



# Winchester Newsletter

Jan - Feb, 2013

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

## City Calendar



- JAN - 2 - Ballfield Permit Applications**  
available @ City Hall at 9:00 a.m.
- 2 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
- 9 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 - **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**  
*City Hall Open*
- 15 - *Candidate Filing* for April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Election *closes* @ 5:00 p.m.
- FEB** 6 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- ♥ 14 - **VALENTINE'S DAY**
- 18 - **PRESIDENT'S DAY**  
*(City Hall Open)*
- MAR** 6 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 - *Daylight Savings Time Begins*
- 13 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- ♣ 17 - **ST. PATRICK'S DAY**
- 23 - **Egg Hunt @ Reber Park**  
**11:00 a.m.**



**A Municipal Election** will be held in the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, to elect a Mayor for the term of 4 (four) years, *one Alderman from Ward I* and *one Alderman from Ward II*, each to serve a two (2) year term.

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 with

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**Winchester City Hall**  
Voice-TDD: 636/391-0600  
FAX: 636/391-6365  
Email: winchestermo@charter.net

**Business Hours**  
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
Monday through Friday  
**Board Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Carol J. Kraft  
Term Expires April, 2014  
636/399-0859

Tony DeLuca  
Term Expires April, 2013  
314/220-2119

### WARD II

Michael Schmidt  
Term Expires, April 2014  
636/394-7592

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, 2012:

### ORDINANCE

**#1013** - An Ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 600, intoxicating liquor, and allows the sale of intoxicating liquor, by the drink at retail on Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to Midnight.

**#1014** - An Ordinance providing for the execution of a contract between the City of Winchester and the St. Louis County Police for full time police service within the City of Winchester, Missouri, and providing for payment thereof.

**#1015** - An ordinance enacting a new schedule III parking *prohibiting parking on the south side of Ballwin Avenue between Lindy Blvd. and Chamberlin Drive.*

**#1016** - An ordinance enacting a change for Ballwin Avenue on the Snow Emergency Routes. (See back cover of this newsletter).



**TAX FORMS** - For several years, because of the continued growth in electronic filing and the availability of free options to taxpayers, individual and business taxpayers no longer receive paper income tax packages in the mail from the IRS. Federal Income Tax Forms and Publications can be found at the [www.irs.gov](http://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](http://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. Even if you filed a paper return for 2011 on a form printed by the Department, you will not receive a paper 2012 tax return from the Department. You may obtain forms by using the automated Fax-on-Demand system (Form by Fax) at 573-751-4800.

Saint Louis  
**COUNTY**  
**POLICE DEPT**



**WINCHESTER NEIGHBORHOOD STATION**

### ATTENTION NEW POLICY INTRODUCED AT CITY OF WINCHESTER DECEMBER COURT

All persons and their possessions entering the court are subject to search by security personnel. No weapons of any kind, no knives of any kind, shape or size will be allowed. Jokes about possessing weapons, harming any employee or damaging Government property will be taken seriously and could result in arrest.

No food or drink will be allowed in court. All cellular phones must be turned off or left locked in your car.

### TIPS FOR TAX SEASON

Keep paperwork and tax documentation in a locked and secured location. This information should never be left in a purse/briefcase or unattended in a car. When destroying paperwork, it should be shredded with a cross cut shredder. Never throw paper work with personal information on it in the trash. If

personal information and/or tax information is saved on a computer, use encryption and/or passwords to save the information. Make sure to have updated firewall, antivirus and spyware software if the tax returns are filed over the internet. When tax returns are sent through the mail, send them certified with a return receipt. Never put mail which contains any personal information (name, date of birth, social security number) in the mail box with the mail box flag up.

Always conduct research before selecting a tax preparer. Check with the Better Business Bureau to see if there is a questionable history with the company.

Saint Louis  
COUNTY  
HEALTH



*(Information recommended by Allied Waste)*

Did you know that Americans throw away 25% more waste during the Thanksgiving to New Year's holiday season than any other time of year? The extra garbage amounts to 1 million tons of waste.

The holiday season is here! With an easy curbside program, you can make the holiday season the season of recycling, all in one bin!

**Reminder:** Styrofoam packing does NOT belong in your home recycling. You can return packing peanuts to most local UPS Stores, but you should call before doing so.

Remember to recycle the following items during this holiday season: corrugated cardboard boxes (flatten and cut into 3' x 3' pieces), gift boxes, gift catalogs, newspapers filled with advertising inserts, wrapping paper (non-metallic only), non-metallic greeting cards, cards, junk mail, magazines and plastic, glass and metal containers. For more tips on how to reduce your waste, please visit: [www.tinyurl.com/stlholidayrecycling](http://www.tinyurl.com/stlholidayrecycling) or [www.epa.gov/waste/wycd/funfacts/winter.htm](http://www.epa.gov/waste/wycd/funfacts/winter.htm)

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. Approximately 200 "trick-or-treaters" dropped by Reber Park to receive glow necklaces, candy and individual bags of popcorn. Winchester Officers, along with several City officials, were there to greet the youngsters.



### **BALLFIELD RESERVATIONS** -

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

Ballfield Reservation Forms are available at City Hall. 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

## Lone Elk Park

*(Another local St. Louis County Resource in our back yard)*

Like West Tyson Park, Lone Elk Park was once a part of the 2,400-acre Tyson Valley Powder Plant used for the testing and storage of ammunition during WWII. After the War, the area served as a County Park, and in 1948 herds of elk and bison were established. The land was re-acquired by the Federal Government during the Korean War, and for safety reasons the wildlife herds were destroyed in 1958. However, one lone bull elk survived. This is how the name of the park was obtained. In 1964 St. Louis County purchased 405 acres of the original tract from the General Services Administration, and in 1966 the name was changed from Tyson Park to Lone Elk Park. Six additional elk were obtained from Yellowstone National Park in 1966 through the efforts of the children of the Rockwood School District and West St. Louis County Lions Club. Fred Weber constructed the lake as a donation to the County. The park was officially opened to the public on October 17, 1971. The Ralph Foley Shelter is also located in Lone Elk, named for a Parks employee who tragically died in a car accident in 1971. Six bison were acquired from the St. Louis Zoo in July 1973.

The Williams Creek Archaeological District, which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1977, is adjacent to the east side of the park and includes the tract owned by Simpson Sand and Gravel that has been promised to the park. About 145 acres of this site is leased from Simpson Sand and Gravel. Lone Elk Park is included in the Meramec River Greenway. In 1986 the World Bird Sanctuary took over the Visitor Center, but the facility returned to the Department in 2003 when they moved nearby.

(Open daily, 8 a.m. until one half hour past sunset)



**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*

## REMINDER



***The City of Winchester has a LEASH LAW*** - Neither dogs nor cats are permitted to run at large. Any pet must be on a leash, in an enclosed area, or properly restrained.

For the safety and enjoyment of all Winchester residents, City Hall encourages dog and cat owners to be responsible and leash or confine pets whenever outside.

*Municipal Code Section 205.190*

**Pet waste 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.

***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*



**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.



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.



**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. Entertainment will be from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. ad lunch will immediately follow. Bingo will be from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. with card games from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**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.

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| 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 |

**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.



**REMINDER** - RNA Worldwide in Arnold is holding an *ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT* on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Paul A. Schroeder Park, 359 Old Meramec Station Road, Manchester, MO 63021. *A good thing to remember after the Holidays!*

They offer FREE PICK UP services for computers, electronics, appliances and scrap metal recycling throughout the year. Their office number is 314-338-6048. RNA is registered with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and strictly abides by EPA guidelines which is extremely important for the proper disposal of hazardous materials. They will pick up anything with metal in it, batteries, car parts, etc., and are often working in this area.



**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.