



Winchester Newsletter

April 2011

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

City Calendar



- April 1 - **Ballfield Reservation Permits** begin (Weather Permitting) through June 30th
- 1 - **Pavilion Reservations** begin - through Oct. 31st. Available @ City Hall - *must apply in person*
- 5 - **MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY**
See Location of Polling Place → →→
City Hall Open
- 6 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- 16 - **Egg Hunt @ Reber Park, 11 a.m.**
- 23 - **Egg Hunt Rain Date**
- May 4 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
- 8 - **MOTHER'S DAY**
- 11 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- 30 - **MEMORIAL DAY**, City Hall Closed
- June 3 - No trash service today! Holiday Schedule
- 4 - Holiday trash pick up TODAY!



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 5, 2011

for the election of *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.

Central Daylight Savings Time

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE:

for WILD HORSE TOWNSHIP PRECINCTS 049, 050 and 051 and QUEENY TOWNSHIP PRECINCTS 026 and 027 (all of Winchester) the polling place is:

St. John United Church of Christ

332 Old Sulphur Springs Rd.

Manchester, Missouri

Given under my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Winchester, Missouri this 19th day of January, 2011.

Barbara Beckett, CMC
City Administrator/Clerk



CANDIDATES FILE FOR OFFICE
APRIL 5, 2010 ELECTION

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

ALDERMAN (Two Year Term):

WARD I: **Marie Bach**

ALDERMAN (Two Year Term):

WARD II: **Jennifer Johnson**
Tony Deluca

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.

ELECTION POLLWORKERS NEEDED

The Board of Election Commissioners of St. Louis County is in need of election Pollworkers to staff the 450 polling places for the countywide elections throughout the year. In order to serve, you must declare one of the two major political parties and be a registered voter in the County. This is a paid position and you will be paid to attend a required training class. The work day begins at 5:00 a.m. and ends after the polls close at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like additional information, you can call 314-615-1865 or go to www.stlouisco.com/elections and either electronically submit or print, fill out and mail the form to the St. Louis County Election Board.

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POLICE DEPT



(Information from St. Louis County Police Newsletter)

A Mirror or a 2-Way Glass?

How can you tell when you are in a room, restroom, motel, etc., with a mirror or a 2-way glass? A policewoman who travels all over the US and gives seminars and techniques for businesswomen passed this on.

When we visit toilets, bathrooms, hotel rooms, changing rooms, etc., how many of you know for sure that the seemingly ordinary mirror hanging on the wall is a real mirror, are actually a 2-way mirror (i.e., they can see you, but you can't see them)? There have been many cases of people installing 2-way mirrors in female changing rooms. It is very difficult to positively identify the surface by looking at it. So, how do we determine with any amount of certainty what type of mirror we are looking at?

Conduct this simple test: Place the tip of your fingernail against the reflective surface and if there is a GAP between your fingernail and the image of the nail, then it is a GENUINE mirror. However, if your fingernail DIRECTLY TOUCHES the image of your nail, then BEWARE!! IT IS A 2-WAY MIRROR!!

REMEMBER: No Space, Leave the Place!!

Every time you see a mirror, do the "fingernail test." It doesn't cost you anything.

Ladies: Share this with your girlfriends, sisters, daughters, etc.

Men: Share this with your wives, daughters, daughters-in-law, mothers, girlfriends and/or friends.

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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)**

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.



This year's Egg Hunt will be held in Reber Park on Saturday, **April 16th** at 11 a.m. (*Rain Date April 23rd*). Children can search for eggs filled with candy, McDonald's certificates and "winner" slips for special prizes.

Please remember:

- ★ Each child needs to bring their own basket for egg gathering.
- ★ Only children are allowed in the hunt areas.



REBER PARK PAVILION - The Pavilion at Reber Park is available for use from **April through October** of each year, 7:00 a.m.- 9:30 p.m. for special functions, family reunions, barbeques, and birthday parties. Reservations will be taken at City Hall beginning **Friday, April 1st**, on a first come - first served basis.

- ★ A non refundable fee of \$30.00 is required for each date the pavilion is reserved.
- ★ Reservations **must** be made in person; however, you are encouraged to call City Hall to inquire whether a specific date is available.



C.O.R.P. - County Older Resident Programs

The County Older Residents Program (CORP), a division of the Office of Family and Community Services is committed to providing essential services and volunteer opportunities which assist older adults maintain independent lifestyles in the community. CORP serves adults 60 years of age and older residing anywhere in incorporated or unincorporated St. Louis County through a network of twenty neighborhood sites. The City of Winchester wishes to encourage those older residents of the City who may require assistance or assurance to be aware that the C.O.R.P. program may be of benefit to you. You may wish to be in a program whereby you would be contacted by phone daily to assure your well being; or, you may need transportation assistance to and from medical appointments!

Home Care & Repair

CORP recruits workers to provide low to moderate cost home repair and in-home services for St. Louis County residents who are 60 years and older. An office interview, plus reference and police checks are conducted for each worker registering with the Home Care & Repair program. A phone call to the CORP Coordinator at 314-615-4021 will provide customers with names and phone numbers of qualified individuals.

You may call Pamela Kettler, Neighborhood Coordinator at 636-529-0018. She works from Valley Park City Hall and the hours are 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. A recorder is on when no one is available to take your call.

Saint Louis COUNTY HEALTH



Don't Be a Mosquito Breeder!

Mosquitoes are an all too familiar summer nuisance and pose a potential health threat. Neighborhood mosquito control can prevent the transmission of mosquito-born diseases such as encephalitis, malaria, dog heartworm and West Nile Virus.

Here's an easy checklist to follow to prevent mosquito breeding around your home:

- Clean rain gutters and down spouts
- Discard old tires or store inside
- Empty flowerpots, tin cans, buckets - any container that might collect water
- Store wheelbarrows, canoes, boats upside down
- Empty, clean and refill birdbaths and small wading pools weekly
- Stock ornamental ponds with fish that eat mosquito larvae
- Repair leaky outside faucets
- Secure swimming pool covers tightly
- Keep grass cut and bushes trimmed
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St. Louis County's Vector Control Services monitors about 6,000 locations on **public** property throughout the county; however, *residents can do a very large part in mosquito control and prevention of the West Nile Virus by following the suggestions above.*

If you are interested in hearing information on the general location of mosquito spraying in St. Louis County you can call 314-615-4284 (**615-4BUG**). A recorded message is updated daily between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.



Household Chemical Collection (HHW) Program

The Saint Louis County Department of Health, in order to better serve the residents of the county, is developing a network of permanent household chemical drop-off locations that will be open on a routine schedule. Though popular, one-day collections don't address disposal needs between events and holding them is costly, averaging \$65 per participant. It is anticipated that the first site will be open in the fall of 2011.

The permanent program will be more cost-effective and more convenient but residents can expect some changes. To allow collection of the more difficult to manage and highly toxic products, we are looking at more sustainable options for the management of latex paint. In 2008, 594,000 pounds of latex paint were collected at a cost of \$186,840. That represents 57% of all the material collected! With proper planning, leftover paint can be avoided by following the first rule of household chemical management:

- Buy only as much of a product as needed
- Store properly to maintain products in useable condition
- Share or swap leftovers with others who can use them
- Recycle whenever you can

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



The following information is presented from the stormwater library of the Phase II Stormwater Management Plan which has been initiated by the Federal Government through the EPA.

DRAINING RESIDENTIAL SWIMMING POOLS

The requirements for draining residential swimming pools addresses draining pools and proper disposal of wastewater from filter backwashing.

Filter backwash water requirements:

- Backwashing is defined as the rinsing and/or cleaning of cartridge or sand filters. Filter backwashing produces water that contains pollutants such as chlorine and sediment
- Filter backwash should be discharged to the sanitary sewer system or it may be discharged onto the pool owner's property as long as it can

be absorbed into the ground

- Filter backwash water may not be discharged offsite to streets or the storm system
- Do not allow filter backwash water to flow onto a neighboring property or street

Draining swimming pools usually involves large volume of water with chlorine levels that can impact aquatic life in local streams. Acceptable procedures for emptying a pool are as follows:

- A pool may be emptied by discharging to the storm water system if the chlorine content is ≤ 1 part per million and free of other chemicals
- Chlorine levels can be dissipated to acceptable levels in several days by no longer adding chlorine to the pool
- The pH level of the water must be tested prior to discharge and must fall within a range of 5.5-11.5
- The water must not be cloudy or discolored and must be free of algae and contaminants; water may be drained on the owner's property - provided it goes to a drainage channel or along the curb line gutter of a paved street
- Water must be monitored to ensure that it does not cause any erosion of the drainage channels. Discharges to the sewer must be controlled at a rate that will not surcharge the lines in the area
- Discharges of pool water containing pollutants such as chlorine, sediment or organic debris must be drained to the sanitary sewers.

REMINDER



LEASH LAW - It is evident that our neighborhood is filled with pet lovers. Please consider that dogs and cats are not permitted to run at large in Winchester. They 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

Pet waste 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.

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

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



EXPERIENCE THE FUN!!

Are you interested in: making new friends, hearing great speakers, going on exciting trips, playing Bingo or cards? If you are **over 55**, this is a great group in which to become involved

Regular meetings are from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, September through May at the Ballwin Golf Club, 333 Holloway Road. Coffee, tea, soda and desserts are provided. Bring a sack lunch. Regular meetings cost \$1; special luncheons involve separate fees. Prepayment is required for all luncheons. **Regular meetings in April are the 11th and 25th. The last meeting is May 9th - annual BBQ in Bluebird park.** More detailed information and registration forms are available at regular meetings. For additional details, call one of the following:

L.O.A.P. REPRESENTATIVES

City of Ballwin, Colleen Ahearn:	636-227-2357
City of Chesterfield, Becky Dooley:	636-812-9510
City of Ellisville, Sherri Klekamp:	636-227-7508
City of Manchester, Stephanie Hardesty	636-391-6326
Parkway School District, Diana Stewart	314-415-8069

COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULB (CFL)

Using and Recycling CFLs

You save energy and reduce greenhouse gases every time you use an Energy Star® qualified compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL) instead of a standard incandescent bulb. These bulbs use 75% less energy than standard incandescent bulbs, produce about 75% less heat and last up to 10 times longer.

Recycle your used bulbs by depositing them at nearby CFL recycling location such as Home Depot, Ace Hardware or Metro Lighting. Burned out or broken CFLs need to be disposed of properly. If a bulb breaks, the EPA suggests these steps:

1. Open a nearby window and leave the room for 15 minutes or more
2. Don't use a vacuum cleaner. Wear gloves and scoop fragments with cardboard and place them in a puncture proof container such as a tightly sealed glass jar. On carpet, use tape to pick up small pieces and powder
3. Wipe the area clean with damp paper towels
4. Place all cleanup materials in the sealed container and take them to a CFL recycling location. Wash your hands after cleanup and disposal
5. For more information on CFL disposal, visit epa.gov/bulbrecycling



PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL PERMITS

Chapter 520 of the Winchester Municipal Code defines a Private Swimming Pool as "Any structure that contains water over twenty-four (24) inches in depth and which is used, or intended to be used, for swimming or recreational bathing and which is available only to the family and guests of the householder. This includes in-ground, above-ground and on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs and spas."

In recent years a number of the new style plastic pools have been installed throughout the city. These provide a great new way for individuals to have the convenience of a private swimming pool; however, even though they are made of plastics, *they do fit the definition of a private swimming pool and require a permit.* If you are considering one of these pools, stop by City Hall and pick up a pool permit packet before installation. The total permit fee for above-ground pools eighteen (18) feet or less in diameter is \$35.00.

Odd Jobs List

If you like to cut lawns, babysit, or do any variety of home jobs, then complete the form on the lower half of the outside of the newsletter and return it to City Hall. 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. We will be happy to provide names from the returned form. Please consider:

- ▶ 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
- ▶ **Any resident interested in advertising to another resident should complete and return a new form yearly. We do not keep previous years' forms.**

PARK VANDALISM

Just after dark on Friday evening, February 25th, there was an **attempted break in/burglary** at the park maintenance garage. The central alarm went off and police were summoned. Not only was the garage vandalized, the lights in the pavilion were broken and a few other minor acts were committed. If these things can happen at the park, barely past evening rush hour on a Friday evening, it could spill over to residential property. **BE AWARE!** If you hear an alarm, try to look out your windows. You may see something that could help the police catch the culprits. Remember, vandalism against City property costs everyone.