



CITY OF WESTWOOD, KANSAS NEWSLETTER

July through September 2014 4700 Rainbow Blvd, Westwood www.westwoodks.org

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Summer is here! “Some of the best memories are made in flip flops.”

THANK YOU: To the residents for your patience and tolerance during the Google Fiber infrastructure work. To City staff for working so hard during a very busy season of development. To the Public Works team, comprised of new members, who are working hard to care for the City. To the City Council for diligently working toward an efficient budget process.

Annual Business Luncheon: Thank You Jon Stephens and Jim Hinson for being our guest speakers in front of over 70 attendees. Also, a big thank you to all the Westwood businesses who attended and supported this event, which continues to grow each year!

Westwood Budget: Budget work sessions will take place in the coming weeks to work through the budget process for 2015. Watch the online City Calendar for dates.

Westwood Foundation: The Foundation has begun work on fundraising. The Board of Directors is developing a list of prospects and will be working on communications that will include a new website, developing a new “Statement of Purpose” and raising funds to help the City and its property owners and businesses.

Google Fiber: The infrastructure work is still happening and it can be invasive and frustrating at times, but the future opportunity for high speed internet services requires the base work. Sign-ups are open through

September 12, 2014, more information is available at <https://fiber.google.com/cities/>.

Woodside Village: Tanner & White developers intend to begin abatement of the Youthfront property and plan to take down the building before the end of summer. It was recently announced that a Bread & Butter Concepts restaurant will be one of the tenants in Phase 1 of the development.

Midwest Transplant Network: Construction is nearly complete on the new parking structure and building addition. There will be a memorial garden on the roof of the new addition.

Entercom: The perimeter fence is gone, and a variance to allow “No Trespassing” signs was approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals. Please respect the desire of the property owner and avoid trespassing. This private property is not available for public use.

Building Official: Staff is still working hard to recruit a new Building Official. We have had several good candidates and won’t stop until we have the right person.

If you need any assistance, don’t hesitate to City Hall. As always, I am honored to serve you.

John M. Yé
Mayor

CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY ON NEW WESTWOOD RESTAURANT

This past December, the Westwood Planning Commission approved a site plan for a Lulu’s Asian Bistro restaurant at the southwest corner of 47th Street and Belinder Ave. The property located at 2701 W. 47th Street, had been the home of Charlie Williams Car Import Center for 44 years. A building permit was issued this spring and construction crews have begun to gut and renovate the building in order to refit it for food & beverage service use. Lulu’s Noodles, located in the Crossroads Arts District and operated by Westwood resident Malisa Monyakula, is a full-service restaurant offering Thai cuisine. The new Westwood location will serve some dishes from the Crossroads location menu, as well as a new seasonal menu. For more information about Malisa, and Westwood’s newest restaurant visit www.lulusnoodles.com



CITY OF WESTWOOD IN THE DIGITAL ERA

The City is working to deliver current news and provide useful resources to its residents and neighbors. In addition to mailing out the printed city newsletter, the following are a few ways Westwood has increased its online presence.

City of Westwood Website – www.westwoodks.org

The City's website is a great way to access the most up-to-date information about Westwood in between the quarterly newsletter mailing. The online City Calendar provides information on all scheduled meetings and city events. Residents can access many of the City's forms, including building permit and City license applications. Council and Planning Commission meeting agenda packets and meeting minutes are also accessible on the City's website. Visitors can also find the City Code under Government/Westwood City Code. A community image gallery, and resident handbook are available online as well. One of the website's newest features is the Public Safety Department's online house watch request form to monitor your property while you are out of town – located in the Municipal Services/Police/House Watch Services section of the web site.



As the use of smartphones and tablets continues to increase among consumers, citizens have the ability to access the city's website with greater ease and frequency. Using the best in Responsive Web Design (RWD) technology, this city's web site is formatted and structured to work anywhere, anytime, on any modern mobile device.

City Emailing List Delivers News Right to Your Inbox

Residents can sign up to be on the City's email list under the "Stay Informed" section of the City's website. During the brief sign up process residents will elect to join targeted email lists such as agenda notices, online news-letters and/or general interest items.

Social Media

The City is registered as The City of Westwood, Kansas on Facebook and LinkedIn, and tweets under the handle @WestwoodKS. Add the City of Westwood to your news feeds on these platforms for an easy way to stay informed on Westwood happenings.

QR Codes Simplify Smartphone Web Browsing

Smartphones and tablets are more common than ever before, and the City is working to make access to local information easier with quick response codes. Quick response codes (QR codes) are barcodes that can be scanned with a smartphone app to reference information online. A QR code is created based on a web-site address, phone number or block of text. While QR codes look the same at first glance, they are all uniquely arranged squares, created by an organization to convey specific information.



Scanning a QR code can be a quicker process than entering an entire URL in your phone's web browser. The City has recently added QR codes to the quarterly newsletter and various handouts, these codes direct users to the City's website. If you have a smartphone handy, give the QR printed throughout this article a try!

2014 MOVIES IN THE PARK

On Saturday, June 21st the Parks and Recreation hosted a Movies in the Park event in the Joe D. Dennis Park. Before the film began kids had a chance to tour Westwood Public Safety and Johnson County Fire Department vehicles and visit with first responders. Attendees of all ages enjoyed the Disney animated feature Frozen while sipping lemonade and munching on popcorn from Velvet Crème. The Parks & Recreation Committee will host two additional Movies in the Park events, the July 19th event will feature Despicable Me 2, and the August 2nd event will feature The Lego Movie. For more information about these events visit the City's website www.westwoodks.org



WOODSIDE POOL PASSES MID- SEASON RATES

Summer isn't over, there's still time to take a dip in the Woodside pools! After July 14, 2014 pool passes are available at a discounted rate for Westwood residents and their families. The rates are as follows:

- Individuals: \$25.00
- Family (up to 4 members): \$45.00
- Each additional family member: \$5.00
- Individual Day Pass: \$10.00 (Westwood residents only)
- Pool Pass Card: \$3.00 per card

If you have any questions about pool passes you may contact Abby Schneweis at 913.362.1550 or abby.schneweis@westwoodks.org

WESTWOOD BUSINESS LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS EDUCATION

The 2014 Annual Business Luncheon was held on May 21st at Mission Hills Country Club. The speakers for the event were Mayor Yé, Jon Stephens, President of the Kansas City Convention and Visitors Association, and Dr. Jim Hinson, Superintendent of the Shawnee Mission School District. The speakers highlighted characteristics that make a community desirable to live in, emphasizing the importance neighborhood schools hold to current and prospective residents. The well attended event also provided an opportunity for local businesses and community leaders to connect and discuss all things Westwood.

GOOGLE FIBER CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES IN WESTWOOD

Article by Fred Sherman, City Clerk

Contractors for Google Fiber are continuing to work in the NE Johnson County area to extend a new fiber optic network into Westwood. Several wooden power poles have already been replaced around Westwood, and there are several other utility poles in the area that will still need to be replaced. The next phase of utility work includes mostly the installation of underground fiber cables and equipment along many of the streets in the area. This work activity will continue for several weeks.

You may have noticed many small colored utility flags and other markings on the ground spray painted in different colors. These small flags and paint markings are to identify where existing underground utility lines are currently located. Please do not disturb or remove these marking flags, they need to stay in place until the work activity is completed.

If you have concerns about work taking place near your property, we suggest that you take photographs of your property in front of your home now, as well as photos of any landscaping in the area as it exists today. The work crews will be responsible for restoring the work areas after the new fiber lines are installed. If you have an underground irrigation system or wireless invisible fence lines in your yard, please mark those locations with a small flag or spray paint the irrigation heads.

If you have any questions or concerns about the construction in your area, please call the Google Fiber Construction Phone Line at (877) 454-6959.

The work that is taking place is only to extend the base Google Fiber network infrastructure into the communities. It does not initiate service to individual residents at this time. Sign ups for Google Fiber service are currently open to Westwood residents until September 12, 2014. More information on Google Fiber sign ups can be found at <https://fiber.google.com/cities/>

WESTWOOD BY THE NUMBERS

- 80 businesses are currently operating within the City
- 13 are home operated businesses
- There are 4 massage therapy establishments in Westwood, employing a total of 15 practitioners
- 4 Westwood businesses are focused on physical fitness
- 24 businesses are operating on Rainbow Boulevard
- 9 Westwood businesses are retail locations for various types of goods
- 2 businesses hold on premise liquor licenses from the State of Kansas

WESTWOOD RECOGNIZED AS A 2013 TREE CITY USA

Westwood was named a 2013 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. Westwood achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements which are a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"Everyone benefits when elected officials, volunteers, and committed citizens in communities like Westwood make smart investments in urban forests," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees bring shade to our homes and beauty to our neighborhoods, along with numerous economic, social, and environmental benefits."





WESTWOOD

July 2014

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| | | 1 | 2  | 3 Community Fireworks Display – Time TBD | 4 Independence Day City Offices Closed | 5 |
| 6 | 7 Planning Commission 7pm | 8 WW Foundation 6:30pm | 9  | 10 City Council 7pm | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16  | 17 | 18 | 19 Movies in the Park Despicable Me 2 8:45p.m. |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23  | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30  | 31 | | |
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August 2014

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------------|--------|--|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 Movies in the Park The Lego Movie 8:45 p.m. |
| 3 | 4 Planning Commission 7pm | 5 | 6  | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 WW Foundation 6:30pm | 13  | 14 City Council 7pm | 15 | 16 |
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September 2014

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|--|------------------------------|--|------------------------|--------|----------|
| | 1 City Offices Closed Planning Commission 7pm | 2 | 3  | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 WW Foundation 6:30pm | 10  | 11 City Council 7pm | 12 | 13 |
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**AUTUMN COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE
ON SEPTEMBER 13TH**

The Autumn Community Garage Sale will take place on September 13th. Anyone interested in participating can contact Abby Schneweis at 913.362.1550 or abby.schneweis@westwoodks.org to register their address and provide hours of operation and a list of items that will be sold. The City will be advertising this event online. A listing of participants will be posted on www.westwoodks.org and hard copies can be picked up at City Hall.

**OKTOBERFEST TO BE HELD
ON OCTOBER 4TH**

Autumn is right around the corner, and The City of Westwood is ready to celebrate! This year's Oktoberfest will take place on October 4th at the Joe D. Dennis Park, located at 50th Street & Rainbow Boulevard. Dinner, dessert and drinks will be provided, and activities for children will be available. All Westwood residents and businesses are welcome to attend! The City will provide more information about this event once details are confirmed.

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

On Saturday, April 19th the annual Community Easter Egg Hunt was held at the Joe D. Dennis Park, to mark the beginning of the spring season. On one of the first warm, sunny days of spring participants collected candy filled eggs and enjoyed an Easter themed story told by Jo Ho, an area storyteller. The City would like to extend a special thanks to Shannon Benes and her Girl Scout troop for assisting with filling all of the plastic eggs with candy. Also, a big thank you to WalMart Neighborhood Market for donating various types of candy to fill the eggs.



Easter Egg Hunt participants collecting some of the hundreds of eggs hidden around Joe D. Dennis park.

FEATURED SHIRLEY STILES GALLERY ARTISTS

Kathy Butler, Shirley Stiles' daughter, continues to line up talented artists who share their works with our community. Thank you Kathy for your dedication to the Gallery and helping make Westwood beautiful!

Mary Ann Popper – July

Mary Ann Popper's paintings currently attempt to celebrate realism, having morphed from abstract surrealism. Mary Ann is having a good time armed with a full palette, brushes, knives and her own spin in an attempt to capture the romance of color, harmony, order and some serenity in landscape or seascape that is always just a few steps from the onslaught of industrialization or development. Mary Ann's paintings are straight forward personal takes and interpretations of what she sees; although, she occasionally enjoys throwing in a bit of irony.

Dr. Terry Campbell – August

Terry Campbell was introduced to gyo-taku in 1987 while attending a veterinary conference in Hawaii. He became infatuated with the art and purchased the first gyo-taku that he had ever seen. Since that day, he has learned from a number of artists who have and continue to have an influence on his gyo-taku work. He continues to explore different inks, papers, and cloth to create unique images of a variety of aquarium fish. Terry lives in Colorado at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains and has his art studio in his home- the home of Rocky Mountain Gyo-taku.

Kathy Stiles Butler September

Kathy comes from a family of artists including her Mother, daughter, and sister. Although she does not consider herself a fine artist, she has had a love of photography for years. Photography and travel are two of her passions that she combined on a recent trip to Cuba. Her family was able to travel on a special People to People Cultural Exchange License, which is the only way Americans can legally visit Cuba. She was fascinated with the people, sights, and sounds of this "Forbidden Country." Kathy will be sharing some of her favorite images from Cuba in the Shirley Stiles Gallery.





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MEETINGS, EVENTS, CLOSINGS, ETC.

CONTACT INFORMATION

JULY 2014

- 4th:** Independence Day - City Offices Closed
- 7th:** Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 8th:** Westwood Foundation Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 10th:** City Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 19th:** Movies in the Park - Despicable Me 2 - 8:45 p.m.

AUGUST 2014

- 2nd:** Movies in the Park - The Lego Movie - 8:45 p.m.
- 4th:** Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 12th:** Westwood Foundation Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 14th:** City Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 2014

- 1st:** Labor Day - City Offices Closed
- 1st:** Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 9th:** Westwood Foundation Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 11th:** City Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 2014

- 4th:** Oktoberfest - Time TBA

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