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City Calendar

NOVEMBER

3 Election Day
11 Veteran's Day - City Hall open
11 City Meeting, 7:30 PM
26 Thanksgiving Holiday - City Hall closed
27 Thanksgiving Holiday - City Hall closed

DECEMBER

1 Street Sweeping
2 Street Sweeping Rain Date
9 City Meeting, 7:30 PM
24 Christmas Holiday - City Hall closed
25 Christmas Holiday - City Hall closed

STREET SWEEPING
DEC. 1, 2026
WEATHER PERMITTING

RAIN DATE
DEC. 2, 2026

PLEASE REMEMBER, NO PARKING ON CITY STREETS ON DAY OF SWEEPING

WINCHESTER CITY NEWS

In service to our community, your Board of Aldermen took the following actions during their recent meetings:

Ordinance No. 1,153 approved the bid of the Bank of Franklin County for the City of Winchester's Banking Services. The agreement provides for a term of four (4) years, with an option for an additional two (2) years.

Ordinance No. 1,154, the Board of Aldermen approved the bid of Kelpe Contracting, Inc. for the snow removal on the streets in the City. This contract is for a period of five (5) years.

Ordinance No. 1,155, the Board of Aldermen approved the bid of Kelpe Contracting, Inc. for the street and sewer maintenance and construction in the City of Winchester. This contract is also for a period of five (5) years.

Ordinance No. 1,156 approved a contract extension for a period of five (5) years with Republic Services. This agreement began October 1, 2026. Updated information was emailed to residents and also posted on the City's Facebook page.

Ordinance No. 1,157 dealing with Short-Term Rentals within the City of Winchester was adopted. "Short-term rentals are defined as a dwelling or dwelling unit where living accommodations are offered by a permanent resident to the public for rent, lease or hire, such as a bed-and-breakfast or vacation home, for temporary or transient guests for a period of less than 31 days." The Board has agreed that short-term rentals are not permitted in the "R" Single-Family Residential District.

Ordinance No. 1,158 was passed by the Board declaring that ***maintaining*** vegetable and flower gardens within the city limits is necessary in order to preserve the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Winchester. This ordinance states that "Managed stands of native plants, ornamental grasses or shrubs and cultivated agricultural crops, vegetable gardens or flower gardens are permitted provided they are maintained free of turf weeds and grasses, nuisance plants, volunteer trees, invasive plants and noxious weeds, are kept at least four (4) feet from a property line, and do not impair sight distance or constitute a hurt, injury, inconvenience or danger to the health, safety or welfare of the public or residents and occupants in the immediate vicinity. Such managed gardens are permitted to be exceeding seven (7) inches in height."

CITY OF WINCHESTER
NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CANDIDATE FILING
APRIL 6, 2027, MUNICIPAL ELECTION

A Municipal Election will be held for the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 6, 2027, to elect one Alderman from Ward I and one Alderman from Ward II, each to serve a two-year term.

Declaration for said offices must be received by the City Clerk, Monday thru Friday, normal business hours. Residents wishing to file for candidacy must do so in the City Hall beginning at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, December 15, 2026, through 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 5, 2027.

After December 15, 2026, Winchester City Hall will be open 9:00 AM-4:00 PM for filing, with the exception of December 24th and 25th when City Hall will be closed for the holiday. Extended hours until 5:00 PM will be offered on the closing day. City Hall is located at 109 Lindy Blvd.; Winchester, MO 63021.

Qualifications for Alderman include being at least twenty-one (21) years of age, a citizen of the United States, an inhabitant and resident of the City for at least one (1) year preceding the election and a current resident of the ward from which he/she is elected.

For any additional information regarding filing procedures and requirements, candidate eligibility or with any other questions, please contact the City Administrator/Clerk, Barbara Beckett, at (636)391-0600.



PARKING IN WINCHESTER

Some of the streets in Winchester are narrow, and parking can be a challenge. That said, there are ordinances to make it go more smoothly. These ordinances are also in place to make navigating the streets of Winchester easier for emergency vehicles. Following is a review of these ordinances.

Chief Bergfeld of the Ballwin PD reminds Winchester residents and their guests that when parking on the street, all vehicles must be parked with the right-hand wheels within 12 inches of the right-hand curb, going with the flow of traffic. Vehicles should not be parked in such a way as to be blocking a sidewalk or crosswalk. Additionally, vehicles may not be parked in the same place on the street for longer than 24 hours.

Other ordinances affecting parking include not parking within an intersection or within 20 feet of an intersection and not within eight (8) feet of a mailbox or within 15 feet of a fire hydrant. Not only is it prohibited to park in front of a private or public driveway, but it's discourteous and inconsiderate as well. Also keep in mind that it is prohibited to park within 30 feet of a stop sign. Furthermore, a person may not stop, stand or park alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when doing so would impede the flow of traffic. Be conscious of all "NO PARKING" signs and avoid a ticket. There is no parking on unimproved surfaces, meaning that vehicles may not be parked in the grass.

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Winter brings its own set of problems when it snows, and residents are reminded that on-street parking is limited to specific guidelines during a snow emergency. A snow emergency goes into effect when there is an accumulation of two (2) or more inches of snow/ice on the street. Under a snow emergency, cars parked on the street and not in compliance with this section of code may be ticketed. This policy allows for the snow removal crews to have adequate room for removing the snow and putting the salt/calcium chloride down on the roadways. Parking during a snow emergency is as follows:

No parking on the south side of street east of Lindy Blvd. on Ballwin Ave. from Lindy Blvd. to Chamberlin Dr.

No parking west of Lindy Blvd. on:
Ballwin Ave., south side
Fairview Ct., east side
Hillcrest Blvd., south side
James Ct., south side
Lindy Blvd., south of Hillcrest Blvd., east side
St. Lawrence Dr., north side
Solley Dr., west side
Roland Ave., north side
Evergreen Ct., north side

No parking on north side of street east of Lindy Blvd. on Ballwin Ave. from Chamberlin Rd. to Sulphur Spring Rd.
Hillcrest Blvd.
Lakeside Dr.
Orchard Ave.
St. Lawrence Dr.
west side of Chamberlin Dr.
west side of Rosedale Terr.
Roland Ave.

If there is snow in the forecast, the best thing to do is to follow the snow emergency parking regardless of the amount of snow forecast.

Keep in mind that part of being a good neighbor includes being courteous and considerate when it comes to parking on the streets of Winchester.



GRANT'S FARM

Grant's Farm is more than just a family attraction - it's an historic and quirky destination with a rich backstory and unique traditions. The property was once part of the White Haven estate where Civil War General and future President Ulysses S. Grant built a log cabin in 1855, calling it "Hardscrabble" for its unattractive appearance (in 1907, the cabin was moved about a mile south from its original location to make way for the German-style Bauernhof).

Owned by the Busch family - founders of Anheuser-Busch - since 1903, Grant's Farm is now a blend of wildlife preserve and family estate. The farm is home to over 900 animals from around the world, as well as the iconic Clydesdales. Featuring scenic tram tours and animal encounters, Grant's Farm teaches about animal care, conservation and the history of the land.

During the winter holidays, the farm transforms into a winter wonderland with millions of lights, festive music and holiday treats, including a breakfast buffet with Santa and Mrs. Claus. In the summer months - Memorial Day through Labor Day - Grant's Farm hosts "Summer Nights" with a spectacular extended drone light show, live music and food.

Entry is free, but parking costs about $16, with a "fun pass" around $10 for extra activities like feeding animals and rides. For more information, go to *https://grantsfarm.com.*

WINTERFEST AT KIENER PLAZA

Winterfest at Kiener Plaza, a seven-week winter celebration in downtown St. Louis, kicks off with the Winterfest 5K on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2026, plus a one-mile Fun Run/Walk.

Hosted by the Gateway Arch Park Foundation and presented by Bank of America and World Wide Technology, Winterfest transforms Kiener Plaza into a festive winter wonderland under the Gateway Arch. Set under 100,000 twinkling lights, the season includes ice skating on the Winterfest rink (skate rentals available) and heated igloos for cozy gatherings. There are s'mores stations and seasonal food and drinks. Enjoy live music, DJ nights and movie screenings on select Sundays, and kids ages 3-15 skate free on Fridays. Princesses and Superheroes put in appearances throughout the season, and New Year's Eve is celebrated with fireworks.

Winterfest runs Nov. 21, 2026-Jan. 3, 2027. Hours are Thursdays and Fridays, 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM and Saturdays and Sundays 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Tips for enjoying Winterfest: arrive early on opening day (Nov. 22, 2026) to enjoy free ice skating, book private heated igloos for groups, check the schedule for specific character visits and movies and sign up for InterPark Express for parking perks. Skate rentals, heated igloos and s'mores stations require tickets. For more information, go to *archpark.org/events/Winterfest.*

KEEP FOG OUT OF YOUR DRAIN

This article runs every year as a reminder that with all of the extra cooking done during the holidays, pay special attention to FOG. FOG stands for fats, oil 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. 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 can cause sewer overflows that damage the system and pollute our waterways.

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 an empty pet food, vegetable or coffee can. Allow material to cool and solidify. Place the can in the trash when full. COOL IT, CAN IT, TRASH IT.



HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

The Thanksgiving holiday, Thursday, November 26th, will change your regularly scheduled trash pickup to Friday, November 27th. Christmas and New Year's will be unaffected.



REBER PARK BASEBALL FIELDS RESERVATIONS

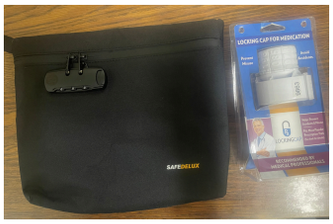
The two (2) baseball fields in Reber Park are available for organized youth league team practice from April 1, 2027-June 30, 2027. Reservations are taken at City Hall beginning at 9:00 AM on the first working day after New Year's Day. Walk-in applications will be accepted for field selections and time slots on a first come, first served basis. You will know your field and time before leaving City Hall. A non-refundable fee of $50 is due at the time of the reservation. Things to know:

- each field permit is for up to two (2) hours on a designated day and time slot: Mon.-Fri. 4-6 PM or 6-8 PM, Sat. 8-10 AM or 10 AM-noon
- field availability is based on weather and field conditions
- a rain-out phone number will be provided to applicants



CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Republic Services will dispose of your Christmas tree at no additional cost to you. Your tree will be picked up on your usual yard waste collection day during the month of January. Trees over six (6) feet must be cut in half. Be sure to remove ALL decorations.



SAFE STORAGE STARTS AT HOME

Protect your family and prevent accidents. Unsecured medications, cannabis and vapes can pose serious risks to children and teens. Safe Storage Kits make it easy to take the first step toward safety. Keep medications, cannibas and vapes secure with a SafeDelux storage bag. Offered free by the Alliance for Healthy Communities, the bag is equipped with a combination lock that allows you to secure products easily and safely.

The Alliance for Healthy Communities is a coalition of community and school partners working together to reduce the rates of underage drinking, marijuana use and suicide risk among youth. Working within the footprint of Parkway School District's eight (8) municipalities, their mission is to engage the community to reduce substance abuse and risks for suicide by raising awareness and changing community norms.

The SafeDelux bag is available at City Hall free of charge. Also available free of charge are combination-locking caps for medicine bottles. If you are interested in obtaining a SafeDelux bag and/or a locking medicine bottle cap, come by City Hall during regular business hours (9 AM-4 PM, Mon.-Fri.). Quantities are limited, so be sure to come by early to get yours.



GRANT FUNDING FROM THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

The City of Winchester has received a TRIM Grant in the amount of $17,220.75 from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) for the removal of dead and diseased trees, mulching of trees and new trees for planting in Reber Park.

The work will begin in October/November, 2026. Nine (9) trees and stumps will be removed, and 18 new trees will be planted. The new trees are provided by Forest Releaf and are a variety including: Eastern Red Bud, Downy Serviceberry, Black Cherry, Tulip Trees, Vernal Withchazel, Nuttall Oak, Paw Paw, Sycamore, River Birch, and Spice Bushes.

PART-TIME OPPORTUNITY

Grounds & Facility Maintenance. Part-time position with flexible number of hours during the week and some weekend hours during the summer. Duties include: ballfield maintenance; cleaning and repair of facilities; grass cutting and trimming; tree trimming; some planting and horticultural duties; litter and trash removal; etc. Please send resume or apply in person:

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