

O'Fallon Police

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter – July 2021



OPD Welcomes Two New Officers

On June 21, OPD welcomed our two newest officers. Artez Hardin and Spencer Piquard both took the Oath of Office from Police Commissioner Russ Thoman. **Artez Hardin** (Ocean 127) comes to OPD with approximately 11 years of policing experience at the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and **Spencer Piquard** (Ocean 128) comes with a little over 1 year of police experience from SWIC Public Safety. Since both Artez and Spencer are already fully certified police officers, they will jump into their respective field training programs this week. We are excited to have Artez and Spencer join our department and look forward to getting them out in the community!



Officer Hardin



Officer Piquard



Dine to Donate

Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Peel Wood Fired Pizza

104 S. Cherry Street, O'Fallon, IL

Special Olympics Athletes and O'Fallon Police Officers will be at Peel Wood Fired Pizza in O'Fallon, IL during the dinner rush greeting guests and selling Torch Run merchandise.

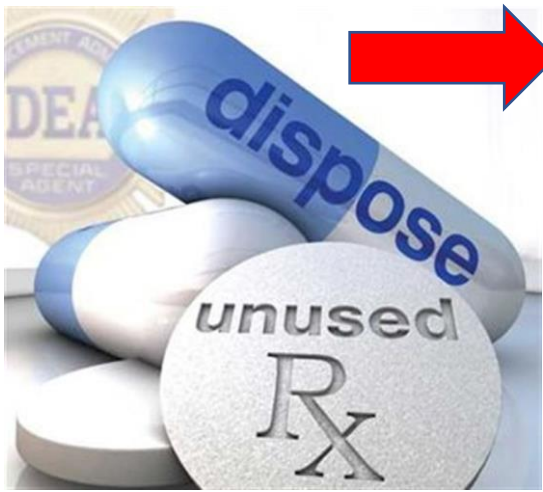
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(Printed or on your Phone)

Peel will donate **20%** of their sales for the **ENTIRE DAY** to Special Olympics Illinois! Dine-in and Carry-out orders apply!

**Dine-in or
Carry-out!**





REMINDER! OPD hosts a **Drug Take Back Event** the first Saturday of every month in the lobby from 11AM – 1 PM.

Safely disposing of medications:

- Keeps the medication out of our water supply
- Keeps addictive and dangerous medicine from falling into the wrong hands

***We cannot take any needles, inhalers or liquids**

O'Fallon PD recently welcomed back our **Youth Academy**. Twenty O'Fallon youths gave up a week of their summer vacation to learn a little bit about the responsibilities of first responders. Participants were provided with the opportunity to experience some of the duties of police officers, firefighters, and paramedics. The class graduated on June 18 with all of the participants being CPR certified and armed with a bit more knowledge than they possessed a week. Thank you to all of the staff that assisted with the Youth Academy and congratulations to all of the participants on being a great group of kids. Based what we observed this week, the future of O'Fallon looks bright!



Fireworks Over O'Fallon – July 3, 2021

The City of O'Fallon will once again host a fireworks display at the Family Sports Park, 301 Obernuefemann Road. The fireworks are scheduled to begin at dusk on July 3.

Parking for the event will only be allowed on the designated parking areas within the Sports Park. **No parking will be allowed on the grass areas.** In addition, there will be restricted parking on W. Madison and W. Nixon Streets. **No parking will be allowed on Venita Dr, Simmons Rd, or along Obernuefemann.** Additional parking restrictions will be clearly marked with signage and barricades within the park itself.

Those wishing to enjoy the display are allowed to sit in any grassy area within the park except for the exclusion zone near where the fireworks will be launched.

To better assist with exiting the park after the display, vehicles parked on the East side of the park complex will only be allowed to exit to the south. Vehicles parked on the west side of the park complex will be able to exit either north or south on Venita. Police Officers will be positioned at Greenmount Rd, Frontage Rd, and Hwy 50 and Venita to assist with moving traffic off Venita and Obernuefemann Rd.

This year, there will be food trucks within the Sports Park for refreshments. The trucks will be in the area close to the Splash Pad.

If there are any further questions, you can contact Lt. Craig Koch ckoch@ofallon.org.



If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Grant Litteken at 618-624-4500 x 8760 or email at glitteken@ofallon.org.



REMINDER

Fireworks are ILLEGAL, as prohibited by Illinois State Law (435 ILCS 35) and O'Fallon City Ordinance (137.42).

All Illinois Laws can be viewed at www.ilga.gov

All O'Fallon Ordinances can be viewed at <https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/ofallon/latest/overview>

Leave the Fireworks to the Professionals!

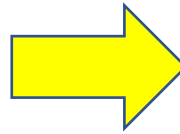


OPD has a large supply of "[Dispose Rx](#)" packets that we will hand out for free to people who would like to use them. The packets contain a powder that you pour into your Rx bottle, add a little tap water, and then safely dispose of the bottle in your trash can after the contents solidify.

If you would like to try them, please stop into the **Public Safety Facility Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM** and our records clerk will be happy to give you some.

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LOCK IT OR LOSE IT



**ALWAYS LOCK YOUR CAR
CLOSE ALL WINDOWS**
TAKE VALUABLES WITH YOU OR KEEP THEM OUT OF SIGHT

Prevent Crimes of Opportunity

- **LOCK** your cars and roll up windows
- Never leave valuables (purses, electronics, tools, etc) in view
- **LOCK** your home and don't forget the windows
- If you see something, say *something!*

Applications are due **JULY 16, 2021!**
<https://wearthebadge.com/joint-application/>

THIS CAREER CHANGES EVERYTHING

BE THAT CHANGE. BECOME A

POLICE OFFICER

Applications are available online.
Submit them by July 16th to join us for the
July 31st testing.

Three departments, one test



"Service to Community is our Commitment"

We brought back our Pop Up BBQ the evening of June 24. OPD officers and staff loaded up the BBQ grill and coolers and headed out to the Castle Acres Mobile Home Park. We served up burgers, dogs, chips, cookies, and drinks to all the residents in the neighborhood that joined us.

The weather was fantastic and the kids were a blast to hang out with. Thank You Castle Acres for coming out and joining us for dinner!



The O'Fallon Police Department is planning to host its **9th annual Citizen Police Academy in September 2021**. The program will be taught by members of the O'Fallon Public Safety Department and guest speakers from other agencies. This academy is open to O'Fallon citizens or persons working in the City of O'Fallon. There will be a tax deductible \$25 course fee to the participants, which will be donated to "The BACKSTOPPERS, Inc.". The Academy is designed to give participants a realistic view of the day to day operations of public safety work by providing instruction, practicals and education on numerous topics. **Applications will be available online in early July!**

