



Winchester Newsletter

June-July 2019

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

CITY MEETING NEWS



City Calendar



- June**
- 5 - Court, 7:00 p.m.
 - 11 - St. Louis County Police
Coffee with Police Officers
at the Bread Co, 6am-9am
 - 12 - City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 - 14 - FLAG DAY
 - 16 - FATHER'S DAY
 - 30 - Ballfield Permits end
- July**
- 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY,
City Hall Closed
 - 10 - City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug.**
- 12 - Rockwood School District, school begins
 - 13 - Parkway School District, school begins
 - 14 - City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 - 27 - Court, 5:30 p.m..
Ballwin Court Business Office
#1 Government Ctr, Ballwin, MO 63011



In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following action during **April/May, 2019:**

ORDINANCE

#1078 - An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Winchester to execute a Municipal Court Services Agreement between the City of Winchester and the City of Ballwin, St. Louis County, Missouri.

Resolution #2019-02 April 2, 2019 Election Results:

A resolution declaring the results of the General Election held in the City of Winchester on April 2nd, 2019. At the May 8th Board Meeting, the City Administrator/Clerk swore in Joyce Davis and Tony DeLuca as Aldermen for Wards I and II, respectively, each for two year terms.

Resolution #2019-03: A resolution adopting the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 for the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri.

Mayor Gail M. Winham announced the following Aldermanic responsibilities:

Alderwoman- Joyce Davis

Park & Recreation Liaison

Safety Coordinator

Alderwoman 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 Dep't. Liaison

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

JOYCE DAVIS

Term Expires April, 2021

636/391-1988

CAROL J. KRAFT

Term Expires April, 2020

636/399-0859

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

WARD II

TONY DeLUCA

Term Expires April, 2021

314/220-2119

MICHAEL SCHMIDT

Terms Expires April, 2020

314/706-8169

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

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PLANNING



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 was held at City Hall on Wednesday, May 8th at 7:15 p.m. Once again the Board voted to allocate the funds to the Home Improvement Program for 2020.

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.



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 it to the police immediately.* The non-emergency phone number is 636-529-8210.

NOTICE

Local Officers would like to share coffee and conversation with the residents to aid in prevention, awareness, resistance and suppression of crime in your area. Please stop in and say hello and aid them in their mission to prevent crime.

The event will be held at Panera Bread (St. Louis Bread Co.) At 14560 Manchester Road on June 11, 2019 from 6 am - 9 am.

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.



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, 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 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 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, now known as Aging Ahead, 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  Reu Recycle
Naturally!

Customer Information brought to you by

SPIRE Natural Gas Company. Spire offers the following advice on how to spot a gas leak and what to do if you suspect a leak.

Smell

While natural gas is colorless and odorless, a smell of rotten eggs (called Mercaptan) is added so that you can easily identify a potential leak.

Sight

Look for these signs, especially near pipelines:

Dead or discolored vegetation

Bubbling water

Blowing dust

Sounds

Listen for:

An unexplained hissing, whistling or roaring sound

Know what to do if you suspect a leak

Immediately evacuate the area

Move outside and upwind from the location of the suspected leak

Avoid creating a spark, using or turning electronic devices on and off (such as a light switch or cell phone) when leaving

Warn others

Get to a safe location then immediately call 800-887-4173 or 911. Never assume someone else will call

Take all of these steps prior to contacting a property management company

Return only after you've been told the area is secure by Spire personnel

Guard against carbon monoxide:

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a normal by-product of burning fuel sources like gasoline, wood, propane and natural gas. If your appliances are not working properly or are improperly ventilated, there is potential for CO to reach dangerous levels in your home, which can be extremely dangerous and even fatal. To guard against CO exposure, always have a UL-approved CO detector with an alarm in your home, and schedule yearly furnace inspections. Learn more about the symptoms of CO exposure at www.SpireEnergy.com/CO



WEST NILE VIRUS



Mosquitoes are an all too familiar summer nuisance and pose a potential health threat.

Don't be a mosquito breeder! Mosquitoes arrive as the temperature outside begins to rise. Mosquitoes can only develop in standing water. They lay their eggs, usually in places where water collects (old tires, tin cans, buckets, gutters, etc.). To reduce the mosquito population around your home, dump standing water such as found in old tires, empty flowerpots, tin cans, bird baths, etc. Most importantly, keep grass cut and bushes trimmed.

For more information about mosquito related issues, contact the St. Louis County Department of Health Vector Control at 314-615-8935 or log on to St. Louis County website at www.stlouisco.com/doh.

