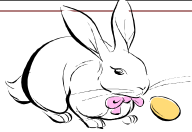
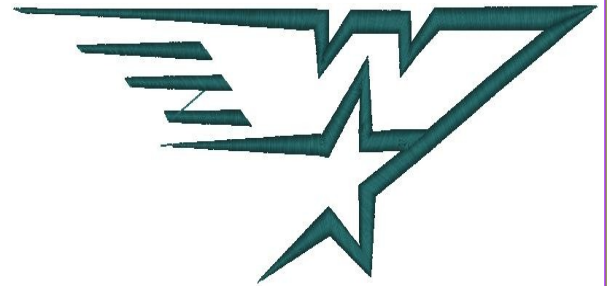


# City of Winfield Newsletter Newsletter



## NEW COMMUNITY CENTER

We are very pleased to inform you that the renovation of our old Police Station at 21 Second Street has been completed and it has been converted into a new Community Center for Winfield. The City, through the Building Commission, has spent approximately \$ 70,000 on renovations by installing new windows on the front and rear of the building, revamping the foyer, remodeling the kitchen and restrooms, making them handicapped accessible, and installing new flooring and lighting, along with artwork. We also purchased ten new round tables which will allow seating for 94–100 people. Currently, we are working on setting a date for an Open House/Dedication for the Community Center which would allow our citizens to come and tour their beautiful new Community Center. Please plan to come and enjoy your new Community Center —refreshments will be served!

### COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL

MONDAY - THURSDAY \$ 100.00/day  
(Out-of-town residents \$150/day)  
FRIDAY, SAT & SUN \$ 200.00/day  
(Out-of-town residents \$250/day)

PLUS a \$ 250 Refundable Security Deposit which includes a \$ 100 cleaning fee; if there are no damages to the Center and if cleaning is completed to our satisfaction, it is refunded.

### **501C3 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS:**

Rental is free, but they must pay a \$100 cleaning deposit, and they need to provide their 501C3 Certificate.

**ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO USE IN THE CENTER! TO RESERVE THE CENTER, PLEASE**



## NEW CITY PARK/BOAT RAMP

As we reported in our last newsletter, Mayor Barrett had been working with the Department of Natural Resources on a 100% grant that would fund a park with a boat ramp. We previously stated that the DNR would have this project up and running in 2015; but now we have been told by the DNR that they are experiencing problems with another project, and it will be 2016 before they can begin our project. They have purchased four pieces of property on Garfield, Walters and Bridge Streets, which will allow ample parking. Visitors will access the boat ramp from Garfield Street, which is going to be widened as part of this project. With the city's new community center in the middle, the boat ramp to the west and the city's

proposed **ADDITIONAL PARK GRANTS** will make a huge improvement to the entire city and promote tourism in the area of the new community center. The latest grant is for \$160,000, which is a 50/50 grant, and the City has already budgeted half the amount for a match. We are planning on installing playground equipment, shelters, restrooms and a basketball court, just to name a few additions to the Park.

**A NEW GATHERING PLACE FOR SENIORS**

After years of moving from one place to another, Winfield Senior Citizens have at last found a home. The Seniors meet every 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the beautiful new Winfield Community/Senior Citizens Center at the end of Garfield Street. The Seniors would like to invite anyone 55 years of age or older to join them and the invitation is extended to those outside city limits. Donations are appreciated to help pay for special celebrations and everyone brings a covered dish or dessert. Entertainment, games and or special speakers are part of the program. Our next big event is a Hawaiian Luau on April 10 at 5 p.m. with entertainment from an authentic Hawaiian Dance Troop. For answers to questions, call Helen at 304-586-3002 or Betty at 304-755-9857.

### ANNEXATION

**From Mayor Barrett:**

Winfield’s petition should be in front of the County Commission sometime in April and we are hoping they have the public hearing on a Thursday evening in May. Growing our city is the responsibility of the Mayor and City Council. This will help all of our community by working and growing together. Businesses within our current city limits are doing quite well, and I think the little extra that the annexed businesses will pay will not harm them, especially since the taxes are passed on to the consumer anyway. Just one of the things we would like to see is sidewalks completed down to Route 34; bringing our community closer together with easier access to those businesses. The city has grown a lot in the last four years and with more people working together, we can keep the city’s infrastructure updated. People are moving into Winfield because of our growing community and our three Blue Ribbon Schools. We will try to get the date of the public hearing out to our citizens so that your voice can be heard. When every person and business works together, we all can make this a stronger community. f

### MORE THOUGHTS ON WINFIELD ANNEXATION

Ever since the late 1990’s, Winfield has been trying to annex along Route 817 in order for the city to be able to grow. The population has increased dramatically to 2,331, and there is a very limited amount of land within city limits for families to build. The city advertised, held public hearings and a committee of volunteer citizens worked on the city’s 20-year Comprehensive Plan in 2010, and one of their main goals for the city was annexation. In order for the city to continue to grow and be a viable 21st century community with available lands for housing and business, we need to annex additional property into the city for development. f

### PUTNAM COUNTY HOMECOMING

We are very pleased to report that the city became a partner with the Lions Club last year to help grow the Homecoming. The event was a big success last year due to a lot of work from Winfield residents on the Homecoming Committee. The Lions Club asked the City committee to take the lead on this years Homecoming, which we gladly accepted. We have met numerous times and have already had a local school design a new logo for the Homecoming. The schedule isn’t near completion at this time, but we will have food and craft vendors all weekend, a distance run and bands on Saturday. The parade will be on Sunday afternoon starting at 1 p.m. The dates for this years Homecoming is September 12th and 13th.

### SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY RECYCLING DAY—MAY 9TH PUTNAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE

On May 9, 2015 the Putnam Solid Waste Authority will hold a Recycling Day in the parking lot behind the Court-house from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will be collecting tires, rims, electronics, tv’s, computers, any scrap metal and appliances.

*For more information, please contact the Putnam County Solid Waste Authority at 586-0495.*



### WINFIELD SPRING CLEAN-UP !!!

**Spring Clean-up for City residents has been scheduled for the following dates:**

**May 16th 9 a.m. — 6 p.m. & May 17th 1:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.**



**The City of Winfield has arranged for Waste Management to place 7 dumpsters at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for your unwanted items. Also, we will have two dumpsters from R J Recycling for your unwanted metal. We can accept anything metal; grills, swing sets, old windows, etc. No refrigerators, freezers, propane tanks or anything containing Freon can be accepted. Also, we will not be accepting tires this year. There will be no charge for City residents; however, you must bring a copy of your sewer bill showing your physical address for proof of residency and present it to the Police Officer on duty. This clean-up is for city residents only - no commercial or contractor’s trash will be accepted!!**

**We cannot accept: trees, limbs or brush, radioactive or asbestos material, batteries, paint (unless dried up in the can), white goods containing Freon, propane tanks, volatile, corrosive, flammable, explosive, biomedical, infectious, bio-hazardous, regulated medical waste or toxic substance or material defined by or listed under federal, state or local laws or regulations.**

**NEW WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT ..... from the desk of Mayor Barrett**

As you know by now after receiving our rate increase Tariff Notice, we are moving forward to build a new wastewater treatment plant. The five members of City Council, along with the three members of the Sanitary Board, (myself included) really didn't want to do this, but we had no choice. The city has received another Consent Order from the WV Department of Environmental Protection with fines attached, if we fail to take action. The wastewater plant's ammonia limit (set by the WV DEP) has been out of compliance for over a decade; with less than five months a year that we are in compliance, and the remainder of the year we are not. Upgrades in the past fixed some problems, but never the ammonia. The holding ponds that the city has now are old technology and weren't built to accommodate the growth that the city has experienced in the last twenty years.

I have been questioned by some residents as to why the city has purchased a new Municipal Building, a new Community Center and are planning a new city park when we are in need of funds for a new wastewater plant. Per requirements set by the WV State Auditor's Office, the city's Sanitary sewer system is funded by the Winfield Sanitary Board, and the funds must be kept completely separate from any monies the city receives in the General Fund, such as property taxes or B&O monies. When you pay your sewer bill, that money goes towards operating and maintaining the city's complete sewer system, which also includes bonds that were issued for sanitary sewer upgrades dating back to the late 1980's.

The loan that the WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council has approved for our new wastewater treatment plant does not include any grants. Since the grant process determines the rate increase based on average median household income, and Winfield's median household income is about \$ 63,000, the minimum sanitary bill with grants would have been \$20 higher than the new rate that is going into place.

We have done everything possible to make this project as cost effective and to keep rates as low as we can, but unfortunately we still have to raise our sewer rates, and no one is happy about that, including us. I hope this has answered a few of your concerns, and I understand and empathize with those residents that are on a fixed income and are already struggling, but again, we really had no choice but to increase rates. Afterwards, students will be selling lemonade and other goodies from 10 a.m.— 2 p.m. in the IGA parking lot. Even if you are unable to run, please stop by and get a tasty treat and support our community. If you would like to register for the race, please go to [Tristateracer.com](http://Tristateracer.com) or stop by Winfield Elementary to get a registration form. The registration fee is \$ 15.00—please be sure to register by April 22nd

WINFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLER AID DAY FUN 5K RUN/WALK MAY 2ND



**DICK GREEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 5K WALK/RUN APRIL 25, 2015 - 9 a.m.**

The Dick Green 5K Walk/Run will start at Winfield High School and continue down Route 817 towards Friendship Way (the neighborhood behind Speedway), turn on to Radwin Drive then on to Lisa Circle and exit back to Route 817 on Radwin. For registration information and full details of the race and the legacy of Dick Green, go to [Tristateracer.com](http://Tristateracer.com).

**Check out our new website at [cityofwinfield.net](http://cityofwinfield.net)**

Last November, the City Council approved to hire a local contractor to redesign and host the City's website. The sight has a completely different look to it, but still has the all the newest updates from the city. By the time you receive this, we should have the link up so that you can add the new "Winfield App" to your smart phone. If there should be an emergency, water issue or a special event is taking place, we will be able to get this information out to our residents quickly and safely. This is just another way we are trying to keep Winfield informed. f



"What fits your busy schedule better, exercising one hour a day or being dead 24 hours a day?"