



CITY OF WESTWOOD, KANSAS

NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

THANK YOU: To the residents (especially kids) and businesses, for your patience and understanding through the recent construction that is abuzz in Westwood. The new Walmart Neighborhood Market is well under way. It's messy, but they are diligently working to get the store opened and they think they can get it done ahead of the scheduled January opening. It will be the envy of stores in the area and provide great service to the residents. The Woodside pools – are they really open? Yes, better late than never. Three snow storms and spring showers delayed contractors, but the pools are open and they look great. There's lots of new landscaping, new furniture and poolside food & beverage service. Please check out the pools if you haven't already.

Joe D. Dennis Park: Our City Park has remained relatively unchanged since 1974. For years, it has served as the best space for community affairs such as Oktoberfest, July 4th parties, Movies in the Park, the Easter Egg Hunt and so much more. However, it has not been updated to be Americans with Disabilities ACT (ADA) compliant. The tennis court, once thought to serve dual purpose as an Ice skating rink continues to be damaged by storm water run-off. The fountain is dated by technology standards and becomes more difficult and expensive to maintain each year. The City has engaged the services of Indigo Consulting (<http://indigoparks.com/>) to review possibilities about upgrading our City Park. It is very early in the process and there will be more communications on this in the near future.

City Comprehensive Plan: Any plans such as a Park improvement will need to be consistent with our Comprehensive Plan, which was authored in 1997. It is one of the goals of your elected officials to update this plan. There will be ample opportunity for citizen input with visioning sessions and public meetings. Soon work will begin for future planning that will include critical discussions for infrastructure, diversified revenues, overlay district planning and cooperative work with the Shawnee Mission School District. We also intend to have integrated conversations with the Westwood Foundation since objectives will likely be aligned.

Westwood Hills applies for Historic District: You may have heard recently that Westwood Hills has made application to the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to designate the entire City as an historic

district. This unprecedented move did have possible consequences for Westwood properties. Properties in Westwood and Mission Woods would have had to seek approval in Topeka for projects requiring a permit. However, during the last legislative session, language removing the 500 foot review requirement was stripped. If the bill is signed, the 500-foot historic environs review is dead, according to SHPO. This should put all Westwood adjacent property owners' minds at ease about making improvements or changes to their properties.

Taco Republic: The new restaurant on the KCK corner of 47th St. & Mission Road is under way as new development within the 47th & Mission Road Overlay District continues. They have a taco truck on the site during the weekend selling sample tacos. Try them!

Woodside Village Phase I: In order to demo the YouthFront property, cell towers must be removed from the roof which are active and under contract with mobile providers. Temporary tower plans have been approved and amendments to the Woodside lease have been passed enabling temporary towers to be erected on the South side of Woodside. Phase I demolitions are planned for the latter part of summer. Watch for more updates.

Midwest Transplant Network: MTW, one of Westwood's largest employers with over 100 full time employees, has submitted plans to update their building and expand at State Line Road and 47th Place.

2014 Budget: Budget planning for next year is under way. Budgets are due to the County in August and your council anticipates having it complete by end of July's Council meeting.

Congratulations: Councilman Matt Jones and his wife Jill welcomed their son Cooper on Friday, June 21st. Planning Commission Member Justin Bridges and his wife Mindy welcomed their daughter Ainsley on Saturday, June 22nd. Congratulations to the Jones & Bridges families!

For information on any of these topics please feel free to contact any of your Council members or staff at City Hall. As always, it is an honor to serve you.

**KEEPING WESTWOOD
SAFE & BEAUTIFUL**

Article by Jim Sherman, Building Official

The City of Westwood issues building permits for many items around your house that you may not be aware of such as water heaters, furnaces, air conditioning units, gas line replacements, fences, sheds, decks, and driveways. There are two primary reasons for requiring building permits. The first is to ensure the product being installed conforms with the life safety regulations adopted. The second is local provisions that make our community a great place to live. Our permit fees are some of the lowest in the area, which is intended to prevent residents from avoiding the building permit process and to encourage reinvestment of your property.

Please remember that your grass height should be maintained at a maximum height of eight inches. While we understand it can be difficult to address due to the frequent rains and busy summer schedule, it is important to stay on top of your mowing to prevent grass from becoming too tall and unsightly.

While our community is one to be very proud of, homeowners should be mindful of the state of their property. Keeping your roof in good shape, the fence from leaning or missing boards, and the paint on your dwelling from peeling or fading is paramount to ensuring each street keeps its value and livability. Our staff is not out daily checking on which property is in need of a new coat of paint, but rather we are here to help you understand the home improvement process and when a residence is found to be lacking in basic property maintenance we try and work to resolve the matter.

For more information on building permits in Westwood, visit the Building & Planning section of www.westwoodks.org.

MORE WESTWOOD NEWS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Sometimes community events happen in between newsletters, so be sure to stay informed! Visit www.westwoodks.org to view the City Calendar and read about upcoming and past events in Westwood. Be sure to check out our Facebook and Twitter feeds, there are active links right at the top of our home page. Before you leave the site, don't forget to sign up for our email updates under the Stay Informed section. If you have any questions about the City's website you may contact City Hall at 913.362.1550.

Westwood Building Updates

Article by Jim Sherman, Building Official

The former Apple Market site is fully under construction and soon will be a WalMart Neighborhood Market. The changes have been impressive as the general contractor is virtually re-building the entire store. To date the general contractor has replaced the roof, set new equipment, constructed the addition, poured a new concrete slab for a new floor inside the building, installed a new electric service and replaced all the interior plumbing and has started on the exterior walls and new fence that surrounds the site. Activity through August will consist of completing the exterior walls, working on completing the parking lot with entrances to the site, and finishing the interior portions of the building so new shelving and refrigeration units can be installed.

The Woodside Pool renovation project is almost complete. While the pool complex is open, there are still some smaller items yet to be completed. Patrons will notice at some point soon landscaping being installed in the planter boxes around the entire perimeter of the complex. The second floor deck in the pool house is

almost complete and once it is approved then access to the deck and second floor pool house room will be ready for all to enjoy. This will also include access to the outdoor shower below the deck. Also, on the lower main pool deck the outdoor grille is almost complete. A new feature for the kids will be a splash pad with in-slab bubblers. Many of the mechanical items that make the entire pool complex function were renovated or replaced, making the site a much safer and efficient place to enjoy the summer months.

The KU Med Building along Shawnee Mission Parkway is also experiencing construction activity. Newly completed inside is an office and patient area allowing personal contact with staff on pharmaceutical issues. Later this summer the 3rd floor will be under renovation for more patient and office space upgrades not seen since the building formally housed the Sprint operations. Most of the renovation are being torn down to the bare concrete and steel and being rebuilt back to finished offices. KU has made a significant investment in their facilities at this location.

UNIVERSIAL STORMWATER FEE EXPLAINED

Article by Fred Sherman, City Clerk

For years your City Council has been discussing the implementation of a storm water fee for all Westwood properties. Storm water is water from natural precipitation. As rain or snow falls it is either absorbed into the ground or runs downhill and dissipates. Impervious surfaces, such as rooftops and pavement, prevent water from absorbing into the ground and causes runoff. Unmanaged storm water runoff can cause flooding and threatens public health and safety. Storm water can carry contaminants and pollutants. The City of Westwood has storm water infrastructure to manage runoff, but the pipes and structures are aging and will be in need repair or replacement in the near future.

During its May 9th meeting, the City Council was presented with a plan to implement a storm water fee. This fee will be assessed on property tax bills, much like trash services. Property owners will be assessed an amount for every 500-square feet of impervious surface on a property which includes all buildings and accessory structures, patios, athletic courts, swimming pools and any paved or hard surface driveways and parking lots located thereon within the City's limits. The amount assessed will be evaluated and determined as part of the city's FY 2014 budget approval process. It is anticipated that the annual amount assessed will be about \$60 on the average residence in Westwood.

A storm water fee will spread the costs of maintaining the City's infrastructure across all entities and properties in the city. A storm water management service fee is not a tax; as such the new fee would spread the payment across all properties in the city – even those that are tax exempt.

The City's annual leaf-pick up program contributes to the management of the city's storm water system. In past years, maintenance of the city's drains, storm sewer system and the leaf pick-up program was paid out of the city's general fund; primarily from property and sales taxes. Since the general fund pays for a wide variety of services, the storm sewer system often did not receive the necessary funds to make the needed improvements and maintenance. Many cities have created storm water utilities to maintain and repair existing storm system components (storm sewer pipes, inlets and valves, canals and channels, ditches, curb drainage, etc.) and to fund costs associated with compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act.

AFTER 27 YEARS OF SERVICE, LIEUTENANT BURGESS RETIRES FROM WESTWOOD'S POLICE FORCE

An article by Carlos Wells, Chief of Police

It come with many mixed emotions to announce that Lieutenant Robert Burgess has decided he will be retiring at the end of June 2013.

Bob has faithfully served the City and its citizens for 27 years in a variety of positions including Crime Prevention Officer, D.A.R.E. Officer at Westwood View and Property and Evidence Officer. In 2010 he was promoted to Lieutenant and Assistant Chief of Police and has served that position with distinction.

A reception in his honor will be held at City Hall and a future date and time will be announced on the City's website so everyone can wish him luck in his future endeavors. He will truly be missed but we congratulate him wish him well on pursuing his next chapter in life.

LISA CUMMINS STEPS INTO NEW COUNCIL ROLE

At the April 11th City Council meeting Lisa Cummins was nominated by Mayor Yé to be Westwood's new City Council representative. Councilwoman Cummins is fulfilling Councilman Jace McClasky's last year of his term. Councilman McClasky and his family have moved to Prairie Village after he served three years on the Council as an elected official. Lisa's appointment was approved by unanimous consent of the Council and she was sworn in by City Clerk Fred Sherman. Councilwoman Cummins will serve as chair of the Parks & Recreation Committee and Vice Chair of the Business & Community Affairs Committee.

Councilwoman Cummins has served as a Westwood Block Captain, a voting member on the 47th St & Mission Road Development Committee and a Board member on the Westwood Foundation, displaying superior commitment to improving and serving our community. Her career spans 30 years with the same organization; one of Westwood's largest employers, Midwest Transplant Network. Lisa holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, is the mother of two grown children and has two granddaughters.

If you have any questions for Councilwoman Cummins you may contact her at lisa.cummins@westwoodks.org.

**SPOTLIGHT ON WESTWOOD BUSINESS:
TRELLIE ENABLES FASTER
COMMUNICATION FOR FAMILIES**

Article by Joe Kordalski, Councilmember

A Westwood business, Trellie, recently celebrated its one year anniversary. Founders Claude Aldridge and Jason Reid have experienced a tremendous amount of growth in a short period of time. Over the course of the past year, they have received a great deal of attention in a highly competitive wireless accessories market.

Trellie was created out of a conversation over lunch between the two long-time friends. Claude's son had recently run a severe fever at school and the nurse was unable to reach his wife to let her know. Both Claude and his wife were distraught when they finally learned that their son was ill and had been sitting for a few hours, waiting to go home. Jason also had just had an urgent situation while he was traveling, where he was unable to reach his wife to coordinate a number of things at home for their soon-to-be newborn. With young families at home, it was all too easy to imagine potentially more life-threatening situations their families might face, with no certainty of connecting. Sharing a passion to improve family communication, they set out to find a way to attack this missed call problem and quickly happened upon some eye opening research. Women's phones are chronically buried in their handbags, work bag, purse, diaper bag, etc. and as a result, they miss a number of calls on a daily basis. This basic consumer insight soon led the friends to form Trellie.

After four months, manufacturing and testing were being worked out, prototypes were being made, vendors were sourced, and excitement was building. Fast forward to June 2013 and Trellie is soon to launch their product to the market.

Trellie is developing simple, beautiful products that solve real, everyday problems that help ensure people are connected, whenever they need to be. Trellie's first product to market, also called Trellie, is an ultra-simple, stylish accessory that hangs on the outside of the handbag and visually alerts the user of an incoming call or missed call. With this simple, but effective offering, women will never miss those important calls again from those that depend on them the most.

When asked what has been the greatest challenge to starting his own company, Jason Reid responded "the greatest challenge has been creating a new product segment. Although mobile devices and consumer electronics have obviously been around for many, many years, there have been very few that have focused on the Female/Mom market. Most products marketed to this segment are not designed with them in mind; rather, they've been male-oriented or unisex in nature and they "pink and shrink" the products to try to accommodate. Since this is the case, we do not have many good comparable products out there to base our design, functionality, packaging, etc on. Ultimately, we must ensure that our products not only look great, but are simple, easy to use and provide the benefits that our audience cares about most vs. gadgetry and endless unnecessary features/functions."

"Trellie's vision is to revolutionize technology solutions for women and their families by creating a range of products that help them save time, provide peace of mind and better communicate with the people they care about most" Jason said. "As we expand the company from our first product, due out in August, to additional products, we see ourselves creating a brand that is synonymous with simple, practical technology solutions, built specifically for busy women and their families. We anticipate rapid growth in the marketplace and ultimately hope that Trellie will have made a positive impact on millions of people's lives."

Westwood is proud to have Trellie as a member of the business community.

WESTWOOD'S ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION IS SEPTEMBER 28TH

Fall is right around the corner, and The City of Westwood is ready to celebrate! This year's Oktoberfest will take place on September 28th in the Joe D. Dennis Park, located at 50th Street and 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.

INDEPENDENCE DAY & LABOR DAY OBSERVANCE

City offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4th and Monday, September 2nd in observance of the Independence Day and Labor Day holidays. If you need emergency assistance, dial 911 or call the Johnson County Sheriff's office at 913.782.0720.



July 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	 3 Community Fireworks Display - St. Agnes - 9:30pm or dusk	4 Independence Day City Offices Closed	5	6
7	8 Planning Commission 7:00pm	9 WW Foundation 6:30pm	 10	11 City Council 7:00pm	12 Municipal Court 8:30am	13
14	15	16	 17	18	19 Municipal Court 8:30am	20
21	22	23	 24	25	26 Municipal Court 8:30am	27
28	29	30	 31			

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August 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Municipal Court 8:30am	3
4	5 Planning Commission 7:00pm	6	7 	8 City Council 7:00pm	9	10
11	12	13 WW Foundation 6:30pm	14 	15	16 Municipal Court 8:30am	17
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September 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day Planning Commission 7:00pm	3	4 	5	6 Municipal Court 8:30am	7
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October 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	 2	3	4 Municipal Court 8:30am	5
6	7 Planning Commission 7:00pm	8 WW Foundation 6:30pm	 9	10 City Council 7:00pm	11	12
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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.

TARVIS - JULY 2013

Tarvis was born in southern Missouri. He moved to Kansas City in 2002 to attend the Kansas City Art Institute. After graduating from the School of Design in 2005, he began designing for a local apparel company designing screen prints.

Over the last two years, he has designed a collection of prints he calls "Concurrent Perspectives." These Concurrent Perspectives are abstract screen prints that explore perspective by layering multiple images into a single composition. Though abstract, these screen prints reveal beauty in many of the structures and landmarks of Kansas City.

CHRIS AMMERMAN - AUGUST 2013

Chris Ammerman has created a unique art form he calls "Kaleidoscope Photography". He has been interested in kaleidoscopes for many years making many different types with various materials. Images are created using

different materials in the object cell, such as glass and other items, to create unique symmetrical designs when viewed through the mirror system. Photographing the interior images makes it possible to share the beautiful views with others to enjoy.

BERNADINE MILLER - SEPTEMBER 2013

The magic of photography has always fascinated Bernadine Miller. Whether it is the developing of pictures in a darkroom or capturing that special picture with her camera. Bernadine has been fortunate to travel to Europe, Greece, Egypt, Mexico, and in the US. Many of her photographs are from her travels.

Bernadine's work has been exhibited at several locations around the Kansas City area.

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.

TACO REPUBLIC TO OPEN LOCATION AT 47TH & MISSION ROAD

Dining options at 47th and Mission Road are about to get even tastier! Taco Republic, a Bread and Butter Concepts food truck, is opening a brick and mortar location at 500 County Line Road located just west of Oklahoma Joe's later this year. Dining options will include various kinds of street tacos, fresh salsas, guacamole and quesos, served with fresh tortilla chips along with a variety of Mexican drinks including Jarritos and Mexican Coke. For more information about Taco Republic's menu and a listing of its food truck stops visit www.tacorepublictruck.com

WESTWOOD'S AUTUMN COMMUNITY

GARAGE SALE IS SEPTEMBER 14TH

There is still time to clean your house before the cold weather returns to Westwood! The Autumn Community Garage Sale will take place on September 14th. 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. A listing of participants will be posted on www.westwoodks.org and hard copies can be picked up at City Hall.

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR INCLUDES RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

Owning a pet is a wonderful experience and the City of

Westwood hopes the time you and your pet spend together is memorable. However, it is your responsibility to ensure that your pet does not interfere with the rights and safety of your friends, neighbors, and general public.

- Your pet must be under your control at all times. It is unlawful for the owner of any pet to allow their pet to run at large within Westwood. Please be sure to supervise, confine, or leash your pet!
- Please pick up after your pet if he or she leaves something unpleasant behind on public or private property.
- Dogs and cats must be registered with The City and immunized against rabies.

Remember that being a good neighbor includes responsible pet ownership.

More information on pet ownership in Westwood is available at www.westwoodks.org under the Resident Resources section.



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MEETINGS, EVENTS, CLOSINGS, ETC.

CONTACT INFORMATION

JULY 2013

3rd: Community Fireworks Display 9:00 p.m. or dusk

4th: Independence Day - City Offices Closed

8th: Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

9th: Westwood Foundation Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

11th: City Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

AUGUST 2013

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SEPTEMBER 2013

2nd: Labor Day - City Offices Closed

10th: Westwood Foundation Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

12th: City Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

14th: Community Garage Sale

28th: Oktoberfest - Time of event TBA

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JoCo Wastewater	913.715.8587
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JoCo Information	913.715.1500
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