



Winchester Newsletter

June-July 2013

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

City Calendar



- June**
- 5 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
 - 12 - *Budget Hearing*, 7:00 p.m.
 - 12- *Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing*, 7:15 p.m.
 - 12- **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
 - 14 - FLAG DAY
 - 16 - FATHER'S DAY
 - 30 - Ballfield Permits end
- 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.
- Aug.**
- 7 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
 - 10 - **Party in the Park** at the Lower Playground & Pavilion, 10 a.m.- Noon
 - 14 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.



CITY MEETING NEWS



In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following action during **May, 2013**:

Resolution #2013-01 April 2, 2013 Election Results: A resolution declaring the results of the General Election held in the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri, on April 2nd, 2013.

At the May 8th Board Meeting, the City Administrator/Clerk swore in Gail M. Winham as Mayor for a four year term and both Marie Bach and Tony DeLuca as Aldermen for Wards I and II, respectively, each for two year terms.

Mayor Gail M. Winham announced the following Aldermanic responsibilities:

- Aldermwoman Marie Bach -
 Park & Recreation Liaison
 Safety Coordinator
 (Mrs. Bach also elected by the Board of Aldermen as President of the Board)
- Alderman Carol J. Kraft -
 Street Commissioner
- Alderman Tony DeLuca -
 Code Enforcement Liaison
- Alderman Michael Schmidt
 Maintenance Department Liaison
- Mayor Winham will be responsible for duties of Emergency Management Director, Recycling Coordinator and Flood Plain Manager.
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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, 2017

636/394-6023

WARD I

MARIE BACH

Term Expires April, 2015

636/227-6344

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

CAROL J. KRAFT

Term Expires April, 2014

636/399-0859

TONY DeLUCA

Term Expires April, 2015

314/220-2119

WARD II

MICHAEL SCHMIDT

Terms Expires April, 2014

636/394-7592

CITY MEETING NEWS (Continued)

ORDINANCES

#1017 - An Ordinance to amend Chapter 515: Housing, Article I. Property Maintenance Code by enacting a new Section 515.055 entitled *Exterior Property Areas*.

In response to complaints and after much consideration and review, the Board of Aldermen have voted to approve the following section:

- a) Any item that is not customarily used or stored outside or is not made of material that is resistant to damage or deterioration from exposure to the outdoors cannot be placed outside on any property.
- b) It is prohibited to store any construction material (except as specifically authorized by a building permit), appliances or waste material of any kind, except in approved waste receptacles.
- c) This section shall apply to items stored on the front, rear or side yard of the property or an open porch or carport.
- d) Exceptions include licensed motor vehicles on an improved surface, lawn furniture and landscaping items.
- e) It shall be the duty of the occupant and property owner to ensure that the front, rear or side yard of the property, including an open porch or carport is maintained in a safe and sanitary condition.



FALL COMMUNITY CLEAN UP



In order to help residents comply with ordinance **#1017**, the City, in conjunction with St. Louis County Public Works Problem Properties Unit and St. Louis County Police, is sponsoring our third *free bulk pickup* Saturday, Oct. 5th, from 8 am.-1 p.m. Items must be at the curb at 7 a.m., October 5th.

This bulk pickup will include furniture, mattresses, scrap metal, *electronic waste including batteries, televisions and tires*. Plan ahead, think about things you wish to discard and make plans to participate.

#1018 - An ordinance repealing Section 500.090 of the Municipal Code dealing with the numbering of buildings and structures and enacting a new section 500.090 in lieu thereof.

This ordinance updates the municipal code to be consistent with fire department guidelines by requiring that all numbers must be a contrasting color to the background to which they are mounted. This change will make it much easier for emergency responders to see addresses from the street.

Numbering requirements for commercial and residential structures are as follows:

The numbering of buildings and structures having post office addresses must have a font type four (4) inches for commercial structures and three (3) inches for residential structures. All such numbers shall be a contrasting color to the background to which they are mounted so as to be clearly visible from any street adjacent to the property. If more than one (1) street is adjacent (i.e., corner lot) the number shall be visible from the street to which the post office address corresponds.



24-HOUR PARKING - No person shall park a vehicle on any street for an uninterrupted period of time longer than twenty-four hours except in an emergency.

Municipal Code Section 355.120



HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE - The July 4th Holiday will change our regularly scheduled pick up to Friday, July 5th.

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.



PARTY IN THE PARK

Family fun comes again to Winchester's annual Party in the Park on Saturday, August 10th, from 10:00 a.m. 'til Noon. There will be something for everyone in the family to experience and enjoy. We're expecting a surprise guest that no one will want to miss.

There will be two clowns doing face painting and balloon sculpting, Tekno Bubbles will be back with an exhibit and Mad Science will conduct both their "Slime Booth" and "Superball Booth" events.

The St. Louis County Police will have displays of cars and equipment. West County EMS & Fire Protection District will provide ambulance and pumper demos as well as, weather permitting, their Safety House. Watch for more specifics in the Winchester August-September Newsletter.



REBER PARK NEWS - In 2012, a new pavilion and gazebo were built, thanks in large part to a grant from the Municipal Park Grant Commission of St. Louis County. In addition, the City also installed a much requested tot swing set just southeast of the pavilion.

Enjoy the park this season! Reserve the pavilion and gazebo for parties and family gatherings. Picnic at some of the new tables installed around the park.

A non-refundable fee of \$45 will be required for each date the pavilion is reserved and a \$30 fee for the gazebo.

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WINCHESTER NEIGHBORHOOD STATION FIREWORKS

Chapter 810 of the St. Louis County Code governing fireworks states that it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell, possess, offer for sale, expose for sale, give, use, discharge or explode fireworks within St. Louis County. *In other words, it is illegal to possess fireworks in St. Louis County.*

Fireworks are very dangerous in the hands of an untrained person. Instead of putting you or your family and friends in jeopardy, we suggest you attend one of the local firework displays. Check your local news or newspapers for a location near you.

RE M I N D E R S



City of Winchester Curfew for Children under 17 -Children under 17 shall not loiter, idle, stroll, drive or ride in an automobile or play in or upon public streets, highways, roads, alleys, parks, play grounds or other public place buildings, places of amusement and entertainment, vacant lots or other unsupervised places between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights or between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on other nights of the week.

A parent, guardian or other adult having the care and custody of a child under 17, shall not permit a child to violate the city curfew regulations. Fines for such violation range up to \$500.00 and juveniles may be taken into custody and transported to St. Louis County Juvenile Authorities. Please report any curfew violations witnessed to the St. Louis County Police Department at 636-527-2341.

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



YES!, CARTONS ARE RECYCLABLE!: Now the last drop of milk, juice or soup does not mark the end of a carton’s useful life. Cartons are easy to recycle and in high demand. Simply place empty cartons in your recycling bin with your plastic, metal and glass containers. Bales of recycled cartons are shipped to paper mills where cartons are mixed with water in a gigantic blender to extract all the paper fiber. Paper fibers are included in cardboard, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, phone books, office paper and folders. These recycled carton paper fibers are valuable resource for making products such as recycled paper products and even building materials.

For more information visit www.RecycleCartons.com

PLASTIC BAGS 101 - Why can’t they be recycled curbside, *even if they have a recycling symbol on them?* Plastic bags are the most common contaminant and, if missed, end up wound around equipment, resulting in a system shutdown. Plastic grocery bags can be recycled at most grocery stores. Look for the drop-off container at the front of the store. If you need a liner in your recycling bin or to contain shredded paper, please use a paper bag - paper bags are 100% recyclable!

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



The following information is presented in conjunction with Phase II Stormwater Management Plan which has been initiated by the Federal Government through the EPA.

Missouri P2D2 Program

Four out of five patients leave their doctor’s office with at least one prescription. As these medicines expire or go unused, they accumulate in the medicine cabinet, along with over-the-counter medicines, creating an abundance of unwanted drugs.

St. Louis County Police, MSD, St. Louis College of Pharmacy and Missouri American Water would like to encourage you to opt for a responsible disposal of unneeded medicines that will effectively reduce the misuse and abuse of pharmaceuticals, as well as help with the quality of water in our rivers.

This program is important because prescription drug usage has increased. Proper disposal reduces the risk of drug abuse, cuts the risk of accidental poisoning,

and helps protect our environment. Flushing medicines down the toilet sends them to wastewater treatment plants and then into our rivers and streams. Participating precincts take prescription medications (including controlled substances), over-the-counter meds, pet meds, vitamins and supplements, medicated ointments, lotions, creams, oils, liquid medication in leakproof containers, homeopathic and herbal remedies and suppositories. Medications can be dropped off at the designated locations 24/7. *The medicines do not have to be in their original containers, they can be placed in a plastic ziploc bag before they go into the drop box.*

The precinct serving Winchester is West County Precinct, 232 Vance Road, Valley Park, MO 63088.



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 ups 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.



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. Funds for this calendar year are still 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.

(See back cover for additional information.)