



City of Westwood, Kansas Newsletter

January through March 2013

4700 Rainbow Blvd, Westwood

www.westwoodks.org

A Message From the Mayor

An old Japanese proverb stated “One kind word can warm three winter months”. Winter is here but opportunity and hope continues to warm Westwood throughout. It’s an exciting time in Westwood.

THANK YOU: January marks nine months as your Mayor. It has been an eye-opening experience for me. The time has flown by even with occasional surprise roadblocks. Westwood is fast becoming the pride of Northeast Johnson County. Were it not for the dedication of staff (new & old), volunteer committee members and supportive residents, the opportunities would seem unattainable. Thanks to you all for making Westwood the best place to live and work.

Woodside Development Update: Final Site plans for Phase I of the Woodside Village were approved by both the Planning Commission and City Council in January. Final amendments to the Woodside Club renovations were also approved. Both will be entering the permitting phase at City Hall.

Westwood View Update (WWV): The City continues to work with the SMSD Superintendent, board members and surrounding Cities to keep WWV sustainable. In 2010 your Council approved a resolution supporting WWV. At the end of 2012 a similar resolution supporting WWV was passed by Fairway City Council and in 2013 Mission Woods, Mission Hills and Westwood Hills have passed resolutions supporting WWV. The work continues to protect that which means most to the success of Westwood.

Walmart Neighborhood Market: Walmart Neighborhood Market plans are before the Building Official to obtain permits and begin improvements to the former Apple Market. Walmart estimates construction to begin in four to six weeks and last 9-12 months.

Town & Country: Town & Country is now providing trash/yard waste/recycling services. This is a cost-reducing change without sacrificing service. If you have questions call City Hall anytime!

Google Fiber: Google Fiber estimates that it will be working toward a “Fiberhood” rally effort for Westwood in the second half of 2013. They are learning from the KCK/KCMO experience and anticipate ours to go even more efficiently.

Westwood Foundation Scholarships: The Westwood Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications. Two scholarships will be awarded this year. Details are on the website <http://www.westwoodks.org/>. All eligible Westwood residents are invited to apply, so check it out and apply NOW!

Public Safety Concerns: Due to several burglaries, Westwood Police are stepping up patrols and asking residents for help. We have extra unmarked patrols from the County Sheriff’s office as well as neighboring Cities. For your own protection, Police advise that you do not attempt to confront any suspicious individuals on your own. Let the public safety professionals handle the situation. Stay in touch with neighbors. Please report any suspicious activity, persons or vehicles immediately. DON’T WAIT, Call 911.

Building Official/Codes Enforcement: Since the departure of our building official last summer, Fred Sherman our City Clerk has been fulfilling that role. Now that projects are beginning to add up, we need devoted resources to fulfill the role and are conducting interviews. We intend to dramatically improve the Building Official role so stay tuned.

As always, I am honored to serve you.

Woodside Village Update

Article by Fred Sherman, City Clerk

Both the Westwood Planning Commission and the City Council approved two separate agenda items for the Woodside Village development project this past month. The preliminary plan for the entire Woodside Village project was approved by the Westwood City Council on October 13, 2011 along with the rezoning of the property for mixed land uses.

Woodside Village North

The first item considered at the January 10, 2013 Planning Commission meeting was the final site plan for Woodside Village North, which is the first phase of development on the Youth Front property at 4715 Rainbow Boulevard, or the northeast corner of 47th Place and Rainbow Boulevard. The submitted site plan identifies all the improvements that are being proposed for phase 1 of the Woodside Village mixed use development project. This phase of the development includes a total of 170,000 square feet of new building area, which contains 91 new residential units, 13,000 square feet of new retail commercial space, and a deck parking structure with over 200 parking spaces. The retail area will include a new GreenAcres Market store, as well as space for a coffee shop and other retail / restaurant space opportunities.

GreenAcres Market

The anchor retail tenant for this first phase will be a new GreenAcres Market store. Founded in Wichita in 1994, GreenAcres Market promotes a healthy lifestyle and eating ideas. This included a six year, nationally syndicated radio talk show, Health Talk with Shannon and Matt, cutting edge advertising programs that have achieved national recognition and seminars featuring the brightest and best from the natural foods industry. Shopping at GreenAcres Market will be a pleasant and unique event. GreenAcres

stores typically provide food samples to let individuals try things that they might not be familiar with and the deli/café cases are filled with freshly prepared foods to enjoy at the store or to take home for eating later. The colorful produce department will tempt everyone to eat all the colors of the rainbow.

GreenAcres Market stores offer regular in-store classes designed to help everyone make healthy choices and major seminars from nationally recognized speakers offer opportunities to learn from wellness experts. All this to motivate and support individuals to lead a healthier life! Visit www.greenacres.com for more information.

Woodside Health & Racquet Club Expansion

The second Woodside Village development project agenda item considered this past month by the Planning Commission and City Council was the site plan for the 43,000+ square foot Woodside Health & Racquet Club building expansion. The approved site plan identifies the improvements that are being proposed for the Woodside Village Health and Racquet Club area, just east of the Woodside Village North property. The planned improvements include new exercise and yoga rooms, new locker room areas, additional gym space, and a new indoor lap swimming pool all within a new building addition to be constructed at the northwest corner of the existing building. The redevelopment of the site calls for the construction of a new underground parking structure, with up to eight tennis courts above the parking area. Four of the tennis court areas will be within a new tennis pavilion building, and four courts will be open air courts. The improvements and renovation of the outdoor pools, which were approved by council in August of 2012, are currently under construction and are anticipated to be completed by the start of the 2013 swim season.

An Important Reminder about Snow Removal in Westwood

A message from John Sullivan, Public Works Director

If the storm starts out with light accumulations, we apply salt and/or sand to the primary routes and hills, curves, and approximately 60 feet from intersections. With an accumulation of about two inches of snow, we begin plowing, concentrating on the primary routes until the snow fall has stopped or the accumulation reaches six inches. If snow has reached six inches and is still falling, we plow two passes down each secondary route. Once the snow has ended, we plow primary routes* once more and plow the secondary routes full width. At that time we will treat the streets with de-icing or traction materials as needed.

**Primary routes are: Belinder Road, Mission Road, Rainbow Boulevard, State Line Road, 47th Place, 47th Street, 50th Street, and 51st Terrace. All other streets are defined as secondary routes.*

A message From Carlos E. Wells, Chief of Police

Most Westwood streets are very narrow and cars parked along the city streets make snow-plowing very difficult and hazardous. The overnight parking ordinance, which prohibits parking for more than two hours between midnight and 6:00 a.m., is designed to help alleviate problems for all emergency vehicles year-round, and, therefore, will be strictly enforced at all times. All vehicles in violation will be ticketed.

When snow accumulation of two or more inches is expected, persons with parking permits are asked to try to park their vehicles in their driveways or in the parking lots of nearby businesses in order to keep the streets as empty as possible. This will expedite snow removal.

Walmart Neighborhood Center Progress

Article by Fred Sherman, City Clerk

The conversion of the former AppleMart store into a new Walmart Neighborhood Center, located at 47th & Mission Road, is moving forward. Walmart Inc purchased the property in October of 2012. Construction plans were submitted in late 2012 to the City of Westwood for a building permit. These plans have been reviewed by several agencies including the Johnson County Fire District No. 2, and are now approved for construction. Walmart currently has this project out for bid and hopes to award a contract for construction in the next 4 to 6 weeks. Once a contractor is awarded the bid, a building permit will be issued and construction activity will commence. It is anticipated that the Westwood Walmart will open in the latter part of 2013.

Westwood Foundation Scholarship Application Packets are Available

Applications packets are available online at www.westwoodks.org and at City Hall. All applications must be received in person at City Hall by the close of the business day on March 1, 2013. All eligible Westwood residents are encouraged to apply. If you have any questions contact City Hall at 913.362.1550.



January 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	 2	3	4 Municipal Court 8:30am	5
6	7 Planning Commission 7:00pm	8 WW Foundation 6:30pm	 9	10 City Council 7:00pm	11 Municipal Court 8:30am	12
13	14	15	 16 WW Women's Club 12:00pm	17	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King Jr Day City Offices Closed	22	 23	24	25 Municipal Court 8:30am	26
27	28	29	 30	31		

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In The Stiles Gallery

Kathy Butler, Shirley Stiles' daughter, continues to line up exciting, talented artists who share their works with our community. Thank you, Kathy for your hard work and dedication to the Gallery.

Kim Boultinghouse, January Artist

Kim Boultinghouse's art comes to life with the help of Kim's feline friends who interact with and manipulate water-based colors on a canvas. The results are uniquely spontaneous and pleasantly surprising as each layer is unveiled. All without the cats getting a drop of paint on them.

Susan Wilson, February Artist

Susan Wilson has a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts from the College of Charleston in South Carolina. Finding the figure and animals the most captivating, she works from life and photographs using colored pencils, pastels, watercolors, and oils to create a feeling of emotion and intensity with colors.

Holly Benson, March Artist

Holly Benson was born and raised in Vermont where she learned to sew and quilt in 4-H. With preliminary skill and technique under her belt, along with Amish color theory lessons, Holly has begun to venture into her own designs and the world of art quilts.

Extended biographies for these and upcoming artists are available on The Stiles Gallery webpage, it is available at www.westwoodks.org under the Community section.

2013 City Licenses

Owners of pets, businesses, residential rental property, and those who rent out rooms in their homes are required by City Ordinances to apply for a license on a yearly basis. All licenses issued in 2012 expired on January 15, 2013. Applications for all City licenses are available at www.westwoodks.org and at City Hall.

Business Luncheon To Be Held This Spring

The annual Business Luncheon will be held sometime in March or April, more details on the event will be provided as they are confirmed.

Johnson County Launches Website Focused on Winter Weather

Winter weather is making its annual visit to the Midwest, and in preparation Johnson County Government has set up a website called "Brrrring on Winter". This website provides weather updates, home and travel safety tips, and information about school closings. Visit <http://jocogov.org/advisory/winter> to check it out.



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MEETINGS, EVENTS, CLOSINGS, ETC.

JANUARY 2013

21st: Martin Luther King Jr. Day - City Offices Closed

FEBRUARY 2013

4th: Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.

12th: Westwood Foundation Meeting 6:30 p.m.

14th: City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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