



Winchester Newsletter

Jan - Feb, 2012

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

City Calendar

JAN - 3 - Ballfield Permit Applications

available @ City Hall at 9:00 a.m.

4 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.



7 - **CITYWIDE RECYCLING EVENT - SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS**

11 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.

16 - **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**

17 - *Candidate Filing* for April Election closes @ 5:00 p.m.

FEB 1 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.

8 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.

♥ 14 - **VALENTINE'S DAY**

20 - **PRESIDENT'S DAY**
(City Hall Open)

MAR 7 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.

11 - *Daylight Savings Time Begins*

14 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.

♣ 17 - **ST. PATRICK'S DAY**



A **Municipal Election** will be held in the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, 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 13, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. The closing date will be at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2012.

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

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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, 2013

636/394-6023

WARD I

Marie Bach

Term Expires April, 2013

636/227-6344

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Karl W. Koeb

Term Expires April, 2012

636/527-4215

Tony DeLuca

Term Expires April, 2013

314/220-2119

WARD II

Michael Schmidt

Term Expires, April 2012

636/394-7592

Website: www.city.winchester.mo.us

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.

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, 2011:**

ORDINANCES - Your Board of Aldermen approved the following ordinances and/or resolutions:

1006 - An ordinance adopting a 2012 contract with St. Louis County for the provision of full time police service within the City of Winchester.



TAX FORMS - The IRS.gov website has announced that tax package mailing is to end following growth of e-File. Individual and business taxpayers will no longer receive paper income tax packages in the mail from the IRS. These tax packages contained the forms, schedules and instructions for filing a paper income tax return.

The IRS is taking this step because of the continued growth in electronic filing and the availability of free options to taxpayers as well as to help reduce costs. 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. Even if you filed a paper return for 2010 on a form printed by the Department, you will not receive a paper 2011 tax return from the Department. You may obtain forms by using the automated Fax-on-Demand system (Form by Fax) at 573-751-4800.

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WINCHESTER NEIGHBORHOOD STATION

*(Information reprinted from St Louis County
Precinct Newsletters)*

INTERNET/CELL PHONE PHISHING

Most well known and established web sites have secure methods for their customers to purchase products using a credit card, but there are thousands of other sites that may not be as reliable.

Make sure that you only provide personal information on web sites that you trust completely. Never give out credit card numbers, account numbers or other important details on the phone. A person who claims they are calling from an online store or bank to ask you for information to complete a transaction or verify any activity, may actually be a hacker who got your private data. Phishing is one of the most common methods of identity theft. The concept is simple: a thief will send you a message telling you to log on to a well known website or respond for an important reason. It may be to confirm or deny a transaction, to review a private message, or some other call to action. A convenient link is provided for you to click on to be taken directly to the log in page. Once you arrive, you type in your name and password like always. Trouble is, the site you just logged on to is a fake. It is a page designed to look exactly like the real thing, but it is under the control of the criminals who created it. Now they have your log in information and can use it to get your credit card numbers and other private details from the genuine website. You have just been phished.

Stay alert to the new and devious tactics thieves use to steal not only your belongings, but also your identity. **Destroy personal documents before you put them in the trash**, make sure you only log in to the home page of any website and don't let criminals steal your good name. The best way to avoid becoming a phishing scam victim is to use your best judgment. No financial institution with any sense will email you and ask you to input all of your sensitive information. In fact, most institutions

are informing customers that “We will *never* ask you for your personal information via phone or email”. If you receive a suspicious email, report it. You can send it to the US Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov or you can just click the “Report as Junk” (or similar) button on your email program.

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(Information recommended by Allied Waste)

We’re just getting through the holidays and have probably noticed the “thousands” of paper and plastic shopping bags still around the house. Here are a few economic ideas for next year that may help reduce the amount of items that need to be recycled: Save that wrapping paper and use it for smaller gifts that don’t require much wrapping next year.

Send recycled-content greeting cards to reduce the amount of virgin paper used during the holidays. Remember to recycle any paper cards you receive. You can also try sending electronic greeting cards to reduce paper waste.

About 40% of all battery sales occur during the holiday season. Buy rechargeable batteries and a charger to accompany your electronic gifts. Rechargeable batteries reduce the amount of potentially harmful materials thrown away and can save money in the long run. Turn off or unplug holiday lights during the day.

Consider the durability of a product before you buy it as a gift. Cheaper, less durable items often wear out quickly, creating waste and costing you money.

Buying recycled, when possible, encourages manufacturers to make more recycled-content products available.

Reduce  Reuse  Recycle
Naturally!



CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Allied Waste 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.



Happy New Year!



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.



TRICK OR TREAT - Halloween brought great weather and approximately 250 “trick-or-treaters” came out to Reber Park. Winchester Officers, along with several City officials, handed out glow necklaces, candy and individual bags of popcorn.



BALLFIELD RESERVATIONS -

Reber Park’s two ballfields are available for Organized League Team Practice from April 1st, or when the fields are deemed usable by the City, until the end of June each year.

Ballfield Reservation Forms will be available at City Hall beginning 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 3rd.

City Hall procedures have changed somewhat for 2012. Applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis, depending on field availability. Teams are required to pay a per season user fee of \$50.00. Each team is limited to one practice session each week. Practices 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



REMINDER: Even though the ordinance requiring City pet tags has been repealed from the Municipal Code, it remains a county ordinance for both dogs and cats to be vaccinated against rabies. Additionally, Winchester residents are limited to the number of pets they may have - no more than two dogs and no more than two cats.

Municipal Code Section 205.010



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 contact Janice

Fischer at 636-227-3882. Volunteers are asked to give one hour a week. Pick up for the deliveries is at 10:30 a.m. in the Manchester area. The more volunteers, the more seniors that can be helped.

MEAAA 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.

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



EXPERIENCE THE FUN!!

Are you interested in: making new friends, hearing great speakers, going on exciting trips, playing Bingo or cards *and* are **over 55**, this is a great group in which to become involved!

Participants will meet the *second and fourth Monday of every month between the months of September and May*. Meeting times are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and cost \$1.00/person. Meetings are held at the Ballwin Golf Course which is located at 333 Holloway Road. Free coffee, tea, soda and desert are provided... we ask that you bring a sack lunch.

Day trips and special luncheons are optional and involve separate fees. Trip space is limited and is

first come-first served. Pre-payment is required for all luncheons and trips. Detailed information and registration forms are available at the L.O.A.P. Meetings.

Lafayette Older Adults Program consists of a total of six municipalities, including Winchester, and two School Districts working together to make this program a success.

Schedule January - May:

Regular Meetings 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

Currently scheduled programming: **Jan. 23** - Missouri History Museum (The Life and Times of a Civil War Spy); **Feb. 13** - Scott Laytham and the Karl Tricke Holmes Duo; **Feb. 27** - St. Louis Zoo; **Mar. 12** - St. Patrick's Day Luncheon; **May 14** - Annual BBQ in Bluebird Park (Bussmann Shelter). For additional information on upcoming programs, please call one of the representatives below:

City of Ballwin, Colleen Ahearn:	636-227-8950
City of Chesterfield, Becky Dooley:	636-812-9510
City of Ellisville, Sherri Klekamp:	636-227-7508
City of Manchester, Stephanie Hardesty:	636-391-6326
Parkway School District, Diana Stewart:	314-415-8069



WINTER WEATHER PARKING - A

Snow Emergency goes into effect between the hours of **6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. when an accumulation of snow and/or ice of two or more inches** is on the street. What does this mean? In Winchester, *it basically means that there is no parking on the fire hydrant side of each street.* This allows the snow removal crews adequate room for removing the snow and placing the salt/calcium chloride down on the roadways. During a Snow Emergency there is **NO PARKING** on the following streets:

- North side of street East of Lindy Lakeside, Ballwin, Orchard, Hillcrest, and St. Lawrence
- West side of Chamberlin
- West side of Rosedale
- West of Lindy
- North side of Evergreen, St. Lawrence
- South side of James, Hillcrest
- East side of Fairview, Lindy south of Hillcrest
- West side of Solley

Municipal Code Section 395.020



The following information is presented from the stormwater library of the Phase II Stormwater Management Plan which has been initiated by the Federal Government through the EPA.

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 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 you can call the local police department or Solid Waste Management Program of the St. Louis County Health Department at 314-615-4130.



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 and opportunities through CORP. CORP can provide transportation to medical appointments and grocery shopping; assistance with wills and other legal documents; companionship calls and visits; respite care (short breaks for care givers); information about community resources for older adults, etc.

If you feel you do not need these kinds of services but would like to help provide them for others, please consider

being a volunteer. For more information, call Pamela Kettler - Neighborhood Coordinator, Valley Park

City Hall at 636-529-0018, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feel free to leave a message on the answering machine if no one answers.



REMINDER: Recreational vehicles and utility trailers must be attached to a vehicle when parked on the City streets. Failure to do so will be in violation of Municipal Code Section 365.120 and a traffic ticket will be issued.



SPREAD THE WORD, WINCHESTER IS HOLDING A FREE COMMUNITY WIDE ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT ON JANUARY 7th, 2012

The City is hosting an e-cycling event on Saturday, January 7th, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in cooperation with RNA Worldwide. ***The event will be open to all West County residents.*** In case of inclement weather, it will be postponed to Saturday, January 14th. Drop offs will be set up on Roland between Lindy and Rosedale.

RNA Worldwide will be recycling electronic items including computers, cables, lab equipment, cell phones, PDAs, digital cameras, batteries, appliances, household electronics, monitors, AV equipment, speakers, scrap metal, metal containing items, metal office furniture and equipment.

RNA Worldwide is registered with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the EPA. The company is a fully insured e-cycler, headquartered in Arnold, employees 15 people and is looking to expand in the future. The company offers free drop-offs at the Arnold location Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact information can be found at www.rnaworldwide.com.

This is a free service and a great opportunity to dispose of any of those items replaced through the holidays or that you just haven't gotten around to getting rid of yet!