



Winchester Newsletter

March 2012

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

City Calendar



- March 7 - Court, 7 p.m.
- ☉ 11 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins**-
“Spring Forward” - when you turn your
clocks forward, *change the batteries in your
smoke detector.*
- 14 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- ☄ 17 - **ST. PATRICK’S DAY**
- 31 - **Egg Hunt @ Reber Park**
11:00 a.m. 
- April 1 - **Pavilion Reservations** begin - through Oct.
31st. Available @ City Hall - *must apply in
person*
- 2 - **Ballfield Reservation Permits begin**
(Weather Permitting) through June 30th
- 3 - **MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY**
See Location of Polling Place → →
City Hall Open
- 4 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
- 7 - **Egg Hunt Rain Date**
- 11 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- 22 - **RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA** -
St. Louis Community College - see p. 2



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 3, 2012

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 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 63021

Given under my hand and the corporate seal of the City of
Winchester, Missouri this 18th day of January, 2012.

Barbara Beckett, CMC

City Administrator/Clerk

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

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

WARD I

Marie Bach

Term Expires April, 2013

636/227-6344

Karl W. Koeb

Term Expires April, 2012

636/527-4215

WARD II

Tony DeLuca

Term Expires April, 2013

314/220-2119

Michael Schmidt

Term Expires, April 2012

636/394-7592



CANDIDATES FILE FOR OFFICE
APRIL 5, 2012 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: **Carol J. Kraft**
- Brad Mason**
- Karl W. Koeb**
- Thomas P. Hennessy**

ALDERMAN (Two Year Term):

- WARD II: **Michael Schmidt**

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.

CITY MEETING NEWS



In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following actions during **January & February, 2012**

ORDINANCES - Your Board of Aldermen approved the following ordinances:

1007 - An ordinance enacting a Municipal Code Revision to Residential Smoke Detector Requirements.

See page 3 for details.

1008 - An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Winchester to enter into an agreement with the St. Louis County Municipal Park Grant Commission, and an agreement with Layneco Construction Services for the Reber Park Pavilion and Gazebo project.

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POLICE DEPT



(Partially reprinted from Roll Call)

With spring just around the corner we are all looking forward to opening our windows and getting out in our yards. Fresh air and sunny days can really brighten our spirits and lift us out of the doldrums of overcast, rain, and being snowed in. As you open up your homes, work in your yards, BBQ in the back, and go on walks or bike rides, please heed these practices to keep your home from getting targeted by thieves and burglars.

Burglars may see open windows as an access point to your home. Open your main floor windows when your home and close them when you leave. Generally, you can leave windows that are not accessible from the ground or deck open without problems. Never leave your front door unlocked while you're working in the backyard, mowing, etc... most of us have and some do it all the time. Thieves and burglars don't necessarily care if you're on the property as long as you're busy. It doesn't take long to grab a purse or wallet off the counter.

Secure your home. Locking up your home and closing windows only takes a minute while potentially saving you thousands of dollars and giving you peace of mind.

ST. LOUIS EARTH DAY's
RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA



Sunday, April 22nd from 9am - 3pm at St Louis Community College, Forest Park (off Oakland Avenue), all are invited to bring items that will be collected by one of a dozen partnering non-profit organizations or recycling companies.

A short list of the kinds of items that will be accepted at the collection event include:

- Books - hard and soft bound
- VHS, CDs & DVDs
- Clothing / Bicycles
- Electronics - including computers, monitors and TVs / Appliances of all sizes
- All types of metals, cords and wiring
- Construction and Building materials
- Styrofoam, plastic bags and bubble wrap
- Mattresses & tires; buttons and keys
- Rechargeable batteries & light bulbs

For more information go to www.stlouisearthday.org

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



GRANT AWARDED for PAVILION

The City is pleased to announce that we have been awarded a grant for a new Pavilion and Gazebo from the Municipal Park Grant Commission of St. Louis County. Check future newsletters or the website for updates on the progress.



INFORMATION SIGN - Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming events and last minute additions...the Reber Park entrance sign, located at Lindy Blvd. and Hillcrest Blvd., displays information on Park activities and City events.



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.

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



EXPERIENCE THE FUN!!

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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.

Bridge

Come join us in playing Bridge. This is not a beginning Bridge forum. Bring a partner or come and make new friends. Every Tuesday from 10a.m. - Noon at The Pointe. Coffee donations will be accepted.

Lunch and Bingo

Need a break from your every day routine? Then come join us the first and third Wednesday of the month for a delicious lunch, dessert, coffee, Bingo and prizes. The program starts at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$6 per person. You may pre-register on line a www.ballwin.mo.us or at The Pointe. Delicious lunch, fun prizes and great company.

Everyone lives in a watershed. Storm water runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snow melt flows over the ground in the watershed. Hard surfaces like rooftops, driveways, sidewalks and streets prevent storm water from naturally soaking into the ground.

Is Storm Water Runoff a Problem? Storm water runoff can pick up soil, trash, fertilizers, chemicals and other debris, and carry it into a storm sewer which transports it directly to a lake, stream, river or wetland in your watershed. Anything that enters a storm sewer goes untreated into the same water bodies we use for swimming, fishing and drinking water. The way you take care of your home and yard impacts water quality.

Municipal Code Revision to Residential Smoke Detector Requirements

Article III, Chapter 515

Single and multiple station smoke alarms shall be installed in the following locations:

1. In each sleeping room.
2. Outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms.
3. On each additional story of the dwelling, including basements and cellars, but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics. In dwellings or dwelling units with split levels and without an intervening door between the adjacent levels, a smoke alarm installed on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided that the lower level is less than one full story below the upper level.



HOUSING INSPECTIONS - The City

Winchester requires a housing inspection whenever a change in occupancy or ownership occurs. So, whether you decide to rent, sell your home, or move out and have other family members move in, an application for a housing inspection must be completed. Please consider the following:

- ⊞ A minimum of 24-hours notice is required before the inspector can inspect your property; You must pay the \$70.00 inspection fee before the inspection can take place – The inspector does not accept payment and an adult must be present during the inspection.
- ⊞ An **occupancy permit** is required for all residents before they move into their home; however, the City must have an approved inspection on file before the occupancy permit can be issued. Occupancy Permits are \$10.00 and upon application, we provide useful information to the new resident.

Municipal Code Section 515.070



BUILDING PERMITS - Play it safe and check with City

Hall before you start your improvement project. *Remember, a permit must be secured before construction begins or your permit fee will be doubled.* Winchester permits may be required for many projects including, but not limited to:

- new home construction
- re-hab existing structures
- retaining walls over 2 ft.
- excavations
- sheds
- garage/carports and/or garage/carport additions
- basement finishing or remodeling
- home additions
- patio covers
- glass enclosures
- monuments
- demolitions
- decks
- pools & hot tubs
- fences
- signs

Municipal Code Section 500.050

If you are in doubt whether a permit is required for a particular project, call City Hall for clarification.

In addition, **St. Louis County** requires the issuing and displaying of permits, before starting work, for the following:

- plumbing
- electrical
- explosives
- mechanical
- demolition
- weights & measures
- water/sewer connect

PERMIT DEPOSIT - Residential and Commercial permit applications require a non refundable deposit. If the Building Department approves and issues a permit, your deposit is credited to the actual cost of your permit fee. If not approved, the deposit is used to help cover the Building Commissioner’s fee for review of the plans.

Non Refundable Deposit Required

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| \$25.00 - | Residential Building Permit |
| \$50.00 - | Commercial Building Permit |
| \$30.00 - | Sign Permit |
| \$40.00 - | Excavation Permit |
| \$15.00 - | Swimming Pools & Hot Tubs |
| \$35.00 - | Manufactured Utility Shed |



UNIMPROVED GROUNDS PARKING. Parking in the City of Winchester is permitted on roadways & driveways only. It is unlawful to park on unimproved surfaces and/or off the roadway.

This does include parking a car with one or more tires on the grass, with the remaining tires on the roadway or along the curb.

Parking in this manner can damage the curb and is a violation of City Ordinance, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00. If you see this happening, please notify your St. Louis County Winchester Neighborhood Police Station.

Municipal Code Section 355.110

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.



The Annual Egg Hunt will be held on the grass at Reber Park, Saturday, March 31st at 11 a.m. (Rain date April 7th). Children can search for eggs filled with candy, McDonald’s gift 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 normally available for use from **April through October** of each year, 7a.m. - 9:30 p.m. for special functions, family reunions, barbeques, and birthday parties. This year due to a grant enabling the City to not only replace the pavilion but also to build a gazebo, it is expected that the facilities will not be available until June. For updates on the progress, please check the website at www.city.winchester.mo.us, watch the announcement board at the park or call City Hall.



FAIR HOUSING - The City of Winchester is committed to Fair Housing for all of its citizens. It is unlawful to discriminate against any person because of race, sex, color, religion, age, handicap, familial status, national origin, or political affiliation. The City of Winchester has enacted a Fair Housing Ordinance which prohibits unlawful discrimination and spells out the process for filing a complaint. If you, or anyone you know, believe that you have been unlawfully discriminated against, call the City Hall at (636) 391-0600.

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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. *An allocation of \$20,000 in Block Grant Funds is now available.* The program is administered by St. Louis County's Department of Planning, Office of Community Development. **APPLICANTS ARE NEEDED.** Do not assume you are not eligible to participate. Contact the **St. Louis County Department of Planning, Office of Community Development** at 314-615-8235 or 314-615-4025 for additional information.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION

Get involved, be a poll worker! The St. Louis County Election Board is continuously looking for qualified workers to staff as many as 450 polling locations for Election Day. Each worker will receive pay for training and working at their assigned polling place. If you are interested in being a Poll Worker, contact the Election Judge's Department of 314-615-1865.

Every worker must be a registered voter and be willing to declare a party preference. You will be expected to work from 4:45 a.m. to the close of the election. Every worker should have a reliable form of transportation. You may complete an on line application at:

www.stlousco.com/elections/pollworkers

RNA WORLDWIDE

Computer & Electronic Recycling

It was great weather for the e-cycling event of January 7th and both the City and RNA are pleased with the outcome. RNA collected a total of 5706 pounds of electronic components, equipment and various metals. The City is looking forward to hosting another event later this year.



2012 BALLFIELDS - not all fields have assigned... Fields will be available beginning **April 2nd** ... or when the fields are deemed usable by City Hall..until the last week of June each year. Each team is limited to one practice session each week.

Notice for All Ballfield Users

Signs will be posted on the ballfields if conditions are deemed unacceptable for use.

→Please be sure to adhere to the posted sign.←

We want to keep our fields in great shape. The maintenance department works hard to keep the playing fields in top shape for play.



TORNADO SIREN POLICY

To help the public prepare for tornado situations, a **TORNADO WATCH** and **TORNADO WARNING** program has been developed. A *tornado watch* means that conditions are favorable for tornado development. This is the time to prepare. You should keep alert by listening to radio, television or weather radio for the latest weather information. A *tornado warning* means a tornado has been sighted or indicated by radar. When a warning is issued, the sirens will be activated. It is important that local media sources or weather radio be monitored for the duration of the warning. The siren system does not sound an "All Clear" message so please listen to the National Weather Service for this information.



HELP KEEP OUR CITY CLEAN

Often one thinks that just throwing a small piece of litter on the ground doesn't make a difference. If everyone thinks the same way, soon the streets become littered and unsightly. Remember, littering is an offense as well as offensive to our neighbors.

Municipal Code Section 210.170