



CITY OF WESTWOOD, KANSAS NEWSLETTER

January through March 2015 4700 Rainbow Blvd, Westwood www.westwoodks.org

ABOUT ENTERCOM COMMUNICATIONS

Entercom is a broadcasting company that owns more than 100 radio stations in 23 markets. They currently own the property at 50th & Belinder where two towers sit on nearly 8 acres of land in the heart of Westwood. The property has been used for radio transmissions since before Westwood was incorporated as a municipality. While the radio station remains grandfathered, years ago the property was zoned for Residential use by the City. Any other use requires a zoning change.

Interested suitors of the property began looking into the possibility of purchasing the property within the last two and half years. The City was aware of at least six interested prospective buyers. However since this is private property, the City did not engage in negotiations or arrange any plans. Discussions included ideas for residential housing, new commercial office space, expanded parking for KU and conversations with the Shawnee Mission School District and Johnson County Library.

Entercom does have an offer from a private developer to buy the property. I, along with members of the Planning Commission, Council and staff attended a meeting last August at CBC Real Estate Group, who informed us of having a letter of intention to buy the property. They first visited City leadership in 2012 and at that time expressed interest in developing a Senior Living facility that would include *Independent & Assisted Living*. However, since the current ordinances do not permit this anywhere in Westwood, the City cannot even entertain such a proposal and the developer cannot submit a proposal unless an amendment to the current ordinances is considered. This amendment would not be specifically regarding Entercom but the current contract on the property represents the catalyst.

As a point of clarity, no rezoning proposal has been submitted at this time. Discussions at the Council and Planning Commission began at the end of 2014. On Monday January 19th, your City Council and Planning Commission held a joint work session to discuss this very topic. It was determined that the current Westwood zoning ordinances do not contemplate for a development of independent and assisted living anywhere in Westwood.

And it was unanimous that the City would like to be able to see what a proposal would look like.

Simply put, the City cannot decline a proposal that does not exist or decline a plan prior to its submission. The consensus among the Council and the Planning Commission was to draft a text amendment contemplating such a planned zoning district. When this is complete, the developer will still need to submit application for a preliminary plan review and rezoning of the property. This would then come before the full Planning Commission and in the public forum.

The text amendment that is being considered in no way grants the developer approval of a zoning change, nor does it grant approval of a preliminary plan; merely the ability for them to submit an application and show their plan. I realize that Entercom will be a sensitive issue for many, so there will be ample opportunity throughout this process for comment and input. This represents a dramatic change in Westwood including the removal of the two towers, the likes which have not been a possibility in the past.

I understand there will be concerns as many on the Council also have concerns about usage and density on this particular site in our City. We will be objective in our vetting and purposefully look for what will be the best opportunity for the City's future, keeping in mind that this is private property and not City-owned. I encourage you to be a part of all public meetings and invite you to voice your thoughts as this unfolds. Do not hesitate to contact me, City Council members, Planning Commission members or City Staff with your questions and concerns at any time.

As always, it is an honor to serve you,

Mayor Yé



COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT ON APRIL 4TH

The annual Community Easter Egg hunt will be held at Joe D. Dennis Park on Saturday, April 4th at 3:00 p.m. More information about this event will be provided on westwoodks.org once details are confirmed.

YARD WASTE PICK-UP RESUMES ON MARCH 11TH

Town & Country will resume yard waste pick-up on March 11th and will continue collection every Wednesday through the end of the year.

When you are placing yard waste out for collection, make sure you are following the guidelines below to ensure it is collected:

- Place yard waste in paper bags or rigid containers designated for yard waste
- Bundled yard waste should be tied up with biodegradable twine and it should not exceed 4 feet in length or 18 inches in diameter
- 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 info@townandcountrydisposal.net

UPCOMING WESTWOOD WOMEN'S CLUB MEETINGS

The Westwood Women's Club meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 12:30p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall. Dessert is served followed by a program and then a short meeting. On February 18th the program will be on the health benefits of chair exercise with a demonstration performance by Margaret Tlapek. On March 18th members of the Johnson County Medical Action staff will provide hands-on training in the latest CPR techniques. On April 15th the club will meet at Bloomsbury Bistro in the antique mall at Corinth Square for lunch. The last gathering of the season on May 15th will be a garden tour to be determined.

Guests are welcome to attend any programs and Westwood residents are encouraged to join the club. If you have questions contact Linda Horn at 913-677-4389 or linda_335@msn.com.

2015 CITY LICENSES

Owners of pets, businesses, 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 2014 expired on January 15, 2015. Applications for all City licenses are available at westwoodks.org under the Forms section of the home page. Any questions can be directed to Abby Schneeweis at 913.362.1550 or abby.schneweis@westwoodks.org

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!

For more information on these artists and the Gallery visit the Community section of westwoodks.org

Allan Winkler - January

Allan Winkler attended the Kansas City Art Institute for ceramics from 1971-1975. He then taught himself paper and metal cutting, sewing, painting, collage, mosaics, and many other art forms. He has shown his art all over the country. He is now living in Kansas City. He loves outsider art, and has met many folk artists. Allan loves music from all over the world and performs with Gamelan Genta Kasturi, a Balinese Gamelan Orchestra in Kansas City. He is the Gong player. Allan believes that art making should be fun, and he strives to have a good time while creating exciting & enjoyable pictures and sculptures

Kenn Jones - February

Kenn attended San Diego State University. Since returning to Kansas City last year, Kenn has spent time shooting pictures of the fountains and historic landmarks. Kenn has never had a class in photography, but he enjoys experimenting with images. He started shooting beach and sunset pictures for a daily Facebook post. He found that there was an appreciation for his photographs not only by friends and family, but in galleries as well. Kenn uses High Dynamic Range Photography (HDR) which is a process that can be used to enhance the light and contrast in photographic images.

Cathy Klein - March

Cathy uses Acrylics with palette knife for her wine cellar series which is more expressionistic in nature and allows some diversity to her work. As a Charter Member of the Missouri Valley Impressionist Society, Cathy has earned signature status by qualifying for three Annual Juried Art shows in a span of five years. Cathy has her own gallery in Parkville, Missouri where she teaches and paints. In December of 2012, Cathy initiated the inaugural Celebrating Parkville in Art Plein Air Event in conjunction with the Parkville Area Chamber of Commerce to recognize the art that Parkville inspires.



SNOW REMOVAL INFORMATION REMINDER

When snow starts falling in Westwood, it is important to keep the following information in mind.

OFF STREET PARKING ORDINANCE

A Message from Chief O'Halloran

Most Westwood streets are very narrow and cars parked along the city streets make snowplowing difficult and even hazardous at times. Westwood has an overnight parking ordinance, which prohibits parking for more than 2 hours between midnight and 6:00 a.m. It is designed to help alleviate some of those problems and it also aids in the response by all emergency vehicles to residents in need, all year-round. Therefore, this ordinance 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 the professional snow removal services provided by our Public Works employees that we have come to expect and that snow removal is a vital part of our public safety strategy to respond to calls for service. So, please assist us in the making this a safe and effective process for all.

SNOW REMOVAL STANDARDS

A message from John Sullivan, Public Works Director

Only a salt mixture is applied to the primary routes and hills, curves, and approximately 60 feet from intersections with light accumulation of snow.

With an accumulation of about 2 inches of snow, Westwood Public Works staff begins plowing, concentrating on the primary routes until the snow fall has stopped or the accumulation reaches about 6 inches.

If snow has reached 6 inches and is still falling, staff will plow two passes down each secondary route. Once the snow has ended, the primary routes are plowed once more and then plow the secondary routes full width. At that time Westwood Public Works staff 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
- 51st Terrace

All other streets are defined as secondary routes.

STAY INFORMED ABOUT WESTWOOD

A great way to keep up with City events and happenings between newsletters is to sign up for the City's email list. To register visit the Stay Informed section of www.westwoodks.org. In addition to general interest emails, those interested in being notified by email of upcoming City meeting dates and agendas can elect to be added to the City's agenda email list. If you have any questions or difficulties please contact Abby Schneweis at 913.362.1550 or abby.schneweis@westwoodks.org.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE ON MAY 2ND

The Spring Community Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 2nd. 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.

NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION PROCESS AVAILABLE

Westwood Staff has added a POD/Dumpster Application to the Forms section of the City's website. A POD/Dumpster permit is required for the placement of a POD or dumpster on your property or in your driveway for an extended period of time that is not associated with a construction project that has been issued a valid building permit. In addition to the POD/Dumpster online registration, other online City registrations include Garage/Estate Sales and Public Safety's House Watch form.

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

AARP will hold a two-day Smart Driver course in the Community Room at Westwood City Hall on February 21st & 28th, both sessions run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m. This refresher course offers tips to improve driving including defensive driving techniques and new traffic laws. There are no tests at the conclusion of the course. The registration fee for this event is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Attendees will need to bring a valid driver's license and AARP card, if applicable. For more information visit www.aarp.org/drive. To register for this course contact Abby Schneweis at 913.362.1550.





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ASSISTANT CITY CLERK: Abby Schneweis

NOTEABLE DATES

FEBRUARY 2015

2nd: Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 pm

10th: Westwood Foundation - 6:30 pm

12th: City Council Meeting - 7:00 pm

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APRIL 2015

4th: Community Easter Egg Hunt - 3:00 p.m.

6th: Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 pm

9th: City Council Meeting - 7:00 pm

14th: Westwood Foundation - 6:30 pm

CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergencies	911
City Hall	913.362.1550
Public Works.....	913.432.1550
Police Administrative Office	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
JOCo Transportation.....	913.782.2210
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