




# Winchester Newsletter

June-July 2017

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

## City Calendar



- June** 7 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 - *Budget Public Hearing*, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 - *Community Development Block Grant Hearing*, 7:15 p.m.
- 14 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 - FLAG DAY
- 18 - FATHER'S DAY 
- 30 - Ballfield Permits end

- July** 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY,  
*City Hall Closed*
- 5 - **Court**, *Cancelled*
- 12 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.



- Aug.** 2 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
- 9 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- 12 - **Party in the Park** at the Lower Playground & Pavilion, 10 a.m.- Noon  
*See page 2 for additional details*

## CITY MEETING NEWS



In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following action during **May, 2017**:

**Resolution #2017-01 April 4, 2017 Election Results:** A resolution declaring the results of the General Election held on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. At the May 10<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, the City Administrator/Clerk swore in a Mayor, Gail M. Winham for a term of four years, Marie Bach and Tony DeLuca as Aldermen for Wards I and II, respectively, each for two year terms.

### ORDINANCE:

**#1066** - An ordinance authorizing the mayor to sign a retainer agreement for legal services for the enforcement of a settlement agreement. Mayor Gail M. Winham announced the following Aldermanic responsibilities:

- Alderwoman Marie Bach -  
Park & Recreation Liaison  
Safety Coordinator
- Alderman Sarah Gibbs -  
Code Enforcement Liaison
- Alderman Tony DeLuca -  
Street Commissioner
- Alderman Michael Schmidt  
Elected by the Board of Aldermen as  
President of the Board  
Maintenance Department Liaison(con't)

### Winchester City Hall

Voice-TDD: 636/391-0600

FAX: 636/391-6365

Email: [cityhall@city.winchester.mo.us](mailto:cityhall@city.winchester.mo.us)

### Business Hours

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

Monday through Friday

Board Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

### MAYOR

GAIL M. WINHAM

Term Expires April, 2021

636/394-6023

### WARD I

MARIE BACH

Term Expires April, 2019

636/227-6344

### BOARD OF ALDERMEN

SARAH GIBBS

Term Expires April, 2018

309/749-7003

TONY DeLUCA

Term Expires April, 2019

314/220-2119

### WARD II

MICHAEL SCHMIDT

Terms Expires April, 2018

314/706-8169

Mayor Winham will be responsible for duties of Emergency Management Director, Recycling coordinator and Flood Plain Manager.

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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 the **St. Louis County Department of Planning, Office of Community Development** at 314-615-8235 or 314-615-4025 for additional information.

The Community Development Block Grant Fund public hearing is at City Hall on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m.

**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 permit.

**PARTY IN THE PARK**



Family fun comes again to Winchester's annual Party in the Park on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. 'til Noon. There will be something for everyone in the family to experience and enjoy. Fredbird® is coming back again, too!

There will be two clowns doing face painting and balloon sculpting, Tekno Bubbles will be back and Mad Science will conduct two of their events. The St. Louis County Police, Metro West with their Safety House and West County EMS & Fire with displays of cars and equipment will all be here. Watch for more specifics in the Winchester August-September Newsletter.



Enjoy **REBER PARK** this season! Reserve the pavilion and gazebo for parties and family gatherings. Picnic at one of the tables installed around the park.

The Pavilion and Gazebo are available for use from **April through October** of each year, 7AM - 8:00 PM. Reservations are being taken at City Hall. First come - first served. A non-refundable fee of \$45 for the pavilion and a \$30 fee for the gazebo will be required for each date that is reserved.

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POLICE DEPT**



**FIREWORKS**

Chapter 810 of the St. Louis County Code governing fireworks states that it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell, possess, offer for sale, expose for sale, give, use, discharge or explode fireworks within St. Louis County. *In other words, it is illegal to possess fireworks in St. Louis County.*

**HOME REPAIR FRAUD** - There are many types of home repair frauds committed by people who are anything but honest and hardworking. The best way to protect yourself from becoming a victim of these people is through knowledge and common sense. The following are some tips that will be of help in preventing becoming a victim of home repair fraud.

- ✓ Only do business with a well known and established company.
- ✓ Beware of contractors who just happen to be in the neighborhood.
- ✓ Beware of paving companies that have materials left over from another job, especially asphalt or concrete.
- ✓ Check with the Better Business Bureau.
- ✓ Always obtain a contract. Make sure that the contract includes a starting and completion date.
- ✓ Always obtain a lien waiver.
- ✓ Beware of companies that require a very large down payment.

If you have further questions contact the Missouri Attorney General's Consumer and Welfare Fraud Hotline at 1(800)392-8222.



The following is informational material presented by MSD's *Project Clear* program to raise awareness of the complexity of the wastewater collection and treatment system servicing the greater St. Louis area.

**SEWERS/CATCH BASINS** - The City requests your cooperation in helping to maintain our sewers and catch basins as well as our streets. Please dispose of waste correctly. Improper disposal of *any* waste in the sewers and catch basins can cause unnecessary damage and expensive repairs. Being watchful in keeping grass clippings, pine cones, sweet gum balls, mud, leaves or other debris on the streets from entering the sewer/catch basins will help to save your tax dollars. Also, residue from the washing, repairing, or changing lubricants and other fluids in your motor vehicles should not be left in any roadway within the city. Please dispose of debris properly.

*Municipal Code Sections 210.680, 210.690 and 340.220*

**REMINDERS**



**City of Winchester Curfew for Children**

Children under 17 shall not loiter, idle, stroll, drive or ride in an automobile or play in or upon public streets, highways, roads, alleys, parks, play grounds or other public place buildings, places of amusement and entertainment, vacant lots or other unsupervised places between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights or between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on other nights of the week.

A parent, guardian or other adult having the care and custody of a child under 17, shall not permit a child to violate the city curfew regulations. There are fines for such violations and juveniles may be taken into custody and transported to St. Louis County Juvenile Authorities. Please report any curfew violations witnessed to the St. Louis County Police Department at 636-529-8210.



*The City of Winchester has a LEASH LAW* - Neither dogs nor cats are permitted to run at large. Any pet must be on a leash, in an enclosed area, or properly restrained.

For the safety and enjoyment of all Winchester

residents, City Hall encourages dog and cat owners to be responsible and leash or confine pets whenever outside.

*(Municipal Code Section 205.190)*



**UNNECESSARY NOISE**

City Hall receives complaints about people not being responsible for making sure that when their dogs are outside, they not be allowed to continuously bark and thereby disturb the public peace. Dogs are not the only problem, *people cutting grass*, loud music, operation of any unmuffled motor vehicle or causing screeching of tires, yelling, shouting, etc. *all are unnecessary noises and if a complaint is made, the offender is subject to penalty, particularly between the hours of 11 P.M. and 7 A.M.*

Municipal Code Section 210.235



**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 once again 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.



**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 Janice Fischer at 636-227-3882. Volunteers are asked to give one hour a week. Pick ups are 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.



## Grass Cycling - "Mulch" Easier than Bagging

A healthy lawn and grass cycling go hand in hand! Do your back and your lawn a favor and kick the bagging habit!

Grass clippings are a valuable source of nitrogen-rich organic matter. When mowing, remove no more than one-third of the total plant height so that the clippings are small enough to sift back down into the turf and break down quickly, thus returning valuable nutrients back to the soil. Using a mulching lawn mower or simply converting your existing mower with a mulching attachment is an easy way to practice grass cycling.

Mulching your grass clippings does not cause thatch! Thatch is a layer of living and dead organic matter that occurs between the green matter and the soil surface. It is actually the tough fibrous part of the grass stem (which takes much longer to decompose) that contributes to thatch buildup. However, clippings are very high in water content and break down rapidly when returned to the lawn after mowing (assuming the lawn is mowed regularly and that no more than one-third of the leaf blade is being removed during mowing).

Reduce  Reuse  Recycle  
*Naturally!*

## Ready✓

**Prepare, Plan and Stay Informed** (condensed from the website [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) )

Often times we may not realize that our actions online might put us, our families and even our country at risk. Learning about the dangers online and taking action to protect ourselves is the first step in making the Internet a safer place for everyone. Cybersecurity is a shared responsibility and we each have a role to play.

Cybersecurity involves preventing, detecting, and responding to cyber incidents. Unlike physical threats that prompt immediate action, cyber threats are often difficult to identify and comprehend. Among these dangers are viruses erasing entire computer systems, intruders breaking into computer systems and altering files, intruders using your computer or device to harm others, or intruders stealing confidential information.

You can increase your chances of avoiding cyber risks by setting up the proper controls, for example:

- ✓ Only connect to the Internet over secure, password-protected networks.
- ✓ Do not click on links or pop-ups, open attachments or respond to emails from strangers.
- ✓ Always enter a URL by hand instead of following links if you are unsure of the sender
- ✓ Do not respond to online requests for Personally Identifiable Information (PII); most organizations - banks, universities, companies, etc. - do not ask for your personal information over the Internet.
- ✓ Limit who you are sharing information with by reviewing the privacy settings on your social media accounts.

Your personal information includes, but is not limited to: Full Name, Social Security Number, Address, Date of Birth, Place of Birth, Driver's License Number, Vehicle Registration Plate Number, Credit card Numbers, Physical Appearance, Gender or Race....

If you believe your PII is compromised:

- ✓ Immediately change all passwords; financial passwords first. If you used the same password for multiple resources, make sure to change it for each account and do not use that password in the future.
- ✓ If you believe the compromise was caused by malicious code, disconnect your computer from the Internet.
- ✓ Contact companies, including banks, where you have accounts as well as credit reporting companies.
- ✓ Close any accounts that may have been compromised. Watch for any unexplainable or unauthorized charges to your accounts.
- ✓ File a report with the local police so there is an official record of the incident.

If your PII was compromised, consider other information that may be at risk. Depending what information was stolen, you may need to contact other agencies; for example, if someone has gained access to your Social Security number, contact the Social Security Administration. You should also contact the Department of Motor Vehicles if your driver's license or car registration has been stolen.

For additional information on cyber incident procedures as well as other incidents for which one should be prepared, go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) .