



Winchester Newsletter

May 2018

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

City Calendar



- May 2 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 9 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- 13 - MOTHER'S DAY
- 22 - STREET SWEEPING
- 23 - STREET SWEEPING, RAIN DATE
- 28 - MEMORIAL DAY, City Hall Closed

- June 1 - Holiday trash pick up TODAY!



- 6 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 13 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 - FLAG DAY
- 17 - FATHER'S DAY



- July 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY Celebrated, *City Hall Closed*
- 4 - **Court**, *Cancelled*
- 11 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.

2018 Streets Project

The city has entered into an agreement with Krupp Construction to perform miscellaneous asphalt patching throughout the city, the removal and replacement of a number of concrete slabs and the rotomilling and resurfacing with 2" of new BP-1 asphaltic concrete as well as new curbing on Lindy Blvd. From Manchester Road south to 321 Lindy.

ELECTION RESULTS

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The April 3, 2018 election results (uncertified) are as follows:

ALDERMAN:

WARD I(Elected to a 2 year term)

Carol J. Kraft.....30

Write-Ins: 0

WARD II(Elected to a 2 year term)

Michael Schmidt.....34

Write-Ins:..... 1

Proposition U (Local Use Tax) Yes: 25

 No: 47

CITY MEETING NEWS



In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following action during April, 2018: **ORDINANCES**

#1071 - An ordinance authorizing the City of Winchester to enter into a marketing agreement with Utility Service Partners authorizing Private Label, Inc., dba: Service Line Warranties of America to provide an opportunity for residents to purchase a service line warranty on sewer and water line laterals as well as an interior plumbing and drainage warranty. A letter to residents from the company regarding opportunities available and their specifics

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

Carol J. Kraft

Term Expires April, 2020
636/399-0859

WARD II

Tony DeLuca

Term Expires April, 2019
314/220-2119

Michael Schmidt

Term Expires April, 2020
314/706-8169

Website: www.city.winchester.mo.us

will follow from Service Line Warranties of America directly to all residents.

#1072 - an ordinance authorizing the City of Winchester to enter into a contract with St. Louis County, Missouri for Next Generation 9-1-1 Service.

BUILDING PERMITS & HOUSING INSPECTIONS

Just a reminder that Winchester contracts with the City of Ballwin to perform the duties of Building Inspector, Plans Examiner and Code Enforcement Officer.

Ballwin City Hall is located at 14811 Manchester Road, and Winchester residents will need to contact them to apply for, and pay the fee for, Housing Inspections and Building Permits. The phone number to call for scheduling inspections is 636-227-2129.

Winchester has also contracted with Ballwin to provide Code Enforcement duties. Violations that would happen to require court action will be handled through Winchester Municipal Court. Any duty performed by Ballwin will be done according to the City of Winchester Municipal Codes. If you have questions, contact Winchester City Hall at 636-391-0600.



UNNECESSARY NOISE

In recent months there have been complaints about people not being responsible for making sure their dogs, when outside, not be allowed to continuously bark and thereby disturb the public peace. Any unnecessary noise from “the keeping of any animal or bird which by causing frequent or long continued noise shall disturb the comfort or repose of any persons in the vicinity” is prohibited. If a complaint is made, the pet owner could be summoned to municipal court.

(Municipal Code Section 210.235)



“Retiring Old Glory”

West County residents have a convenient place to go when it’s time to retire any worn or tattered U.S. flag.

Just a reminder that the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1028, took the lead in establishing a collection point at the Liberty Tax office located at

14545 Manchester Road (across Manchester Road from Winchester Mall).

The white, outdoor flag collection box was created by Dennis Hamilton, a retired Navy veteran and Chapter 1028 member. Anyone with a tattered U.S. flag can drop it in the box. The Vietnam veterans chapter members will monitor the box regularly and arrange for the flags proper disposal.

PARK & RECREATION NEWS

All municipal parks in the City of Winchester shall be closed between the hours of Dusk and 7:00 a.m. No person shall be in the park during those hours except as authorized by a Pavilion/Gazebo Permit.



Enjoy **REBER PARK** this season!

Reserve the pavilion and gazebo for parties and family gatherings. Picnic at one of the tables installed around the park. The Pavilion and Gazebo are available for use from **April through October** of each year, 7AM - 8:00 PM. Reservations are being taken at City Hall. First come - first served. A non-refundable fee of \$45 for the pavilion and a \$30 fee for the gazebo will be required for each date that is reserved. 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.



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



Summer is coming....a WARNING from the Humane Society of Missouri and the St. Louis County Police Department. A pet should never be left unattended in a parked car when the outside temperature is over 70 degrees. Allowing an animal to be harmed in this way is considered animal abuse. It is illegal and punishable by fines and imprisonment. If you see an animal in distress or locked in a parked car, you can call the society’s hotline at 314-647-4400 or your local police.



The following information is presented in conjunction with MSD's Project Clear program to raise awareness of the complexity of the wastewater collection and treatment system servicing the greater St. Louis area.

May: Plant trees for energy conservation

The right tree in the right place can provide shade and cool air in the summer and wind protection in the winter, reducing energy costs while adding beauty and privacy to a landscape. Consider strategically planting trees to lower utility costs. If your yard allows, plant three large trees, one each on the east, west and north sides of your house. These locations can help to shade your house in the summer and block wind in the winter. It is best not to plant trees on the south side of your home. In the winter, when you need sun to help in heating, trees planted on the south side, even those that lose their leaves, can cast too much shade. Better to choose a southwest/west orientation.

Before you dig:

- Identify locations with plenty of sunlight and access to rainwater.
- Call Missouri One Call at 1-800-DIG-RITE or 811. Have them mark your property for utilities before you dig.
- Avoid planting trees over or near the house lateral or MSD sewer lines in your yard. Roots can damage sewers causing basement backups.
- Supplement soil if needed to make sure it provides adequate nutrients.

For more information on planting trees, including how to select trees suited to your location and how to care for them, visit the Missouri Botanical Garden website: at www.missouribotanicalgarden.org

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WHAT TO DO IN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATION

Make a Plan

Make a plan with your family and ensure everyone knows what they would do if confronted with an active shooter. Look for the two nearest exits anywhere you go and have an escape path in mind. Identify places you could hide. Understand the plans for individuals with disabilities or other access and function needs.

During

RUN and escape, if possible. Getting away from the shooter or shooters is the top priority. Leave your belongings behind and get away. Help others escape, if possible, but evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow. Warn and prevent individuals from entering an area where the active shooter may be. Call 911 when you are safe, and describe shooter, location and weapons.

HIDE, if escape is not possible. Get out of the shooter's view and say very quiet. Silence all electronic devices and make sure they won't vibrate. Lock and block doors, close blinds, turn off lights. Don't hide in groups- spread out along walls or hide separately to make it more difficult for the shooter. Try to communicate with police silently. Use text message or social media to tag your location or put a sign in a window. Stay in place until law enforcement gives you the all clear. Your hiding place should be out of the shooter's view and provide protection if shots are fired in your direction.

FIGHT as an absolute last resort. Commit to your actions and act as aggressively as possible against the shooter. Recruit others to ambush the shooter with makeshift weapons like chairs, fire extinguishers, scissors, books, etc. Be prepared to cause severe or lethal injury to the shooter. Throw items and improvise weapons to distract and disarm the shooter.

After keep hands visible and empty. Know that law enforcement's first task is to end the incident and they may have to pass injured along the way. Officers may be armed with rifles, shotguns and/or handguns and may use pepper spray or tear gas to control the situation. Officers will shout commands and may push individuals to the ground for their safety. *Follow law enforcement instructions and evacuate in the direction they come from, unless otherwise instructed.* Take care of yourself first. Then you may be able to help the wounded before first responders arrive. If the injured are in immediate danger, help get them to safety. While you wait for first responder to arrive, provide first aid. Apply direct pressure to wounded areas and use tourniquets if you have been trained to do so. Turn wounded people onto their sides if they are unconscious and keep them warm. Consider seeking professional help for you and your family to cope with the long-term effects of the trauma.



WHEN A TORNADO STRIKES

Spring time is tornado season. If you see a funnel cloud nearby, take shelter immediately. If you spot a tornado that is far away, help alert others to the hazard by reporting it to the newsroom of a local radio or TV station before taking shelter as described later. Use common sense and exercise **caution**: if you believe that you might be in danger, seek shelter immediately. The key to surviving a tornado and reducing the risk of injury lies in planning, preparing, and practicing what you and your family will do if a tornado strikes. Flying debris causes most deaths and injuries during a tornado. Although there is no completely safe place during a tornado, some locations are much safer than others.

General tips:

If there is no basement, go to the center of an interior room on the lowest level (such as a closet or interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck. *Do not open windows.*

For People with Functional Needs

If you are in a wheelchair, get away from windows and go to an interior room of the house. If possible, seek shelter under a sturdy table or desk. Cover your head with anything available, even your hands.

If you are unable to move from a bed or a chair and assistance is not available, protect yourself from falling objects by covering up with blankets and pillows.

If you are outside and a tornado is approaching, get into a ditch or gully. If possible, lie flat and cover your head with your arms.

Make a family communication plan for all occupants of your household and share it with a trusted family member or friend outside your home.



The following is informational material presented by MSD's *Project Clear* program to raise awareness of the complexity of the wastewater collection and treatment system servicing the greater St. Louis area.

Grease Management Reminders from (MSD)

Grease accumulation in the sewer system causes obstruction by either constricting flow or blocking the

sewer pipes. This interferes with the normal operation of the wastewater treatment system and can eventually result in sewer backups that can overflow onto streets and into homes, damaging property and the environment. Sewer system maintenance in neighborhoods that experience sewer blockages and backups due to grease accumulation is expensive and can result in higher sewer bills for customers.

Tips for Proper Grease Disposal

Scrape and wipe pots, pans and dishes and dispose of materials in the trash before washing dishes. Pour fats, oils and grease into a container such as an empty jar or can. Once the materials have cooled and solidified and the container is full, secure the lid, and place the container in the trash. Use sink strainers to catch food items and then empty the strainer into the trash. To report a grease spill or blockage, contact MSD at (314) 768-6260.



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(Rain Date-May 23rd)

REMEMBER..... DO NOT PARK ON CITY STREETS!

Odd Jobs List

If you are interested in submitting your name for odd jobs, call or come into City Hall to request a form. It will be kept on file until the end of the year.

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 and we will be happy to check and provide any names from the returned form.

- ▶ 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.**



**HONOR OUR
VETERANS,
FLY THE
FLAG**



New WWI Exhibit Opening at Jefferson Barracks Park

St. Louis County Parks' Jefferson Barracks Historic Site opened its newest exhibition, *Over There: World War I from Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis and Missouri* at noon on March 3rd. The exhibition is in the Old Ordnance Room Museum at JB County Park and will continue through December 30, 2018.

The second part of the World War I centennial exhibitions, "*Over There*", will bring the stories and important battles of the Great War in 1918 to life. Focusing on the American soldiers, their deployment, their life in the trenches, their defeats and victories and their part in ending the war. The exhibit will highlight the important role Americans, Missourians and St. Louisans played in transforming the 20th century.

The exhibition will include dozens of authentic objects from the JB collection and loans that illuminate the final year of the war from President Wilson's Fourteen Points Speech (Jan. 8, 1918) to the Armistice of November 11 and beyond.

Artifacts including weapons, music of the period and letters from soldiers will be exhibited. A walk-through trench will let you peer through a periscope and sound a gas alarm.

This is made possible through the generous support of the Friends of Jefferson Barracks and St. Louis County Parks and Recreation. Presented in partnership with Missouri Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

JEFFERSON BARRACKS

was built south of St. Louis, Missouri on the banks of the Mississippi River to replace Fort Bellefontaine. It was selected for its strategic geographic location. The post was opened in 1826 and became the army's *first* permanent base west of the Mississippi River. By the 1840s, it was the largest military establishment in the United States. During the Civil War, Jefferson Barracks served as a training post for the Union Army. There was also a hospital at the post for the Union army's sick and wounded.

The national cemetery was formally established in 1866; however, the first burial is believed to be in 1827, shortly after the post's founding. The Civil War initiated the beginnings of a formal network of military cemeteries. In 1869 the cemetery experienced enormous growth when more than 10,200 recovered remains of soldiers originally buried at other Missouri locations were brought here.

World War II casualties introduced a new focus to the cemetery as the central repository for group interments resulting from national disasters when individual remains cannot be identified. Among the more than 560 group burials, meaning two or more veterans in a common grave, are 123 victims of a 1944 Japanese massacre of POWs in the Philippines and the remains of 41 unidentified marines who perished in a South Vietnam helicopter crash in 1968.



The Jefferson Barracks grounds are beautiful and interesting. Many monuments and buildings are located throughout the cemetery and park. Every Memorial Day weekend the Boy Scouts decorate each grave with a flag. If you have never visited, or even if you have, Memorial Day is the perfect time to do so. If you can't make it then plan to visit soon!

For more information go to www.nps.gov and search for Jefferson Barracks.



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