



Winchester Newsletter

May 2019

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

City Calendar



- May
- 8 - Budget Public Hearing, 7:00 p.m.
 - 8 - Community Development Block Grant Hearing, 7:15 p.m.
 - 8 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
 - 12 - MOTHER'S DAY
 - 21 - STREET SWEEPING
 - 22 - STREET SWEEPING, RAIN DATE
 - 27 - MEMORIAL DAY, City Hall Closed
 - 30 - No Trash Service Today
 - 31 - Holiday trash pick up TODAY!



- June
- 12 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
 - 14 - FLAG DAY
 - 16 - FATHER'S DAY



- July
- 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY Celebrated, City Hall Closed
 - 10- **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.



HONOR OUR VETERANS,
FLY THE FLAG



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, 2021
636/391-1988

Carol J. Kraft
Term Expires April, 2020
636/399-0859

WARD II

Tony DeLuca
Term Expires April, 2021
314/220-2119

Michael Schmidt
Term Expires April, 2020
314/706-8169

Website: www.city.winchester.mo.us



ELECTION RESULTS

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The April 2, 2019 election results (uncertified)
are as follows:

ALDERMAN:

WARD I(Elected to a 2 year term)

Joyce Davis 27

Write-Ins: 1

WARD II(Elected to a 2 year term)

Tony DeLuca34

Write-Ins: 2

MSD Proposition S Yes: 57,720 46.9%

More than 50% needed No: 65,348 53.1%



ADDRESS NUMBERS - Municipal Code Section 500.090. All buildings and structures having post office addresses shall list the street number of such addresses in a font type four (4) inches for commercial structures and three (3) inches for residential structures. All such numbers shall be a contrasting color to the background to which they are mounted so as to be clearly visible from any street adjacent to the property. In the case of a building or structure adjacent to more than one street, the number shall be visible from the street to which the post office address corresponds. **The Post Office address numbers should be in numeric form: 1,2,3, etc., not the written or cursive form.**

REMINDERS



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



UNNECESSARY NOISE

There are occasional calls to City Hall from residents complaining about neighbors not being responsible by allowing their dogs to continuously bark, when outside, thereby disturbing the public peace. Any unnecessary noise from "the keeping of any animal or bird which by causing frequent or long continued noise shall disturb the comfort or repose of any persons in the vicinity" is prohibited. If a complaint is made to the police at the time the violation is occurring, a ticket could be issued and the pet owner could be summoned to municipal court. *(Municipal Code Section 210.235)*



"Retiring Old Glory"

West County residents have a convenient place to go when it's time to retire any worn or tattered U.S. flag.

Just a reminder that the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1028, took the lead in establishing a collection point at the Liberty Tax office located at 14545 Manchester Road (across Manchester Road from Winchester Mall).

The white, outdoor flag collection box was created by Dennis Hamilton, a retired Navy veteran and Chapter 1028 member. Anyone with a tattered U.S. flag can drop it in the box. The Vietnam veterans chapter members will monitor the box regularly and arrange for the flags proper disposal.

PARK & RECREATION NEWS

All municipal parks in the City of Winchester shall be closed between the hours of Dusk and 7:00 a.m. No person shall be in the park during those hours except as authorized by a Pavilion/Gazebo Permit.



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. 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.



HELP KEEP OUR CITY CLEAN

Do you ever think that just throwing a small piece of litter on the ground doesn't make a difference. If everyone thinks the same way, soon the streets become littered and unsightly. Remember, littering is an offense as well as offensive to our neighbors.

Municipal Code Section 210.170



Summer is coming....a WARNING from the Humane Society of Missouri and the St. Louis County Police Department. A pet should never be left unattended in a parked car when the outside temperature is over 70 degrees. Allowing an animal to be harmed in this way is considered animal abuse. It is illegal and punishable by fines and imprisonment. If you see an animal in distress or locked in a parked car, you can call the society's hotline at 314-647-4400 or your local police.



The following information is presented in conjunction with MSD's Project Clear program to raise awareness of the complexity of the wastewater collection and treatment system servicing the greater St. Louis area.

May: Plant trees for energy conservation

The right tree in the right place can provide shade and cool air in the summer and wind protection in the winter, reducing energy costs while adding beauty and privacy to a landscape. Consider strategically planting trees to lower utility costs. If your yard allows, plant three large trees, one each on the east, west and north sides of your house. These locations can help to shade your house in the summer and block wind in the winter. It is best not to plant trees on the south side of your home. In the winter, when you need sun to help in heating, trees planted on the south side, even those that lose their leaves, can cast too much shade. Better to choose a southwest/west orientation.

Before you dig:

- Identify locations with plenty of sunlight and access to rainwater.
- Call Missouri One Call at 1-800-DIG-RITE or 811. Have them mark your property for utilities before you dig.
- Avoid planting trees over or near the house lateral or MSD sewer lines in your yard. Roots can damage sewers causing basement backups.
- Supplement soil if needed to make sure it provides adequate nutrients.

For more information on planting trees, including how to select trees suited to your location and how to care for them, visit the Missouri Botanical Garden website: at www.missouribotanicalgarden.org

IN REGARDS TO TREES

(The following information sent by the Missouri Department of Conservation)

Missouri Department of Conservation urges public to avoid planting problematic pear trees *The invasive species spreads aggressively, choking out native plants and trees.*

The Callery pear tree, *also known as the Bradford pear*, was a common tree planted in the 1960s, but has since become an environmental nuisance. MDC urges Missourians to go native when planting trees.

Jefferson City, Mo. - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) encourages homeowners and landscapers to avoid planting Callery pear trees this spring. Though these trees bear beautiful white flowers in the springtime, looks can be deceiving.

The Callery pear tree is often found for sale as Bradford pear, Cleveland Select, Autumn Blaze, or Aristocrat. It is a highly invasive species that multiplies quickly, flourishes in a variety poor growing conditions, and reduces biodiversity by crowding out native Missouri plants.

The trees were introduced as ornamental landscape trees in the 1960s and became popular because they were inexpensive, grew relatively fast, and provided beautiful blooms. However, the species has since become notorious for its poor branch structure, cross pollination problems, and that stinky smell.

“Different varieties of these ornamental pear trees were planted close to each other, which allowed them to cross pollinate and take over natural areas,” said

Forestry Field Program Supervisor Russell Hinnah. “But they’re also a poor landscaping choice because they don’t do well in storms, often losing limbs or splitting apart.”

MDC urges Missourians to remove pear trees and plant native trees instead. “The best plan is to select species native to Missouri, and there are several great options,” said Hinnah. “Serviceberry trees produce similar showy white blooms in the spring and have small red fruits that attract wildlife.”

Other great alternatives include American plum, hawthorn, eastern redbud and Missouri’s state tree, the flowering dogwood. Hawthorns provide bountiful fruit and attractive fall color. Dogwoods thrive in shady areas but can be difficult to grow. To learn about native trees for landscaping, planting tips, backyard tree care, and more, visit www.mdc.mo.gov/trees-plants



WHEN A TORNADO STRIKES

Spring time is tornado season. If you see a funnel cloud nearby, take shelter immediately. If you spot a tornado that is far away, help alert others to the hazard by reporting it to the newsroom of a local radio or TV station before taking shelter as described later. Use common sense and exercise **caution**: if you believe that you might be in danger, seek shelter immediately. The key to surviving a tornado and reducing the risk of injury lies in planning, preparing, and practicing what you and your family will do if a tornado strikes. Flying debris causes most deaths and injuries during a tornado. Although there is no completely safe place during a tornado, some locations are much safer than others.

General tips:

If there is no basement, go to the center of an interior room on the lowest level (such as a closet or interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck. *Do not open windows.*

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For people who are in a wheelchair:

If you are in a wheelchair, get away from windows and go to an interior room of the house. If possible, seek shelter under a sturdy table or desk. Cover your head with anything available, even your hands.

If you are unable to move from a bed or a chair and assistance is not available, protect yourself from falling objects by covering up with blankets and pillows.

If you are outside and a tornado is approaching, get into a ditch or gully. If possible, lie flat and cover your head with your arms.

Make a family communication plan for all occupants of your household and share it with a trusted family member or friend outside your home.



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 greater St. Louis area.

Be careful what goes down your toilet - just because something is “disposable” does not mean it is “flushable”! Cleaning and disinfecting wipes, personal hygiene products, baby wipes... 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. 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.



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.

Odd Jobs List

If you are interested in submitting your name for odd jobs, complete the form on the back of this newsletter and bring it in to City Hall. If City Hall is closed, drop through the mail slot under the eaves to the right of the double front doors. The information will be kept on file until the end 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 check and provide any names from the returned form.

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



Saint Louis COUNTY HEALTH

Below are several general reminders on recycling from the St. Louis County website:

- * Keep containers that contained household chemicals out of the recycle cart
- * Do not recycle medical waste such as syringes or needles
- * Do not put any type of plastic bag into your recycle cart. Most grocery stores have drop-off bins at the front of the store for recycling plastic grocery bags and many other retail stores are also offering recycling for their shopping bags
- * Plastic windows on envelopes are okay
- * You may leave labels and tape on cardboard boxes when recycling them
- * It is okay to recycle metal cans with labels or bands
- * Leave the lids on containers. When you remove the lids, they usually end up mixed with other small residuals that are discarded as trash, after being processed at the materials recovery facility
- * All containers are to be emptied before recycling them

Cart Maintenance

The cart is assigned to your address. You are responsible to make sure it is used properly and not damaged by misuse. If you move, please leave the cart for use by the next occupant.



POWER OUTAGES

Information from Department of Homeland Security at www.ready.gov

Before a power outage, build or restock your emergency preparedness kit, including a flashlight, batteries, cash and first aid supplies.

- Make sure you have alternative charging methods for your phone or any device that requires power.
- Charge cell phones and any battery powered devices. Know where the manual release lever of your electric garage door opener is located and how to operate it.
- Purchase ice or freeze water-filled plastic containers to help keep food cold during a temporary power outage.
- Keep your car's gas tank full, remember, gas stations rely on electricity to power their pumps. If you use your car to re-charge devices, do NOT keep the car running in a garage, partially enclosed space, or close to a home, this can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Learn about the emergency plans that have been established in your area by visiting your state's or local website so you can locate the closest cooling and warming shelters.
- If you rely on anything that is battery-operated or power dependent like a medical device determine a back-up plan.



***PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR STREET SWEEPING ON
TUESDAY, MAY 21st***

(Rain Date-May 22nd)

***REMEMBER..... DO NOT PARK
ON CITY STREETS!***