



CITY OF WESTWOOD, KANSAS NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Westwood Foundation Merit Scholarship: Back by Popular Demand!

The Westwood Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, was founded in 1974 to provide charitable, educational and benevolent support to the greater Westwood community. The Foundation's principal mission: providing financial assistance and support to projects and endeavors that benefit the city of Westwood, the immediate surrounding area and, ultimately, the citizens of those communities. For years the Foundation offered Westwood residents a chance at earning a scholarship for higher education. During the Great Recession the scholarship initiative was put on hold, but the Foundation board always had the intent to bring scholarship awards back in much more meaningful way.

I am excited to announce that the board has deemed it appropriate to re-start the scholarship award with a more meaningful effort. Rather than two significantly smaller scholarships, the foundation wanted to make it more meaningful to the award recipient. So this year a

Westwood Merit Scholarship will be awarded to a qualified candidate in the amount of \$5,000, per academic year for a total of four (4) years. This is open to all Westwood high school seniors!

Applicants must meet the following qualifications:

- Westwood resident
- High school senior
- Full time enrollment status of 12 or more credit hours for the 2016-2017 academic year
- Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher

Scholarship applications are available to download at www.westwoodks.org/westwoodfoundation and they are also available at City Hall. All applications must be received by 5 pm on June 1, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact Abby Schneweis, Assistant City Clerk by email at abby.schneweis@westwoodks.org or at 913.362.1550. There will be new initiatives coming soon to the Foundation that should provide benefit to all of Westwood. All donations to the Foundation are tax deductible and can be made at City Hall. You may also contact any board member for more details.



Community members gather on February 29th at Westwood View for the first Public Meeting for Westwood's Master Plan revision.

ELECTIONS BRING CHANGES TO COUNCIL SEATS; MAYOR YÉ REELECTED

During the spring general election the Mayor's seat and two City Council seats were up for election. The election was held on Tuesday, April 5th. Westwood had the highest percentage of voter turnout that day with 44.3 percent of the city's 1,226 registered voters casting a vote that day.

City Council seats held by members Paul Day and Matt Jones, were up for election. Both councilmembers did

not file for reelection. Councilmember Day was elected in 2008 and served as Council President from 2012 to 2016 as well as the Public Safety and Public Works sub committees. Councilmember Jones was elected in 2012, and served on the Administration & Compensation and Public Safety sub committees. The City of Westwood extends its gratitude to Mr. Day and Mr. Jones, their willingness to step up and lead Westwood to a bright future exemplifies the spirit of public service.

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John Yé

Incumbent Mayor John Yé was reelected. Mayor Yé was first elected Mayor in the spring of 2012, and served on the City Council prior to becoming Mayor from 2008 to 2012. While on the City Council, Mayor Yé served as Council President, as well as the Council's Administration & Compensation, and Public Safety subcommittees. Mayor Yé is an active member of the Northeast Johnson County Mayor's Association and the Johnson/Wyandotte County Council of Mayors. Mayor Yé is a financial advisor by trade, and has been working as a Vice President at Baird Private Wealth since January 2015. Mayor Yé was the President & CEO of Country Club Financial Services from 2001 to 2014.

When asked what he was looking forward to most during his second term, Mayor Yé replied "There are many hopeful and challenging objectives to achieve in my second term. Few people have the honor to lead groups of talented, hard-working individuals in the pursuit of developing a well-positioned future for an entire community. I want to work to establish a respectful and highly motivated working rapport between residents and City Hall. I want to stay away from pessimism and work with optimistic people who have vibrant ideas about how to make our place the envy of Northeast Johnson County. We are on our way, and I look forward to turning inwardly and focusing on the individual residential elements of Westwood like infrastructure, greenspace, Westwood View, Foundation work and Church/Park goal planning. The next four years will no doubt have its challenges, but will also cement a safe and sound future for generations to come in Westwood."

Margaret Bowen

Margaret Bowen has lived in Westwood for nine years with her husband Kevin Murphy and their daughter, who attends Indian Hills Middle School. They moved to Westwood because of its close-in location, beautiful neighborhoods, and the excellent reputation of Westwood View. Margaret is managing editor for *The Journal of Juvenile Justice*. Earlier in her career she had been a full-time editor of *Frommer Travel* books, and has edited books for *National Geographic*, and more recently, local publisher *Andrews McMeel*.

When her daughter attended Westwood View, Margaret especially enjoyed volunteering for the yearbook and annual book sale. Margaret looks forward to working with the council for the betterment of Westwood. She would also like to encourage residents to become more involved in our city and its future.

David Waters

David Waters is a partner with law firm *Lathrop & Gage LLP*. David has been with the firm since 2002 and specializes in real estate, business, healthcare, startup/entrepreneurial, municipal, and architecture/construction law. David's volunteer work includes serving on Westwood's Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals, the 47th and Mission Road Area Development and Management Committee, and the Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

David and his wife Mandy have lived in Westwood since 2003. They loved the older homes and being close to the area's best amenities. The couple has two sons, Matthew (8) is a second grader at Westwood View and Andrew (4) will begin kindergarten there this fall.

When asked what he is looking forward to while serving on the Council David said "Westwood has so many unique opportunities ahead. I look forward to working on and helping see these opportunities through. During the campaign, I was able to meet with so many people as well, and I look forward to continuing to be out there, listening to what you have to say, and helping make our City match our shared vision."

Election Changes

All three of the seats elected during the April 2016 general election will serve an abbreviated 45 month term, ending in January 2020, after an election to be held in November 2019.

During the 2015 Kansas Legislative session HB 2104 was passed, which requires that municipal elections be moved from the spring, or April, election cycle to a November of odd years election cycle. This bill will take effect January 1, 2017. This action by the legislature required the City to implement various changes to existing city code provisions, so they are brought into compliance with the provisions of HB 2104. During the November 2015 City Council meeting the governing body changed certain provisions of Charter Ordinance No. 6 to eliminate references to an April election cycle, and to reaffirm the length of terms of the Governing Body positions. The charter ordinances that were passed transitioned the Westwood Governing Body elections to an odd-year November election cycle that conforms with HB 2104, while maintaining the current structure of five council members and a mayor, all elected at-large to four-year terms, with three council members seats elected in one election cycle, and the mayor and two council member seats elected in a different election cycle two years apart.



COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE ON APRIL 30TH

The Spring Community Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, April 30th. Those who are interested in participating can contact Abby Schneweis at 913.362.1550 or at 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 the City's website and can also be picked up at City Hall.

2016 SUMMER POOL PASSES

Westwood residents will be able to purchase summer pool passes to the Woodside pools starting April 27th. Pool pass cards from 2014 and prior cannot be reused this season as new cards will include a printed barcode for Woodside personnel to scan upon entrance. Cards issued during the 2015 season can be reused. Photos for pool pass cards can either be taken at City Hall or sent via email to info@westwoodks.org. The fees for Summer 2016 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

Midseason rates will be available starting Monday, July 11th. Applications will be available at City Hall and on the City's website. If you have any questions contact Abby Schneweis at abby.schneweis@westwoodks.org or 913.362.1550

GARDEN PLANNING IDEAS FROM K-STATE RESEARCH & EXTENSION

Kansas State University Research and Extension Prairie Star Flowers list developed through plant trials at Kansas State University. Prairie Star flowers are varieties best adapted to the challenging prairie climates in the mid-west. The list contains flowers that have exhibited superior performances in the Kansas State University research trials. For more information about this program visit <http://www.prairiestarflowers.com/>

YARD WASTE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Town & Country started collecting yard waste materials on March 9th, and will continue collecting every Wednesday through the end of the year. To ensure that your yard waste materials are collected, please make sure they are .

- Yard waste must be placed in paper bags or rigid containers designated for yard waste. Do not place yard waste materials in plastic garbage bags
- 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

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.

FEATURED SHIRLEY STILES GALLERY ARTISTS

Stiles Gallery Coordinator 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! For more information on these artists and the Gallery visit www.westwoodks.org/stilesgallery

SHIRLEY STILES - APRIL

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 reputation as a unique venue for local artists to show without having to pay high commissions charged by commercial galleries.

Shirley worked in many types of media: pen and ink, oil pastel, watercolors, acrylics, monotype and block and serigraph printmaking. Her subject matter was also diverse. While she can be described as a regional artist because she recorded the people and places of her beloved Kansas City and the trains her engineer-husband drove,

she also responded deeply to nature in all its forms. Shirley found inspiration in the mountains of Colorado and the Sierra Nevada, the California coast, and in animals who never failed to touch her heart.

LARRY BUTTERWORTH - MAY

Larry Butterworth grew up in Kansas and Nebraska and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts at KU. After that Larry moved to California and developed a style and method of approaching his work. Larry uses painting, drawing, and photography as a form of visual storytelling, which he cannot tell verbally. Larry enjoys all the media he works with as path of discovery. Larry believes that his work speaks to each person in a different way. Humor, whimsy, foreboding, spirituality all come in to play in Larry's visual narratives.





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NOTEABLE DATES

APRIL 2016

30TH: Community Shredding Event - 8am-11pm

30TH: Community Garage Sale - All Day

MAY 2016

2ND: Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm

10TH: Master Plan Public Meeting #2 - 7pm @ Olivet
Baptist Church Gymnasium (4901 Mission Rd)

12TH: City Council Meeting - 7pm

JUNE 2016

1ST: Westwood Foundation Merit Scholarship Submis-
sion Deadline - 5pm

6TH: Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm

9TH: City Council Meeting - 7pm

JULY 2016

3RD: Community Fireworks Display - Sundown

4TH: City Offices Closed

CONTACT INFORMATION

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
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