



# Winchester Newsletter

Aug-Sept., 2016

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

## City Calendar



- Aug.**
- 3 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
  - 10 - School begins in **Parkway School District**
  - 10 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
  - 13 - **Party in the Park** at the Lower Playground, Pavilion and Gazebo, 10 a.m. - Noon. (See details on the back of this newsletter)
  - 16 - School begins in **Rockwood School District**
- Sept.**
- 5 - LABOR DAY, *City Hall Closed*
  - 7 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
  - 8 - No trash service today!  
*Holiday trash Schedule*
  - 9 - Holiday trash pick up TODAY!
  - 14 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct.**
- 3 - *Business Licenses Due*
  - 5 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
  - 12 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
  - 31- **HALLOWEEN** - Safety Center at Reber Park hosted by the St. Louis County Police - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

## CITY MEETING NEWS



In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following actions during **June & July, 2016:**

**Resolution #2016-02:** A resolution adopting the proposed budget for *fiscal year 2016-2017* for the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri.

**ORDINANCE #1052** -An ordinance adopting a 5 year proposal from Republic Services for the collection of solid waste, recycle materials and yard waste.

**Liquor Licenses** were approved for the following businesses:

**Island Bar**, 14560 Manchester Rd., #28, Full

**Paradise Indian Cuisine**, 14560 Manchester Rd., #9-11, both Full and Sunday Liquor Licenses

**Rice Thai Bistro**, 14536 Manchester Road, both Sunday and 5% Beer and Wine Liquor Licenses

## **NOTICE!!**

*Regretfully, summer brings park problems and an appeal for your help.* Winchester residents, and especially those living close to Reber Park, The months of June and July have brought **vandalism problems**. New sod has been pulled up, picnic tables in the pavilion have been turned over and moved, public restrooms vandalized, etc.

If any suspicious activities are seen or heard, *please report them immediately to the police.* Call 911 for a crime in progress. Their non-emergency phone number is 636-529-8210.

### **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, 2017

636/394-6023

### **WARD I**

Marie Bach

Term Expires April, 2017

636/227-6344

Sarah Gibbs

Term Expires April, 2018

309/749-7003

### **BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

Tony DeLuca

Term Expires April, 2017

314/220-2119

### **WARD II**

Michael Schmidt

Term Expires April, 2018

314/706-8169

**Saint Louis  
COUNTY**  
**POLICE DEPT**



With summer in full swing, the West County Precinct would like to remind citizens to be cognizant of a few things.

Keep your doors closed, especially at night. Protect yourself, as well as your belongings, from those who would enter through unlocked doors leading into your home or your car. Many people simply forget to lock an entry door before retiring. If you have a habit of doing so, keep the door locked as an all-around safety measure.

The St. Louis County Police Home Safety Handbook suggests the following:

### **KEY CONTROL**

True security begins with key control. When you move into a home, always have the locks rekeyed. You should also take this step if you lose your keys. A locksmith can rekey your locks without replacing them in most cases.

Do not "hide" an emergency key outside your residence. It is better to trust a friend or neighbor with a spare key for emergencies. Never have a name printed on your house keys. If the keys are lost or stolen, you may have a problem.

Keep car keys and house keys separate. This way your house keys are never left with a stranger.

Keep vehicles that may be visible to a passers by locked. If you must keep valuables in your vehicle, keep them out of sight. Criminals tend to peer inside a vehicle to see if there is anything of worth.

Exterior doors on houses should be of solid core construction, at least 1-3/4" thick. The door frame should also be of heavy construction.

Call 911 for a crime in progress. Their non-emergency phone number is 636-529-8210.

## **PARK & RECREATION NEWS**

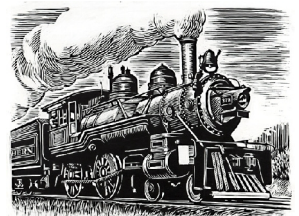
All municipal parks in the City of Winchester shall be closed  
*between the hours of Dusk and 7:00 AM*  
and a person shall not be in the parks during those hours except as authorized by Pavilion permit.

### **REBER PARK**



The second Saturday in August holds a special tradition in the City of Winchester when the City looks forward to hosting the annual Party- in- the- Park. *See the back cover of this newsletter for further details.*

**The Museum of Transportation**, near Dougherty Ferry and Barrett Station Roads in West St. Louis County.



### **Daily Hours**

Memorial Day - Labor Day, 2016

**MONDAY - SATURDAY:** 9:00AM-4:00PM

**SUNDAY:** 11:00AM-4:00PM

### **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*



The following information is presented by MSD & the stormwater library of the Project Clear Stormwater management Plan which has been initiated by the Federal Government through the EPA.

### **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.



### **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.



**The new contract with Republic Services begins October 1<sup>st</sup>.**



Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> will be the first regularly scheduled pick up of solid waste, recyclables and yard waste under that contract. Residents will be billed quarterly by Republic at \$18.54/month (\$55.62.qtr). Note that these prices are about \$1 less than the 2015-16 pricing. The 10% senior discount will still be offered. Bulky waste will be allowed at 2 items per week but excludes concrete, bricks, vehicle parts, tires, whole trees and construction materials... not to exceed 150 pounds.

The phone number for Customer Service is 636-947-5959.



**ST LOUIS COUNTY PLANNING  
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT - HOME IMPROVEMENT  
PROGRAM (H.I.P.)** The Home Improvement Program (HIP) is a federally funded program to provide technical advice and financial assistance to qualified homeowners for a variety of home repairs. The program is administered by St. Louis County's Department of Planning, Office of Community Development, 4546 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, Mo., 63129. *Phone # 314-615-4025.*

In order to qualify, the homeowner must be the owner and occupant of the property, and gross household income from all occupants must meet established low-moderate income guidelines. Homeowners must be current in their mortgage payments and taxes. Applicants are served on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds are committed. The program permits a *one-time* participation per homeowner.

Approved repairs or replacements necessary to maintain minimum housing code standards are eligible. Homeowners may select their own general contractor and their assigned HIP Specialist will review and approve the bids.

A participant can receive 100% of the cost of correcting authorized repairs based on a maximum benefit limit of \$5,000. Winchester has been allocated \$20,000 from Community Development Block Grant Funds which will become available after January 1, 2017.

If you are interested, call *Debby* at 314-615-4025.

## STATE OF MISSOURI

### REDUCE CALLS, MAIL, OFFERS

#### TELEMARKETING CALLS

Missouri's No Call law prohibits telemarketers, with some exceptions, from calling households or personal cell phones on the Attorney General's No Call list. A telemarketer violating the list faces a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 per violation. Register your home or cell phone number for free: [ago.mo.gov](http://ago.mo.gov) or toll-free (866-772-2551)

#### MAIL

Mail Preference Service lets you delete your name from many direct mail lists. Send your request in writing with a \$1 processing fee or register online for free: [www.dmachoice.org](http://www.dmachoice.org)



DMA choice - Direct Marketing Association

P. O. Box 282

Carmel, NY 10512

### **PRE-APPROVED CREDIT CARD OFFERS**

Credit bureaus allow you to "opt out" of having pre-approved offers of credit and insurance sent to you: 888-567-8688 or [www.optoutprescreen.com](http://www.optoutprescreen.com)

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## COUNTY

### **Property Fraud Alert-**

Q: What is property fraud?

A. When someone illegally uses your property for financial gain.

Q. How does it happen?

A. Someone records a fraudulent document in the County Land Records Office, making it look like they own your home or property.

Q. Should I be concerned?

A. YES. According to the FBI, Property and Mortgage fraud is the fastest growing white-collar crime.

Q. What can I do about it?

A. Your County Land Records Office has teamed up to create a notification serviced called Property Fraud Alert.

Subscribe free of charge:

[www.propertyfraudalert.com](http://www.propertyfraudalert.com) or call the property fraud alert hotline at 1-800-728-3858.

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## COUNTY

## HEALTH



In single stream recycling, there are some general points to remember:

- labels on cans, jars, etc., do not have to be removed for today's recycling operations
- any paper that can be torn can be recycled
- the type of plastic determines if a container is recyclable, not the product inside the container ..... just rinse best possible and put in the recycling bin.



- cardboard boxes *must be broken down or flattened* before being picked up by the hauler for recycling

New technologies seem to have created convenience but, at times, with a price. Recycling is important. Greater recycling participation will help keep the cost of trash removal down. The more items that are recycled, the less landfill area will be required for trash, so let's all try to help.

**NOTE:** Republic Services is now recycling #6 plastics (*this does not include Styrofoam*)!

**Reduce**  **Reuse**  **Recycle**  
*Naturally!*



**SAINT LOUIS COUNTY Department of Public Works (Reminder)**

**St. LOUIS COUNTY WATER**

**SERVICE LINE REPAIR PROGRAM**

This program is *available to all* county residents. The water company bills the customer \$1/month. All you need to do is be current on the property's account in order to be eligible for the program.

This service is for repairs to the homeowner's private water service when the leak or broken stop cock valve is outside the foundation of the residence. City Hall can provide you with copies of applications.

If you have any questions about the program, please call: 314-615-8420.

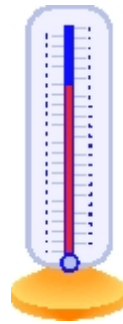
The following are steps for applying to St. Louis County:

- ▶ If you suspect a water line leak outside of your house, call Missouri American Water.
- ▶ The water company will send an inspector to confirm the leak, and will leave a **repair notice** at the property. The **repair notice** must be submitted to St. Louis County along with the **completed application**, by mail, to St. Louis County- Public Works, Water Service Line Repair Program, 121 S. Meramec, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr, Clayton, MO 63105 or faxed to 314- 615-8406. The phone number is 314-615-8420.
- ▶ St. Louis County will notify the homeowner when the application has been received.
- ▶ St. Louis County will solicit bids and award the repair job to a qualified contractor.

Homeowner will be notified of award and repair start date.

- ▶ St. Louis County will pay the contractor directly after final inspection of the repair.

### **BEAT THE HEAT**



Extreme Heat and heat related deaths are preventable. Heat waves occur when the temperature reaches extremely high levels or when the combination of heat and humidity causes the air to become oppressive. Those at high risk are people 65 and older, children younger than two, and people with chronic diseases. Closely monitor people who depend on you for their care. Be sure to stay hydrated with water...avoid sugary beverages. Stay cool in an air conditioned area, if possible. Avoid using your oven to cook. Wear light-weight, light colored, loose fitting clothes. Take cool showers or baths to cool down and check the local news for health and safety updates.

During extreme heat, the temperature in your car could be deadly! If the outside temperature is 80°, in 20 minutes the temperature inside your car can be 109°, in 40 minutes, 118° and in an hour, 123°!

Did you know that 1)those living in urban areas may be at a greater risk from the effects of a prolonged heat wave than those living in rural areas; 2)Sunburn can significantly slow the skin's ability to release excess heat; and, 3)Most heat-related illnesses occur because of overexposure to heat or over-exercising. *Even young and healthy people can get sick from the heat if they participate in strenuous physical activities during hot weather.* For more information on ways to beat the heat visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/extremeheat/>



**The Humane Society of Missouri** is also reminding us that innocent pets are dying in parked cars in the summer's brutal heat. Already this year, a dog in Frontenac perished after being left in a hot car, his internal organs literally cooked as he suffered horribly. Other suffering pets left in cars have been rescued just in the nick of time.

**70° & Over, Don't Take Rover!**  
**Animal Cruelty Hot Line 314-647-4400**