



Winchester Newsletter

Jan - Feb, 2011

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

City Calendar



- DEC - 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE**
City Hall Closed
Regular trash pick-up today
- JAN - 3 - Ballfield Permit Applications**
available @ City Hall - return via
USPS postmarked by January 31st.
- 5 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
12 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
17 - **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**
18 - *Candidate Filing* for April Election
closes @ 5:00 p.m.
- FEB** 2 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
9 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
♥ 14 - **VALENTINE'S DAY**
21 - **PRESIDENT'S DAY**
(City Hall Open)
- MAR** 1 - **Animal Tags now delinquent**
2 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
9 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
13 - *Daylight Savings Time Begins*
♣ 17 - **ST. PATRICK'S DAY**



A Municipal Election will be held in the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, to elect *one Alderman from Ward I* and *one Alderman from Ward II*, each to serve a two (2) year term.

Declaration of Candidacy for said offices must be received by the City Clerk, Monday thru Friday, during regular business hours. Filing began on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. The closing date will be at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2011.

A candidate must be a qualified voter properly registered under the laws and the Constitution of the State of Missouri. A Candidate must not be in arrears in any unpaid City of Winchester taxes and must have been a resident of the City of Winchester for at least one year preceding the election.

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

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Winchester City Hall
Voice-TDD: 636/391-0600
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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, 2011
636/227-6344

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Karl W. Koeb
Term Expires April, 2012
636/527-4215

Jennifer Johnson
Term Expires April, 2011
314/265-7679

WARD II

Michael Schmidt
Term Expires, April 2012
636/394-7592

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.

Barbara Beckett, CMC
City Administrator/Clerk



CITY MEETING NEWS

In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following action during **November/December, 2010:**

ORDINANCES - Your Board of Aldermen approved the following ordinances and/or resolutions:

#989 - an ordinance adopting a 2011 contract with St. Louis County for the provision of full time police service within the City of Winchester.

#990 - an ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Winchester to sign a professional services contract with Marathon Civil Engineers, LLC.



TAX FORMS - The IRS.gov website has announced that tax package mailing is to end following growth of e-File. Individual and business taxpayers will no longer receive paper income tax packages in the mail from the IRS. These tax packages contained the forms, schedules and instructions for filing a paper income tax return.

The IRS is taking this step because of the continued growth in electronic filing and the availability of free options to taxpayers as well as to help reduce costs. Federal Income Tax Forms and Publications can be found at the www.irs.gov. The State of Missouri

will not be supplying individual tax forms. You can obtain tax forms by visiting the MoDOR website at: www.dor.mo.gov/tax. If you filed a paper return for 2009 on a form printed by the Department, you should receive a paper 2010 tax return from the Department. You may also obtain a form by using the automated Fax-on-Demand system (Form by Fax) at 573-751-4800.

Saint Louis
COUNTY
POLICE DEPT



WINCHESTER NEIGHBORHOOD STATION

*(Information reprinted from St Louis County
Precinct Newsletters)*

When to Call the Police

Many people hesitate about calling the police department, even when faced with circumstances that, upon reflection, are highly suspicious. Some people think they are bothering us and some are not sure what they are seeing. Use the following guide and your common sense to assist you in making your decision. *There are highly trained and experienced communications personnel at the other end of the line to ask questions and help decide the right thing to do.* For emergencies and crimes in progress, call 9-1-1. For non-emergency situations, dial 314-889-2341.

Try to remember: what the suspect looked like (height, weight, hair color, eye color, scars, tattoos, etc.), what the suspect was wearing (describe clothing from top to bottom, the suspect's direction of travel (north, south, or which road), and vehicle description (color, make, model, plate number and state if possible.) If you suspect any possible drug activity in your neighborhood and wish to remain "completely anonymous" you can call the drug hot line # 314-863-DOPE.

The City is asking that residents be alert to vandalism occurring in Reber Park. Vandalism does not occur only during the summer. *In October, fires were set in the restrooms and toilets were clogged with sticks, mud and debris during the day.* The city had to close the restrooms while weather was still fine enough for a lot of young families to enjoy the park. Fires were also set in trash cans on the multipurpose area next to Lindy. These acts were apparently unseen and unreported. In addition to the vigilance of the St. Louis County Police, the City is asking all residents, especially those of you living close to the park to **call the police immediately if any suspicious activities are seen or heard.**



(Information provided by Missouri DNR)

In order to conserve land fill space, promote recycling, and reduce the chance of environmental contamination, several items have been banned from Missouri landfills. Major appliances are one of those items. These include refrigerators, freezers, clothes washers and dryers, stoves, ovens, microwaves, dishwashers, trash compactors, water heaters and other “white goods.”

The first step in disposing of a major appliance, or any product, should be taken when you buy the product. When buying a refrigerator or other appliance, ask the retailer if the store or the distributor will take it back when its life span ends. Ask if they will take your old appliance, too. This gets consumers and manufacturers to consider disposing of the product before it becomes a problem and encourages manufacturers to begin recycling.

If the appliance still works, consider selling it or donating it to a charitable organization such as the Salvation Army. Otherwise, contact scrap metal collection centers or other recycling centers in your area and ask if they take major appliances. Some landfill operations also have storage areas for major appliances and charge a small fee for accepting them.

For more information on possible locations to bring your major appliance, contact the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries at 314/231-6077.

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.



TRICK OR TREAT - Halloween brought great weather and approximately 200 “trick-or-treaters” came out to Reber Park. Officer Combs, along with several City officials, handed out glow necklaces, candy, individual bags of popcorn.



BALLFIELD RESERVATIONS - Reber Park’s two ballfields are available for Organized League Team Practice from April 1st...or when the fields are deemed usable by City Hall...until the end of June each year. Ballfield Reservation Forms will be available at City Hall beginning Monday, January 3rd. Forms **must be returned by mail via the US Postal Service** to City Hall and will be processed on a first received, first served basis. *The deadline for a postmarked application is Saturday, January 31st, 2011.* Walk-in applications will be accepted after that time on a first come, first served basis, depending on field availability.

In order to recoup certain expenses, it has been determined that each athletic team using the ballfields in Reber Park will be required to pay a one time per season user fee of \$50.00 as partial recoupment.

Each team is limited to **one practice session each week**. Practice sessions are two hours and are available:

Weekdays (Mon-Fri)
4-6 p.m. *or* 6-8 p.m.

Saturdays
8-10 a.m. *or*
10 a.m.- Noon

Reduce  Reuse  Recycle
Naturally!



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS -

The West County Senior Center at 14535 Manchester Road needs volunteers for Meals on Wheels. If you can help or know a homebound senior in need of a hot lunch, please contact Janice

Fischer at 636-227-3882. Volunteers are asked to give one hour a week. Pick up for the deliveries are at 10:30 a.m. in the Manchester area. The more volunteers, the more seniors that can be helped.

MEAAA serves older adults in the counties of St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin. The West County Senior Center is open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. til 3:00 p.m. Hot lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Anyone over 60 years of age is welcome to participate in the activities.

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 *and* are **over 55**, this is a great group in which to become involved!

Participants will meet the *second and fourth Monday of every month between the months of September and May*. Meeting times are 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and cost \$1.00/person. Meetings are held at the Ballwin Golf Course which is located at 333 Holloway Road. Free coffee, tea, soda and desert are provided... we ask that you bring a sack lunch.

Day trips and special luncheons are optional and involve separate fees. Trip space is limited and is first come-first served. Pre-payment is required for all luncheons and trips. Detailed information and registration forms are available at the L.O.A.P. Meetings.

Lafayette Older Adults Program consists of a total of six municipalities, including Winchester, and two School Districts working together to make this program a success.

Schedule January - May:

Regular Meetings 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

Currently scheduled special events: Trivia Day, February 28th; St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, March 14th and annual BBQ in Bluebird Park, May 9th.

For additional information on upcoming programs, please call one of the representatives below:

City of Ballwin, Colleen Ahearn:	636-227-8950
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



ANIMAL TAGS DUE - By City Ordinance,

all dogs and cats residing in Winchester are required to wear a current Winchester tag. Municipal Code states that any dog or cat remaining for a period of seven days or any dog or cat that customarily returns for a period of ten days is presumed to reside in the City. **2011 pet tags are available December 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011.**

Residents who do not purchase pet tags before the deadline will be considered delinquent and in violation of municipal code. Please help yourself avoid a court summons and purchase your pet tag before the deadline.

Municipal Code Section 205.030

To purchase a Winchester tag, you will need a valid copy of your pet's Rabies Vaccination by a certified veterinarian. If you had a Winchester tag last year, you are welcome to call City Hall to see if your vaccination is still valid. There is a \$5.00 fee for each animal tag. Tags are not transferable and are valid for the calendar year only. City Hall personnel will complete a new form and issue a current tag after payment has been made. If you are experiencing difficulty in getting to City Hall to purchase a tag, we will be happy to help you make other arrangements.

A City tag is like a local phone call home for your pet. While no one ever expects their pet to become a stray, if it does, a Winchester tag is one way to put an owner and their pet back together again. The tag provides an opportunity for City Hall to help with these reunions.

Winchester residents are limited to the number of pets they may have - no more than two dogs and no more than two cats.

Municipal Code Section 205.010



CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Allied Waste will dispose of your Christmas Tree at no additional charge to you. Please consider that trees will not be picked up if they are in plastic bags.

- ❄ Remove all tinsel and garland from your tree and
- ❄ Place your tree curbside before 7:00 a.m. on any regularly scheduled pick up day.



WINTER WEATHER PARKING - A

Snow Emergency goes into effect between the hours of **6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. when an accumulation of snow and/or ice of two or more inches** is on the street. What does this mean? In Winchester, **it basically means that there is no parking on the fire hydrant side of each street.** This allows the snow removal crews adequate room for removing the snow and placing the salt/calcium chloride down on the roadways. During a Snow Emergency there is **NO PARKING** on the following streets:

- North side of street East of Lindy Lakeside, Ballwin, Orchard, Hillcrest, and St. Lawrence
 - West side of Chamberlin
 - West side of Rosedale
 - West of Lindy
 - North side of Evergreen, St. Lawrence
 - South side of James, Hillcrest
 - East side of Fairview, Lindy south of Hillcrest
 - West side of Solley
- Municipal Code Section 395.020*



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 and opportunities through CORP. CORP can provide transportation to medical appointments and grocery shopping; assistance with wills and other legal documents; companionship calls and visits; respite care (short breaks for care givers); information about community resources for older adults, etc.

If you feel you do not need these kinds of services but would like to help provide them for others, please consider being a volunteer. For more information, call Pamela Kettler - Neighborhood Coordinator, Valley Park City Hall - 636-529-0018, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feel free to leave a message on the answering machine if no one answers.



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.

Prevent household grease from polluting our waterways... grease accumulation in the sewer system causes obstruction by constricting flow or outright blockage of sewer pipes and interfering with the normal operation of the wastewater treatment system. Sewer backups that can overflow onto streets and into homes can damage property and the environment. All households play an important role in preventing neighborhood sewer system blockages. All too often fats, oils and grease are poured down the sink or garbage disposals which are not designed to properly handle these materials. Once fats, oils and grease enter the drain, it begins to build up in the pipes and can eventually cause blockage and backups.

You can help prevent grease blockages by disposing cooking grease with your local waste collection facility and not by putting it into drains or flushing it down commodes. Allow the fat to cool and solidify, then scrape it out, wrap it in newspaper or tin foil and dispose of it in your trash bin. Alternatively, pour it into a plastic container and when it has cooled, dispose of it in your trash bin.

Salt improves winter driveway conditions, but harms ecosystems...keeping roads and parking areas free of ice and snow is a part of modern life; however, road salt, one of the main tools used to achieve this task, contains chloride as its principal ingredient. Chloride not only melts snow and ice, it negatively impacts local lakes and rivers.

As snow and ice melt, they drain into landscaped areas or storm sewers. Waters from a deiced area contain high levels of chlorides which do not degrade. Excessive levels of chlorides can severely impair the ability of plants to absorb water and nutrients. These negative effects are common to both aquatic and terrestrial plants in residential gardens, landscaped areas and rivers. Fish and other aquatic organisms are then impacted by the decline in habitat. In surface waters, such as lakes, ponds and streams, salt can harm or kill aquatic life, both fish and plants.

Adopt the "Just Enough" principle, putting down just enough product to keep high traffic areas clear of ice and consider to switching to a non-chloride deicer where practicable.