



Winchester Newsletter

April, 2019

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

City Calendar



- April**
- 1 - **Reber Park Pavilion & Gazebo reservations begin**
 - 2 - **Ballfield Reservation Permits begin** (Weather Permitting) through June 30th
 - 2 - **MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY**
See Location of Polling Place → → City Hall Open
 - 3 - **Court, 7:00 p.m.**
 - 10 - **City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**
 - 27 - **Drug Take-Back** by St. Louis County Police at City Hall, 10 am - 2 PM
- May**
- 8 - **City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**
 - 27 - **MEMORIAL DAY** observed,
City Hall Closed
 - 30 - **No trash service today!**
Holiday Schedule
 - 31 - **Holiday trash pickup today!**



**HONOR OUR VETERANS,
FLY THE FLAG**



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 2, 2019

for the election to elect 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., CDT

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 17th day of January, 2019.

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, 2021

636/394-6023

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

WARD I

Joyce Davis

Term Expires April, 2019

636/391-1988

Carol J. Kraft

Term Expires April, 2020

636-399-0859

WARD II

Tony DeLuca

Term Expires April, 2019

314/220-2119

Michael Schmidt

Term Expires, April 2020

314/706-8169



CANDIDATES FILE FOR OFFICE
APRIL 2, 2019 ELECTION

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

ALDERMAN (Two Year Term):

WARD I: **Joyce Davis***

ALDERMAN (Two Year Term):

WARD II: **Tony DeLuca***

(*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.

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COUNTY PLANNING



APRIL IS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Fair Housing is Everyone's Business - It applies to both public and private housing. The 1968 Act was amended by the Fair Housing Amendments Act in 1988. Effective 1989; provided additional protected classes. Title VIII means "Don't Discriminate." The Fair Housing Law prohibits discrimination in all housing regardless of ownership or management. Therefore, housing providers should offer the same, require the same, and inform all persons regardless of their race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familiar status (children under 18 years of age) or handicap. If you feel you have been the victim of housing discrimination, please telephone the **HUD Office at 1-800-743-5323 (Voice) & 1-800-669-9275 (TDD)**

Odd Jobs List

If you like to cut lawns, babysit, shovel snow or do any variety of home jobs, then come in to City Hall to complete a short form, or call us between the hours of 9 AM and 4PM and we will complete the form for you, and it will be kept here at City Hall through the remainder of the year.

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 and we will be happy to provide names from the forms on file. Please consider:

- ▶ The 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
- ▶ **We do not keep previous years' forms.**



REMINDER

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.

CITY MEETING NEWS



In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following action during their January/February, 2019 meetings:

ORDINANCE #1077 -An ordinance reaffirming lawsuit against various Charter entities.



ENJOY MISSOURI STATE PARKS & HISTORIC SITES - WATKINS WOOLEN MILL STATE HISTORIC SITE AND BETHANY FARM (Northwest Missouri)

Established in 1839 as a small livestock farm in the northeast corner of Clay County, Mo. By 1870 Bethany had expanded into a 3,660-acre agricultural and industrial enterprise. The 1,240-acre home farm was surrounded by a number of smaller sections, including two 500-600 acre tenant farms. The plantation, as owner Waltus L. Watkins styled it, included an elegant home and a three-story mill where wool was spun into yarn, and woven into cloth, blankets and shawls. The plantation also had a brick kiln, a gristmill, sawmills, a blacksmith shop, a dairy, a fruit dry house, an icehouse, barns and other farm buildings, as well as a scale house, a wool shed and houses for the mill and farm workers. The Mount Vernon Church and octagonal Franklin Academy school building were built adjacent to the plantation.

Watkins, like most farmers of his day, practiced diversified farming. He raised shorthorn cattle, Missouri mules, horses, swine, sheep and poultry, grew various grain crops, and planted extensive orchards. He also marketed the services of his mills, kiln and blacksmith shop to people in the area. When the woolen industry reached Missouri in the 1850s, Watkins decided to take advantage of his early training in Kentucky textile mills and in 1860 constructed the Watkins Woolen Mill.

Watkins' nine children helped manage the family businesses. The boys assisted their father with the farm and mill operations, and Mary Ann and her four daughters oversaw the dairy, cared for the poultry flocks, and dried fruit for sale. They also maintained a large family garden, raised bees and sold the honey, and butchered up to 100 hogs each year and smoked the meat for sale. In 1868 Watkins went into partnership with his son John, forming the firm of W. L. Watkins & Son. After Watkins' death, three of his sons continued to operate the farm and mill as John H. Watkins & Bros.

The Watkins family lived at Bethany until 1945 when the farm and mill were sold. The mill and house were acquired by the Watkins Mill Association in 1958 and opened to the public. The property became part of the Missouri state park system in 1964. Watkins Woolen Mill was designated a *National Historic Landmark* in 1966, and was named a *National Mechanical Engineering Historic Landmark* in 1980. The mill and house, and the adjoining recreation area are administered by Missouri State Parks, a division of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

The City of Bethany is in northwestern Missouri and has a population of 3,292. It is located in Harrison County on Interstate 35 directly between Kansas City, Missouri and Des Moines, Iowa. Go to: www.mostateparks.com and search for Watkins Woolen Mill State Historic Site.

The historic site's Living History Farm Program operates weekly on Saturday and Sunday from Memorial Day weekend through early-August. Costumed interpretive staff present life in rural Missouri in the 1870s. Demonstrations focus on the way people lived and played in the 19th century. Tours of the woolen mill and Watkins house are offered daily. Please call the park office for details at 816-580-3387.



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.



The following information is presented from MSD Project Clear and the U.S. E.P.A. MSD alone cannot keep the region's waterways clean. They need the support, resources and actions of concerned citizens, businesses and municipalities to improve local water quality. Since waterways and sewers are shared public resources, there are many steps that you can take to help maintain both.

Stormwater runoff carries pollutants into our local streams and rivers, damaging local ecosystems and watershed health and threatening our public health and quality of life. "Going green" can help. Green infrastructure is cost-effective, sustainable and environmentally friendly because it captures and reuses stormwater to maintain or restore natural hydrologies. Examples of green infrastructure include rain gardens, porous pavements, green roofs, infiltration planters, trees and tree boxes and rainwater harvesting (rain barrels). For more information see www.stlmsd.com.

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



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 October** 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.

Are you 55 or older and interested in making new friends, hearing great speakers, going on exciting trips, and playing cards? The group meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays at Ballwin Golf Course, 333 Holloway Road, Ballwin, MO from 10 am - 2 pm. Cost \$2 per meeting. Please bring your own sack lunch. Coffee, soda and dessert provided.

**Special luncheons may involve separate fees.*

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 the City of Manchester at 636-391-6326 ext 401.

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POLICE DEPT**



CYBER BULLYING

Being a victim of cyber bullying can be a common and hurtful experience. *The tips and resources below apply to everyone, not just children.* As with all transactions or sharing of information on the internet, use caution and be careful with what you share on-line.

- ✧ Watch what you say; if you wouldn't say it in person, DON'T say it on-line.
- ✧ Stay safe; keep personal information personal, share your phone number, address, etc. only with friends you've met face to face and trust.
- ✧ Break the chain; passing along hurtful or unkind messages - even as a joke - is NEVER okay.
- ✧ Don't take it; you can block offensive message senders, delete messages from unfamiliar addresses or report them to your electronic service provider.
- ✧ Ask for help if you know cyber bullying is going on, talk about it with a trusted adult, parent, teacher or co-worker.

This and further information can be obtained from www.ncpc.org and www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.org



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. *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. The Center is in need of **TRANSPORTATION RIDERS**, a few more seniors to **RIDE the OATS BUS TO AND FROM THE CENTER.** Anyone over 60 is welcome to ride the bus and participate in daily activities and lunch. Weekly center activities include Bingo, Tai Chi, Line Dancing Arts & Crafts and more. Contact Maria Brown at 636-227-3882 to learn more about it.

MEAAA has changed their name and their website to **Ageing Ahead** instead of Mid-East Area Agency on Aging. Their objective is to support individuals through the journey of aging and to live with honor and dignity as well as serve their caregivers in St. Louis, St. Charles, Franklin and Jefferson counties.

HOW MUCH SHOULD YOU CLEAN YOUR RECYCLABLES BEFORE DISCARDING IN THE RECYCLE BIN?



Republic Services gives these guidelines:

Rinse Jars, Bottles and Cans

As a general rule, a quick rinse is more than adequate. You don't need to scrub the remains in the mayonnaise jar with soap before recycling, just fill the container with water and vigorously swish the water around inside. Better yet, use leftover dishwashing water just before you drain it! If the residue is sticky like jelly or honey, you may need to use a scrub brush or scraper to remove more of the product.

Cardboard and Paper

Note that grease and oil make cardboard and paper unrecyclable. Pizza boxes covered in grease aren't fit for the recycling bin. If the box is mostly clean with just a few specks of grease, you're fine to recycle it. The same goes for other contaminants. If you are making pancakes and a drop of egg lands on the box, it's still clean enough to recycle. Too much of a mess.....NO. Crumpled, torn or misshapen paper and cardboard can be recycled the same as flat products. Paper that has been shredded or torn into bits shouldn't go into the outside bin as it can easily blow away and cause littering. In small quantities, it may need to be thrown away or at least (paper) bagged before being recycled. In large quantities, you can take it directly to any waste and recycling facility.

Throw Away Heavily Soiled Items

Unfortunately, some items cannot be recycled and should simply be thrown away. Any items that are heavily soiled or impossible to clean cannot be recycled. It is very important to sort your recycling correctly and make the process as simple as possible for your city. If you need more information about the proper way to recycle products, visit: www.recyclingsimplified.com

Reduce  Reu Recycle
Naturally!

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>