



CITY OF WESTWOOD, KANSAS NEWSLETTER

April through June 2014 4700 Rainbow Blvd, Westwood www.westwoodks.org

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

“*Spring* is the time of plans and projects...” and with Spring comes new beginnings and new developments in Westwood.

THANK YOU: To Councilmember Joe Kordalski, who completed a four year term with unwavering service to the community. Joe was constructive in the progressive evolution of Westwood and was instrumental in maintaining City services to all residents and businesses. To former Mayor Stubbers and Councilmember Cami Savage for taking over vacant seats on the City Council. All three of you are inspirational leaders. To Lisa Fielden who recently completed six years of volunteering for the Westwood Foundation and 10 years of volunteer leadership in the community. You are what Westwood is all about.

Welcome: Newly elected Councilmembers Sarah Page, Jason Hannaman and Joe Whisler. The City will be relying on your good judgment and desire to make Westwood prosper for generations to come.

Updates:

Westwood Christian Church: In April the City closed on the Westwood Christian Church at 5050 Rainbow Boulevard. The City now owns the property and the Council will be working with the public, Foundation and Planning Commission to make determinations on its future. It may be a critical linkage to the future of Westwood View and certainly to Joe Dennis Park and the surrounding residents.

Westwood Foundation: The Foundation is entering a new era and will begin the process of pursuing fund raising. It has not been active in fund raising but looks to be a much more constructive contributor to the economic and financial success of Westwood. Recently two grants were awarded, one to the Shawnee Mission Education Foundation and one to the Westwood View Education Enhancement Fund.

Building Official Recruiting: Westwood’s Building Official, Jim Sherman, took a position with Douglas County in March. The administration has been diligently

recruiting a replacement for this position. We expect a new hire in the coming weeks.

Woodside Village: The Green Acres grocery store, slated for Phase I (North Side), made several acquisitions in the Midwest and will now be slated for Phase II (South Side) of the development. Tanner & White expects to begin abatement of YouthFront in the next 60 days preparing for demolition this summer.

Spring Business Luncheon: The new councilmembers have already begun working to prepare for the Spring Business Luncheon. Last years event was so large we will no longer have room in our community room. We anticipate a great showing and have already invited SMSD Superintendent Jim Hinson to speak and address the business community.

Midwest Transplant Network: If you have not been by the northwest corner of 47th Place & State Line, drive by and take a look. Midwest Transplant Network, one of Westwood largest employers, is under construction with a major expansion.

Entercom: In April the Council approved the Planning Commission’s recommendation to approve the Special Use Permit for the radio station to continue to use the towers. Entercom was approached by concerned residents and agreed to take down the decades old chain link fence. They expect the removal to be in early June.

Lulu’s Asian Bistro: The owner of Lulu’s Noodles, who is a Westwood resident, has purchased the Charlie William’s building on the corner of Belinder & 47th Street. A site plan has been approved and renovations are soon to begin for a new Westwood restaurant.

It’s hard to believe that first quarter of 2014 is already gone. That puts pressure on all of us at City Hall to work harder and smarter to achieve more for the residents and businesses. We are here for you, come by and see us. As always, it’s an honor to serve you.



THREE COUNCIL SEATS CHANGE HANDS

During the spring general election three Westwood City Council seats, which were held by Councilmembers Kordalski, Savage and Stubbers, were up for election. All three councilmembers did not seek reelection. The City of Westwood extends its gratitude for the outgoing Councilmembers. Their willingness to step up and create a bright future for the City exemplifies the spirit of public service. Councilmember Kordalski was elected in 2010 and served as the chair of the Public Works committee. Councilmember Stubbers was appointed in October 2013 to fill a Council seat previously vacated, and he served as the chair of the Parks & Recreation committee. Councilmember Stubbers also previously served as a Planning Commission member, Councilmember, and Mayor of Westwood. Councilmember Savage was appointed in January 2014 to fill a vacated seat and served as the chair of the Business & Community Affairs committee. She has previously served as a Councilmember and most recently a Planning Commission Member.

Westwood's new Councilmembers, Jason Hannaman, Sarah Page and Joe Whisler, were sworn in during the April 10th Council meeting and will serve four year terms on the Westwood City Council.

SARAH PAGE has lived in Westwood since 2002. With a small child at that time, she researched area schools and neighborhoods to decide where to live. Sarah chose Westwood for a number of reasons including the excellent elementary school/SMSD School District, the size, character and charm as well as the location within KC metro area. Sarah is living in her third house in Westwood and knows that her family will be here for years to come.

Sarah has over 13 years experience working in the non-profit sector in administration, program management and development and providing direct services to families and children. Sarah is currently employed by Head Start of Shawnee Mission as a non-profit administrator supervising a team of Early Head Start Family Educators. Additionally, Sarah has worked for three years at UMB Bank as a Business Support Associate where she managed special projects in the Asset Management division. Sarah's husband, Drue Kennedy, is the Corporate Chef at JE Dunn Construction. Her son, Stuart Hanson, 7th grader at Indian Hills Middle School.

When asked what she is looking forward to as a Westwood councilmember Sarah said "I'm excited and honored to be a Westwood City Council member and am looking forward to supporting our community and it's continued growth and excellence. I'm eager to hit the ground running and some immediate projects will include the Spring Luncheon and planning Summer activities in the park."

JASON HANNAMAN moved from Westport to Westwood in the spring of 2013. In Westport Jason and his wife, Blair, loved the walkable neighborhood, nearby restaurants and shopping, and great neighbors. They knew that Westwood had all of those things and then some, but the biggest factor in their decision was the school. They knew that Westwood View was one of the best schools in the metro, and that the schools it fed into were as well. Jason and Blair believe they found the total package – house, school, and city – in Westwood.

The Hannaman household includes Jason and Blair, their daughters Josephine (almost 3) and Marin (7 months), and their dog, Gary. Jason is a CPA and has been with CBIZ MHM in Leawood for nearly seven years, and Blair is a dentist on the West Plaza. When asked what he is looking forward to as a Westwood councilmember, Jason said "I'm most looking forward to helping make Westwood an even better place to live for everybody, and I know there are a lot of residents who will help us get there."

JOE WHISLER is an attorney Cooling & Herbers P.C. His 36 years of litigation and trial experience include first chair experience in the areas of Environmental – Insurance Coverage and CERCLA/RCRA, Aviation Wrongful Death, Breach of Contract – Business and Commercial, Vehicular Wrongful Death, Violations of Trade Secrets Act, Breach of Fiduciary Duty, Bankruptcy – Adversary Proceedings, Shareholder Disputes, Employment Contracts, and Federal Disability. Mr. Whisler served as President and Vice-President of The Missouri Bar. Mr. Whisler is admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri, the U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.



TOWN & COUNTRY YARD WASTE

PICK-UP GUIDELINES

Spring has sprung, and when the warm weather returns, so does Town & Country's Yard Waste Pick-up Program.

Town & Country started collecting yard waste materials on March 19th, and will continue collecting every Wednesday through the end of the year.

When placing materials out for collection, make sure you are following the guidelines below.

- 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.

SUMMER POOL PASSES

Westwood residents will be able to purchase summer pool passes to the Woodside pools starting May 5th. The fees for Summer 2014 passes are as follows:

Individuals: \$40.00

Family (up to 4 members): \$85.00

Each additional family member: \$5.00

Individual Day Pass: \$10.00

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.

MEMORIAL DAY & INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE

Westwood offices will be closed on Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day and Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. If you are in need of emergency assistance contact the Johnson County Sheriff's Dispatch at 913.782.0720 or dial 911.

INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON JULY 3RD

Join us on Thursday, 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. The display is sponsored by the Cities of Westwood, Fairway, Mission Woods, Roeland Park & Westwood Hills. In case of inclement weather, this event will be held on July 6th at the same location and time.

ENTERCOM PROPERTY PERIMETER FENCE HAS BEEN REMOVED

The perimeter chain-link fence surrounding the Entercom Communications broadcast property was recently removed. New fencing has been installed around all guyed-wire anchor areas to keep the site compliant with FCC requirements.

The Entercom property remains private property and the open space areas beneath the broadcast tower are not available for recreational purposes.

With the removal of the perimeter fence, Entercom will improve the general appearance of area. However, trespassing on the property is still prohibited.

While it is tempting to utilize the green space area for various outdoor activities, like walking a dog or sports, please respect that the Entercom site is private property and is not designated for recreational uses.

History of KMBZ in Westwood

KMBZ, formerly KMBC, traces its ancestry to amateur station 9AXJ, started by Arthur B. Church in 1921. On May 12, 1932, a Federal Radio Commission hearing examiner recommended approval of an application to move the

then KMBC transmitter facility from Independence, Missouri, to a site in the northeastern corner of Johnson County, Kansas. KMBC moved to the site at the corner of 50th and Belinder Road in the fall of 1933, and officially inaugurated programming from the site on November 25, 1933.

The City of Westwood was incorporated in 1949.

KMBC-AM/TV was sold to Metromedia Broadcasting Co. on August 29, 1961. Metromedia separated KMBC-AM/FM from KMBC-TV by the sale of the radio stations to Bonneville Broadcasting on May 12, 1967. Bonneville chose the call letters KMBZ for the AM station and KMBR for the FM station.

On January 6, 1997, Bonneville Broadcasting announced plans to trade KMBZ and its other Kansas City stations, along with its Seattle stations, to Entercom (Entertainment Communications) of Philadelphia. Entercom assumed control of the Kansas City Bonneville stations on March 1, 1997.

A Special Use Permit has been considered and approved on the Entercom property since at least 1994.





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- CHIEF OF POLICE:** Greg O'Halloran
- LIEUTENANT:** Don Brooks
- PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS:** Jason Abel, Gary Baker,
Chris Bishop, Cliff Chaffee & Penny Heidesch
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- CITY CLERK:** Fred Sherman
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CONTACT INFORMATION

MAY 2014

- 3rd:** Community Garage Sale - All Day
- 5th:** Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 8th:** City Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 13th:** Westwood Foundation Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 26th:** Memorial Day - City Offices Closed

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- 2nd:** Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 10th:** Westwood Foundation Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 12th:** City Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

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- 3rd:** Community Fireworks Display - TBD
- 4th:** Independence Day - City Offices Closed

Emergencies	911
City Hall	913.362.1550
Public Works	913.432.1550
Public Safety	913.362.3737
JOCo Sheriff 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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