



Winchester Newsletter

March 2013

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

City Calendar



- March 6 - **Court**, 7 p.m.
- ☉ 10 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins**-
"Spring Forward" - when you turn your
clocks forward, *change the batteries in your
smoke detector.*
- 13 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- ☁ 17 - **ST. PATRICK'S DAY**
- 23 - **Egg Hunt @ Reber Park**
11:00 a.m.
- 30 - **Egg Hunt Rain Date**

- April 1 - **Reber Park Pavilion & Gazebo** may be
reserved April 1st - through Oct. 31st.
Reservations Available @ City Hall - *must
apply in person (see page 4)*
- 1 - **Ballfield Reservation Permits begin**
(Weather Permitting) through June 30th
- 2 - **MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY**
See Location of Polling Place → →
City Hall Open
- 3 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- 21 - **Earth Day Recycling Extravaganza**,
St. Louis Community College, Forest Park



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 2, 2013

for the election of a Mayor for the term of 4 (four) years,
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 046, 047 &
048, 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 11th day of February, 2013.

Barbara Beckett, CMC

City Administrator/Clerk

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: 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

MAYOR

Gail M. Winham

Term Expires April, 2013

636/394-6023

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

WARD I

Marie Bach

Term Expires April, 2013

636/227-6344

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



CANDIDATES FILE FOR OFFICE
APRIL 2, 2013 ELECTION

Saint Louis
COUNTY
POLICE DEPT



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

MAYOR (Four Year Term):

Gail M. Winham

ALDERMAN (Two Year Term):

WARD I: **Marie Bach**

ALDERMAN (Two Year Term):

WARD II: **Anthony DeLucca**

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.

**CUTTING THROUGH COMMERCIAL
PARKING LOTS IS PROHIBITED**

NOTICE - Winchester Mall has a new sign posted prohibiting cutting through their parking lot for the purpose of exiting on Manchester Road. Winchester Mall includes the Boxing Gym and Yangzee.

Violators will be prosecuted under Municipal Code Section 210.320/330.

(Partially reprinted from Roll Call)

With spring just around the corner we are all looking forward to opening our windows and getting out in our yards. Fresh air and sunny days can really brighten our spirits and lift us out of the doldrums of overcast, rain, and being snowed in. As you open up your homes, work in your yards, BBQ in the back, and go on walks or bike rides, please heed these practices to keep your home from getting targeted by thieves and burglars.

Burglars may see open windows as an access point to your home. Open your main floor windows when your home and close them when you leave. Generally, you can leave windows that are not accessible from the ground or deck open without problems. Never leave your front door unlocked while you're working in the backyard, mowing, etc... most of us have and some do it all the time. Thieves and burglars don't necessarily care if you're on the property as long as you're busy. It doesn't take long to grab a purse or wallet off the counter.

Secure your home. Locking up your home and closing windows only takes a minute while potentially saving you thousands of dollars and giving you peace of mind.

**ST. LOUIS EARTH DAY's
RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA**



The Earth Day Recycling Extravaganza will be accepting hard-to-recycle items that will be collected by one of a dozen partnering non-profit organizations or recycling companies on Sunday, April 21st from 9am - 3pm at St Louis Community College, Forest Park Campus (off Oakland Avenue).

Take this opportunity to make your personal space and the environment a bit cleaner and a bit neater, while sending your idle items on a journey to find new purpose. In addition to helping the environment, your donated materials will also be supporting the programs of numerous non-profits, including St. Louis Earth Day. There is plenty of time to grab a pair of gloves, maybe a mask, and attack that basement or attic!

There will be a drive-through drop off system so you will need to plan your experience by separating your donation by the organization/business that will be accepting your specific

items. This will help the traffic flow of drop-offs through the STLCC parking lot.

To view a list of the organizations and businesses who participated in 2012, as well as a comprehensive list of what items will likely be accepted at the 2013 collection event go to www.stlouisearthday.org and look for the Recycling Extravaganza.

After you have dropped off your “spring cleaning debris”, you may leave your vehicle at STLCC and catch a ride to the Festival via a free shuttle service provided by the St. Louis Lambert International Airport bio-diesel bus and Super Park compressed natural gas (CNG) bus. The shuttle service will be available between 10:30 am and 6:30 pm and will leave every 15 minutes on the hour.

ABSOLUTELY NO chemicals, household hazardous waste, paints or liquids will be accepted.

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

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. and 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 |



INFORMATION SIGN - Remember to watch for information such as Park activities, City events, reminders of holidays, and election days on the Reber Park entrance sign located at Lindy and Hillcrest.



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.

Everyone lives in a watershed. Storm water runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snow melt flows over the ground in the watershed. Hard surfaces like rooftops, driveways, sidewalks and streets prevent storm water from naturally soaking into the ground.

Is Storm Water Runoff a Problem? Storm water runoff can pick up soil, trash, fertilizers, chemicals and other debris, and carry it into a storm sewer which transports it directly to a lake, stream, river or wetland in your watershed. Anything that enters a storm sewer goes untreated into the same water bodies we use for swimming, fishing and drinking water. The way you take care of your home and yard impacts water quality.



HOUSING INSPECTIONS - The City of Winchester requires a housing inspection whenever a change in occupancy or ownership occurs. So, whether you decide to rent, sell your home, or move out and have other family members move in, an application for a housing inspection must be completed. Please consider the following:

- ⊞ A minimum of 24-hours notice is required before the inspector can inspect your property; You must pay the \$70.00 inspection fee before the inspection can take place – The inspector does not accept payment and an adult must be present during the inspection.
- ⊞ An **occupancy permit** is required for all residents before they move into their home; however, the City must have an approved inspection on file before the occupancy permit can be issued. Occupancy Permits are \$10.00 and upon application, we provide useful information to the new resident.

Municipal Code Section 515.070



BUILDING PERMITS - Play it safe and check with City

Hall before you start your improvement project. *Remember, a permit must be secured before construction begins or your permit fee will be doubled.* Winchester permits may be required for many projects including, but not limited to:

- new home construction
- re-hab existing structures
- retaining walls over 2 ft.
- excavations
- sheds
- garage/carports and/or garage/carport additions
- basement finishing or remodeling
- home additions
- patio covers
- glass enclosures
- monuments
- demolitions
- decks
- pools & hot tubs
- fences
- signs

Municipal Code Section 500.050

If you are in doubt whether a permit is required for a particular project, call City Hall for clarification.

In addition, **St. Louis County** requires the issuing and displaying of permits, before starting work, for the following:

- plumbing
- electrical
- explosives
- mechanical
- demolition
- weights & measures
- water/sewer connect

PERMIT DEPOSIT - Residential and Commercial permit applications require a non refundable deposit. If the Building Department approves and issues a permit, your deposit is credited to the actual cost of your permit fee. If not approved, the deposit is used to help cover the Building Commissioner's fee for review of the plans.

Non Refundable Deposit Required

- \$25.00 - Residential Building Permit
- \$50.00 - Commercial Building Permit
- \$30.00 - Sign Permit
- \$40.00 - Excavation Permit
- \$15.00 - Swimming Pools & Hot Tubs
- \$35.00 - Manufactured Utility Shed



UNIMPROVED GROUNDS PARKING. Parking in the City of Winchester is permitted on roadways & driveways only.

It is unlawful to park on unimproved surfaces and/or off the roadway.

This does include parking a car with one or more tires on the grass, with the remaining tires on the roadway or along the curb.

Parking in this manner can damage the curb and is a violation of City Ordinance, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00. If you see this happening, please notify your St. Louis County Winchester Neighborhood Police Station.

Municipal Code Section 355.110

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.



The Annual Egg Hunt will be held at the pavilion in Reber Park on Saturday, March 23rd at 11 a.m. (Rain date March 30th). Children can search for eggs filled with candy as well as special "winner" slips with prizes for gift certificates from Wendy's and "Bunny Bucks".

Please remember:

- ★ Each child needs to bring their own basket for egg gathering.
- ★ Only children are allowed in the hunt areas.



REBER PARK PAVILION & GAZEBO

RESERVATIONS - As most of you know, last year saw quite an improvement project going on in the south end of the park. A new pavilion and a gazebo were built, concrete walkways were poured and new picnic tables were added to the park as well as a new tot swing on the pavilion area playground. Beginning this year, the pavilion and gazebo will be available to be reserved individually and/or together 7a.m. - 9:30 p.m., **April through October**, for special functions, family reunions, barbeques, and birthday parties. **The cost to reserve the pavilion is \$45, the gazebo, \$30.** At the January Board of Alderman meeting, the Board voted to change the date to begin accepting reservations from April 1st to February 1st . Residents and non-residents are eligible to reserve the facilities.



2013 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 year. Each team is limited to one practice session each 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.*←

We want to keep our fields in great shape. The maintenance department works hard to keep the playing fields in top shape for play.

SIMPSON PARK

(Another local St. Louis County Resource in Valley Park)
Simpson Park is located at 1234 Marshall Road in Valley Park. It has 175 acres, a 72-acre lake with boat ramp (electric motors only), fishing, playground, trails, picnic sites and a shelter. It has a soccer field, paved parking lot and a handicapped accessible fishing dock located in the main section of the park near the Blue Heron Shelter. Park hours are 8 a.m. to one half hour past sunset except when reservations are issued.

The dam was constructed to impound water from Grand Glaze Creek. Simpson Sand and Gravel floated a dredge barge to dredge sand and gravel. This enlarged the lake. The park was dedicated on July 6, 1991. Blue Heron Pavilion was completed in June of 1994 with funds from the 1986 Bond Issue and was designed to withstand flooding. There is an asphalt lake shore trail in the park north of Marshall Road and the Meramec River Greenway Trail extended the lake shore trail from the park restrooms south across Marshall Road and east along the Meramec River to Greetree Park in Kirkwood. Simpson Park is included in the Meramec River Greenway

St. Louis County Parks and Recreation Department purchased the original 148 acres in 1976 with the aid of matching funds from the US Department of the Interior Land and Water Conservation Fund. Half of the original acreage was purchased with these funds, and the remainder was donated by Simpson Sand and Gravel Company. An additional 50 acres have been purchased since 1977.



TORNADO SIREN POLICY

To help the public prepare for tornado situations, a **TORNADO WATCH** and **TORNADO WARNING** program has been developed. A *tornado watch* means that conditions are favorable for tornado development. This is the time to prepare. You should keep alert by listening to radio, television or weather radio for the latest weather information. A *tornado warning* means a tornado has been sighted or indicated by radar. When a warning is issued, the sirens will be activated. It is important that local media sources or weather radio be monitored for the duration of the warning. The siren system does not sound an “All Clear” message so please listen to the National Weather Service for this information.

HELP KEEP OUR CITY CLEAN



Often one thinks that just throwing a small piece of litter on the ground doesn't make a difference. If everyone thinks the same way, soon the streets become littered and unsightly. Remember, littering is an offense as well as offensive to our neighbors.

Municipal Code Section 210.170



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.

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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. *An allocation of \$20,000 in Block Grant Funds is now 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 the **St. Louis County Department of Planning, Office of Community Development** at 314-615-8235 or 314-615-4025 for additional information.