




Winchester Newsletter

April, 2015

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

City Calendar



- April**
- 1 - **Ballfield Reservation Permits begin** (Weather Permitting) through June 30th
 - 1 - **Reber Park Pavilion & Gazebo reservations begin**
 - 1 - **Court, 7:00 p.m.**
 - 4 - **Egg Hunt Rain Date** -(if necessary) **at Reber Park 11:00 a.m.**
 - 7 - **MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY**
See Location of Polling Place → → City Hall Open
 - 8 - **City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.** 
- May**
- 6 - **Court, 7:00 p.m.**
 - 13 - **City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**
 - 25 - **MEMORIAL DAY** observed,
City Hall Closed
 - 28 - No trash service today!
Holiday Schedule
 - 29 - 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 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 23rd day of January, 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



LETTER FROM THE MAYOR to the
RESIDENTS OF WINCHESTER

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.



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

Recently there has been a lot of coverage of the Municipal Court system in St. Louis County. The City has reviewed the Federal Government’s DOJ (Dept. Of Justice) report and found that virtually all the items contained in this report have been, and continue to be, followed by Winchester’s court system. Some of the items are not applicable because of our size. Winchester’s court revenue is 7% of our budget. At the beginning of each court session, our Judge gives the attendees information about the court process and procedures. An attempt to secure compliance with a code violation is always our primary goal. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me to discuss them.

Mayor Gail M. Winham
636-394-6023

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HEALTH



(Info from St. Louis County website)

Warm Weather Food Safety Tips

During the spring and summer months, the number of outdoor barbecues and picnics increase. These events present additional challenges in handling food safely because bacteria grow the best during warm and humid weather. Events such as barbecues and picnics create ideal circumstances for rapid bacterial growth which can cause people to get sick from food. The St. Louis County Department of Health recommends the following food safety tips for your outdoor events.

Plan Ahead

If cooking and preparing foods beforehand, like salads, meats and poultry give them plenty of time to completely chill in your refrigerator. Marinate meat and poultry in the refrigerator and do not reuse the marinade. For restaurant prepared foods, eat them within two hours from pick up.

Keep Cold Foods COLD

Perishable foods should be stored in an insulated cooler packed with ice or ice packs to keep the food cold. Replenish ice when low and keep the cooler in the shade to help keep the food cold. (continued)

Warm Weather Food Safety Tips

Keep Hot Foods HOT

A food thermometer is the only way to check the doneness of meat and poultry. Use your food thermometer to check that your food reaches the final cooking temperatures below:

Ground Meat (Beef, Pork) to 160° F

Ground Meat (Turkey) to 165° F

Steaks to 145° to 170° F

Chicken (breast) to 170° F

Chicken, Turkey, whole to 180° F

Keep the cooked meats hot by setting them to the side of the grill rack until you are ready to serve the food.

Keep Everything Clean

Remember to wash your hands prior to preparing food.

Use disposable wet hand wipes to clean your hands if water is unavailable. Do not use the same dish, utensils or cutting board for raw and cooked foods.

When in Doubt, Throw It Out!

Food left out for more than 2 hours is not safe to eat and should be discarded. Leftovers that have been off the grill for less than 1 hour can be safely cooled and used later if they are packed in ice.

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, Sally Grobelny	636-227-7508
City of Manchester, Stephanie Hardesty	636-391-6326
Parkway School District, Diana Stewart	314-415-8069



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 636-227-3882. Volunteers are asked to give one hour a

week. Pick up for the deliveries is 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.



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.



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.



The following information is presented from the storm water library of the MSD’s Project Clear initiated by the Federal Government through the EPA.

April: Plant a Rain Garden

Do you have a spot in your yard that tends to collect water? Do your downspouts run off into your yard? If so, perhaps you could build a rain garden to capture some of that rainwater.

Keeping the water on your property when it rains reduces the amount of water entering the sewer system, not to mention creating a beautiful, low-maintenance addition to your lawn. In part of the combined sewer area, this helps to prevent basement backups and sewer overflows, and in the separate sewer area, rain gardens provide many of the same benefits to filter water and slow it down.

A rain garden is a shallow depression in your yard that contains plants that have deep roots and are designed to hold water. Rain gardens, which can be formal or informal, are growing in popularity because they are relatively low maintenance, help protect water quality, and provide food and shelter for many interesting birds, butterflies, and beneficial insects. Yes, beneficial insects! No need to worry about attracting mosquitoes because a properly designed rain garden drains water within 24 hours, well before the 14 days a mosquito larvae needs to turn into a mosquito.

Go native! When planting a rain garden, plant a variety of grasses, flowers and shrubs that have deep roots and can handle the amount of rainwater anticipated. Native plants area a great choice because they are well suited to the soil and climatic conditions in our area. Native plants and plants with deep roots can absorb significantly more rainwater than lawns and are drought resistant.

For more information, search the web using the key words “rain garden.” You can also visit www.grownative.org On the site, you will find many examples of rain gardens in Missouri and useful information on how to use them on your property.

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 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. Both 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.

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SLOW DOWN!

With warmer weather coming, children will be enjoying the outdoors. Help the St. Louis County Police provide a safe and secure environment for both you and your children by paying special attention to the speed limit in the City. Winchester maintains a **20 miles per hour** speed limit on

all residential streets within the City limits. The St. Louis County Police Department and the City of Winchester's number one complaint from the citizens are speeding vehicles in the our residential area. Please feel free to report any concerns to the police department. The number to call is 314/527-2341.



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.

JEFFERSON BARRACKS



New Cavalry Exhibit Opening at Jefferson Barracks Park
(information from St. Louis County Parks newsletter)

Jefferson Barracks Historic Site is excited to debut a new exhibition entitled ***Courageous and Faithful: The Cavalry at Jefferson Barracks.*** The exhibit highlights the contribution that Jefferson Barracks and the cavalry troops who served there made to Westward Expansion. This very significant contribution is often overlooked and it is the hope of curator Daniel Gonzales that the exhibit honors and truthfully represents the story of these brave men.

“We all have a vision of the great Indian fighting

cavalry of the west,” Gonzales explains. “Most popular references to these troopers paint them in black and white. They are villains or heroes. I hope folks will come and see this exhibit and walk away understanding that these men faced complex motivations and made hard choices that for better or worse continue to shape our national identity.”

A year in the making, the Old Ordnance Room has been transformed to tell the story of the cavalry troops at Jefferson Barracks. The 1,500-foot gallery space now contains over 100 years of St. Louis history, including period uniforms, saddles, and weapons - spanning the entire 19th century. The artifacts are unique to St. Louis and can't be seen anywhere else. To Gonzales, they are the most important element of the exhibit. “They tie you to the time and place we are discussing in a physical way.” Though the exhibit's purpose is to take visitors back in time, high-tech features such as short documentary video and touch-screen interactive quizzes truly help bring the story and the famous historical figures to life.

The exhibit opened March 7th and runs through Dec. 28th. The hours are Wednesday-Sunday, Noon-4 p.m. Admission is free; however, there is a suggested donation of \$3.

NOTICE

(MSD) RATE COMMISSION

On Wednesday, March 4, the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) presented the rate proposal for fiscal years 2017 through 2020 (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020) to its Rate Commission for both wastewater rates and stormwater revenues. These proposed changes would apply to all MSD customers. MSD will host a series of community briefings with the goal of communicating the components of and reasoning behind the proposal. MSD's Executive Director Brian Hoelscher will present the proposal, followed by a Q&A. While these briefings are designed to provide information to the public, MSD Rate Commission will hold its own public hearings in May, specifically to hear public comment about the proposal. The next briefing is on Wednesday, April 8th from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Pointe at Ballwin Commons. For more information about MSD's Rate Proposal and the Rate Commission process, visit:

www.stlmsd.com/RateCommission