



# Winchester Newsletter

Nov-Dec, 2013

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

## City Calendar

- NOV** 6 - **Court, 7:00 p.m.** 
- 13 - **City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**
- 28 - **THANKSGIVING**  
*City Hall Closed* No trash service today! Holiday Schedule
- 29 - **City Hall Closed - Holiday Trash Pick-Up TODAY!**
- DEC** 3 - STREET SWEEPING
- 4 - STREET SWEEPING, RAIN DATE
- 4 - **Court, 7:00 p.m.**
- 11 - **City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**
- 17 - **Candidate Filing** for April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Election opens @ 8:00 a.m. 
- 24 - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY  
*City Hall Closed*
- 25 - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY  
*City Hall Closed*
- 26 - HOLIDAY Trash Pickup Today
- JAN** 1 - **NEW YEAR'S DAY CELEBRATED**  
*City Hall Closed*
- 2 - **Ballfield Permit Applications**  
available @ City Hall
- 8 - **City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**
- 20 - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY  
*City Hall Open*
- 21- **Candidate Filing for April Election closes @ 5:00 p.m.**



## **NOTICE OF ELECTION** **DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY** CITY OF WINCHESTER



A **Municipal Election** will be held in the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, to elect **one Alderman from Ward I and one Alderman from Ward II, each to serve a two (2) year term.**

Declaration of Candidacy for said offices must be received by the City Clerk, Monday thru Friday, during regular business hours. Filing begins on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. The closing date will be at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

A candidate must be a qualified voter properly registered under the laws and the Constitution of the State of Missouri. A Candidate must not be in arrears in any unpaid City of Winchester taxes and must have been a resident of the City of Winchester for at least one year preceding the election.

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

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**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, 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

Tony DeLuca  
Term Expires April, 2015  
314/220-2119

#### **WARD II**

Michael Schmidt  
Term Expires, April 2014  
636/394-7592

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.

Barbara Beckett, CMC  
City Administrator/Clerk

**CITY MEETING NEWS**



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

**ORDINANCE #1023-** An ordinance adding “No Parking” on the south side of Ballwin Avenue between Lindy Blvd. and Solley Drive.

**ORDINANCE #1024 -** An ordinance repealing Section 205.195 of the Municipal code dealing with animals other than dogs and cats running at large.

**ORDINANCE #1025 -** A ordinance revising nuisances affecting health specifically prohibiting the keeping of animals such as cattle, hogs, horses, mules, sheep, goats and geese, ducks, chickens, turkeys, and all other domestic fowl in any area within the city not zoned for agricultural uses except pet cats and dogs.

*The ordinance referenced above is regarding the fact that the keeping of chickens is no longer allowed in any area of the City of Winchester that is not zoned agricultural.* However, the Board has agreed that residents who currently have chickens may keep only those that are now present as long as they are registered with the city. Residents cannot add new fowl to those that exist presently. You will have until November 30<sup>th</sup> to register your chickens. Any chickens not registered after the registration period will not be allowed to remain within the city limits. Registration forms are available at City Hall.

**WINCHESTER’S THIRD NEIGHBORHOOD**

**CLEAN UP - HELD SATURDAY, OCT. 5<sup>th</sup>**

The City, for the third time, held a neighborhood clean up. All volunteers provided the manpower for this labor intensive event. We would like to thank all the volunteers from the St. Louis County Police and Explorers, the St. Louis County Department of Public Works Problem Properties Unit, city elected officials, city employees and especially the Winchester residents that gave of their time for this effort. A clean-up is a large investment of time and energy and provides our community benefits. It gives residents an opportunity to properly dispose of waste at no cost to them and helps improve the neighborhood image. Thanks to all of the households who participated.

The pre electronic/scrap metal pick-up on Friday evening encountered problems. RNA Worldwide, a company certified to dispose of appliances and electronic waste safely, made an extra Friday evening pick up in an effort to avoid problems. Problems were still encountered with a large number of “scrappers” trying to get to the items before RNA employees could. *RNA agreed to provide the City with the pick up service at no charge to the City.* They are compensated only by what they can pick up and sell. Their service has the potential to save residents money for disposal of large appliances, televisions, monitors, etc. The City will be reviewing procedures for the next clean up to avoid the scrapping problem.



**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
FOR STREET SWEEPING ON**

**DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**(Rain Date-December 4<sup>th</sup> )**

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



**NOTICE to all Winchester pet owners....** in 2011, the Board of Aldermen repealed the ordinance that required City pet tags. It remains, however, a county ordinance for both dogs and cats to be vaccinated against rabies.

**REMINDER...**It shall be unlawful for the owner of **any dog or cat**, whether vaccinated or not, to permit such dog or cat to run at large or to go off the premises of the owner unless such dog or cat is under restraint.



## WINTER WONDERLAND

Since 1986 Saint Louis County Parks has been providing an extraordinary experience to the residents of St. Louis County and the surrounding area through the Winter Wonderland light display at Tilles Park. This spectacular display that includes over one million sparkling lights has become a St. Louis tradition. The display runs from November 27<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>.

What started out as mini-lights stapled to plywood cutouts has evolved into an unforgettable display of more than one million lights that is constantly being updated with modern technology and to be more energy efficient. Guests are able to enjoy music during their drive through the Winter Wonderland. This year additional displays will be added to the synchronization including the tunnel and jumping arches.

The display is open to vehicular traffic Sunday through Friday from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday is reserved for horse-drawn carriage rides only and those reservations must be made in advance. Carriage rides are also available through the week. Tickets are available online at [www.metrotix.com](http://www.metrotix.com) or by telephone at (314) 534-1111. For more information, visit the county website at [www.stlouisco.com/parks](http://www.stlouisco.com/parks).

St. Louis County Parks is offering the opportunity again to recycle old Christmas lights. Just drop them off when you visit Winter Wonderland or barrels will also be available from October 15-January 18 along the road near the tennis courts at Tilles for drop off.



## HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE -

The Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, will change our regularly scheduled pick up to Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Since Christmas and New Year's Day fall on a Wednesday, Winchester's trash pickup schedule will be pushed back until Friday to accommodate customers that would have normally had a Wednesday pickup.

## CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Allied Waste will dispose of your Christmas Tree at no additional charge to you. Please consider that trees will not be picked up if they are in plastic bags.

- \* Remove all tinsel and garland from your tree and
- \* Place your tree curbside before 7:00 a.m. on any regularly scheduled pick up day.



Happy New Year!



## 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 park during those hours except as authorized by Pavilion permit.

## BALLFIELD RESERVATIONS -



Reber Park's two ballfields are available for Organized League Team Practice from April 1<sup>st</sup>...or when the fields are deemed usable by City Hall...until the last week of June each year. Ballfield Reservation Forms will be available at City Hall beginning Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 a.m. Walk-in applications will be accepted for time slots on a first come, first served basis. You will know when, and on which field you will be practicing, before you leave City Hall.

In order to recoup certain expenses, it has been determined that each athletic team using the ballfields in Reber Park will be required to pay a one time per season user fee of \$50.00 as partial recoupment.

Each team is limited to one practice session each week.

Practice sessions are two hours and are available:

### Weekdays (Mon-Fri)

4-6 p.m. *or* 6-8 p.m.

### Saturdays

8-10 a.m. *or*

10 a.m.- Noon



## 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

### WINCHESTER NEIGHBORHOOD STATION

During the Holiday Season, criminals are at work looking for easy ways to steal money. Don't forget, you can still be the victim of identity theft and not even be on the internet. By taking precautions and following some simple steps, you can minimize the chances of this happening.

- Don't provide personal information to people you do not know, especially your Social Security number!
- Shred personal and medical documents, including credit card applications, prior to throwing them away.
- Review your bills immediately to ensure no unauthorized transactions were made.

By being vigilant, you can minimize the chance of becoming a victim. If you become a victim, take immediate action. Report the incident promptly to us. Responding officers will be able to answer many of your questions and provide suggestions for further action.



### 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 once again 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 is 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.





(Information recommended by Allied Waste)

Did you know that Americans throw away 25% more waste during the Thanksgiving to New Year's holiday season than any other time of year? The extra garbage amounts to 1 million tons of waste.

The holiday season is almost here! With an easy curbside program, you can make the holiday season the season of recycling, all in one bin!

**Reminder:** Styrofoam packing does NOT belong in your home recycling. You can return packing peanuts to most local UPS Stores, but you should call before doing so.

Remember to recycle the following items during this holiday season: corrugated cardboard boxes (flatten and cut into 3' x 3' pieces), gift boxes, gift catalogs, newspapers filled with advertising inserts, wrapping paper (non-metallic only), non-metallic greeting cards, cards, junk mail, magazines and plastic, glass and metal containers. For more tips on how to reduce your waste please visit: [www.tinyurl.com/stlholidayrecycling](http://www.tinyurl.com/stlholidayrecycling) or [www.epa.gov/waste/wycd/funfacts/winter.htm](http://www.epa.gov/waste/wycd/funfacts/winter.htm)

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



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.

### Residential Salt Usage

#### Salt improves Winter Driveway Conditions but Harms Ecosystems

Keeping roads and parking areas free of ice and snow is an essential part of modern life. Road salt, one of the main tools used to achieve this task, contains chloride as its principal ingredient in both sodium chloride and potassium chloride based products. Chloride does more than melt snow and ice, it negatively impacts local lakes and rivers. As snow and ice melt, they drain into

landscaped areas or storm sewers and then to natural bodies of water. Waters from a deiced area contain high levels of chlorides which do not degrade and there is no cost effective way to remove it. Excessive levels of chlorides can severely impair the ability of plants to absorb water and nutrients. These negative effects are common to both aquatic and terrestrial plants in residential gardens, as well as landscaped areas and rivers. Fish and other aquatic organisms are then impacted by the decline in habitat. In surface waters such as lakes, ponds and streams, salt can harm or kill aquatic life, including fish and plants.

#### What can I do to help?

- Shovel (or use a snow blower) before you use any product; never put a deicing product on top of snow
- Adopt the "Just Enough" principle, putting down just enough product to keep high traffic areas clear of ice
- Sweep up undissolved product after a storm is over for reuse
- Consider switching to a non-chloride deicer
- Support changes by your municipality to minimize salt usage
- Inform a neighbor about the impacts chlorides have in our streams and rivers

*Remember the Needy  
Donate \$\$\$ or*



Keep in mind that during the holidays hard times seem magnified to those people that have lost their jobs and are in a bad way financially. Local food pantries and churches will be needing help collecting food.

*Please give generously*