





# Winchester Newsletter

April, 2014

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

## City Calendar



- April 1 - **Reber Park Pavilion & Gazebo** may be reserved April 1<sup>st</sup> - through Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. Reservations Available @ City Hall - *must apply in person (see page 3)*
- 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**
- May 7 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- 26- **MEMORIAL DAY** observed,  
City Hall Closed 
- 29 - No trash service today! Holiday Schedule
- 30 - Holiday trash pick up TODAY!



## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 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.



**GRASS & WEEDS** - The growing season is approaching – Please keep your yard looking neat by mowing your lawn. Property Owners or occupants who allow their grass and/or weeds to grow to a height in excess of seven (7) inches are in violation of a City Ordinance. Be a responsible neighbor and help to promote the beauty and integrity of our City.

*Municipal Code Section 215.130*



*Saint Louis*  
**COUNTY**  
**POLICE DEPT**

**CYBER BULLYING**

Being a victim of cyber bullying can be a common and hurtful experience. *The tips and resources below apply to everyone, not just children.* As with all transactions or sharing of information on the internet, use caution and be careful with what you share on-line.

- ✧ Watch what you say; if you wouldn't say it in person, DON'T say it on-line.
- ✧ Stay safe; keep personal information personal, share your phone number, address, etc. only with friends you've met face to face and trust.
- ✧ Break the chain; passing along hurtful or unkind messages - even as a joke - is NEVER okay.
- ✧ Don't take it; you can block offensive message senders, delete messages from unfamiliar addresses or report them to your electronic service provider.
- ✧ Ask for help if you know cyber bullying is going on, talk about it with a trusted adult, parent, teacher or co-worker.

This and further information can be obtained from [www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org).

**Saint Louis**  
**COUNTY**  
**HEALTH**



*(Info from St. Louis County website)*

**SPRING CLEANING?**.....Commercial household cleaners can be a common source of toxins in your home. By using common ingredients already found in many kitchens, you can make your own, less-toxic cleaners. They are usually inexpensive, and natural alternatives can improve air quality in your home and cause less exposure to harmful chemicals and fewer waste concerns.

Six of the most common ingredients you will need for these safer clean recipes: baking soda, borax (found in the laundry section of most grocery stores), castile soap (found in most grocery and health food stores and made entirely from plant-based products), washing soda, white vinegar and lemon juice.

**Following are a few alternative recipes for common household cleaners:**

**Floor Cleaner:** Mix 1/2 cup white vinegar with 1 gallon of warm water.

**Bathroom Cleaner:** Mix 1/2 cup of baking soda with 2 to 3 tablespoons of liquid castile soap.

**Disinfectant:** Mix 1/4 cup of borax with 1/2 gallon of hot water.

**Drain Cleaner:** First use a plunger. If this does not work, mix 1/2 cup of baking soda with 1/2 cup of vinegar and pour into the drain. Let it sit for several minutes, then pour 2 quarts of boiling water down the drain. **Caution:** never use this method if commercial drain cleaners have already been used on a clog.

**Grease Remover:** Use borax on a damp cloth.

**Mildew Remover:** Dissolve 1/2 cup of vinegar and 1/2 cup of borax in warm water. Apply using a sponge or spray bottle.

**Window Cleaner:** Add 2 teaspoons of vinegar to 1 quart of warm water or add 1 tablespoon of borax to 3 cups of water. After using, rub the glass dry with newspaper to avoid streaking.

**Make sure that all homemade formulas are well-labeled and kept out of the reach of children.**

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 Noon 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

**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 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.



The Pavilion and Gazebo at Reber Park is available for use from **April through October** of each year, 7:00 a.m.- 9:30 p.m. for special functions, family reunions, barbeques, and birthday parties. The City offers both a pavilion and gazebo available to be reserved individually and/or together. **The cost to reserve the pavilion is \$45, the gazebo, \$30.**

Reservations **must** be made in person; fees are non-refundable. You are encouraged to call City Hall to inquire whether a specific date is available. Residents and non-residents are eligible to reserve the facilities.

**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.←

Help keep our fields in great shape. Maintenance works hard to keep the playing fields in top shape for play.



### HOUSING INSPECTIONS - The City

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, you must pay the \$70.00 inspection fee, schedule the inspection and arrange for an adult to be present during the inspection.

An occupancy permit is required for all residents before they move into their home and an approved inspection must be 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 is subject to doubling. Winchester permits may be required for many projects including, but not limited to:

- new home construction
- re-hab existing structures
- retaining walls over 4 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 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
- mechanical
- demolition
- weights & measures
- water/sewer connect



**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.

### Saint Louis COUNTY PLANNING



### 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 Debbie at 314-615-4025 (St. Louis County Department of Planning, Office of Community Development, for additional information.



The following information is presented from the storm water library of the Phase II Storm water Management Plan which has been initiated by the Federal Government through the EPA.

MSD alone cannot keep the region's waterways clean. They need the support, resources and actions of concerned citizens, businesses and municipalities to improve local water quality. Since waterways and sewers are shared public resources, there are many steps that you can take to help maintain both.

Prior to urban development, rain provided nourishment to a natural landscape of forests and wetlands. With development, we replaced these forests and wetlands with buildings and pavement, sending stormwater into sewer pipes, ditches, culverts and outfalls. This stormwater runoff carries pollutants into our local streams and rivers, damaging local ecosystems and

watershed health and threatening our public health and quality of life.

This is where “going green” can help. Green infrastructure is cost-effective, sustainable and environmentally friendly because it captures and reuses stormwater to maintain or restore natural hydrologies.

Examples of green infrastructure include rain gardens, porous pavements, green roofs, infiltration planters, trees and tree boxes and rainwater harvesting (rain barrels). For more information see [www.stlmsd.com](http://www.stlmsd.com).



### **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 currently 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.



### **FROM THE DESK OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Most of us are very glad winter is essentially over. The harsh winter weather has taken a toll on property as well as people.

Spring is the time for assessing the damage that winter has caused to the exterior of our homes; i.e., is there any rotting wood, is there any loose siding, does the siding have flaking or peeling paint, is all the caulking in good shape, are the gutters clean and securely attached? *City codes mandate these things be addressed*; however, even if they didn’t, homeowners can do a lot to prevent declining property values by making the necessary repairs, keeping the grass cut and keeping the exterior of their property free of items that are not customarily used or stored outside.



### **PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL PERMITS**

Chapter 520 of the Winchester Municipal Code defines a Private Swimming Pool as “Any structure that contains water over twenty-four (24) inches in depth and which is used, or intended to be used, for swimming or recreational bathing and which is available only to the family and guests of the householder. This

includes in-ground, above-ground and on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.”

In recent years a number of the new style plastic pools have been installed throughout the city. These provide a great new way for individuals to have the convenience of a private swimming pool; however, even though they are made of plastics, *they do fit the definition of a private swimming pool and require a permit*. If you are considering one of these pools, stop by City Hall and pick up a pool permit packet before installation. The total permit fee for above-ground pools eighteen (18) feet or less in diameter is \$35.00.

### **Odd Jobs List**

If you like to cut lawns, babysit, or do any variety of home jobs, then complete the form on the lower half of the outside of the newsletter and return it to City Hall. Any resident in need of someone to cut grass, rake leaves or complete any other odd job can come into City Hall or call 636-391-0600. We will be happy to provide names from the returned form. Please consider:

- ▶ This list is being compiled as a service to Winchester residents only
- ▶ The City will not make recommendations as to the qualifications of the applicant or the quality of work done
- ▶ The fees charged are to be negotiated between the resident and the applicant
- ▶ The City has no control over the fees charged or the work performed
- ▶ **Any resident interested in advertising to another resident should complete and return a new form yearly. We do not keep previous years’ forms.**



### **TORNADO SIREN POLICY**

To help the public prepare for tornado situations, a **TORNADO WATCH** and **TORNADO WARNING** program has been developed. A *tornado watch* means that conditions are favorable for tornado development. This is the time to prepare. You should keep alert by listening to radio, television or weather radio for the latest weather information. A *tornado warning* means a tornado has been sighted or indicated by radar. When a warning is issued, the sirens will be activated. It is important that local media sources or weather radio be monitored for the duration of the warning. The siren system does not sound an “All Clear” message so please listen to the National Weather Service for this information.