



Winchester Newsletter

Aug-Sept., 2020

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

City Calendar



- Aug.** 12 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
 24 - Rockwood School District, scheduled to begin
 24 - Parkway School District, scheduled to begin
- Sept.** 7 - LABOR DAY, *City Hall Closed*
 9 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
 10 - No trash service today!
Holiday trash Schedule
 11 - Holiday trash pick up TODAY!
- Oct.** 1 - *Business Licenses Due*
 3 - **Electronics Recycle Event**, 8 am - 11 am
 see page 5 for details
 6 - **National Night Out**, 5 - 8 pm, Reber Park
 See Page 3 for details
 14 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m

CITY MEETING NEWS





In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following actions during **June & July, 2020**:

Ordinance

#1,090 - an ordinance adopting and enacting the Building, Residential, Existing Building, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing and Property Maintenance codes of St. Louis County as amended as the Building, Residential Building, Existing Building, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing and Property Maintenance Codes of the City of Winchester, Missouri.

#1091 - An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Winchester to enter into an annual service agreement with the Rejis Commission for managed IT Service.

#1092 - An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Winchester to enter into an agreement with St. Louis County Missouri on behalf of its department of Public Health for a 2020 Waste Reduction Grant.

	ELECTION RESULTS	
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Official		
The June 2, 2020 election results are as follows:		
ALDERMAN:		
WARD I(Elected to a 2 year term)		
	Carol J. Kraft	25
	Danielle Luebbert	40
	Write-Ins:	0
WARD II(Elected to a 2 year term)		
	Michael Schmidt	22
	Write-Ins:.....	0

Resolution #2020-02: A resolution adopting the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri.

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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, 2021
636/391-1988

Danielle Luebbert

Term Expires April, 2022
636-734-8600

WARD II

Tony DeLuca

Term Expires April, 2021
314/220-2119

Michael Schmidt

Term Expires April, 2022
314/706-8169

Resolution #2020-03: June 2, 2020 Election Results: A resolution declaring the results of the General Election held in the City of Winchester on June 2, 2020. At the July 8th Board Meeting, the City Administrator/Clerk swore in Danielle Luebbert and Michael Schmidt as Aldermen for Wards I and II, respectively, each for two year terms.

Mayor Gail M. Winham announced the following Aldermanic responsibilities:

- Alderwoman- Joyce Davis
 - Park & Recreation Liaison
 - Safety Coordinator
 - Alderwoman- Danielle Luebbert
 - Code Enforcement Liaison
 - Alderman Tony DeLuca-
 - Street Commissioner
 - Alderman Michael Schmidt-
 - Elected by the Board of Aldermen as President of the Board, and Maintenance Dept. Liaison
- Mayor Winham will be responsible for duties of Emergency Management Director, Recycling Coordinator and Flood Plain Manager.

Liquor Licenses were approved for the following businesses:

- Debz Corner, LLC, dba: Stoogez**, 14560 Manchester Rd., #28, Full Liquor License
- Rice Thai Bistro**, 14536 Manchester Road, Sunday and 5% Beer and Wine Liquor Licenses.

Saint Louis
COUNTY
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.



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
FLOATING & CANOEING

Floating Missouri's streams is a fantastic way to enjoy our state's great outdoors. Whether your passion is angling for smallmouth or rock bass, keeping an eye out for elusive wildlife, or simply drifting downstream

with the current, a day on the river will lift your spirit. Missouri's streams are not only beautiful and full of life, they are a big part of Missouri's outdoor recreation economy. Enjoy family road trips throughout the state and rediscover Missouri.

PARK & RECREATION NEWS



At this time, Reber Park is open but the playgrounds are closed. The park is closed between the hours of Dusk and 7:00 AM and no person shall be in the parks during those hours. It is possible that these conditions will change for the better. Watch the electronic sign at Hillcrest and Lindy for any updates or call City Hall at 636-391-0600.

PET WASTE



Pet waste left in yards can provide food for rodents. It also comes into contact with storm water which carries pollutants into the storm sewer system and cause viruses and parasites that can infect humans with dangerous pathogens such as salmonella. Studies by the EPA have found that bacteria levels are often elevated 100% after a rain. One way to reduce that level is to clean up after your pets. Not doing so is a violation of Municipal Code. Remember, residents who walk their pets must be responsible and prepared to clean up after their animals on any city property. Not doing so is a violation of Municipal Code.

Municipal Code Section 205.230



SECTION 215.015 A: MAINTENANCE OF TREES AND SHRUBS

- Just a reminder to all property owners that it is the *responsibility of the property owner or occupant* to maintain any trees along the right of way that may be hanging over the street. Limbs are to be kept trimmed to a height of at least ten (10) feet above any part of the street so as not to interfere with persons or vehicles using the sidewalk or street. Maintenance includes being watchful and making sure that any dead limbs in the tree be removed to reduce the effect of wind and storms as best possible.

**BALLWIN POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

October 6th is National Night Out. This is an annual, community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live and work. Together, we can make that happen.

National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and *citizen involvement*. When law enforcement and the community work closely together, some amazing things can happen.”

Officers of the Ballwin Police Department will be stationed in the parking lot of Reber Park near the intersection of Lindy Blvd. and Hillcrest Blvd. from 5 pm to 8 pm. **Stop by and chat with your Ballwin Police Officers and neighbors.**



The following informational material is 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.

Tips for a successful rain garden

Trimming and Pruning: Stems from grasses and flowers can be left through the fall and winter to add visual interest and to provide food and cover for birds. Trim plants near the surface during appropriate months with a string trimmer or pruner and remove dead vegetation to encourage new growth. Shrubs may be pruned to give them the “shape” you like.

Fertilizing: Appropriate fertilizer during the first year may help establish healthy plants. Fertilizer beyond this is not necessary because it stimulates weed growth and reduces water quality benefits.

Mulching: A two to three-inch application of mulch after initial planting is beneficial.

Replacement of old mulch in the spring helps with the garden appearance and drainage. Use standard single or double shredded hardwood mulch that is “well aged” (at least a year since it was shredded) and free of soil, weed seeds, herbicides, etc. Pine bark and “chipped” mulch is not recommended as it tends to float and wash out easily.

Trash: Trash and other debris like leaves and grass clippings should be removed as needed. Please do not pile or spread leaves or grass clippings in your rain garden.

Edges: A border defines the edge of the garden just as a frame defines a painting. A strip of mowed turf, stones, or a walking path can set the area apart and can improve rain garden appearance. All landscape requires maintenance; a rain garden is no different. Following these maintenance tips will help ensure the rain garden functions well and remains an asset to your home.

Water Ponding: After a rain shower, it is normal to see shallow ponding in the rain garden for a day or two. Please do not fill in the ponding area. If water is still observed after three days, then it may be necessary to rake or poke shallow holes in the soil. If water is still observed, replace the top layer of soil and mulch.

Weeding: Weed growth during the plant establishment period is typical and weed removal helps eliminate competition with desirable plants. Weeds can be addressed with spot use of herbicide or by pulling. Blanket use of herbicide is never recommended. Diligent weeding during the first two years produces desirable plants that, by year three are mature enough to compete and crowd out most weeds.

Watering: The plants in your rain garden should not require watering once mature plants are established; however, watering helps plant appearance during drought periods.

Due to Covid-19, the General Assembly passed and Governor

Parson signed into law several changes to the way you may vote *in the remaining 2020 elections*. These changes took effect immediately; however, court challenges may change the options available between now and the elections. For up to date information you may contact www.stlouisco.com/elections or call 314-615-1800.

The state of Missouri allows for absentee voting if your are:

Absent from St. Louis County on Election Day; absent or confined due to sickness or disability; restricted by religious belief or practice; employed as an election authority; incarcerated, although all necessary qualifications for voting have been retained; a member of the U.S. Armed Forces in active service, or dependent, or spouse; a civilian employee of the U.S. government working outside the United States; a registered voter in the State of Missouri and have moved to St. Louis County after the 4th Wednesday prior to an election; a former resident of Missouri and authorized to vote for federal offices by federal law; a participant in the Missouri Safe at Home program (under sections 589.660 to 589.681.)

(2020 Only) Has contracted corona virus or is at-risk due to any of the following: is age 65 or older; lives in a long term care facility, has chronic lung disease/asthma, has a serious heart condition, is immunocompromised, has diabetes, has chronic kidney disease and undergoing dialysis, has liver disease **(2020 only)**. The State of Missouri allows for Mail-In voting for all registered voters.

Because of Covid-19 concerns, there will be fewer polling places on August 4th and perhaps again in November. When you receive your Notice of Election card, it will include your assigned poll location. The

poll location will be highlighted if there is a change from your previous location.



NOTE: AMEREN MISSOURI is offering an additional \$100 rebate through the Ameren Missouri Heating and Cooling Program

over and above the existing program rebates. The promotion is designed to make it easy for customers to upgrade their heating and cooling equipment to a qualifying high-efficiency model. Many good rebates are available through 2021. Find more information and apply today at: www.amerenmissourisavings.com/hvac .

IMPORTANT NOTICE!



TO KEEP INFORMED OF ANY CHANGES IN SERVICE BY REPUBLIC SERVICES in yard waste, trash or recycle collection, make sure that Republic Services has your current phone number. They will make a robo call to keep you informed of Holiday schedules and any other updates in necessary information that affects your service. Their phone number is: 636-947-5959.

BULKY ITEMS & APPLIANCE PICK-UP



REMINDER - *Bulky items* are defined as household materials that are too large to fit in with your regular waste collection container and that are not bundled into 4-ft or less bundles. Examples of bulky items: furniture, carpet, old bicycles, and *some* household construction materials. Wood, drywall etc. is limited to (1)-32gallon can per pickup. (Carpet must be bundled 4ft x 2ft or less). Containers may weigh no more than 50 lbs. Bulky items will be picked up at no additional charge, but there is a 2 item limit per week.

To order either a bulky or an appliance pickup, please call customer service at 636-947-5959 before 3 pm the business day before pickup.