safety. If you're a fireplace owner, investing in regular maintenance and preventative care, as well as taking any necessary precautions, can go a long way towards keeping you and your home safe while using your fireplace. Professionals say that now, well before the cold months, is the best time to schedule and have your fireplace serviced. In cold months, demand can be high, and scheduling service may be difficult if companies get swamped.