



Winchester Newsletter

Aug-Sept., 2015

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

City Calendar



- Aug.**
- 5 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
 - 8 - **Party in the Park** at the Lower Playground, Pavilion and Gazebo, 10 a.m. - Noon. (See details on the back of this newsletter)
 - 12 - School begins in **Parkway School District**
 - 12 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
 - 13 - School begins in **Rockwood School District**
- Sept.**
- 2 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
 - 7 - **LABOR DAY**, *City Hall Closed*
 - 9 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
 - 10 - No trash service today!
Holiday trash Schedule
 - 11 - Holiday trash pick up TODAY!
- Oct.**
- 1 - *Business Licenses Due*
 - 3 - *Community Clean Up*, 8am - 12pm
 - 7- **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
 - 14 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
 - 31- **HALLOWEEN** - Safety Center at Reber Park hosted by the St. Louis County Police - 6:00 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, 2015:**

Resolution #2015-02: A resolution adopting the proposed budget for *fiscal year 2015-2016* for the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri.

ATTENTION

The contact numbers for the St. Louis County Police Department have changed. Their dispatch number is 636-529-8210. Any residents with a 527 phone prefix will now have to dial a 1 first.

CONTINUE TO USE 911 FOR ALL EMERGENCIES

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.

NOTICE!!

This is an appeal for your help. Winchester residents, and especially those living close to Reber Park, May and June have brought **serious vandalism problems**. Vehicles have been driven roughshod on the soft, rain soaked ground; the public restrooms were vandalized *during the afternoon*, the retaining wall of the pavilion has been damaged again, etc. (Continued)

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

WARD I

Marie Bach

Term Expires April, 2017

636/227-6344

Carol J. Kraft

Term Expires April, 2016

636/399-0859

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Tony DeLuca

Term Expires April, 2017

314/220-2119

WARD II

Michael Schmidt

Term Expires April, 2016

314/706-8169

If any suspicious activities are seen or heard, *report them immediately to the police*. Call 911 for a crime in progress. Their non-emergency phone number is 636-529-8210.

**Saint Louis
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POLICE DEPT**



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 or your car. 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.

The St. Louis County Police Home Safety Handbook suggests the following:

KEY CONTROL

True security begins with key control. When you move into a home, always have the locks rekeyed. You should also take this step if you lose your keys. A locksmith can rekey your locks without replacing them in most cases.

Do not "hide" an emergency key outside your residence. It is better to trust a friend or neighbor with a spare key for emergencies. Never have a name printed on your house keys. If the keys are lost or stolen, you may have a problem.

Keep car keys and house keys separate. This way your house keys are never left with a stranger.

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.

Exterior doors on houses should be of solid core construction, at least 1-3/4" thick. The door frame should also be of heavy construction.

Call 911 for a crime in progress. Their non-emergency phone number is 636-529-8210.

PARK & RECREATION NEWS

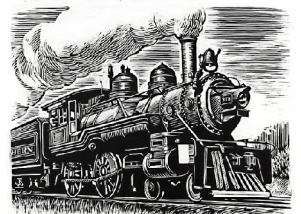
All municipal parks in the City of Winchester shall be closed
between the hours of Dusk and 7:00 AM
and a person shall not be in the parks during those hours except as authorized by Pavilion permit.

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.*

The Museum of Transportation, near Dougherty Ferry and Barrett Station Roads in West St. Louis County.



Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Museum of Transportation will have trolley rides and a brass & nickel automobile show with special guests, and more. There will be family-friendly kids' activities and operating model trains and railroad speeder car rides.

Phone: 314-615-8MOT

www.museumoftransport.org

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



The following information is presented by MSD & the stormwater library of the Project Clear Stormwater management Plan which has been initiated by the Federal Government through the EPA.

Drug-Free Drains

The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) encourages you to dispose of all medications properly. Medication should not be flushed down the toilet! Wastewater treatment cannot completely eliminate these substances, and so they are commonly found in local waterways, surface waters and even drinking water.

Keeping over-the-counter and prescription drugs “off the street and out of our rivers” is the mission of Missouri Prescription Pill Drug Disposal (Missouri P2D2), a nonprofit organization whose partners include St. Louis County Police, St. Louis College of Pharmacy, Missouri American Water and MSD, with many other community groups.

Proper Disposal of Drugs

Missouri P2D2 recommends disposing of drugs at a designated collection point. Medicine collection boxes are available at nine police stations in St. Louis County to provide a convenient, safe place to drop off the unneeded medicines. Prescription and over-the-counter medicines are accepted. The program is free and anonymous. For a complete listing of drop-off locations, visit www.missourip2d2.org.

If you are unable to visit a drop-off-site, follow these simple steps to dispose of medicines in the household trash:

- ★ Mix medicines (do NOT crush tablets or capsules) with an unpalatable substance such as kitty litter or used coffee grounds;
- ★ Place the mixture in a container such as a sealed plastic bag; and
- ★ Throw the container in your household trash
- ★ Before throwing out your empty pill bottle or other empty medicine packaging, remember to scratch out all information on the prescription label to make it unreadable

The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District and all P2D2 partners appreciate your help in keeping drugs off the street and out of our rivers.



HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE -

The Labor Day Holiday, Sept. 7th, will change our regularly scheduled Thursday pick up to Friday, September 11th. The regular schedule will resume the following week.

NOTE: Republic Services is now recycling #6 plastics (*this does not include Styrofoam*)!



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, 2016.

If you are interested, call *Debby* at 314-615-4025.

STATE OF MISSOURI PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS



Information from the State of Missouri: Missouri property Tax Credit Claim (MO-PTC), aka "Circuit Breaker" (573-571-3505). Partial refund (by check) of paid real estate taxes up to a maximum of \$1,100 for owners, \$750 for renters who rent from a facility that pays property taxes. Eligible nursing home residents may file as renters.

Income guidelines may be subject to change.

To qualify for the program, you or your spouse must meet one of the following criteria:

- 65 or older as of 12/31/14 and a Missouri resident the entire year; OR
- 100 percent disabled; OR
- 60 as of 12/31/14 and receiving surviving spouse social security benefits

Annual Income Limit (2012, 2013 & 2014)

Single:

\$27,500 if rented or owned less than full year;

\$30,000 if owned & occupied entire year

Married and filing combined:

\$29,500 if rented or owned less than full year;

\$34,000 if owned & occupied entire year.

The MO-PTC is generally filed with the income tax return, but may be filed at any time during the year for up to three years back.

Example

In 2015 you may file for 2012, 2013 & 2014

The State of Missouri is the sole program administrator of the MO-PTC

Please call 573-751-3505 or send an email to:

PropertyTaxCredit@dor.mo.gov

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Property Fraud Alert-

Q: What is property fraud?

A. When someone illegally uses your property for financial gain.

Q. How does it happen?

A. Someone records a fraudulent document in the County Land Records Office, making it look like they own your home or property.

Q. Should I be concerned?

A. YES. According to the FBI, Property and Mortgage fraud is the fastest growing white-collar crime.

Q. What can I do about it?

A. Your County Land Records Office has teamed up to create a notification service called Property Fraud Alert.

Subscribe free of charge:

www.propertyfraudalert.com or call the property fraud alert hotline at 1-800-728-3858.

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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.
- 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.

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



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.

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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, 2nd 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.