



Winchester Newsletter

May 2014

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

City Calendar



- May 7 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 11 - MOTHER'S DAY
- 13 - STREET SWEEPING
- 14 - STREET SWEEPING, RAIN DATE
- 14 - **Public Hearing**, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- 26 - MEMORIAL DAY, City Hall Closed
- 29 - No trash service today!
Holiday Schedule
- 30 - Holiday trash pick up TODAY!

- June 4 - **Court**, 7 p.m.
- 11 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 - FLAG DAY
- 15 - FATHER'S DAY



- July 2 - **Court**, *Cancelled*
- 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY,
City Hall Closed
- 9- **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.



ELECTION RESULTS

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Unofficial

The April 8, 2014 election results are as follows:

ALDERMAN:

WARD I(Elected to a 2 year term)	
Carol J. Kraft.....	34
Write-Ins:	0
WARD II(Elected to a 2 year term)	
Michael Schmidt.....	20
Write-Ins:.....	0

CITY MEETING NEWS



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

ORDINANCE #1028 - An ordinance approving a contract with UMB Bank for banking services for the City.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
STREET SWEEPING ON
MAY 13th (Rain Date-May 14th)**

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

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

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
314/706-8169



A few simple steps can help keep your home safe and reduce worry while you are away.

Have a trusted friend or relative:

- ▶ Collect your mail, newspapers and advertisements daily
- ▶ Mow your lawn, water flowers and other yard work as needed
- ▶ Park their car in your driveway when possible

Steps to take before leaving:

- ▶ Install timers on some lights, radios or televisions
- ▶ Install motion detector lighting sensors outside
- ▶ If you have an alarm, make sure it is properly set
- ▶ Inspect all doors and windows including the garage door, to make sure they are properly secured

Remember... the more your home appears occupied while you are away, the less likely you are to become a burglary victim.

A *Vacation Inspection Program* is a service offered to residents by the St. Louis County Police Department. Upon your request, an officer will check your residence while you are on vacation. You may participate by stopping by City Hall and filling out the form during normal business hours.

Have the following information available:

- Street address
- Home phone number
- Date leaving
- Date returning
- Is mail delivery going to be stopped?

Basic questions about house (Are there going to be timers? Is there an alarm system? etc...)

Vehicles left behind (Year, Make, Model, Color, License, Location)

Name, address, and phone number of an emergency local contact. Address and phone number where you can be reached (mobile phone number, if available.)



WEST NILE VIRUS



Mosquitoes are an all too familiar summer nuisance and pose a potential health threat. Don't be a mosquito breeder! Mosquitoes arrive as the temperature outside begins to rise. Mosquitoes can only develop in standing water. They lay their eggs, usually in places where water collects (old tires, tin cans, buckets, gutters, etc.). To reduce the mosquito population around your home, dump standing water.

Here's an easy checklist to follow to prevent mosquito breeding around your home:

- ▶ Clean rain gutters and down spouts
- ▶ Discard old tires or store inside
- ▶ Empty flowerpots, tin cans, buckets - any container that might collect water
- ▶ Store wheel barrows, canoes, boats, upside down
- ▶ Empty, clean and refill birdbaths and small wading pools weekly
- ▶ Stock ornamental ponds with fish that eat mosquito larvae
- ▶ Repair leaky outside faucets
- ▶ Secure swimming pool covers tightly
- ▶ Keep grass cut and bushes trimmed

Neighborhood mosquito control can prevent the transmission of West Nile Virus. For more information about mosquito related issues, contact the S.t Louis County Department of Health Vector Control at 314-615-8935 or log on to St. Louis County website at www.stlouisco.com/doh .



GRASS & WEEDS - The green season is here and that means it is time to give your lawn mower a workout. 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 violating a City Ordinance. In addition to keeping your lawn mowed, keep those limbs and branches below ten (10) feet above the sidewalk and street trimmed so as not to interfere with persons or vehicular traffic.

Be a responsible neighbor and help not only to promote the beauty and integrity of our City but also to aid in mosquito control and prevention of the West Nile Virus.

Municipal Code Sections 215.015 (a)(b) and 215.130

PARK & RECREATION NEWS

All municipal parks in the City of Winchester shall be closed between the hours of Dusk and 7:00 a.m. No person shall be in the park during those hours except as authorized by a Pavilion/Gazebo Permit.



The Pavilion and Gazebo at Reber Park is available for use from **April through October** of each year from 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.



This year's Egg Hunt was held on April 12th at Reber Park. The weather was beautiful. Approximately 150 neighborhood children hunted eggs, found "winner slips" for special prizes and visited and had their pictures taken with Peter Rabbit.



20 MPH SPEED LIMIT - Let's keep the City a safe place for the children to play this summer. We ask that Winchester citizens observe and obey the 20 mph speed limit. Your cooperation is necessary to make Winchester a safe place to live.



Remember, a cyclist is safest when following the same rules as a motor vehicle operator. Ride with the flow of traffic. **BE SEEN.** Wear a helmet and light colored clothing. At night, use the minimum required lights and reflectors.



UNNECESSARY NOISE

Just a reminder about being responsible for your dogs when they are outside. Do not allow them to continuously bark and thereby disturb the public peace.

Any unnecessary noise from "the keeping of any animal or bird which by causing frequent or long continued noise shall disturb the comfort or repose of any persons in the vicinity" is prohibited. **If a complaint is made, the pet owner could be summoned to municipal court.**

Municipal Code Section 210.235



Summer is coming...a WARNING from the Humane Society of Missouri and the St. Louis County Police Department. A pet should never be left unattended in a parked car when the outside temperature is over 70 degrees.

Allowing an animal to be harmed in this way is considered animal abuse. It is illegal and punishable by fines and imprisonment. If you see an animal in distress or locked in a parked car, you can call the society's hotline at 314-647-4400 or your local police.



The following information is presented in conjunction with Phase II Storm Water Management Plan which has been initiated by the Federal Government through the EPA.

Four out of five patients leave their doctor's office with at least one prescription. As these medicines expire or go unused, they accumulate in the medicine cabinet, along with over-the-counter medicines, creating an abundance of unwanted drugs.

St. Louis County Police, MSD, St. Louis College of Pharmacy and Missouri American Water would like to announce a new program that will provide a responsible disposal option for unneeded medicines. The Missouri Prescription Pill and Drug Disposal (Missouri P2D2), a nonprofit organization, offers a safe, convenient medicine disposal at collection boxes in local police stations. The program will be available 24/7, and is safe, free and anonymous.

The precinct serving Winchester is West County Precinct, 232 Vance Road, Valley Park, MO 63088.

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



WHEN A TORNADO STRIKES

If you see a funnel cloud nearby, take shelter immediately. If you spot a tornado that is far away, help alert others to the hazard by reporting it to the newsroom of a local radio or TV station before taking shelter as described later. Use common sense and exercise **caution**: if you believe that you might be in danger, seek shelter immediately. The key to surviving a tornado and reducing the risk of injury lies in planning, preparing, and practicing what you and your family will do if a tornado strikes. Flying debris causes most deaths and injuries during a tornado. Although there is no completely safe place during a tornado, some locations are much safer than others. General tips:

If there is no basement, go to the center of an interior room on the lowest level (such as a closet or interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck. *Do not open windows.*

For People with Functional Needs

If you are in a wheelchair, get away from windows and go to an interior room of the house. If possible, seek shelter under a sturdy table or desk. Cover your head with anything available, even your hands.

If you are unable to move from a bed or a chair and assistance is not available, protect yourself from falling objects by covering up with blankets and pillows.

If you are outside and a tornado is approaching, get into a ditch or gully. If possible, lie flat and cover your head with your arms.

After the Tornado

Give first aid when appropriate. Help injured or trapped people. Don't try to move seriously injured people... call for help.

Turn on the radio or television for the latest emergency information. Use the telephone only for emergencies.

Clean up spilled medicines, bleach, and flammable liquids immediately. Leave the area if gas or burning fumes are present.

Siren Locations in zip code 63021

- E-34 Dietrich at Dietrich Oaks
- E-39 Carmel Woods Drive, 200' S of Kiefer Creek
- E-40 Meadow Lane, 225' N of E Carole
- E-41 New Ballwin, 150' N of Dennison
- E-42 Sulpher Springs Rd 700, at Nandale
- E-43 Reis, 234' S of Madrina Court
- E-44 Big Bend, 344' W of Sulpher Springs
- E-45 Meramec Station, 105' S of Bromfield
- E-46 Country Stone, 50' N of Country Hill
- E-48 Ridge Rd S, 838' W of St. Paul
- E-49 New Ballwin at CastlewoodE-54 Ridge south of Old State Road (across from school)
- E-57 Alverston Ct at West Run Drive

MAKE A PLAN (information from www.Ready.gov)

Your family may not be together when a disaster strikes so it is important to plan in advance: how you will get to a safe place; how you will contact one another; how you will get back together; and what you will do in different situations. Read more about Family Communication during an emergency.

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www.ready.gov has made it simple for you to make a family emergency plan. Download the Family Communication Plan for Parents and Kids (PDF) and fill out the sections before printing it or emailing it to you family and friends.

You should also inquire about emergency plans at places where your family spends time: work, daycare and school, faith organizations, sports events and commuting. If no plans exist, consider helping create one. Talk to community leaders, your colleagues, neighbors and members of faith or civic organizations about how you can work together in the event of an emergency. You will be better prepared to safely reunite your family and loved ones during an emergency if you think ahead and communicate with others in advance. Read more about school and workplace plans.

Have a plan for traveling between work and home and other commonly visited locations in case of an emergency. Download the Commuter Emergency Plan (PDF).



Republic Services / Allied Waste

has notified their customers that they are excited to rollout a new program called “My Resources”. This program will give residents the capability to start an online account with Republic where they can pay bills, report a miss, schedule a pick-up, report a container repair and much more.

Individually billed residents will be receiving a packet in the mail that gives them a description and process of signing up for the *new* program. The packets started going out with the March 15, 2014 billings. Republic Services asks that you take the time to go online and view “MY RESOURCES”.

With this technology, their customers will be able to pay their bill, schedule a pickup, report a missed pickup, request a container repair, discover new products and services, manage their account and much more. You can go to www.RepublicServices.com and go to My Resources, set up a User ID and Password and that’s it! You will need your email address and a current invoice number from your latest bill to set up your account. Customer Service will continue to be available to assist. If needed, call 636-947-5959.



**HONOR OUR
VETERANS,
FLY THE FLAG**



JEFFERSON BARRACKS

was built south of St. Louis, Missouri on the banks of the Mississippi River to replace Fort Bellefontaine. It was selected for its strategic geographic location. The post was opened in 1826 and became the army’s *first* permanent base *west* of the Mississippi River. By the 1840s, it was the largest military establishment in the United States. During the Civil War, Jefferson Barracks served as a training post for the Union Army. There was also a hospital at the post for the Union army’s sick and wounded.

The national cemetery was formally established in 1866; however, the first burial is believed to be in 1827, shortly after the post’s founding. The Civil War initiated the beginnings of a formal network of military cemeteries. In 1869 the cemetery experienced enormous growth when more than 10,200 recovered remains of soldiers originally buried at other Missouri locations were brought here.

World War II casualties introduced a new focus to the cemetery as the central repository for group interments resulting from national disasters when individual remains cannot be identified. Among the more than 560 group burials, meaning two or more veterans in a common grave, are 123 victims of a 1944 Japanese massacre of POWs in the Philippines and the remains of 41 unidentified marines who perished in a South Vietnam helicopter crash in 1968.

The Jefferson Barracks grounds are beautiful and interesting. Many monuments and buildings are located throughout the cemetery and park. Every Memorial Day weekend the Boy Scouts decorate each grave with a flag. If you have never visited, Memorial Day is the perfect time to do so, but if you can’t make it then, plan to visit soon!



In addition to interpretive programs on the history of the site and historic reenactments, the park offers many recreational activities and facilities, including archery, athletic fields, running and walking trails, playgrounds, concerts and community events. For more information go to www.nps.gov and search for Jefferson Barracks.

When you meet a veteran, thank him for his service!