



# CITY OF WESTWOOD, KANSAS NEWSLETTER

October through December 2015 4700 Rainbow Blvd, Westwood [www.westwoodks.org](http://www.westwoodks.org)

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

### **Westwood Comprehensive Planning Ready to Begin**

#### **Team Hired!**

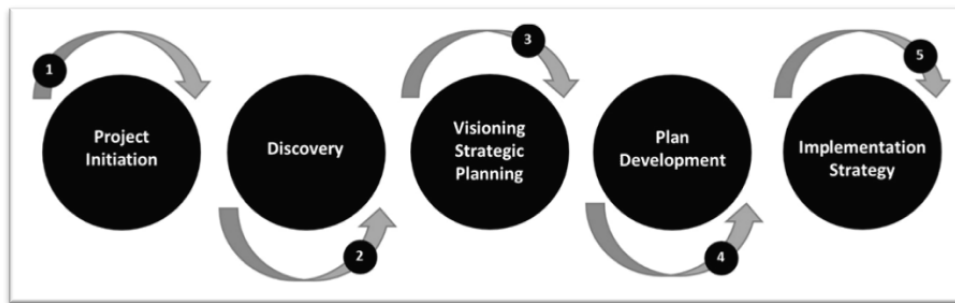
This summer a Request for Proposal (RFP) was drafted and published in order to engage a consultant that would facilitate the review of Westwood's Comprehensive Plan. The RFP received seven qualified proposals from very competent firms. A seven member ad hoc group was assembled comprised of two planning commission members (including Chairman Rob Junk), one member each from the Westwood Foundation and 47<sup>th</sup> St & Mission Rd Overlay District Committee, Councilman Jason Hannaman and two members of the public. Both members of the public were signers of the recently distributed petition urging the City to move forward with the plan review.

After carefully reviewing and scoring all of the proposals that were submitted, the ad hoc group interviewed the top four candidates in person. Following a careful and respectful debate, it was unanimously recommended that Westwood's Comprehensive Plan review would be led by Shockey Consulting services, LLC. The team was selected because of their experience with *Comprehensive*

*Planning, Community Engagement Experts, and Strategic Planning Experts.* At the October City Council meeting, your City Council agreed unanimously to engage Shockey Consulting Services, LLC.

A Westwood Master Plan will be prepared with extensive involvement by community members. The process will kick off in October and take place over several

months. The plan will need to be heavily strategic in determining a common vision with the methods of pursuing that vision.



Shockey Consulting Services, LLC has expertise with members on their team comprised of former local government managers, architects, city planners and transportation experts. Soon an advisory committee will be formed to work with the consultants. Watch carefully for announcements of the upcoming kick off event.

This is truly an exciting time to be a part of Westwood. Please join in and be a part of the process.

As always, it is an honor to serve you!

Mayor Yé



*These pumpkins were decorated during Oktoberfest on October 3rd. A big thank you to WalMart Neighborhood Market for donating the pumpkins and to Valerie Morrill for helping during the event!*



### UPCOMING WESTWOOD WOMEN'S CLUB MEETINGS

The Westwood Women's Club was founded in October of 1969 with the goal of providing opportunities for social contact for residents. The Club meets on the third Wednesday of the month, September through May, at 12:30p.m. at City Hall. Dessert is served followed by a program and then a short meeting. On October 21st the program will be "Alzheimer's Prevention and Healthy Aging" presented by Colby Greer, exercise physiologist at the KU Alzheimer's Center. On November 18<sup>th</sup>, Westwood Chief of Police Greg O'Halloran will speak on "Staying Safe in Westwood". A luncheon to celebrate the holiday season will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup> at a restaurant to be determined. Guests are welcome to attend the programs/events and 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.

### ONLINE HOUSE WATCH FORM NOW AVAILABLE

If you are leaving town for the holidays the Westwood Public Safety Department can help monitor your property while you are out of town. To begin house watch service, visit westwoodks.org to sign up, the form will be located under Municipal Services>Police. Complete and submit our online form at least two business days before you depart on your trip. As calls for service allow, a Public Safety Officer will check your home. If you have any questions about this service you may contact the Public Safety office at 913.362.3737

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### 2015 LEAF PICK UP PROGRAM

Fall is here and with it brings the Westwood leaf pick up program. For those who wish to participate in the program, please take note of the following guidelines:

Leaf pickup is scheduled to begin on Monday, November 2nd 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, or mechanical difficulties with the equipment. At the end of each weekday the City will post a map of streets that have been serviced for the day so participants can get a better idea of when to expect a pickup at their home. Participants can also call the Public Works facility at 913.432.1550 for a updated daily recording of leaf pickup operations status.

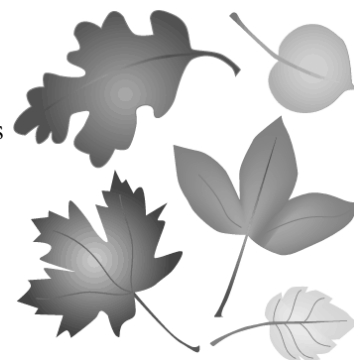
After Thanksgiving changes in leaf pickup operations will occur. Westwood is contracting with the City of Roeland Park to make a final collection of leaves on December 10th. Roeland Park utilizes a different type of leaf collecting equipment which requires leaves to be collected from the street rather 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 weekend of December 5th. 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 at any time.

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 the weekend of December 5th:** Residents living on a local street may start raking leaves into the street one (1) foot away from the curb for Roeland Park personnel to make a final leaf collection.



After the December 10th leaf pick-up date, 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 6, 2016 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 thank you for making this program a success and we appreciate your patience and cooperation.



## **SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS**

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

### **OFF STREET PARKING ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT**

*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 PROCEDURES**

*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.

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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! For more information on these artists and the Gallery visit the Community section of [westwoodks.org](http://westwoodks.org)

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### **Lowell Smithson - October**

*A reception for Mr. Smithson will be held on October 9th in the Gallery from 5pm to 7pm.*

Lowell Smithson paints what he sees, imagines, hears, tastes, or feels—resulting in oil, acrylic, watercolor and gouache landscapes, portraits, expressionist work and abstracts. These can be stimulated by music, his travels, grandchildren's smiles, greyhounds, poetry, politics, or movies. Drawings include gesture and contour drawings of figures, abstracts expressionist faces, music, Feng Shui symbols with Chinese color combinations, and so on.

### **Peggy Wilson - November**

Peggy earned a BFA, MA and K-12 teaching certification in art. She shared her love of art for 25 years in the public school system. For the past 5 years she has occasionally taught classes for the Kansas City Art Institute Continuing Arts Program. Always a love for education, she has continued to take workshops with nationally recognized artists. Enjoying the opportunity to paint full time, the easel may be set up in her studio or outside. Plein air painting has become a passion and the recent restoration of a vintage Airstream has been the perfect way to travel and paint.

### **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."



### **2016 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, 2016 all licenses issued by the City during 2015 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](mailto: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. 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, 2017.

**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 by the close of the business day on January 14th 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.

### **2016 DOG AND CAT LICENSE APPLICATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Pet #1**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male ☐ Female ☐

Dog ☐ Cat ☐ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Has this animal been spayed/neutered? Yes ☐ No ☐

Date of most recent rabies vaccination: \_\_\_\_\_ Vaccination expires in: 1 year ☐ 3 years ☐

#### **Pet #2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male ☐ Female ☐

Dog ☐ Cat ☐ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Has this animal been spayed/neutered? Yes ☐ No ☐

Date of most recent rabies vaccination: \_\_\_\_\_ Vaccination expires in: 1 year ☐ 3 years ☐

#### **Pet #3**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male ☐ Female ☐

Dog ☐ Cat ☐ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Has this animal been spayed/neutered? Yes ☐ No ☐

Date of most recent rabies vaccination: \_\_\_\_\_ Vaccination expires in: 1 year ☐ 3 years ☐

#### **Pet #4**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male ☐ Female ☐

Dog ☐ Cat ☐ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Has this animal been spayed/neutered? Yes ☐ No ☐

Date of most recent rabies vaccination: \_\_\_\_\_ Vaccination expires in: 1 year ☐ 3 years ☐





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Planning Commission @ 7pm				City Council @ 7pm		
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			Westwood Women's Club @ 12:30pm 			
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# DECEMBER 2015

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			Westwood Women's Club @ 12:30pm 			
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				City Offices Closed	City Offices Closed	
27	28	29	30	31		
			Town & Country Amnesty Day 			



## **CITY OF WESTWOOD**

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**COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Lisa Cummins, Paul Day,  
Jason Hannaman, Matt Jones, 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

## **NOTEABLE DATES**

### **OCTOBER 2015**

**13th:** Westwood Foundation Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

### **NOVEMBER 2015**

**2nd:** Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

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

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

**26th & 27th:** Thanksgiving - City Offices Closed

### **DECEMBER 2015**

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

**8th:** Westwood Foundation Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

**10th:** City Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

**24th & 25th:** Christmas - City Offices Closed

**30th:** Town & Country Amnesty Day

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Emergencies .....	911
City Hall .....	913.362.1550
Public Works .....	913.432.1550
Public Safety .....	913.362.3737
JOC Co 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
JOC Co Wastewater .....	913.715.8587
Animal Control .....	913.782.0720
JOC Co Information .....	913.715.1500
Driver's License Bureau .....	913.432.2266
JOC Co Election Office .....	913.782.3441
JOC Co Appraiser .....	913.715.9000
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