



CITY OF WESTWOOD, KANSAS

NEWSLETTER

October through December 2017 4700 Rainbow Blvd, Westwood www.westwoodks.org

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Friends and Neighbors

“All that we are is the result of what we have thought. The mind is everything. What we think we become.” - Buddha

I wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate the three candidates who were recently elected to City Council seats in Westwood. Also, I would like to extend a big thank you to the rest of the candidates who ran. Putting your name out there takes courage and conviction and it is not for the faint of heart.

This was the first time since changes were made in Kansas statutes that our City's election cycle was held in November. Of the 1,303 registered voters in Westwood, 497 ballots were cast, Westwood had one of the highest percentages of voter turn out on November 7th at 38.14%. This shows that Westwood residents are engaged and invested in our community's future.

Welcome back Jason Hannaman. Jason currently is serving his first term on the Council and is the Council President. As a CPA and father of three Jason has served admirably and with great integrity. I have no doubt he will continue this on this path and ensure the financial security of our future. His countless hours away from family can only be appreciated by the degree of respect we offer him for serving.

Welcome back Lisa Cummins. Lisa is a serving Council member who was appointed to fill a seat vacancy. She has volunteered as a block captain, worked on the 47th Street overlay district and on the Westwood Foundation Board. You will not find a more involved volunteer in the City. She has spent virtually her entire career work-

ing at the Midwest Transplant Network, a local organization whose sole purpose is to save lives. This is her first time as an elected official.

Welcome Jeff Harris. Jeff became involved when he ran for office in 2016, losing by a very small margin. He became engaged immediately and immersed himself in serving the City on the Planning Commission, as a volunteer and learning everything he could about Westwood. His compassion and level thinking will help him govern effectively.

I believe going into 2018 the City has one of the strongest Councils we have seen in Westwood. All three of these newly elected Council members have taken the Leadership Northeast course offered through the Northeast Chamber of Commerce. They, along with Paul Day and David Waters, represent an productive and proactive future for Westwood. I am honored to work with these fine individuals, and I have no doubt they will make Westwood proud. Please join me in welcoming your new Council members on January 8th.

I would like to thank all those who have volunteered to serve Westwood in 2017. Our community is a wonderful place to live because of the time and talents you have contributed.

There is so much to be thankful for during this holiday season and so much to look forward to in our City in 2018. Happy Holidays to all!

Warmest Regards,
Mayor Yé

2017 ELECTION RESULTS

During the fall general election three City Council seats were up for election. City Council seats held by members Jason Hannaman, Lisa Cummins and Joe Whisler were up for election. The election was held on Tuesday, November 7th. At 38.14%, Westwood had one of the highest voter turnout percentages in Johnson County elections this election cycle, with 497 of the city's 1,303 registered voters casting a ballot.

Councilmember Whisler did not file for reelection, and his term will end in January 2018. Councilmember Whisler was elected to City Council in April 2014, and has served on the Public Safety and Parks & Recreation sub committees. The City of Westwood extends its gratitude to Councilmember Whisler—his willingness to lead Westwood to a bright future exemplifies the spirit of public service. *(continued on page 2)*



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Councilmembers Cummins and Hannaman filed for reelection, along with Jeff Harris, Pam Merrigan, Thomas Scott and Jayme Tebow.

The election was finalized following the canvassing of the results by the JOCo Election Commission on Monday, November 13th - where determinations are made on any provisional ballots that were cast. The Elections Commission certified the authenticity and accuracy of the election results. The official results are as follows:

Jason Hannaman: 289 (22.30%)

Lisa Cummins: 287 (22.15%)

Jeff Harris: 273 (21.06%)

Jayme Tebow: 208 (16.05%)

Thomas Scott: 177 (13.66%)

Pam Merrigan: 61 (4.71%)

Lisa Cummins, Jason Hannaman and Jeff Harris are scheduled to be sworn into to office on January 8th, as provided by Kansas State Statutes.

Lisa Cummins

Lisa has been involved in Westwood since 1990 when Midwest Transplant Network, her employer of 35 years, relocated to the city and she has called Westwood her home since 2007. She is a mother of two grown children and has two granddaughters.

Since living in Westwood, she has served as a block captain, as a member of the 47th Street Commission, the Foundation Board and was appointed to the City Council in 2015. Lisa made the decision to run for election as she has a strong desire to continue the positive initiatives that have led to the enhancement of the unique charm of our city in which: home values are on the rise, new families moving into the city, enrollment is increasing at Westwood View and more and more neighbors are re-investing in their homes.



A few of the initiatives that Lisa will advocate for are: building a new Westwood View on the Entercom site, strengthening the Community Connectors program to keep City Hall closely connected to residents, enhancing "The 47" corridor and implementing an ongoing plan to address the infrastructure needs of the community.

Lisa appreciates and looks forward to the opportunity to serve for the next 4 years as a member of your council. She is willing to meet with any resident to discuss op-

portunities for our city to improve and thrive. Please contact her at any time.

Jason Hannaman

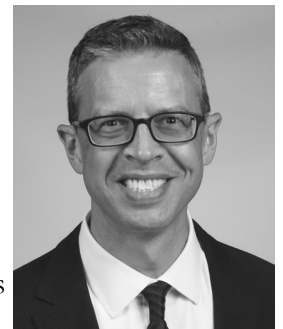
Jason Hannaman is a father of three, including one at Westwood View. Jason and his wife moved to Westwood five years ago because we wanted to live in a vibrant community that was close to the city with great amenities, yet offered outstanding public schools. Jason felt the call to serve this community because he wants to protect what makes Westwood special while striving every day to make it an even better place to live, work, and raise a family. "Westwood is a tight-knit community where people care about each other, and I want to support and enhance that. By building social bonds between all residents, we can create a more engaged, resilient community" said Jason. Jason is a CPA and works for a national non-profit in Lenexa.



Jeff Harris

Jeff Harris has lived in Westwood for nearly six years. He has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Kansas, majoring in English Literature and History, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Missouri Kansas City, with an emphasis on International Management.

Jeff has worked for DST Systems, Inc., in Kansas City for over 23 years in various technology, relationship, and leadership roles. He is currently a Director of IT Client Services. Jeff volunteers at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and is a Board Member of the Mid America Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce.



Jeff previously served on the Steering Committee for the Westwood Comprehensive Plan and on the Planning Commission. From his first days in Westwood, he has loved our little town's friendly streets, green spaces, thriving businesses, and our growing elementary school, Westwood View. Jeff looks forward to joining our other elected officials, city staff, and numerous citizen volunteers to grow and strengthen Westwood.

For a list of full results visit <http://bit.ly/2AxNRMT>



WCA AMNESTY DAY

December 27th, the first Wednesday after Christmas, is WCA's Amnesty Day for Westwood. During this pick-up day residents will be able to exceed the normal 96-gallon limit of bagged trash without having to purchase extra bag tags. Please note that Amnesty Day does not apply to bulk item pick-up. If you have any questions please contact City Hall at 913.362.1550 or info@westwoodks.org.

SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS

When the temperatures start to drop it is important to remember snow removal operations in Westwood.

Snow Removal Standards

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" of snow, Westwood Public Works staff begins plowing, concentrating on the primary routes until the snow fall has stopped or the accumulation reaches 6".

If snow has reached 6" 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.

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.

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

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 Art Museum in Kansas City, the Albrecht Art Museum in St. Joseph, and in juried exhibitions in Cincinnati and Little Rock. But his efforts in painting were interrupted in 1983 by a detour into the world of rock n' roll. As lead singer and songwriter for the rock group The Rainmakers, Bob released 5 critically acclaimed albums, and toured extensively in the U.S., Canada, and Europe. After getting that out of his system, and finding a real life with his wife and daughters, Bob rediscovered his love for painting in 2007. An un-

pologetic 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."

Rhoda Powers—January

Rhoda Powers is a proud Kansas native and a proud mother of three young men. The fork in the road came with the realization that her life long desire to create art would not be quieted by distraction. The drum beat of her artist's heart became louder and louder until she was compelled to act, adopting the philosophy that failure to try would be her only failure. She's never looked back. Rhoda is a full time glass and mixed media artist and entrepreneur living and creating in Parkville, Missouri. She finds ways to be innovative in style and process all the while being true to herself and her art. She sets herself apart by sequencing multiple mediums. Rhoda is also a musician and founding member of the Parkville Symphonic Band and a civic volunteer. Rhoda has been an art collector for 29 years. Art and music are her passions.



2018 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, 2018 all licenses issued by the City during 2017 will expire. All renewal forms are available on the City’s website under the Forms section. 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. 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, 2018.

Massage Therapy: All massage therapy practitioner and establishment owner/manager licenses are subject to review by City Council. Fees for massage therapy license are \$25 for a practitioner and \$50 for an owner/manager.

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2018 DOG AND CAT LICENSE APPLICATION

Owner Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: Primary _____ Alternative _____

Email Address: _____

Veterinarian name: _____

Veterinarian Address: _____

Veterinarian Phone Number: _____

<p>Pet #1 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"/></p>
<p>Pet #2 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"/></p>
<p>Pet #3 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"/></p>
<p>Pet #4 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"/></p>





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CITY CLERK: Fred Sherman

BUILDING OFFICIAL: Eddie McNeil

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK: Abby Schneweis

NOTEABLE DATES

DECEMBER 2017

25th: City Offices Closed

27th: WCA Amnesty Day

JANUARY 2018

1st: City Offices Closed

8th: Planning Commission @ 7pm

11th: City Council @ 7pm

15th: City Offices Closed

25th: City Council Work Session @ 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

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
Shawnee Mission School Dist.	913.993.6200

