



# Newsletter

**RESIDENTIAL REVITALIZATION PROGRAM** : The City of Platte City announces the program is now ready for applicants. **Matching Money Available to Repair or Update your Home here are the details**

The Platte City Board of Aldermen recently approved a Residential Revitalization Program to assist home owners in repairing or updating the outside of their house. The City will match your investment on a dollar for dollar basis. This program doubles your money spent on improving your house.

The purpose of the matching grant program is to gradually increase residential property values for all home owners by improving the maintenance and appearance of houses throughout the community.

The program is available on a first come, first served basis until all budgeted money has been expended. The following conditions apply to the program:

- Matching grant program requires property owner to match grant funds on a dollar for dollar basis
- Minimum grant funding is \$2,500 resulting in a minimum project cost of \$5,000
- Maximum grant funding is \$10,000 per 5 year period.
- Single family, owner occupied homes only. Home must be at least 25 years old to be eligible. (Homes constructed prior to 1992)
- Exterior project only for residential program.
- Eligible projects include but not limited to:
  - Exterior painting
  - Exterior siding (repair, replacement)
  - Hard surface driveways, parking spots, sidewalks (repair, replacement, new)
  - Windows, doors, garage doors (repair, replacement, new)
  - Roofs and shingles
  - Exterior lighting and exterior electrical
  - Soffits, fascia, gutters and downspouts
- Landscaping and fences are not included in the program unless necessary to support one of the projects listed above.
- Normal City building permit process applies for all projects
- Program application and multiple cost estimates required
- Property owner must have insurance and be current on taxes and utilities
- All work must be performed by a contractor licensed to do business in Platte City,
- In kind property owner work will not qualify for matching funds.
- City elected officials, City employees or relatives of either are not eligible for the program.

See City website at [www.plattecitey.org](http://www.plattecitey.org) for application form and more information.

Contact City Hall at [816.858.3046](tel:816.858.3046).

## City Meetings

### City Hall, 400 Main Street:

Pub Safety: December 7, 5:30 pm

Pub Works : December 1, 5:30 pm

Planning Zoning: December 1, 7:00pm

Econ Dev: December 15, 5:30 pm

Board of Aldermen: Dec 15, after ED

### Civic Center, 900 4th Street

Park Board: December 7, 6:30 pm

Municipal Court: December 8, 6:00pm

## City Officials

### Mayor

Frank Offutt

### Ward I Aldermen

Vickie Atkins

Brad Fryrear

### Ward II Aldermen

Tony Paolillo

Lee Stubbs

### Ward III Aldermen

Debbie Kirkpatrick

John Higgins

## City of Platte City

400 Main Street

Platte City, Missouri 64079

(816) 858-3046

[www.plattecitey.org](http://www.plattecitey.org)

## Notice of Candidate Filing:

Those wishing to file a declaration of candidacy may do so beginning December 15, 2015 in the office of the City Clerk Monday-Friday during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The following positions will be on the April 5, 2016 General Election Ballot.

Mayor	2 Year Term
Alderman of Ward One, Two rd Three-- 1 for each ward	2 Year Term
Municipal Judge	2 Year Term

For a list of qualifications please visit the City web site at [www.plattecitey.org](http://www.plattecitey.org)

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## PARKING REGULATIONS AND DRIVE WAY SNOW SHOVELING TIPS:

Please Do Not Park on the Lawn

Platte City does not allow car, truck, boat, trailer, RV or motorcycle parking on the grass in residential areas. All vehicles and trailers must be parked on a hard surface parking area. A hard surface parking area means a concrete or asphalt driveway; concrete or asphalt parking area or any legal street parking spot. Existing gravel parking spots may remain but no new gravel parking areas can be added in residential areas.

It would be greatly appreciated if residents currently parking in the front or side lawns visible would find parking legal hard surface parking places. Contact the City at [816.858.3046](tel:816.858.3046) for options if your property or your neighborhood has a systemic shortage of hard surface parking spots. There are no miracles to immediately create more hard surface parking spots, but taking a look at options is a good first step. The City's new residential revitalization matching grant program may help property owners pay for additional or improved hard surface parking.

The City's preference is to work with residents to address lawn parking problems rather than engage in enforcement activities. However, parking on the grass has an impact on entire neighborhoods, presents a poor appearance of the community and is not respectful of residents working to maintain the appearance of their home and neighborhood.

As the season changes to winter, the City will send reminders to residents who consistently park on the front or side lawn of their homes. These reminders are intended to assist residents in identifying alternatives before the spring grass growing season. Hopefully, these reminders will eliminate the need for additional enforcement activities next spring and summer.

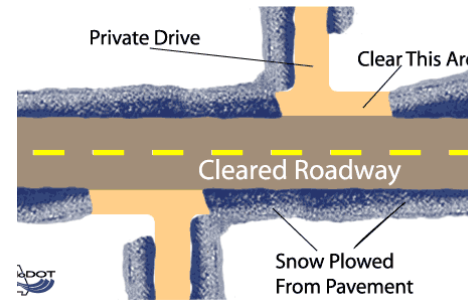
### HEAVY SNOW EXCEPTION FOR PARKING RULES

As with all rules and regulations, there are some common sense exceptions. Fewer vehicles parked on the street during heavy snow storms makes it easier for City crews to clear snow/ice from the roads. The City will temporarily suspend lawn parking enforcement when weather forecasts call for six or more inches of snow. However, once streets are clear, hard surface/street parking should go back to normal as soon as possible. Vehicles and trailers cannot be left to turn into ice and snow sculptures when parked off of hard surface parking areas. When heavy snow is forecast, use common sense to reduce on street parking. As soon as streets are clear, on street parking should resume as soon as possible.

The City of Platte City's top priority in a snowstorm is plowing snow routes, which may require several trips down the same route. Snow plowed from roads could end up blocking private driveways for some time. The City of Platte City recognizes the inconvenience this causes, but because of limited time and resources, plows can only clear private driveways at the request of local emergency officials.

To reduce the amount of snow that might block your driveway, shovel an open area along the shoulder at the entrance (see illustration below). Plow blades will then push snow into the area just before your driveway, leaving a much smaller amount in front of it.

Diagram below provided courtesy of Missouri Department of Transportation web site  
[http://www.modot.org/road\\_conditions/keepdrivewayclear.htm](http://www.modot.org/road_conditions/keepdrivewayclear.htm)



All City Administrative offices will be closed on the following Holidays:

Christmas- December 24th & 25th

New Year's Day- January 1st

### Holiday Refuse Schedule

- Dec. 24th (Thursday)-Christmas Eve- All routes are on regular schedule.
- Dec. 25th (Friday)- Christmas Day- Route will be picked up on Thursday, Dec 24th.
- Jan. 1st (Friday)- New Year's Day- Route will be picked up on Thursday, Dec. 31st.

**HOLIDAY TIPS:** Although the holiday season is meant for joy and cheer, it is also a time when citizens become more vulnerable to crimes such as burglaries and robberies. Crimes committed during the holiday season; many times are "crimes of opportunity." It's important for residents to take responsibility for their property and possessions whether at home, out shopping or socializing. Many of the thefts and burglaries we investigate could be prevented. Residents still leave doors and windows open or valuables on display. Leaving valuables visible in your car increases your chance of being a victim of a crime of opportunity.

When paying with cash please look closely at any bills you get as change before leaving the register to check for counterfeit money and guard your credit/debit card information closely.

**Along with putting valuables and belongings in car trunks, be cautious of the time and places you may find yourselves. Minimize driving after 10 p.m. because 1 out of 10 cars on the road after 10 p.m. are statistically drunk drivers.**

### Keep your property safe at Christmas

Keep your purchases out of sight - if they can be seen, they can be stolen. Take all your valuables with you when you leave your car - the glove compartment is one of the first places a thief will look. At home, make sure all your doors and windows are secure Security mark valuable Christmas gifts before you wrap them. Don't leave Christmas gifts in garages or sheds. If your Christmas tree is in a window, don't put gifts around it before Christmas morning.

**ALWAYS HAVE A DESIGNATED DRIVER**