



Winchester Newsletter

October, 2018

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

City Calendar



- OCT 1 - Business Licenses Due**
Licenses are due and payable the first business day in October
- 3 - Court, 7:00 p.m.**
- 10 - City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**
- 27 - DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT,**
10 am - 2 pm at City Hall
- 31 - HALLOWEEN Safety Center at Reber Park hosted by the St. Louis County Police, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**



- NOV 4 - Daylight Savings Time Ends, Turn your clocks back 1 hour**
- 7 - City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**
- 22 - THANKSGIVING,**
City Hall Closed
No trash service today
- 23 - City Hall Closed**
Holiday trash pick up TODAY!



CITY MEETING NEWS



ORDINANCE # 1074 - An ordinance amending Chapter 340 of the Municipal Code adding Section 340.245 regarding **Residential Parking of Commercial Vehicles - Prohibited.**

This ordinance is to clarify that commercial vehicles including, but not limited to tow trucks, being stored or parked overnight in a residential district is prohibited. This is effective as of the Board meeting held September 12, 2018.

At this time there will be a 30 day grace period during which no tickets will be issued to current drivers to give the Board of Aldermen a chance to consider the possibility of issuing 2-3 exemptions to the ordinance. If issued, the current tow truck drivers may continue under that exemption until changes in location or equipment occurs. *No further exemptions will be issued.*



TRICK OR TREAT - Halloween is almost here and your local St. Louis County Officers are preparing for their first "Trunk or Treat" Safety Center event for the City of Winchester. The event will be held at Reber Park from 6:00pm-8pm on Halloween night. Spooky displays along with treats will be available for kids and adults alike. Come join us in the fun.

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, 2023
636/394-6023

WARD I

Joyce Davis
Term Expires April, 2019
636/391-1988

Carol J. Kraft
Term Expires April, 2020
636/399-0859

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Tony DeLuca
Term Expires April, 2019
314/220-2119

WARD II

Michael Schmidt
Term Expires, April 2020
314/706-8169

Website: www.city.winchester.mo.us



WINCHESTER NEIGHBORHOOD STATION

(October is National Crime Prevention Month)

The following information is presented from the Home Safety Handbook of the St. Louis County Police Department.....

BURGLARY Q & A

Although no two burglaries are exactly alike, here are some general answers to frequently asked questions:

Q. What time of day do most burglaries occur?

A. It is traditionally thought that most burglaries occur in the middle of the night. The truth is, burglaries are occurring at all times during the day and night. Whenever you are away from your home, your house is vulnerable.

Q. What property is most often taken during burglaries?

A. The items taken most frequently in residential burglaries are money, jewelry, guns and small electronic equipment.

Q. How is entry gained in most burglaries?

A. Even with the increasing concerns over crime in America, the sad truth is that most entries are made through unlocked doors and windows.

Q. Is it safer to answer my door when I am not expecting guests or just ignore the person?

A. Always acknowledge you are home. (This does not necessarily mean open the door.) Remember, a burglar is looking for an empty house. If you do not answer the door he may think the house is empty and attempt to enter. If someone is outside your house and you feel threatened, immediately dial 911.



The following information is presented from the library of MSD Project Clear, a municipal public education project.

PROPER LEAF DISPOSAL - Falling leaves announce Autumn's arrival; however, they can create problems.... problems that the City needs your help in preventing. We ask residents to consider the following:

Leaves and/or other debris filling storm sewers cause the sewers not to function well

and can lead to unnecessary flooding. This is the reason why placing leaves out onto the street is strictly prohibited.... leaves end up in storm sewers!

Leaf disposal is available through the Solid Waste Disposal Company's yard waste program. Yard waste removal costs are included with your normal Solid Waste bill. All you have to do is rake or gather the yard waste, put it in marked containers or yard waste bags, and set out at the curb no sooner than 24-hours before pick up day.

Municipal Code Section 210.680



NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK *(Excerpts from nfpa.org)*

2018 Campaign

This year's FPW campaign, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere": works to educate people about three basic but essential steps to take to reduce the likelihood of having a fire—and how to escape safely in the event of one:

"LOOK" for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.

"LISTEN" for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.

"LEARN" two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.


Also, Sparky the Fire Dog® has a new friend, Simon, who is helping teach this year's FPW messages – He's a smart, resourceful character who will join Sparky in spreading fire-safety messages to adults and children alike. For more information go to: www.nfpa.org



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 Debby at the **St. Louis County Department of Planning, Office of Community Development** at 314-615-4025.

NOTICE OF NEW RATES BEGINNING OCT. 1, 2018

 Allied Waste Services (Republic Services) is Winchester's Solid Waste Collection Services Contractor. The contract provides the following basic services to every home in Winchester at a cost of \$19.68/month (\$17.71/month) billed quarterly **beginning October 1st**. There is a 10% discount for Senior Citizens with proof of age being 65 years or older.

Trash, yard waste and recycle collection are all on Thursday.

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.

PARK & RECREATION NEWS

All municipal parks in the City of Winchester shall be closed between the hours of dusk and 7:00 a.m. A person shall not be in the parks during those hours except as authorized by Pavilion permit.



REBER PARK PAVILION & GAZEBO RESERVATIONS

Gazebo and Pavilion reservations are possible through the month of October. At the time of this newsletter, the month of October is open for both structures individually, or together, from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Consider reserving them for special functions, family reunions, barbecues, and birthday parties. *The cost to reserve the pavilion is \$45, the gazebo, \$30.* Residents and non-residents alike are eligible to reserve the facilities. October is, in general, a beautiful month in which to spend time outdoors and Reber Park is a great place to gather for celebrations and family fun. Call City Hall to inquire about reservations.

HAVE A PROBLEM DISPOSING OF LEFTOVER PAINT?.....Consider the following suggestions: buy only what you need; blend similar colors of latex paint to use as a base coat for larger



jobs.

Here are options for the proper disposal of leftover paint:

- *Oil-based paint* should be recycled through the County's hazardous household waste program
- *Latex paint* should be air dried in a safe location away from children and pets. Larger volumes of latex paint can be mixed in with absorbent material such as shredded paper or kitty litter. Once latex paint is solidified all the way through, it can be safely placed in the trash.

Reduce  Reuse 
Naturally!

Recycle

**REPUBLIC SERVICES And ST. LOUIS -
JEFFERSON COUNTY SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

*(excerpts from letter to cities dated 8-20-18 from St
Louis and Jefferson County as well as letter from
Republic Services dated September 4, 2018)*

This information is being passed on to our residents to provide information and to let you know what is being done in the region to address a potential service disruption. *Recycling is not going away*, but this is a period of big change in the global recycling industry.

For a number of years, China provided an eager market for single-stream materials but that began to change as China implemented tougher environmental policies to deal with their pollution problems. For recyclables, this set contamination standards from 10% to .5% and took effect very shortly after they were announced. A long-standing market for a large percentage of single-stream recycling disappeared essentially overnight. The loss of the China market has contributed to one of this region's major recycling processors, Resource Management, announcing a halt to accepting residential single-stream recyclables after October 31st. As a result, Republic Services will have to purchase a new facility, install Single Stream lines and try to reach the 99.5% efficiencies.

Help is requested (and required) by residents to make this work. It is costing about \$98 to process a ton of recycling and the material is selling for \$20 a ton and that fluctuates weekly. As you see, it would be easier to put it in a landfill, but that is not the right thing to do.

**Following are revised guidelines of the
“Dirty Dozen”:**

1. NO Plastic Bags

Plastic bags are the worst contaminant in the recycling container. Plastic bags can be recycled at various locations if they are clean, dry and empty, such as the grocery store or Wal-Mart.

2. NO Materials in Plastic Bags

Workers have to slow the conveyor belts to rip open bags that contain recyclables.

3. NO Shredded Paper and Other Small Items

Shredded paper and other small items often become litter before reaching the recycling center. Once there, they fall through the cracks of sorting machines and stick to belts and contaminate properly sorted material.

4. NO Scrap Metal

Scrap metal such as steel, brass, iron and aluminum cause excessive damage to recycling equipment. Take scrap metal to a scrap metal dealer or recycling center.

5. NO Hazardous Household Materials

Paint, automotive fluids, household cleaners and the like must be disposed of properly.

6. NO Flattened Bottles or Cans

For instance, soda cans must be pitched in without flattening them.

7. NO Non-recyclable Plastics

Loose plastic lids, Styrofoam and other plastic may not be recyclable.

8. NO Caps/Lids on Glass Bottles or Jars

Metal lids can be removed and recycled loose in the bin or card. Throw away plastic lids and caps from glass bottles and jars.

9. NO Liquids or Food

When bottles are compacted for shipping, liquids drip and splatter, creating a sticky, smelly mess. Empty and quickly rinse all containers before recycling.

10. NO Non-recyclable Glass

Glassware, ceramics, Pyrex baking dishes, light bulbs, fluorescent lamps, window glass and mirrors cannot be recycled.

11. NO Rope-like Items

Water hoses, holiday lights, leather belts, etc., should not go in curbside bins or carts. These items wrap around machines.

12. NO Diapers or Bio-Hazardous Waste
such as syringes and needles, diapers and other sanitary products.

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TREE TRIMMING

It's a good time to check on whether or not your property could use tree trimming. In Winchester, property owners with trees along the right-of-way should have branches *no lower than 10'* above the pavement. *Winter, when the trees are dormant*, is the best time to trim. With spring growth following soon after, fresh wounds are exposed for the shortest time. It is good to remove the lowest branches that interfere with streets or routine yard maintenance. Try to maintain a trunk without branches for the first 10-15 feet. Remember to keep those shrubs and hedges in the front yard trimmed so they do not encroach into the right-of-way and block the view of traffic. Any limbs should be bundled in sections *no longer than four feet* and put at the curb for yard waste pickup.



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.

Please help - - -

Donate \$\$\$ or



Please keep in mind that the holidays are fast approaching. Hard times seem magnified to those people who have lost their jobs or are in a bad way financially. Local *food pantries and churches* are calling for help. Many folks in our area are actually in need of food. The need for both cash donations and food are high.

Please give generously

ST. LOUIS COUNTY- AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The City has received a request to put this article in the newsletter and ask any residents that can to go online and fill out their survey.

The Office of Community Development in the St. Louis County Planning Department recently formed an affordable housing task force consisting of various community stakeholders to develop recommendations on the establishment of an affordable housing trust fund in St. Louis County. A trust fund would ensure a stable funding source to assist those most in need of affordable housing in our area.

To gather input on community needs and priorities related to affordable housing, the task force has created two surveys, one for residents and one for organizations. Please help them reach as many people as possible by going to the website at: www.stlouisco.com/housingtrustfund.

This link will be active until December 12, 2018, which is the survey deadline.

Thank you for your help in meeting the needs of low- and moderate-income residents of St. Louis County.