



Winchester Newsletter

October, 2015

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

City Calendar



- OCT**
- 1 - Business Licenses Due**
Licenses are due and payable, Oct. 1, 2015.
 - 3 - Community Clean Up, 8 am - Noon**
See page 5 for details
 - 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,
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- CHANGE THIS TO 6 pm - 8 pm in 2016

- NOV**
- 1 - Daylight Savings Time Ends, Turn your clocks back 1 hour**
 - 4 - Court, 7:00 p.m.**
 - 11 - City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**
 - 26 - THANKSGIVING**
City Hall Closed
No trash service today
 - 27 - City Hall Closed**
Holiday trash pick up TODAY!



CITY MEETING NEWS



In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following actions during **Aug - Sept, 2014:**

ORDINANCE #1043 - An ordinance providing for the execution of a contract with L. Krupp Construction for Street & Sewer Maintenance for 2015 - 2020.

ORDINANCE #1044 - An ordinance providing for the execution of a contract with L. Krupp Construction for Street & Sewer Construction for 2015 - 2020.

ORDINANCE #1045 - An ordinance providing for the execution of a contract with L. Krupp Construction for snow removal for 2015 - 2020.

ORDINANCE #1046 - An ordinance providing for the execution of a contract with Sweetens Concrete for joint and crack sealing of all City streets, multipurpose area, park parking lot and asphalt sidewalk in Reber Park.

ORDINANCE #1047 - Amends Municipal Code to comply with Missouri Senate Bill No. 5 - Provides a definition of minor traffic violation and updates the general penalty provisions.

LAFAYETTE OLDER ADULT PROGRAM (L.O.A.P.)



Are you 55 or older and interested in making new friends, hearing great speakers, going on exciting trips, and playing cards? The group meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays at Ballwin Golf Course, 333 Holloway Road, Ballwin, MO 63011 from 10 am - 2 pm. Cost \$2 per meeting. Please bring your own sack lunch. Coffee, soda and dessert provided.

*Special luncheons may involve separate fees.

Business Hours

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Monday through Friday

Board Meeting: 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

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Term Expires April, 2016

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Tony DeLuca

Term Expires April, 2017

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Term Expires, April 2016

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WINCHESTER NEIGHBORHOOD STATION

(October is National Crime Prevention Month)

The following information is presented from the Home Safety Handbook of the St. Louis County Police Department.....

BURGLARY Q & A

Although no two burglaries are exactly alike, here are some general answers to frequently asked questions:

Q. What time of day do most burglaries occur?

A. It is traditionally thought that most burglaries occur in the middle of the night. The truth is, burglaries are occurring at all times during the day and night. Whenever you are away from your home, your house is vulnerable.

Q. What property is most often taken during burglaries?

A. The items taken most frequently in residential burglaries are money, jewelry, guns and small electronic equipment.

Q. How is entry gained in most burglaries?

A. Even with the increasing concerns over crime in America, the sad truth is that most entries are made through unlocked doors and windows.

Q. What should I do if I am home when a burglar breaks in?

A. Burglars usually look for an opportunity when a house is empty; they very seldom enter a house where someone is home.

Q. Is it safer to answer my door when I am not expecting guests or just ignore the person?

A. Always acknowledge you are home. (This does not necessarily mean open the door.) Remember, a burglar is looking for an empty house. If you do not answer the door he may think the house is empty and attempt to enter. If someone is outside your house and you feel threatened, immediately dial 911.



TRICK OR TREAT - Halloween is almost here and your local

St. Louis County Officers are preparing for all you "ghosts & goblins". They will host a Halloween Safety Center from 5:30pm-8pm at Reber Park, Halloween night. Treats will be available. Look for upcoming details on the Reber Park Sign Board.



PROPER LEAF DISPOSAL - Falling leaves announce Autumn's arrival; however, they can create problems....

problems that the City needs your help in preventing. We ask residents to consider the following:

Leaves and/or other debris filling storm sewers cause the sewers not to function well and can lead to unnecessary flooding. This is the reason why placing leaves out onto the street is strictly prohibited.... leaves end up in storm sewers!

Leaf disposal is available through the Solid Waste Disposal Company's yard waste program. Yard waste removal costs are included with your normal Solid Waste bill. All you have to do is rake or gather the yard waste, put it in marked containers or yard waste bags, and set out at the curb no sooner than 24-hours before pick up day.

Municipal Code Section 210.680



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.*



NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

(Excerpts from nfpa.org)

Hear the Beep Where You Sleep!

The **key message** of this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, October 4-10, is to install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement. NFPA is excited to share this important information so everyone better understands the life-saving value of home smoke alarms. When it comes to smoke alarms, it's about "location, location, location". Keep your family safe with working smoke alarms.

Did you know that roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep? If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need time to get out. In fact, having working smoke alarms cuts the chances of dying in a reported fire in half! Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries so test your smoke alarms every month. **Replace all smoke alarms in your home every 10 years.** Smoke alarms save lives!

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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. 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 Debby at the **St. Louis County Department of Planning, Office of Community Development** at 314-615-4025.



NOTICE OF NEW RATES BEGINNING OCT. 1, 2015

Allied Waste Services (Republic Services) is Winchester's Solid Waste Collection Services Contractor. The contract provides the following basic services to every home in Winchester at a cost of \$19.54/month (\$17.59/month) for Senior Citizens, billed quarterly, **beginning October 1st**. Solid waste collection is on Thursday.

PARK & RECREATION NEWS

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



PARTY IN THE PARK -

Winchester's annual "Party in the Park" held Aug. 8th had one of the largest crowds ever! Estimated attendance - over 200 people. The weather cooperated and those attending, including Fredbird®, showed great enthusiasm for the clowns, Dangerous Dan the Mad Scientist and all of those Tekno Bubbles in the air. Many thanks to the St. Louis County Police Department for bringing the radar throw back again... it was enjoyed by all. Young and old alike flocked to see the Police helicopter as it landed in the Park. The public was allowed to visit with the pilots and view the helicopter up close. The Police Explorer Post provided child ID's for the parents of 40 children. West County EMS and Fire Department's pumper and ambulance were also popular. Thanks to everyone that participated. We are already looking forward to next year!



REBER PARK PAVILION & GAZEBO RESERVATIONS

Gazebo and Pavilion reservations are possible through the month of October. At the time of this newsletter, the month of October is open for both structures individually, or together, from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Consider reserving them for special functions, family

reunions, barbeques, and birthday parties. *The cost to reserve the pavilion is \$45, the gazebo, \$30.* Residents and non-residents alike are eligible to reserve the facilities.

October is, in general, a beautiful month in which to spend time outdoors and Reber Park is a great place to gather for celebrations and family fun.

City Hall will begin accepting reservations on February 1st, 2016, for the April 1st through October 31st season.



Fences...

No permit shall be required for the erection, installation or alteration of any fence in the City of Winchester; *however*, fences must be in

compliance with Municipal Code Section 405. Here are a few highlights as a reminder of Winchester policy regarding fences from that section of code (405.160A):

- a. Fences shall not exceed six (6) feet in height, with the exception of hedges and shrubs which do not have a height restriction unless they are located on a corner lot.
- b. Fences or a landscaped screen on corner lots shall not be built or allowed to grow in a height to obstruct driver vision from passing automobiles. Fences cannot be erected in front of a building; however, on side and rear yards the fence may be constructed on the property lines. On a corner lot, the fence may not extend beyond the building line on either side of the yards adjacent to the two streets.
- c. Any fence must be constructed in a workmanship-like manner so that ***the horizontal and vertical support posts are inside of the fence area, hidden from both the neighbor's and general public's view.***
- d. All exposed steel/metal fences except galvanized metal fences shall have a colored finish coat applied to them and be preserved against rust and corrosion.
- e. If a fence extending beyond the building lines is to abut the front yard of a residentially used property, said fence shall be decorative or ornamental and shall be restricted to four (4) feet in height and shall be at least fifty percent (50%)

open. Chain link fences, wire fences, wire mesh fences, snow fences, or fences constructed in any part with such materials that *shall not* be considered decorative or ornamental.



The following information is presented from the library of MSD Project Clear, a municipal public education project.

MSD is a public/government agency that is a special district under Missouri's constitution. Approved in 1954, MSD started operation and maintenance activities in January 1956 and its responsibilities include the interception, collection, and treatment of wastewater, as well as stormwater management.

Maintain Your Laterals

MSD and property owners share responsibility for the sewer system. MSD manages thousands of miles of sewers, transporting wastewater to one of seven sewer treatment plants. 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.

A little bit of preventative maintenance will help to protect your home from basement backups.

- * Have the lateral line inspected and cleaned annually by a licensed plumber.
- * Do not plant trees or large shrubs near the lateral line. Roots can enter the lateral line and cause a blockage.
- * Do not pour grease down the sink. When it cools, it can build up in the lateral line and cause a blockage.
- * Do not flush diapers, feminine hygiene products or other non-toilet paper materials down the toilet (even those that say they are disposable). These items can block the lateral line.
- * In some areas, downspouts are connected to the lateral line. Debris from the roof can wash into the gutters and eventually reach the lateral line. Keep gutters clean to keep debris from blocking the lateral line.
- * Repair or replace damaged lateral lines as soon as possible.

Most homeowner and business owner insurance policies do not cover damages caused by a problem with the lateral line. Winchester does not participate in the sewer lateral line program with St. Louis County.