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From The Mayor's Desk

Lawrence "Butch" Besmer

The City has put a Bond Issue on the Ballot for November 4th. We would like to put a new Community Center in the Park. While I would never try to tell you how to vote I will tell you that it will not affect your household taxes. The Bond Issue will be paid out of our Capital Improvement tax. We have used this tax to move into the new City Hall, to repave the parking lot and about 15 years ago to repave our streets. This tax account can only be used to improve the infrastructure of the city.

We are all happy that the hotel on Natural Bridge has finally opened for business.

Our next project will be to complete the road project on Aerospace. Currently we are making some improvements on the east – west portion of this road. You will see some work done on the north – south section beginning next spring. This project will make the industrial area more attractive to businesses looking to locate close to the airport.

I would like to personally welcome back Garrett Temple to our Police Department. He has been serving our country with the Marines for the last several years.

Please take time to review our web page which has a lot of information. We now have our code book on line, which contains all the regulations and ordinances. The web site is located at www.woodsonterrace.net.

As the summer season winds down I think now is the time to thank our Public Works department for all the hard work this summer. They sometimes are overlooked but they keep the grass cut and trimmed along Woodson Road, they keep the vegetation in check on several ditches in the city, they do an amazing job making our city park look like a garden, they chip debris one day per week, they repair broke sidewalks and the keep the 25-30 vacant home's yards cut.

I believe that being a Policeman in this day and age is tougher than ever. If you read the news or watch television they are nothing but armed bullies. No one career choice is watched more intently than them. They are sworn to protect and serve. In every incident they are guilty first without any investigation. I take my hat off to those individuals who remain vigilant in spite of all the problems they face trying to do their job.

Lawrence P Besmer

Lawrence "Butch" Besmer

Robert E. Dowling

The Chief's Blotter

The Woodson Terrace Police Department has placed an order to purchase 8 Body Cameras for our Officers. This will allow us to have a Camera for every officer on duty. We will be sharing the Cameras amongst the Officers until we can afford to buy 4 more Cameras at which time every Road Officer will have his own Camera. This original Camera purchase is being paid for by funds from Drug Seizure money! Not one dime of Taxpayers Money will be spent on this purchase! Cost of the Cameras and all of the Hardware and Software is just under $10,000.00 . We are purchasing the Cameras from Digital Ally which is the same Company we have purchased our in car Video Systems from. All of our marked vehicles have been equipped with Cameras for several years now. Not only are these Cameras being purchased from Drug Seizure Money, we have also applied for a Grant wherein we will receive some financial aid to also help further defray our cost!

We'd also like to welcome back Patrolman Garrett Temple. Garrett spent the past few years on active duty after being called up from the reserves.

Chief Bob Dowling #33

Woodson Terrace • A CITY OF PROGRESS

Frank Vatterott, City Attorney

North St. Louis County has been in the national news for the past several months due to the tragedy in Ferguson. Reporters and analysts around the country have opined on cities in our community, frequently in a disparaging manner. There is little doubt that some of the criticism is warranted, but also a lot of what the media has written is untrue and taken out of context.

While there are issues in North St. Louis County, there is another side of the story in our community. Your Woodson Terrace City government has accomplished much in the last six years, and this good story has not been properly told.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF EXAMPLES DEMONSTRATING OUR CITY'S CONTINUING PROGRESS.

CITY HALL. Your new City Hall was finished several years ago using proceeds of bond funds, and now sits proudly at the corner of Woodson and Guthrie. It replaces an antiquated, out-of-date facility in which City Hall offices and the Police Department were crammed in inadequate space. Our new City Hall is beautiful, with a large Board of Aldermen chambers, and modern offices for City employees. The Board of Aldermen chambers are also used for our municipal court. The Police Department now has adequate facilities for offices for the command staff and clerical staff, watch commanders, squad rooms, and detention facilities.

PARKS. A new wading pool was erected the past year. Our swimming pool and its various activities remain vibrant. Other cities have closed their pool. Not Woodson Terrace!

An annual highlight of our community is Woodson Terrace Days, held in John Brown Park each July. This celebration, now in its 39th year, provides a welcoming homecoming for former residents who come back and see friends. Of course, it also provides the great opportunity for Woodson Terrace residents to enjoy each other's company in a variety of activities.

The City continues to host programs for our seniors and for our youths. Most of these activities are handled through the Park Program.

NEW ORDINANCES INCLUDING NEW ZONING CODE. City Hall file drawers were piled high with ordinances going back to the founding of the City in the late 40's. Several years ago City Officials engaged a well-known codification firm to organize its permanent ordinances into a convenient and easy-to-read code book. That code book is now finished. It contains all the permanent ordinances of the City, including the Traffic Code, Zoning Code, Criminal Code and Administrative Code. That code book has now been placed on-line, and can be accessed through the City's website. As new ordinances are passed, they will be placed on the website in the appropriate section of the code book.

The Zoning Code was developed and adopted after years of meetings, citizen input, and expert advice from zoning experts. The Zoning Code permits flexibility for new development, while still preserving the strong residential character of our City. This code replaces an antiquated zoning code which was written in the early 1970's.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. The City completed a comprehensive plan in 2012. This plan, which took several years to develop, sets out a clear blueprint for the City's future. The plan recognizes Woodson Terrace's continuing residential character, but also provides plans for increased commercial activity due to the City's important geographical location next to Lambert International Airport.

TAX LEVIES AND SALES TAX. The City's real estate and personal property tax levies remain low. The reason why the City is able to keep these taxes low is because the City is able to fund many of its projects through our Capital Improvement Tax. And, in years past, our voters approved a park sales tax, which helps maintain the City's parks in top condition, and provides funds for the summer organized activities along with an Economic Development Tax which is used primarily to generate new business within our city..

In 2013, our voters approved a hotel tax, which provides income to the City from the bills of those guests who stay at our hotels. The City has known for years that the Police Department spends many hours policing the hotels, but the income from the hotels had not been commensurate with the amount of work and time devoted by the Police Department. Through the cooperation of the hotels, the City's lobbyists and the hotels' lobbyists were able to agree to passage of legislation permitting our City to go to the voters for a new hotel tax. That hotel tax was easily passed at the ballot box by our citizens in 2013. This tax, which became effective July 1, 2014, will provide needed funds for the City for police and other supporting services, including for the hotels.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR. All cities compete for economic development. The City recognized its need to compete when it hired Scott Schaefer as Economic Development Director in 2012. He is the first person ever hired by the City for this position. Scott brings a Master's degree in public administration and experience in economic development to our City. He has reached out to the businesses and even found some who had never been contacted before. He has also modernized and placed on-line many of the City's business liquor license applications and other forms, to make it easy for our businesses to communicate with the City.

In July, the Board of Aldermen passed legislation to permit the new joint position of City Clerk/Economic Development Director, and named Scott Schaefer to this dual post. Combining these positions saves the City salary cost each year and also blends City Hall activities with the necessary outreach to our businesses.

The City understands the advantage of having an employee with an advanced degree in local government administration. The City also recognizes the importance of constant communication with the existing businesses in the City, and the development of new businesses, particularly along Woodson Road.

WALKABLE BIKE PATHS. Woodson Terrace has joined with sister cities St. John, Breckenridge Hills and Overland to establish a bikeable walkable pathway, and partnered with a design firm and Trailnet, a local community agency to develop the path. This path will provide great opportunity for Woodson Terrace residents

to bike or walk around neighborhoods in North County and not have to use roads or sidewalks. The pathway construction will be paid by community development grants.

NEW COMMUNITY CENTER. The old City Hall on Guthrie Ave. is being used as a community center, which hosts various activities for Woodson Terrace based groups, such as the senior's group run by Alderman Rita Martin, a huge success in itself, and craft activities, organized by Donna Conlon, also an Alderman. But the old City Hall is small and outdated.

The City has placed on the ballot for November 4th a bond issue for a new community center to be located in John L. Brown Park. This modern facility will replace the old City Hall for many of the community activities for our City. It will also take the place of a dilapidated and dangerous storage building 75 years old, still standing in the park. City records will be able to be maintained in the new community center. The new center will have a kitchen, a large room for community activities.

The best news about the new community center, besides its future use, is that it won't cost the taxpayers any additional real estate tax or personal property tax. It will be paid out of existing and future sales tax funds. A bond issue on the ballot will provide for the initial funds, but the payment on the bonds will come out of the present and anticipated income from the Capital Improvement Tax. The City has also applied for a community municipal park grant to assist in the construction cost of the new community center.

Notes from the City Clerk

Greetings,

Let's start with the economic development report. As you've probably noticed, the Holiday Inn Express launched its grand opening on September 4th. A ribbon cutting ceremony took place to celebrate the hard work and dedication to those who helped build the hotel. We thank the OHM Concession Group for choosing Woodson Terrace, and we wish you success. We also thank the Northwest Chamber of Commerce for coordinating the ribbon cutting. As always, the Chamber did an excellent job bringing the business community together for this event.

You may also notice the construction at our Hertz location on Natural Bridge. As part of their ongoing efforts to reinvent the car rental experience, Hertz is upgrading its top 50 airport locations throughout the country. Fortunately for Woodson Terrace, Lambert made the shortlist. Keep an eye out for changes in the coming weeks, including a larger selection of vehicles, upgraded signage, landscaping, and a new entrance.

My City Clerk's announcement is short and sweet. Please check out the online Woodson Terrace municipal code at www.woodsonterrace.net. When in doubt, the online codebook provides a quick and easy resource for locating City information.

Regards,
Scott Schaefer

Public Works

• Progress has been made with the Property Maintenance Initiative; residents with chronic issues have improved their property. Everyone applauds their efforts, as it benefits us all.

• Reminder- stay after your fence row vegetation, if we lose power this winter we want the utilities to have open access to the problem, not climbing over vines to restore power.

• Our Carport Ordinance #1871 will go into effect November 1, 2014. If interested you can find the ordinance on the city website home page, to the right hand side, "Municipal Codes", scroll/click on Chapter 500, click on 500.010 scroll to (B).

Important Update:
Please Do Not Crush Aluminum Cans

Every can dreams of becoming a new recycled can. Don't crush that can's dream. A flat can could slip through the cracks of the recycling system.
Thank you for making the difference.

REPUBLIC SERVICES

• Reminder- we will be covered with leaves soon, in the past some of our residents have blown/raked leaves from their property into the street, neighbors, or even into the storm sewers. These are examples of violations of our Nuisance Ordinance, 215.090 Litter. It also happens with grass mowing when the cut grass is allowed to be directed into the street and not blown back into the yard or picked up. These actions are not neighborly, and are violations, that can lead to a court summons.

• If snow is predicted, please remove your vehicles from the street as soon as you can. The plows can do their job safely and efficiently if your vehicle is off the street. Please refrain from clearing your driveway until the trucks have plowed the majority of the snow, or accept that your drive will be recovered.

Doug Zaiz Dir. P/W

Woodson Terrace Neighborhood Watch

25 SCAMS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Fraud is on the rise. The Federal Trade Commission tracks millions of complaints per year; and the number is increasing rapidly. HERE ARE SOME COMMON SCAMS TO AVOID:

Please Note: Reduce telemarketing calls by registering your phone number at www.donotcall.gov or by calling the phone number 1-888-382-1222.
Check vehicle history before you purchase it at www.vehiclehistory.gov or www..nicb.org (National Insurance Crime Bureau).

Reminder: If you would like to check out our Neighborhood Watch Metal Pen I.D.Tool for identifying any personal items you may have with your own unique I.D., please contact me at the phone number below. It is "FREE", but you have to return it. It is checked out similar to a library. You check it out for a period of time; then you return it in the same condition as you borrowed it. Some people use it to I.D. their electronic equipment, lawnmowers, bicycles, ...etc...
Caroline Martin, Woodson Terrace Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Phone: (314) 324-6883

Woodson Terrace Neighborhood Watch(cont'd)

25 SCAMS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Solar energy panel sales. Beware of claims that their system will provide "free energy" in a couple of years. 1

Survey scams. Don't connect to surveys through Facebook or other third party pages. Never reveal personal information online to strangers. 6

Windshield repair scams. Beware of offers to fix chipped windshields at parking lots or carwashes. They will ask for your insurance information, tell you it's free, bill your insurance company to get paid and usually be gone from the area if you have a warranty issue. It's insurance fraud. 11

Offers to repair storm, earthquake or flood damage immediately after a disaster event. Beware of door-to-door solicitors, phone solicitors or e-mail offers. Always contact your insurance company about coverage of damaged items and get an accurate estimate. Never pay more than 10% upfront and never pay in full before the work is completed to your satisfaction. It is advisable to check with the Missouri Better Business Bureau to check on these solicitors for their rating before giving them any money. 16

The police department calls to say someone will install your home alarm yard sign IF you have a home alarm. It's a scam to find out IF you have a security alarm. Police departments don't offer this service 21

Offers to "remove your computer virus". Beware of persons who contact you, asking for up-front payment and remote access to your computer. 2

Credit card interest rate reduction scam. This usually involves a phone conversation with a person interested in obtaining your personal information for the purpose of identity theft 7

The Grandparent Scam. The caller tells you he or she is calling on behalf of your grandchild or a friend. The grandchild has been in an accident or is seriously ill, always in another country. The request is to wire money to help the grandchild or friend. It is reported that scammers have become more sophisticated with this approach by visiting social networking sites to gather personal details and make their impersonation more credible. Sometimes, they go so far as to copy and paste a picture from your grandchild or friend's Facebook onto some bogus paperwork. 12

The government wants you to have a scooter and Medicare will pay for it. The scam artist collects personal information about you, your medical condition, your doctors and most important-your Medicare account number; which is usually your Social Security number with "A or B" after it. Medicare gets over-billed; you are asked to pay a large up-front deposit; and you never get the equipment promised. 17

Your health care provider will NOT ask for credit card information in order for you to access your online health records account. 22

E-mail notifying you to confirm flight reservations you didn't make or fix a problem with your bank account by "clicking" on a link. You might expose your computer to malware or viruses. 3

Investment seminar scams. Beware of misleading ads, materials and sales pitches that target vulnerable seniors especially. Only invest with long-time trusted financial advisors. Don't fall for the 'free dinner" pitch. 8

Used car sales offers too good to be true. Buy a $26,000 car for just $16,000! A car might be stolen and have a counterfit VIN, as well as forged registration documents. Or the car might have just come from a wrecking yard, the victim of a flood somewhere. Check vehicle history at www.vehiclehistory.gov or nicb.org (National Insurance Crime Bureau) before purchasing the vehicle. 13

IRS notifies you that they already sent your tax refund to you; but you didn't receive it. Fraudulent tax returns are claimed by identity thieves by using other people's names and information. You can file an identity Theft affidavit at the IRS website irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f14039.pdf. 18

If a company you do business with tells you they have received a "change of address" request from you, investigate it immediately. It could be the beginning of an identity theft attempt. 23

You've just won a prize or gift card that needs to be picked up at a designated time. This is a scam to get you out of your house at a particular time, so it can be burglarized. 4

Offers for deep discount health care plans. Many of these aren't "insurance" but rather a discount card costing an enrollment fee and monthly participation fees. 9

Job offer scams. Some fake "recruiters" conduct "job interviews" at public places in order to obtain your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number and more. Some also include "work at home" offers or ask for "deposit money" to help find you a job. You will probably never get any job for paying for this service. 14

Offers to help recover money you've been scammed out of. Scammers charge hundreds of dollars and you never recover your losses. Hang up on anyone who tries to sell you services to recover lost money. 19

Don't respond to e-mails from unknown sources saying you have won prizes, vacations, free gifts or discounts on merchandise. Never make a purchase when somebody pressures you because the sale price is only for a few hours. 24

Social media offers. Beware of apps that claim to let you see who's looking at your profile. They can be spam, "bait pages" or links to bizarre or pornographic videos. 5

Auto repair scams. Beware of very low priced maintenance service fees to lure you in; only to have the repair shop "find" more expensive problems they say need to be fixed. 10

"I accidentally overpaid you" scams. An out-of-area buyer offers to purchase the item you have posted for sale. He/she accidentally writes the check out for the wrong amount. He/she tells you to deposit the check and send him/her the difference back. Unfortunately his/her check bounces. Then you are out the additional funds that you sent him/her and you also have to pay the bank service fees for the bad check. Exchange goods for cash only; don't deal with distant buyers or wire them money. Don't even accept any cashier's checks; which can be phony. 15

Your "bank" calls to sell you identity theft protection and offers to sign you up over the phone by gathering some personal information. These offers aren't from your bank. Your financial institution will never request personal information from you over the phone or by e-mail. 20

If someone comes to your door posing as a utility worker or other person of authority, ask to see identification from their employer. If you think it is suspicious, ask them to wait outside while you call the company they claim to work for to verify their identity. 25

Senior Group

Rita Martin,
Senior Activities Director, Alderman, Ward 1

WE LOVE OUR SENIORS!!

Greetings from the Woodson Terrace Seniors Group!

Last newsletter brought you up to date with activities thru May 8th. We continue to "flourish" & have lots of fun as substantiated by the growth in attendance. We always meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM @ the Woodson Terrace Community Center (9351 Guthrie Avenue). Lunch & beverage (lunch is from a Woodson Terrace establishment) are provided free of charge to WT Resident Seniors age 60 & over; those not falling into this criteria may attend but must pay a nominal fee for the lunch @ City Hall prior to the meeting. Those planning to attend WT Senior Activities MUST RSVP the Monday prior to the meeting so I have an accurate count for ordering lunch. All meetings include that month's birthdays being acknowledged & "gifted", a drawing for 6 attendance prizes, & a business meeting. If you have any questions please Email me @ rmartin@woodsonterrace.net or leave a message for me at City Hall (314-427-2600).

Okay here we go …

June 12th featured Doug Zaiz (WT Director of Public Works) & the City's 2 CODE Enforcement Officers (Don Dickey & Bob Doty). Doug opened with a brief synopsis of Messrs. Dickey & Doty including an overview of their tasks/projects plus recent activities & endeavors. Following this they took questions and/or concerns from the Seniors. We dined on Home Style Catering's tossed salad, seasoned cheese bread, & "pineapple delight" for lunch & concluded with Fran Carney "calling" BINGO.

June 28th was the WT Seniors 1st ever Garage Sale & it was a huge success … so much so that the WT Seniors will have another in 2015. 28 WT Seniors brought items to sell & set up was so everyone had ample space for their "goods". When we opened the doors @ 9:00 AM we had an abundance of customers waiting for us to open. Upon entering the shopper was given a sheet of paper listing each vendor's name & as he/she shopped, the seller would write in their designated space the $ total & the shopper would continue on; once finished shopping the customer brought the sheet of paper to the cashier, $'s were tallied, money collected & amount transferred to a "total sheet"; thus @ the conclusion of the Sale each Senior received their total $ sales … one of my few "brilliant ideas" & it worked well although I was .10¢ over.

July 10th was a new "activity". Prior to this "new activity", WT Police Officer McCann addressed the Seniors & took a variety of questions and/or comments. Following lunch from Subway (grilled chicken breast or a meatball sub), our "something new" was 45 WT Day Campers joining us. Pam (Pam orchestrates & oversees the WT Camp) & her crew put a fantastic program together. The "campers", led by Pam & her crew mingled throughout, marched into the Community Center @ 1:00 & after a brief introduction did a few skits accompanied by large posters, etc. they had made. The "campers" then served "Subway cookies" & once all Seniors were served, the Campers did the same & then we enjoyed Pam's "Exclusive BINGO Game" she formulated specifically for the Seniors; each Senior had 2 or 3 Campers playing with her/him. When the Senior "Bingo'd" not only did the Senior receive a prize, but their "camper"(s) did too. City Hall, as well as myself, received an abundance of calls from Seniors following the meeting & days after of their enjoyment & commenting "we've got to do that again". I will! Thank You Pam & your "crew for a fantastic program! Thank You also to WT Police Chief Dowling, Captain Mayberry, & Officer McCann for overseeing the safety of this large group as they crossed Woodson Road to & from the Community Center. Comments were heard amongst the "campers" of how "cool" that was & it did make them feel very special & exemplified the City's concern of their safety.

On August 14th Karen Bono from St. Louis County's C.O.R.P. (County Older Resident Programs) office, along with Barb, a retired Librarian were our guests. Barb had handouts of her presentation "Protecting Your Identity & Personal Information" & gave a variety of examples "culprits" use to obtain one's personal information. Those who have computers were especially enlightened of just a few of the "means" "hackers" use to try to get into & destroy our computers. She also enlightened us of Email scams, "malware", etc. We all left that day with one or more ways to help protect ourselves whether one has a computer or not. "Identity Theft" is a topic we hear more & more about & hopefully we'll all keep in mind what Barb shared with us & should someone try to make us her/his next "victim" we'll pick up on it & thwart the person away. In concluding, a pamphlet highlighting various programs & services available thru STL County's C.O.R.P. Program was handed out & briefly overviewed by Karen. Thanks Ladies!! Prior to the C.O.R.P. presentation, WT Officer Lee spoke to us, answered questions, & enjoyed Erio's Pizza with us.

Judy Hartley orchestrated the September 11th Senior Activities & Carol Longmire the lunch (Homestyle Catering's chicken salad on croissant, potato chips, fruit cup, & cookies). The program was entitled "Stepping Back in Time" of which the Seniors shared a variety of reminisces & of course with it being September 11th, did some "memory sharing" of that "day". Judy's avid knowledge of antiques was also shared. Thank you Judy

& Carol for the time you put into planning September's activities & lunch while Carl & I enjoyed a fantastic vacation in Florida. WT Officer Brunner addressed the Seniors as well as took questions and/or comments. Thank You so much & I heard you really enjoyed the lunch too!

On a very, very sad note, we lost another one of our WT Seniors … Stella Jewell passed away on September 20th @ the age of 90. Stella attended WT Senior Activities quite frequently … she was with us in July & because of a medical appointment was not at the August meeting. She was quite a lady & will be missed.

This newsletter will be going "to press" shortly before October's Senior Activities. October 9th is BINGO which is the Seniors most popular activity. On November 13th the Seniors will be traveling via Mid American Motor Coach to Percy, Illinois where we will have lunch @ The Pioneer's Cabin. Percy is about 1½ hours from St. Louis & we'll enjoy a delicious "family style" chicken dinner with lots of accompaniments plus choosing a dessert from their 30+ "Dessert Menu". AN RSVP to me (Rita) is required as the motor coach capacity is 44 & although I now have 44, including myself, signed up, I can add you to the "wait list". The Seniors will close 2014 with a Christmas party on December 11th & on that day we'll have a buffet meal from Homestyle Catering, be joined by several WT City Officials, & everyone will receive several "trivial" Christmas gifts. I'm again asking those Seniors attending to bring ½ dozen home baked or store bought Christmas cookies to share & we'll also be "traying" cookies again for Woodson Terrace City Hall, Police Dept., & Public Works.

Have a wonderful, safe, & Blessed Fall! Meeting info. is @ the beginning of this article. A flyer detailing the upcoming month's program/activity is distributed at the meeting, is available at City Hall, & is posted on the City's web site (www.woodsonterrace.net) & as a reminder to those who haven't been with us before, an RSVP by the Monday prior to the meeting is required.

Volunteers Needed in South County for 2014 Senior Citizen Income Tax Program

The County Older Resident Programs, CORP, a division of the Saint Louis County Department of Human Services, seeks volunteer tax preparers to assist with a variety of positions, including: Electronic filing tax assistance at South County sites and Quality Reviewers for federal returns at South County sites. Experience preparing tax returns is preferred. Training is provided in January of 2015. Volunteers must be VITA-certified and will begin volunteering at CORP sites the first week of February and continue through mid-April. Interested individuals should email Mike Nickel at mnickel@stlouisco.com or call (314) 615-4426.

The County Older Resident Programs, CORP

What a difference a moment of your time can make. Many older adults living in your neighborhood are experiencing a loss of independence. Volunteer your time and vehicle to give your neighbor, over the age of 60, independence and help them stay connected—by giving them a ride to important appointments. Giving a neighbor a ride can help ease isolation and loneliness, and will connect him or her to medical appointments, rides to the grocery store, beauty shop or a socialization activity. Be a part of the transportation solution for seniors living in your community by volunteering at the County Older Resident Programs, CORP. Get started today by calling 314-615-4516 or email kchristanell@stlouisco.com.

Warners Warm Up

Fourteen years after its inception and over 180,000 coats later, the Warners' Warm-up Coat Drive has become a dependable resource for impoverished men, women and children in the Bi-State. The City of Woodson Terrace is proud to team up with the Kurt Warner First Things First Foundation and Operation Food Search for the 13th Annual Warners' Warm-Up Coat Drive.

From November 1 – 14 we encourage you to donate new and gently-used winter coats at Woodson Terrace Police Department , 4305 Woodson Road, to help keep our neighbors warm during the cold winter months. Operation Food Search will ensure the coats get to those who need them most! For more information on Warners' Warm-Up visit kurtwarner.org.

Woodson Terrace Veterans Committee

Rita and Carl Martin (Co-Chairmen)

Greetings everyone from your Woodson Terrace Veterans Committee & we hope you had a great summer & are enjoying this beautiful fall weather! It's my pleasure to recap what's transpired since last newsletter & going forward … a couple of events are scheduled just shortly following the newsletter deadline so I'll briefly "touch" on those & expand more in the next newsletter. The Committee's 2nd annual "Trivia Night Fund Raiser" was July 26th, 2014 @ Wild Acres Banquet Hall in Overland. We appreciate those who came out to support this undertaking the Committee began in 2013. The Committee will very soon begin planning the 2015 "Trivia Night Fund Raiser" & once a date has been confirmed, we'll be sure to let you know & hope you will plan to attend. A huge "thank you" to Overland Mayor Michael Schneider for again providing Wild Acres Banquet Hall & to Erin Willey for her assistance as we navigated thru the plans, set up, etc. Erin is great to work with & she's very prompt in answering Emails and/or phone calls.

The Committee continues to collect used and/or tattered flags for proper disposal & we have 2 collection containers (1 outside of the WT Police Department … 4305 Woodson Road & the other outside the WT Community Center … 9351 Guthrie Avenue on the east side @ the lower level). On May 6th of this year we "retired" a significant number of flags & we'll again be doing so on October 7th. Ward 4 Alderman Ron Hogan orchestrates the "Flag Retirement" with Boy Scout Troops 531 & 789 of which Ron is Charter Organization Rep. The WT Veterans Committee takes turns reading the ascribed script which consists of 16+ pages. Thank You to WT Public Works Supervisor Doug Zaiz & his crew for setting up the fire pit, tables for flags being "retired", etc. Lots of hands go into the Ceremony & the Veterans Committee is most appreciative of all those who "make it happen"!

On October 9th the Committee will be going to the Missouri Veterans Home in north STL County & barbequing for the 300+ Veterans residing there. A menu of hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, assorted individual size bags of chips, cookies, & canned soda will be purchased by the Committee & prepared for the Veterans. October 9th is also the date of WT Senior Activities so I will not be available; however I didn't go unscathed … I'll be baking the cookies prior to that … 30 – 32 dozen depending on how many survive my baking. I'm relying on good directions from Pillsbury!

Just around the corner is the 2014 Veterans Day Ceremony & unless Veterans Day falls on a Saturday, the WT Ceremony takes place the Saturday prior to Veterans Day. This year Veterans Day (November 11th) is on a Tuesday so the Ceremony will be on Saturday, November 8th. It is always humbling to look out & see the influx of Woodson Terrace widows and/or widowers who are there in memory of their spouse. Arrangements are "in the works" for representatives from American Legion Post 143 & the Vietnam Vets Motorcycle Club … these gentlemen "Post/Retire the Colors", perform the Gun Salute, TAPS, & Penny Ceremony & we appreciate them & thank them for their participation. Area Mayors & other dignitaries have been invited & we always appreciate our Military Service Representatives who take part in the Ceremony (Richard Lefebvre (Marines), Raymond Valli (Army) & Bob House (Army, Navy & Missouri Air National Guard). We're not yet sure if Dan Monahan's schedule will enable him to be with us; however, we will have the "Salute to the Armed Forces" hymns & just maybe WT Resident Dana DeWeese will be available with his bagpipes. For those coming to the WT Ceremony the for the first time, the Ceremony begins @ 9:30 AM & takes place @ The Robert J. Madden Veterans Monument located within the parameters of John L. Brown Park (corner of Stansberry & Calvert Avenues) in Woodson Terrace. Duration of the program is approx. 45 minutes & seating is available.

Still planned are archery lessons for interested residents @ Jefferson Barracks. Thanks to the expertise & talent of Committee Members Mayor Besmer & Rick Rutledge, it will happen; however a few items still need to be worked out with Jefferson Barracks. The "drive" & enthusiasm these 2 gentlemen have for archery is phenomenal!

The upcoming holiday season is quickly approaching & the Committee will again be involved with the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" Program. Caroline Martin oversees & leads the Committee's pursuit in acquiring toys. Local toy collection campaigns begin in October & toys are distributed until mid to late December. We'll again be asking that new & unwrapped toys be

put in collection boxes. From there the toys go to a "central warehouse" for sorting by age & gender. Less fortunate children of the community, including families in Woodson Terrace, receive the toys. Collection box locations will be posted on the electronic marquee once the boxes have been received.

I could not begin to tell you the numerous pursuits, endeavors, involvements, etc. everyone on the Committee is involved in. whether it be individually or together as a Committee. All programs, projects, etc. undertaken are done with the ultimate goal of successfully carrying out & fulfilling to meet a target whether it be a predetermined date or completion … that always happens.

On behalf of everyone on the Woodson Terrace Veterans Committee, we appreciate the many kind words of gratitude we receive from you. The Veterans Committee is not funded by the City of Woodson Terrace … it is self funded & relies on donations & the annual "Trivia Night Fund Raiser" to support a variety of Veterans & Military related programs & we appreciate your support. Please feel free to contact me via Email @ rmartin@woodsonterrace.net or call City Hall (314-427-2600) & leave a message for me to call you. We meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month @ 7:00 PM, WT City Hall; however if you plan to attend please check the bulletin board outside of WT City Hall as there are times military related projects, programs, etc. necessitate the meeting to be rescheduled. In February of 2014 the Committee began their 10th year & all those currently on the Committee have been members since its inception.

Hope to see you on November 8th for the Veterans Day Ceremony!
Rita and Carl Martin (Co-Chairmen)

Park Programs

We would like to thank Carol and her committee for the community garden. They put a lot of effort into growing the flowers and plants. Sadly we won't be having the garden anymore due to a few children who decided to pick the vegetables and throw them and other vandalism. It was too much work for two residents to take care of the upkeep of having a garden. We thank the police who would keep an eye on the park.

ARCHERY-The after school program will continue thru Oct. 30th on Tuesday and Thursdays starting at 4:00pm. Check out the archery range. Call city hall for more information.

The following homes were winners of the beautification award for June, Ward 1-9500 Lambert Terrace, Ward II-9539 Corregidor, Ward III-4147 Beauty Ln and Ward IV-4439 Lindscott. July, Ward I- 9408 Chester, Ward II-9056 Kathlyn, Ward III- 9201 Corregidor, Ward IV-9435 Stansberry. August, I- 9691 Corregidor, II-9562 Bataan III-4307 Lindscott, IV-4358 Boswell. The awards go from May thru October. Congratulations to all the winners for keeping their house clean and beautiful.

The Christmas decoration contest will be in December. If you would like to nominate your house please let us know by December 16th. You can only win if your house has been nominated. Please contact city hall or someone on the committee.

Thank you to Rita Martin and Donna Conlon for making our senior and craft program such a great success. Look in the section for seniors and on the craft sale November 15th for more information.

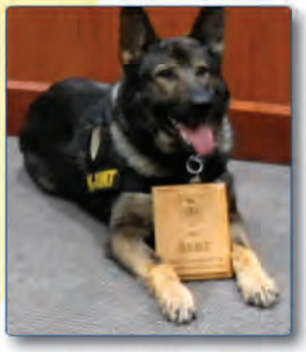
Any questions or suggestions please contact the parks/special project committee Greg Murphy, Ron Hogan, Maryanne Zaiz, Rita Martin, Joan Willey and Carol Longmire and Floyd Manager.

Special Projects

Woodson Terrace Camp was again a success. The camp was full within days of opening registration. Pam Meyer, who also runs the pool, and the rest of the counselors did a great job. They were able to take the kids to the zoo, a Cardinal game, as well as bowling, swimming and doing crafts and sports in the park.
We would also like to thank her and the rest of the pool employees for hosting our employee picnic again this summer. On July 27th, the pool closed to visitors a little early for our employees and their families to get together and have a bbq.
As always, employee appreciation plaques were given, and the following recipients received awards.

Pam Meyer: Pool Manager, Summer Camp Coordinator

Elaine Seevers, Court Administrator



Bart, K9 unit

WOODSON TERRACE MUNI COURT INFORMATION

OUR HOURS OF OPERATION ARE:
Monday - Friday 8:30 A.M. To 4:30 P.M. Except on the day of court, we close at 4 P.M.

Woodson Terrace Muni Court is held the first Wednesday of every month.
(If court falls on a holiday it is then scheduled on the second Wednesday of the month)

We are closed on the following holidays;

NEW YEARS DAY
MARTIN LUTHER KING
PRESIDENTS DAY
GOOD FRIDAY
MEMORIAL DAY
INDEPENDENCE DAY
LABOR DAY
COLUMBUS DAY
VETERANS DAY
THANKSGIVING DAY & FRIDAY
CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY

We do not grant continuances by phone, you must appear and make that request in court before the judge.

UNDERSTANDING BONDS
You post a bond for a new court date; in person at the police station with DL/State ID.
You apply the bond in person on or before the court date given, with DL/State ID.
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The Woodson Terrace Craft Club

Is hosting their

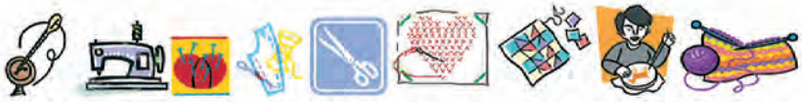
2nd Annual Holiday Sale

Saturday, November 15, 2014, 9am - 3pm

At the Woodson Terrace Community Center

9351 Guthrie (The yellow building directly behind 7-11 at Woodson Road and Guthrie)

Woodson Terrace, Missouri



Display tables are set up inside the Community Center for you to browse.

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'Remembrance' Gift for that Special friend! .

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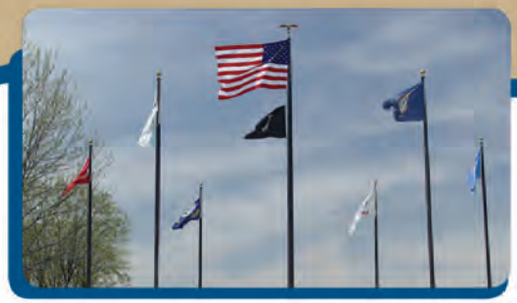
WOODSON TERRACE DAYS 2014

City Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 2014	NOVEMBER 2014	DECEMBER 2014
1 MUNICIPAL COURT 6:30 P.M.	5 MUNICIPAL COURT 6:30 P.M.	3 MUNICIPAL COURT 6:30 P.M.
7 VETERANS COMMITTEE 7 P.M.	8 VETERANS CEREMONY 9:30 A.M.	5 VETERANS COMMITTEE 7 P.M.
9 SENIORS MEETING 11 A.M. (COMMUNITY CENTER) 9 BUDGET, WAGE, JOB STUDY 7 P.M.	13 SENIORS MTG 11 A.M. (COMMUNITY CENTER) 13 BUDGET, WAGE, JOB STUDY 7 P.M.	11 SENIORS MTG 11 A.M. (COMMUNITY CENTER) 11 BUDGET, WAGE, JOB STUDY 7 P.M.
13 COLUMBUS DAY (CITY HALL CLOSED)	20 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE 6:45 P.M. 20 BOARD OF ALDERMEN 7 P.M.	12 CRAFTS 1:00 P.M. (COMMUNITY CENTER)
16 PUBLIC WORKS 6:45 P.M. 16 BOARD OF ALDERMEN 7P.M.	27 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (CITY HALL CLOSED)	18 PUBLIC WORKS 6:45 P.M. 18 BOARD OF ALDERMEN 7P.M.
23 PARK BOARD/SPECIAL PROJECTS 7 P.M.	28 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (CITY HALL CLOSED)	19 PLANNING & ZONING 7P.M. (IF NEEDED)
25 CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY NOON	PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PLANNING & ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED AS NEEDED. PLEASE CALL OR CHECK ONLINE FOR DETAILS AND MEETING DAYS.	24 CHRISTMAS EVE (CITY HALL CLOSED)
* Call City Clerk regarding "as needed" meetings ** As needed ***Weather Permitting ^9351 Guthrie Ave/Upstairs		25 CHRISTMAS DAY (CITY HALL CLOSED)



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Allied Waste	**636-947-5959**
Ameren	**314-342-1000**
Laclede	**314-621-6960**
Mo-American Water	**866-430-0820**
MSD	**314-768-6200**
BI-STATE WILD LIFE HOTLINE	**636-492-1610**

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