



# Winchester Newsletter

October, 2011

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

## City Calendar



- OCT 1 - COMMUNITY CLEAN UP!**  
8:00 am - 1:00 pm... see back cover for details
- 1 - Business Licenses Due
  - 5 - Court, 7:00 p.m.
  - 6 - NEW TRASH DAY PICK-UP BEGINS THURSDAY, OCT. 6<sup>th</sup>
  - 12 - City Meeting, 7:30 p.m
  - 31- Pavilion rentals end
  - 31- **HALLOWEEN**  
Safety Center at Reber Park hosted by the St. Louis County Police, 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



- NOV 1 - Election Day**
- 2 - Court, 7:00 p.m.
  - 6 - Daylight Savings Times Ends, Turn your clocks back 1 hour
  - 9 - City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
  - 24 - THANKSGIVING  
City Hall Closed  
No trash service today
  - 25 - City Hall Closed  
Holiday trash pick up TODAY!



## CITY MEETING NEWS



In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following action during **August and September, 2011:**

**ORDINANCES** - Your Board of Aldermen approved the following ordinances:

**#998** - An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Winchester, Missouri to execute the Municipal Housing and Community Development Agreement of 2012-2014 and supplemental agreements thereto with St. Louis County with regard to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended.

**#999**- An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Winchester to sign a professional services contract with Associated Land Surveyors and Engineers, Inc.

**#1000** - An ordinance *repealing Section 205.030: Dog and cat license fees and procedures* of the Municipal Code of the City of Winchester.

**#1001** - An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign a retainer agreement for legal services for the investigation of the books and records of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE and/or Ameren Missouri.

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### **Winchester City Hall**

Voice-TDD: 636/391-0600

FAX: 636/391-6365

Email: [winchestermo@charter.net](mailto:winchestermo@charter.net)

### **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, 2013

636/394-6023

### WARD I

Marie Bach

Term Expires April, 2013

636/227-6344

### BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Karl W. Koeb

Term Expires April, 2012

636/527-4215

Tony DeLuca

Term Expires April, 2013

314/220-2119

### WARD II

Michael Schmidt

Term Expires, April 2012


636/394-7592


Website: [www.city.winchester.mo.us](http://www.city.winchester.mo.us)


#1002 - An ordinance maintaining the tax rate of business license taxes on the gross receipts of electric utilities within the City of Winchester.

#1003 - An ordinance providing for the amendment of the snow removal contract between the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri and L. Krupp Construction Company, Inc.

**Resolution #2011-04:** A resolution in support of an application to the Municipal Parks Grant Program for the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri

  
**NOTICE**  
**ALLIED WASTE SERVICES**  
Allied Waste is Winchester's Solid Waste Collection Services Contractor. The contract provides the following basic services to every home in Winchester at a cost of \$18.05/month (\$16.25/month) for Senior Citizens, billed quarterly.  
**SOLID WASTE COLLECTION IS NOW ON THURSDAY**

  
**A REMINDER FOR WINCHESTER BUSINESSES**  
**LICENSES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE ON THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER EACH YEAR. YOUR LICENSE APPLICATION FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO CITY HALL, WITH THE CORRECT FEE BY 4:00 P.M., OCT. 1, 2011.**

  
The schedule for FLU & PNEUMONIA VACCINATIONS by the Visiting Nurse Association is available by calling 314-918-9090 or visiting the Visiting Nurse Association at [www.VNASTL.com](http://www.VNASTL.com).

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DONATION DRIVE**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2011 9 AM - 2 PM**


Make a tax-deductible donation of your medical equipment such as wheelchairs, scooters, canes, crutches, walkers, shower chairs, portable commodes, seating cushions, folding ramps, etc. and St. Louis HELP (Health Equipment Lending Program) will clean, refurbish and loan to individuals in need at no cost.

Drop-off location: Dierbergs, Manchester, 421 Lafayette Center, 63011



**WINCHESTER NEIGHBORHOOD STATION**  
***Crime happening in Winchester*** on the night of August 12<sup>th</sup> consisted of vehicle entry and resulting thefts. This was wide spread throughout the City. *The vehicle entry and thefts were in unlocked vehicles.* The Police report that thefts from unlocked motor vehicles continue to occur in this area and there have been some larcenies in which windows on vehicles were shattered in order to gain entry. To prevent these thefts, they recommend that nothing of value be in plain view while a vehicle is unattended and, *obviously*, keep your vehicles locked. Citizens should immediately report any suspicious behavior, such as persons loitering in a parking lot or individuals walking in neighborhoods late at night.

October is National Crime Prevention Month. Let's develop habits that can help guard against making it easy for crime to happen.

  
**NOTICE to all Winchester pet owners....** at the August 10<sup>th</sup> Board of Aldermen meeting it was unanimously approved to remove the ordinance requiring City pet tags from the Municipal Code. It remains, however, a county ordinance for both dogs and cats to be vaccinated against rabies. The veterinarian will issue a Rabies Identification Tag which should immediately be put on your pet's collar. An identifying microchip can also be injected under a pet's fur for a modest cost. This "chip" can be read with a special scanner even if your pet loses its collar and tag. These things could serve as your pet's "Free Phone Call Home". This is the responsible thing to do for your pet.

**REMINDER...**It shall be unlawful for the owner of **any dog or cat**, whether vaccinated or not, to permit such dog or cat to run at large or to go off the premises of the owner unless such dog or cat is under restraint. "At large" and "restraint" applies to cats as well as dogs.

*Municipal Code Section 205.190*



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*



**TRICK OR TREAT** - Halloween is almost here and your local St. Louis County Officers are preparing for your “ghosts & goblins”. They will host a **Halloween Safety Center** from 5:30pm-8pm at Reber Park, Halloween night. Treats will be available. Look for upcoming details on the Reber Park Sign Board.

## PARK & RECREATION NEWS

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



### PARTY IN THE PARK

The weather was perfect for our annual Party in the Park on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 300 residents, relatives and friends enjoyed all that the park had to offer.

Returning to the event was Tekno Bubbles, again a huge success. All sizes of bubbles and

some smoke rushed through the air being chased by many children and a few adults. “Mad Science” created bouncy balls and slime. The clowns made wonderful, creative balloon sculptures and funny face paintings.

While parents utilized the free child ID program, dental check-ups were being conducted. Stray Rescue and St. Louis County Animal Control were on hand to give out information as well as provide animals to pet, love and perhaps, adopt. The St. Louis County Police had a lot for all to check out. The helicopter landed... always a big attraction. West County EMS and Fire Protection brought a pumper truck and Fire Safety House for viewing. Information on Martial Arts and the American Service Dog Training organization were also available. Free bottled water was donated by Walgreens at Baxter and Manchester and a big thank you goes out to them. All in all everyone, young, old or in between had a great day. The winner of the \$25 Cecil Whittakers Pizza gift certificate was Brian Foster. Congratulations! For many years this event has been a great activity for our residents and neighbors. Let’s look forward to next August and another great Party in Reber Park! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this year another success.



### TEAM UP FOR FIRE SAFETY

(Portions Reprinted from the nfpa website)

Every fire safety team starts with firefighters but they can’t do it alone. This year, Fire Prevention Week is October 9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>.

The following are safety tips from the National Fire Protection Association.

- ◆ Draw a home escape plan and discuss it with everyone in your home.
- ◆ Practice the plan at night and during the day, twice a year, with everyone in your home
- ◆ Know at least two ways out of every room. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily

- ◆ Have an outside meeting place a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- ◆ Practice using different ways out
- ◆ Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them
- ◆ Close doors behind you as you leave

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire in 1871.

**For additional information** on the Chicago and other fires visit the National Fire Protection Association Website at [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)



**PROPER LEAF DISPOSAL** - Falling announce Autumn's arrival; however, they can create problems.... problems that the City needs your help in preventing.

We ask residents to consider the following: Leaves and/or other debris filling storm sewers cause the sewers not to function well and can lead to unnecessary flooding. This is the reason why placing leaves out onto the street is strictly prohibited . . . leaves end up in storm sewers!

Leaf disposal is available through the Solid Waste Disposal Company's yard waste program. Yard waste removal costs are included with your normal Solid Waste bill. All you have to do is rake or gather the yard waste, put it in proper containers, and no sooner than 24-hours before the pick up day place the containers at the curb.

*Municipal Code Section 210.680*



**CITY OF WINCHESTER POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF HANDICAPPED STATUS**

The City of Winchester does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to or employment in its federally-assisted programs or activities. The following individual has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the development's (HUD) regulations

implementing Section 504 (24 CFR Part 8, dated June 1, 1988):

Barbara Beckett, City Administrator/Clerk  
 Winchester City Hall  
 109 Lindy Blvd., Winchester, MO 63021  
 Telephone (636)391-0600 Voice  
 1-800-735-2966 RELAY MISSOURI



**CORP - County Older Resident Programs**

CORP is part of St. Louis County Government's Department of Human Services. Residents of St. Louis County 60 years of age and older are eligible for a wide variety of services. CORP is currently in need of volunteers to provide transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, etc. Training and mileage reimbursement are available. To find out more about how you can make a difference in an older person's life call 314-615-4516.

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**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. The Community Development Block Grant Program is to assist low to moderate-income residents with home improvements such as plumbing, electrical, roofing, heating and cooling, concrete and tree trimming. Improvements are limited to \$5,000 per residence. St. Louis County administers the program for your city. Homeowners who are interested must meet certain income and eligibility guidelines:

# of persons living in home	combined adjusted gross income
1	\$38,300
2	\$43,750
3	\$49,200
4	\$54,650
5	\$59,050
6	\$63,400
7	\$67,800

For more information, please contact Rose at 314-615-4025 or Josh at 314-615-8235.

## 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!

As residents of Chesterfield, Ballwin, Ellisville, Manchester, *Winchester*, or part of the Rockwood or Parkway School Districts you are welcome to participate in this program.

Regular meetings are from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from September through May at the Ballwin Golf Course, 333 Holloway Road. Regular meetings cost \$1; special luncheons involve separate fees.

Prepayment is required for all special luncheons and trips. For regular meetings, please bring a sack lunch. Plans for **September 12<sup>th</sup>** - The Sounds of Ed Morris; **September 26<sup>th</sup>** - Missouri History Museum (The Joureny West: Missouri and the Oregon Trail); **October 10<sup>th</sup>** - Art & Nancy Ruprecht; **Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>** - Chili Day & World Bird Sanctuary; **November 14<sup>th</sup>** - Thanksgiving Luncheon; **Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>** - Dr. John Oldani; **December 12<sup>th</sup>** - Holiday Brunch. Coffee, tea, soda and desert are always provided.

*The Hermann and Stone Hill Winery Trip* is on Tuesday, October 18, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 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



## ALLIED WASTE SERVICES

In October, Republic Services/Allied Waste will begin to provide Winchester residents with automated residential solid waste pickup. Automated service uses trucks with mechanical arms that lift the container and deposit trash or recycling into a compacting truck. The new 95 gallon wheeled trash carts were delivered during September. If the standard 95-gallon trash container is too large for your household, residents may call to request a 65-gallon trash container. Similarly, if the recycle cart is too small, *upgrade your recycle to a 95 gallon cart for FREE!*

The first day of collection with the new carts will be on **Thursday, October 6**. Here are a few tips for your cart.

- Place the container at least three feet from any tree, pole, hydrant, mailbox, etc. and at least five feet away from any cars parked in the street so the automated arm can reach your container.
- Place containers one foot from the curb or edge of the street.
- Remember to place the arrows on the lid of the cart toward the street and the handle toward the house.
- Do not overload the container or lean anything against the cart. If the lid is not closed, it will be subjected to wind and nuisance animals.
- Please place the containers at the curb prior to 7 a.m. on pickup day.
- Yard waste may not be placed in the container. State law prohibits yard waste, which is compostable, from being mixed with garbage or recycling.

If you have any additional questions or wish to upgrade your recycling cart, please call Allied Waste Customer Service at 636-947-5959 or visit [www.republicservicesstl.com](http://www.republicservicesstl.com).