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Lights of the Ozarks

The 15th Annual Lights of the Ozarks has attracted over 200,000 visitors to Fayetteville's Historic Square since November 17, 2007. People come from all surrounding cities and communities as well as out of state from Tulsa, Joplin and Springfield.

Approximately 500,000 lights are installed by Fayetteville Parks and Recreation staff beginning in October. The installation requires 3,700 hours plus 700 hours to remove. If the light strands were put end-to-end they would stretch 47 miles; almost all the way to Fort Smith.



With ponies and a camel to ride, a carriage to provide a romantic moment and hundreds of photo opportunities, there's plenty to provide a fun evening of family entertainment. Three days remain before they are turned off at midnight, December 31st. There is still plenty of time to take your family, friends and camera and enjoy the experience of this Magical Holiday Tradition.

For more information go to
www.accessfayetteville.org

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Walker Park Neighborhood Plan

A final community presentation of the Walker Park Neighborhood Plan was held December 11 at the Fayetteville Senior Center. Close to 200 community members participated in a charrette September 21-27 to develop the guiding principles for the future of the neighborhood. During the following three months, Planning staff produced a draft vision document that includes an explanation of the guiding principles as well as an implementation process.

The guiding principles for the neighborhood are:

- 1) *Balance of Uses and Housing*
- 2) *Connectivity and Walkability*
- 3) *Jefferson Square as Neighborhood Core*
- 4) *Accessible Greenspace*

The implementation steps propose rezoning the neighborhood with a form-based code that encourages an appropriate mix of uses and housing, adding proposed streets to the Master Street Plan and adding nature trails to the northeast quadrant of Walker Park.

The Walker Park Neighborhood Master Plan was the first complete neighborhood plan to be facilitated and developed by City staff and meets one of the benchmarks adopted in City Plan 2025.

The presentation and vision document are available at

<http://cityplan2025.accessfayetteville.org>.

For more information contact the Planning Office at 575-8267.

FPL at Washington County Juvenile Detention Center

The Fayetteville Public Library will host monthly book discussions with teens at the Washington County Juvenile Detention Center as part of an ongoing partnership between the two organizations. In the fall, Youth Services Librarian Laura Cleveland taught the teens four life skills courses. Funded through a federal Community Development Block Grant, the classes covered such important skills as opening and managing a checking account, filling out a tax form, writing a resume and interviewing tips. At the conclusion of the program, each teen received The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens, an accompanying workbook and a certificate of completion.

FPL Drop Off Boxes

The Fayetteville Public Library's drop-off boxes have been installed for about six months, and patrons are taking advantage of this service. The library collects about 200 items a week from each box – an average of 2,500 items total for the month. Can't make it to the library to return an item? Drop your checked out material by 9 am Monday through Saturday, and it will be returned to Blair Library. Stop by one of three Bank of Fayetteville locations:

- Mission and Crossover
- North College Avenue
- Wedington Drive



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EXPERT ADVICE

REDUCING VEHICLE BREAK-INS AND RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

Fayetteville experiences a large number of vehicle break-ins and residential burglaries, many of which may be preventable. In the United States there are almost **1.4 million** residential burglaries every year and there are **300** vehicle break-ins every hour. Between January 1, 2007 and December 16, 2007 there have been **over 600** reported burglaries and **over 600** reported vehicle break-ins in Fayetteville. Approximately **56%** of the burglaries in Fayetteville involved no forced entry and it is believed that a higher percentage of vehicle break-ins involved no forced entry. No forced entry usually means that doors to vehicles and homes are being left unlocked or garage doors are being left open. **THESE CRIMES ARE LARGELY CRIMES OF OPPORTUNITY AND COULD BE DRASTICALLY REDUCED BY SIMPLY LOCKING OUR DOORS.**

Vehicle break-ins and residential burglaries result in the loss of personal property and leave the victim feeling violated. The average dollar loss from burglaries is **\$1700** per incident and most property is never recovered. In 2005, **10%** of homeowners and **14%** of renters were victims of household theft not involving forced entry in the U.S. Vehicle break-ins occur in all areas including residential neighborhoods, commercial parking lots and apartment complexes. Some of the criminals who commit these crimes are determined and will gain entry by any means but most are amateurs and are simply opportunistic.

*Community Oriented Policing
Fayetteville Police Department*

To help avoid being a victim, losing your possessions, paying-out an insurance deductible and increased insurance rates for everyone follow these tips:

- Lock all doors and windows on your home
 - Keep garage door closed
 - Let neighbors or neighborhood watch know that you're out of town
 - If out of town, either stop mail/newspaper or have neighbor pick-up
 - Request extra-patrol from your local police department
 - If possible, have lights on timers when away
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- Lock all doors on your vehicle and roll-up windows
 - Do not leave valuables in vehicle or visible from outside
 - Do not leave garage door opener in unlocked vehicle
 - Park in well-lit areas
 - If possible, avoid parking near roadways

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Christmas Trees to be collected through January 17, 2008

The City of Fayetteville's Solid Waste and Recycling Division wants to remind residents that Christmas trees are very recyclable with the City Composting program. Christmas trees will be collected until January 17 when placed curbside for the yardwaste route on the same day as the normal trash and recycling collection. Please allow ample space around the trash cart and recycling bin for collection of those containers.

All trees must be free from all plastic bags, stands, decorations, lights, and tinsel before they will be collected. No artificial trees will be collected for composting. Residents will still be allowed to bring trees to the City's Composting facility after January 17, 2008. The Composting facility is located at 1708 S. Armstrong Ave. and the hours of operations are Tuesday's and Thursday's from 8 am to 3 pm and the first Saturday of each month from 8 am to 12 pm.

Due to excess amounts, mulch is available for free during the month of January. In addition, screened compost is available for \$20 per scoop, which is approximately 2 ½ cubic yards. Mulch and compost are available during normal hours at the Compost Facility.

Mulch is made from ground up trees and is great for weed suppression and moisture retention around plants. The mulch is made from trees collected through the City's Yardwaste program and trees dropped off at the Composting site. Compost is made from leaves and grass and goes through a biological process to make a soil amendment.

For more information contact the Solid Waste and Recycling Office at 575-8398.

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