




# Winchester Newsletter

April, 2013

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

## City Calendar



- April 1 - **Reber Park Pavilion & Gazebo** may be reserved April 1<sup>st</sup> - through Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. Reservations Available @ City Hall - *must apply in person (see page 3)*
- 1 - **Ballfield Reservation Permits begin** (Weather Permitting) through June 30<sup>th</sup>
- 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
- May 1 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
- 8 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m. 
- 12 - **MOTHER'S DAY**
- 27- **MEMORIAL DAY** observed,  
City Hall Closed
- 30 - No trash service today! Holiday Schedule
- 31 - Holiday trash pick up TODAY!



## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### WARD II

Tony DeLuca

Term Expires April, 2013

314/220-2119

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.



**GRASS & WEEDS** - The growing season is 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 (7) 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*

**CYBER BULLYING**

Being a victim of cyber bullying can be a common and hurtful experience. *The tips and resources below apply to everyone, not just children.* As with all transactions or sharing of information on the internet, use caution and be careful with what you share on-line.

- ✧ Watch what you say; if you wouldn't say it in person, DON'T say it on-line.
- ✧ Stay safe; keep personal information personal, share your phone number, address, etc. only with friends you've met face to face and trust.
- ✧ Break the chain; passing along hurtful or unkind messages - even as a joke - is NEVER okay.
- ✧ Don't take it; you can block offensive message senders, delete messages from unfamiliar addresses or report them to your electronic service provider.
- ✧ Ask for help if you know cyber bullying is going on, talk about it with a trusted adult, parent, teacher or co-worker.

This and further information can be obtained from [www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org) and [www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.org](http://www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.org)

**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 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.stlouiseearthday.org](http://www.stlouiseearthday.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.

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

## 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 Pavilion and Gazebo at Reber Park is available for use from **April through October** of each year, 7:00 a.m.- 9:30 p.m. for special functions, family reunions, barbeques, and birthday parties. Beginning this year, the City offers both a pavilion and gazebo available to be reserved individually and/or together. *The cost to reserve the pavilion is \$45, the gazebo, \$30.*

Reservations *must* be made in person; fees are non-refundable. You are encouraged to call City Hall to inquire whether a specific date is available. Residents and non-residents are eligible to reserve the facilities.

### 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.



**“PARK OF THE MONTH”  
BUDER PARK**

*(Part of the St. Louis County Park System)*

Buder Park is located on the south bank of the Meramec River across from Valley Park. The original tract of 140 acres was given to the City of St. Louis in 1918 by Gustavus A. Buder and his wife Lydia for use, primarily as a swimming area with a beach. The city failed to develop the property. As the gift stipulated, the park could be reclaimed if the City did not use it and the heirs reacquired the land from the City. In 1954, G. A. Buder, Jr. deeded the land to the St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation and it was named Lydia D. Buder Park. Part of the original land was lost with the construction of Interstate 44 and the park was split into the upper area on the hill south of Interstate 44 now called Buder South and lower area close to the river. In the early 1960's, the radio controlled model plane flying field and a polo field were constructed. Using funds from the 1969 bond issue, Buder South added a picnic shelter, restrooms and a playground. Lower Buder's facilities were also upgraded. Lower Buder rests along the Meramec River and currently features one archery area, three ball diamonds and three soccer fields. Two of the soccer fields are being renovated for use this spring. These facilities have been available since 1972. In the late 1970s and early 1980s additional property was acquired as a result of a FEMA Flood Buyout Program adding an additional 61 acres to the park. Over the years some land west of the park has been added so that Buder now is comprised of 276 acres. Buder Park is included as part of the Meramec River Greenway.

All of the parks highlighted in newsletters so far are within a five (5) mile radius of Winchester. You can go to the St. Louis County website and check out the available parks and events available to the public all year.



**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.

**Saint Louis  
COUNTY  
PLANNING**



**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.



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

**NATIVE PLANT RAIN GARDENS**



Miniature wetlands reduce stormwater problems and create wildlife habitat. Ever watch your gutter's down spout gush during a heavy rain? According to the Missouri Departments of Conservation and Agriculture, the average Missouri roof sheds tens of thousands of gallons of water a year.

You can turn your roof runoff into a refuge for birds, butterflies and dragonflies. You can ease the stress on the local stormwater system by channeling your roof's runoff into a rain garden, which is a miniature wetland!

*What about mosquitoes, you ask?* Mosquitoes need at least a week of standing water to complete their life cycle. Unless you design your rain garden to hold water, its densely rooted plants will absorb water, preventing the formation of mosquito-friendly puddles. Poorly maintained birdbaths and rain gutters are more likely to serve as mosquito breeding grounds than a rain garden, which attracts mosquito-hungry bats and dragonflies.

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Rain gardens should be 10 feet from the foundation and on a gentle slope that catches down spout or sump-pump water. Your rain garden's size should be about one third the size of the roof area providing runoff. Before digging, make sure you won't encounter any utility lines. Dig a 6-8" deep depression, test the overflow pattern by filling the depression with water and watching the overflow. If necessary, dig a shallow channel to direct water away from buildings and toward the street.

Wildlife prefer locally grown native plants. Visit [www.grownative.org](http://www.grownative.org) to find nurseries that specialize in Missouri - grown native plants. After your plants are selected and planted, put a 3-inch layer of untreated, shredded hardwood mulch on the bare soil around the plants to conserve moisture and keep your design neat. Place rocks or garden ornaments in and around your rain garden to add interest. Water every other day for the first few weeks or until it shows growth and good establishment.

A tiny wetland (rain garden) will reduce drainage and flooding problems, keep pollutants out of your local storm water system, and bring beauty and wildlife to your landscape.



### **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.



**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 are 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.



### **PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL PERMITS**

Chapter 520 of the Winchester Municipal Code defines a Private Swimming Pool as "Any structure that contains water over twenty-four (24) inches in depth and which is used, or intended to be used, for swimming or recreational bathing and which is available only to the family and guests of the householder. This includes in-ground, above-ground and on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs and spas."

In recent years a number of the new style plastic pools have been installed throughout the city. These provide a great new way for individuals to have the convenience of a private swimming pool; however, even though they are made of plastics, *they do fit the definition of a private swimming pool and require a permit.*

If you are considering one of these pools, stop by City Hall and pick up a pool permit packet before installation. The total permit fee for above-ground pools eighteen (18) feet or less in diameter is \$35.00.

## Odd Jobs List

If you like to cut lawns, babysit, or do any variety of home jobs, then complete the form on the lower half of the outside of the newsletter and return it to City Hall. Any resident in need of someone to cut grass, rake leaves or complete any other odd job can come into City Hall or call 636-391-0600. We will be happy to provide names from the returned form. Please consider:

- ▶ This list is being compiled as a service to Winchester residents only
- ▶ The City will not make recommendations as to the qualifications of the applicant or the quality of work done
- ▶ The fees charged are to be negotiated between the resident and the applicant
- ▶ The City has no control over the fees charged or the work performed
- ▶ **Any resident interested in advertising to another resident should complete and return a new form yearly. We do not keep previous years' forms.**