



Winchester Newsletter

Jan - Feb, 2020

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.
- 8 - City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**
- 14 - Candidate Filing for April Election closes @ 5:00 p.m.**
- 20 - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**
City Hall Open
- 28 - Court, 5:30 pm**
Ballwin Court Business Office
#1 Government Ctr, Ballwin, MO 63011
- FEB 3 - Pavilion & Gazebo Reservations begin**
(for April 1st - October 31st)
- 12 - City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**
- ♥ **14 - VALENTINE'S DAY**
- 17 - PRESIDENT'S DAY**
(City Hall Open)
- 25 - Court, 5:30 pm**
Ballwin Court Business Office
#1 Government Ctr, Ballwin, MO 63011
- MAR 11 - City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**
- ♣ **17 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY**
- 24 - Court, 5:30 pm**
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A **Municipal Election** will be held in the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 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 10, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. The closing date will be on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 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, 2021
636/391-1988

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

WARD II

Tony DeLuca
Term Expires April, 2021
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, 2019 meetings:

ORDINANCE #1083 - An ordinance establishing the annual rate of tax levy for the year 2019 on all property within the City of Winchester:


Residential Real Estate	\$0.1770
Agricultural	\$0.0000
Commercial Real Estate	\$0.1460
Personal Property	\$0.2610

ORDINANCE #1084 - An ordinance amending various sections of Chapter of 405 of the zoning ordinance to allow for medical marijuana related uses as amended.

Resolution 2019-05: A resolution adopting the St. Louis Regional All Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2015 to 2020, updated in 2015 by the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri, on the 9th day of October, 2015.

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. 



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, 2020. 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, 2020. 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.

BALLWIN POLICE DEPT



WINCHESTER NEIGHBORHOOD STATION

Winchester has contracted with the City of Ballwin to supply police service beginning October 1, 2019.

Ballwin has informed the Board of Aldermen that Douglas Schaeffler has been selected to be their new Chief of Police. He comes to Ballwin with 30 years of law enforcement experience. He has served with the Richmond Heights Police Department since 1988 and has held that Chief of Police position for the past three years. They believe that his professional experience paired with his firm commitment to community policing made him the ideal choice.

Chief Schaeffler is currently involved in various professional and civic organizations, including the FBI National Academy Associates, St. Louis Area Police Chief Association, Law Enforcement Officials of Greater St. Louis, Life Church St. Louis, and St. Louis County & Municipal Police Academy.

Chief Schaeffler said “I am excited to apply what I have learned throughout my career to make a meaningful and lasting contribution and relationship with the City of Winchester and the men and women of the Ballwin Police Department.”

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.

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.



SNOOPING IN THE TRASH

The United States Supreme Court has ruled that once trash is placed near the curb for disposal, all expectation of privacy has been forfeited by the resident and anyone may legally examine the contents, including taking any items if they so desire. *In other words, it is legal for someone to go through your trash after you place it near the curb for disposal.* Therefore, police officials warn residents to be attentive to what they throw away (credit card statements, bank statements, other private information) so that they do not become a victim of identity theft.

Saint Louis COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

POLL WORKERS NEEDED

The St. Louis County Board of Elections is recruiting workers for 2020. Individuals are needed to serve as poll workers for four elections: March 10, April 7, August 4 and November 3.

Earn \$125 - \$155 for each election worked and \$30-\$50 for training. To apply visit www.vote4stlco.com/pollaccess . For additional information call 314-615-1865



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 636-227-9636.



**AGING AHEAD- formerly
MEAAA**

The West County Senior Center at 14535 Manchester Road is open Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am - Noon with a hot meal served at 11:30 am. All meal reservations need to be made 2 days in advance and senior meals are provided on a suggested donation of \$4. Weekly activities and exercise classes include Tai Chi T/TH 10am -10:30am and Line Dancing T/TH 10:30 am - 11:30 am. To find out more about the senior center or the lunch menu, call Stephanie Lecci at 636-227-3882 or visit www.agingahead.org .

Another great opportunity for older adults to learn, socialize and enjoy a healthy meal in the community is our CHOICE program. Aging Ahead has partnered with the St. Louis Library to offer a variety of health, wellness and social presentations followed by a catered lunch. To become a CHOICE member, sign up for a presentation or learn more about the program, visit www.againahead.org/choice .

Aging Ahead supports individuals through the journey of aging. Serving older adults 60+ and their caregivers in St. Louis, St. Charles, Franklin and Jefferson counties. Programs and resources offered to older adults are Meals on Wheels, Community Resources, Caregiver Support, Healthy Living Programs, Options Consulting, Socialization, Benefits Assistance and so much more. For more information or to speak to a community Options Specialist, contact Again Ahead at 636-207-0847.

**Saint Louis
COUNTY**

PUBLIC HEALTH

Re: Newly enacted (Effective Oct. 25, 2019) St. Louis County *Open Burning* Restrictions Ordinance (St. Louis County Revised Ordinances (SLCRO) Title VI Chapter 612.345

Open Burning means the burning of any materials where air contaminants resulting from combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. For purposes of this definition, a chamber shall be regarded as enclosed, when, during the time combustion takes place, only those apertures, ducts, stacks, flues, or chimneys, as are necessary to provide combustion air and to permit the escape of exhaust gasses, are open.

The following activities are permitted in St. Louis County when not prohibited by other laws, regulations, or ordinances. All other open burning not specifically exempted is prohibited unless approved by the Director. (The two permitted circumstances below apply to residential districts such as Winchester.)

A. Recreational Fires

Recreational fires shall be comprised of only untreated seasoned dry fire wood which is free of leaves, needles, yard waste, garbage, rubbish, treated wood, or tree trimmings; and

the total cumulative base area of the fire(s) shall not exceed nine square feet; and the recreational fire shall not cause smoke, ash, or particulate matter to remain visible in the air or upon surfaces beyond the property line where the fire is occurring.

B. Preparation of food, such as barbecuing

Fires shall either be contained through recreational food preparation equipment such as a grill, rotisserie, outdoor cooking stove or other device constructed for the use in outdoor noncommercial food preparation; or total cumulative base area of the fire(s) shall not exceed nine square feet; and the fire shall be comprised of only untreated seasoned dry fire wood or charcoal; and shall not cause smoke, ash or particulate matter to remain visible in the air or upon surfaces beyond the property line.

If you need more specific information for permitted open burning, please call 314-615-8924 or City Hall at 636-391-0600 and we will try to find the answer for you.

