



# Winchester Newsletter

Nov-Dec, 2015

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

## City Calendar

- NOV**
- 4 - Court, 7:00 p.m.
  - 11 - City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
  - 26 - Thanksgiving Day  
*City Hall Closed* No trash service today! Holiday Schedule
  - 27 - *City Hall Closed* - Holiday Trash Pick-Up TODAY!
- DEC**
- 1 - STREET SWEEPING
  - 2 - STREET SWEEPING, RAIN DATE
  - 2 - Court, 7:00 p.m.
  - 9 - City Meeting, 7:30 p.m..
  - 15 - Candidate Filing for April 5<sup>th</sup> Election opens @ 8:00 a.m.
  - 24- Christmas Eve, *City Hall Closed*
  - 25 - Christmas Day, *City Hall Closed*
- JAN**
- 1 - NEW YEAR's DAY, *City Hall Closed*
  - 4 - Ballfield Permit Applications available @ City Hall, 9 a.m.
  - 6 - Court, 7:00 p.m.
  - 13 - City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
  - 18 - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY  
*City Hall Open*
  - 19 - Candidate Filing for April Election closes @ 5:00 p.m.



## NOTICE OF ELECTION DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY CITY OF WINCHESTER



A Municipal Election will be held in the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, to elect **one Alderman from Ward I and one Alderman from Ward II, each to serve a two (2) year term.**

Declaration of Candidacy for said offices must be received by the City Clerk, Monday thru Friday, during regular business hours. Filing begins on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. The closing date will be on Tuesday, January 19, at 5:00 p.m.

A candidate must be a qualified voter properly registered under the laws and the Constitution of the State of Missouri. A Candidate must not be in arrears in any unpaid City of Winchester taxes and must have been a resident of the City of Winchester for at least one year preceding the election.

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

**Winchester City Hall**  
Voice-TDD: 636/391-0600  
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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

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN

### WARD I

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Marie Bach               | Carol J. Kraft           |
| Term Expires April, 2017 | Term Expires April, 2016 |
| 636/227-6344             | 636-399-0859             |

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| Tony DeLuca              |
| Term Expires April, 2017 |
| 314/220-2119             |

### WARD II

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| Michael Schmidt          |
| Term Expires April, 2016 |
| 314/706-8169             |

**Website:** [www.city.winchester.mo.us](http://www.city.winchester.mo.us)

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.

Barbara Beckett, CMC  
City Administrator/Clerk

## CITY MEETING NEWS



In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following actions during **SEPT - OCT, 2015:**  
*A Liquor License* was approved for the following businesses:  
**Debz Corner, dba: Stoogez**, 14560 Manchester Rd., #28, Full Liquor License



**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
FOR STREET SWEEPING ON DECEMBER 1st  
(Rain Date-December 2<sup>nd</sup> )  
REMEMBER..... DO NOT PARK  
ON CITY STREETS!**



**NOTICE to all Winchester pet owners....**Even though Winchester does not require pet tags, it remains a county ordinance for both dogs and cats to be vaccinated against rabies. **REMINDER...**It shall be unlawful for the owner of *any dog or cat*, whether vaccinated or not, to permit such dog or cat to run at large or to go off the premises of the owner unless such dog or cat is under restraint.

When walking your pet on a leash, properly dispose of pet waste by 1) putting pet waste in a sealed bag and placing it in the trash; 2) flushing pet waste down the

toilet...do not flush plastic bags or kitty litter; 3)burying waste in the soil at least 6" deep but NOT in a garden or compost pile or 4) having pets defecate in tall grasses over 4" and located away from storm inlets. The grass acts as a filter and allows the waste to naturally break down.

## THINGS TO DO FOR THE HOLIDAYS

*(In St. Louis County Parks)*

### WINTER WONDERLAND



Since 1986 Saint Louis County Parks has been providing an extraordinary experience to the residents of St. Louis County and the surrounding area through the Winter Wonderland light display at Tilles Park. Winter Wonderland is open 11/25/15 - 1/2/16. The display is open Sunday-Friday, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Saturday is reserved for horse-drawn carriage rides only and those reservations must be made in advance. Carriage rides are also available throughout the week. Tickets are available online at [www.metrotix.com](http://www.metrotix.com) or by telephone at (314)534-1111 beginning 10/1/15.

There is also a **Winter Wonderland Walk** preceding the opening to vehicular traffic... Friday Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Get a sneak preview of the twinkling lights. Dogs must be on a leash. Santa is expected to be there! Cameras, strollers and wagons are permitted. Food trucks will offer a wide selection of food and beverage for purchase. Limited space available. Advanced registration is required. Tickets can be purchased online beginning Sept. 1st. For additional information call (314) 615-8822.



**FAUST Park** offers Candlelight Tours on Friday and Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, from 6-9 p.m. and December 12<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 p.m.

The Historic Village will be decorated for the holidays. Enjoy an old-fashioned 1850s holiday experience. Customs of 1850 will surround guests on this self-guided tour through the festively adorned rooms with historically dressed docents in attendance. Tickets will be available at the entrance to the Historic Village. For advance tickets, please call 314-615-8328.



**QUEENY Park** offers a candy cane hunt Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 10 a.m.

Candy canes will have been hidden in Queeny Park by the park deer for children to find. The hunt begins promptly at 10 a.m. Advance registration is required and will be available after Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Call 314-615-8472 to purchase tickets. This event is for children ages 2-10; fee is \$6 / person.

### **CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL**

Allied Waste/Republic Services will dispose of your Christmas Tree at no additional charge to you. Please consider that trees will not be picked up if they are in plastic bags.

- \* Remove all tinsel and garland from your tree and
- \* Place your tree curbside before 7:00 a.m. on any regularly scheduled pick up day.



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**Happy New Year!**  
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**HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE** - The Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, will change our regularly scheduled pick up to Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Since Christmas and New Year's Day both fall on a Friday, Winchester's solid waste pickup schedule will be on Thursday, as usual.

### **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 Pavilion permit.



### **BALLFIELD RESERVATIONS** -

Reber Park's two ballfields are available for Organized League Team Practice from April 1<sup>st</sup>...or when the fields are deemed usable by City Hall...until the last week of

June each year. Ballfield Reservation Forms will be available at City Hall beginning Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Walk-in applications will be accepted for time slots on a first come, first served basis. You will know when, and on which field you will be practicing, before you leave City Hall.

In order to recoup certain expenses, it has been determined that each athletic team using the ballfields in Reber Park will be required to pay a one time per season user fee of \$50.00 as partial recoupment.

Each team is limited to **one practice session each week.**

Practice sessions are two hours and are available:

#### **Weekdays (Mon-Fri)**

4-6 p.m. *or* 6-8 p.m.

#### **Saturdays**

8-10 a.m. *or*

10 a.m.- Noon

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POLICE DEPT**



### **WINCHESTER NEIGHBORHOOD STATION**

*(Info taken from the St. Louis County Police Home Safety Handbook)*

#### ***Do your outside doors have a deadbolt lock?***

Most doorknobs have locks in them; however, it is best to install an additional deadbolt lock. The deadbolt lock should have at least a 1" throw and meet the following guidelines:

- \*Throw should extend 1" in the locking position.
- \*The portion of the lock that will be mounted outside should contain a cylinder guard to prohibit twisting the lock with a wrench. The guard should be solid metal and not casting or stapled metal.

- \*The connecting screws that hold the lock together should be made of case hardened steel. No exposed screw heads should be on the outside.

- \* NOTE: if your door has glass panes or there are windows within reach of your deadbolt lock, you should take extra precautions. You should consider installing some type of reinforced glass to keep a burglar from simply breaking the glass, reaching in, and turning the lock to the open position.

In order to make a deadbolt effective, you must reinforce the strike plate. The strike plate is the piece of metal which attaches to the door frame and receives the deadbolt. In the locking position, most screws that come with

commercial strike plates only secure the strike plate to the decorative framing around your door and not the structural piece of wood behind the door frame. You should secure the strike plate with four to six 3-inch brass wood screws. The screws should reach into the structural wood behind the frame. If your exterior door is not of solid core construction, you should add a metal reinforcement sleeve when installing the deadbolt lock.

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**Alert to Winchester Residents:** With the holidays just around the corner, our neighborhood officers are concerned about the possibility of increasing incidents of theft from automobiles. Remember to 1) keep your valuables in the trunk or under the floor mats if you do not take them with you when you exit. Keep a record of model and serial numbers of your property. 2) roll up windows & close sunroof; do not leave car running unattended; lock your vehicle; do not hide car keys in or on the vehicle; activate car alarms and use steering wheel locks. 3) *pay attention to your surroundings...* be proactive, park in well-lit & public areas, pay attention to suspicious activity in the area, report suspicious activity to the police, don't linger around or in your vehicle. Most importantly, minimize distractions! Don't use your cell phone, remember where you parked and have your keys ready.

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## CITY OF WINCHESTER



On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the City of Winchester partnered with the St. Louis County Police Department, St. Louis County Department of Public Works Problem Properties Unit and MSD to provide a service to our residents in removing unwanted electronics trash, litter, and/or household goods. We want to thank



Winchester Officers, Officers of the West County Precinct and the Police Explorers, volunteers of West Hills Church, Winchester residents and city staff that volunteered to help. A clean-up is a large investment of time, money and energy, but there are many benefits, mainly, it gives our residents an opportunity to properly dispose of waste. Many thanks to all!



The following is informational material presented by MSD's *Project Clear* program to raise awareness of the complexity of the wastewater collection and treatment system servicing the greater St. Louis area.

MSD is an affiliate partner with the ST. Louis County Police, Missouri American Water and the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, and funded in part by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, in a program to encourage a responsible disposal option for unused medicine.

Four out of five patients leave their doctors' offices with a least one prescription. As these medications expire or go unused, they accumulate in medicine cabinets, along with unneeded over-the-counter medicines, creating an abundance of unwanted drugs. Missouri Prescription Pill and Drug Disposal (Missouri P2D2) gives you a safe way to dispose of unused medicines at secure collection boxes in local police stations, protecting your health and your environment by:

**\*Helping to reduce drug abuse.** According to the 2012 Missouri Student Survey, 11.5 percent of students said that it was "not wrong at all" or "a little wrong" to use prescription drugs that had not been prescribed to them by a doctor.

**\*Reducing accidental poisoning.** Removing unneeded medicines from homes helps reduce the risk of childhood poisoning.

**\* Protecting our environment.** Flushing medicines down the toilet sends them to wastewater treatment plants and then into our rivers and streams. Proper collection and complete destruction is a better environmental solution.

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\* **Drop box location.** You may take your items to St. Louis County, West County Precinct at 232 Vance Road, Valley Park. OPEN 24/7.

**Items accepted** are prescription medications, all over-the-counter medications, pet medications, vitamins and supplements, medicated ointments, lotions, creams and oils, liquid medication in leakproof containers, homeopathic and herbal remedies and suppositories.

**Items not accepted** are illegal drugs, needles/sharps, syringes with needles, thermometers, IV bags and tubing, bloody or infectious waste, personal care products, empty containers, hydrogen peroxide, aerosol cans and inhalers.



**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 once again 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.

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PLANNING**



**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.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at Ballwin Golf Course, 333 Holloway Road, Ballwin, MO 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.*



**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

Janice Fischer at 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.

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*(From St. Louis County, Department of Health)*  
A reminder of an important change in recycling of aluminum cans. As you know, the City of Winchester has long been encouraging all of our residents to participate in single stream recycling. Aluminum cans are causing a problem at recycling facilities. Crushed aluminum cans are not making it through the sorting processes. Flattened cans may slip through the cracks of the system and cause damage to the equipment. Republic Services asks that residents do not crush aluminum cans.

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