



Winchester Newsletter

March 2015

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

City Calendar



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



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 7, 2015

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 23, 2015.

Barbara Beckett, CMC

City Administrator/Clerk

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, 2016

636/399-0859

WARD II

Tony DeLuca

Term Expires April, 2015

314/220-2119

Michael Schmidt

Term Expires, April 2016

314/706-8169



CANDIDATES FILE FOR OFFICE
APRIL 7, 2015 ELECTION

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(Tips from law enforcement)

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: **Don Straub**
- Marie Bach***
- Michelle R. Hogan**

ALDERMAN (Two Year Term):

- WARD II: **Tony DeLuca***
- Lyn Baumann**

(- Denotes incumbent)*

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.



REMINDER - RNA Worldwide in Arnold is holding an *ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT* on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Paul A. Schroeder Park, 359 Old Meramec Station Road, Manchester, MO 63021. *A good thing to remember during spring cleaning!*

Safety Tips for Citizens

Key Control

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.

True security begins with key control. When you move into a home, apartment, or lose your keys, always have the locks re-keyed. You do not have to replace the lock, as re-keying will render the previous keys useless. Any licensed locksmith can change the tumblers in your outside door locks quickly and inexpensively. Do not leave an “emergency” key under the door mat, on top of the door frame, or in any other “hiding spot”. *Never attach a name, address, or license tag to your house keys as this provides directions and access to your home to a potential burglar.* Keep car keys and house keys separate. Never leave your house keys with an attendant at a car wash or valet parking lot.

Exterior Lighting

Exterior lighting is extremely important in residential security. Each exterior doorway should be lighted from dusk to dawn so a burglar cannot hide in the shadows while attempting to gain entry into your home. Yards and windows should be lighted. Night blind spots can be illuminated by utilizing ornamental porch and yard lamp posts.

Yard and entrance lights can be equipped with sensors that turn the light on at dusk and off at dawn or when it detects motion. The motion detectors seem to work best because they alert the presence of someone when the light turns on. Motion detector lights can also be equipped with bell or other warning sounds. Check the sensors or motion detectors periodically to make sure they work.

Landscaping

Keep doorways, windows, and porches clear when planting bushes and flowers. Remember that the bushes that provide you with privacy also give a burglar a place to hide. Prune large trees in order to reduce a burglars ability to climb lower limbs up to the second story. A well maintained lawn is a very effective clue that someone is at home and cares. Plan your landscaping with both privacy and security in

mind—planting thorny bushes and shrubs near windows and along fences may discourage burglars. Locked gates and well-maintained fences can make break-ins more difficult and prevent the removal of large items. Walkways and driveways should be easily visible from the street so that no landscaping offers concealment for intruders.

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)

HOME FOOD SAFETY - MYTHBUSTERS

Myth: Cross-contamination doesn't happen in the refrigerator— it's too cold in there for germs to survive!

Fact: Some bacteria can survive and even grow in cool, moist environments like the refrigerator. In fact, *Listeria Monocytogenes* grows at temperatures as low as 35.6 degrees F! A recent study from NSF International revealed that the refrigerator produce compartment was one of the “germiest” places in the kitchen, containing Salmonella and Listeria. In your refrigerator, keep fresh fruits and vegetables separate from raw meat, poultry, seafood and eggs. Clean your refrigerator regularly with hot water and soap and clean up food and beverage spills immediately to reduce the risk of cross-contamination in your refrigerator. Don't forget to clean refrigerator walls and undersides of shelves!

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! As residents of Chesterfield, Ballwin, Ellisville, Manchester and Winchester, or part of the Rockwood or Parkway School Districts, you are welcome to participate in this program.

Regular meetings are the second and fourth Mondays of the month , 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., from September through May, at the Ballwin Golf Course, 333 Holloway Road.

The fee is \$1.00/person. Free coffee, tea, soda and desert are provided..... you are asked to bring a sack lunch.

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. For additional information call:

L.O.A.P. Representatives

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 MSD Project Clear and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Apply fertilizers and pesticides sparingly . Green lawns and bright flowers are beautiful, but what flows from lawns into our St. Louis regional streams an harm local aquatic life and damage the environment. Excess lawn chemicals like common fertilizers, pesticides, or herbicides wash away from yards when it rains or if an area is over watered.

The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District offers this advise to help prevent excess chemicals from ending up in our natural waterways. Before you use lawn chemicals, test your soil for nutrient deficiencies to learn what chemicals you should use and how much to apply. A soli test is available from the University of Missouri Extension offices. The closest to Winchester is:

St. Louis County MU Extension Center
 10650 Gateway Blvd
 Creve Coeur, MO 63132
 Phone: 314-400-2115 ext.101
 Fax: 314-569-4199.

For lots of interesting information on a large variety of topics, go to <http://extension.missouri.edu> . Once you know what your lawn may need, read lawn product labels carefully, and when possible, use the minimum amount of products. Never sweep fertilizer into the street or leave it on other hard surface areas where it will wash away. Every little bit of prevention helps! Please do your part to help spare the regions streams from pollutants and still have a beautiful yard!



(Information mailed to City Hall from St. Louis County)

January was National Radon Action Month. The Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services is working with the US EPA in a campaign to educate Missourians about the danger of radon exposure and to encourage them to test their homes for radon. Radon (Rn) is a radioactive gas that occurs from the natural breakdown of uranium in soil and rocks. It is colorless, odorless and tasteless. EPA estimates that radon is responsible for more than 20,000 lung cancer deaths per year nationwide. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. and the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers.

Radon is more concentrated in the lower levels of the home (that is, basements, ground floors, and first floors). Radon problems have been identified in every state. The EPA estimates that one in 15 homes in the United States has an elevated radon level (4 pCi/L or more).

The state radon program offers free short-term radon test kits to Missouri residents to test their homes. Citizens can now register on-line for a test kit at <http://www.health.mo.gov/index.php> or by calling 573-751-6102, or toll-free 866-628-9891. For additional information, contact Carol Bell at 573-751-6102 or by e-mail at Randy.Maley@dhss.mo.gov



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.

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 gazebo in Reber Park on Saturday, March 28th at 11 a.m. (Rain date April 4th) . Children through age 10 can hunt for eggs filled with candy as well as special “winner” slips with prizes for gift certificates from Wendy’s.

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

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.



2015 BALLFIELDS - not all fields have been assigned... Fields will be available beginning **April 1st** ... 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

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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.



GRASS & WEEDS - The growing season is fast 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 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