



Winchester Newsletter

Jan - Feb, 2017

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

City Calendar



- JAN - 3 - Ballfield Permit Applications**
available @ City Hall at 9:00 a.m.
- 4 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- 16 - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
City Hall Open
- 17 - **Candidate Filing for April Election**
closes @ 5:00 p.m.
- FEB 1 - Pavilion & Gazebo Reservations begin**
(for April 1st - October 31st)
- 1 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
- 8- **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- ♥ 14 - VALENTINE'S DAY
- 20 - PRESIDENT'S DAY
(*City Hall Open*)
- MAR 1 - Court**, 7:00 p.m.
- 8 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- 12 - *Daylight Savings Time Begins*
- ♣ 17 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY



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 4, 2017, to elect a **Mayor for the term of 4 (four) years and 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 13, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. The closing date will be on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Sarah Gibbs

Term Expires April, 2018

309/749-7003

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Tony DeLuca

Term Expires April, 2017

314/220-2119

WARD II

Michael Schmidt

Term Expires, April 2018

314/706-8169

Website: www.city.winchester.mo.us

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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, 2016:

ORDINANCE

#1060 - An ordinance providing for the execution of a contract between the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri and the County of St. Louis, Missouri for a full time police service within the City of Winchester, Missouri and providing for payment thereof.

#1061- An ordinance authorizing the City of Winchester to enter into and execute a contract with the Regional Justice Information Service (Rejis) for on-line payment service .

#1062 - An ordinance authorizing the City of Winchester to enter into and execute a contract with Forte Payment Systems, Inc., for payment processing services including credit card, debit card, and Automated Clearing House ("ACH") processing services.

TAX FORMS - Reminder: because of the continued growth in electronic filing and the availability of free options to taxpayers, City Hall no longer receives 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. **TAX ASSISTANCE** (*Missouri Department of Revenue*) For senior citizens,

disabled taxpayers or Veterans disabled as a result of military service, information on the Property Tax Credit is available on the Missouri Department of Revenue's website at :

<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).

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 January 3, 2017. 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



PAVILION & GAZEBO RESERVATIONS

The opportunity to reserve the pavilion and gazebo will be available February 1, 2017. The facilities may be reserved individually and/or together. Hours are from 7 a.m.- 8:00 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.

Saint Louis

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.

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.***



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.

ILLEGAL DUMPING AND LITTERING

Illegal dumping is the disposal of waste generated at one location and disposed of at another location without legal permission. Illegal dumping is the disposal of trash, tires, yard waste, appliances and other waste materials disposed of *on both private and public property* without permission of the property owner.

People illegally dump in unsecured vacant lots, remote spaces, roadways, parking lots, abandoned buildings, poorly lit areas and waterways, including creeks, drainage swales, rivers and dry weather ditches.

This disrespect for other's property and the environment can cause health hazards including: physical injuries from sharp and pointed objects, diseases from rodents and insects, fires from flammable materials, flooding from material

blocking flood control channels and storm drains. Economic concerns include: decrease in property values and the expense to clean up the pollutant loads in our storm water facilities.

If you see any illegal dumping happening in the City of Winchester, please call the local police department at 636-529-8210.

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 submitted to St. Louis County.



(From St. Louis County, Dept. of Health)

With single stream recycling, all of your recyclables go into the same bin. When recycling, labels and lids are okay! Give items a quick rinse to keep your bin clean.

What To Recycle Curbside

Plastic - Recycle all plastic containers such as plastic tubs, screw-top jars, jugs, cups, all types of bottles. The **ONLY** exception to the plastic container rule is polystyrene or Styrofoam (#6).

Paper - All sorts of paper can be recycled.

Metal - Recycle all aluminum bottles, foil, pans and cans. *Aluminum cans should no longer be crushed.* All steel/tin cans, such as soup cans, are recyclable.

Glass - Recycle all of your glass jars and bottles.

Cardboard & Paperboard - Any size box can be recycled curbside. Break down boxes to make room inside your recycling cart for other recyclables.

What NOT to Recycle

- Plastic bags - take them to a grocery store to be recycled
- Plastic wrap, food wrappers, baggies or bread bags
- Tissues, paper towels or napkins
- *Scrap metal cannot be recycled curbside*
- Drinking glasses, window glass, mirror glass or pyrex glass

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

**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 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.*

Meetings of the Lafayette Older Adult Program (LOAP) are open to residents of Ballwin, Chesterfield, Ellisville, Manchester, Wildwood and

Winchester as well as the Parkway and Rockwood School Districts. For more information, call 636-391-6326 ext 401.

SEPARATE FACT FROM FRAUD

(From "Know Your Rights", a MO Consumer Guide)

MYTH # 1

There is a three-day "cooling off" period after any major purchase in which you can cancel.

FACT: In general, the three-day rule applies only to "door-to-door" transactions when a solicitor makes a presentation and sale in your home.

MYTH # 2

The Lemon Law protects you on all big-ticket purchases, including used cars.

FACT: Missouri's Lemon Law applies only to new vehicles and demonstrators or lease-purchase vehicles with a warranty.

MYTH # 3

If a landlord fails to make needed repairs, a tenant can withhold rent until the repairs are done or deduct the cost to get the repairs done by someone else.

FACT: A landlord can legally evict a tenant who fails to pay rent, even if the money is spent on repairs.

MYTH # 4

Your credit report only affects your ability to borrow money.

FACT: Potential employers, landlords, insurers and others may look at your report. Many do.

MYTH # 5

Never pay by credit card on the Internet.

FACT: Under federal law, paying by credit card gives you the right to dispute charges. This protection does not apply to cash, debit cards, checks or other forms of payment.

MYTH # 6

If a bank or credit card company calls to verify your credit card number, it is OK to give that information

FACT: They already have that information. Never give your credit card, Social Security or checking account numbers to strangers, unless you initiate the contact.

MYTH # 7

A professional-looking Web site is a good indicator that a business is legitimate.

FACT: Anyone can set up shop on the Internet. Ask unfamiliar companies to send a catalog or brochure and their physical address.

