



CITY OF WESTWOOD, KANSAS

Newsletter

April through June 2013 4700 Rainbow Blvd, Westwood www.westwoodks.org

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

April marks the end of my first year as your Mayor; the chance of a lifetime to lead a community full of vision, hope and future planning. It's hard to believe how time has flown by, and it continues to be a privilege. Below are updates to themes we discussed a year ago...

THANK YOU: To the Westwood staff, wonderful volunteer community leaders; the planning commission members, Overlay District representatives, committee members such as NEJC Sustainability, Westwood Foundation, Indian Mission and the surrounding Cities' Mayors & staff. I could never imagine getting through the year without the tireless efforts of these individuals. They all sacrifice to make Westwood a better place. Thank you.

Foster Better Communications: We've redone our website and augmented use of our Facebook page. We're growing our email list, employ Constant Contact and have increased general communications regarding City Services and Development projects. We are constructing a multi-tier communication approach that includes the school, NEJC Chamber, businesses and staff. Google Fiber campaigns will run in the latter half of 2013. Watch for more on these.

Foster a City Vision: Your Council has already begun to address the updating and construction of a revised Comprehensive Plan for the City. Our current plan was written in 1997 with very few changes. Since the Great Recession, a 'new normal' forces us to bring this planning to current needs. The public's input will be vital in this endeavor, so watch for information and plan to participate. Improved housing stock, successful businesses and becoming a destination location requires strategic planning and execution. We're on our way.

Embrace Walkable Urban Standards: Every development project in Westwood considers walkable and sustainable

standards. Last year I visited with Christopher Leinberger, Visiting Fellow at the Brookings Institute. In his recent book he explains how compact developments with mixed uses, allowing people to reach shops, services, and transit on foot, are the bright prospects of walkable urbanism. Westwood's development themes mirror these opportunities and will continue to do so.

City Services: A heartfelt thanks to your Public Works team lead by John Sullivan. Two blizzard storms hit the City and their efforts to keep paths clear for emergency vehicles and area traffic were well executed. New staff at City Hall represents decades of experience along with a welcoming culture built on 'service first'. Come by and meet your staff. Public Safety continues to be our highest priority.

School District Relationship: The City has made strong efforts to enhance the relationships with the Shawnee Mission School District (SMSD) to preserve Westwood View Elementary. We also work with groups like the PTA, EEF and Friends of WWV. Westwood along with Mission Woods, Mission Hills, Westwood Hills and Fairway have approved resolutions supporting WWV and the SMSD. We have reached out to the incoming new superintendent and intend to connect with Dr. Hinson as soon as possible.

There is still so much to do. We will need lots of help and welcome volunteer support. If you're willing to get involved, contact me. We are making great progress and it's truly an exciting time. Projects are becoming tangible; the Woodside pools are under construction, Walmart Market renovations are under way and Phase I of the Woodside Village is in process.

As always, I am honored to serve you.

WELCOME JIM SHERMAN, WESTWOOD'S NEW BUILDING OFFICIAL & CODES INSPECTOR

Please extend a "Westwood Welcome" to Jim Sherman, Westwood's new Building Official and Codes Administrator. Jim comes to Westwood from the City of Gardener where he served as Codes Administrator. His 25 years of experience in the public sector includes service with the Cities of Lawrence and DeSoto as a building inspector.

Jim's experiences also include but are not limited to coordinating city redevelopment, building codes updates, resolving zoning disputes, creating and administering budgets, conducting plan reviews on residential and commercial structures.

Jim is an ICBO Certified Building Inspector, certified ICC Commercial and Residential Mechanical Inspector, ICC Certified Fire Code Inspector and a State of Kansas Certified Disaster Inspector. He is an active member of the ICC Mechanical Code EDC Committee and is an Eastern Kansas Disaster Assessment Coordinator. He has served as the President of the ICC Heart of America Chapter and as an officer of the Johnson County Building Officials Association.

Jim attended Pittsburg State and is a graduate of Shawnee Mission North. He lives in DeSoto with his wife Suzanne, their son Erick and the family dog, Dink.

WESTWOOD BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES

During February 2013, City Hall granted permits of almost \$6 million in construction values. Below are some highlights of ongoing and upcoming projects happening around Westwood.

- The WalMart Neighborhood Market located at the former Apple Market at 47th and Mission Road will see active interior and exterior demolition through mid-April in preparation for the renovation on their \$3.1 million project. Crossland is the general contractor
- The Woodside Pool renovation is still on track for completion for the Summer 2013 season, weather permitting. The upper cantilever concrete decks have been installed with work on the pool house proceeding successfully. Crossland is the general contractor.
- The Kansas University Medical Center building on Shawnee Mission Parkway is presently conducting a \$700,000 renovation on portions of the second floor for a large pharmacy addition. J.E. Dunn is the general contractor.
- Building design plans for Phase I of Woodside Village have been submitted to City staff for review by Hufft Projects. This will be the portion of the project along Rainbow Boulevard where the Youth Front property is currently located.
- The tenant finish at 4722 Rainbow Boulevard for an exercise facility called Bar Method is ongoing and should be completed in the next 2 - 4 weeks. Look for a grand opening announcement soon.
- The office building at 2000 Shawnee Mission Parkway in Mission Woods, known as the Karbank property, is experiencing an exterior renovation. Glass panels will be installed during the course of the next 2-3 months. Soon, a 4th floor penthouse addition will begin at this site. Jonkman Construction is leading this \$2 million expansion.
- The Pembroke Hill School has begun the renovation of the soccer complex site off State Line Road in Mission Woods. The field will be rebuilt with new restroom facilities to be added. Brown Midwest will be the primary contractor for this \$600,000 expansion.

THE WESTWOOD FOUNDATION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO WESTWOOD RESIDENTS

Each spring, The Westwood Foundation awards two scholarships to Westwood residents who are pursuing higher education. The Foundation is proud to announce this year's awardees are Caitlin Beatty and Crystal Hester.

Caitlin Beatty was awarded the Merit Scholarship. Ms. Beatty is a senior at Shawnee Mission Northwest and plans on attending the University of Nebraska Lincoln in the fall where she will study Nursing. Ms. Beatty is a member of the National Honor Society and is a two time Academic Letter recipient. Ms. Beatty is on the executive board of the Interact Club and the Health Careers Club, and is involved with Spirit Club and Symphony Orchestra. Community Service plays a large role in Ms. Beatty's life, she has served on the Christmas Bureau and helped with the Walk for Diabetes. Ms. Beatty has also traveled to Guatemala and Denver to volunteer to help others in need.

Crystal Hester was awarded the Post Graduate Scholarship. Ms. Hester is a full time student earning a Master's Degree in Nursing from UMKC and plans on becoming a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner upon graduation in May 2014. Ms. Hester is currently employed as a Registered Nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at KU Medical Center where she works with neonatal and newborn babies and their families. Ms. Hester is a member of the National Association of Neonatal Nurses, the Developmental Care Committee, and the NICU Practice Council.

WESTWOOD'S ANNUAL BUSINESS LUNCHEON TO BE HELD ON APRIL 23RD

The City of Westwood will hold its annual luncheon for all Westwood business owners on April 23rd. If you are interested in sponsoring or volunteering at the luncheon, please contact City Hall at 913.362.1550 or abby.schneweis@westwoodks.org.

WESTWOOD'S SPRING COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE IS MAY 18TH

If your spring cleaning efforts have left you with items you wish to sell, consider participating in the Community Garage Sale that will take place on May 18th. Anyone interested in participating can contact Abby Schneweis at 913.362.1550 or abby.schneweis@westwoodks.org to register your address and provide a list of items that you will be

selling. We will be advertising this event online. Participants will be able to set their own hours of operation. Maps and listings of participants will be posted on www.westwoodks.org and hard copies can be picked up at City Hall. The Cities of Roeland Park & Mission Woods will also hold their Community Garage Sales that day.

MEMORIAL DAY WILL BE OBSERVED ON MAY 27TH

City offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on May 27th. If you are in need of emergency assistance dial 911 or the Johnson County Sheriff Dispatch at 913.782.0720. Town & Country will pick up trash, recyclables and yard waste on Wednesday, May 29th. This is also an Amnesty Day, residents may exceed the 96 gallon trash limit without having to purchase trash bag stickers.

COMMUNITY FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON JULY 3RD

Join us on Wednesday, July 3rd at St. Agnes Athletic Field for an Independence Day celebration! Fireworks will begin at 9:30 or dusk. Be sure to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Attendees are encouraged to walk to the event, as parking space is limited. Rain date is scheduled for July 6th, at the same time and location. The display is sponsored by the Cities of Westwood, Fairway, Mission Woods, Roeland Park & Westwood Hills.

WESTWOOD WOMEN'S CLUB MEETINGS

In April Westwood Women's Club will have lunch at Brookdale in Overland Park, residence of member Jane Furnish. In May the Kansas Extension Services will provide a program on spring gardening. All Westwood Women are welcome. If you have questions please contact Linda Horn at 913.677.4389.

SUMMER POOL PASSES

Westwood residents will be able to purchase summer pool passes to the newly renovated Woodside pools starting May 6th. During the March 14th City Council meeting, a revised fee table was approved. These new fees remain in line with pool membership fees in the Johnson County area. The fees for Summer 2013 passes are as follows:

Individuals: \$40.00

Family (up to 4 members): \$85.00

Each additional family member: \$5.00

Pool Pass Card: \$3.00 per card

Applications are available at City Hall and www.westwoodks.org. If you have any questions contact City Hall at 913.362.1550.

TOWN & COUNTRY YARD WASTE PICK-UP GUIDELINES

Spring has sprung, and when the warm weather returns, so does the annual Yard Waste Pick-up Pro-

gram. Town & Country started collecting yard waste materials on March 6th, and will continue collecting every Wednesday through the end of the year.

When placing materials out for collection, please make sure they are packaged in the appropriate manner.

- Yard waste shall be placed in paper bags or rigid containers designated for yard waste
- If yard waste is bundled, it should not exceed 4 feet in length or 18 inches in diameter and tied with biodegradable twine
- No bag or bundle shall exceed 60 pounds
- Do not place yard waste materials in plastic garbage bags

There is no limit on the amount of yard waste that can be collected per residence per week. If you have any questions regarding yard waste collection, you may contact Town & Country Disposal at 816.380.5595 or City Hall at 913.362.1550.

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.

SHIRLEY STILES - SHOWING IN APRIL 2013

Shirley Stiles is the local artist and patron of the arts for whom the Shirley Stiles Gallery City Hall is named. Shirley was a 55-year resident of Westwood. After the new Westwood City Hall was built, she was the driving force behind the establishment of a gallery dedicated to showcasing the work of local area artists that formed the basis for the city's well-deserved reputation as a unique venue for local artists to show without having to pay high commissions charged by commercial galleries.

PAUL MALLORY - SHOWING IN MAY 2013

Paul Mallory likes making beautiful, serene or thought provoking objects. With clay as his medium there are unlimited possibilities for this.

Whether these pieces are functional dinnerware or sculptural flights of fancy working in clay allows Paul

to follow his ideas to their conclusion, but these finished pieces always seem to suggest more. This call and response keeps Paul in his studio.

MATT ROBERTS - SHOWING IN JUNE 2013

Matt Roberts believes that we have been given a multitude of beautiful gifts that we often take for granted. From spectacular landscapes to implausible creatures, he strives to capture each element with his photography. Viewing the world directly through a lens not only allows Matt to capture the moment, but it enables him to relive the moment days, weeks, months and years into the future.

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.



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MEETINGS, EVENTS, CLOSINGS, ETC.

APRIL 2013

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

MAY 2013

- 6th:** Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 9th:** City Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 14th:** Westwood Foundation Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 18th:** Community Garage Sale
- 27th:** Memorial Day - City Offices Closed
- 29th:** Town & Country Amnesty Day

JUNE 2013

- 3rd:** Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 11th:** Westwood Foundation Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 13th:** City Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

JULY 2013

- 3rd:** Community Fireworks Display - 9:30 p.m. or dusk
- 4th:** Independence Day - City Offices Closed

CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergencies.....	911
City Hall	913.362.1550
Public Works	913.432.1550
Public Safety.....	913.362.3737
24 hour dispatch	913.782.0720
Municipal Court	913.362.3737
Town & Country Disposal	816.380.5595
Kansas Gas Service.....	1.800.794.4780
KCPL	816.471.5275
WaterOne	913.895.5500
JoCo Wastewater	913.715.8587
Animal Control	913.782.0720
JoCo Information.....	913.715.1500
Driver’s License Bureau.....	913.432.2266
JoCo Election Office	913.782.3441
JoCo Appraiser	913.715.9000
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