



Winchester Newsletter

March 2017

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

City Calendar



- March**
- 1 - Court, 7 p.m.
 - 8 - City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 - ☺ 12 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins-
“Spring Forward” - when you turn your
clocks forward, *change the batteries in your
smoke detector.*
 - ☘ 17 - ST. PATRICK’S DAY
- April**
- 1 - Reber Park Pavilion & Gazebo may be
reserved for dates from April 1st - through
Oct. 31st. Reservations began @ City Hall on
February 1st -must be made in person (see
page 5)
 - 1 - Ballfield Reservation Permits begin April
1st (Weather Permitting) through June 30th
 - 4 - MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY
*See Location of Polling Place → →
City Hall Open*
 - 5 - Court, 7:00 p.m.
 - 8 - Egg Hunt @ Reber Park
11:00 a.m. - *Bring your own baskets*
 - 12 - City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 - 15 - Egg Hunt Rain Date



NOTICE OF ELECTION

CITY OF WINCHESTER
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

TO: Qualified Voters of the City of Winchester,
St. Louis County, Missouri

TAKE NOTICE:

Notice of a General Election 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, one (1)
Alderman from Ward I and one (1) Alderman from
Ward II, each to serve a two (2) year term.**

HOURS OF ELECTION:

6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Central Daylight Time

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE:

for LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP PRECINCTS 042, 044 &
045, and QUEENY TOWNSHIP PRECINCTS 026 & 027
(all of Winchester) the polling place is:

St. John United Church of Christ

332 Old Sulphur Springs Rd.

Manchester, Missouri 63021

Given under my hand and the corporate seal of the City of
Winchester, Missouri, this January 20th, 2017.

Barbara Beckett, CMC

City Administrator/Clerk

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

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

WARD I

Marie Bach

**Park & Recreation Liaison
& Safety Coordinator**

Term Expires April, 2017
636/227-6344

Sarah Gibbs

Street Commissioner

Term Expires April, 2018
309/749-7003

WARD II

Tony DeLuca

Code Enforcement Liaison

Term Expires April, 2017
314/220-2119

Michael Schmidt

Maintenance Dept. Liaison

Term Expires, April 2018
314/706-8169



**CANDIDATES FILE FOR OFFICE
APRIL 4, 2017 ELECTION**

The following persons have filed for office (the names are listed in the order filed with the City Clerk):

MAYOR (Four Year Term):

Gail M. Winham*

ALDERMAN (Two Year Term):

WARD I: **Marie Bach***

ALDERMAN (Two Year Term):

WARD II: **Tony DeLuca***

(* - Denotes incumbent)

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 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.



GO FLY A KITE!

(Adventures in St. Louis County Parks)

Lets go fly a kite. Come out to Queeny Park to have a fun March day and fly a kite with a Ranger. You will make your own kites to fly, and, go home with a store-bought kite as well. Meet at the large field by the main parking lot on the Weidman Road side of Queeny Park.

Age: All ages **Fee:** \$10/kite flyer

Day: Sunday, March 19th at 1 p.m.



REMINDER - *Bulky items* are defined as household materials that are too large to fit in with your regular waste collection container and that are not bundled into 4-ft or less bundles. Examples of bulky items are furniture, carpet, old bicycles, and some household construction materials. Wood, drywall etc. is limited to (1)-32gallon can per pickup. (Carpet must be bundled 4ft x 2ft or less). Containers may weigh no more than 50 lbs.

In addition, Republic Services still picks up “white goods” - appliances, etc. Winchester residents can call for appliance pickup which would include TVs and microwaves as well as refrigerators, stoves, etc., but there is a charge of \$25 per item for the service. The pickup day will most likely not be on a Thursday, the regular trash, yard waste and recycle pickup day. Call 636-947-5959 to schedule a pickup.

Saint Louis
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POLICE DEPT



(Tips from law enforcement)

SLIDING GLASS DOORS AND WINDOWS

Below are some tips that may help you prevent crime. But remember—the most important single act you can do is to call the Police to report crimes or suspicious activities! If law enforcement is not aware of problems, they cannot resolve them. Here are some tips for homeowners to use so that they can help the anti-crime effort.

Sliding glass doors present a major security problem if they do not have the proper locks and special steps are not taken to prevent removal of the door. Sliding glass doors can be lifted from the track and removed by pushing in the bottom of the door. To prevent the doorframe from being opened in this manner it is recommended that 1-1/4" pan head sheet metal screws be inserted into the top of the door frame at both ends and in the middle. The screws should be adjusted so that the door barely clears them when it is operated.

Once screws are in place, to prevent the door from being lifted while it is closed, lock the door handle and place a wooden dowel or metal rod in the floor track. This should make your sliding glass door secure. *For additional security*, a safety film for glass is available. The film is applied to the glass and if the window is ever shattered, the film holds the glass together making entry difficult if not impossible. Call Dispatch at 636-529-8210 to report burglaries, thefts, vandalism, prowlers or suspicious activities.

Use 911 for all emergencies.

SEPARATE FACT FROM FRAUD

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

CONSUMER RULES TO AVOID SCAMS, DISPUTES and UNEXPECTED COSTS

1

Never give out your personal information to anyone who contacts you. Only release the information when you initiate the contact. Only then do you know exactly who you are dealing with.

2

Don't pay full price up front if you haven't received the product or service. If a contractor or service provider needs money in advance, pay no more than 25 percent.

3

Work with companies that are known or recommended by someone you trust. Check a company's reputation with your local Better Business Bureau or the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Hotline at 800-392-8222. Also, check online for consumer complaints with the KnowMo database at ago.mo.gov.

4

Never make a financial decision under pressure. No matter what the salesperson says, you'll be better off if you take time to think about it, ask around and compare options.

**Saint Louis
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HEALTH**



(Information from St. Louis County website)

Recycling Frequently Asked Questions

Q 1. Why can't I recycle Styrofoam curbside?

A. It currently is not economical to pull polystyrene, or Styrofoam, from the single-stream sorting process. Processors that re-manufacture recycled Styrofoam are not located near St. Louis County. Styrofoam is 95% air and cost-effective transportation requires compressing the air out to turn large volumes of material into one very dense "log" for shipping. Drop-off locations are available for clean Styrofoam to be collected through partnerships with

businesses who own densification equipment. Styrofoam can be taken to Foam Products Corporation (FPC), 2525 Adie Rd., St. Louis, MO 63043. FPC will take clean Styrofoam from packing materials only at no cost. No food clamshells of any kind will be accepted. Styrofoam must be boxed or bagged for drop off. Progress is being made, especially in the commercial sector, but residential curbside recycling of Styrofoam is not economically viable at this time.

Q 2. Why can't I recycle plastic bags?

A. Some plastic bags are recyclable (such as grocery and box store bags), but **not** through the curbside program. Please return recyclable bags to the store. Plastic bags in curbside programs *cause major problems* for the sorting process! Recyclables are separated utilizing mainly automated systems, the plastic bags can end up wrapping around the equipment. When this happens, the system has to be shut down and the bags cut out.

Q 3. Does it really get recycled?

A. Yes, there are three processors in St. Louis County and one in St. Louis City. The industry is highly automated with many technologies to sort out all of the materials you put into your cart. It is more cost effective for a waste hauler to drop off recycling rather than sent it as trash to the landfill. You can rest assured that the recyclables you collect are indeed being sent to a recycling facility, creating local jobs and diverting valuable resources. With that being said, if you witness a waste hauler dump your recycling into the same truck at the same time with your trash, please contact St. Louis County Solid Waste Program Enforcement at waste.doh@stlouisco.com If verified, the hauler is in violation of the Waste Management Code.

Q 4. Do I have to wash my recyclables? How clean do they need to be?

A. No, it's not necessary to wash your recyclables in the dishwasher or by hand. To keep your recycling container clean, it is helpful for materials to be relatively clean and dry. For residue such as ketchup or peanut butter, a spatula is simpler and easier to use than rinsing. Please dump out any leftover liquids.

Q 5. What happens to the stuff that can't be recycled?

A. Material that is not recyclable is pulled out by hand or sorted out through automation. These materials are called "residual" and are sent to the landfill.

(Additional FAQs coming in the April Newsletter)

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



GRASS & WEEDS - The growing season is fast approaching – Please keep your yard looking neat by mowing your lawn. Property Owners or occupants who allow their grass and/or weeds to grow to a height in excess of seven inches are in violation of a City Ordinance. Be a responsible neighbor and help to promote the beauty and integrity of our City.

Municipal Code Section 215.130

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



EXPERIENCE THE FUN!!

A partnership between: Ballwin, Chesterfield, Ellisville, Manchester, Parkway and Rockwood School Districts, Wildwood and Winchester

Are you interested in making new friends, hearing great speakers, going on exciting day trips, or playing bingo and cards? If you are 55 plus, this is a great group for you to become involved in! Participants will meet the second and fourth Monday of every month between the months of September and May.

Meeting times are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and cost \$2.00/per person. *** Please note that special luncheons and day trips are optional and involve separate fees.***

Meetings are held at the Ballwin Golf Course, which is located at 333 Holloway Road. Free coffee, soda and dessert are provided; we ask for you to bring a sack lunch. Trip space is limited and is first come-first serve. Pre-payment is required for all upcoming special luncheons and trips. Detailed information and registration forms are available at all L.O.A.P. meetings.



The following information is presented from MSD Project Clear and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Reminder: Your toilet is not a trash can!

Cleaning and disinfecting wipes, personal hygiene products, baby wipes... they all are "disposable", so why not flush them down the toilet?

Quite simply, because disposing of such items in the toilet, even those labeled "flushable", instead of in the trash causes big problems, both for the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District and for homeowners.

Mounds of disposable materials clog sewer lines, pumps and lift stations. They can cause sewer backups and damage plant equipment. Clearing such materials from the wastewater stream is time-consuming and labor-intensive. Even dental floss flushed down the toilet can cause problems. Dental floss is very strong and durable. It can get tangled up in pumps and equipment, or worsen minor clogs within pipes by "binding" materials together.

These items are also a big problem for property owners' home plumbing and sewer laterals which are smaller in diameter and more susceptible to clogs. The sewer system is not designed for disposable wipes, dental floss, or similar items. Sewer clogs caused by these items can result in considerable cleanup expense and potential harm to our environment.

Please don't use your toilet as a trash can. Only human waste and toilet paper should be flushed down your toilet. Put everything else in the trash, where it belongs.



(Information excerpted from St. Louis County website)

**Communicable Disease Control Services
in St. Louis County**

People often take public health for granted in St. Louis County: our drinking water will not make us ill; our restaurants and supermarkets will not poison us; we and our children will not catch fatal diseases from neighbors or school friends. A thin shield, a fine web of public health practices and personal habits, protects us from the nasty, brutish and short life that has been the rule for so much of human history. Two important facets of the shield are *communicable disease control* and *health education*.

St. Louis County CDC Services provide: year-round immunization services for children and adults; special immunization services such as fall flu campaigns and other prevention campaigns as needed; general protection against a wide variety of communicable diseases; control of outbreaks, containment of effects, tracking down contacts to be sure they're treated and to be sure the community is safe; tuberculosis control services; sexually transmitted disease control services; refugee health program and travel shots.

Communicable disease fact sheets show how *your own acts* make your County's communicable disease shield weaker or stronger. Get proper immunizations for yourself and your family. This builds your own shield against the diseases of the past. Practice personal hygiene. Hand washing is an essential part of home and community hygiene, preventing the spread of a variety of diseases, including the common Hepatitis A!

Practice safe food preparation and storage-keep it hot or keep it cold. Help control diseases spread through rats, mosquitoes and flies by keeping tight-fitting lids on trash cans, not letting water stand in tires, ditches, buckets, etc. Be a responsible pet owner, picking up after, immunizing and spaying or neutering.

For an excellent source of communicable disease fact sheets visit: www.stlouisco.com and under Health and Wellness, click on Diseases and Immunizations.



FAIR HOUSING - The City of Winchester is committed to Fair Housing for all of its citizens. It is unlawful to discriminate against any person because of race, sex, color, religion, age, handicap, familial status, national origin, or political affiliation. The City of Winchester has enacted a Fair Housing Ordinance which prohibits unlawful discrimination and spells out the process for filing a complaint. If you, or anyone you know, believe that you have been unlawfully discriminated against, call the City Hall at (636) 391-0600.

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 or Gazebo permit.



The Annual Egg Hunt will be held at the gazebo in Reber Park on Saturday, April 8th at 11 a.m. (Rain date April 15th). Children through age 10 can hunt for eggs filled with candy as well as special "winner" slips with prizes for gift certificates from Wendy's.

Remember:

- ★ Each child needs to bring their own basket for egg gathering.
- ★ Only children are allowed in the hunt areas.



REBER PARK PAVILION & GAZEBO RESERVATIONS

Reservations for the pavilion and gazebo were available the first business day in February. The facilities may be reserved individually and/or together. Hours are from 7a.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.



2017 BALLFIELDS - not all fields have been assigned... Fields will be available beginning **April 1st** ... or when the fields are deemed usable by City Hall..until the last week of June each year. Each team is limited to one practice session each week.

Notice for All Ballfield Users

Signs will be posted on the ballfields if conditions are deemed unacceptable for use.

→Please be sure to adhere to the posted sign.←

Call the park at 636-527-5148 for a recorded message. Help keep our fields in great shape. Maintenance works hard trying to keep our fields in top shape for play.