



Winchester Newsletter

October, 2013

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

City Calendar



- OCT**
- 1 - *Business Licenses Due*
 - 1 - National Night Out
 - 2 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
 - 5 - **Free Community Cleanup!**
8:00 am - 1:00 pm - *See back cover of newsletter for details*
 - 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.

- NOV**
- 3 - Daylight Savings Time Ends, Turn your clocks back 1 hour
 - 6 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
 - 13 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
 - 28 - **THANKSGIVING**
City Hall Closed
No trash service today
 - 29 - *City Hall Closed*
Holiday trash pick up TODAY!



CITY MEETING NEWS



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

ORDINANCE #1020 - An ordinance adding three (3) “No Parking” locations to the “ No Parking” schedule. The new locations are on the curves at Fairview Ct. & Hillcrest Blvd., Fairview Ct. & Roland Ave., and Chamberlin Dr. & Roland Ave. These areas have been designed and marked by the order of the City’s Street Commissioner.

ORDINANCE #1021 - An ordinance prohibiting the misuse of emergency 911 phone service for the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri. Misusing includes, but is not limited to, repeatedly calling “911” for non-emergency situations (“emergency” meaning any incident involving danger to life or property that calls for an emergency response dispatch of police, fire, EMS or other public safety organization.)



A REMINDER - FOR WINCHESTER BUSINESSES, LICENSES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE ON THE FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER EACH YEAR. YOUR LICENSE APPLICATION RENEWAL FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO CITY HALL WITH THE CORRECT FEE BY OCTOBER 1, 2013 AT 4:00 P.M.

Winchester City Hall

Voice-TDD: 636/391-0600

FAX: 636/391-6365

Email: cityhall@city.winchester.mo.us

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

Carol J. Kraft

Term Expires April, 2014

636/399-0859

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Tony DeLuca

Term Expires April, 2015

314/220-2119

WARD II

Michael Schmidt

Term Expires, April 2014

636/394-7592

Website: www.city.winchester.mo.us



WINCHESTER NEIGHBORHOOD STATION

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.

October is National Crime Prevention Month. Let's develop habits that can help guard against making it easy for crime to happen.



TRICK OR TREAT - Halloween is almost here and your local St. Louis County Officers are preparing for your "ghosts & goblins". They will host a Halloween Safety Center from 5:30pm-8pm at Reber Park, Halloween night. Treats will be available. Look for upcoming details on the Reber Park Sign Board.



PROPER LEAF DISPOSAL - Falling leaves announce Autumn's arrival; however, they can create problems.... problems that the City needs your help in preventing. We ask residents to consider the following:

Leaves and/or other debris filling storm sewers cause the sewers not to function well and can lead to unnecessary flooding. This is the reason why placing leaves out onto the street is strictly prohibited.... leaves end up in storm sewers!

Leaf disposal is available through the Solid Waste Disposal Company's yard waste program. Yard waste removal costs are included with your normal Solid Waste bill. All you have to do is rake or gather the yard waste, put it in proper containers, and no sooner than 24-hours before the pick up day place the containers at the curb.

Municipal Code Section 210.680

PARK OF THE MONTH
CREVE COEUR COUNTY PARK

Creve Coeur Park was the first park in the St. Louis County Park system and was dedicated in 1945. The land was originally a resort. The 320 acre lake is a natural lake and has hosted many boating events through the years, even before the park officially opened. In June, 1882, the Mississippi Valley regatta was held at the lake. It has also hosted the Creve Coeur Regatta and the Annual Races of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen in 1904 (rowing competition for the 1904 Olympics).

The park has facilities for picnicking, tennis, archery, golf, multipurpose athletic fields and an asphalt walking trail around the lake.

Creve Coeur County Park is located at 2143 Creve Coeur Mill Road, Maryland Heights, MO 63146 (Marine Avenue north of Dorsett Road) and operated by St. Louis County Government.



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.

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October 26, 2013, is CORP “Make a Difference Day”. St. Louis County Department of Human Services invites individuals, families, businesses and groups to become involved in their community throughout the year. This organization offers flexible scheduling and many options for participation, including “adopting” a needy family for the holidays and learning about a vast array of services to help seniors live independently at home. To find out these and other ways that you may “make a difference”, please contact kchristanell@stlouisco.com (Kylie Christanell) or call 314-615-4435.



NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

*(Excerpts from the
firepreventionweek.org website)*

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

According to popular legend, the fire broke out after a cow - belonging to Mrs. Catherine O'Leary - kicked over a lamp, setting first the barn, then the whole city on fire. Chances are you've heard some version of this story yourself; people have been blaming the Great Chicago Fire on the cow and Mrs. O'Leary, for more than 130 years. But recent research by Chicago historian Robert Cromie has helped to debunk this version of events.

But if a cow wasn't to blame for the huge fire, what was? Over the years, journalists and historians have offered plenty of theories. Some blamed the blaze on a couple of neighborhood boys who were near the barn sneaking cigarettes. Others

believed that a neighbor of the O'Leary's may have started the fire. Some people have speculated that a fiery meteorite may have fallen to earth on October 8, starting several fires that day - in Michigan and Wisconsin, as well as in Chicago.

While the Great Chicago Fire was the best-known blaze to start during this fiery two-day stretch, it wasn't the biggest. That distinction goes to the Peshtigo Fire, the most devastating forest fire in American history. The fire, which also occurred on October 8th, 1871, and roared through Northeast Wisconsin, burning down 16 towns, killing 1,152 people, and scorching 1.2 million acres before it ended.

Historical accounts of the fire say that the blaze began when several railroad workers clearing land for tracks unintentionally started a brush fire. Before long, the fast-moving flames were whipping through the area 'like a tornado,' some survivors said. It was the small town of Peshtigo, Wisconsin that suffered the worst damage. Within an hour, the entire town had been destroyed.

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The President of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance during that week every year since 1925.

For more information go to:
www.firepreventionweek.org



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. The Community Development Block Grant Program is to assist low to moderate-income residents with home improvements such as plumbing, electrical, roofing, heating and cooling, concrete and tree trimming. Improvements are limited to \$5,000 per residence. St. Louis County administers the program for your city. Homeowners who are interested must meet certain income and eligibility guidelines:

# of persons living in home	combined adjusted gross income
1	\$39,450
2	\$45,050
3	\$50,700
4	\$56,300
5	\$60,850
6	\$65,350
7	\$69,850

For more information, please contact Rose at 314-615-4025 or Josh at 314-615-8235.

 **NOTICE OF NEW RATES
BEGINNING OCT. 1, 2013**

Allied Waste Services (Republic Services) is Winchester's Solid Waste Collection Services Contractor.

The contract provides the following basic services to every home in Winchester at a cost of \$18.78/month (\$16.90/month) for Senior Citizens, billed quarterly, beginning October 1st. Solid waste collection is on Thursday.



**CITY OF WINCHESTER
POLICY OF NON-
DISCRIMINATION ON THE
BASIS OF HANDICAPPED
STATUS**

The City of Winchester does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to or employment in its federally-assisted programs or activities. The following individual has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the development's (HUD) regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR Part 8, dated June 1, 1988):

Barbara Beckett, City Administrator/Clerk
Winchester City Hall
109 Lindy Blvd., Winchester, MO 63021
Telephone (636)391-0600 Voice
1-800-735-2966 RELAY MISSOURI

PET WASTE



Pet waste left in yards can provide food for rodents. It also comes into contact with storm water which carries pollutants into the storm sewer system and cause viruses and parasites that can infect humans with dangerous pathogens such as salmonella. Studies by the EPA have found that bacteria levels are often elevated 100% after a rain. One way to reduce that level is to clean up after your pets. Not doing so is a violation of Municipal Code.

Remember, residents who walk their pets must be responsible and prepared to clean up after their animals on any city property. Not doing so is a violation of Municipal Code.

Municipal Code Section 205.230

In conjunction with disposal of pet waste, the City has purchased a "Bag Spot" unit and installed it in the north end of the park. "Bag Spot" is a provider of ecologically friendly pet waste solutions. The goal is to keep green spaces free of animal waste and help clean up the environment. If you would like to purchase a unit in memory of a pet, please call City Hall. (The unit price, including one unit of bags is approx. \$150)

PARK & RECREATION NEWS

All municipal parks in the City of Winchester shall be closed between the hours of dusk and 7:00 a.m. A person shall not be in the parks during those hours except as authorized by Pavilion permit.



PARTY IN THE PARK

Comments have been heard that this year's "Party in the Park" was the best ever. The weather was cooperative and approximately 300 people enjoyed the clowns, Mad Scientist, Tekno Bubbles and St. Louis County Police and West County EMS and Fire Department's equipment displays. This year Fredbird® entertained everyone with his many antics and posed for numerous pictures with kids and adults alike.

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? If you are over 55, this is a great group in which to become involved!

As residents of Chesterfield, Ballwin, Ellisville, Manchester, Winchester, or part of the Rockwood or Parkway School Districts you are welcome to participate in this program.

Regular meetings are from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from September through May at the Ballwin Golf Course, 333 Holloway Road. Regular meetings cost \$1; special luncheons involve separate fees.

For additional information call:

L.O.A.P. REPRESENTATIVES

City of Ballwin, Colleen Ahearn:	636-227-2357
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



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.

To report a spill call:

MSD at 314-678-6260

Mo DNR at 573-634-2436 or the

National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802.



It's that time of year again. The schedule for FLU & PNEUMONIA VACCINATIONS by the Visiting Nurse Association is available by calling 314-918-9090 or visiting the Visiting Nurse Association at www.VNASTL.com.



REBER PARK PAVILION & GAZEBO RESERVATIONS

Gazebo and Pavilion reservations are possible through the month of October. At the time of this newsletter, the month of October is open for both structures individually, or together, from 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Consider reserving them for special functions, family reunions, barbeques, and birthday parties. *The cost to reserve the pavilion is \$45, the gazebo, \$30.* Residents and non-residents alike are eligible to reserve the facilities.

October is, in general, a beautiful month in which to spend time outdoors and Reber Park is a great place to gather for celebrations and family fun.

City Hall will begin accepting reservations on February 1st, 2014, for the April 1st through October 31st season.