



# Winchester Newsletter

Aug-Sept., 2013

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

## City Calendar



- Aug.** 7 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.  
 10 - **Party in the Park** at the Lower Playground, Pavilion and Gazebo, 10 a.m. - Noon. (See details in this newsletter)  
 13 - **School begins** in both Parkway and Rockwood School Districts  
 14 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept.** 2 - **LABOR DAY, City Hall Closed**  
 4 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.  
 5 - No trash service today!  
*Holiday trash Schedule*  
 6 - Holiday trash pick up TODAY!  
 11 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct.** 1 - *Business Licenses Due*  
 1 - National Night Out  
 2 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.  
 5 - **Community Cleanup**, 8am- 1 pm  
 9 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.  
 31- **HALLOWEEN** - Safety Center at Reber Park hosted by the St. Louis County Police - 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

## CITY MEETING NEWS



In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following actions during **June & July, 2013:**

**Resolution #2013-02:** A resolution adopting the proposed budget for *fiscal year 2013-2014* for the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri.

**ORDINANCE #1019** - An ordinance updating the bicycle regulations and requiring that bicycle riders obey traffic control signals.

**NOTICE:** The Board of Aldermen has approved a chip and seal surface for *Lakeside Drive*. The project is scheduled for the fall. Lakeside residents will be given more details on the project when actual dates are determined.

**Full Liquor Licenses** were approved for the following businesses:

- Island Bar**, 14560 Manchester Rd., #28
- Saleem's West**, 14560 Manchester Rd., #9-11

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The St. Louis County Police have scheduled their annual National Night Out, a crime/drug prevention event for Tuesday, October 1, 2013. National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for police-community partnerships. Winchester Officers will be meeting residents in the neighborhood so spend a portion of the evening outside with neighbors and police.

### **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

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Term Expires April, 2017

636/394-6023

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Term Expires April, 2015

636/227-6344

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Term Expires April, 2014

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Term Expires April, 2015

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Term Expires April, 2014

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**WINCHESTER NEIGHBORHOOD  
STATION**

**Summer is Here.....**

With summer in full swing, the West County Precinct would like to remind citizens to be cognizant of a few things.

Keep garage doors closed, especially at night. Not only will this protect your vehicles and belongings but it will also keep burglars away from unlocked doors leading into your home. Many people simply forget to lock an interior entry door inside the garage. If you have a habit of doing so, keeping the garage door closed is an all-around safer measure.

Keep vehicles that may be visible to a passerby locked. If you must keep valuables in your vehicle, keep them out of sight. Criminals tend to peer inside a vehicle to see if there is anything of worth.

As always, report any suspicious activity immediately by calling 911 or 314-889-2341.

**FREE SECURITY EVALUATION**

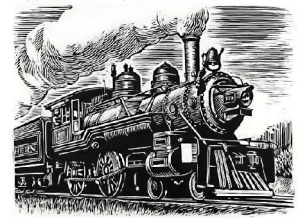
Residents and business owners – please contact the West County Precinct at 314-615-0700 for a free safety and security evaluation of your home or business. Officers will offer on-site recommendations to make your premises more secure and less attractive to criminals.

**The West County Precinct Explorer Program**

This is a great opportunity for young adults to serve their community and "explore" a career in law enforcement. The program builds leadership, character, confidence and discipline. Candidates must be between the ages of 14 and 21 to apply. For any questions, please contact Officer Dusty Poncin at 314-615-0700.

**The Museum of  
Transportation,**

near Dougherty Ferry and Barrett Station Roads in West St. Louis County, houses what has been recognized as one of the



largest and best collections of transportation vehicles in the world. The Museum was founded in 1944 by a group of historically minded citizens who had acquired the mule-drawn streetcar "Bellefontaine." In 1948, the Transport Museum Association (TMA) incorporated as a non-profit educational organization to better serve the financial and volunteer needs of the Museum. Land was acquired at Barretts Station in St. Louis County, along the right-of-way of the historic Missouri Pacific Railroad, and over the years, the mule-drawn streetcar was joined by hundreds of other significant exhibits. On September 1, 1979, the St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation formally assumed the operation and development of the Museum, accepting it as a gift from the original founders in February 1984. Today, its mission is to be the leader in protecting and interpreting North America's transportation heritage.

The museum is on a site which includes one of the two first man-made railroad tunnels west of the Mississippi. The museum also features more than four miles of switching and exhibition track, and its 10 buildings include a nationally acclaimed research library of transportation-related memorabilia and documents. With over 70 locomotives, half of them "one-of-a-kind" or "sole survivors" of their type, the museum has one of the most complete collections of American railroad motive power, and its collections of automobiles, buses, streetcars, aircraft, horse-drawn vehicles and river boat materials are constantly expanding to reflect the ever changing nature of transportation.

The museum's rail and transit collections have grown to encompass more than 190 major

exhibits, including the Union Pacific #4006 ("Big Boy"), the largest successful steam locomotive ever built.

The museum readily shares its resources with the community, hosting more than 50,000 school children for educational tours each year. Special weekend events attract new as well as repeat visitors to programs and events. The museum is open year round.

Check out their activities at: [www.transportmuseumassociation.org/](http://www.transportmuseumassociation.org/)

## **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.

### **REBER PARK**



The second Saturday in August holds a special tradition in the City of Winchester when the City looks forward to hosting the annual Party- in- the- Park. As many of you already know, last year the City received a grant from the Municipal Park Grant Commission of St. Louis County and a new Pavilion and Gazebo were built at the south end of the park. Due to the incompleteness of the project last year in time for the event, 2012's party had to be cancelled.

This year the party is in full swing. Please see the back cover of this newsletter for further details.



### **HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE -**

The Labor Day Holiday, September 2, 2013, will change our regularly scheduled Thursday pick up to Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. The regular schedule will resume the following week.



### **It's a fact...**

Mosquitoes are an all too familiar summer nuisance. They can also pose a potential health threat as they can transmit such mosquito-borne diseases as encephalitis, dengue, malaria and dog heartworm as well as West Nile Virus.

The Vector Control Section of the County's Environmental Protection Division operates a disease surveillance program and offers a mosquito control service to residents of incorporated areas, such as Winchester, on a contract basis.

All mosquitoes need water in which to pass their early life stages. Adult flying mosquitoes frequently rest in grass, shrubbery or other foliage, but they never develop there. Some mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water where they hatch in a day or two. Other mosquitoes lay their eggs in old tires, tin cans, or other water-holding containers in which they may remain unhatched for weeks or months until they are covered with water. With both types of mosquitoes, the "wigglers" or larvae grow quickly and turn into "tumblers" or pupae. Soon the skin of the tumbler splits open and out climbs another hungry adult mosquito.

If you wish to spray your yard to control adult mosquitoes, your Health Department, the University of Missouri Extension Center or your local hardware store or garden center can recommend insecticides that are effective and approved by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency). Be sure to follow all label instructions carefully.

Remember, treating adult mosquitoes is only a temporary solution. Elimination of breeding sites and stopping mosquitoes while they are still in the water is much more effective and economical.



## A Closer Look at Recycling Rules for PLASTIC BAGS

Hopefully you know plastic bags should NOT be recycled curbside. But, don't trash a good thing! Most grocery and retail stores have plastic bag recycling collection stations. *Here's a helpful guide about what can be put in plastic bag drop-off containers:*

### ACCEPTABLE:

- Grocery and produce bags
- Bread bags (shake out crumbs)
- Plastic retail bags
- Plastic newspaper sleeves
- Plastic dry cleaning bags

**NOTE:** Recycle only **clean, dry** plastic bags. Remove receipts, merchandise, hard plastic and string handles. Hilex Poly, a leading plastic bag manufacturer, recycles old plastic bags into new ones. Trex, another company that uses recycled plastic bags, transforms them into lumber substitutes for outdoor use.

Reduce  Reuse  Recycle  
*Naturally!*



**C.O.R.P. - County Older Resident Programs** ...*Would you like to find a "cause" near your home where you can contribute time and really help out?*

Area you a "people person" who enjoys interacting with others, especially individuals who will appreciate an interested listener? If so, you may be interested in a program offered by the Saint Louis County Department of Human Services' County Older Resident Program (CORP). CORP's "Neighbor Driving Neighbor" program matches volunteers with older adults living nearby and needing rides for medical appointments. Having never learned to drive, or no longer able to do so, many older

residents also are unable to access public or even senior transportation and are not able to afford taxis. Family members may live out of town, work full time or have serious health issues that impact their ability to help out when needed. Through the efforts of dedicated volunteers, CORP's Neighbor Driving Neighbor program provides a vital link that enables seniors to stay healthy and remain living independently in the community. Volunteers use their own cars for rides that are scheduled at least 5 days in advance and are free of charge for the senior. The program offers volunteers flexibility for designating preferred days and hours, as well as geographic areas to which they will drive. Orientation, defensive driving training and mileage reimbursement, plus other educational and social activities also are available. CORP provides many opportunities for helping older adults, utilizing professional skills, plus assisting with administrative activities. To learn more about the "Neighbor Driving Neighbor" program or other volunteer openings, please call CORP at 314-615-4516 or e-mail [tlabovitz@stlouisco.com](mailto:tlabovitz@stlouisco.com).



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.

### **KEEP YOUR LOCAL STREAMS CLEAN!**

**The problem** is that storm drains carry rainwater from streets, driveways and yards. As this water goes down storm drains, pollutants such as lawn fertilizers, motor oil, pet waste, soap, loose soil and trash enter local streams, polluting water and harming fish and other animals. Remember, sanitary or wastewater sewers carry sewage or wastewater to treatment plants. The treated water then enters waterways. Storm sewers, however, carry stormwater from storm drains directly to streams - this water is not treated!

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**The solution** is to

- ◆ Never pour or dump anything down a storm drain.
- ◆ Do not rake, sweep or hose leaves or other debris down storm drains.
- ◆ Keep pet waste off sidewalks, streets and lawns.
- ◆ Plant, mulch or cover loose soil so rain can't wash it away.
- ◆ Fix car leaks.
- ◆ Take cars to a car wash where soapy water is treated.
- ◆ Pick up litter, including cigarette butts.

Saint Louis  
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PLANNING



**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
(H.I.P.)**

The Home Improvement Program (HIP) is a federally funded program to provide technical advice and financial assistance to qualified homeowners for a variety of home repairs. The program is administered by St. Louis County's Department of Planning, Office of Community Development, 4546 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, Mo., 63129. *Phone # 314-615-4025.*

In order to qualify, the homeowner must be the owner and occupant of the property, and gross household income from all occupants must meet established low-moderate income guidelines. Homeowners must be current in their mortgage payments and taxes. Applicants are served on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds are committed. The program permits a one-time participation per homeowner.

Approved repairs or replacements necessary to maintain minimum housing code standards are eligible. Homeowners may select their own general contractor and their assigned HIP Specialist will review and approve the bids.

A participant can receive 100% of the cost of correcting authorized repairs, based on a

maximum benefit limit of \$5,000 under the following terms and conditions: Homeowners will sign a 5-year forgivable Agreement providing for an annual remission of 20% of the original amount of the grant as long as they continue to own and occupy said premises. Those that continue to own and maintain their homes for five years after the repairs are completed will be issued a *Deed of Release*. Those participants that sell, rent, transfer, or in *some* cases refinance their property, will be required to repay the pro-rated amount of the improvements. A HIP specialist visits the home and prepares a written Scope of Work. Owner acknowledges that all housing code violations may not be abated under the scope of work; however, any items marked **REQUIRED** must be completed and certified such at the final inspection. The owner receives a copy of the Scope of Work and solicits two bids for repairs exceeding \$1,000. These bids are reviewed with a HIP Specialist. The homeowner must obtain bid approval within 45-days, sign a contract within 60-days and complete the entire project within four-months of their acceptance into the program. Failure to secure bids or a signed contract in the time specified will result in the homeowner being suspended from the program. When all the repair items are completed and pass final inspection, a check will be requested based on the contract amount. The check will be mailed directly to the contractor.

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The City of Winchester in conjunction with St. Louis



County Police and St. Louis County Public Works Problem Properties Unit, is sponsoring our third *free bulk pickup* Saturday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Items must be at the curb at 7 a.m., October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Details to follow in the October newsletter.

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