



Winchester Newsletter

Jan - Feb, 2019

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

City Calendar



- JAN - 1 - NEW YEAR's DAY Celebrated,
City Hall Closed**
2 - Ballfield Permit Applications
available @ City Hall at 9:00 a.m.
2 - Court, 7:00 p.m.
9 - City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
**15 - Candidate Filing for April Election
closes @ 5:00 p.m.**
21 - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
City Hall Open

- FEB 1 - Pavilion & Gazebo Reservations begin**
(for April 1st - October 31st)
6 - Court, 7:00 p.m.
13 - City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
♥ **14 - VALENTINE'S DAY**
18 - PRESIDENT'S DAY
(City Hall Open)

- MAR 10 - Daylight Savings Time Begins**
13 - City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
♣ **17 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY**



NOTICE OF ELECTION **DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY** CITY OF WINCHESTER



A **Municipal Election** will be held in the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, to elect **one Alderman from Ward I and one Alderman from Ward II, each to serve a two (2) year term.**

Declaration of Candidacy for said offices must be received by the City Clerk, Monday thru Friday, during regular business hours. Filing began on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. The closing date will be on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

A candidate must be a qualified voter properly registered under the laws of the Constitution of the State of Missouri. A Candidate must not be in arrears in any unpaid City of Winchester taxes and must have been a resident of the City of Winchester for at least one year preceding the election.

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

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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

Joyce Davis

Term Expires April, 2019

636/391-1988

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

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.

Barbara Beckett, CMC
City Administrator/Clerk

CITY MEETING NEWS



In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following action during November/December, 2018 meetings:

ORDINANCE #1075 - An ordinance establishing the annual rate of tax levy for the year 2018 on all property within the City of Winchester:

Residential Real Estate	\$0.191
Agricultural	\$0.000
Commercial Real Estate	\$0.1670
Personal Property	\$0.2610

ORDINANCE #1076 - An ordinance providing for the execution of a contract between the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri and the County of St. Louis, Missouri for a full time police service within the City of Winchester, Missouri and providing for payment thereof.

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Allied Waste/Republic Services will dispose of your Christmas Tree at no additional charge to you. Please consider that trees will not be picked up if they are in plastic bags.

- * Remove all tinsel and garland from your tree and
- * Place your tree curbside before 7:00 a.m. on any regularly scheduled pick up day.



Happy New Year!



TAX FORMS - Reminder: City Hall *no longer* receives paper income tax packages in the mail from the IRS. Federal Income Tax Forms and Publications can be found at the www.irs.gov. The State of Missouri *will not be supplying* individual tax forms.

You can obtain tax forms by visiting the MoDOR website at: www.dor.mo.gov/tax. Both of the previously mentioned website's forms are "Fill-in". In other words, you can fill them out on line and print them. You may obtain forms by using the automated Fax-on-Demand system (Form by Fax) at 573-751-4800. **TAX ASSISTANCE** (Missouri Department of Revenue) For senior citizens, disabled taxpayers or Veterans disabled as a result of military service, information on the Property Tax Credit is available on the Missouri Department of Revenue's website at : <http://dor.mo.gov/personal> Additional income tax assistance is available to those who qualify from Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Centers (VITA) and American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

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.



BALLFIELD RESERVATIONS - New

this year, Reber Park's two ballfields are available for Organized League Team Practice in both spring and fall. **Spring Ball** runs from April through June, or when the fields are deemed usable by the City, until the end of June each year. **Fall Ball** practice is available August through September.

Ballfield Reservation Forms are available at City Hall at 9:00 a.m. on January 2, 2019. Applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis, depending on field availability. You will know your time and field reservation when you register. Teams are required to pay a per season user fee of \$50.00. Each team is limited to one practice session each week. Practice sessions are two hours and are available:

Weekdays (Mon-Fri)

4-6 p.m. *or* 6-8 p.m.

Saturdays

8-10 a.m. *or*

10 a.m.- Noon



PAVILION & GAZEBO RESERVATIONS

The opportunity to reserve the pavilion and gazebo will be available February 1, 2019. The facilities may be reserved individually and/or together. Hours are from 7a.m.- 8:00 p.m., April through October. These facilities are great for special functions, family reunions, barbeques, and birthday parties. Restrooms are specifically designated for the parties reserved. ***Cost to reserve the pavilion is \$45, the gazebo, \$30.*** Residents and non-residents are eligible to reserve the facilities.

Saint Louis
COUNTY
POLICE DEPT



WINCHESTER NEIGHBORHOOD STATION

Cold Weather Tips

Check daily on elderly friends, relatives and neighbors who live alone.

The elderly and very young should stay indoors as much as possible. Offer to shop for elderly friends and relatives. Just like in the summer with heat, it takes some time to get acclimated to cold weather.

Wear layered clothing outdoors for better protection from the cold. Wear a cap to prevent rapid heat loss from an uncovered head. Cover exposed skin to prevent frostbite.

While indoors, try to keep at least one room heated to 70 degrees. This is especially important for the elderly and small children to prevent hypothermia.

Avoid drinking alcoholic beverages.

Eat high energy foods along with warm beverages and soup.

Sleep warm with extra blankets, a warm cap, socks and layered clothing.

Avoid fatigue and exhaustion during cold weather. Overexertion, such as shoveling snow or pushing a car, can strain your heart.

Carry extra clothing, blankets and high energy snacks, such as cereal or candy bars in your car for protection if car stalls. Keep the gas tank near full to prevent icing. Don't travel alone.

Be careful when using fireplaces, stoves or space heaters to stay warm. Carbon monoxide poisoning and home fires are very real winter hazards. For answers to any questions about using space heaters or any other heating method to stay warm, please call your local fire department.

For referral to many services for the elderly in our area, call CORP at 636-207-1323. CORP is part of St. Louis County Government's Department of Human Services.

ST LOUIS COUNTY ACCESS & FUNCTIONAL NEEDS REGISTRY

Would you or a loved one need assistance during a disaster? The St. Louis County Department of Human Services now offers the "Access and Functional Needs Registry" for St. Louis County residents. The Registry is an emergency preparedness tool that allows older adults and people living with disabilities to communicate to emergency responders that they may need assistance during a disaster. It was developed in partnership with the Office of Emergency Management and will be used by St. Louis County for disaster planning response. Participation does not guarantee preferential treatment during a disaster. For more information on how to personally prepare for a disaster, you may visit www.ready.gov. You may also contact the Registry Coordinator at 314-615-4426.



STREET LIGHTS - Help to keep Winchester safe and save your tax dollars by reporting any street light in the City that is:

- ✧ broken,
- ✧ off at night,
- ✧ on during daylight hours,
- ✧ or experiencing another problem.

Please call City Hall and let us know which street light is not operating properly and what is wrong with the light. ***When you report the lighting problem to City Hall, it is helpful to refer to the light's "tag" number. The electric company "tags" each street light with a locator number on the light's pole. Your assistance allows us to report the lighting problem quickly and efficiently to Ameren Missouri.***



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.

ILLEGAL DUMPING AND LITTERING

Illegal dumping is the disposal of waste generated at one location and disposed of at another location without legal permission. Illegal dumping is the disposal of trash, tires, yard waste, appliances and other waste materials disposed of *on both private and public property* without permission of the property owner.

People illegally dump in unsecured vacant lots, remote spaces, roadways, parking lots, abandoned buildings, poorly lit areas and waterways, including creeks, drainage swales, rivers and dry weather ditches.

This disrespect for other's property and the environment can cause health hazards including: physical injuries from sharp and pointed objects, diseases from rodents and insects, fires from flammable materials, flooding from material blocking flood control channels and storm drains. Economic concerns include: decrease in property values and the expense to clean up the pollutant loads in our storm water facilities.

If you see any illegal dumping happening in the City of Winchester, please call the local police department at 636-529-8210.



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 up for the deliveries is at 10:30 a.m. in the Manchester area. The more volunteers, the more seniors that can be helped.

The **West County Area on Aging Agency** 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.



SAINT LOUIS COUNTY DEPT. PUBLIC WORKS (Reminder) St. LOUIS COUNTY WATER SERVICE LINE REPAIR PROGRAM

This program is *available to all county residents. The water company bills the customer \$1/month. All you need to do is be current on the property's account in order to be eligible for the program.*

This service is for repairs to the homeowner's private water service when the leak or broken stop cock valve is outside the foundation of the residence. City Hall can provide you with copies of applications. If you have any questions about the program, please call: 314-615-8420.

The following are steps for applying to St. Louis County:

- If you suspect a water line leak outside of your house, call Missouri American Water.
- The water company will send an inspector to confirm the leak, and will leave a **repair notice** at the property. The **repair notice** must be submitted to St. Louis County, by mail, along with the **completed application**. Send to St. Louis County - Public Works, Water Service Line Repair Program, 121 S. Meramec, 2nd Floor, Clayton, MO 63105 or fax to 314-615-8406. The phone number is 314-615-8420.
- St. Louis County will notify the homeowner when the application has been received.
- St. Louis County will solicit bids and award the repair job to a qualified contractor. Homeowner will be notified of award and repair start date.
- St. Louis County will pay the contractor directly after final inspection of the repair.



(From St. Louis County, Dept. of Health)

FOOD SAFETY - TIPS FROM ST. LOUIS COUNTY HEALTH

As the holidays approach and families get ready to prepare their favorite meals, the St. Louis metropolitan area health departments encourage residents to practice food safety.

To safely prepare, handle, and serve food, public health officials recommend the following four steps:

Clean

Wash your hands with warm water and soap for 15-20 seconds before and after handling food. Wash, rinse, and sanitize your cutting boards, dishes, utensils, and counter tops.

Consider using paper towels to clean up kitchen surfaces. If you use cloth towels, launder them often in the hot cycle.

Rinse fresh fruits and vegetables under running tap water, including those with skins and rinds that are not eaten. Scrub firm produce with a clean produce brush.

Separate

Separate raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs from other foods in your grocery shopping cart, grocery bags, and refrigerator.

Use one cutting board for fresh produce and a separate one for raw meat, poultry, and seafood. Never place cooked food on a used plate that previously held raw meat, poultry, seafood, or eggs. Do not reuse marinades used on raw foods unless you bring them to a boil first.

Cook

Color and texture cannot determine safety. Always use a food thermometer for meat, poultry, seafood, and egg products for all cooking methods. Check packaging for the minimum internal temperature.

Bring sauces, soups and gravy to a boil when reheating. Dough and batter made with flour or eggs can contain harmful germs, such as E. coli and

Salmonella. *Do not taste or eat uncooked dough or batter of any kind.*

Use pasteurized eggs for dishes containing raw eggs. Salmonella and other harmful germs can live on both the outside and inside of normal-looking eggs. Many holiday favorites contain raw eggs, including eggnog, tiramisu, hollandaise sauce, and Caesar dressing. Always use pasteurized eggs when making these and other foods made with raw eggs.

Chill

Never thaw your turkey or other frozen foods on the counter top. Instead, thaw frozen foods in the refrigerator, in a sink of cold water that is changed every 30 minutes, or in the microwave. Food thawed in cold water or in the microwave should be cooked immediately.

Use an appliance thermometer to be sure the refrigerator temperature is consistently 40° F or below and the freezer temperature is 0° F or below. Refrigerate or freeze meat, poultry, eggs, seafood, and other perishables within 2 hours of cooking or purchasing.

Always marinate food in the refrigerator.

Divide large amounts of leftovers into shallow containers for quicker cooling in the refrigerator.

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 636-391-6326 ext 401.