



Winchester Newsletter

Aug-Sept., 2011

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

City Calendar



- Aug.** 2 - National Night Out (see page 2)
 3 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
 10 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
 13 - **Party in the Park** at the Lower Playground & Pavilion, 10 a.m. - Noon.
 16 - Parkway District - School begins
 17 - Rockwood District - School begins
- Sept.** 7 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
 5 - **LABOR DAY, City Hall Closed**
 9 - No trash service today!
Holiday trash Schedule
 10 - Holiday trash pick up TODAY!
 14 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct.** 1 - *Business Licenses Due*
 5 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
 12 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
 31 - HALLOWEEN



CITY MEETING NEWS



In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following actions during **June & July, 2011:**

Resolution #2010-03: A resolution adopting the proposed budget for *fiscal year 2011-2012* for the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri.

ORDINANCES -

#993 - An ordinance adopting and enacting the site design guidance regulations as amended as the site design guidelines of the City of Winchester, Missouri

#994 - An ordinance adopting and enacting the Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri

#995 - An ordinance enacting a schedule of fees pursuant to Section 405.530 regarding fees, charge and expenses for administration of the zoning code of the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri.

#996 - An ordinance providing for the execution of a franchise agreement extension by the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri with Allied Services, LLC for five years.

#997 - An ordinance authorizing the City of Winchester to enter into Residential Energy Efficiency loan program cooperation agreement and authorizing and directing the Mayor of the City of Winchester to enter into on behalf of said city an agreement with St. Louis County, Missouri for the residential energy efficiency loan program.

Full Liquor Licenses were approved for the following businesses:

Island Bar, 14560 Manchester Rd., #28

Salem's West, 14560 Manchester Rd., #9-11

Winchester City Hall

Voice-TDD: 636/391-0600

FAX: 636/391-6365

Email: winchestermo@charter.net

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, 2013

636/394-6023

WARD I

Marie Bach

Term Expires April, 2013

636/227-6344

Karl W. Koeb

Term Expires April, 2012

636/527-4215

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Tony DeLuca

Term Expires April, 2013

314/220-2119

WARD II

Michael Schmidt

Term Expires, April 2012

636/394-7592



WINCHESTER NEIGHBORHOOD STATION

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - Join forces with thousands of communities nationwide, Tuesday, August 2, 2011 for the Annual National Night Out Crime and Drug Prevention Event. St. Louis County's Winchester Officers will be meeting residents in the neighborhood between 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.. The officers would appreciate your turning your outside lights on, locking your doors and spending a portion of the evening outside with neighbors and police.

National Night Out is designed to:

- ❖ Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- ❖ Generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts;
- ❖ Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations; and
- ❖ Send a message to criminals, letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

PARK VANDALISM

In the latter part of June, the Winchester officers made and handed out fliers to those residents living immediately around the park. In the April newsletter, it was reported that there had been an attempted *break in/burglary* at the park maintenance garage, triggering the central alarm. Acts of vandalism have continued to occur. The City would like every resident to be aware. If you hear an alarm, please look out your windows. You may see something that could help the police catch the culprits. Remember, vandalism against City property costs everyone.



Mosquitoes Test Positive for West Nile Virus in St. Louis County (June 23, 2011)

Mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus have been discovered in communities ranging from Lemay to Florissant, although no human cases have been reported, according to the Saint Louis County Department of Health. Positive results have also been reported in mosquitoes in Mehlville, Richmond Heights, Clayton, Hanley Hills and Manchester.

The Health Department routinely collects mosquito

samples to test and help determine where to focus control efforts. Vector Control monitors and treats standing water in public areas as part of its preventative larviciding program. To find out where the county will be spraying, call **314-615-4-BUG** (314-615-4284) for the nightly mosquito-spraying schedule.

“Positive mosquito tests are a reminder that preventative measures are important,” said Saint Louis County Health Department Director Dr. Dolores J. Gunn. “Even though serious West Nile Virus cases in humans are rare, it is important to minimize our exposure. We can do this by eliminating opportunities for mosquitoes to breed and multiply, and protect ourselves by using repellants,” Dr. Gunn said.

Here are steps residents can take to reduce the opportunities for mosquitoes to flourish:

- At least once a week, drain water from garbage cans, buckets, toys, flowerpots, wading pools, pet dishes, and other objects that collect water. Change water in birdbaths at least once a week.
- Keep gutters cleaned out, and repair any tears in door and window screens.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants and light colors outdoors.
- Spray clothing with repellents containing DEET or picaridin, making sure to follow the directions on the label.
- Look for products containing the active ingredient methoprene or Bti (*Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*) to place in birdbaths or ponds, to prevent mosquitoes from developing.
- Flexible drainage pipe is commonly used to drain water from downspouts. A big drawback is that it holds water and breeds mosquitoes if not properly sloped when installed.

For more information on mosquito prevention, contact the County Vector Control office at 314-727-3097 or visit the Health Department's website at: <http://www:stlouisco.com/HealthandWellness>.



Residential Energy Efficiency Loan Program

As you may have noticed under City Meeting News, the City of Winchester has entered into an agreement with St. Louis County for the **residential energy efficiency loan program**. Low interest loans are available to St. Louis County homeowners for upgrades that reduce energy costs in homes such as insulation, energy efficient furnaces, air conditioning, doors and windows.

St. Louis County **SAVES™** is a \$10.4 million residential energy efficiency loan program supported by partnerships between the following organizations:

St. Louis County – primary sponsor of the program with oversight on all aspects of delivery to promote energy efficiency and economic development in the community.

EarthWays Center, a division of Missouri Botanical Garden – promotes sustainability through environmental education and improving the built environment; leads contractor recruitment, training, energy efficiency verification and marketing efforts for the program.

Abundant Power Solutions - partners with states and municipalities to design, administer and finance energy-efficiency and renewable-energy programs.

For more information visit www.stlouiscountysaves.com



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

...Would you like to find a “cause” near your home where you can contribute time and really help out? Area you a “people person”

who enjoys interacting with others, especially individuals who will appreciate an interested listener? If so, you may be interested in a program offered by the Saint Louis County Department of Human Services’ County Older Resident Program (CORP). CORP’s “Neighbor Driving Neighbor” program matches volunteers with older adults living nearby and needing rides for medical appointments. Having never learned to drive, or no longer able to do so, many older residents also are unable to access public or even senior transportation and are not able to afford taxis. Family members may live out of town, work full time or have serious health issues that impact their ability to help out when needed. Through the efforts of dedicated volunteers, CORP’s Neighbor Driving Neighbor program provides a vital link that enables seniors to stay healthy and

remain living independently in the community. Volunteers use their own cars for rides that are scheduled at least 5 days in advance and are free of charge for the senior. The program offers volunteers flexibility for designating preferred days and hours, as well as geographic areas to which they will drive. Orientation, defensive driving training and mileage reimbursement, plus other educational and social activities also are available. CORP provides many opportunities for helping older adults, utilizing professional skills, plus assisting with administrative activities. To learn more about the “Neighbor Driving Neighbor” program or other volunteer openings, please call CORP at 314-615-4516 or e-mail tlabovitz@stlouisco.com.



HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE - The Labor Day Holiday, September 5, 2011 will change our regularly scheduled Friday pick up to Saturday, September 10th. The City’s regular Friday trash removal schedule will resume the following week.



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.

If yard waste is disposed of along a creek or in a storm drain, it can have a negative impact on the community. If yard waste decays in creeks and rivers and decomposes, oxygen is removed from the water and fish and other aquatic life can’t survive in water with low oxygen. As it decomposes, plant nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus are also released. These nutrients promote the excessive growth of algae in the water. As the water becomes polluted, it does not support aquatic life and becomes a health hazard. Erosion also becomes a problem. Added yard waste covers the ground and keeps out the natural vegetation that helps to stabilize the bank.

What Can You Do?...a): never allow yard waste to be washed down or put into storm drains; **b):** do not sweep or blow grass clippings along the street or into a storm drain; **c):** do not dump grass or yard waste onto a creek bank or area where it will be washed into creeks and rivers; **d):** control soil erosion on your property by planting native trees and ground cover to stabilize erosion prone areas; **e):** mow grass higher and leave grass clippings on the lawn to retain moisture and provide nutrients to the soil as they decompose; **f):** do not over water your lawn or garden. This may increase leaching. Improper disposal of *any* waste in the sewers and catch basins is illegal!



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. As of mid-July, this program has not yet received allocated funds; however, the office is taking applications in hopes that the funds will become available sometime in August. At this time, no one from Winchester has applied.

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 under the following terms and conditions: Homeowners will sign a 5-year forgivable Agreement providing for an annual remission of 20% of the original amount of the grant as long as they continue to own and occupy said premises. Those that continue to own and maintain their homes for five years after the repairs are completed will be issued a *Deed of Release*. Those participants that sell, rent, transfer, or in *some* cases refinance their property, will be required to repay the pro-rated amount of the improvements.

A HIP specialist visits the home and prepares a written Scope of Work. Owner acknowledges that all housing code violations may not be abated under the scope of work; however, any items marked **REQUIRED** must be completed and certified such at the final inspection. The owner receives a copy of the Scope of Work and solicits two bids for repairs exceeding \$1,000. These bids are reviewed with a HIP Specialist. The

homeowner must obtain bid approval within 45-days, sign a contract within 60-days and complete the entire project within four-months of their acceptance into the program. Failure to secure bids or a signed contract in the time specified will result in the homeowner being suspended from the program. When all the repair items are completed and pass final inspection, a check will be requested based on the contract amount. The check will be mailed directly to the contractor.



A WARNING from the St. Louis Area Police Chiefs Association, St. Louis County Police Department, Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis and the Humane Society of Missouri. Just a few minutes in a hot car could kill your pet! 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, please call our rescue hotline at 314-647-4400 or your local police.

CRIME PREVENTION TIP (from *St. Louis County West County Precinct's Neighborhood Watch Newsletter*) Most crimes are "crimes of opportunity". The criminal did not have a plan to commit the crime. The criminal simply took advantage of the situation. Whether it was an unattended purse in a shopping cart or a set of unsecured golf clubs in a garage with the overhead door open, the thief saw an easy target and took advantage of the moment. The simplest and most effective crime tip to implement on an everyday basis is to deny the criminal the opportunity to commit the crime. For example, lock your car doors when going inside the business to pay for your purchase. *Do not leave purses, checkbooks, and especially firearms unsecured the inside of unattended motor vehicles.* You should immediately report suspicious persons or vehicles to the police. If something does n't look "right" it probably isn't.

Why Should I Recycle?

1. It's easy. "Single Stream Recycling" has changed the way we think about recycling. We can throw paper, plastics, glass and metal all into the same container.
2. Decrease the amount of "trash" going into the landfill.
3. The greatest environmental benefit, conserving energy and natural resources.

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

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.



CITY OF WINCHESTER'S PARTY IN THE PARK

IT'S PARTY TIME AGAIN!

Plan to bring the family to the annual Party in the Park, Saturday, August 13th, from 10 a.m. - 12 Noon at Reber Park. As in years past, there will be something for every age to enjoy!

The Bubble Guy will be filling the air with thousands of bright bubbles again this year.

"Mad Science" returns at 10 am with the Superball Booth and follows at 11 am by Slime.



Two clowns will be doing face painting and making balloon creations during the entire party. Child Identification will again be available and free. Parents can have their child's finger prints made for safe keeping.

Adopt-a-Pet and information from St. Louis County Health will be at the lower end of the park. *New* this year will be the American Service Dog Association doing a demo and answering questions.



Returning again will be our St. Louis County Police Department with their many displays of cars, equipment and possibly a Police canine team. (There may even be an opportunity to view a helicopter

land on the ballfields!)

West County EMS & Fire Protection District will provide ambulance and pumper demos as well as, weather permitting, a Safety House .



ALLIED WASTE SERVICES

Allied Waste team representatives come to the Party in the Park with you Saturday, August 13th. Celebrate your recycling efforts and discover more about what happens to your materials once it leaves your home. Come get your "green" on and catch some fun giveaways.

PAVILION AND PARK GRANT SURVEY

Winchester has the opportunity to apply for Municipal Parks Grant Commission funds to repair or replace the pavilion in Reber Park. One element of the application is the generation of data from a community survey. Residents will be asked to take a little time to fill out a short survey about their use of Reber Park.



**HOPE TO SEE YOU
THERE!**

RESIDENT APPRECIATION DRAWING

\$25 gift certificate to Cecil Whittakers Pizza

Fill out this form with your name, address and phone # and deposit it in the basket at the pavilion for a \$25 gift certificate to:

Cecil Whittakers Pizza.

Name:

Address:

Phone No:

Must be present to win
Drawing 12:00 Noon
(One form per family)



REBER PARK PAVILION - There are still 3 months to enjoy the pavilion at Reber Park. It is available for use from **April through October** of each year, 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. for special functions, family reunions, barbecues, and birthday parties. Reservations are taken on a first come - first served basis at City Hall.

⊗ 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.