



# Winchester Newsletter

June-July 2012

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

## City Calendar



- June**
- 6 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
  - 13 - *Budget Hearing*, 7:00 p.m.
  - 13 - *Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing*, 7:15 p.m.
  - 13 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
  - 14 - **FLAG DAY**
  - 17 - **FATHER'S DAY**
  - 30 - Ballfield Permits end
- July**
- 4 - **INDEPENDENCE DAY**,  
*City Hall Closed*
  - 5 - No trash service today!  
*Holiday Schedule*
  - 6 - Holiday trash pick up TODAY!
  - 11 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug.**
- 1 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
  - 8 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
  - 11 - **Party in the Park** at the Lower  
Playground & Pavilion, 10 a.m. -  
Noon



## CITY MEETING NEWS



In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following action during **May, 2012**:

### Resolution #2012-01 April 3, 2012 Election

**Results:** A resolution declaring the results of the General Election held in the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri, on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012.

At the May 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, the City Administrator/Clerk swore in both Carol Kraft and Michael Schmidt as Aldermen for Wards I and II, respectively, each for two year terms.

Mayor Gail M. Winham announced the following Aldermanic responsibilities:

Alderwoman Marie Bach -  
Park & Recreation Liaison  
Safety Coordinator  
(Mrs. Bach also elected by the Board of Aldermen as President of the Board)

Alderman Carol J. Kraft -  
Street Commissioner

Alderman Tony DeLuca -  
Code Enforcement Liaison

Alderman Michael Schmidt  
Maintenance Department Liaison

Mayor Winham will be responsible for duties of Emergency Management Director, Recycling Coordinator and Flood Plain Manager.

### 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: 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

CAROL J. KRAFT

Term Expires April, 2014

636/399-0859

TONY DeLUCA

Term Expires April, 2013

314/220-2119

### WARD II

MICHAEL SCHMIDT

Terms Expires April, 2014

636/394-7592

## 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.



### **PARTY IN THE PARK**

Family fun comes again to Winchester's annual Party in the Park on Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. 'til Noon. There will be something for everyone in the family to experience and enjoy.

Attractions are still in the planning stage. At this point there will be two clowns doing face painting and balloon sculpting, Tekno Bubbles will be back with an exhibit and Mad Science will conduct both their "Slime Booth" and "Superball Booth" events.

The St. Louis County Police will have displays of cars and equipment. West County EMS & Fire Protection District will provide ambulance and pumper demos as well as, weather permitting, their Safety House. Watch for more specifics in the Winchester August-September Newsletter.



**REBER PARK NEWS** - The Pavilion and Gazebo project at Reber Park is progressing nicely and about 50% finished. We are hoping to have the facilities available for use mid-end June through October.

A non refundable fee of \$45 will be required for each date the pavilion is reserved and a \$30 fee for the gazebo.

### **NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR TODDLERS!**

A much requested tot swing will be installed in the lower playground, southeast of the new pavilion this summer.



## Saint Louis COUNTY POLICE DEPT

### WINCHESTER NEIGHBORHOOD STATION FIREWORKS

Chapter 810 of the St. Louis County Code governing fireworks states that it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell, possess, offer for sale, expose for sale, give, use, discharge or explode fireworks within St. Louis County. *In other words, it is illegal to possess fireworks in St. Louis County.*

Fireworks are very dangerous in the hands of an untrained person. Instead of putting you or your family and friends in jeopardy, we suggest you attend one of the local firework displays. Check your local news or newspapers for a location near you.




Winchester has two new St. Louis County Police Officers serving our City, Officers McClain and Delgadillo. They would like residents to know that they are welcome to call City Hall at 636-391-0600 and leave a message regarding any concerns of criminal activity that they would like the officers to investigate. You may do this anonymously or leave your name, address and phone number and one of the officers will contact you at their earliest convenience.

## R E M I N D E R S




**City of Winchester Curfew for Children under 17** -Children under 17 shall not loiter, idle, stroll, drive or ride in an automobile or play in or upon public streets, highways, roads, alleys, parks, play grounds or other public place buildings, places of amusement and entertainment, vacant lots or other unsupervised places between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights or between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on other nights of the week.

A parent, guardian or other adult having the care and custody of a child under 17, shall not permit a child to violate the city curfew regulations. Fines for such violation range up to \$500.00 and juveniles may be taken into custody and transported to St. Louis County Juvenile Authorities. Please report any curfew violations witnessed to the St. Louis County Police Department at 636-527-2341.

 **24-HOUR PARKING** - No person shall park a vehicle on any street for an uninterrupted period of time longer than twenty-four hours except in an emergency.

*Municipal Code Section 355.120*

 **HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE** - The Memorial Day Holiday observed May 28, 2012, will change our regularly scheduled Thursday pick up to Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. The July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday, will change our regularly scheduled pick up to Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. The City's regular trash removal schedule will resume the following week.

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**PLASTIC BAGS 101** - Why can't they be recycled curbside? *NO* plastic bag of any kind...grocery bags, garbage bags, bread bags, snack bags, storage bags, etc., can be recycled curbside - *even if they have a recycling symbol on them*. Each recycled item travels over conveyor belts and sorting is done using air currents, magnets and screens. The only human contact takes place at the beginning when workers pull out contaminants. Plastic bags are the most common contaminant and, if missed, end up wound around equipment, resulting in a system shutdown.

Plastic grocery bags can be recycled at most grocery stores. Look for the drop-off container at the front of the store. Recycled bags are turned into plastic lumber or new bags. When it comes to other plastic bags, such as bread, produce, newspaper, snack, salad and trash bags, they cannot be recycled curbside and, unless you reuse them at home, must go in the regular trash. If you need a liner in your recycling bin or to contain shredded paper, please use a paper bag - paper bags are 100% recyclable!

Reduce  Reuse  Recycle  
*Naturally*



The following information is presented in conjunction with Phase II Stormwater Management Plan which has been initiated by the Federal Government through the EPA.

Four out of five patients leave their doctor's office with at least one prescription. As these medicines expire or go unused, they accumulate in the medicine cabinet, along with over-the-counter medicines, creating an abundance of unwanted drugs.

St. Louis County Police, MSD, St. Louis College of Pharmacy and Missouri American Water would like to announce a new program that will provide a responsible disposal option for unneeded medicines. Beginning in June, 2012, Missouri Prescription Pill and Drug Disposal (Missouri P2D2), a nonprofit organization, will begin offering a safe, convenient medicine disposal at collection boxes in local police stations. The program will be available 24/7, and is safe, free and anonymous.

The precinct serving Winchester is West County Precinct, 232 Vance Road, Valley Park, MO 63088.



**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.



**UTILITY EASEMENTS** - Utility easements give various utilities: *Gas, Water, Electric, Telephone, Sewer, Cable, etc.*, the right to enter onto property. These utilities

have the right to enter for the purpose of maintaining existing facilities, installation of new facilities, and in general to do those things which are needed by the utilities to provide their service.

An easement does not require that the utility give prior notice to property owners of their intent to work on the easement. As a practical matter, most utilities will give prior notice if any major undertaking is being proposed.

Routine maintenance, such as trimming of trees in power lines, excavating of sewers for repairs and the like will be done at the discretion of the particular utility without necessarily giving prior notice. It is the policy of all utility companies to attempt to restore any disturbed areas to as near their original condition as possible. Technically and legally the utilities are not required to replace such improvements, although as a practical matter most companies will replace these improvements if they are disturbed by construction work being done by the utility.

As a final note, the ownership of the easement remains with the property owner. A bit of advanced planning when thinking about the installation of utility sheds, shrubbery and fences is a good idea. Permanent type improvements such as concrete slabs and accessory buildings should be kept off the easements so as to avoid loss or damage to the improvements.

If you have specific questions, feel free to contact the utility whose easement is affected by your concerns.

They will be happy to work with you to minimize inconvenience and damage to your property.

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### **HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL COLLECTIONS**

St Louis County informs us that there has been a delay in construction of the first permanent collection site.

As a result, there will be an event on:

**Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 8 am - 3 pm** at

South County Center - South of the Dillard's and Sears stores. Enter from Lemay Ferry Road just south of South Lindbergh Blvd.

**Acceptable Items:** Paints, stains, varnishes, pesticides, herbicides, poisons, gasoline and other fuels, solvents and strippers, aerosols, motor oil and filters, gas cylinders (BBQ pit size or smaller), fluorescent tubes, household batteries (rechargeable), antifreeze, brake and transmission fluids, pool chemicals and other acids and bases, car batteries, wood preservatives, drive sealant, and mercury-containing items (thermometers, thermostats, salts).

**Unacceptable Items:** Explosives and ammunition, radioactive waste, smoke detectors, medical waste, household trash, tires and other bulky items. **Material from business, commercial, nonprofit, and government organizations are also prohibited.**

For more information on these events activities, please call the St. Louis County Department of Health Recycling Hotline at (314) 615-8958 or you can check web sites at:

[www.RecycleSaintLouis.com](http://www.RecycleSaintLouis.com) and  
[www.recycle.doh@stlouisco.com](mailto:www.recycle.doh@stlouisco.com)

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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. Funds for this calendar year are still 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.