



CITY OF WESTWOOD, KANSAS NEWSLETTER

July through September 2017 4700 Rainbow Blvd, Westwood www.westwoodks.org

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Friend and Neighbors

I hope that this finds all of you well and that you've had an excellent summer. As the new school year dawns and we approach the changing colors of the landscape, we remain confident that Westwood is the best place in Johnson County to live, work or play!

Your City staff and Council have been busy preparing for this fall. Good things continue to happen as we prosper in Westwood. Our primary focus has been and will remain on serving the residents, property owners and businesses. Protecting the residential, family and walkable neighborhood will help us continue to grow and prosper. Good things to keep an eye on...

Westwood View Elementary: WWV has grown while at the same time reducing transfer students. This is a direct result of new families moving into are area while renovating and improving the housing stock. If you are a recent addition to Westwood, welcome! With upcoming elections and changes to the school district board, Council President Jason Hannaman has done a stellar job of keeping up the relationships between the school, the district and Westwood. We anticipate continued planning for a new Westwood View in the near future.

Entercom Tower: As most of you know, the district purchased the Entercom property in 2016. They have already begun to remove the large tower in the center of the Entercom property. This represents a major change to the landscape in Westwood.

Council Replacement: Council member Margaret Bowen resigned her council seat in June. After careful consideration, the Council agreed that former Council President Paul Day would be best suited to fulfil Margaret's term. Paul served eight years on the Council and with him came a wealth of knowledge and experience and just in time for budget planning. Please welcome Paul back as he once again offers to serve the community with great outcomes.

2018 Budget: The Council worked diligently through the summer to put together the budget which has been submitted to the County. You will be happy to know that we were able to improve the compensation for the staff and fund our expenses which will include a new full time police officer with no increase in the mill rate. We

have spent years working collaboratively to diversify revenues. The increase in revenues provides the flexibility to service future debt the City may need to complete infrastructure improvements which are long overdue. Storm water improvements and aging infrastructure were outlined during the drafting of the comprehensive plan as priorities. The City will engage a municipal advisor soon to analyze this possible path.

Summer Events & Tennis Court: Summer has been filled with fun activities for our residents and neighboring areas. The July 4th fireworks display, movies in the park and a recently resurfaced tennis court at Dennis Park are part of what makes our community so great (Please help keep the kids' bikes and skate boards off the new court).

Community Connectors: With Council member Lisa Cummins' leadership, we will be creating a unit known as Westwood Community Connectors. This effort will build a team of volunteers that serve as liaisons between the residents and City Hall. We want more transparency and more connectivity. If you want to be a part of this effort please contact Lisa at 913.362.1550 or by email at lisa.cummins@westwoodks.org.

Woodside Village: The residential units in Phase I of Woodside Village are now fully occupied. Blue Sushi, Eat/Fit/Go, Ulah, Shelby Herrick Salon and the Roasterie are now open and the buzz is on the street recognizing Westwood as a destination location. Please join me in welcoming all of our new neighbor residents and businesses to Westwood.

THANK YOU: To the Planning Commission members for the hard work in bringing the City a Comprehensive Plan we can all be proud of. The PC worked and listened to the public for two years in their volunteer efforts to help the City look forward in a positive and productive manner. Also thank you to all those residents who participated. Your voice matters and it always will. We are listening and as always we invite anyone to come to City Hall or contact any of your council members, staff or myself for any inquiries.

I am honored to serve you.



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**2017 WESTWOOD FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDEE ANNOUNCED**

During its June meeting, the Board of Directors awarded the \$5,000 per academic year scholarship to Yashi Wang. Yashi is a 2017 graduate of Shawnee Mission East and the daughter of Huizhen Wang and Zhiying Zhang. Among her many academic accomplishments Yashi earned a perfect score on the ACT, and is a National Merit finalist and scholarship winner, and a Kansas Governor's Scholar. Yashi is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Parent Teacher Student Association, Junior Classical League, Symphony and Chamber orchestras, and was a member and editor of the school newspaper and literary and art magazine. Yashi has volunteered her time at the Johnson County Library, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Harvesters, The Upper Room, Overland Park Church of the Nazarene, Stand Up for Downs Syndrome, Johnson County Christmas Bureau and City Union Mission. Yashi also works

as a freelance graphic designer to earn money to cover costs for her instrument and college tuition. Yashi will be attending Brown University where she will study economics and philosophy. In addition to courses relevant to her majors, Yashi would like to explore computer science, sociology, politics, arts, journalism, and a wealth of social science and humanities that will provide the resources to pave her path to becoming an attorney or a prosecutor. When describing her goals for the future, Yashi said that in general she would like to become someone her parents can be proud of and someone her six year old brother can look up to.

"We are very proud to award this year's Merit Scholarship to Yashi. We had eight wonderful applicants, all of whom in their own way were deserving. However Yashi's application was so compelling that the board found her's stood out. We wish all the applicants the very best for a prosperous future!" said Mayor Yé. Yashi was honored at the July 13th City Council Meeting.

**WESTWOOD'S DAY-TIME POPULATION
GROWS 250+ ON A GIVEN WORKDAY**

The Census Bureau reports that Westwood's daytime population is 250+ greater than the city's residential population estimate, based on the FY 2014 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) data for the City of Westwood, Kansas.

About 938 individuals commute into the City of Westwood to work from other areas in the region. Approximately 686 Westwood residents work outside the city, and only about 17 or so individuals both live and work in Westwood.

The Census Bureau reports that Westwood's estimated July 1, 2016 residential population stands at 1,658 people. Based on the LEHD data, more than half, or about 56% of the town's residential population total commute into Westwood on a given work day.

With Midwest Transplant Network, the University Of Kansas Hospital Authority Cancer Center, and other corporate businesses located in the City of Westwood, workers commute from throughout the region to work in the city. Over 15% of individuals working in Westwood reported having to travel more than 50 miles to

work, while just over 50% of workers live within 10 miles of the city.

Most Westwood residents work outside the city. Westwood residents tend to work in many of the prominent employment center areas of the metropolitan region, like at the KU Medical Campus in Kansas City, Kansas; Downtown KCMO; the Crown Center and Country Club Plaza areas; as well as the College Boulevard area in Overland Park, Kansas. Virtually all Westwood residents commute less than 25 miles to work.

The Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) program is part of the Center for Economic Studies at the U.S. Census Bureau. Under the LED Partnership, states agree to share Unemployment Insurance earnings data and the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

(QCEW) data with the Census Bureau. The LEHD program combines these data sets, additional administrative data and data from censuses and surveys.

From this data, the program creates statistics on employment, earnings, and job flows at detailed levels of geography and industry. Details can be found at <https://onthemap.ces.census.gov/>

Inflow/Outflow Job Counts in 2014



OKTOBERFEST ON SEPTEMBER 30TH

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 30th to celebrate the start of fall! We stwood's Oktoberfest celebration will be held from 4pm to 8pm in Dennis



Park (50th Street & Rainbow Boulevard) and there will be dinner, music, and fun for all ages! More details about this event will be provided on the City's website once they are confirmed. If you have any questions you may contact

Abby Schneweis at 913.362.1550 or abby.schneweis@westwoodks.org.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE ON SEPTEMBER 16TH

A fall community garage sale will be held on September 16th. 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.

JOHNSON COUNTY ONEASSIST LAUNCHED

Johnson County Government launched OneAssist, a single telephone number for callers seeking assistance from county health and human service agencies and de-

partments. One call to 913.715.8989 now connects residents to resources and services from the departments of health and environment, human services, mental health and the county's developmental supports agency.

County residents needing services should call during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday). The calls will be assessed based on the needs of the resident calling and directed to the appropriate agency or department. For more information about this new program visit <http://bit.ly/2w4p9ke>

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

AARP will hold a two-day Smart Driver course in the Community Room at Westwood City Hall on October 14th & 21st, 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.



FALL 2017 ELECTION FILINGS

Three (3) Westwood City Council positions will be elected this fall to serve a 48-month term starting in January of 2018. The following Westwood residents have filed as a candidate for the November 7, 2017 city election:

- Lisa Cummins - 2511 W. 51st Ter
- Jason P. Hannaman - 2502 W. 50th Place
- Jeff Harris - 2512 W. 51st Street



- Pam Merrigan - 4917 Belinder Road
 - Thomas W. Scott - 2113 W 47th Terr
 - Jayme Tebow - 4952 Norwood Street
- Polls will be open from 7am to 7pm on Tuesday, November 7th at City Hall. For voter registration information visit the Johnson County Election Office website at www.jocoelection.org or call 913.782.3441.

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 about these and future artists visit www.westwoodks.org/stilesgallery

Allan Winkler - August 2017

Allan Winkler likes to make things. He attended the Kansas City Art Institute for ceramics from 1971 to 1975. He then taught himself paper and metal cutting, sewing, painting, collage, mosaics, and many other art forms. Allan believes that art making should be fun, and

he strives to have a good time while creating exciting and enjoyable pictures and sculptures.

Kathy Butler - September 2017

Our September artist this year is our own Art Coordinator for the Shirley Stiles Gallery, Kathy Stiles Butler. Although she does not consider herself a fine artist, she has had a love of photography for years. Photography and travel are two of her passions that she combined on a recent trip to Africa. In September, Kathy will share some of her favorite images from Africa in the Shirley Stiles Gallery. A reception for Kathy will be held on September 18th from 5pm to 7:30pm in the Community Room at City Hall.





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Jason Hannaman, David Waters, Joe Whisler

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SERGEANT: Gary Baker

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS: Chris Bishop, Marcus Burke,

Ruth Peter, Kurtis Stone, Penny Teddy

COURT CLERK: Shelley Floyd

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS: John Sullivan

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Mitch Landis

PUBLIC WORKS STAFF: Richard Fatherley, James Rankin

CITY CLERK: Fred Sherman

BUILDING OFFICIAL: Eddie McNeil

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK: Abby Schneweis

NOTEABLE DATES

SEPTEMBER 2017

4TH:Labor Day - City Offices Closed

14TH: City Council - 7pm

16TH: Community Garage Sale - All Day

16TH: Shredding & eCycle Event - 9am – Noon

16TH: WWPDP Picnic - 11:30am to 2pm

18TH: Stiles Gallery Reception - 5pm to 7:30pm

30TH: Oktoberfest - 4pm to 8pm

OCTOBER 2017

2ND: Planning Commission - 7pm

12TH: City Council - 7pm

For complete, updated information regarding formal meetings, schedule changes, announcements, and City information, please consult www.westwoodks.org, contact City Hall, or reach out to any one of your Council Members or the Mayor.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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
JOCos Wastewater.....	913.715.8587
Animal Control.....	913.782.0720
JOCos Information.....	913.715.1500
Driver's License Bureau	913.432.2266
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