



WINCHESTER CONNECTION

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CITY OF WINCHESTER - 109 LINDY BLVD., WINCHESTER, MO 63021-5299



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. Applications are accepted throughout the year.

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 information.

CITY MEETING NEWS

In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following action during their April /May 2021 meeting:

ORDINANCE #1103 - An ordinance establishing a municipal tree ordinance for the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri, in part to ensure proper planting and care of trees on public property.

This ordinance covers care and maintenance of public trees as well as private trees. Property owners shall not allow trees or other plants to grow on their property to obstruct or interfere with pedestrians or the view of drivers by creating a hazard.

The ordinance also provides that any tree or limb, on private property determined to have contracted a lethal, communicable disease or insect; to be dead or dying; to obstruct the view of traffic signs or the free passage of pedestrians or vehicles; or that threatens public health, safety, and welfare is declared a nuisance and the City may require its treatment or removal.



City Hall Business Hours
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Monday through Friday

City Officials

Mayor

Gail M. Winham
636/394-6023
Term Expires April, 2025

Board of Alderman WARD I

Joyce Davis
636/391-1988
Term Expires April, 2023

Danielle Luebbert
636/734-8600
Term Expires April, 2022

WARD II

Michael Schmidt
314/706-8169
Term Expires April, 2022

Tony Deluca
314/220-2119
Term Expires April, 2023

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City Calendar

June

- 3 No Trash Service Today
- 4 Holiday trash pickup TODAY
- 6 Food Truck Nights
Food & Music at Reber Park, 4pm-7pm
- 8 Street Sweeping
- 9 Street Sweeping rain date
- 9 City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 FLAG DAY
- 16 FATHER'S DAY
- 30 Ballfield Permits end

July

- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 5 Independence Day Celebrated,
(City Hall Closed)
- 14 City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

August

- 2 Fall Ballfield Permit Begin
(weather permitting)
- 11 City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

September

- 8 City Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

City Meeting News cont.

Resolution #2021-02 April 6, 2021 Election Results: A resolution declaring the results of the General Election held in the City of Winchester on April 6th, 2021.

At the May 12th Board Meeting, the City Administrator/Clerk swore in Gail M. Winham, Mayor for a term of 4 years, Joyce Davis and Tony DeLuca as Aldermen for Wards I and II, respectively, each for two-year terms.

Mayor Gail M. Winham announced the following: Aldermanic responsibilities:

Alderswoman- Joyce Davis
Park & Recreation Liaison
Safety Coordinator

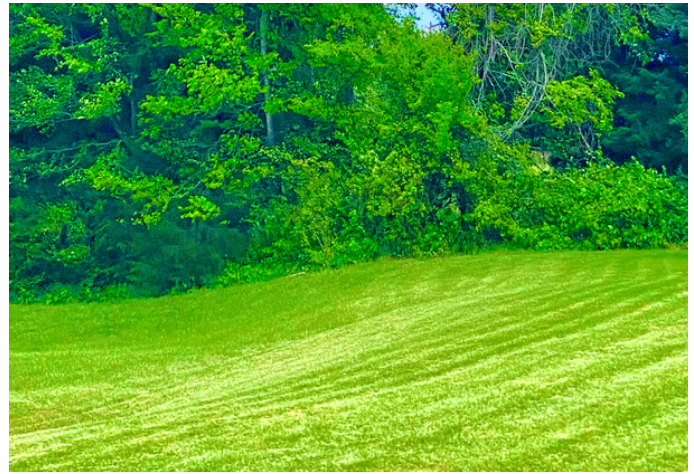
Alderswoman- Danielle Luebbert
Code Enforcement Liaison

Alderman- Tony DeLuca
Street Commissioner

Alderman- Michael Schmidt
Elected by the Board of Aldermen as
President of the Board, & Maintenance
Dept. Liaison.

Mayor Winham- Emergency Management
Director & Recycling Coordinator.

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.



Grass Cycling - "Mulch" Easier than Bagging

A healthy lawn and grass cycling go hand in hand! Do your back and your lawn a favor and kick the bagging habit! Grass clippings are a valuable source of nitrogen-rich organic matter. When mowing, remove no more than one-third of the total plant height so that the clippings are small enough to sift back down into the turf and break down quickly, thus returning valuable nutrients back to the soil.

Using a mulching lawn mower or simply converting your existing mower with a mulching attachment is an easy way to practice grass cycling. Mulching your grass clippings does not cause thatch! Thatch is a layer of living and dead organic matter that occurs between the green matter and the soil surface.

It is actually the tough fibrous part of the grass stem (which takes much longer to decompose) that contributes to thatch buildup. However, clippings are very high in water content and break down rapidly when returned to the lawn after mowing (assuming the lawn is mowed regularly and that no more than one-third of the leaf blade is being removed during mowing).



REBER PARK-

As residents are aware, the City attempts to keep the park clean and safe and hopes that it will be an asset in the lives of both children and adults. During the summer months acts of vandalism are more likely to occur. The City is once again asking for your vigilance, especially those of you living close to the park. If you see any suspicious activities, please report it to the police immediately. The non-emergency phone number is 636-227-2941.



Customer Information brought to you by SPIRE Natural Gas Company.

Spire offers the following advice on how to spot a gas leak and what to do if you suspect a leak.

Smell:

While natural gas is colorless and odorless, a smell of rotten eggs (called Mercaptan) is added so that you can easily identify a potential leak.

Sight:

Look for these signs (especially near pipelines): Dead or discolored vegetation, bubbling water, blowing dust.

Sounds:

An unexplained hissing, whistling or roaring sound.

- Know what to do if you suspect a leak: Immediately evacuate the area, move outside and upwind from the location of the suspected leak, avoid creating a spark by using or turning electronic devices on and off, such as a light switch or cell phone.
- Warn others to get to a safe location then immediately call 800-887-4173 or 911. Never assume someone else will call. Take all of these steps prior to contacting a property management company.

Return only after you've been told the area is secure by Spire personnel.

Guard against carbon monoxide: Carbon monoxide (CO) is a normal by-product of burning fuel sources like gasoline, wood, propane and natural gas. If your appliances are not working properly or are improperly ventilated, there is potential for CO to reach dangerous levels in your home, which can be extremely dangerous and even fatal.

To guard against CO exposure, always have a UL-approved CO detector with an alarm in your home and schedule yearly furnace inspections. Learn more about the symptoms of CO exposure at www.SpireEnergy.com/CO



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 Ballwin Police Dept. at 636-227-9000.



WESTNILE VIRUS Mosquitoes are an all too familiar summer nuisance and pose a potential health threat. Don't be a mosquito breeder!

Mosquitoes arrive as the temperature outside begins to rise. Mosquitoes can only develop in standing water. They lay their eggs, usually in places where water collects (old tires, tin cans, buckets, gutters, etc.).

To reduce the mosquito population around your home, dump standing water such as found in old tires, empty flowerpots, tin cans, bird baths, etc.

Most importantly, keep grass cut and bushes trimmed. For more information about mosquito related issues, contact the St. Louis County Department of Health Vector Control at 314-615-8935 or log on to St. Louis County website at www.stlouisco.com/doh

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.

Recycle, Reuse, Revitalize & Redistribute!

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 wheelchairs, seated walkers, scooters, canes, crutches, walkers, shower chairs, tub transfer benches, grab bars, portable commodes, seating cushions, back supports, nearly every type of device (except oxygen) is accepted. Invacare brand only electric hospital beds are accepted.

The fight to regain physical mobility and independence after a serious illness or injury, or to maintain these freedoms as one ages, can be a challenging experience.



For many, partial recovery means reliance on home medical equipment to help them achieve their fullest potential.

It just makes common sense. It is a win/win for everyone and the environment keeping usable equipment out of landfills and serving those in need in the Greater St. Louis community.

St. Louis HELP is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax deductible. Visit www.stlhelp.org or call 314-240-0796 for additional information.



Food Truck Night

Food trucks have been rising in popularity over the years and we want to bring some of that excitement to our community!

We will have food trucks giving people a variety of options for purchase. All the food trucks that participate are local and small business owned. We will have live entertainment from the School of Rock "house band".

The idea behind the event is to get our community together giving our residents a chance to get out and enjoy our park and each other.

Please feel free in to invite family members and friends. Bring your lawn chairs and coolers (no glass please) and enjoy some tasty food and music at our beautiful Reber Park.

Dates are June 6, and July 11 from 4-7pm.

Check the City's Facebook page (City of Winchester, Mo) and website, www.city.winchester.mo.us for updates.





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)



BALLWIN POLICE
DEPARTMENT



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:

Install good deadbolt locks and use them. Use timers to turn lights on and off in a normal schedule when away from home. Adequately secure all windows with secondary locking devices. Lock any non-attached structures to ward off theft. Leave exterior lights on at night.

Do not advertise that you are away from home. Record serial numbers and maintain a record of your property in a safe place, preferably other than your home.

Call Ballwin Police Dispatch at 636-227-2941 to report burglaries, thefts, vandalism, prowlers or suspicious activities. Use 911 for all emergencies.

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. SEWERS/CATCH BASINS

The City requests your cooperation in helping to maintain our sewers and catch basins as well as our streets. Please dispose of waste correctly. Improper disposal of any waste in the sewers and catch basins can cause unnecessary damage and expensive repairs. Being watchful in keeping grass clippings, pine cones, sweet gum balls, mud, leaves or other debris on the streets from entering the sewer/catch basins will help to save your tax dollars.

Also, residue from the washing, repairing, or changing lubricants and other fluids in your motor vehicles should not be left in any roadway within the city. Please dispose of debris properly. Municipal Code Sections 210.680, 210.690 and 340.220





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Keep Fats, Oils, & Grease Out of Your Drain

WHAT IS FOG?

FOG stands for fats, oils, and grease. FOG is found in common foods and food ingredients such as meat, fish, butter, cooking oil, gravy, sauces, mayonnaise, and food scraps. There are also “hidden oils,” such as salad dressing, syrup, batter, and cheese.

HOW DOES FOG AFFECT ME?

When FOG is poured down the drain, it sticks to the inside of sewer pipes and restricts the wastewater flow, eventually causing a blockage. Blockages cause costly repairs and cleanup for you or even neighbors downstream. It also can cause sewer overflows that damage the system and pollute our waterways.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Wipe visible FOG and food scraps from plates, pots, and utensils into the trash for disposal.

Never pour FOG down your sink drain, garbage disposal, or the sewer system. Pour cooled FOG into a container such as empty pet food, vegetable, or coffee can. Allow material to cool and solidify. Remove the lid and place the can in the trash when full.

COOL IT, CAN IT, & TRASH IT. Remove the lid and reuse it.



FOG should go in a can



Once cooled, into the trash



Never down the drain.

