



Winchester Newsletter

June-July 2016

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

City Calendar



- June**
- 1 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
 - 8 - *Budget Public Hearing*, 7:00 p.m.
 - 8 - *Community Development Block Grant Hearing*, 7:15 p.m.
 - 8 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
 - 14 - FLAG DAY
 - 19 - FATHER'S DAY
 - 30 - Ballfield Permits end



- July**
- 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY,
City Hall Closed
 - 6 - **Court**, *Cancelled*
 - 13 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.

- Aug.**
- 3 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
 - 10 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
 - 13 - **Party in the Park** at the Lower
Playground & Pavilion, 10 a.m.- Noon

CITY MEETING NEWS



In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following action during **May, 2016**:

Resolution #2016-01 April 5, 2016 Election Results:

A resolution declaring the results of the General Election held in the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri, on April 5TH, 2016.

At the May 11th Board Meeting, the City Administrator/Clerk swore in both Sarah Gibbs and Michael Schmidt as Aldermen for Wards I and II, respectively, each for two year terms.

Mayor Gail M. Winham announced the following Aldermanic responsibilities:

Alderwoman Marie Bach -

Park & Recreation Liaison
Safety Coordinator

(Mrs. Bach also re-elected by the Board of Aldermen as President of the Board)

Alderman Sarah Gibbs-
Street Commissioner

Alderman Tony DeLuca-
Code Enforcement Liaison

Alderman Michael Schmidt
Maintenance Department Liaison

Mayor Winham will be responsible for duties of Emergency Management Director, Recycling Coordinator and Flood Plain Manager.

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

SARAH GIBBS

Term Expires April, 2018

309/749-7003

TONY DeLUCA

Term Expires April, 2017

314/220-2119

WARD II

MICHAEL SCHMIDT

Terms Expires April, 2018

314/706-8169

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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 the **St. Louis County Department of Planning, Office of Community Development** at 314-615-8235 or 314-615-4025 for additional information.

The Community Development Block Grant Fund public hearing is at City Hall on Wednesday, June 8th at 7:15 p.m.

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.

PARTY IN THE PARK

Family fun comes again to Winchester's annual Party in the Park on Saturday, August 13th, from 10:00 a.m. 'til Noon. There will be something for everyone in the family to experience and enjoy. Fredbird® will be here again, too!

There will be two clowns doing face painting and balloon sculpting, Tekno Bubbles will be back and Mad Science will conduct two of their events. The St. Louis County Police, Metro West with their Safety House and

West County EMS & Fire with displays of cars and equipment will all be here as well. Watch for more specifics in the Winchester August-September Newsletter.



Enjoy **REBER PARK** this season! Reserve the pavilion and gazebo for parties and family gatherings. Picnic at one of the tables installed around the park.

The Pavilion and Gazebo are available for use from **April through October** of each year, 7AM - 8:00 PM. Reservations are being taken at City Hall. First come - first served. A non-refundable fee of \$45 for the pavilion and a \$30 fee for the gazebo will be required for each date that is reserved.

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**WINCHESTER NEIGHBORHOOD STATION
FIREWORKS**

Chapter 810 of the St. Louis County Code governing fireworks states that it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell, possess, offer for sale, expose for sale, give, use, discharge or explode fireworks within St. Louis County. *In other words, it is illegal to possess fireworks in St. Louis County.*



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.

Install a rain barrel

A rain barrel is a great "low-tech" way to tap into a free supply of water that would otherwise drain into the sewer system.

Any homeowner can do it! You simply install a large drum below the down spout of a gutter to catch the rainwater runoff from your roof. A standard 55-gallon rain barrel can fill in a matter of minutes during a strong rainstorm. Most come with a spigot for filling

watering cans and a connection for a soaker hose, making it easy for you to use the water you collect to irrigate your lawn, water your plants or wash your car.

This small one-time investment will lower your water bills for years to come!

Rainwater is good for your lawn and plants. Rainwater is fresh, naturally soft and low in salt and chlorine, making it great for nourishing plants or landscape during the dry summer months.

By capturing this water as it falls, rain barrels minimize runoff pollutants and protect everyone's water supply. Rainwater picks up fertilizer, oil, pesticides and other contaminants as it travels over hard surfaces and lawns into storm sewers. Here in St. Louis, some of this water flows directly into streams, lakes and other bodies of water, where it can impact water quality.

In short, rain barrels can save money, improve the vitality of plants and help protect the environment.

REMINDERS



City of Winchester Curfew for Children

Children under 17 shall not loiter, idle, stroll, drive or ride in an automobile or play in or upon public streets, highways, roads, alleys, parks, play grounds or other public place buildings, places of amusement and entertainment, vacant lots or other unsupervised places between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights or between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on other nights of the week.

A parent, guardian or other adult having the care and custody of a child under 17, shall not permit a child to violate the city curfew regulations. There are fines for such violations and juveniles may be taken into custody and transported to St. Louis County Juvenile Authorities. Please report any curfew violations witnessed to the St. Louis County Police Department at 636-529-8210.



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)*



UNNECESSARY NOISE

In recent months there have been complaints about people not being responsible for making sure that when their dogs are outside, they not be allowed to continuously bark and thereby disturb the public peace. Dogs are not the only problem, *people cutting grass*, loud music, operation of any motor vehicle unmuffled or causing screeching of tires, yelling, shouting, etc. *all are unnecessary noises and if a complaint is made, the offender is subject to penalty, particularly between the hours of 11 P.M. and 7 A.M.*

Municipal Code Section 210.235

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YES!, CARTONS ARE RECYCLABLE!: Now the last drop of milk, juice or soup do not mark the end of a carton's useful life. Cartons are easy to recycle and in high demand. Simply place empty cartons in your recycling bin with your plastic, metal and glass containers. Bales of recycled cartons are shipped to paper mills where cartons are mixed with water in a gigantic blender to extract all the paper fiber. Paper fibers are included in cardboard, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, phone books, office paper and folders. These recycled carton paper fibers are valuable resource for making products such as recycled paper products and even building materials.

PLASTIC BAGS 101 - Why can't they be recycled curbside, *even if they have a recycling symbol on them?* Plastic bags are the most common contaminant and, if missed, end up wound around equipment, resulting in a system shutdown. *Plastic grocery bags can be recycled at most grocery stores. Look for the drop-off container at the front of the store.* If you

need a liner in your recycling bin or to contain shredded paper, please use a paper bag - paper bags are 100% recyclable!

Reduce  Reuse  Recycle
Naturally



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 ups are 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.

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



EXPERIENCE THE FUN!!

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 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.*

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.

Ameren Missouri - Electronics Savings Tips

The average home today has many items that fall into the electronics category. For example, most homes have an extensive list, including computers, TVs, CD players, game units and mobile chargers. If you have a home office, the number of electronics typically increases to include a printer, scanner/copier and other business electronics.

No-To-Low Cost Improvements

- Turning off office equipment when not in use. Also, plugging the equipment into a power strip will enable you to avoid "vampire" or "phantom" loads.
- It is a common misperception that screen savers reduce a monitor's energy use. Use automatic switching to use the sleep mode or simply turn it off.
- Appliances throughout your home continue to draw a small amount of power even when they are turned off. These "vampire loads" occur in most appliances that use electricity, such as DVD players, TVs, stereos, computers, kitchen appliances and more.

Improvements that Require Investments

- Consider buying a laptop for your net computer upgrade; laptops use less energy than desktop computers. Look for the ENERGY STAR® certified label to ensure you are getting an energy efficient laptop.
- When making a new TV purchase, remember plasma TVs use more energy than LEC and LCD televisions. According to ENERGY STAR®, TVs are getting larger and can use as much energy as a standard, new refrigerator - roughly 500 kWh every year. On average, ENERGY STAR® certified televisions are more than 20% more energy efficient than conventional models.

When it comes to saving energy, your actions matter. For more Energy Tips for your home or

business, including rebate and incentive programs, visit Ameren Missouri at www.ActOnEnergy.com.

RECYCLE, REVITALIZE, RE D I S T R I B U T E !

Do you have medical equipment that is not being used? Do you need medical equipment? Fortunately, now there is help from the St. Louis Help Health Equipment Lending Program. Through this program, new or previously owned medical devices from the community and businesses are received. These items are refurbished or repaired, cleaned, then loaned to individuals in need *for free*, for as long as necessary. Donations of manual and power wheelchairs, scooters, canes, crutches, walkers, shower chairs, grab bars, portable commodes, seating cushions, back supports, electric hospital beds and lifts - nearly every type of device (except oxygen) are accepted. St. Louis HELP is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax deductible. Visit www.stlhelp.org or call 314-567-4700 for additional information.