



City of Flint Hill

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News and information about happenings in the City of Flint Hill

Upcoming Improvements

As 2025 comes to an end, Flint Hill is preparing to launch several long-planned construction projects that will enhance safety, mobility, and the overall look of our community.

Highway P & Mexico Road Intersection

Design work is complete, and construction is expected to begin in Spring 2026.

This upgrade will improve sight lines, corner radiuses, and traffic flow. Please be patient during construction as crews work to make this busy intersection safer for everyone.

Downtown Special District Enhancements

Survey and planning work will soon begin for a major downtown update. Improvements will include new sidewalks, crosswalks, lighting, pedestrian-focused design, and traffic-calming features, along with a refreshed streetscape.

Construction is anticipated to start in late 2026 and finish in 2027.

More details will be shared as planning moves forward. Thank you for your continued support as we invest in Flint Hill's future.



From the Mayor

Hon. Douglas Wynn

As we approach the end of another year, it's a great time to reflect on what we've accomplished together. The year 2025 has been productive and meaningful for the City of Flint Hill. We have implemented new policies and advanced several projects designed to strengthen our community—while continuing to preserve the small-town character that makes Flint Hill special.

City Administration remains focused on helping our community thrive while being mindful of the traditions and values that define us. Times change, and growth is inevitable, but growth does not have to be negative. When done thoughtfully, it can enhance our community. That is why we continue to pursue a philosophy of managed growth—ensuring any changes support, rather than threaten, the character of Flint Hill.

One of the tools we use to safeguard that character is annexation. Annexation allows the City to bring nearby unincorporated property into our boundaries so that development aligns with our zoning regulations and comprehensive plan. Without annexation, properties adjacent to our city limits could be developed in ways that conflict with the community vision our residents have consistently shared. To be clear: Flint Hill has no interest in big-box stores, large commercial centers, or **high-density residential development**. That type of growth does not reflect who we are or who we want to become.

This year, we also began the process of updating our Comprehensive Plan. We mailed surveys, hosted a town hall meeting, and gathered feedback from residents. The message we heard was clear—Flint Hill should remain the welcoming, close-knit community it has always been. Although there were some misconceptions about the City's direction, we want to reassure our residents that our long-term vision has not changed. We remain committed to slow, managed growth with no desire for large-scale development. Our focus is on enhancing the areas we already have, including improvements to Highway P and the Mexico Road/Highway P intersection to increase traffic efficiency and pedestrian safety.

Finally, we encourage all residents to stay engaged by attending our monthly Board of Aldermen meetings. Your input is essential, and these meetings are a great way to stay informed about ongoing projects and future plans.

Thank you for your continued support and for being an active part of what makes Flint Hill such a wonderful place to call home.

Find us on the web at www.CityofFlintHill.com

Protecting Our Local Ecosystems: Understanding and Preventing Invasive Plants

The Missouri Department of Conservation continues its work to eradicate non-native, invasive plants that threaten Missouri's natural ecosystems. These invasive species disrupt the delicate balance of our environment by damaging wildlife habitats and outcompeting native plants and crops.

Because they grow and reproduce rapidly, they can dramatically alter landscapes, reduce biodiversity, and affect the insects and wildlife that depend on native vegetation for food and shelter. Over time, these disruptions can lead to population declines and long-term harm to Missouri's wetlands, prairies, forests, lakes, and rivers.

The City of Flint Hill recognizes the seriousness of this issue—especially in a community like ours, where large open spaces, farmland, and residential lots are central to our rural character. As part of our commitment to environmental stewardship, the City is exploring opportunities to convert select open spaces into native prairies and pollinator-friendly habitats. We also encourage residents to be mindful when choosing landscaping plants and to select native species that support the health of our local environment.

Several invasive plants are particularly problematic in our region, including Japanese Honeysuckle, Bush Honeysuckle, and Callery Pear. These species grow quickly and aggressively compete for space, sunlight, and nutrients.

Japanese Honeysuckle, for example, climbs trees and shrubs with dense vines that can completely overwhelm and eventually kill mature trees.

Its fragrant white flowers produce dark berries eaten by birds, which then spread the seeds across new areas.

The plant also spreads by underground rhizomes and runners, allowing it to rapidly overtake tree lines and open fields.

Once invasive species become established, they are extremely difficult to remove and can take years to control—often causing significant damage to native plant communities in the process.

To learn more about invasive plants and how to manage them, visit:

Missouri Department of Conservation: <https://mdc.mo.gov/trees-plants/invasive-plants>

University of Missouri Extension: <https://extension.missouri.edu/>

Both nonprofit and for-profit organizations offer education and assistance with identifying and controlling invasive plants, and many local nurseries can recommend native species suitable for your property.

As always, if you have questions, please feel free to contact the City. We are here to help support efforts that protect and preserve the natural beauty of Flint Hill.



Building Code Updates: Ensuring Safety, Consistency & Future-Ready Standards

We've shared before how essential building codes are to maintaining a safe, resilient, and prosperous community. Building permits and codes are more than administrative requirements—they are foundational tools that protect property values, ensure construction safety, and create consistency across neighborhoods. While they may sometimes feel like bureaucratic hurdles, their purpose is far greater: they help safeguard the long-term wellbeing of our community.

With that in mind, it is time for the City of Flint Hill to update its building codes. Every three years, the International Code Council releases revised International Building Codes to reflect new technologies, materials, and best practices. What was considered sufficient 10—or even 50—years ago may no longer meet today's safety standards. Continuous updates help ensure that construction keeps pace with an evolving world.

Flint Hill is currently operating under the 2015 International Building Codes. Meanwhile, St. Charles County and most neighboring municipalities have already adopted the 2021 codes. Aligning with the region will create consistency, reduce confusion, and make it easier (and more cost-effective) for contractors and trades people working within the City.

The Board of Aldermen has reviewed Bill 2025-37, an ordinance proposing adoption of the 2021 International Building Codes. This Bill has been tabled for 90 days, as required by Missouri State Statute, to allow time for public comment. Hard-copy and digital versions of the proposed codes are available in City Hall for any resident wishing to review them.

We welcome feedback. If you have recommendations for amendments or would like to review the proposed code updates, please contact City Hall to schedule an appointment. Your input helps ensure that Flint Hill continues to grow safely, consistently, and with our community's best interests in mind.

LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT - DaBears

If you've driven down Highway P through downtown Flint Hill, you've undoubtedly seen DaBears—our town's rustic, old-school bar and tavern. A long-time local favorite, DaBears is known for its cozy atmosphere, friendly service, and hearty, home-style meals. For many newer residents, it has quickly become a highly recommended "must-try" spot.



Originally a 3.2 beer establishment, the building took on new life when longtime owner Greg Kneemiller purchased it and created DaBears in 1991. Since then, it has become a Highway P landmark, offering a full selection of beer, liquor, and delicious comfort food.

DaBears prides itself on a welcoming environment that captures the charm of a small town—where customers are treated like family. The staff's friendly demeanor and the lively, down-to-earth atmosphere make it a place where everyone feels at home. Service is consistently top-notch: fast, attentive, and genuinely warm.

The food is equally impressive. From rich, flavorful meatloaf and juicy, well-crafted burgers to perfectly crispy, cheesy potato skins, the menu delivers crowd-pleasing favorites every time. Even on warm evenings, the back room offers a cool, relaxed space to enjoy great food and great company. Once you've been, it's hard not to come back.

With its blend of outstanding service, affordable prices, and unmistakable small-town charm, DaBears continues to be a place where locals and visitors alike feel right at home. Stop by once, and you'll quickly see why so many consider it their go-to destination for food, family, and fellowship.

Town Planning Workshop Recap – Your Voice is Helping Shape Flint Hill's Future



On September 24, 2025, the City of Flint Hill hosted a Town Planning Workshop at the Knights of Columbus to gather resident input on future planning and development. Nineteen residents joined the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, Planning Commission members, and City staff to discuss priorities for land use, municipal services, transportation, parks, quality of life, and long-term growth.

Participants were divided into four teams and provided study maps and workbooks outlining nine key planning topics. Each group selected a secretary, a cartographer, and a spokesperson to record insights and share recommendations with all attendees.

When the work session concluded, teams presented their visions for the future of Flint Hill — and a clear sense of unity emerged. Across multiple presentations, residents expressed strong support for:

- ✓ Responsible annexation of surrounding areas
- ✓ Preservation of farmland and open space
- ✓ Balanced, low-density growth with large-lot single-family housing
- ✓ Attraction of small, family-friendly businesses
- ✓ Avoidance of high-density development such as multi-story apartments

City staff also addressed current efforts to improve traffic flow, reduce speeding, and enhance pedestrian access along Main Street (Highway P), aligning with public feedback shared during the workshop.

A full summary of the workshop findings is now available.

We encourage all residents to review this document and stay involved as we continue shaping a thoughtful and community-focused vision for Flint Hill's future. Visit www.CityofFlintHill.com



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**Check out the latest video from
the Wood Whisperer.**

The Wood Whisperer (woodwhisperer.com) is an online woodworking platform created by woodworker/educator Marc Spagnuolo that offers how-to articles, video tutorials, free and paid project plans, and woodworking courses located in Flint Hill.

Get involved, Be Involved.

2026 is a time for citizen involvement. Make it a point to come to your 2026 Board of Alderman and Planning and Zoning meetings. P&Z meetings are at 5:00 p.m. (unless specified) BOA meetings are at 6:00 p.m. (unless specified) P&Z only meet if there is an item on the agenda. 2026 Meeting dates are tentative. All dates are subject to change.

JANUARY 21, 2026

FEBRUARY 18, 2026

MARCH 18, 2026

APRIL 15, 2026

MAY 20, 2026

JUNE 17, 2026

JULY 15, 2026

AUGUST 19, 2026

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

OCTOBER 21, 2026

NOVEMBER 18, 2026

DECEMBER 17, 2025

Flint Hill turns 190

In 2026 the City of Flint Hill will celebrate its 190 year anniversary. In 1836 Flint Hill was established when Captiain Taliferroo P. Grantham donated 10 acres of land for the Town of Flint Hill.

In order to commemorate this special occation the City would like your input and ideas for an appropriate celebration. As we prepare for 2026 we would like to hear from you our residents.

Please email info@cityofflinthill.com with your ideas for a celebration befitting 190 years.



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