



Winchester Newsletter

March 2016

City of Winchester - 109 Lindy Blvd., Winchester, MO 63021-5299

City Calendar



- March**
- 2 - Court, 7 p.m.
 - 9 - City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 - ☉ 13 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins-
“Spring Forward” - when you turn your
clocks forward, *change the batteries in your
smoke detector.*
 - ☼ 17 - ST. PATRICK’S DAY
 - 19 - Egg Hunt @ Reber Park
11:00 a.m. - *Bring your own baskets*
 - 26 - Egg Hunt Rain Date
- April**
- 1 - Reber Park Pavilion & Gazebo may be
reserved for dates from April 1st - through
Oct. 31st. Reservations began @ City Hall on
February 1st -must be made in person (see
page 3)
 - 1 - Ballfield Reservation Permits begin
(Weather Permitting) through June 30th
 - 5 - MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY
*See Location of Polling Place → →
City Hall Open*
 - 6 - Court, 7:00 p.m.
 - 13 - City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.



NOTICE OF ELECTION

CITY OF WINCHESTER
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

TO: Qualified Voters of the City of Winchester,
St. Louis County, Missouri

TAKE NOTICE:

Notice of a General Election in the City of Winchester,
St. Louis County, Missouri on:

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016

for the election of one (1) Alderman from Ward I and
one (1) Alderman from Ward II, each to serve a two (2)
year term.

HOURS OF ELECTION:

6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Central Daylight Time

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE:

for LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP PRECINCTS 042, 044 &
045, and QUEENY TOWNSHIP PRECINCTS 026 & 027
(all of Winchester) the polling place is:

St. John United Church of Christ

332 Old Sulphur Springs Rd.

Manchester, Missouri 63021

Given under my hand and the corporate seal of the City of
Winchester, Missouri, this January 21st, 2016.

Barbara Beckett, CMC

City Administrator/Clerk

Winchester City Hall

Voice-TDD: 636/391-0600

FAX: 636/391-6365

Email: cityhall@city.winchester.mo.us

Business Hours

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Monday through Friday

Board Meeting: 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

MAYOR

Gail M. Winham

Term Expires April, 2017

636/394-6023

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

WARD I

Marie Bach

**Park & Recreation Liaison
& Safety Coordinator**

Term Expires April, 2017
636/227-6344

Carol J. Kraft

Street Commissioner

Term Expires April, 2016
636/399-0859

WARD II

Tony DeLuca

Code Enforcement Liaison

Term Expires April, 2017
314/220-2119

Michael Schmidt

Maintenance Dept. Liaison

Term Expires, April 2016
314/706-8169



CANDIDATES FILE FOR OFFICE
APRIL 5, 2016 ELECTION

The following persons have filed for office (the names are listed in the order filed with the City Clerk):

ALDERMAN (Two Year Term):

WARD I: **Carol J. Kraft***
Sarah Gibbs

ALDERMAN (Two Year Term):

WARD II: **Michael Schmidt***

(* - Denotes incumbent)

The City of Winchester is divided into two Wards known as Ward I and Ward II. The dividing line between Ward I and Ward II shall be a line beginning at the intersection of the center line of Sulphur Springs Road and the eastern prolongation of the south rear property line of Hillcrest Boulevard; thence westwardly along the south rear property line of Hillcrest Boulevard to its intersection with the center line of Lindy Boulevard, thence northwardly along the center line of Lindy Boulevard to its intersection with the center line of Hillcrest Boulevard thence westward along the center line of Hillcrest Boulevard, to its intersection with the southern prolongation of the west rear property line of Lindy Boulevard, thence northwardly along said west rear property line to its intersection with the north rear property line of Hillcrest Boulevard, thence westwardly along said north rear property line to its intersection with the west city limits of the City of Winchester.

Ward I shall constitute all of the area with the boundaries of the City of Winchester that lies South of the above described line dividing Ward I and Ward II.

Ward II shall constitute all of the area within the boundaries of the City of Winchester that lies North of the above described line dividing Ward I and Ward II.

CITY MEETING NEWS



In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following action during Jan/Feb, 2016:

ORDINANCE

#1050 - An Ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Winchester, Missouri, for their approval at the general municipal election on April 5th a proposition to authorize the City to continue applying and collecting the local sales tax on the titling of motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors that were purchased from a source other than a licensed Missouri dealer. *See insert for additional information regarding "Proposition B" on the April 5th Ballot.*

#1051 - An Ordinance accepting a proposal from REJIS (Regional Justice Information Service) that provides for record management services for the Winchester Municipal Court.



REMINDER - The City of Manchester holds an electronic recycle event at Schroeder Park, 359 Old Meramec Station Road. Their schedule has changed. It is held every other "odd" month, the third Saturday from 8 AM - 11 AM. "Odd" months are January, March, May, etc. *A good thing to remember during spring cleaning!*

In addition, Republic Services still picks up "white goods" - appliances, etc. Winchester residents can call for appliance pickup which would include TVs and microwaves as well as refrigerators, stoves, etc., but there is an approximate charge of \$26 for the service. The pickup day will most likely not be on a Thursday, the regular trash, yard waste and recycle pickup day. Call 636-947-5959 to schedule a pickup.

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POLICE DEPT



(Tips from law enforcement)

SLIDING GLASS DOORS AND WINDOWS

Below are some tips that may help you prevent crime. But remember—the most important single act you can do is to call the Police to report crimes or suspicious activities! If law enforcement is not aware of problems, they cannot resolve them. Here are some tips for homeowners to use so that they can help the anti-crime effort.

Sliding glass doors present a major security problem if they do not have the proper locks and special steps are not taken to prevent removal of the door. Sliding glass doors can be lifted from the track and removed by pushing in the bottom of the door. To prevent the doorframe from being opened in this manner it is recommended that 1-1/4" pan head sheet metal screws be inserted into the top of the door frame at both ends and in the middle. The screws should be adjusted so that the door barely clears them when it is operated. Once screws are in place, to prevent the door from being lifted while it is closed, lock the door handle and place a wooden dowel or metal rod in the floor track. This should make your sliding glass door secure. *For additional security*, a safety film for glass is available. The film is applied to the glass and if the window is ever shattered, the film holds the glass together making entry difficult if not impossible. Call Dispatch at 636-529-8210 to report burglaries, thefts, vandalism, prowlers or suspicious activities. Use 911 for all emergencies.



(Information from St. Louis County website)

Myth Busters – Recycling Edition

Let's start with a BIG myth: **Recycling is the most important thing you can do to save the planet.** Of course recycling is important, but when it comes to sustainable practices, it is just one component of an integrated approach. Use materials in the most productive way possible with an emphasis on using less; reduce toxic chemicals and environmental impacts throughout a material's life cycle; ensure we have sufficient resources to meet today's needs and those of the future. Don't forget to recycle paper and containers from every room in the house! The goal is simple: debunk some of the more prevalent miscommunications, tales, and speculations about recycling.

RECYCLING MYTHS

The recycling symbol means the product can be recycled. The simplest way to debunk this myth is to know that the recycling symbol only tells you about the past, not the future of the package. Use of the recycling symbol is not regulated, so manufacturers will use it to designate recycled content, identify a plastic resin, or even to "green-wash" the product. Materials being accepted for recycling vary by location. It is important to only recycle what is accepted by your local program. For a complete list of what is recyclable curbside in St. Louis County, see our accepted materials list or call 314-615-8958.

The Metal is metal – if you can put in cans, you can put in pans!

Aluminum and metal cans, aluminum bottles, and aluminum foil and food containers are 100% recyclable. Aluminum cookware (like pots and pans), bulk metal, strands of lights, fencing, and gutters cause incredible problems at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF). These items must be recycled separately, by taking them to a scrap metal buyer. Depending on the weight and type of metal, you may even receive a payout!

RECYCLING MYTH

You can't recycle shredded paper.

Shredded paper can be recycled, but not if it is loose. Enclosing it in a recyclable paper bag ensures the paper will be recovered and will keep the paper from littering the neighborhood.

RECYCLING MYTH

Recycling loose plastic caps and aluminum can tabs is a good practice.

Please keep all caps on the containers they came with! Even with the newest sorting technologies, items that are small (less than 2" in diameter) cannot be recovered unless they stay on the container. Leave caps and can tabs on their containers to ensure these items are recovered and recycled.

RECYCLING MYTH

Trucks that collect recycling burn more energy and produce more pollution than recycling saves.

Listed below are the average energy savings achieved when products are made from recycled materials versus products that are made from virgin materials:

- Aluminum - 95%
- Steel - 62%-74%
- Paper - 60%
- Glass - 30%
- Plastic - 66%

Energy saved by not having to mine, extract or process feedstock from recycled materials, more than compensates for the energy used by the recycling trucks.

Reduce  **Reuse**  **Recycle**
Naturally!



GRASS & WEEDS - The growing season is fast approaching – Please keep your yard looking neat by mowing your lawn. Property Owners or occupants who allow their grass and/or weeds to grow to a height in excess of seven inches are in violation of a City Ordinance. Be a responsible neighbor and help to promote the beauty and integrity of our City.

Municipal Code Section 215.130

LAFAYETTE OLDER ADULT PROGRAM (L.O.A.P.)



EXPERIENCE THE FUN!!

Are you 55 or older and interested in making new friends, hearing great speakers, going on exciting trips, playing Bingo or cards? Meetings of the Lafayette Older Adult Program (LOAP) are open to residents of Ballwin, Chesterfield, Ellisville, Manchester, Wildwood and Winchester and the Parkway and Rockwood School Districts. For more information, call 636-812-9500.

Regular meetings are the second and fourth Mondays of the month, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., from September through May, at the Ballwin Golf Course, 333 Holloway Road. The fee is \$2.00/person. Coffee, soda and dessert are provided..... you are asked to bring your own sack lunch. *Day trips and special luncheons are optional and involve separate fees.*



INFORMATION SIGN - Remember to watch for information such as Park activities, City events, reminders of holidays, and election days on the Reber Park entrance sign located at Lindy and Hillcrest.



The following information is presented from MSD Project Clear and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Your toilet is not a trash can!

Cleaning and disinfecting wipes, personal hygiene products, baby wipes... they all are “disposable”, so why not flush them down the toilet?

Quite simply, because disposing of such items in the toilet, even those labeled “flushable”, instead of in the trash causes big problems, both for the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District and for homeowners.

Mounds of disposable materials clog sewer lines, pumps and lift stations. They can cause sewer backups and damage plant equipment. Clearing such materials from the wastewater stream is time-consuming and labor-intensive. Even dental floss flushed down the toilet can cause problems. Dental floss is very strong and durable. It can get tangled up in pumps and equipment, or

worsen minor clogs within pipes by “binding” materials together.

These items are also a big problem for property owners’ home plumbing and sewer laterals which are smaller in diameter and more susceptible to clogs. The sewer system is not designed for disposable wipes, dental floss, or similar items. Sewer clogs caused by these items can result in considerable cleanup expense and potential harm to our environment.

Please don’t use your toilet as a trash can. Only human waste and toilet paper should be flushed down your toilet. Put everything else in the trash, where it belongs.

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HEALTH



(Information excerpted from St. Louis County website)

Communicable Disease Control Services in St. Louis County

People often take public health for granted in St. Louis County: our drinking water will not make us ill; our restaurants and supermarkets will not poison us; we and our children will not catch fatal diseases from neighbors or school friends. A thin shield, a fine web of public health practices and personal habits, protects us from the nasty, brutish and short life that has been the rule for so much of human history. Two important facets of the shield are *communicable disease control* and *health education*.

St. Louis County CDC Services provide: year-round immunization services for children and adults; special immunization services such as fall flu campaigns and other prevention campaigns as needed; general protection against a wide variety of communicable diseases; control of outbreaks, containment of effects, tracking down contacts to be sure they’re treated and to be sure the community is safe; tuberculosis control services; sexually transmitted disease control services; refugee health program and travel shots.

Communicable disease fact sheets show how *your own acts* make your County’s communicable disease shield weaker or stronger. Get proper immunizations for yourself and your family. This builds your own shield against the diseases of the past. Practice personal

hygiene. Hand washing is an essential part of home and community hygiene, preventing the spread of a variety of diseases, including increasingly common Hepatitis A! Practice safe food preparation and storage-keep it hot or keep it cold. Help control diseases spread through rats, mosquitoes and flies by keeping tight-fitting lids on trash cans, not letting water stand in tires, ditches, buckets, etc. Be a responsible pet owner, picking up after, immunizing and spaying or neutering. For an excellent source of communicable disease fact sheets visit: www.stlouisco.com and under Health and Wellness, click on Diseases and Immunizations.



FAIR HOUSING - The City of Winchester is committed to Fair Housing for all of its citizens. It is unlawful to discriminate against any person because of race, sex, color, religion, age, handicap, familial status, national origin, or political affiliation. The City of Winchester has enacted a Fair Housing Ordinance which prohibits unlawful discrimination and spells out the process for filing a complaint. If you, or anyone you know, believe that you have been unlawfully discriminated against, call the City Hall at (636) 391-0600.

PARK & RECREATION NEWS

All municipal parks in the City of Winchester shall be closed between the hours of Dusk and 7:00 AM and a person shall not be in the parks during those hours except as authorized by Pavilion or Gazebo permit.



The Annual Egg Hunt will be held at the gazebo in Reber Park on Saturday, March 19th at 11 a.m. (Rain date March 26th). Children through age 10 can hunt for eggs filled with candy as well as special “winner” slips with prizes for gift certificates from Wendy’s.

Remember:

- ★ Each child needs to bring their own basket for egg gathering.
- ★ Only children are allowed in the hunt areas.



REBER PARK PAVILION & GAZEBO RESERVATIONS

Reservations for the pavilion and gazebo were available the first business day in February. The facilities may be reserved individually and/or together. Hours are

from 7a.m. - 8:00 p.m., April through October. These facilities are great for special functions, family reunions, barbeques, and birthday parties. Restrooms are specifically designated for the parties reserved. **Cost to reserve the pavilion is \$45, the gazebo, \$30.** Both residents and non-residents are eligible to reserve the facilities.



2016 BALLFIELDS - not all fields have been assigned... Fields will be available beginning **April 1st** ... or when the fields are deemed usable by City Hall..until the last week of June each year. Each team is limited to one practice session each week.

Notice for All Ballfield Users

Signs will be posted on the ballfields if conditions are deemed unacceptable for use.

→Please be sure to adhere to the posted sign.←

Call the park at 636-527-5148 for a recorded message. Help keep our fields in great shape. Maintenance works hard trying to keep our fields in top shape for play.



HOUSING INSPECTIONS - The City of Winchester requires a housing inspection whenever a change in occupancy or ownership occurs. So, whether you decide to rent, sell your home, or move out and have other family members move in, an application for a housing inspection must be completed. Please consider the following:

- △ A minimum of 24-hours notice is required before the inspector can inspect your property; You must pay the \$70.00 inspection fee before the inspection can take place – The inspector does not accept payment and an adult must be present during the inspection.
- △ An **occupancy permit** is required for all residents before they move into their home; however, the City must have an approved inspection on file before the occupancy permit can be issued. Occupancy Permits are \$10.00 and upon application, we provide useful information to the new resident.

Municipal Code Section 515.070