



# Winchester Newsletter

March 2014

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

## City Calendar



- March**
- 5 - Court, 7 p.m.
  - ☉ 9 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** begins-  
“Spring Forward” - when you turn your  
clocks forward, *change the batteries in your  
smoke detector.*
  - 12 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
  - ☁ 17 - **ST. PATRICK’S DAY**
  - 29 - **9am-Noon, Recycling Drop Off Event**
- April**
- 1 - **Reber Park Pavilion & Gazebo** may be  
reserved from April 1<sup>st</sup> - through Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Reservations began @ City Hall on February  
3<sup>rd</sup> - must be made in person (**see page 4**)
  - 1 - **Ballfield Reservation Permits begin**  
(Weather Permitting) through June 30<sup>th</sup>
  - 2 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
  - 8 - **MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY**  
*See Location of Polling Place → →*  
*City Hall Open*
  - 9 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
  - 12 - **Egg Hunt @ Reber Park**  
**11:00 a.m.**
  - 19 - **Egg Hunt Rain Date**



## NOTICE OF ELECTION

CITY OF WINCHESTER  
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

**TO:** Qualified Voters of the City of Winchester,  
St. Louis County, Missouri

**TAKE NOTICE:**  
Notice of a General Election in the City of Winchester,  
St. Louis County, Missouri on:

**TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014**

for the election of one (1) Alderman from Ward I and one  
(1) Alderman from Ward II, each to serve a two (2) year  
term.

### **HOURS OF ELECTION:**

**6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Central Daylight Time**

### **LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE:**

for LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP PRECINCTS 042, 044 &  
045, and QUEENY TOWNSHIP PRECINCTS 026 & 027  
(all of Winchester) the polling place is:

St. John United Church of Christ  
332 Old Sulphur Springs Rd.  
Manchester, Missouri 63021

Given under my hand and the corporate seal of the City of  
Winchester, Missouri this January 28, 2014.

Barbara Beckett, CMC  
City Administrator/Clerk

### **Winchester City Hall**

Voice-TDD: 636/391-0600

FAX: 636/391-6365

Email: [cityhall@city.winchester.mo.us](mailto:cityhall@city.winchester.mo.us)

### **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

### **WARD II**

Tony DeLuca

Term Expires April, 2015

314/220-2119

Michael Schmidt

Term Expires, April 2014

636/394-7592



CANDIDATES FILE FOR OFFICE  
APRIL 8, 2014 ELECTION

The following persons have filed for office (the names are listed in the order filed with the City Clerk):

ALDERMAN (Two Year Term):

WARD I: Carol J. Kraft

ALDERMAN (Two Year Term):

WARD II: Michael Schmidt

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 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.

CITY MEETING NEWS



In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following actions during **February, 2014:**

A Full Liquor license and Sunday Liquor license was approved for :

**Paradise Indian Cuisine**, 14560 Manchester Rd., #9-11

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POLICE DEPT



(Tips from law enforcement)

Safety Tips for Citizens

Below are some tips that may help you prevent crime. But remember—the most important single

act you can do is to call the Police to report crimes or suspicious activities! If law enforcement is not aware of problems, they cannot resolve them. Here are some tips for homeowners to use so that they can help the anti-crime effort.

- Install good deadbolt locks and use them.
- Use timers to turn lights off and on in a normal schedule when away from home.
- Adequately secure all windows with secondary locking devices.
- Lock any non-attached structure to ward off theft.
- Leave exterior lights on at night
- Do not advertise that you are away from home.
- Be neighborly, but be suspicious of strangers in the area.
- Record serial numbers and maintain a record of your property in a safe place, preferable other than at your home.

Call Dispatch at 314-889-2341 or 636-527-2341 to report burglaries, thefts, vandalism, prowlers or suspicious activities. Use 911 for all emergencies.

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(Information from St. Louis County website)

Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Program  
Now Taking Reservations!

Residents can now make a reservation to drop off household hazardous waste (HHW) at the Lemay HHW Facility, located at 291 E. Hoffmeister (on the grounds of the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District's Lemay Waste Water Treatment Plant). Reservations can be made by visiting [www.hhwstl.com](http://www.hhwstl.com) and following the instructions.

The permanent program replaces the spring and fall one-day collection events previously held by the Health Department. **No one-day events are scheduled.**

For alternative disposal options for some of the more common HHW materials please visit:

[www.stlouisco.com/HealthandWellness/RecyclingandSolidWaste](http://www.stlouisco.com/HealthandWellness/RecyclingandSolidWaste)

Reduce Reuse Recycle  
Naturally!

## 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 *and* are **over 55**, this is a great group in which to become involved!

Participants will meet the *second and fourth Monday of every month between the months of September and May*. Meeting times are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and cost \$1.00/person. Meetings are held at the Ballwin Golf Course which is located at 333 Holloway Road. Free coffee, tea, soda and desert are provided..... we ask that you bring a sack lunch. Entertainment will be from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and lunch will immediately follow. Bingo will be from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. with card games from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Day trips and special luncheons are optional and involve separate fees.** Trip space is limited and is first come-first served. Pre-payment is required for all luncheons and trips. Detailed information and registration forms are available at the L.O.A.P. Meetings.

City of Ballwin, Colleen Ahearn:	636-227-8950
City of Chesterfield, Becky Dooley:	636-812-9510
City of Ellisville, Jamie Conway:	636-227-7508
City of Manchester, Stephanie Hardesty	636-391-6326
Parkway School District, Diana Stewart	314-415-8069



**INFORMATION SIGN** - Remember to watch for information such as Park activities, City events, reminders of holidays, and election days on the Reber Park entrance sign located at Lindy and Hillcrest.



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.

*Everyone lives in a watershed.* Storm water runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snow melt flows over the ground in the watershed. Hard surfaces like rooftops, driveways, sidewalks and streets prevent storm water from naturally soaking into the ground.

*Is Storm Water Runoff a Problem?* Storm water runoff can pick up soil, trash, fertilizers, chemicals and other debris, and carry it into a storm sewer which transports it directly to a lake, stream, river or wetland in your

watershed. Anything that enters a storm sewer goes untreated into the same water bodies we use for swimming, fishing and drinking water. The way you take care of your home and yard impacts water quality.

### 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 or Gazebo permit.**



**The Annual Egg Hunt** will be held at the pavilion in Reber Park on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m. (Rain date April 19<sup>th</sup>). Children can search for eggs filled with candy as well as special "winner" slips with prizes for gift certificates from Wendy's as well as "Bunny Bucks".

Please remember:

- ★ Each child needs to bring their own basket for egg gathering.
- ★ Only children are allowed in the hunt areas.



### REBER PARK PAVILION & GAZEBO RESERVATIONS

Beginning in 2013, reservations for the pavilion and gazebo were available the first business day in February. The facilities may be reserved individually and/or together. Hours are from 7a.m. - 9:30 p.m., April through October. These facilities are great for special functions, family reunions, barbeques, and birthday parties. Restrooms are specifically designated for the parties reserved. **Cost to reserve the pavilion is \$45, the gazebo, \$30.** Both residents and non-residents are eligible to reserve the facilities.



**2014 BALLFIELDS** - not all fields have been assigned... Fields will be available beginning **April 1<sup>st</sup>** ... or when the fields are deemed usable by City Hall..until the last week of June each year. Each team is limited to one practice session each week.

### Notice for All Ballfield Users

Signs will be posted on the ballfields if conditions are deemed unacceptable for use.

→Please be sure to adhere to the posted sign.←

Call the park at 636-527-5148 for a recorded message. Help keep our fields in great shape. Maintenance works hard trying to keep our fields in top shape for play.



## HOUSING INSPECTIONS - The City of Winchester

requires a housing inspection whenever a change in occupancy or ownership occurs. So, whether you decide to rent, sell your home, or move out and have other family members move in, an application for a housing inspection must be completed. Please consider the following:

- ⊠ A minimum of 24-hours notice is required before the inspector can inspect your property; You must pay the \$70.00 inspection fee before the inspection can take place – The inspector does not accept payment and an adult must be present during the inspection.
- ⊠ An **occupancy permit** is required for all residents before they move into their home; however, the City must have an approved inspection on file before the occupancy permit can be issued. Occupancy Permits are \$10.00 and upon application, we provide useful information to the new resident.

*Municipal Code Section 515.070*



## BUILDING PERMITS - Play it safe and check with City

Hall before you start your improvement project. *Remember, a permit must be secured before construction begins or your permit fee will be doubled.* Winchester permits may be required for many projects including, but not limited to:

- new home construction
- re-hab existing structures
- retaining walls over 2 ft.
- excavations
- sheds
- garage/carports and/or garage/carport additions
- basement finishing or remodeling
- home additions
- patio covers
- glass enclosures
- monuments
- demolitions
- decks
- pools & hot tubs
- fences
- signs

*Municipal Code Section 500.050*

**If you are in doubt whether a permit is required for a particular project, call City Hall for clarification.**

In addition, **St. Louis County** requires the issuing and displaying of permits, before starting work, for the following:

- plumbing
- electrical
- explosives
- water/sewer connect
- mechanical
- demolition
- weights & measures

**PERMIT DEPOSIT** - Residential and Commercial permit applications require a non refundable deposit. If the Building Department approves and issues a permit, your deposit is

credited to the actual cost of your permit fee. If not approved, the deposit is used to help cover the Building Commissioner's fee for review of the plans.

### Non Refundable Deposit Required

\$25.00 -	Residential Building Permit
\$50.00 -	Commercial Building Permit
\$30.00 -	Sign Permit
\$40.00 -	Excavation Permit
\$15.00 -	Swimming Pools & Hot Tubs
\$35.00 -	Manufactured Utility Shed

### UNIMPROVED GROUNDS PARKING..



Parking in the City of Winchester is permitted on roadways & driveways only. It is unlawful to park on unimproved surfaces and/or off the roadway.

*This does include parking a car with one or more tires on the grass, with the remaining tires on the roadway or along the curb.*

Parking in this manner can damage the curb and is a violation of City Ordinance, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00. If you see this happening, please notify your St. Louis County Winchester Neighborhood Police Station.

*Municipal Code Section 355.110*



### FAIR HOUSING - The City of Winchester is

committed to Fair Housing for all of its citizens. It is unlawful to discriminate against any person because of race, sex, color, religion, age, handicap, familial status, national origin, or political affiliation. The City of Winchester has enacted a Fair Housing Ordinance which prohibits unlawful discrimination and spells out the process for filing a complaint. If you, or anyone you know, believe that you have been unlawfully discriminated against, call the City Hall at (636) 391-0600.

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### 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. *An allocation of \$20,000 in Block Grant Funds is now 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.