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## Winter storm hits Winchester

By **MATT CIZEK**  
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A nationwide winter storm hit during the last full weekend of January, causing disruptions and changes throughout Winchester and Clark County.

Not only was upwards of 12 inches expected to fall, with effects including cars getting stuck on roads and more, but - as of Saturday afternoon - an ice storm warning from the National Weather Service for areas in and around central Kentucky continued.

Throughout the area, much activity ensued.

Perhaps most notably, a state of emergency, declared across the Commonwealth by Governor Andy Beshear on Friday, was also declared locally.

A post on the City of Winchester, KY Community Information's Facebook page clarified and also announced the temporary closing of City Hall.

"Because of the forecast of severe winter weather, Winchester Mayor JoEllen Reed, in coordination with



Looking down Lexington Avenue, one can see the impact of the winter storm that Winchester during the last full week of January in 2026.

Clark County Judge-Executive Les Yates, has issued a State of Emergency locally.

With snow, ice, and extreme cold temperatures expected,

City Hall will be closed Monday, January (27).

We will share updates regarding future operating hours here as conditions

develop.

Please take precautions, stay safe, and stay warm."

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First reading of zoning change request approved

*Winchester City Commission Wrap-Up*

*The following is courtesy of the Winchester City Commission Wrap-Up of the Tuesday, January 20 meetings. The next Winchester Board of Commissioners meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, is likely to feature the second reading of the Bypass/Colby Road zoning change request.*

The Winchester Board of Commissioners approved the first reading of an ordinance to rezone approximately 30 acres at the corner of Bypass and Colby roads from Professional Office (P-1) to General Business (B-4).

The property, currently owned by The Greater Clark Foundation and used as a walking trail, could allow future uses such as grocery stores, restaurants, hotels, pharmacies, or a small shopping center.

The rezoning was unanimously recommended by the Planning Commission at its Dec. 9 meeting, which included a public hearing. Prior to Tuesday's vote, commissioners reviewed Planning Commission minutes, a formal recommendation, staff reports, a draft ordinance, and public comment documentation.

Mayor JoEllen Reed addressed community questions, noting an 80-page traffic study found the roadway would remain serviceable through 2037 with right-turn lanes recommended.

She also said development could generate new property tax revenue, estimating approximately \$61,500 for the city, \$40,000 for the county, \$334,000 for Clark County

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## Widow addresses first responders on mental health

By **MATT CIZEK**  
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First responders and others from the community were welcomed at Bluegrass Community and Technical College on Tuesday, January 20, to hear from a widow about the importance of mental health for those in public service.

Many, including city and county staff and local agencies, took advantage of the opportunity.

The following post is courtesy of the Winchester Fire Department's Facebook page.

"Today, Winchester Fire-EMS

hosted Jo Terry, wife of the late Alan "Chip" Terry and founder of The Chip Terry Fund, which provides trainings and resources related to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) among first responders.

Jo gave a presentation to a captive audience of local first responders, their loved ones and City of Winchester leadership focused on the scientific background of PTSD, warning signs, impacts, and resources for first responders.

Jo was invited to speak by Winchester Fire-EMS Chief Chris Whiteley, who had previously heard the presentation

at a fire leadership seminar, and left changed by her message.

During the nearly 2-hour session, Jo shared 'Trauma and its Effect on First Responders and their Family: The Chip Terry Story.'

Chip Terry served the City of Covington, Kentucky, as a firefighter for nearly 30 years. He was also a husband and a father to six children, a brother, a son and a coach.

Chip struggled for many years with undiagnosed PTSD, which also resulted in alcohol substance abuse disorder. Despite his efforts to find treatment for what he suspected

was PTSD, Chip ultimately died by suicide in 2017.

In the aftermath of his death, Chip's family remains 'on a mission to help other families avoid the loss of their loved one, who has devoted his/her life to serving others.'

Jo shared how frequent trauma and exposure to crisis situations experienced by first responders actually causes physiological changes to their brain, which mimic a brain injury. These changes result in a variety of symptoms, including sleeplessness, fatigue, and

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