



Winchester Newsletter

April, 2018


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

City Calendar



- April**
- 1 - **Reber Park Pavilion & Gazebo reservations begin**
 - 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.
 - 11 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
 - 28 - **Drug Take-Back** by St. Louis County Police, *City Hall City Hall 10am-2pm.*
- May**
- 2 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
 - 9 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
 - 28 - **MEMORIAL DAY** observed,
City Hall Closed
 - 31 - No trash service today!
Holiday Schedule
- June**
- 1 - **Holiday trash pickup 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, 2018

for the election of elect 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., CDT

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE:

for LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP PRECINCTS 042, 044 &
045, and QUEENY TOWNSHIP PRECINCTS 026 & 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 19th day of January, 2018.

Barbara Beckett, CMC

City Administrator/Clerk

Winchester City Hall

Voice-TDD: 636/391-0600

FAX: 636/391-6365

Email: cityhall@city.winchester.mo.us

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, 2021

636/394-6023

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

WARD I

Marie Bach

Term Expires April, 2019

636/227-6344

Sarah Gibbs

Term Expires April, 2018

309/749-7003

WARD II

Tony DeLuca

Term Expires April, 2019

314/220-2119

Michael Schmidt

Term Expires, April 2018

314/706-8169



CANDIDATES FILE FOR OFFICE
APRIL 3, 2018 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**

ALDERMAN (Two Year Term):

WARD II: **Michael Schmidt***

(*Denotes incumbent)

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.

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, familial 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)**

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
- ▶ **We do not keep previous years' forms.**

If you are interested, call or come into City Hall to request a form.



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.



CORP - County Older Resident Programs

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 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 call 314-615-4516.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

(From "A Missouri Consumer Guide")

The following are *Missouri State Agencies* to contact for various types of assistance:

Attorney General's Office:

Consumer Protection: 800-392-8222

No Call Hotline: 866-662-2551

Crime Victims' Compensation Program:

Provides financial assistance to violent crime victims or their dependents: 573-526-6006

800-526-6006

Department of Health and Senior Services: Investigates reports of abuse, neglect or financial exploitation.

800-392-0210

Division of Finance: Handles complaints about mortgage bankers, debt collection and harassment, credit bureaus, payday and title loan stores and other lenders:

573-751-3242

Department of Insurance and Consumer Affairs: Handles complaints regarding insurance companies and will verify credentials of insurance sales representatives:

800-726-7390

Public Service Commission: Investigates complaints against public utilities and manufactured housing (such as mobile homes) defects: 800-392-4211

Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel: Processes complaints against attorneys in Missouri: 573-635-7400

Secretary of State: Toll-free hot line handles complaints and inquiries about stockbrokers, broker-dealers and investments. Provides information on registrations of corporations, fictitious names and benevolent organizations: 800-721-7996 & 573-751-4153

Federal Agencies

Americans with Disabilities Act: Provides information on federal guidelines for the disabled: 800-514-0301

Federal Trade Commission: Federal consumer protection agency: 877-382-4357

Federal Information Center: Provides phone numbers and general information about federal agencies and programs: 800-333-4636

Labor Department, Wages & Hour Division: Handles wage disputes: 866-487-9243 or 314-539-2706

Social Security Administration: Provides information on retirement, disability and benefits for dependents and survivors: 800-772-1213

Federal Trade Commission: Federal consumer protection agency: 877-382-4357

If you get a call *from* 877-382-4357, don't answer it *or* hang up immediately!

Scammers are constantly picking up new phone numbers to spoof, the FTC said. Here are four tips to help you avoid being ripped off:

If you get a strange call from any government phone number, hang up.

If you want to check it out, visit the official (.gov) website for contact information.

Don't give out — or confirm — your personal or financial information to someone who calls.

Don't wire money or send money using a reloadable card. In fact, never pay someone who calls out of the blue, even if the name or number on the caller ID looks legit.

Feeling pressured to act immediately? Hang up. That's a sure sign of a scam.

Even though the first week of March is

National Consumer Protection Week, *Ameren Missouri* is taking this opportunity to remind you of the tricks scammers use to steal money. The goal is to educate customers on how you can guard against becoming a victim of imposter utility scams.

Within the last few months, Ameren has seen an uptick in reported scams across their service territory, specifically targeting small businesses. These scammers are using advanced tactics such as mimicking voice response systems and displaying bogus phone numbers on caller ID, which can be very convincing.

Within the past four years, more than 3,000 Ameren Missouri customers have reported scam activity or have fallen victim to a scam. The majority of those incidents were phone calls from scammers who threaten that customers' services will be disconnected or shut off if they fail to make an immediate payment — typically using a prepaid card or other non-traceable form of payment.

During National Consumer Protection Week, Ameren wants to bring awareness and help customers stay vigilant in preventing scams. The campaign is in alignment with the Utilities United Against Scams collaborative, a group of more than 100 utilities across the nation working together to help stop scams targeting utility customers.

We want all customers to know that we would never pressure anyone for immediate payment over the phone or demand that a specific credit card or phone number be used to make a payment.

Ameren Missouri offers these tips to protect customers against scammers:

- Never give your credit card, debit card, Social Security, ATM, checking or saving account numbers to anyone who calls, sends an email, or comes to your home requesting this information.
- Don't trust anyone asking for immediate payment. If you suspect someone is impersonating an Ameren or any other company's employee, end the conversation and immediately call the company. Legitimate companies do not specify how customers should make a bill payment and always offer a variety of ways to pay a bill. Most companies offer customers payments online, by phone, electronic check, mail or at pay in person locations.

Ameren Missouri as many other companies continue to work with federal, state and local authorities to investigate scams. You can follow Ameren Missouri on social media to receive the latest updates on fraudulent account activity: Ameren.com/Missouri or follow us at [@AmerenMissouri](https://www.facebook.com/AmerenMissouri) or [Facebook.com/AmerenMissouri](https://www.facebook.com/AmerenMissouri).



Regis - iPayCourt Pay Your Ticket Online

The City's Municipal Court has made arrangements for selected Court Payments to be paid online by Credit Card - Discover, MasterCard, Visa and American Express. The iPay Court program may be reached at <https://www.ipaycourt.com/winchester>. A nominal fee is charged for this service. If you have any questions, please call 636-391-0600.

Saint Louis COUNTY HEALTH



(Info from St. Louis County website)

Bats and Wildlife Control Preventing Rabies in People and Pets

Saint Louis County Animal Care & Control is committed to keeping people and pets safe in Saint Louis County. With that said, we share this County with many native wildlife species. In general, wildlife found outdoors should be left alone. Animal Care & Control will respond to remove and test any wild mammal that has had contact with person or pet and could have transmitted rabies through a bite wound. Without the risk of rabies transmission, Animal Care & Control defers calls about wildlife outdoors—as well as in attic, crawl spaces, and other non-living quarters—to the Missouri Department of Conservation, Powder Valley at 314-301-1500 for wildlife control only.

Officers can be routed to you by the County Police Department. Please call the police non-emergency line at (636) 529-8210 and ask for an Animal Control Officer to come to your location. If no one in the house and no pets had contact with the wildlife, *and* you can safely do so, try to allow the wildlife the opportunity to leave on its own—open doors and windows, turn on lights, and don't stand between them and an exit. If the bat or wildlife DID come into contact with a person or pet in the household, or if you are unsure, KEEP IT CONFINED—Animal Control will remove the wildlife and help you assess your level of risk for disease exposure. To confine a bat, turn all the lights on in the room—this can help to keep the bat from flying around. Keep an eye on its location, so that the Officers can quickly locate and capture it.

The most common species of animals to carry rabies in the State of Missouri are bats and skunks. Bats are the species most commonly found to carry this disease in the Saint Louis Region. A very small number of bats come into contact with people or pets each year and require testing for rabies—less than 3% of those tested Statewide are actually carrying the disease. For more information, check out the CDC's web page on Rabies:

<http://www.cdc.gov/rabies>

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



Are you 55 or older and interested in making new friends, hearing great speakers, going on exciting trips, and playing cards? The group meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays at Ballwin Golf Course, 333 Holloway Road, Ballwin, MO from 10 am - 2 pm. Cost \$2 per meeting. Please bring your own sack lunch. Coffee, soda and dessert provided.

**Special luncheons may involve separate fees.* Meetings of the Lafayette Older Adult Program (LOAP) are open to residents of Ballwin, Chesterfield, Ellisville, Manchester, Wildwood and Winchester as well as the Parkway and Rockwood School Districts. For more information, call the City of Manchester at 636-391-6326 ext 401.



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 636-227-3882.

Volunteers are asked to give one hour a week. Pick up for the deliveries is 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.



SNOOPING IN THE TRASH

The United States Supreme Court has ruled that once trash is placed near the curb for disposal, all expectation of privacy has been forfeited by the resident and anyone may legally examine the contents, including taking any items if they so desire. *In other words, it is legal for someone to go through your trash after you place it near the curb for disposal.* Therefore, police officials warn residents to be attentive to what they throw away (credit card statements, bank statements, other private information) so that they do not become a victim of identity theft.

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 park during those hours except as authorized by permit.



The Pavilion and Gazebo at Reber Park is available for use from **April through October** of each year, 7:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. for special functions, family reunions, barbeques, and birthday parties. The City offers both a pavilion and gazebo available to be reserved individually and/or together. ***The cost to reserve the pavilion is \$45, the gazebo, \$30.*** Reservations ***must*** be made in person; fees are non-refundable. You are encouraged to call City Hall to inquire whether a specific date is available. Both residents and non-residents are eligible to reserve the facilities.

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.←

Help keep our fields in great shape. Maintenance works hard to keep the playing fields in top shape for play. Practice times can still be reserved.

If interested, call City Hall for information.



The following information is presented from MSD Project Clear and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

MSD alone cannot keep the region's waterways clean. They need the support, resources and actions of concerned citizens, businesses and municipalities to improve local water quality. Since waterways and sewers are shared public resources, there are many steps that you can take to help maintain both. Stormwater runoff carries pollutants into our local streams and rivers, damaging local ecosystems and watershed health and threatening our public health and quality of life. "Going green" can help. Green infrastructure is cost-effective, sustainable and environmentally friendly because it captures and reuses stormwater to maintain or restore natural hydrologies.

Examples of green infrastructure include rain gardens, porous pavements, green roofs, infiltration planters, trees and tree boxes and rainwater harvesting (rain barrels). For more information see www.stlmsd.com.

