




Winchester Newsletter

March 2020

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

City Calendar



- March 8- DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins-**
"Spring Forward" - when you turn your clocks forward, *change the batteries in your smoke detector*
- 11 - City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**
-  **17 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY**
- 24 - Court, 5:30 pm**
Ballwin Court Business Office
#1 Government Ctr, Ballwin, MO 63011
- April 1 - Reber Park Pavilion & Gazebo** may be reserved for dates from April 1st - through Oct. 31st. *Reservations* began @ City Hall on February 1st -must be made in person
- 2 - Ballfield Reservation Permits begin April 1st** (Weather Permitting) **through June 30th**
- 2 - MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY**
See Location of Polling Place → →
City Hall Open
- 8- City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**
- 28 - Court, 5:30 pm**
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NOTICE OF ELECTION

CITY OF WINCHESTER

ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

TO: Qualified Voters of the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri

TAKE NOTICE:

Notice of a General Election in the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri on:

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020
for the election of one (1) Alderman from Ward I and one (1) Alderman from Ward II, each to serve a two (2) year term.

HOURS OF ELECTION:

6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Central Daylight Time

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE:

for LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP PRECINCTS 042, 044 & 045, and QUEENY TOWNSHIP PRECINCTS 026 & 027 (all of Winchester) the polling place is:

St. John United Church of Christ

332 Old Sulphur Springs Rd.

Manchester, Missouri 63021

Given under my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Winchester, Missouri, this January 22nd, 2020.

Barbara Beckett, CMC
City Administrator/Clerk

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



CANDIDATES FILE FOR OFFICE
APRIL 7, 2020 ELECTION

The following persons have filed for office (the names are listed in the order filed with the City Clerk):

ALDERMAN (Two Year Term):

WARD I: **Carol J. Kraft ***
Danielle Luebbert

ALDERMAN (Two Year Term):

WARD II: **Michael Schmidt ***
(- Denotes incumbent)*

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 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.



CITY MEETING NEWS

In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following action during January/February, meetings:

ORDINANCE #1086 - An ordinance amending the Municipal Code by repealing and enacting certain new sections relating to the possession and distribution of controlled substances and drug paraphernalia to comply with Missouri law.

ORDINANCE #1087 - An ordinance that amends the Municipal Code by moving all parking violations under one Municipal Code Section.

BULKY ITEMS & APPLIANCE PICK-UP



REMINDER - *Bulky items* are defined as household materials that are too large to fit in with your regular waste collection container and that are not bundled into 4-ft or less bundles. Examples of bulky items: furniture, carpet, old bicycles, and *some* household construction materials. Wood, drywall etc. is limited to (1)-32gallon can per pickup. (Carpet must be bundled 4ft x 2ft or less). Containers may weigh no more than 50 lbs. Bulky items will be picked up at no additional charge, but there is a 2 item limit per week.

In addition, *Republic Services still picks up "white goods" - appliances, etc.* These also have a limit of 2 items per week at a charge of \$25.00 per item, the cost of which can be charged to the account.

To order either a bulky or an appliance pickup, please call customer service at 636-947-5959 before 3 pm the business day before pickup.



United States Dept. of Commerce
Economics and Statistics Administration
U.S. Census Bureau - hiring for 2020
Census Jobs

(Various sources, especially from the St. Louis County Website)

Earn extra income

The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring for a variety of temporary jobs, including census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff, and supervisory staff.

Overview

In advance of the 2020 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people for temporary jobs across the country.

These positions provide the perfect opportunity to earn some extra income while helping your community.

Job Qualifications

To be eligible for a 2020 Census job, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Have a valid Social Security number.
- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Have a valid email address.
- Complete an application and answer assessment questions. (An English proficiency test may be required.)

Be registered with the Selective Service System or have a qualifying exemption, if you are a male born after Dec. 31, 1959.

Pass a Census-performed criminal background check and a review of criminal records, including fingerprinting.

Commit to completing training.

Be available to work flexible hours, which can include days, evenings, and/or weekends.

Most jobs require employees to:

Have access to a vehicle and a valid driver's license, unless public transportation is readily available and have access to a computer with internet and an email account (to complete training).

Candidates must complete an online job application, including assessment questions about your education, work and other experience.

For more information go to:

www.2020census.gov/jobs

Census 101: What you need to know

The 2020 Census is closer than you think! *Below is a quick refresher of what it is and why it's essential that everyone is counted.*

Census Invitation

Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.

Confidentiality

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law.

Counting Children

An estimated 5 percent of kids under the age of 5 weren't counted in the 2010 Census.

Everyone Counts: The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place.

It's about fair representation: Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.

It's in the constitution: The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.

It's about \$675 billion: The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on census data.

That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.

It's about redistricting: After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

Taking part is your civic duty: Completing the census is mandatory: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"

Census data are being used all around you: Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life and consumer advocacy.

Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores which create jobs.

Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.

Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.

Your privacy is protected: It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or your household. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with any other government agency.

2020 will be easier than ever: In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online.

You can help: You are the expert - we need your ideas on the best way to make sure everyone in your community gets counted.



The following information is presented from **MSD Project Clear Phase II Storm Water** and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Reminder: Your toilet is not a trash can! Cleaning and disinfecting wipes, personal hygiene products, baby wipes... they all are "disposable", so why not flush them down the toilet? Quite simply, because disposing of such items in the toilet, even those labeled "flushable", instead of in the trash causes big problems, both for the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District and for homeowners.

Mounds of disposable materials clog sewer lines, pumps and lift stations. They can cause sewer backups and damage plant equipment. Clearing such materials from the wastewater stream is time-consuming and labor-intensive. Even dental floss flushed down the toilet can cause problems. Dental floss is very strong and durable. It can get tangled up in pumps and equipment, or worsen minor clogs within pipes by "binding" materials together.

These items are also a big problem for property owners' home plumbing and sewer laterals which are smaller in diameter and more susceptible to clogs. Sewer clogs caused by these items can result in considerable cleanup expense and potential harm to our environment. Dispose of items in the trash, where they belong.



GRASS & WEEDS - The growing season is fast approaching – Please keep your yard looking neat by mowing your lawn. Property Owners or occupants who allow their grass and/or weeds to grow to a height in excess of seven inches are in violation of a City Ordinance. Be a responsible neighbor and help to promote the beauty and integrity of our City.

Municipal Code Section 215.130



FAIR HOUSING - The City of Winchester is committed to Fair Housing for all of its citizens. It is unlawful to discriminate against any person because of race, sex, color, religion, age, handicap, familial status, national origin, or political affiliation. The City of Winchester has enacted a Fair Housing Ordinance which prohibits unlawful discrimination and spells out the process for filing a complaint. If you, or anyone you know, believe that you have been unlawfully discriminated against, call the City Hall at (636) 391-0600.

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 or Gazebo permit.



REBER PARK PAVILION & GAZEBO RESERVATIONS

Reservations for the pavilion and gazebo were available the first business day in February. 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.* Both residents and non-residents are eligible to reserve the facilities.



2020 BALLFIELDS - not all fields have been assigned... Fields will be available beginning **April 1st** ... or when the fields are deemed usable by City Hall....until the last week of June. Each team is limited to one practice session per week.

Notice for All Ballfield Users

Signs will be posted on the ballfields if conditions are deemed unacceptable for use.

→Please be sure to adhere to the posted sign.←

Call the park at 636-527-5148 for a recorded message. Help keep our fields in great shape. Maintenance works hard trying to keep our fields in top shape for play.



PLAN NOW and BE PREPARED for STORMS AHEAD

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Do You Have An Emergency Kit?

Weather can be unpredictable in Missouri and so it's always a good idea to be prepared for emergencies. Here are some items you can gather now to prepare your family for any emergency, at any time:

- Emergency telephone numbers
- Flashlights and fresh batteries
- Extra keys for your garage and home
- Battery-powered radio
- Battery-powered or wind-up alarm clock
- Supply of bottled water (one gallon per person per day)
- Non-perishable foods that don't require heating
- Blankets, bedding or sleeping bags
- First-aid kit, medications and household bleach
- Hand-Operated can opener, plastic utensils and paper plates
- Special items for infants, the elderly or family members with special needs
- Hand tools, such as a screwdriver, scissors, duct tape and waterproof matches
- Identification and copies of important family documents
- Extra cash. An extended power outage may prevent you from withdrawing money from automatic teller machines or banks

If bad weather is on the way, you may want to take these additional steps:

- Turn your refrigerator to its coldest setting and leave the door closed.
- Turn off and unplug any unnecessary electrical equipment - especially sensitive electronics.
- Place important documents in a safe box or other waterproof storage space.
- Bring lawn furniture and other loose, lightweight objects inside.
- Fill your vehicle's gas tank.

Don't forget your pets!

- Make sure you have plenty of food and water, fresh litter and clean newspaper, leashes and collars and a carrier for each pet!



DRUG DISPOSAL OPTION AVAILABLE 24/7

We would like to remind you that the Ballwin Police Department, now serving Winchester for policing needs, does sponsor a drug drop box in the lobby of their station at 300 Park Drive, Ballwin, that is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The box looks like a white postal drop box and has the letters P2D2 on the side.

Prescription medications (including controlled substances, all over-the-counter medications, pet medications, vitamins and supplements, medicated ointments, lotions, creams and oils, liquid medication in leak-proof containers, homeopathic and herbal remedies and suppositories will be accepted.

Illegal drugs, needles/sharps syringes with needles, thermometers, IV bags and tubing, bloody or infections waste, personal care products, empty containers, hydrogen peroxide and aerosol cans and inhalers will not be accepted.

\$\$\$\$ A CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FROM METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT \$\$\$

MSD offers a 50% rate reduction to qualified low-income, elderly and disabled customers. *A few* of the qualifications for the assistance program are:

- A customer's total annual income for the previous year must be less than 200% of the most recent Health & Human Services (HHS) poverty guidelines, based on the size of household. A family of four, for example, must earn less than \$50,200 to qualify.
- Disabled citizens and seniors must earn less than 250% of the most recent HHS poverty guidelines, based on size of household. For example, a single senior must earn less than \$30,350 to qualify.

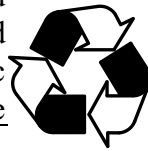
MSD's website has complete qualifications and instructions on how to apply.

Please see www.stlmsd.com/customer-service or call customer service at 314-768-6260



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 currently 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.



Recycling Do's and Don'ts from Republic Services

A quick synopsis of what should and should not be in the recycling container:

Place *ONLY* these items in the recycling container:

- Flattened cardboard
- Paper
- Metal Cans
- Plastic Bottles & Jugs
- Milk Cartons
- Glass

Prepare your recyclables by making them empty, clean and dry. Keep the items free of food and liquid.

NEVER place these items in the recycling container:

- Plastic Bags & Wrappers
- Styrofoam
- Greasy Pizza Boxes
- Food
- Electronics & Batteries
- Yard Waste
- Diapers
- Soiled Paper
- Clothing & Shoes
- Tools
- Construction Waste
- Medical needles or supplies
- Scrap Metal

Reduce Reu Recycle
Naturally!