



# CITY OF WESTWOOD, KANSAS NEWSLETTER

October through December 2014 4700 Rainbow Blvd, Westwood www.westwoodks.org



## REMEMBERING GENE CULBERTSON

Former Westwood City Clerk Gene Culbertson passed away on September 13, 2014 at the age of 98. Gene moved to Westwood in 1953 with her husband Otis and three children Kay, Linda and Gary. She began her service to Westwood when she received a request to temporarily assist J.B. Wilcox, who was City Clerk at the time. Gene was later appointed to serve as City Clerk in 1968, a position she held until her retirement in 1983. She was asked to fill a vacated City Council seat in 1985 and was elected to remain in that same

seat in 1986. Gene served her four year term on Council and retired in 1990 where she continued to serve the community as Director of the Westwood Foundation from 1997 to 2005. In 1999 Gene coordinated a book that commemorated Westwood's history in honor of the 50th anniversary of its founding. In 2005 Gene's service to Westwood was honored with the planting of a Burr Oak tree and a plaque in front of City Hall. The plaque reads "*She has given our community two lasting legacies. One is our roots; the other, wings for our future.*" This saying continues to ring true today. Westwood would not be the great city it is today without Gene Culbertson's many years of service and guidance. The City expresses its gratitude to her family and friends for a lifetime of service. Westwood will never forget Gene Culbertson and her tremendous contributions to Westwood.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

**transformation:** noun, a thorough or dramatic change in form or appearance.

**THANK YOU:** To Ryan Denk, Bill Crandall, Paul Day, Chris Ross and Fred Sherman. Your diligent years of efforts and service reflect what people-of-action can achieve. Your work is yielding tangible dividends on the Woodside Village project.

**2015 Budget:** The 2015 budget was approved by your council and submitted to the County. Council and staff produced a budget for 2015 with no increase to the Mill Levy. We will continue to be prudent and disciplined as we strive for efficiency, while improving City services.

**Woodside Village Phase I:** The YouthFront building is gone, and so begins a new chapter for Westwood's future prosperity with new apartments, restaurants, and retail under construction. Before long, neighbors will be walking to the new businesses and enjoying new services that will benefit all. Keep watching our website for periodic updates.

**Google Fiber:** The infrastructure work is nearing completion. There have been periodic issues with Google subcontractors, but your City staff is maintaining tight scrutiny regarding corrections and final work. Westwood was the first to reach its goals in the Fiberhood Campaign. Soon Google will announce when services will be available.

**Midwest Transplant Network:** Is virtually complete with the new parking structure and building addition. The parking structure looks great and the new parking lot has been poured.

**Lulu's Asian Bistro:** The new restaurant at 2701 W 47th Street opened in October. We are excited to have this new restaurant as part of our community.

**Joe Dennis Park and adjacent Church:** Councilmember Page is working with our Park consultant Doug Pickert, of Indigo Design, to vet possible park improvements. This planning will also consider functional uses of the Westwood Christian Church property, adjacent to the park. No decisions have been made and the opportunities once refined will be presented to the public.

**Councilman Whisler:** Joe Whisler is presently out on medical leave. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers during his recovery. Matt Jones will serve as Chairman of Public Works Committee during his absence. Please feel free to contact Matt or John Sullivan if you have any Qs.

If you need any assistance, don't hesitate to contact us. As always, I am honored to serve you.

John M. Yé  
Mayor



## PUBLIC SAFETY WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 30TH

*Article by Greg O'Halloran, Chief of Police*

On Thursday, October 30th from 6:30p.m. to 8:30 p.m. the Westwood Public Safety Department will hold a workshop in the Community Room at Westwood City Hall. We would like the chance to meet and visit with you. We are going to offer you crime prevention techniques and tell you about crime trends. We are also going to take feedback from you on how we are doing and what we could do better.

As your Police Department we understand that we will never be as effective as we can be unless we are working alongside each of you. We believe that it is far cheaper fiscally and in terms of peace of mind to prevent crime than it is to investigate crime. One of the most critical components in that philosophy is you, the residents we serve.

There is an old adage that "the only thing evil needs to succeed is for good people to do nothing". The same could be said about crime prevention. Give us a couple of hours of your time and we will find ways to work more closely together and keep our community one of the safest areas in the Metro.

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### 2014 CHANGES TO LEAF PICK UP PROGRAM

Fall is here and with it brings the Westwood leaf pick up program, some changes have been made to leaf pick up operations this year, those who wish to participate please take note:

Leaf pickup is scheduled to begin on November 3rd and will continue throughout November. Westwood Public Works personnel will be making passes through the City starting at 51st Terrace and will work their way north to 47th Street. Once they have passed your residence, they may not be back for at least three to six business days depending on the amount of leaves to be gathered, the weather, and/or mechanical difficulties with the equipment. For a daily update on the leaf pick-up route, please call 913.432.1550 and listen for the recorded information or check the City's website at [www.westwoodks.org](http://www.westwoodks.org).

After Thanksgiving will be when the leaf pick up program changes occur. Westwood is contracting with the City of Roeland Park to make a final collection of leaves on December 11th and 12th. Roeland Park utilizes a different type of leaf collecting equipment which requires that leaves to be collected from the street rather than in the yard. Those who wish to participate in the final round of leaf pick up and live on a local street should rake leaves in to the street beginning the week-end of December 6th. Leaf pick up along Mission Road, 47th Street, Rainbow Blvd, and State Line Road **will not** utilize the Roeland Park equipment and leaves should not be raked into these streets in December.

To aid in the efficient removal of your leaves, please remember the following:

- No sticks or trash - only leaves. Piles containing an abundance of sticks will be left until the sticks are removed

- Please rake leaves into as narrow a pile as possible
- Please avoid raking the leaf piles directly under low hanging trees, our equipment gets tangled in the low overhanging limbs. We need a minimum of 14 feet in height, from the ground to the lowest limb, to operate the equipment.



- If this condition is found to exist, your leaves will be left until the pile is moved to a location that is accessible
- **During the month of November:** rake just to the curb or edge of the sidewalk, not onto the sidewalk which forces pedestrians into the street, and not into the streets or gutters.
  - **Starting December 6th:** Residents living on a local street in Westwood may start raking leaves into the street 1-foot away from the curb during the second week of December for Roeland Park personnel to make a final leaf collection.

After the December leaf pick-up dates, Westwood Public Works personnel will sweep the streets and gutter lines a final time. Residents may still use Town & Country Disposal's compost program by bagging leaves in paper bags or rigid containers designated for yard waste through January 7, 2015 if they do not want loose leaves lying about. There is no limit on the amount of yard waste that can be collected on a Wednesday per residence per week by Town & Country Disposal.

We again thank you for making this project a success and we appreciate your patience and cooperation.



## EDDIE MCNEIL BEGINS SERVICE AS WESTWOOD'S NEW BUILDING OFFICIAL

Eddie McNeil started as Westwood's Building Official on October 27th. Eddie was most recently employed for Cass County, Missouri in Harrisonville as a building inspector for the past 10 years. Eddie's public sector experience has also included service as a Building Inspector in Lee's Summit. Eddie's 30 years of experience in the construction field has included supervisory positions as well as field work. Eddie is an International Codes Council certified building inspector and has had extensive experience in plan review and building inspections for both commercial and residential projects. Eddie studied Construction Technology at Central Missouri State University.

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### MAYOR'S HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING ON DECEMBER 2ND

The lighting of the Mayor's Holiday Tree will take place on Tuesday, December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. on the grounds of City Hall. More details about this event will be provided once they are confirmed.

### 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 an interesting program and then a short meeting. On November 19th Suzanne and Ron Shaffer of Yates City, Kansas will present a program on Genealogy: Start investigating your roots and branches. No meeting is held in December. The January 21st meeting will feature Noella McCray, RN speaking about Hospice/End of Life Care. Guests are welcome to attend any programs

and Westwood residents are encouraged to join the club. If you have questions contact Special Projects/ Publicity Chairman, Linda Horn at 913.677.4389 or [linda\\_335@msn.com](mailto:linda_335@msn.com).

### TOWN & COUNTRY AMNESTY DAY AND HOLIDAY PICK-UP SCHEDULE

This is a reminder that December 24th and December 31st will be Town & Country pick-up days. Town & Country does not deviate from their schedule due to holidays. December 31st is a Town & Country Amnesty Day. On Amnesty Day all bagged trash will be collected without having to purchase a \$1.25 bag tag. Also, holiday trees may be left out for pick-up until January 7, 2015. If you have any questions about Town & Country pick-up days you can call Town & Country at 816.380.5595 or City Hall at 913.362.1550.

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## 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!

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### **Nicki Burdolski Griffith – October**

Nicki Burdolski Griffith was born and raised in the Kansas City area, She is a mother of two young boys and when not managing the household, Nicki has a camera in her hand. As a corporate, wedding and family photographer, Nicki has had the opportunity to train under some of the nation's most talented photographers. Nicki focuses primarily on photographing people vs. things and her favorite subject to photograph is children. Nicki loves their honest emotions and their playful and uninhibited nature. Nicki tries to get her adult subjects to unleash this playfulness and honesty in themselves.

### **Paul Mallory - November**

Paul Mallory likes making beautiful, serene, or thought provoking objects. With clay as his medium there are unlimited possibilities for this. Whether these pieces are functional dinnerware or sculptural flights of fancy working in clay allows Paul to follow his ideas to their conclusion, but these finished pieces always seem to suggest more. This call and response keeps Paul in his studio. Paul's latest ceramic subject of interest has been with cats. Paul finds that they are fun to draw and paint and seem to fit very well on his ceramic forms.

### **Bob Walkenhorst - December**

Bob Walkenhorst has been drawing and painting for as long as he can remember, and as long as he's not interrupted. After receiving a BFA from Northwest Missouri State University in 1978, he exhibited in national competitions at the Nelson Adkins Art Museum in Kansas City, the Albrecht Art Museum in St. Joseph, and in juried exhibitions in Cincinnati and Little Rock. An unapologetic traditionalist, Bob says his watercolors are "a moment, a place, a sharing of an observation that is, hopefully, also the sharing of a meditation on the beauty around us."



**2015 CITY ISSUED LICENSES**

All owners of pets, businesses, residential rental property, those who rent out rooms in their home, and massage therapists are required by City Ordinances to apply for a license on a yearly basis. On January 15, 2015 all licenses issued by the City during 2014 will expire. All renewal forms are available on the City's website under the Forms section, which is listed at the top of the page. If you have any questions regarding any of these licenses contact Abby Schneweis at 913.362.1550 or abby.schneweis@westwoodks.org.

**Pets:** Dogs and cats over six months of age are required to be licensed on a yearly basis in Westwood by January 15th. Please complete, detach and return the application below to City Hall with the appropriate fees and a copy of your pet's current rabies vaccination certificate. Your pet's tag(s) will be mailed to you along with your paid receipt. Fees: \$3.00 for spayed/neutered dogs and cats and \$5.00 for unaltered dogs and cats. There is no charge to senior citizen pet owners age 60 and over

**Businesses:** Fees for business licenses vary depending on the nature of service the business is providing as well as the square footage of the business. A fee table is included on the renewal application.

**Rental Properties:** Rental license fees are \$30 per property. In addition to licensure, rental properties are subject to an annual codes inspection by Westwood's Building Official. This inspection should be conducted before January 15, 2016.

**Massage Therapy:** All massage therapy practitioner and establishment owner/manager licenses are subject to review by City Council. In order to meet the January 15th deadline, applicants will need to submit their renewal applications on or before January 8th in order to be considered by City Council for approval during the regularly meeting scheduled to be held that evening. Fees for massage therapy license are \$25 for a practitioner and \$50 for an owner/manager.

**2015 DOG AND CAT LICENSE APPLICATION**

Owner Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Primary \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>Pet #1</b>  Name: _____ Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>  Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Cat <input type="checkbox"/> Breed: _____ Color: _____  Has this animal been spayed/neutered? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>  Date of most recent rabies vaccination: _____ Vaccination expires in: 1 year <input type="checkbox"/> 3 years <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>Pet #2</b>  Name: _____ Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>  Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Cat <input type="checkbox"/> Breed: _____ Color: _____  Has this animal been spayed/neutered? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>  Date of most recent rabies vaccination: _____ Vaccination good for: 1 year <input type="checkbox"/> 3 years <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>Pet #3</b>  Name: _____ Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>  Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Cat <input type="checkbox"/> Breed: _____ Color: _____  Has this animal been spayed/neutered? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>  Date of most recent rabies vaccination: _____ Vaccination good for: 1 year <input type="checkbox"/> 3 years <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>Pet #4</b>  Name: _____ Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>  Dog <input type="checkbox"/> Cat <input type="checkbox"/> Breed: _____ Color: _____  Has this animal been spayed/neutered? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>  Date of most recent rabies vaccination: _____ Vaccination good for: 1 year <input type="checkbox"/> 3 years <input type="checkbox"/></p>





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**MAYOR:** John Yé

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Paul Day, Jason Hannaman,  
Matt Jones, Sarah Page, Joe Whisler

**CHIEF OF POLICE:** Greg O'Halloran

**LIEUTENANT:** Don Brooks

**PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS:** Jason Abel, Gary Baker,  
Chris Bishop, Cliff Chaffee & Penny Heidesch

**COURT CLERK:** Shelley Floyd

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:** John Sullivan

**PUBLIC WORKS STAFF:** Richard Fatherley, James Rankin

**CITY CLERK:** Fred Sherman

**BUILDING OFFICIAL:** Eddie McNeil

**ASSISTANT CITY CLERK:** Abby Schneweis

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**NOTEABLE DATES**

**NOVEMBER 2014**

- 3rd:** Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 4th:** Election Day - Polls Open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 11th:** Westwood Foundation Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 13th:** City Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 27th & 28th:** Thanksgiving - City Offices Closed

**DECEMBER 2014**

- 1st:** Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 2nd:** Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting - 6:00 p.m.
- 9th:** Westwood Foundation Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 11th:** City Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 25th & 26th:** Christmas - City Offices Closed
- 31st:** Town & Country Amnesty Day

**JANUARY 2015**

- 1st:** New Year's Day - 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
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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