



Winchester Newsletter

Aug-Sept., 2018

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

City Calendar



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

- Sept.**
- 3 - LABOR DAY, *City Hall Closed*
 - 6 - No trash service today!
Holiday trash Schedule
 - 7 - Holiday trash pick up TODAY!
 - 12 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.

- Oct.**
- 1- *Business Licenses Due*
 - 3 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
 - 10 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m
 - 31- **HALLOWEEN** - Safety Center at Reber Park hosted by the St. Louis County Police - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

““““ **IMPORTANT REMINDER** ””””



Winchester’s Board of Aldermen members voted to contract with the City of Ballwin to perform the duties of Building Inspector, Plans Examiner and Code Enforcement Officer beginning last year. The arrangement is being continued. Ballwin City Hall is located at 14811 Manchester Road, and Winchester residents will need to contact Ballwin to apply for and pay

the fee for Housing Inspections and Building Permits. The phone number of Ballwin is 636-227-9000 and the number to call to schedule inspections is 636-227-2129. Winchester has also contracted with Ballwin to provide Code Enforcement duties. However, any violations that would happen to require court action will be handled through Winchester Municipal Court.

Appropriate applications are available at Ballwin Government Center, 14811 Manchester Road, Mon-Fri, 8am - 5 pm.

Any duty performed by Ballwin will be done according to the City of Winchester Municipal Codes. If you have any questions, you may contact Winchester City Hall at 636-391-0600.



CITY MEETING NEWS

In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following actions during **June & July, 2018:**
Resolution #2018-02: A resolution adopting the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri.

ORDINANCE #1073 - An ordinance authorizing the City to enter into executing a contract with St. Louis County, Missouri for Mosquito Control Services.

(Con’t)

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, 2023

636/394-6023

WARD I

*Joyce Davis filling unexpired term of Marie Bach which expires April, 2019
636/391-1988

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

Liquor Licenses were approved for the following businesses:

June:

Debz Corner, LLC, dba: Stoogez, 14560 Manchester Rd., #28, Full Liquor License
Paradise Indian Cuisine, 14560 Manchester Rd., #9-11, Full and Sunday Liquor Licenses

July:

Rice Thai Bistro, 14536 Manchester Road, Sunday and 5%Beer and Wine Liquor Licenses

**NEWS ON THE PASSING OF
ALDERWOMAN MARIE BACH**

It is with deep sadness that we must report on the passing of Alderwoman Marie Bach. Marie was dedicated to the City of Winchester and its residents, always trying to do what she felt was in the best interest of the City. Marie was a Winchester resident for 53 years.

Marie Bach was appointed by the late Mayor Fred Brenner in December 2004 to fill an unexpired term for one of the Aldermen in Ward I and remained in office until June of this year. Previous to her service on the Board of Aldermen, Marie served on the Park and Recreation Board. During her time as Alderwoman, she served as Safety Coordinator for the City and planned and coordinated many of the Park Activities such as the Egg Hunts and Parties in the Park. We know that Marie will be truly missed by her family and many of the residents in Winchester that she was proud to call her friends.

With the passing of Alderwoman Bach, Mrs. Joyce Davis was appointed by Mayor Winham and approved by the board to fill her unexpired term as Alderwoman Ward I, which runs until April, 2019. Mrs. Davis has been a Winchester resident for over 45 years and has served on the City's Board of Adjustment.



The Humane Society of Missouri is reminding us that innocent pets are dying in parked cars in the summer's brutal heat.

REMEMBER:

70° & Over, Don't Take Rover!

Animal Cruelty Hot Line 314-647-4400

**Saint Louis
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POLICE DEPT**



With summer in full swing, the West County Precinct would like to remind citizens to be cognizant of a few things.

Keep your doors closed, especially at night. Protect yourself, as well as your belongings, from those who would enter through unlocked doors leading into your home or your car. Many people simply forget to lock an entry door before retiring. If you have a habit of doing so, keep the door locked as an all-around safety measure.

The St. Louis County Police Home Safety Handbook suggests the following:

KEY CONTROL

True security begins with key control. When you move into a home, always have the locks rekeyed. You should also take this step if you lose your keys. A locksmith can rekey your locks without replacing them in most cases.

Do not "hide" an emergency key outside your residence. It is better to trust a friend or neighbor with a spare key for emergencies. Never have a name printed on your house keys. If the keys are lost or stolen, you may have a problem.

Keep car keys and house keys separate. This way your house keys are never left with a stranger.

Keep vehicles that may be visible to a passers by locked. If you must keep valuables in your vehicle, keep them out of sight. Criminals tend to peer inside a vehicle to see if there is anything of worth.

Exterior doors on houses should be of solid core construction, at least 1-3/4" thick. The door frame should also be of heavy construction.

Call 911 for a crime in progress. The non-emergency dispatch phone number is 636-529-8210.

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.

PET WASTE



Pet waste left in yards 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. Not doing so is a violation of Municipal Code. 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



The following information is presented by MSD & the stormwater library of the Project Clear Stormwater management Plan which has been initiated by the Federal Government through the EPA.

Tips for a successful rain garden

Trimming and Pruning: Stems from grasses and flowers can be left through the fall and winter to add visual interest and to provide food and cover for birds. Trim plants near the surface during appropriate months with a string trimmer or pruner and remove dead vegetation to encourage new growth. Shrubs may be pruned to give them the “shape” you like.

Fertilizing: Appropriate fertilizer during the first year may help establish healthy plants. Fertilizer beyond this is not necessary because it stimulates weed growth and reduces water quality benefits.

Mulching: A two to three-inch application of mulch after initial planting is beneficial. Replacement of old mulch in the spring helps with the garden appearance and drainage. Use standard single or double shredded hardwood mulch that is “well aged” (at least a year since it was shredded) and free of soil, weed seeds, herbicides, etc. Pine bark and “chipped” mulch is not recommended as it tends to float and wash out easily.

Trash: Trash and other debris like leaves and grass clippings should be removed as needed. Please do not pile or spread leaves or grass clippings in your rain garden.

Edges: A border defines the edge of the garden just as a frame defines a painting. A strip of mowed turf, stones, or a walking path can set the area apart and can improve rain garden appearance. All landscape requires maintenance; a rain garden is no different. Following these maintenance tips will help ensure the rain garden functions well and remains an asset to your home.

Water Ponding: After a rain shower, it is normal to see shallow ponding in the rain garden for a day or two. Please do not fill in the ponding area. If water is still observed after three days, then it may be necessary to rake or poke shallow holes in the soil. If water is still observed, replace the top layer of soil and mulch.

Weeding: Weed growth during the plant establishment period is typical and weed removal helps eliminate competition with desirable plants. Weeds can be addressed with spot use of herbicide or by pulling. Blanket use of herbicide is never recommended. Diligent weeding during the first two years produces desirable plants that, by year three are mature enough to compete and crowd out most weeds.

Watering: The plants in your rain garden should not require watering once mature plants are established; however, watering helps plant appearance during drought periods.



**SECTION 215.015 A:
MAINTENANCE OF TREES
AND SHRUBS** - Just a reminder
to all property owners that it is the
*responsibility of the property
owner or occupant* to maintain any

trees along the right of way that may be hanging over the street. Limbs are to be kept trimmed to a height of at least ten (10) feet above any part of the street so as not to interfere with persons or vehicles using the sidewalk or street. Maintenance includes being watchful and making sure that any dead limbs in the tree be removed to reduce the effect of wind and storms as best possible.



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 call 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.



**ST LOUIS COUNTY PLANNING
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT - HOME IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM (H.I.P.)**

The Home Improvement Program (HIP) is a federally funded program to provide technical advice and financial assistance to qualified homeowners for a variety of home repairs. A participant can receive 100% of the cost of correcting authorized repairs based on a maximum benefit limit of \$5,000. Winchester has been allocated \$20,000 from Community Development Block

Grant Funds which will become available after January 1, 2019.

If you are interested, call **314-615-4025**.

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Property Fraud Alert-

Q: What is property fraud?

A. When someone illegally uses your property for financial gain.

Q. How does it happen?

A. Someone records a fraudulent document in the County Land Records Office, making it look like they own your home or property.

Q. Should I be concerned?

A. YES. According to the FBI, Property and Mortgage fraud is the fastest growing white-collar crime.

Q. What can I do about it?

A. Your County Land Records Office has teamed up to create a notification serviced called Property Fraud Alert.

Subscribe free of charge :
www.propertyfraudalert.com or call the property fraud alert hotline at 1-800-728-3858.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

The City of Winchester contracts with St. Louis County for mosquito control services. In early July, several residents complained about the extreme number of mosquitoes in the area.

St. Louis County treated mosquito breeding sites on 6/14/18 with a larvicide product that lasts up to 45 days and sprayed (adulthood) on 6/18/18. They concentrate adulthood efforts in areas where traps indicate high numbers of the particular type of mosquitoes that can transmit disease and where mosquitoes have tested positive for disease.

If you are having issues with mosquitoes, call 314-615-0680 and follow the prompts and one of the field specialists will return your call within 24 hours. They will be happy to provide an inspection to determine if there is anything else that they can do to help alleviate the problem. Help discourage mosquito breeding by eliminating all standing water and debris, clogged rain gutters, pet bowls, leaky faucets, overgrown vegetation, etc. **For daily spraying area updates, call 314-615-4284.**

