

# Winchester Newsletter

May 2017

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

## City Calendar



- May      3 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m., City Hall  
10 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m., City Hall  
14 - MOTHER'S DAY  
23- STREET SWEEPING  
24- STREET SWEEPING, RAIN DATE  
29- MEMORIAL DAY, City Hall Closed

- June     1 - No trash service today!   
*Holiday Schedule*  
2 - Holiday trash pick up TODAY!  
7 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m., City Hall  
14 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.  
14 - FLAG DAY  
18 - FATHER's DAY 

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

 <b>ELECTION RESULTS</b> 
The April 4, 2017 election results are as follows:
MAYOR.....(Elected to a 4 year term)
Gail M. Winham ..... 91
Write-Ins: ..... 2
ALDERMAN:
WARD I ..(Elected to a 2 year term)
Marie Bach..... 51
Write-Ins: ..... 0
WARD II ..(Elected to a 2 year term)
Tony DeLuca ..... 55
Write-Ins:.....0

## CITY MEETING NEWS



In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following action during March/April, 2017:

### **ORDINANCE**

**#1063** - An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Winchester to enter into an agreement with One Way Lawn Care for the Reber Park and Pocket Park area grass cutting from 2017-2020.

### **Winchester City Hall**

Voice-TDD: 636/391-0600

FAX: 636/391-6365

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, 2021

636/394-6023

### **WARD I**

Marie Bach

Term Expires April, 2019

636/227-6344

Sarah Gibbs

Term Expires April, 2018

309/749-7003

### **BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

Tony DeLuca

Term Expires April, 2019

314/220-2119

Michael Schmidt

Term Expires April, 2018

314/706-8169

### **WARD II**

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

**#1064** - An ordinance adopting and enacting the 2009 International Residential Code with St. Louis County amendments as the Residential Code of the City of Winchester.

**#1065** - An ordinance adopting and enacting the 2009 International Building Code with St. Louis County amendments as the Building Code of the City of Winchester.

### Saint Louis COUNTY POLICE DEPT



The St. Louis County Police Department is committed to professional management and to providing services in a manner that is responsive to community concerns.

The City of Winchester contracts for police services with the St. Louis County Police Department. The City of Winchester has two patrol officers assigned to it. If an incident occurs when the Winchester officers are not on duty, other St. Louis County officers from the West County Precinct will respond. You may request these officers in the same manner you would request a Winchester officer by dialing 636-529-8210. If you have an emergency, do not hesitate to dial 911.

No matter how you call for police services, emergency or non-emergency, an officer will respond to assist you.



**20 MPH SPEED LIMIT** - Let's keep the City a safe place for the children to play this summer. We ask that Winchester citizens observe and obey the 20 mph speed limit. Your cooperation is necessary to make Winchester a safe place to live.



### UNNECESSARY NOISE

In recent months there have been complaints about people not being responsible for making sure their dogs, when outside, not be allowed to continuously bark and thereby disturb the public peace. Any unnecessary noise from "the keeping of any animal or bird which by causing frequent or long continued noise shall disturb the comfort or repose of any persons in the vicinity" is prohibited. If a complaint is made, the pet owner could be summoned to municipal court.

*Municipal Code Section 210.235*



**INFORMATION SIGN** - Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming events and last minute additions...the Reber Park entrance sign, located at Lindy Blvd. and Hillcrest Blvd., displays information on Park activities and City events.

### PARK & RECREATION NEWS

All municipal parks in the City of Winchester shall be closed between the hours of Dusk and 7:00 a.m. No person shall be in the park during those hours except as authorized by a Pavilion/Gazebo Permit.



This year's Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at Reber Park. The weather was perfect. Neighborhood children participated by hunting eggs and finding "winner slips" from Wendy's as special prizes.



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. You are encouraged to call City Hall to inquire whether a specific date is available. Both residents and non-residents are eligible to reserve the facilities.



### HELP KEEP OUR CITY CLEAN

Often one thinks that just throwing a small piece of litter on the ground doesn't make a difference. If everyone thinks the same way, soon the streets become littered and unsightly. Remember, littering is an offense as well as offensive to our neighbors.

*Municipal Code Section 210.170*



Summer is coming....a WARNING from the Humane Society of Missouri and the St. Louis County Police Department. A pet should never be left unattended in a parked car when the outside temperature is over 70 degrees. Allowing an animal to be harmed in this way is considered animal abuse. It is illegal and punishable by fines and imprisonment. If you see an animal in distress or locked in a parked car, you can call the society's hotline at 314-647-4400 or your local police.



## "Retiring Old Glory"

*West County residents have a convenient place to go* when it's time to retire any worn or tattered U.S. flag.

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1028, took the lead in establishing a collection point at the Liberty Tax office located at 14545 Manchester Road (across Manchester Road from Winchester Plaza).

The white, outdoor flag collection box was created by Dennis Hamilton, a retired Navy veteran and Chapter 1028 member. Anyone with a tattered U.S. flag can drop it in the box. The Vietnam veterans chapter members will monitor the box regularly and arrange for the flags proper disposal.



The following information is presented in conjunction with MSD's Project Clear program to raise awareness of the complexity of the wastewater collection and treatment system servicing the greater St. Louis area.

### **May: Plant trees for energy conservation**

The right tree in the right place can provide shade and cool air in the summer and wind protection in the winter, reducing energy costs while adding beauty and privacy to a landscape. Consider strategically planting trees to lower utility costs.

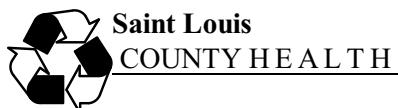
If your yard allows, plant three large trees, one each on the east, west and north sides of your house. These locations can help to shade your house in the summer and block wind in the winter. It is best not to plant trees on the south side of your home. In the winter, when you need sun to help in heating, trees planted on the south side, even those that lose their leaves, can cast too much shade. Better to choose a southwest/west orientation.

Before you dig:

- Identify locations with plenty of sunlight and access to rainwater.
- Call Missouri One Call at 1-800-DIG-RITE or 811. Have them mark your property for utilities before you dig.
- Avoid planting trees over or near the house lateral or MSD sewer lines in your yard. Roots can damage sewers causing basement backups.
- Supplement soil if needed to make sure it provides adequate nutrients.

For more information on planting trees, including how

to select trees suited to your location and how to care for them, visit the Missouri Botanical Garden's website [missouribotanicalgarden.org](http://missouribotanicalgarden.org). (Navigation: Gardens and Gardening/Your Garden). For a little inspiration, plan a trip to the Kemper Center for Home Gardening at the Missouri Botanical Garden and get advice from the experts.



Below are several general reminders on recycling from the St. Louis County website:

- \* Keep containers that contained household chemicals out of the recycle cart
- \* Do not recycle medical waste such as syringes or needles
- \* Do not put any type of plastic bag into your recycle cart. Most grocery stores have drop-off bins at the front of the store for recycling plastic grocery bags and many other retail stores are also offering recycling for their shopping bags
- \* Plastic windows on envelopes are okay
- \* You may leave labels and tape on cardboard boxes when recycling them
- \* It is okay to recycle metal cans with labels or bands
- \* Leave the lids on containers. When you remove the lids, they usually end up mixed with other small residuals that are discarded as trash, after being processed at the materials recovery facility
- \* All containers are to be emptied before recycling them

### **Cart Maintenance**

The cart is assigned to your address. You are responsible to make sure it is used properly and not damaged by misuse. If you move, please leave the cart for use by the next occupant.



## WHEN A TORNADO STRIKES

If you see a funnel cloud nearby, take shelter immediately. If you spot a tornado that is far away, help alert others to the hazard by reporting it to the newsroom of a local radio or TV station before taking shelter as described later. Use common sense and exercise **caution**: if you believe that you might be in danger, seek shelter immediately. The key to surviving a tornado and reducing the risk of injury lies in planning, preparing, and practicing what you and your family will do if a tornado strikes. Flying debris causes most deaths and injuries during a tornado. Although there is no completely safe place during a tornado, some locations are much safer than others. General tips:

If there is no basement, go to the center of an interior room on the lowest level (such as a closet or interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck. *Do not open windows.*

### For People with Functional Needs

If you are in a wheelchair, get away from windows and go to an interior room of the house. If possible, seek shelter under a sturdy table or desk. Cover your head with anything available, even your hands.

If you are unable to move from a bed or a chair and assistance is not available, protect yourself from falling objects by covering up with blankets and pillows.

If you are outside and a tornado is approaching, get into a ditch or gully. If possible, lie flat and cover your head with your arms.

Make a family communication plan for all occupants of your household and share it with a trusted family member or friend outside your home.

## St. Louis Health Equipment Lending Program (H.E.L.P.)

The St. Louis HELP program receives donations of new and used medical equipment, refurbishes and cleans the equipment and then loans the equipment, at no cost, to community members both young and old from all walks of life enabling them to live as independently as possible and remain contributing members of the community.

Donations of manual and power wheelchairs, electric hospital beds, shower chairs, canes/crutches/walkers, grab bars, elevated toilet seats, portable commodes, lift chairs, seating cushions, back supports, folding ramps - every type of item *except* oxygen and medications will be accepted.

**On May 6, 2017**, there will be a medical equipment drive from 9 AM through 2 PM at participating Walgreens drop off locations. The nearest location to Winchester is:

13992 Manchester Road  
(Manchester & Weidman)  
636-227-9228



## POWER OUTAGES

(Information from Department of Homeland Security at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) )

Before a power outage, build or restock your emergency preparedness kit, including a flashlight, batteries, cash and first aid supplies.

- Make sure you have alternative charging methods for your phone or any device that requires power.
- Charge cell phones and any battery powered devices. Know where the manual release lever of your electric garage door opener is located and how to operate it.
- Purchase ice or freeze water-filled plastic containers to help keep food cold during a temporary power outage.
- Keep your car's gas tank full, remember, gas stations rely on electricity to power their pumps. If you use your car to re-charge devices, do NOT keep the car running in a garage, partially enclosed space, or close to a home, this can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Learn about the emergency plans that have been established in your area by visiting your state's or local website so you can locate the closest cooling and warming shelters.
- If you rely on anything that is battery-operated or power dependent like a medical device determine a back-up plan.

## DURING A POWER OUTAGE: SAFETY TIPS

- Only use flashlights for emergency lighting, candles can cause fires.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. Most food requiring refrigeration can be kept safely in a closed refrigerator for several hours. An unopened refrigerator will keep food cold for about 4 hours. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours. For more information about food safety visit the food page at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).
- Take steps to remain cool if it is hot outside. In intense heat when the power may be off for a long time, consider going to a movie theater, shopping mall or “cooling shelter” that may be open in your community. If you remain at home, move to the lowest level of your home, since cool air falls. Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing. Drink plenty of water, even if you do not feel thirsty.
- Put on layers of warm clothing if it is cold outside. Never burn charcoal for heating or cooking indoors. Never use your oven as a source of heat. If the power may be out for a prolonged period, plan to go to another location (the home of a relative or friend, or a public facility) that has heat to keep warm.
- Turn off or disconnect appliances and other equipment in case of a momentary power “surge” that can damage computers and other devices. Consider adding surge protectors.
- If you are considering purchasing a generator for your home, consult an electrician or engineer before purchasing and installing.
- Only use generators away from your home and NEVER run a generator inside a home or garage, or connect it to your home’s electrical system.

### **AFTER A POWER OUTAGE**

- Throw away any food that has been exposed to temperatures over 40 degrees for 2 hours or more or that has an unusual odor, color or texture. *When in doubt, throw it out!*
- If food in the freezer is colder than 40 degrees and has ice crystals on it, you can refreeze it.
- Restock your emergency kit with fresh batteries, canned foods and other supplies.

## **Saint Louis County**

### **DEPT OF PARKS & RECREATION**

#### **2017 Parks Food Truck Fest Schedule**

Follow the caravan of various mobile menus and join family and friends for dinner in a beautiful park setting! Food trucks are taking the County by storm and each operator offers a small signature menu that is uniquely different. *Events run from 5 - 8 p.m. Bands play from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.* No coolers please. *Admission is free.* For more information, please call (314) 615-4386.

<b>Date/Location</b>	<b>Entertainment</b>
5/4 Faust Park	Eddie Randle Trio
5/16 Tilles Park	Hudson & Friends
5/24 Creve Coeur Park	Revolution
6/2 Laumeier Sculpture	Steve Ewing Duo
6/8 Faust Park	Off the Shoulder
6/20 Tilles Park	Fanfare
7/14 Jefferson Barracks Park Amphitheater	Yankee BBQ
7/18 Tillies Park	Ambassadors of Swing
7/26 Creve Coeur Park	Soulard Blues Band
8/4 Laumeier Sculpture	Power Play Band
9/1 Laumeier Sculpture	The Tail Poppies
9/15 Pavilion at Lemay	Ralph Butler Duo

### **Grease Management Reminders from (MSD)**

Grease accumulation in the sewer system causes obstruction by either constricting flow or blocking the sewer pipes. This interferes with the normal operation of the wastewater treatment system and can eventually result in sewer backups that can overflow onto streets and into homes, damaging property and the environment. Sewer system maintenance in neighborhoods that experience sewer blockages and backups due to grease accumulation is expensive and can result in higher sewer bills for customers.

#### **Tips for Proper Grease Disposal**

Scrape and wipe pots, pans and dishes and dispose of materials in the trash before washing dishes. Pour fats, oils and grease into a container such as an empty jar or can. Once the materials have cooled and solidified and the container is full, secure the lid, and place the container in the trash. Use sink strainers to catch food items and then empty the strainer into the trash. To report a grease spill or blockage, contact MSD at (314) 768-6260.