



Winchester Newsletter

October, 2019

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

City Calendar



- OCT 1 - National Night Out with the Ballwin Police Department, 5pm to 8pm (p.2)**
- 1 - Business Licenses Due**
Licenses are due and payable the first business day in October
- 5 - City Wide Clean-Up, 8 am - Noon**
- 9 - City Meeting, 7:30 p.m**
- 22 - Court, 5:30 p.m.**
Ballwin Court Business Office
#1 Government Ctr, Ballwin, MO 63011
- 31 - HALLOWEEN Safety Center at Reber Park, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- NOV 3-** Daylight Savings Time Ends, Turn your clocks back 1 hour
- 13 - City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**
- 26 - Court, 5:30 p.m.**
Ballwin Court Business Office
#1 Government Ctr, Ballwin, Mo 63011
- 28 - THANKSGIVING,**
City Hall Closed
No trash service today
- 29 - City Hall Closed**
Holiday trash pick up TODAY!



The City of Winchester Welcomes the BALLWIN POLICE DEPT.

October 1st is National Night Out which is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live and work. Together, we are making that happen.

On October 1, 2019, from 5 pm to 8 pm, neighbors throughout Winchester and across the nation are asked to turn on their front porch lights and secure their homes before spending the evening outside with neighbors and law enforcement.

National Project Coordinator, Matt Peskin said, "This is a night for our nation to stand together and promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement. When law enforcement and the community work closely together, some amazing things can happen."

The Ballwin Police Department will be stationed in the parking lot of Reber Park near the intersection of Lindy Blvd. and Hillcrest Blvd., Winchester, MO 63021 from 5 pm to 8 pm. Stop by and see your Ballwin Police Officers and vehicles.

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

Tony DeLuca

Term Expires April, 2021
314/220-2119

WARD II

Michael Schmidt

Term Expires, April 2020
314/706-8169

Website: www.city.winchester.mo.us



TRICK OR TREAT - Halloween is all

here and your local Ballwin Officers are preparing for their first Safety Center event with the City of Winchester. The event will be held at Reber Park from 6 pm - 8pm on Halloween night. Treats and glo-sticks will be available for kids and adults alike. Come join in the fun.

**October is National Crime Prevention Month
Burglary Q & A**

Although no two burglaries are exactly alike, here are some general answers to frequently asked questions:

Q. What time of day do most burglaries occur?

A. It is traditionally thought that most burglaries occur in the middle of the night. The truth is, burglaries are occurring at all times during the day and night. Whenever you are away from your home, your house is vulnerable.

Q. What property is most often taken during burglaries?

A. The items taken most frequently in residential burglaries are money, jewelry, guns and small electronic equipment.

Q. How is entry gained in most burglaries?

A. Even with the increasing concerns over crime in America, the sad truth is that most entries are made through unlocked doors and windows.

Q. Is it safer to answer my door when I am not expecting guests or just ignore the person?

A. Always acknowledge you are home. (This does not necessarily mean open the door.) Remember, a burglar is looking for an empty house. If you do not answer the door he may think the house is empty and attempt to enter. If someone is outside your house and you feel threatened, immediately dial 911.



The following information is presented from the library of MSD Project Clear, a municipal public education project. *(Reminder)*

PROPER LEAF DISPOSAL -

Falling leaves announce Autumn's arrival; however, they can create problems.... problems that the City needs your help in preventing. We ask residents to consider the following:

Leaves and/or other debris filling storm sewers cause the sewers not to function well and can lead to unnecessary flooding. This is the reason why *placing leaves out onto the street is strictly prohibited.... leaves end up in storm sewers!*

Leaf disposal is available through Republic Services and costs are included with your Solid Waste bill. All you have to do is rake or gather the yard waste, put it in marked containers or yard waste bags, and set out at the curb no sooner than 24-hours before pick up day.

Municipal Code Section 210.680



**NATIONAL FIRE
PREVENTION WEEK**

(Excerpts from nfpa.org)

**Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 6-12, 2019
About Fire Prevention Week**

NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week since 1922. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The President of the United States has signed a proclamation declaring a national observance during that week every year since year since 1925.

Visit www.firepreventionweek.org for more safety information.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has announced "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your

Escape™!” as the theme for Fire Prevention Week, October 6-12, 2019. This year’s campaign recognizes the everyday people who motivate their households to develop and practice a home fire escape plan; these seemingly basic behaviors can have life-saving impact.

These plans are more important than ever, particularly because today’s homes burn faster than ever. Carli notes that synthetic fibers used in modern home furnishings, along with the fact that newer homes tend to be built with more open spaces and unprotected lightweight construction, are contributing factors to the increased burn rate.

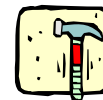
“People tend to underestimate their risk to fire, particularly at home. That over-confidence lends itself to a complacency toward home escape planning and practice,” said Carli. “But in a fire situation, we’ve seen time and again that advance planning can make a potentially life-saving difference.”

A home escape plan includes working smoke alarms on every level of the home, in every bedroom, and near all sleeping areas. It also includes two ways out of every room, usually a door and a window, with a clear path to an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) that’s a safe distance from the home.

Home escape plans should be practiced twice a year by all members of the household.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!,” along with a wealth of resources to help promote the campaign locally, visit www.fpw.org.

**Saint Louis
COUNTY
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 St. Louis County Department of Planning, Office of Community Development at 314-615-4025.

 **NOTICE OF NEW RATES
BEGINNING OCT. 1, 2019**

Allied Waste Services (Republic Services) is Winchester’s Solid Waste Collection Services Contractor. The contract provides the following basic services to every home in Winchester at a cost of \$20.27/month (\$18.24/month) billed quarterly **beginning October 1st**. There is a 10% discount for Senior Citizens with proof of age being 65 years or older.

Trash, yard waste and recycle collection are all on Thursday.



MSD is offering a customer assistance program for qualified low-income, elderly and disabled customers who receive sewer service from MSD. You must own and/or reside as a tenant in the property for which you are applying to receive a rate reduction. Customers will receive a rate reduction equal to 50% of the current charges for wastewater services on their monthly sewer bill.

Customers who wish to apply for the program must complete an application and return it to MSD’s Accounts Receivable

Department. To request an application, call 1-866-281-5737 or if you wish to preview stipulations, go to www.stlmsd.com and look under their customer service link to customer assistance program. Approved applicants shall begin on the first full month following approval of the application. Rate reduction will remain in effect for a period of two years from the date of approval. All applicants must reapply bi-annually.

LAFAYETTE OLDER ADULT PROGRAM (L.O.A.P.)



Are you 55 or older and looking for a fun, active group to join, look no further! L.O.A.P. is a partnership between Ballwin, Chesterfield, Ellisville, Manchester, Wildwood, Winchester and the Parkway and Rockwood School Districts. The \$2 fee includes entertainment/speakers, BINGO, coffee, soda and dessert. You just need to bring your sack lunch. Occasionally special luncheons are offered that require a reservation and pre-payment at a higher fee.

The group meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays from September to May... 10 am - 1 pm. at the Ballwin Golf Course, 333 Holloway Road. For more information call 636-391-6236 ext. 401.

PARK & RECREATION NEWS

All municipal parks in the City of Winchester shall be closed between the hours of dusk and 7:00 a.m. A person shall not be in the parks during those hours except as authorized by Pavilion permit.



REBER PARK PAVILION &

GAZEBO RESERVATIONS.... Gazebo and Pavilion reservations are possible

through the month of October. At the time of this newsletter, the month of October is open for both structures individually, or together, from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Consider reserving them for special functions, family reunions, barbeques, and birthday parties. *The cost to reserve the pavilion is \$45, the gazebo, \$30.* Residents and non-residents alike are eligible to reserve the facilities. October is, in general, a beautiful

month in which to spend time outdoors and Reber Park is a great place to gather for celebrations and family fun. Call City Hall to inquire about reservations.



HAVE A PROBLEM DISPOSING OF LEFT OVER PAINT?

Consider the following suggestions: buy only what you need; blend similar colors of latex paint to use as a base coat for larger jobs.

Here are options for the proper disposal of leftover paint:

- *Oil-based paint* should be recycled through the County's hazardous household waste program
- *Latex paint* should be air dried in a safe location away from children and pets. Larger volumes of latex paint can be mixed in with absorbent material such as shredded paper or kitty litter. Once latex paint is solidified all the way through, it can be safely placed in the trash.

Reduce ♻️ **Reuse** ♻️ **Recycle**
Naturally!



TREE TRIMMING

It's a good time to check on whether or not your property could use tree trimming. In Winchester, property owners with trees along the right-of-way should have branches *no lower than 10'* above the pavement. *Winter, when the trees are dormant,* is the best time to trim. With spring growth following soon after, fresh wounds are exposed for the shortest time. It is good to remove the lowest branches that interfere with streets or routine yard maintenance. Try to maintain a trunk without branches for the first 10-15 feet. Remember to keep those shrubs and hedges in the front yard trimmed so they do not encroach into the right-of-way and block the view of traffic. Any limbs should be bundled in sections *no longer than four feet* and put at the curb for yard waste pickup.