



Winchester Newsletter

Aug-Sept., 2019

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

City Calendar



- Aug.** 1 **Fall Ball Reservation Permits begin**
 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
- Sept.** 2 - LABOR DAY, *City Hall Closed*
 5 - No trash service today!
Holiday trash Schedule
 6 - Holiday trash pick up TODAY!
 11 - **City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**
- Oct.** 1- National Night Out
 1 - *Business Licenses Due*
 5 - **Community Clean Up 8 am - Noon**
SAVE THE DATE, See p. 5 for Details
 9 - **City Meeting, 7:30 p.m**

636-227-9000 and the number to call to schedule inspections is 636-227-2129. 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.

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



CITY MEETING NEWS

In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following actions during **June & July, 2019:**

Ordinance

#1,079 - an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with the City of Ballwin for full time police service for a term of five (5) years commencing on the 1st day of January, 2020, and terminating on the 31st day of December, 2024. The contract amount to be paid the first year is \$153,792.00 and will be adjusted in future years by multiplying the two-year rolling average of the Consumer Price Index. The current rate for the 2019 St. Louis County Police Contract is \$210,680.69. The contract with Ballwin will result in a savings of at least \$56,888.69 for the City of Winchester in 2020.

All services offered by the Ballwin Police Department will be available to the residents of Winchester. For more information please check out this website:

www.ballwin.mo.us/Winchester/

““““ 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 #1 Government Center, Ballwin, MO. and Winchester residents will need to contact Ballwin to apply for and pay the fee for Housing Inspections (\$100) and Building Permits. The phone number of Ballwin is

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
Term Expires, 2021
636/391-1988

Carol J. Kraft
Term Expires April, 2020
636-399-0859

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Tony DeLuca
Term Expires April, 2021
314/220-2119

WARD II

Michael Schmidt
Term Expires April, 2020
314/706-8169

#1,080 - transfers all pending and future municipal ordinance violations to the Ballwin Municipal Division of the St. Louis County Circuit Court.

#1,081 - authorizes the collection of a \$4.00 Convenience Fee for accepting payments of court costs by means other than by cash or negotiable instrument.

#1,082 - amends Ordinance #1,079 by changing the date by which *Ballwin is to take over the provision of police services* from St. Louis County. The change of date from January 1, 2020 to *October 1, 2019* was agreed to by St. Louis County Police, and the City of Winchester. The final Ballwin approval for this change is scheduled to take place on August 19th.

Liquor Licenses were approved for the following businesses:

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

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



from the
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
FLOATING & CANOEING

Floating Missouri's streams is a fantastic way to enjoy our state's great outdoors. Whether your passion is angling for smallmouth or rock bass, keeping an eye out for elusive wildlife, or simply drifting downstream with the current, a day on the river will lift your spirit.

Missouri's streams are not only beautiful and full of life, they are a big part of Missouri's outdoor recreation economy. Please support the businesses that participate in the Stream Team's "Stash Your Trash" program. Get your free "stash your trash" bags. These handy bags help you keep Missouri streams clean and healthy while you're having fun on the water.

If you are a stream team member, some of the outfitters offer a discount for members who plan litter pickups or other Stream Team activities during their float trips. Just present your Stream Team ID.

For a list of canoe outfitters and those that participate in the Stream Team program visit www.nature.mdc.mo.gov.

Saint Louis COUNTY 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.

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 passer by locked. If you must keep valuables in your vehicle, keep them out of sight.

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.



**(MEAAA) AGING AHEAD-
TRANSPORTATION RIDERS
NEEDED-** The West County
Senior Center at 14535
Manchester Road needs a few

more seniors to ride the OATS bus to and from the center. Anyone over 60 is welcome to ride the bus and participate in daily activities and lunch. The center is open Monday- Friday from 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. and a hot, nutritious lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day. Weekly center activities include BINGO, Tai Chi, Line Dancing, Arts & Crafts and so much more. Visit our website www.agingahead.org to see the West County Senior Center lunch menu and activities schedule. Contact Maria Brown at (636) 227-3882, to learn more about using our OATS Transportation.

Aging Ahead supports individuals through the journey of aging. They serve older adults and their caregivers in St. Louis, St. Charles, Franklin and Jefferson counties. Offered are programs for older adults like:

- Meals on Wheels,
- Community Resources
- Caregiver Support
- Healthy Living Programs

- Options Consulting
- Socialization
- Benefits Assistance and
so much more

If you would like more information, please contact Aging Ahead at (636) 207-0847.



**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, 2020. If you are interested, call **314-615-4025**.



**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE
RESERVATIONS - LOTS OF
DAYS AVAILABLE**

The pavilion and Gazebo at Reber Park are available for use from **April through October** of each year, 7:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. for special functions, family reunions, barbeques, and birthday parties. The City offers reservations either individually and/or together.

The cost to reserve the pavilion is \$45, the gazebo, \$30.

Reservations **must** be made in person; fees are non-refundable. 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.***

