



Winchester Newsletter

June-July 2018

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

City Calendar



- June**
- 6 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
 - 13 - *Budget Public Hearing*, 7:00 p.m.
 - 13 - *Community Development Block Grant Hearing*, 7:15 p.m.
 - 13 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
 - 14 - **FLAG DAY**
 - 17 - **FATHER'S DAY**
 - 23 - St. Louis County Police Bike Rodeo, 10 am - Noon
 - 30 - Ballfield Permits end



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



- Aug.**
- 1 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
 - 8 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
 - 14 - Rockwood School District, school begins
 - 15 - Parkway School District, school begins



Winchester City Hall

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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

WARD I

MARIE BACH

Term Expires April, 2019

636/227-6344

CAROL J. KRAFT

Term Expires April, 2020

636/399-0859

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

TONY DeLUCA

Term Expires April, 2019

314/220-2119

WARD II

MICHAEL SCHMIDT

Term Expires April, 2020

314/706-8169

CITY MEETING NEWS



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

Resolution #2018-01 April 3, 2018 Election Results: A resolution declaring the results of the General Election held on April 3rd, 2018. At the May 9th Board Meeting, the City Administrator/Clerk swore in Carol J. 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:

Aldерwoman Marie Bach -

Park & Recreation Liaison

Safety Coordinator

Aldерwoman Carol J. Kraft-

Code Enforcement Liaison

Alderman Tony DeLuca-

Street Commissioner

Alderman Michael Schmidt-

Elected by the Board of Aldermen as President of the Board, and Maintenance Department Liaison

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



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.

The Community Development Block Grant Fund public hearing is at City Hall on Wednesday, June 13th at 7:15 p.m.

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 City is sorry to have to announce that the annual "Party in the Park" has been cancelled this year due to low participation the past several years. It has not yet been decided when or if it will be resumed. We do, however, hope that all the residents find ways to enjoy **REBER PARK!** Use the playgrounds or picnic at one of the tables installed around the park.

Reserve the pavilion and gazebo for parties and family gatherings. Reservations can be made by both residents and non-residents alike, **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.



REBER PARK- As residents are aware, the City attempts to keep the park clean and safe and hopes that it will be an asset in the lives of both children and adults. During the summer months acts of vandalism are more likely to occur. The City is once again asking for your vigilance, especially those of you living close to the park. If you see any suspicious

activities, *please report them immediately to the police.* Their non-emergency phone number is 636-529-8210.



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.*

Safety Tips for Citizens

Below are some tips that may help you prevent crime. But remember—the most important single act you can do is to call the Police to report crimes or suspicious activities! If law enforcement is not aware of problems, they cannot resolve them. Here are some tips for homeowners to use so that they can help the anti-crime effort.

Install good deadbolt locks and use them.

Use timers to turn lights on and off in a normal schedule when away from home.

Adequately secure all windows with secondary locking devices.

Lock any non-attached structures to ward off theft. Leave exterior lights on at night.

Do not advertise that you are away from home.

Record serial numbers and maintain a record of your property in a safe place, preferably other than your home.

Call Police Dispatch at 636-529-8210 to report burglaries, thefts, vandalism, prowlers or suspicious activities. Use 911 for all emergencies.



BIKE RODEO!!

On Saturday, June 23rd from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Reber Park located at the intersection of Lindy and Hillcrest, the

City of Winchester and St. Louis County Police, in partnership, are hosting a Bike Rodeo for residents of Winchester. Come on out for a fun time. Officer's from the St. Louis County Police will be educating children on bike safety and the proper fitting of bike helmets. Children will be put to the test on several fun challenges on their bikes through safety cone obstacles. Officer's will be available to check each bike for safety issues. You may also contact Officer Brian Hessling with any questions at 314-615-0700 or email at Bhessling@stlouisco.com



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.

SEWERS/CATCH BASINS - The City requests your cooperation in helping to maintain our sewers and catch basins as well as our streets. Please dispose of waste correctly. Improper disposal of *any* waste in the sewers and catch basins can cause unnecessary damage and expensive repairs. Being watchful in keeping grass clippings, pine cones, sweet gum balls, mud, leaves or other debris on the streets from entering the sewer/catch basins will help to save your tax dollars. Also, residue from the washing, repairing, or changing lubricants and other fluids in your motor vehicles should not be left in any roadway within the city. Please dispose of debris properly.

Municipal Code Sections 210.680, 210.690 and 340.220

REMINDERS



City of Winchester Curfew for Children

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. There are fines for such violations 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 636-529-8210.



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)



UNNECESSARY NOISE

City Hall receives complaints about people not being responsible for making sure that when their dogs are outside, they not be allowed to continuously bark and thereby disturb the public peace. Dogs are not the only problem, *people cutting grass*, loud music, operation of any unmuffled motor vehicle or causing screeching of tires, yelling, shouting, etc. *all are unnecessary noises and if a complaint is made, the offender is subject to penalty, particularly between the hours of 11 P.M. and 7 A.M.*

Municipal Code Section 210.235



CORP - County Older Resident Programs

CORP 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 once again 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 in an older person's life call 314-615-4516.



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 ups 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.



Grass Cycling - "Mulch" Easier than Bagging

A healthy lawn and grass cycling go hand in hand! Do your back and your lawn a favor and kick the bagging habit!

Grass clippings are a valuable source of nitrogen-rich organic matter. When mowing, remove no more than one-third of the total plant height so that the clippings are small enough to sift back down into the turf and break down quickly, thus returning valuable nutrients back to the soil. Using a mulching lawn mower or simply converting your existing mower with a mulching attachment is an easy way to practice grass cycling.

Mulching your grass clippings does not cause thatch! Thatch is a layer of living and dead organic matter that occurs between the green matter and the soil surface. It is actually the tough fibrous part of the grass stem (which takes much longer to decompose) that contributes to thatch buildup. However, clippings are very high in water content and break down rapidly when returned to the lawn after mowing (assuming the lawn is mowed regularly and that no more than one-third of the leaf blade is being removed during mowing).

Reduce  Reuse  Recycle
Naturally!

Ready✓

Prepare, Plan and Stay Informed (condensed from the website www.ready.gov)

Often times we may not realize that our actions online might put us, our families and even our country at risk. Learning about the dangers online and taking action to protect ourselves is the first step in making the Internet a safer place for everyone. Cybersecurity is a shared responsibility and we each have a role to play.

Cybersecurity involves preventing, detecting, and responding to cyber incidents. Unlike physical threats that prompt immediate action, cyber threats are often difficult to identify and comprehend. Among these dangers are viruses erasing entire computer systems, intruders breaking into computer systems and altering files, intruders using your computer or device to harm others, or intruders stealing confidential information.

You can increase your chances of avoiding cyber risks by setting up the proper controls, for example:

- ✓ Only connect to the Internet over secure, password-protected networks.
- ✓ Do not click on links or pop-ups, open attachments or respond to emails from strangers.
- ✓ Always enter a URL by hand instead of following links if you are unsure of the sender
- ✓ Do not respond to online requests for Personally Identifiable Information (PII); most organizations - banks, universities, companies, etc. - do not ask for your personal information over the Internet.
- ✓ Limit who you are sharing information with by reviewing the privacy settings on your social media accounts.

Your personal information includes, but is not limited to:

Full Name, Social Security Number, Address, Date of Birth, Place of Birth, Driver's License Number, Vehicle Registration Plate Number, Credit Card Numbers, Physical Appearance, Gender or Race....

If you believe your PII is compromised:

- ✓ Immediately change all passwords; financial passwords first. If you used the same password for multiple resources, make sure to change it for each account and do not use that password in the future.
- ✓ If you believe the compromise was caused by malicious code, disconnect your computer from the Internet.
- ✓ Contact companies, including banks, where you have accounts as well as credit reporting companies.
- ✓ Close any accounts that may have been compromised. Watch for any unexplainable or unauthorized charges to your accounts.
- ✓ File a report with the local police so there is an official record of the incident.

If your PII was compromised, consider other information that may be at risk. Depending on what information was stolen, you may need to contact other agencies for example, if someone has gained access to your Social Security Number, contact the Social Security Administration. You should also contact the Department of Motor Vehicles if your driver's license or car registration has been stolen.

For additional information on cyber incident procedures as well as other incidents for which one should be prepared, go to www.ready.gov .