



# Winchester Newsletter

April 2012

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

## City Calendar



### April

- 1 - **Pavilion Reservations** normally begin in April; however, due to the construction of a new pavilion and gazebo, you will need to check the website at [www.city.winchester.mo.us](http://www.city.winchester.mo.us), watch the announcement board at the park or call City Hall for updates on the progress to see when they are available for reservations
- 2 - **Ballfield Reservation Permits** begin (Weather Permitting) through June 30<sup>th</sup>
- 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. 4

- May 2 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
- 9 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- 13 - MOTHER'S DAY
- 28- MEMORIAL DAY observed,  
City Hall Closed
- 31 - No trash service today! Holiday Schedule
- June 1 - 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 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

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

Barbara Beckett, CMC  
City Administrator/Clerk



**CANDIDATES FILE FOR OFFICE**  
**APRIL 3, 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.

**ELECTION POLL WORKERS 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](http://www.stlouisco.com/elections) and either electronically submit or print, fill out and mail the form to the St. Louis County Election Board.

**Saint Louis**  
**COUNTY**  
**POLICE DEPT**



*(Information from St. Louis County Police Newsletter)*

When stopped for expired plates, drivers often say that they did not realize their plates were expired, not having received a card in the mail. *The Department of Revenue does not always send those cards out and considers it a courtesy when they do.* It's the operator's responsibility to check their plates and make sure their tabs are not expired. Remember to check that your plates/registration is up to date, and if not, make sure you get them registered prior to the last day of the month they expire in. Considering that this may take time with getting emissions, paid personal property, proof of insurance and residency, try not to wait till the last minute. Plates expire on the last day of the month that is listed for the year on the tab. Example – A January, 2012 plate expires on midnight of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012. The owner and or operator are subject to getting a ticket on February 1, 2012 and any day after until it is remedied.

**License Plates** – The state of Missouri issues (2) two plates for passenger vehicles. The plates are to be attached to the front and rear bumper of the vehicle. Although license plates are not necessarily cosmetically appealing, they are required by law in Missouri. All vehicles with Missouri registration are subject to a citation if they do not have both plates properly affixed. If you're purchasing a vehicle or already have one that does not have an area on the front bumper to attach the front plate, you need to ask/contact the dealer and get the appropriate bracket for attachment. *Missouri is a two plate state.*

**Saint Louis**  
**COUNTY**  
**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.



**The Annual Egg Hunt** will be held in Reber Park on Saturday, **March 31<sup>st</sup>** at 11 a.m. (*Rain Date April 7<sup>th</sup>*) Children can search for eggs filled with candy, 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 not only to replace the pavilion but also to build a gazebo, it is expected that the facilities will not be available before July. For updates on the progress, please check the website at [www.city.winchester.mo.us](http://www.city.winchester.mo.us), watch the announcement board at the park or call City Hall.



### 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-borne 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 and 6:00 p.m.

## 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](http://www.stlouisearthday.org)

Reduce  Reu 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.

### CLEAN WATER IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

#### 10 Things you can do to prevent stormwater runoff pollution

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways and gutters
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost your yard waste
- Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels and learn how to prevent pest problems
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil
- Pick up after your pet

## REMINDER



*The City of Winchester has a LEASH LAW - Neither dogs nor cats are permitted to run at large. Any pet 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*



### 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.



## 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.



### TORNADO SIREN POLICY

Tornados frequently occur in Missouri during the spring. They can travel up to 60 mph with wind speeds approaching 400 mph within the tornado's center. They usually travel from a westerly to an easterly direction and develop during severe thunderstorms. The National Severe Storms Forecast Center in Kansas City issues tornado watches. Local National Weather Service offices issue tornado warnings.

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.

If you do not have a basement, a good place to find shelter is in a bathroom near an inside wall of your home. If possible, cover yourself with a mattress.

The N.O.A.A. frequency in our area is 162.550. If you do not have a battery powered radio with this frequency available to you, this might be a good investment.



**GRASS & WEEDS** - The growing season is fast approaching – Please keep your yard looking neat by mowing your lawn. Property Owners or occupants who allow their grass and/or weeds to grow to a height in excess of seven (7) inches are in violation of a City Ordinance. Be a responsible neighbor and help to promote the beauty and integrity of our City.

*Municipal Code Section 215.130*



**20 MPH SPEED LIMIT** - Let's keep the City a safe place for the children to play this summer. We ask that Winchester citizens observe and obey the 20 mph speed limit. Your cooperation is necessary to make Winchester a safe place to live.



### 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.**