



Winchester Newsletter

Jan - Feb, 2016

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

City Calendar



- JAN - 4 - Ballfield Permit Applications**
available @ City Hall at 9:00 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.
- FEB 1 - Pavilion & Gazebo Reservations begin**
(for April 1st - October 31st)
- 3 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- ♥ 14 - VALENTINE'S DAY
- 15 - PRESIDENT'S DAY
(City Hall Open)
- MAR 2 - Court**, 7:00 p.m.
- 9 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- 13 - *Daylight Savings Time Begins*
- ♣ 17 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY



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 began on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. The closing date will be at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

A candidate must be a qualified voter properly registered under the laws of 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

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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

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Carol J. Kraft
Term Expires April, 2016
636/399-0859

WARD II

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

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

Website: www.city.winchester.mo.us

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.

Barbara Beckett, CMC
City Administrator/Clerk



CITY MEETING NEWS

In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following action during November/December, 2015:

ORDINANCE

#1049 - An Ordinance approving the contract between the City of Winchester and the St. Louis County Police for full time police service and providing for payment thereof.

Two Liquor Licenses were approved for the following business:

Rice Thai Bistro, LLC at 14536 Manchester Road - Five percent Beer and Wine by the Drink and Sunday Retail Liquor by the Drink.

TAX FORMS - Because of the continued growth in electronic filing and the availability of free options to taxpayers, individual and business taxpayers no longer receive paper income tax packages in the mail from the IRS. Federal Income Tax Forms and Publications can be found at the www.irs.gov. The State of Missouri *will not be supplying* individual tax forms. You can obtain tax forms by visiting the MoDOR website at: www.dor.mo.gov/tax. Both of the previously mentioned website's forms are "Fill-in". In other words, you can fill them out on line and print them. You may obtain forms by using the automated Fax-on-Demand system (Form by Fax) at 573-751-4800.

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COUNTY POLICE DEPT



WINCHESTER NEIGHBORHOOD STATION
St. Louis Metro Area Mental Health Crisis Line 314-469-6644 Free 24/7/365

The following information is offered by
Behavioral Health Response of the St. Louis
Metro Area

If you are having a mental crisis, or suffer from an addiction problem and you need help, there is a service free of charge who will either direct you to the resources you need to get help, or they will listen and try and help you through your problem. Counselors are available any time, day or night for both adults or children.

If you are calling for a family member, or friend who is reluctant to speak with someone over the phone or does not want to travel to see someone, counselors can/will come to your residence to have a face to face meeting with your loved one in need, again free of charge.

ST LOUIS COUNTY ACCESS & FUNCTIONAL NEEDS REGISTRY

Would you or a loved one need assistance during a disaster? The St. Louis County Department of Human Services now offers the "Access and Functional Needs Registry" for St. Louis County residents. The Registry is an emergency preparedness tool that allows older adults and people living with disabilities to communicate to emergency responders that they may need assistance during a disaster. It was developed in partnership with the Office of Emergency Management and will be used by St. Louis County for disaster planning response.

Participation does not guarantee preferential treatment during a disaster. For more information on how to personally prepare for a disaster, you may visit www.ready.gov. You may also contact the Registry Coordinator at 314-615-4426.

COLD WEATHER TIPS

Check daily on elderly friends and neighbors who live alone.

Wear layered clothing outdoors for better protection from the cold. Wear a cap to prevent rapid heat loss from an uncovered head.

While indoors, try to keep at least one room heated to 70 degrees. This is especially important for the elderly and small children to prevent hypothermia.

Avoid fatigue and exhaustion during cold weather. Overexertion, such as shoveling snow or pushing a car, can strain your heart.

Be careful when using fireplaces, stoves or space heaters to stay warm. Carbon monoxide poisoning and home fires are very real winter hazards. For answers to any questions about using space heaters or any other heating method to stay warm, please call your local fire department.

For referral to many services for the elderly in our area, call CORP at 636-207-1323. CORP is part of St. Louis County Government's Department of Human Services.



STREET LIGHTS - Help to keep

Winchester safe and save your tax dollars by reporting any street light in the City that is:

- ☼ broken,
- ☼ off at night,
- ☼ on during daylight hours,
- ☼ or experiencing another problem.

Please call City Hall and let us know which street light is not operating properly and what is wrong with the light. ***When you report the lighting problem to City Hall, it is helpful to refer to the light's "tag" number. The electric company "tags" each street light with a locator number on the light's pole. Your assistance allows us to report the lighting problem quickly and efficiently to Ameren Missouri.***

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.



BALLFIELD RESERVATIONS -

Reber Park's two ballfields are available for Organized League Team Practice from April 1st, or when the fields are deemed usable by the City, until the end of June each year.

Ballfield Reservation Forms are available at City Hall at 9:00 a.m. on Jan. 4, 2016. Applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis, depending on field availability. You will know your time and field reservation when you register. Teams are required to pay a per season user fee of \$50.00. 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



REBER PARK PAVILION & GAZEBO RESERVATIONS

The opportunity to reserve the pavilion and gazebo will be available February 1, 2016. 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.



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

Before you know it, it will be time for spring cleaning. What happens when we clean under the sink, in the basement and in the garage. Like many of us, you may find items that make you wonder if it is safe to throw it in the trash. How can you tell if something is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?

Products around the home that contain chemicals that are toxic, flammable, corrosive or reactive are hazardous household products. These products are safe when used and stored following label directions. However, when the products become unusable and are no longer wanted, they become HHW. Questionable or obviously hazardous materials should not be dumped in to sewer drains, poured into sinks, or even thrown into the trash. There is a better way to tidy up your home and the environment.

In 2013, St. Louis County opened its first permanent household hazardous waste collection facility. The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District is proud to have the new collection site on the grounds of the Lemay Wastewater Treatment Facility at 291 East Hoffmeister Avenue. The new facility is a regional collection point, available to residents of St. Louis County, Jefferson County and the City of St. Louis.

The program is for residential households only. Commercial entities and businesses are not permitted to dispose of hazardous wastes at these facilities.

For a listing of what you can drop off visit: <http://www.hhwstl.com/faq>

You may schedule a drop-off here: <http://www.hhwstl.com/reservations>

Be sure to check the website for turn-by-turn directions. Most mapping applications won't take you exactly where you want to go: <http://www.hhwstl.com/facility-location>

Happy Spring Cleaning and thanks for doing your part to safely dispose of waste that is or may be hazardous to humans or the environment.

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**COUNTY
PLANNING**

Is your home a health hazard for your children? Do you have lead-based paint? Do you have children or grandchildren playing at your house?

St. Louis County's Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program offers No-Cost home improvements to help keep your children safe. These improvements may include window and door replacement, exterior trim enclosure and interior and exterior painting. In order to qualify you must meet the following criteria:

- * Own a home in St. Louis County built before 1978
- * Be current on your property taxes
- * Have a child under the age of six living in the home OR have a child under the age of six who frequently visits the home
- * Have an adjusted household income that meets HUD guidelines



TAX ASSISTANCE (*Missouri Department of Revenue*) The City has received this information from the Missouri Department of Revenue and has been asked that it be

provided to the taxpayers and businesses in the area. They may also call the Department at 573-751-3505. Correspondence and packages may be mailed to the address provided on any notice received or return filed. *If no return address was provided, mail to:*

Missouri Department of Revenue
Harry S. Truman State Office Building, Taxation Division,
301 West High Street, PO Box 3366,
Jefferson City, MO 65101

The drop-off location for packages and mail in the Truman Building is the Mail Service Center, Room 102, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For senior citizens, disabled taxpayers or Veterans disabled as a result of military service, information on the Property Tax Credit is available on the Department's website, <http://dor.mo.gov/personal/> Additional income tax assistance is available to those who qualify from Volunteer Income

Tax Assistance Centers (VITA) and American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

REMINDERS



The City of Winchester has a LEASH LAW - Neither dogs nor cats are permitted to run at large. Any pet must be on a leash, in an enclosed area, or properly restrained.

For the safety and enjoyment of all Winchester residents, City Hall encourages dog and cat owners to be responsible and leash or confine pets whenever outside.

Municipal Code Section 205.190

Pet waste 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.

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 Board of Aldermen approved an annual dog station sponsorship opportunity for residents to honor their pet. By donating \$100, a personalized sign, naming the family and the pet, will be mounted at the bag dispensing station helping defer the cost for replacement bags and possibly helping to add additional stations in the park.



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.



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. 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 to be submitted to St. Louis County.



CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Allied Waste will dispose of your Christmas Tree at no additional charge to you. 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.



Happy New Year!

