



Winchester Newsletter

April, 2016

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

City Calendar



- April**
- 1 - **Ballfield Reservation Permits begin** (Weather Permitting) through June 30th
 - 1 - **Reber Park Pavilion & Gazebo reservations begin**
 - 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.**

- May**
- 4 - **Court, 7:00 p.m.**
 - 11 - **City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**
 - 30 - **MEMORIAL DAY** observed,
City Hall Closed
- (June)**
- 2 - No trash service today!
Holiday Schedule
 - 3 - Holiday trash pick up TODAY!



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 21st day of January, 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

Term Expires April, 2017

636/227-6344

Carol J. Kraft

Term Expires April, 2016

636/399-0859

WARD II

Tony DeLuca

Term Expires April, 2017

314/220-2119

Michael Schmidt

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.



NOTICE - ELECTION DAY APR 5th

Exercise your right to vote Tuesday, Apr. 5th. Polls are open from **6:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.**, Central Daylight Time. In addition to the selection of one alderman for each of the two wards in Winchester, three propositions are on the ballot: **Proposition B** regarding Out-Of-State Sales Tax on the purchase of motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors (see insert or City website); **MSD Propositions Y** - Wastewater Bond Authorization and **S** - Stormwater Service Equalization. (See back cover of this newsletter or city website for information.)

Saint Louis
COUNTY
HEALTH



(Info from St. Louis County website)

**Bats and Wildlife Control
Preventing Rabies in People and Pets**

Saint Louis County Animal Care & Control is committed to keeping people and pets safe in Saint Louis County. With that said, we share this County with many native wildlife species. In general, wildlife found outdoors should be left alone. Animal Care & Control will respond to remove and test any wild mammal that has had contact with person or pet and could have transmitted rabies through a bite wound. Without the risk of rabies transmission, Animal Care & Control defers calls about wildlife outdoors—as well as in attic, crawl spaces, and other non-living quarters—to the Missouri Department of Conservation, Powder Valley at 314-301-1500 for wildlife control only.

You can reach their office Monday-Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at (314) 615-0650, select option #6. Outside of these hours, our Officers can be routed to you by the County Police Department. Please call the police non-emergency line at (636) 529-8210 and ask for an Animal Control Officer to come to your location. If no one in the house and no pets had contact with the wildlife, and you can safely do so, try to allow the wildlife the opportunity to leave on its own—open doors and windows, turn on lights, and don't stand between them and an exit. If the bat or wildlife DID come into contact with a person or pet in the household, or if you are unsure, **KEEP IT CONFINED**—Animal Control will remove the wildlife and help you assess your level of risk for disease exposure. To confine a bat, turn all the lights on in the room—this can help to keep the bat from flying around. Keep an eye on its location, so that the Officers can quickly locate and capture it. The most common species of animals to carry rabies in the State of Missouri are bats and skunks. Bats are the species most commonly found to carry this disease in the Saint Louis Region. A very small number of bats come into contact with people or pets each year and require testing for rabies—less than 3% of those tested Statewide are actually carrying the disease. If you find a bat in your home, please call for an Animal Control Officer to remove the bat and help you assess if there was any risk of disease transmission. For more information, check out the CDC's web page on Rabies:

<http://www.cdc.gov/rabies>

Odd Jobs List

If you like to cut lawns, babysit, or do any variety of home jobs, then complete the form on the lower half of the outside of the newsletter and return it to City Hall. Any resident in need of someone to cut grass, rake leaves or complete any other odd job can come into City Hall or call 636-391-0600. We will be happy to provide names from the returned form. Please consider:

- ▶ This list is being compiled as a service to Winchester residents only
- ▶ The City will not make recommendations as to the qualifications of the applicant or the quality of work done
- ▶ The fees charged are to be negotiated between the resident and the applicant
- ▶ The City has no control over the fees charged or the work performed
- ▶ **Any resident interested in advertising to another resident should complete and return a new form yearly. We do not keep previous years' forms.**

If you are interested, call or come into City Hall to request a form.



20 MPH SPEED LIMIT - Let's keep the City a safe place for the children to play. We ask that Winchester citizens observe and obey the 20 mph speed limit. Your cooperation is necessary to make Winchester a safe place to live.

**Saint Louis
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PLANNING**



OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Home Improvement Program (HIP) is a federally funded program to provide technical and financial assistance to qualified homeowners for a variety of home repairs. Funds for this calendar year are still available. The program is administered by St. Louis County's Department of Planning, Office of Community Development. **APPLICANTS ARE NEEDED.** Do not assume you are not eligible to participate. Contact Debby at the **St. Louis County Department of Planning, Office of Community Development** at 314-615-4025.

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 as well as 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.



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS - The West County Senior Center at 14535 Manchester Road *needs volunteers for Meals on Wheels.* If you can help or know a homebound senior in need of a hot lunch, please contact 636-227-3882. Volunteers are asked to give one hour a

week. Pick up for the deliveries is at 10:30 a.m. in the Manchester area. The more volunteers, the more seniors that can be helped.

MEAAA serves older adults in the counties of St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin. *The West County Senior Center is open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. til 3:00 p.m.* Hot lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Anyone over 60 years of age is welcome to participate in the activities.



CORP - County Older Resident Programs

CORP is part of St. Louis County Government's Department of Human Services. Residents of St. Louis County 60 years of age and older are eligible for a wide variety of services. CORP is currently in need of volunteers to provide transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, etc. Training and mileage reimbursement are available. To find out more about how you can make a difference in an older person's life call 314-615-4516.



TORNADO SIREN POLICY

To help the public prepare for tornado situations, a **TORNADO WATCH** and **TORNADO WARNING** program has been developed. A *tornado watch* means that conditions are favorable for tornado development. This is the time to prepare. You should keep alert by listening to radio, television or weather radio for the latest weather information. A *tornado warning* means a tornado has been sighted or indicated by radar. When a warning is issued, the sirens will be activated. It is important that local media sources or weather radio be monitored for the duration of the warning. The siren system does not sound an “All Clear” message so please listen to the National Weather Service for this information.



The following information is presented from the storm water library of the MSD’s Project Clear initiated by the Federal Government through the EPA.

SPRING: Install a Rain Barrel

A rain barrel is great “low-tech” way to tap into a free supply of water that would otherwise drain into the sewer system.

Any homeowner can do it! You simply install a large drum below the downspout of a gutter to catch the rainwater runoff from your roof. A standard 55-gallon rain barrel can fill in a matter of minutes during a strong rainstorm. Most come with a spigot for filling watering cans and a connection for a soaker hose making it easy for you to use the water you collect to irrigate your lawn, water your plants, or wash your car.

This small one-time investment will lower your water bills for years to come!

Rainwater is good for your lawn and plants. Rainwater is fresh, naturally soft and low in salt and chlorine, making it great for nourishing plants or landscape during the dry summer months.

By capturing this water as it falls, rain barrels minimize runoff pollutants and protect everyone’s water supply. Rainwater picks up fertilizer, oil, pesticides and other contaminants as it travels over hard surfaces and lawns into storm sewers. Here in St. Louis, some of this water flows directly into streams, lakes and other bodies of water, where it can impact water quality.

In short, rain barrels can save money, improve the vitality of plants and help protect the environment.

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 park during those hours except as authorized by permit.



The Pavilion and Gazebo at Reber Park is available for use from **April through TOctober** of each year, 7:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. for special functions, family reunions, barbeques, and birthday parties. The City offers both a pavilion and gazebo available to be reserved individually and/or together. **The cost to reserve the pavilion is \$45, the gazebo, \$30.**

Reservations **must** be made in person; fees are non-refundable. You are encouraged to call City Hall to inquire whether a specific date is available. Both residents and non-residents are eligible to reserve the facilities.

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.←

Help keep our fields in great shape. Maintenance works hard to keep the playing fields in top shape for play. Practice times can still be reserved.

If interested, call City Hall for information.



LOST AND FOUND

Have you lost your keys, cell phone, notebook, jacket or sunglasses? Occasionally City Hall receives items such as those listed; so don’t forget to check here if there is a possibility you think your article may have been lost and found in Winchester.



(Tips from St. Louis County Police, Home Safety Handbook)

Below are additional tips that may help you prevent crime.

DOUBLE HUNG WINDOWS: To secure these windows, drill a hole that angles slightly downward through a top corner of the window into the bottom of the top window, then place an eyebolt or nail in the hole to prevent the window from being opened.

The most effective protection for double hung windows is a key locking security sash lock. If possible, mount the lock with 2-inch wood screws.

BASEMENT WINDOWS: Basement windows are common points of entry for burglars and special attention should be paid to securing them. Basement windows, often hidden by bushes, trees and air conditioning units can provide an ideal place for burglars to work unobserved. Such windows should be replaced with Plexiglas or polycarbonate or reinforced with decorative security bars.

IF YOU INTERRUPT A BURGLAR.. DO NOT confront him. If you come home and find a door or window open unexpectedly, **DO NOT** go inside. Instead, go to a nearby home and call the police. If you hear or see a prowler in your home, **DO NOT** investigate yourself... get out of the house and call the police. If you're unable to get out, lock yourself in a room and call the police from there.

Despite all of your precautions, there may be a time when you come face to face with a burglar. Expect the burglar to be frightened, perhaps desperate. Scream for assistance and leave the residence, continuing to yell for assistance until a neighbor or the police arrive.



SNOOPING IN THE TRASH

The United States Supreme Court has ruled that once trash is placed near the curb for disposal, all expectation of privacy has been forfeited by the resident and anyone may legally examine the contents, including taking any items if they so desire. *In other words, it is legal for someone to go through your trash after you place it near the curb for disposal.* Therefore, police officials warn residents to be attentive to what they

throw away (credit card statements, bank statements, other private information) so that they do not become a victim of identity theft.



PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL PERMITS

Chapter 520 of the Winchester Municipal Code defines a Private Swimming Pool as "Any structure that contains water over twenty-four (24) inches in depth and which is used, or intended to be used, for swimming or recreational bathing and which is available only to the family and guests of the householder. This includes in-ground, above-ground and on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs and spas."

In recent years a number of the new style plastic pools have been installed throughout the city. These provide a great new way for individuals to have the convenience of a private swimming pool; however, even though they are made of plastics, *they do fit the definition of a private swimming pool and require a permit.* If you are considering one of these pools, stop by City Hall and pick up a pool permit packet before installation. The total permit fee for above-ground pools eighteen (18) feet or less in diameter is \$35.00.



LETTER FROM THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

It's time for "spring cleaning" and with that comes assessing the damage done to the outside of the house by winter. Check on flaking or peeling paint, rotting wood, loose siding, etc. Check your gutters to see that they are clean and securely attached.

This is the time of year we replace worn out items. To have bulky items removed, contact Winchester's solid waste provider, Republic Services, at 636-947-5959. Bulk items are picked up at no additional charge. (Bulky items are defined as household materials that are too large to fit in with your regular waste collection container such as furniture, old bicycles, mattresses.) Appliance pick up is treated separately and at an additional charge. Contact Customer Service to schedule a pick up.

Home owners can do a lot to prevent declining property values by making the necessary repairs, keeping the grass cut, and the exterior of the property free of items not usually stored outside. With your help, we can make Winchester a beautiful place to live and plant your roots.

