



Winchester Newsletter

May 2013

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

City Calendar



- May 1 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 8 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- 12 - MOTHER'S DAY
- 14 - STREET SWEEPING
- 15 - STREET SWEEPING, RAIN DATE
- 27 - MEMORIAL DAY, City Hall Closed
- 30 - No trash service today!
- Holiday Schedule*
- 31 - Holiday trash pick up TODAY!



- June 5 - **Court**, 7 p.m.
- 12 - **Public Hearing**, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 12 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 - FLAG DAY
- 16 - FATHER'S DAY



- July 3 - **Court**, *Cancelled*
- 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY,
City Hall Closed
- 4 - No trash service today! *Holiday Schedule*
- 5 - Holiday trash pick up TODAY!
- 10- **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.



ELECTION RESULTS



Unofficial

The April 2, 2013 election results are as follows:
MAYOR.....(Elected to a 4 year term)

Gail M. Winham 94

Write-Ins:4

ALDERMAN:

WARD I(Elected to a 2 year term)

Marie Bach..... 50

Write-Ins: 1

WARD II(Elected to a 2 year term)

Tony DeLuca48

Write-Ins:.....0



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
STREET SWEEPING ON
MAY 14th (Rain Date-May 15th)**

**REMEMBER..... DO NOT PARK
ON CITY STREETS!**

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, 2017

636/394-6023

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

WARD I

Marie Bach

Term Expires April, 2015
636/227-6344

Carol J. Kraft

Term Expires April, 2014
636/399-0859

WARD II

Tony DeLuca

Term Expires April, 2015
314/220-2119

Michael Schmidt

Term Expires April, 2014
636/394-7592



**WINCHESTER NEIGHBORHOOD
STATION**

VACATION CHECK PLEASE!

The *Vacation Inspection Program* is a service offered to Winchester Residents by the St. Louis County Police Department. Upon your request, an officer will check your residence while you are on vacation.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

You may stop by City Hall and fill out the form during normal business hours.

Have the following information available:

Street address

Home phone number

Date leaving

Date returning

Is mail delivery going to be stopped?

Basic questions about house (Are there going to be timers? Is there an alarm system? etc...)

Vehicles left behind (Year, Make, Model, Color, License, Location)

Name, address, and phone number of an emergency local contact. Address and phone number where you can be reached (mobile phone number, if available.)

**REPORT THE CRIME,
MAKE THE CALL**

If you see a **crime in progress or another emergency situation** that requires an immediate police response, **call 911**. Provide the call-taker with a good description of the incident, the offender, and the exact location.

For non-emergencies, do not call 911. Non-emergency calls to 911 can slow the response time to true emergencies. **The numbers to call for non-emergencies are (314) 889-2341 or 636-527-2341.**

Review of what to Recycle Curbside

Did you ever think about putting a recycling bin next to every trash can in your home to ensure that you and your family members are recycling everything you possibly can? With single stream recycling, all of your recyclables go into the same bin. When recycling, labels and lids are okay! Give items a quick rinse to keep your bin clean.

Plastic - Recycle all plastic containers such as plastic tubs, screw-top jars, jugs, cups, all types of bottles. The **ONLY** exception to the plastic container rule is polystyrene or Styrofoam. Styrofoam cannot yet be recycled at the curb.

Paper - All sorts of paper can be recycled.

Metal - Recycle all aluminum bottles, foil, pans and cans. All steel/tin cans, such as soup cans, are recyclable.

Glass - Recycle all of your glass jars and bottles.

Cardboard and Paperboard- Any size box can be recycled curbside. Break down boxes to make room inside your recycling cart for other recyclables.

What NOT to Recycle

Plastic bags (take them to a grocery store); plastic wrap, sandwich baggies, bread bags, tissues, paper towels, napkins, drinking glasses, window glass, mirror glass and pyrex. **Scrap metal cannot be recycled curbside.**

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

Earthbound Recycling

Located at 25 Truitt Drive in Eureka, just SE of the intersection of Hwy I-44 and 109/W.

Monday - Saturday 9:00am- 5:00pm

636-938-1188

Buyers of all types of steel, copper, aluminum, brass, stainless steel and electric motors.

Free drop-off for cell phones, rechargeable batteries, ink jet & laser cartridges, corrugated cardboard, vinyl siding and PVC pipe. **Fee** for CRT computer monitors -\$10 ea, TV's up to 27"- \$20 ea...**all other electronics & flat panel TV's or monitors are free drop-off.**

Household chemicals, a fee of 25¢per pound, can and all. Must be in the original container with the label intact.

for SINGLE STREAM items (Open 24/7)

PARK & RECREATION NEWS

All municipal parks in the City of Winchester shall be closed between the hours of Dusk and 7:00 a.m. No person shall be in the park during those hours except as authorized by a Pavilion/Gazebo 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.



This year's Egg Hunt was held on March 23rd at 11 a.m. in Reber Park. The morning was chilly, but pleasant. Approximately 50 of our neighborhood children hunted eggs, found "winner slips" for special prizes and visited with Peter Rabbit. It seems that the event was fun for all ages.



20 MPH SPEED LIMIT - Let's keep the City a safe place for the children to play this summer. We ask that Winchester citizens observe and obey the 20 mph speed limit. Your cooperation is necessary to make Winchester a safe place to live.



Remember, a cyclist is safest when following the same rules as a motor vehicle operator. Ride with the flow of traffic. **BE SEEN.** Wear a helmet and light colored clothing. At night, use the minimum required lights and reflectors.



DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITORS - Let's all work together to keep our City safe – please, report unregistered solicitors and any suspicious activity immediately to the police.



UNNECESSARY NOISE

Just a reminder about being responsible for your dogs when they are outside. Do not allow them to continuously bark and thereby disturb the public peace. Any unnecessary noise from "the keeping of any animal or bird which by causing frequent or long continued noise shall disturb the comfort or repose of any persons in the vicinity" is prohibited. **If a complaint is made, the pet owner could be summoned to municipal court.**
Municipal Code Section 210.235



Summer is coming....a WARNING from the Humane Society of Missouri and the St. Louis County Police Department. A pet should never be left unattended in a parked car when the outside temperature is over 70 degrees. Allowing an animal to be harmed in this way is considered animal abuse. It is illegal and punishable by fines and imprisonment. If you see an animal in distress or locked in a parked car, you can call the society's hotline at 314-647-4400 or your local police.



GRASS & WEEDS - The green season is here and that means it is time to give your lawn mower a workout. 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 violating a City Ordinance. In addition to keeping your lawn mowed, keep those limbs and branches below ten (10) feet above the sidewalk and street trimmed so as not to interfere with persons or vehicular traffic.

Be a responsible neighbor and help not only to promote the beauty and integrity of our City but also to aid in mosquito control and prevention of the West Nile Virus.

Municipal Code Sections 215.015 (a)(b) and 215.130



MEAAA serves older adults in the counties of St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin. The West County Senior Center is located at 14535 Manchester Road and is open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. til 3:00 p.m. Hot lunch is served from 11:30 - 12:30. MEAAA needs your help to identify seniors in your neighborhood who are homebound and could benefit from a home delivered meal “**so no senior goes hungry**” in our area. The MEAAA phone number is 636-207-1323.



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.

RAIN GARDENS



Rain Gardens Help the Environment. They allow storm water runoff from roofs, driveways, and other impervious areas to be absorbed into the ground which reduces erosion, water pollution and flooding.

Native plants are recommended for rain gardens because they generally don't require fertilizer and are more tolerant of local climate, soil and water conditions. The plants take up excess water flowing into the rain garden. Water filters through soil layers before entering the groundwater system.

Rain gardens are beneficial for many reasons: improvement of water quality by filtering run-off; providing localized flood control; being aesthetically pleasing; reducing the need for irrigation, and providing interesting planting opportunities. In addition, the water in the rain garden will infiltrate the ground within a day or two and not allow mosquitoes to breed.

For more information about rain gardens, visit www.showmeraingardens.com



CORP - County Older Resident Programs

CORP is part of St. Louis County Government's Department of Human Services. CORP offers adults 21 years of age and older, volunteer opportunities for the summer months and school breaks. Most positions are available during weekday hours and *involve interaction with older adults*. Location, hours and frequency of volunteering vary according to the type of position:

Neighbor Driving Neighbor - mostly weekday hours, using volunteer's car to take a senior to medical appointments, shopping, etc. This position would be most suitable for someone who enjoys direct interaction with older adults.

Home Visitor - flexible hours, usually within volunteer's community, to provide a senior with social interaction or help with light chores. This position would be most suitable for someone who enjoys direct interaction with older adults.

Training and mileage reimbursement are available for all positions. For additional information, please contact Patty Gramke at 314-615-4018 or pgramke@stlouisco.com.



WHEN A TORNADO STRIKES

If you see a funnel cloud nearby, take shelter immediately. If you spot a tornado that is far away, help alert others to the hazard by reporting it to the newsroom of a local radio or TV station before taking shelter as described later. Use common sense and exercise **caution**: if you believe that you might be in danger, seek shelter immediately. The key to surviving a tornado and reducing the risk of injury lies in planning, preparing, and practicing what you and your family will do if a tornado strikes. Flying debris causes most deaths and injuries during a tornado.

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Although there is no completely safe place during a tornado, some locations are much safer than others.

General Tips

If there is no basement, go to the center of an interior room on the lowest level (such as a closet or interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck. *Do not open windows.*

For People with Functional Needs

If you are in a wheelchair, get away from windows and go to an interior room of the house. If possible, seek shelter under a sturdy table or desk. Cover your head with anything available, even your hands.

If you are unable to move from a bed or a chair and assistance is not available, protect yourself from falling objects by covering up with blankets and pillows.

If you are outside and a tornado is approaching, get into a ditch or gully. If possible, lie flat and cover your head with your arms.

After the Tornado

Give first aid when appropriate. Help injured or trapped people. Don't try to move seriously injured people... call for help.

Turn on the radio or television for the latest emergency information. Use the telephone only for emergencies.

Clean up spilled medicines, bleach, and flammable liquids immediately. Leave the area if gas or burning fumes are present.

Siren Locations in zip code 63021

- E-34 Dietrich at Dietrich Oaks
- E-39 Carmel Woods Drive, 200' S of Kiefer Creek
- E-40 Meadow Lane, 225' N of E Carole
- E-41 New Ballwin, 150' N of Dennison
- E-42 Sulpher Springs Rd 700, at Nandale
- E-43 Reis, 234' S of Madrina Court
- E-44 Big Bend, 344' W of Sulpher Springs
- E-45 Meramec Station, 105' S of Bromfield
- E-46 Country Stone, 50' N of Country Hill
- E-48 Ridge Rd S, 838' W of St. Paul
- E-49 New Ballwin at Castlewood
- E-54 Ridge south of Old State Road (across from school)
- E-57 Alverston Ct at West Run Drive



**HONOR OUR
VETERANS,
FLY THE FLAG**



JEFFERSON BARRACKS

was built south of St. Louis, Missouri on the banks of the Mississippi River to replace Fort Bellefontaine. It was selected for its strategic geographic location. The post was opened in 1826 and became the army's *first* permanent base west of the Mississippi River. By the 1840s, it was the largest military establishment in the United States. During the Civil War, Jefferson Barracks served as a training post for the Union Army. There was also a hospital at the post for the Union army's sick and wounded.

The national cemetery was formally established in 1866; however, the first burial is believed to be in 1827, shortly after the post's founding. The Civil War initiated the beginnings of a formal network of military cemeteries. In 1869 the cemetery experienced enormous growth when more than 10,200 recovered remains of soldiers originally buried at other Missouri locations were brought here.

World War II casualties introduced a new focus to the cemetery as the central repository for group interments resulting from national disasters when individual remains cannot be identified. Among the more than 560 group burials, meaning two or more veterans in a common grave, are 123 victims of a 1944 Japanese massacre of POWs in the Philippines and the remains of 41 unidentified marines who perished in a South Vietnam helicopter crash in 1968.

The Jefferson Barracks grounds are beautiful and interesting. Many monuments and buildings are located throughout the cemetery and park. Every Memorial Day weekend the Boy Scouts decorate each grave with a flag. If you have never visited, Memorial Day is the perfect time to do so, but if you can't make it then, plan to visit soon!



For more information go to www.nps.gov and search for Jefferson Barracks.