



# Winchester Newsletter

June-July 2014

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

## City Calendar



- June** 4 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 - *Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing*, 7:00 p.m.
- 11- **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 - FLAG DAY
- 15 - FATHER'S DAY
- 30 - Ballfield Permits end



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

- Aug.** 6 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
- 9 - **Party in the Park** at the Lower Playground & Pavilion, 10 a.m.- Noon
- 13 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.

## CITY MEETING NEWS



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

### **Resolution #2014-01 April 8, 2014 Election Results:**

A resolution declaring the results of the General Election held in the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri, on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. At the May 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, the City Administrator/Clerk swore in both Carol J. Kraft and Michael Schmidt as Aldermen for Wards I and II, respectively, each for two year terms. Mayor Gail M. Winham announced the following Aldermanic responsibilities:

- Alderwoman Marie Bach -  
Park & Recreation Liaison  
Safety Coordinator  
(Mrs. Bach also elected by the Board of Aldermen as President of the Board)
  - Alderman Carol J. Kraft -  
Street Commissioner
  - Alderman Tony DeLuca -  
Code Enforcement Liaison
  - Alderman Michael Schmidt  
Maintenance Department Liaison
- Mayor Winham will be responsible for duties of Emergency Management Director, Recycling Coordinator and Flood Plain Manager.  
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### 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

### WARD I

MARIE BACH

Term Expires April, 2015

636/227-6344

### BOARD OF ALDERMEN

CAROL J. KRAFT

Term Expires April, 2016

636/399-0859

TONY DeLUCA

Term Expires April, 2015

314/220-2119

### WARD II

MICHAEL SCHMIDT

Terms Expires April, 2016

314/706-8169

**CITY MEETING NEWS/ORDINANCES**

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**#1029** - An Ordinance authorizing the City of Winchester to participate in an ICMA Retirement Corporation 457 Deferred Compensation Plan and authorizing and directing the Mayor of the City of Winchester to enter into on behalf of said City an administrative option agreement for the basic plan.

**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 permit.

**PARTY IN THE PARK**



Family fun comes again to Winchester’s annual Party in the Park on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. ‘til Noon. There will be something for everyone in the family to experience and enjoy and, guess who is coming back to our party....,

Fredbird®!

There will be two clowns doing face painting and balloon sculpting, Tekno Bubbles will be back with an exhibit and Mad Science will conduct both their “Slime Booth” and “Bouncy Ball Booth” events.

The St. Louis County Police will have displays of cars and equipment. West County EMS & Fire Protection District will provide ambulance and pumper demos as well. Watch for more specifics in the Winchester August-September Newsletter.



Enjoy **REBER PARK** this season! Reserve the pavilion and gazebo for parties and family gatherings. Picnic at one of the tables installed around the park.

The Pavilion and Gazebo are available for use from **April through October** of each year, 7AM - 9:30 PM. Reservations are being taken at City Hall. First come - first served. A non-refundable fee of \$45 for the pavilion and a \$30 fee for the gazebo will be required for each date that is reserved.

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**COUNTY**  
**POLICE DEPT**



**WINCHESTER NEIGHBORHOOD STATION**  
**FIREWORKS**

Chapter 810 of the St. Louis County Code governing fireworks states that it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell, possess, offer for sale, expose for sale, give, use, discharge or explode fireworks within St. Louis County. *In other words, it is illegal to possess fireworks in St. Louis County.*

Fireworks are very dangerous in the hands of an untrained person. Instead of putting you or your family and friends in jeopardy, we suggest you attend one of the local firework displays. Check your local news or newspapers for a location near you.

**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. Funds for this calendar year are still 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.

## A “tale of two storms”

*(Partially reprinted from a MSD news release dated May 5, 2014)*

During heavy storms, like the those commonly experienced in the St. Louis area during throughout Spring, too much water entering our stormwater system can “overcharge” the sewer mains, meaning that untreated wastewater can sometimes back up into residential or commercial basements. In April 2013 and again in April 2014, rainstorms blew through the St. Louis area, but the storms had very different impacts on our community. After the 2014 events, basement backups from overcharged mains were **reduced by 64%, saving \$250,000** in basement backup claims, all thanks to repair, maintenance, and system improvement efforts that are part of MSD Project Clear. Using a three-pronged approach, MSD Project Clear’s goals are to improve water quality and to alleviate many wastewater concerns in the St. Louis region.

Since the launch of the program, MSD Project Clear has continued an extensive program of sewer rehabilitation, lining and maintenance throughout the District that has resulted in significant reduction in basement backups. In addition, Project Clear installed the first storage tank of the program in the Coldwater Creek watershed. During the April 2014 storm, the installation of the Coldwater Creek Storage Tank stored between 8 and 10 million gallons of untreated wastewater. This tank, and other future scheduled improvements, negates the need to build an additional 5 miles of wastewater sewers – **a cost savings of nearly \$70 million**. The tank does this by storing additional wastewater at peak flow times. Projects like this storage tank have resulted in significant reductions in system overcharges throughout the District.

MSD Project Clear is the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District’s initiative to improve water quality and alleviate many wastewater concerns in the St. Louis region. MSD Project Clear will invest billions of dollars over a generation in planning, designing, and building community rainscaping and system improvements, along with an ambitious program of maintenance and repair and the disconnection of some residential downspouts in parts of St. Louis County’s separate sewer area from the wastewater sewer line. This work is part of an agreement between MSD and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

To learn more about the MSD agreement with EPA, please visit [www.stlmsd.com/aboutmsd/organization/consentdecree](http://www.stlmsd.com/aboutmsd/organization/consentdecree). For more information on Project Clear, visit [ProjectClearSTL.org](http://ProjectClearSTL.org) or follow MSD on Twitter [@ProjectClearSTL](https://twitter.com/ProjectClearSTL).

## SOLICITATION- NO VISIT LIST

It’s been a number of years since the “No Visit List” has been updated. Many residents have come and gone and *a new list will be replacing the original*. In compliance with the City of Winchester Municipal Code, Chapter 610, residents of the City are entitled to be registered at City Hall on a “no visit” list to try to eliminate unwelcome visitations as much as possible.

One of the most frequent calls for service the police department receives is on complaints regarding solicitors or peddlers. Any individual or group wishing to sell products or services in the City must first obtain a permit from City Hall. Once the permit is issued, solicitors must abide by certain regulations set forth by ordinance. The City has limited ability to prohibit peddlers or solicitors from their commercial or charitable activities due to First Amendment protections. There are a few things that you can do to help yourself:

- Post a “No Soliciting” sign. The City Hall has “No Solicitors” labels for your use.
- Contact us by phone or by clipping, completing and returning the form on the back of this newsletter. Any itinerant merchant registering with city hall will be given your address only.
- The issuance of a City Permit is NOT AN ENDORSEMENT!
- Do not allow the solicitor inside of your residence, give out personal information, date of birth, social security number, etc.
- Be aware that one solicitor may try to distract you while another commits a crime.
- If you feel uncomfortable talking with a solicitor, ask them to leave.
- Do not feel obligated to purchase any product or service.
- Remember, if a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- If you contact the police, *try to have specific information* about the person(s) and any vehicle(s) that you observe.....

*Please note that this list is going to be completely new. You will not be on the “No Visit” list unless you respond to this questionnaire. Any itinerant merchant registering with city hall will be given a list of addresses only.*

**R E M I N D E R S**



**City of Winchester Curfew for Children under 17** -Children under 17 shall not

loiter, idle, stroll, drive or ride in an automobile or play in or upon public streets, highways, roads, alleys, parks, play grounds or other public place buildings, places of amusement and entertainment, vacant lots or other unsupervised places between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights or between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on other nights of the week.

A parent, guardian or other adult having the care and custody of a child under 17, shall not permit a child to violate the city curfew regulations. Fines for such violation range up to \$500.00 and juveniles may be taken into custody and transported to St. Louis County Juvenile Authorities. Please report any curfew violations witnessed to the St. Louis County Police Department at 636-527-2341.



***The City of Winchester has a LEASH LAW -***

Neither dogs nor cats are permitted to run at large. Any pet must be on a leash, in an enclosed area, or properly restrained.

For the safety and enjoyment of all Winchester residents, City Hall encourages dog and cat owners to be responsible and leash or confine pets whenever outside. *(Municipal Code Section 205.190)*

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**COUNTY**  
**HEALTH**



**YES!, CARTONS ARE RECYCLABLE!:** Now the last drop of milk, juice or soup does not mark the end of a carton’s useful life. Cartons are easy to recycle and in high demand. Simply place empty cartons in your recycling bin with your plastic, metal and glass containers. Bales of recycled cartons are shipped to paper mills where cartons are mixed with water in a gigantic blender to extract all the paper fiber. Paper fibers are included in cardboard, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, phone books, office paper and folders. These recycled carton paper fibers are valuable resource for making products such as recycled paper products and even building materials.

For more information visit [www.RecycleCartons.com](http://www.RecycleCartons.com)

**PLASTIC BAGS 101** - Why can’t they be recycled curbside, *even if they have a recycling symbol on them?* Plastic bags are the most common contaminant and, if missed, end up wound around equipment, resulting in a system shutdown. Plastic grocery bags can be recycled at most grocery stores. Look for the drop-off container at the front of the store. If you need a liner in your recycling bin or to contain shredded paper, please use a paper bag - paper bags are 100% recyclable!

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



**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 ups are 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.

**RECYCLE, REVITALIZE,**

**REDISTRIBUTE!**



Do you have medical equipment that is not being used? Do you need medical equipment? Fortunately, now there is help from the St. Louis Help Health Equipment Lending Program. Through this program, new or previously owned medical devices from the community and businesses are received. These items are refurbished or repaired, cleaned, then loaned to individuals in need *for free*, for as long as necessary. Donations of manual and power wheelchairs, scooters, canes, crutches, walkers, shower chairs, grab bars, portable commodes, seating cushions, back supports, electric hospital beds and lifts - nearly every type of device (except oxygen) are accepted.

It just makes common sense. It is a win/win for everyone and the environment keeping usable equipment out of landfills and serving those in need in the Greater St. Louis community. St. Louis HELP is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax deductible. Visit [www.stlhelp.org](http://www.stlhelp.org) or call 314-567-4700 for additional information.