



# Winchester Newsletter

Aug-Sept., 2014

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

## City Calendar



- Aug.**
- 6 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
  - 9 - **Party in the Park** at the Lower Playground, Pavilion and Gazebo, 10 a.m. - Noon. (See details on the back of this newsletter)
  - 11 - School begins in **Rockwood School District**
  - 12 - School begins in **Parkway School District**
  - 13 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept.**
- 1 - LABOR DAY, *City Hall Closed*
  - 3 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
  - 4 - No trash service today!  
*Holiday trash Schedule*
  - 5 - Holiday trash pick up TODAY!
  - 10 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct.**
- 1 - *Business Licenses Due*
  - 1 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
  - 8 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
  - 31- **HALLOWEEN** - Safety Center at Reber Park hosted by the St. Louis County Police - 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

## **CITY MEETING NEWS**

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

**Resolution #2014-02:** A resolution adopting the proposed budget for *fiscal year 2014-2015* for the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri.

**ORDINANCE #1030** -Authorizes the Mayor to execute the Municipal Housing and Community Development Agreement of 2015-2017 and any supplemental agreements thereto.

**ORDINANCE #1031** - Changes the width of vehicles allowed to park on streets in the City of Winchester from seven (7) feet in width to eight (8) feet in width.

**ORDINANCE #1032** - Adds a time limitation requirement on the parking of boats, recreational vehicles and recreational equipment on a public street of not more than three (3) days in any two (2) consecutive calendar weeks.

**ORDINANCE #1033** - Adds two definitions to the traffic code for the City of Winchester. The *first* defines a **recreational vehicle** as “a term encompassing any type of vehicle used primarily for recreational pleasure. Examples include, but are not limited to, travel trailers, motor homes, boats, jet skis, etc. This term shall also include the trailers used for transporting recreational vehicles”; the *second* definition, **trailer**, now includes “anything licensed through the Missouri DOR as a trailer”.

**Liquor Licenses** were approved for the following businesses:

**Island Bar**, 14560 Manchester Rd., #28, Full

**Paradise Indian Cuisine**, 14560 Manchester Rd., #9-11, both Full and Sunday Liquor Licenses.

### **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

Carol J. Kraft

Term Expires April, 2016

636/399-0859

### **BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

Tony DeLuca

Term Expires April, 2015

314/220-2119

### **WARD II**

Michael Schmidt

Term Expires April, 2016

314/706-8169



**WINCHESTER NEIGHBORHOOD  
STATION**

With summer in full swing, the West County Precinct would like to remind citizens to be cognizant of a few things.

Keep your doors closed, especially at night. Protect yourself, as well as your belongings, from those who would enter through unlocked doors leading into your home. Many people simply forget to lock an entry door before retiring. If you have a habit of doing so, keep the door locked as an all-around safety measure.

Keep vehicles that may be visible to a passers by locked. If you must keep valuables in your vehicle, keep them out of sight. Criminals tend to peer inside a vehicle to see if there is anything of worth.

As always, report any suspicious activity immediately by calling 911, 636-527-2341 or 314-889-2341.

**FREE SECURITY EVALUATION**

Residents and business owners – please contact the West County Precinct at 314-615-0700 for a free safety and security evaluation of your home or business. Officers will offer on-site recommendations to make your premises more secure and less attractive to criminals.

**The West County Precinct Explorer Program**

This is a great opportunity for young adults to serve their community and "explore" a career in law enforcement. The program builds leadership, character, confidence and discipline. Candidates must be between the ages of 14 and 21 to apply. If you have any questions, please contact Officer Dusty Poncin at 314-615-0700.



**Powder Valley Nature Center**  
*(Mo Dept. of Conservation)*

Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center is a 112-acre oasis of an oak and hickory forest in the St. Louis suburb of Kirkwood. (Near 270 & 44... take Watson Road, left onto So. Geyer Road, left onto Cragwold Road about .8 mile. Entrance is on your right.) Local lore says that Union forces stored blasting powder to blow the bridge across the Meramec River in Fenton in case it was in danger of being crossed and prevent an attack on St. Louis and Jefferson Barracks by the Confederate forces led by General Sterling Price. During World War I, Dupont de Nemours manufactured and stored explosives on the site. In 1986 the Missouri Department of Conservation purchased the area and after five years of planning and construction, the conservation area was opened to the public. Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center offers three paved trails with a combined length of a little over two miles. One of the trails has interpretive signs and is disabled-accessible. Each trail starts at the Nature Center parking lot.

Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center has an outstanding indoor interpretive center. The nature center has 2 levels of exhibits related to backyard wildlife and conservation practices in urban areas. Features include a wildlife viewing area for observing songbirds, wild turkeys and small mammals as well as venomous snakes and bears in Missouri, a beehive and a 3,000 gallon freshwater aquarium filled with various native Missouri fish such as bass, bluegill and catfish. The children's Discovery Room offers puzzles, games and exhibits to explain nature to children. The gift shop sells Missouri Department of Conservation produced publications and educational gift items as well as licenses. The Missouri Audubon Society maintains a checklist for birds that can be seen at this sight.

Call 314-301-1500 for additional information.  
Closed on Sunday and Monday.

## 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.

### REBER PARK



The second Saturday in August holds a special tradition in the City of Winchester when the City looks forward to hosting the annual Party- in- the- Park. See the back cover of this newsletter for further details.



### **HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE -**

The Labor Day Holiday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, will change our regularly scheduled Thursday pick up to Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. The regular schedule will resume the following week.

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HEALTH



### **Helpful hints on food safety:**

#### **Clean, Separate, Cook and Chill**

##### **Clean:**

Cleanliness matters because illness-causing bacteria can survive in many places around your kitchen, including your hands, utensils and cutting boards. Unless you wash your hands, utensils and surfaces the right way, you could spread bacteria to your food and your family. Follow these top tips: Wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and running water. Wash surfaces and utensils after each use. Wash fruits and veggies - but not meat, poultry or eggs! If you plan to peel fruits and veggies, it's important to wash them first because bacteria can spread from the outside to the inside as you cut or peel them.

##### **Separate:**

Don't cross-contaminate. Even after you've cleaned your hands and surfaces thoroughly, raw meat, poultry, seafood and eggs can still spread illness-causing bacteria to ready-to-eat foods unless you keep them separate. Use separate cutting boards and plates for product and for meat, poultry, seafood and eggs. Keep them separate from all other foods at the grocery. Make sure you aren't contaminating foods in your grocery bag. Keep them separate in the fridge. If the juices of raw meat, poultry, seafood and eggs drip onto ready-to-eat foods, bacteria can spread inside your refrigerator. Bacteria that causes food poisoning multiply quickest in between 40 degrees and 140 degrees Fahrenheit.

##### **Cook:**

While you may think that you can tell when food is done simply by checking its color and texture, using a food thermometer will assure it's been heated to a high enough temperature to kill harmful bacteria.

Keep food hot after cooking (at 140 degrees or above). The possibility of bacterial growth actually increases as food cools after cooking because the drop in temperature allows bacteria to thrive. You can keep your food above the safe temperature of 140degrees by using a source like a chafing dish, warming tray or slow cooker. Microwave food thoroughly, too. Make sure harmful bacteria have been killed in your foods by microwaving them to 165 degrees or higher. When you microwave, stir your food in the middle of heating. If the food label says, "Let stand for x minutes after cooking," don't skimp on the standing time. Letting your microwaved food sit for a few minutes actually helps your food cook more completely by allowing colder areas of food time to absorb heat from hotter areas of food. That extra minute or two could mean the difference between a delicious meal and food poisoning.

After waiting a few minutes, check the food with a food thermometer to make sure it is 165°F or above.

## Chill:

Refrigerate promptly. Illness-causing bacteria can grow in perishable foods within two hours unless you refrigerate them. If the temperature is 90 degrees or higher during the summer, cut that down to one hour! By refrigerating foods promptly and properly, you can help keep your family safe from food poisoning at home. Refrigerate perishable foods within two hours. Cold temperatures slow the growth of illness causing bacteria.

Never thaw or marinate foods on the counter. Many people are surprised at this top. Since bacteria can multiply rapidly at room temperature, thawing or marinating foods on the counter is one of the riskiest things you can do when preparing food. Also, know when to throw food out. You can't tell just by looking or smelling whether harmful bacteria have started to grow. See St. Louis County's "Safe Storage Times Chart" on St. Louis County's website at [www.stlouisco.com](http://www.stlouisco.com), health and wellness, food and safety.

## PET WASTE



Pet waste left in yards can provide food for rodents. It also comes into contact with storm water which carries pollutants into the storm sewer system and cause viruses and parasites that can infect humans with dangerous pathogens such as salmonella. Studies by the EPA have found that bacteria levels are often elevated 100% after a rain. One way to reduce that level is to clean up after your pets. Not doing so is a violation of Municipal Code. Remember, residents who walk their pets must be responsible and prepared to clean up after their animals on any city property. Not doing so is a violation of Municipal Code.

Municipal Code Section 205.230

*In conjunction with disposal of pet waste, the "Bag Spot" unit bought and installed at the north end of the park is being used by pet walkers. "Bag Spot" is a provider of ecologically friendly pet waste solutions. The*

goal is to keep green spaces free of animal waste and help clean up the environment. If you would like to purchase a unit in memory of a pet, please call City Hall. (The unit price, including one unit of bags is approx. \$150)



The following information is presented by MSD & the stormwater library of the Phase II Stormwater Management Plan which has been initiated by the Federal Government through the EPA.

MSD was created in 1954 and works every day to protect the public's health and the natural environment through effective wastewater and stormwater management strategies. MSD is responsible for the public sewer system that homes and businesses connect to through lateral lines. Through a labyrinth of connected sewers, wastewater is transported to one of seven sewer treatment plants - nearly 7,000 miles of sewers in all. 7,000 miles, that is like going from St. Louis to New York City and back three times? Individual property owners are responsible for another important part of the system, the sewer lateral that connects a home's plumbing to the public sewer in the street.

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 US EPA.

Here are ways you can help:

- ◆ Never pour or dump anything down a storm drain. Take cars to a car wash where soapy water is treated. Fix car leaks.
- ◆ Do not rake, sweep or hose leaves or other debris down storm drains.
- ◆ Keep pet waste off sidewalks, streets and lawns.
- ◆ Plant, mulch or cover loose soil so rain can't wash it away.



## ST. LOUIS COUNTY PLANNING

### OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (H.I.P.)

The Home Improvement Program (HIP) is a federally funded program to provide technical advice and financial assistance to qualified homeowners for a variety of home repairs. The program is administered by St. Louis County's Department of Planning, Office of Community Development, 4546 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, Mo., 63129. *Phone # 314-615-4025.*

In order to qualify, the homeowner must be the owner and occupant of the property, and gross household income from all occupants must meet established low-moderate income guidelines. Homeowners must be current in their mortgage payments and taxes. Applicants are served on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds are committed. The program permits a one-time participation per homeowner.

Approved repairs or replacements necessary to maintain minimum housing code standards are eligible. Homeowners may select their own general contractor and their assigned HIP Specialist will review and approve the bids.

A participant can receive 100% of the cost of correcting authorized repairs based on a maximum benefit limit of \$5,000. Winchester has been allocated \$20,000 from Community Development Block Grant Funds which will become available after January 1, 2015. If you are interested, call *Debby* at 314-615-4025.



### SAINT LOUIS COUNTY DEPT. PUBLIC WORKS (*Reminder*) St. LOUIS COUNTY WATER SERVICE LINE REPAIR PROGRAM

This program is *available to all* county residents. The water company bills the customer \$1/month. All you need to do is be current on the property's account in order to be eligible for the program.

This service is for repairs to the homeowner's private water service when the leak or broken stop cock valve is outside the foundation of the residence. City Hall can provide you with copies of applications. If you have any questions about the program, please call: 314-615-8420.

The following are steps for applying to St. Louis County:

- ▶ If you suspect a water line leak outside of your house, call Missouri American Water.
- ▶ The water company will send an inspector to confirm the leak, and will leave a **repair notice** at the property. The **repair notice** must be submitted to St. Louis County along with the **completed application**, by mail, to St. Louis County- Public Works, Water Service Line Repair Program, 121 S. Meramec, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr, Clayton, MO 63105 or faxed to 314- 615-8406. The phone number is 314-615-8420.
- ▶ St. Louis County will notify the homeowner when the application has been received.
- ▶ St. Louis County will solicit bids and award the repair job to a qualified contractor. Homeowner will be notified of award and repair start date.
- ▶ St. Louis County will pay the contractor directly after final inspection of the repair.

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### COUNTY HEALTH



In single stream recycling, there are some general points to remember:

- labels on cans, jars, etc., do not have to be removed for today's recycling operations
- any paper that can be torn can be recycled
- the type of plastic determines if a container is recyclable, not the product inside the container ..... just rinse best possible and put in the recycling bin.
- **#6 polystyrene** may not be recycled
- cardboard boxes *must be broken down or flattened* before being picked up by the hauler for recycling

New technologies seem to have created convenience but, at times, with a price. Recycling is important. Greater recycling participation will help keep the cost of trash removal down. The more items that are recycled, the less landfill area will be required for trash, so let's all try to help.

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

