

WOODSON TERRACE NEWS

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From The Mayor's Desk

There are quite a few things happening in our city right now.



Lawrence "Butch" Besmer

We are finalizing the plans for the Community Center. We expect to go out for bids in June 2015, open the bids in July 2015, award the bids in August 2015 and begin construction shortly thereafter. The tentative completion of the project should be before 1 Jan 2016.

The delays we have been dealing with on the Aero Space Drive project are concerning easements and ownership of the road. It looks like we are close to resolving these problems so we hope to get started soon on this North/South leg of Aero Space which will ultimately give us a two way street into our city between Avis Rent a Car and Hilton Inn. The word has spread about this project and we have had some interest in those vacant properties on that section of road.

This year will be the 40th Anniversary of our city picnic. It has been run by the Woodson Terrace Business Association for the last 38 years. The first two years were run as Bicentennial Celebrations (1975 & 1976). In later editions of our paper we will give you a history of the whole event along with those that worked hard to make these events successful each year.

We have been lucky this winter, except for the last month. While these storms have been pretty treacherous fortunately they were short lived. I would be wrong though if I did not recognize the great crew we have and the immediate attention they give our streets. Very few communities have a Public Works Department that considers it a badge of honor to get our streets cleaned of ice and snow the way our crew does. I say it every year but I will never get tired of telling them they have done an excellent job.

Our Parks Chairman Alderwoman Joan Willey is out of town so I agreed to give an abbreviated report for her. We will have a children's camp again this summer along with the Archery Camp. It looks like we will have to make some changes to our pool schedule this summer due to the fact that schools are starting earlier every year. We will have more information in future editions on these and other summer issues. Overall I believe from the Chief on down our city has one of the best Police Departments around. We have recently added several new officers and I believe if you take the time to get to know them and the rest of our department you will not disagree with my assessment.

Municipal Court MAY COURT DATE CHANGED

Lawrence "Butch" Besmer

Please note: May court will be held on Wednesday May 13, 2015. This is the second Wednesday of the month. All other court dates will be on the first Wednesday as it normally occurs.



Robert E. Dowling

The Chief's Blotter

As Captain of the Woodson Terrace Police Department, I would like to take this opportunity to address the concerns that many of you have shown regarding Chief Dowling and his recent health issues. After a surgical procedure, Chief Dowling experienced some setbacks; however, I am happy to report that he is slowly recovering and has every intention of returning. I visit with Chief Dowling weekly, gathering his input on matters pertaining to the police department. We look forward to his return and leadership.

Anyone wishing to share their words of encouragement and/or support for Chief Dowling, can drop their cards and letters off at the police department and I will see that they are delivered.

The Woodson Terrace Police Department is happy to announce the hiring of three new police officers. The hiring was necessitated while we await the return of two officers who are recovering from long term health issues and to fill two previous vacancies.

Here are some interesting facts about the police officers who serve your community. We have an officer who was a world champion power lifter, one who played professional soccer in England and one who is the proud father of triplets. We have military veterans who have served their country in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan.

I encourage anyone who has concerns regarding the city, their neighborhood or the Woodson Terrace Police Department, to feel free to contact me by either stopping by to speak to me, call or email me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Captain C.V. "Butch" Mayberry
Woodson Terrace Police Department
CMayberry@woodsonterrace.net

Holiday Light Contest

We like to thank everyone who decorated for the Christmas decorating contest.

WARD 1
9804 Corregidor

WARD 2
9413 Corregidor

WARD 3
9504 Margo Ann

WARD 4
4413 Boswell



Missouri Masonic Children's Foundation And
The Woodson Terrace Veterans' Committee and
Woodson Terrace Neighborhood Watch
In Conjunction with it's Police Department
**MOCHIP CHILD ID Missouri Child Identification
Program**
Woodson Terrace City Hall - 4323 Woodson Road - 63134
Saturday, May 30, 2015
10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.



No one wants to think that the unimaginable could happen to them, but according to statistics, nearly 2,000 children are reported missing or abducted each day in the United States. Gathering all of the information law enforcement officials need after the fact can be a daunting task, especially under duress.

According to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC.ORG), a current good quality photo is the single most effective tool in locating a missing child. The NCMEC encourages parents to be prepared by assembling their child's photos and vital information ahead of time.

MOCHIP is a comprehensive child identification program designed to give families a measure of protection against the ever increasing problem of missing and abducted children.

♥ Thanks to Missouri Freemasons and our above sponsors.
This program is provided **"FREE OF CHARGE"**
How does it work?

The program consists of five major components:
Digital Photographs
Digital Fingerprints
Child Information and
Emergency contacts
Dental bite impression
Two (2) laminated ID cards
Together, these five measures provide a powerful identification and recovery tool.



The digital photographs, digital fingerprints and Child Information and emergency contacts are given to the parent or guardian of the child on a mini-CD computer disk. The information on the disk is compatible with the format required by the "AMBER ALERT" program.



The dental bite wafer provides an impression of the biting surface of the child's teeth, which like fingerprints, are unique to each individual. The wafer also collects enough saliva to provide a DNA sample and a source for a scent for trained canine search and recovery teams.

The Masonic Children's Foundation retains no information concerning the children; only a signed permission form is retained by the Foundation.

Kids of Age 0 to 21 - No Pre-registration Required
You DO NOT Have To Be a Resident of Woodson Terrace to Participate.
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact
Caroline Martin, Event Co-Coordinator, (314) 324-6883 or
Woodson Terrace City Hall, Event Contact (314) 427-2600



Public Works



With the bitter temperatures and snow February has brought us I am hoping for a typical spring with no surprises. We were very lucky we missed the pounding the northeast has taken this season.

THE CITY HAS THE FOLLOWING LARGE PROJECTS THIS YEAR:

- The north/south leg of Aerospace Drive will be completely redone, widening, allowing for two way commercial traffic, and improving access to businesses in our Industrial Zoned area.
- Missouri American Water will improve the main residential water service to Margo Ann Lane from Edmundson west to 9790 Margo Ann Ln.
- The new Community Center Project in John Brown Park has been approved and is moving forward.
- A new Edmundson Rd. crosswalk at Guthrie.
- We will partner with Ritenour School District to improve the Kratz Elementary walkway behind Edmundson Square Apartments.

Economic Development

I was looking over the City's Comprehensive Plan earlier today when I stumbled across the housing chapter, which outlines everything from home occupancy rates to property taxes in Woodson Terrace. The chapter also highlights the career of land developer Harry McKee (grandfather of Paul McKee, McEagle Properties) and his vision to bring Clearwater-style homes to St. Louis. His goal was to build homes on concrete slabs because of the high water table, just like in Florida. This summarizes the inspiration for most of the City's housing.

This reminded me that a majority of Woodson Terrace homes are reaching the age of 65, if they haven't already. Aging real estate is a major challenge for communities across America. In fact, roughly 38% of all homes in St. Louis County were built before 1959. It's our responsibility to encourage reinvestment for these older homes. Without reinvestment, development will continue to sprawl outward and create growing pains for local governments.

As you may already know, Woodson Terrace sponsors a program to encourage reinvestment called the Home Improvement Program (HIP). Through a partnership with St. Louis County, the HIP offers grant assistance for homeowners seeking financial support for a variety of home repairs. The applicant must be the owner and occupant of the property to be improved. We strongly recommend looking into this opportunity ASAP. Funds are only available for a limited time. If you're interested please contact Scott Schaefer at 314-427-2600.

- New Ordinances passed toward the last part of 2014 include:

ORD. # 1867- Requires owners of property to provide proof of trash service before an Occupancy Permit can be issued.

ORD. # 1871, Section 500.010.B-Restrictions on carport storage.

ORD. # 1879, Section 400.361-Changes to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps. Affected residents will be notified.

Our Municipal Codes are online, linked to the city's website: Woodsonterrace.net. You will find the link on the right hand side of the home page, "Municipal Codes".

NOTE: There will be no city wide clean up this year. Please utilize the WITS program for electronics recycling.

Doug Zaiz Dir. P/W



Regards,
Scott Schaefer



Some More Scams You Should Know about

Scams are not created by stupid people because this gives them free money and scams are on the rise. The following information was furnished to me by a long-time resident of Woodson Terrace. It is so very true. If you would like to send me any information that you think might be helpful for our Community's safety, please contact me. Here are some more common scams to avoid:

LONG-TERM PARKING: Some people left their car in the long-term parking area at an airport while they were away. A person(s) broke into their car while it was in this area. Using the information on the car's registration paperwork that they found in the glove compartment; they drove this car to the car owner's home and robbed their home.

So, if you are going to leave your car in a long-term parking area; you should NOT leave the registration/insurance cards and/or paperwork in it; nor your remote garage door opener. This gives us all something to think about with all of our new electronic technology.

GPS: Some people had their car broken into while they were at a football game. Their car was parked on the green; which was adjacent to the football stadium and was specially allotted to football fans. Things stolen from their car included a garage door remote control opener, some money and a GPS; which had been prominently mounted on the dashboard. When the victims returned home, they found that their house had been ransacked and just about everything worth anything had been stolen. The thieves had used the owner's GPS to guide them to the house. The thieves then used the garage remote control to open the garage door and gain entry into the house. The thieves knew the owners were at the foot ball game. They knew what time the game was scheduled to finish and so they knew how much time they had to clean out and rob the house. It would appear that they had brought a truck along with them to help empty out the house of it's contents.

Something to consider: If you have a GPS; DON'T put your home address in it. Put a nearby address (like a store or gas station) so you can still find your way home if you need to; but no one else would know where you live if your GPS were stolen.

CELL PHONES: I never thought of this!!

This lady has now changed her habit of how she lists her contact names on her cell phone; after her handbag was stolen. Her handbag; which contained her cell phone, credit card, wallet, etc., was stolen. Twenty minutes later when she called her "hubby" from a pay phone telling him what had happened; her hubby informed her "I received your text asking about our PIN number and I have already replied back to you a little while ago". When they rushed to the bank; the bank staff informed the couple that all their money was already withdrawn. The thief had actually used the stolen cell phone to text "hubby" in the contact list and got hold of the PIN number. Within twenty (20) minutes the thief had withdrawn all their money from

their bank account.

Suggestion: 1). DO NOT disclose the relationship between you and the people that are listed in your contact list. Avoid using names like Home, Honey, Hubby, Sweetheart, Dad, Mom, etc. 2). Very importantly, when sensitive information is being asked through any texts; CONFIRM by calling back. 3). Also, when you are being texted by friends and/or family to meet them somewhere, be sure to call them back to confirm that the message actually came from them. If you don't reach them; be very careful about going places to meet "family and friends" who text you.

PURSE IN THE GROCERY CART:

A lady went grocery-shopping at a local mall and left her purse sitting in the children's seat of the shopping cart while she reached up to grab something off of a shelf. Her wallet was stolen; so she reported it to the store personnel. After returning home; she received a phone call from someone stating that he was from the Mall Security. He told this lady that hey had found her wallet and that although there was no money in it, it did still hold her personal papers. She immediately went to pick up her wallet; only to be told by the Mall Security that they had not called her. By the time she returned home again, her house had been broken into and burglarized. The thieves knew that by calling and saying that they were from Mall Security; they could lure her out of her house long enough for them to burglarize it.

Suggestion: CONFIRM by looking up their phone number in your phone book and calling them back. DON'T ask them to give you their phone number because they will be the ones answering your call back. If you have "Caller ID", they will still be the ones answering your call back.

Neighborhood watch meeting

On Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. Our Woodson Terrace Neighborhood Watch will have a "Town Hall Meeting" at our Community Center located at: 9351 Guthrie, Woodson Terrace, Missouri 63134. This is your chance to meet and talk to some of our City personnel and Police. This is open to all Woodson Terrace residents.

On Saturday, May 30, 2015, we will have our Woodson Terrace MoChip Child ID Program, from 10:00 A.M until 3:00 P.M. We will work in conjunction with our Veterans Committee and Police Department. Please see additional information in our newsletter.

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



Pool News

Hello Woodson Terrace Residents! Soon it will be that time again for the pool to open. Weather permitting; Saturday May 23th will be the start of the pool season. Pool hours are from 11-8 everyday.

This summer we are offering Water Aerobics instructed by Emily Castello. The class dates are available in City Hall on May 15th, as well as sign-up sheets. There is no cost for residents for this class. Non-residents fee is 20.00 dollars per session. Please sign up for a class by June 1st. If you are unable to sign up for a session, the cost per an individual session is 3 dollars per class but it is on a first come first serve basis, we cannot guarantee a spot if you did not sign up.

Please contact City Hall for further questions.

LISTED BELOW ARE THE RATES FOR THE POOL SEASON.

Resident Single Adult Visit- 3.00

Resident Single Child Visit- 1.00

Resident Family Pass- 75.00

Resident Individual Pass- 25.00

Non-resident Pass- 125.00

A resident may bring one guest in, and the rates are as follows:

3.50 for child

5.00 for adult

Park Program

Woodson Terrace will once again be offering its summer park program this year. Sign up dates are May 4- May 11 for WT residents, and begin May 12 for neighboring communities.

The camp is limited to **50 CAMPERS**, so please sign up quickly. Camp is a first come, first serve basis with no exceptions.

Camp dates are from June 8th- July 16th.

Prices are 50.00 per resident

75.00 per resident family

Non-residents should contact City Hall.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please remember you do need to have a pass to use the pool facilities. No exceptions! Any Woodson Terrace resident can receive your FREE residents pass during City Hall hours.

Proper swimming attire is necessary, gentleman- you must have lining in your swim trunks and ladies- you must have a swimsuit

Free swim will be offered as well lap lanes.

Children 9 and under are required to be supervised by an adult.

We look forward to seeing you at the pool this summer!
Pam Meyer, Emily Castello and, Danielle Myers



DON'T FORGET

The hall and park pavilions are available to Woodson Terrace residents for parties. It is first come/first serve so book your event now. Pavilions include pool admission at the resident rates for your guests; however, we are no longer allowing bounce houses at the park.

This year's camp will include field trips to the following: the zoo, the movies, the Cardinal game, and bowling with weekly trips to the pool. We are asking all parents to help support the counselors in discussing with their child proper behavior at such events. All information for camp will be included in the camp packet when camper is registered.

See you this summer,

Pam Meyer

Camp Director/Pool Manager



TWO PROPOSITIONS ON APRIL BALLOT

Frank J. Vatterott, City Attorney

The Board of Aldermen has placed two propositions on the ballot for the April 7th General Municipal Election.

The first proposition, Proposition C, will authorize the City to provide by ordinance for the appointment of the Collector, at the conclusion of the present term of the current elected Collector, Margaret Getz. Mrs. Getz's term does not end until 2018.

The second proposition, Proposition P, provides authority for the Board to pass an ordinance for the appointment of the Chief of Police, also at the conclusion of the term of office of the current elected Police Chief, Bob Dowling. Chief Dowling's term does not end until 2018.

The purpose of these ordinances is to bring Woodson Terrace into conformity with the great majority of cities in St. Louis County, which currently appoint their Collector and Police Chief. In fact, we are only one of two cities in St. Louis County that still elect their Collector and Police Chief.

Woodson Terrace has been most fortunate in having these outstanding, and long-serving residents in the elected positions of Chief and Collector. If the voters vote to make these positions appointed ones, rather than elected ones, this will not affect the remaining terms of these two dedicated civil servants.

In Missouri, a city must elect its Collector and Police Chief unless there are ordinances allowing for their appointment by the Board of Alderman.

Neighborhood Stabilization *"Best Home on the Block"* Program

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds from the Department of Planning, Office of Community Development facilitate the sale of housing throughout St. Louis County. NSP funds are part of an allocation from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Look for this Sign for assurance that you are buying a CERTIFIED NSP HOME! Properties with this sign are rehabbed to St. Louis County's Housing Standards for long term affordability, including many, many updates to major systems, roofing, windows, all with the eye on creating a quality home ready to be enjoyed for years to come.

We do have one property in Woodson Terrace that is part of this program.

These ordinances cannot be enacted by the Board of Aldermen without authority of the voters. The purpose of Proposition C and Proposition P is to provide for that authority.

The Board of Aldermen wishes to make certain that these positions will be filled by the most capable persons. Mrs. Getz has indicated to the Board and Mayor that she is not planning to run again in 2018, having served for 12 years and looking forward to retirement. Chief Dowling grew up in Woodson Terrace and has served as Chief of Police for 14 years. He could certainly be appointed to the position, of course, in 2018.

The City's police department is a very important part of our community, and its leader, the Chief of Police, must be a person who understands and appreciates the unique qualities of Woodson Terrace. If the voters turn down Proposition P and Chief Dowling does not run for re-election, then the pool of candidates will be severely limited - open only to residents of Woodson Terrace. The City might not be home to any qualified candidates for the important position of Chief of Police. Proposition P ensures that the most capable individual serves as Chief of Police.

Each voter, of course, will make up his or her mind, and this information is supplied to you so that you will have an understanding of the purpose of placing these two propositions on the ballot.

Should you have any questions, please contact your Alderman or City Hall.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Office of Community Development
41 S. Central, 5th Floor
Clayton, MO 63105
Phone: (314) 615-4405





♥ Senior Group

Rita Martin,
Senior Activities Director, Alderman, Ward 1
WE LOVE OUR SENIORS!!

Seniors,

Greetings from your Woodson Terrace Seniors Group! The WT Seniors Group continues to be a popular "avenue" for WT Seniors to gather with fellow WT Seniors in fellowshiping, sporadically playing BINGO, Board Games, quizzes, etc. (w/prizes awarded), hear speakers "geared" toward Seniors, etc. + enjoy a delicious lunch provided to Resident WT Seniors age 60+ @ no charge what-so-ever. That's right, FREE, & the only requirement is an RSVP to WT City Hall by 3:45 PM the Monday prior to the 2nd Thursday of the month meeting so I have an accurate count for ordering lunch. All meetings include awarding 6 attendance prizes & acknowledging & "gifting" that month's birthdays. & if available, WT Police Captain Mayberry arranges for one of his Officers to attend ... this suggestion came from Captain Mayberry in January of 2014 & has been a welcome addition to the meetings as the Officer gives a brief synopsis of herself/himself, addresses the Seniors, answers questions and/or concerns of the Seniors, & if at all possible will stay & partake of lunch with us. And just to remind everyone, we continue to meet @ The WT Community Center (9351 Guthrie Avenue) from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Before bringing you up to date on what we've been doing, I am sorry to report that another one of our WT Seniors has passed away ... a very good friend of many including Carl & I for 40 + years. Mary Callahan was a name familiar to many especially in her neighborhood where she looked after, ran errands for, & was just there for anyone & anything asked of her or she felt she could do for you. Carl & I knew Mary from back years ago when she worked for Park & Fly; Mary went with us to Florida one year & we'll always remember when we just crossed the Florida State Line & she was so excited & we had to stop & take a picture of her in front of the sign.. Mary enjoyed the WT Senior Activities & up until she began "dealing" with health issues, a familiar site was Mary pulling her car in front of the Community Center & dropping off a "car load" of her neighbors. She was a treasure & Blessing to many & is missed.

Well here I go catching you up since last newsletter beginning with the October 9th Senior Activities which was BINGO & was also 4 years since I revamped & somewhat restructured a prior WT Seniors Group that had abolished several years before. Thanks to all of you who have been a part of this endeavor & I'm proud to

say we've grown from our 1st meeting of 6 attending with the number climbing each month + one month we reached 53. A monthly average however is in the low to mid 40's. YEA!

November 13th was our annual "outing" via Mid American Motor Coach & we went to "The Pioneer's Cabin" in Percy, Illinois where we enjoyed a delicious "family style" chicken dinner & everyone had the opportunity to choose their own dessert from a selection of 30+ desserts (& let me tell you no one turned dessert down). We had a fantastic time including the ride to & from as our motor coach driver knew the area & took us thru some farmland areas & on some not so traveled roads. The weather was just perfect, the lunch was outstanding, & it was a comfortable & pleasant ride.

December 11th was our Christmas Party with everyone receiving a gift bag of 4+ trivial items (I forgot how many I put in each bag). Several WT City Officials & members of the WT Police Dept. joined us for lunch & fellowship. As has become our "tradition", Seniors brought ½ dozen minimum of home baked or store bought Christmas cookies to share with the others & we did our usual of assembling 4 large trays with an assortment of the cookies; 1 for City Hall, 2 for the Police Dept., & 1 for Public Works. Again a huge "THANK YOU" to everyone for doing this & it's always our pleasure to say "THANK YOU" to these fine ladies & gentlemen. John from Home Style Catering located in Woodson Terrace prepared a scrumptious meal consisting of turkey, dressing, & all the "fixins". The Seniors put together the Christmas lunch menu at the October 9th meeting. No one left hungry that's for sure as quite a few "toured" the line a few times & some had to even wrap up their dessert of lemon meringue pie or peach cobbler to take home.

January 8th was BINGO again but that never is a problem ... everyone loves BINGO. Attendance was in the mid 40's.

February 12th marked "year #3" for our annual visitors from Cindy's Adult Day Care in Woodson Terrace joining us after lunch for games of BINGO; they enjoy this so much & we are delighted to have them & "THANK YOU" to Cindy & Activities Director (Marie) for orchestrating this with me. I think everyone enjoyed ... all of our visitors left with 3+ BINGO prizes along with a "gel/freezer" tumbler containing Hershey kisses.

Cindy & Marie ... we look forward to seeing you again next year (February 11th, 2016).

What's coming up? March 12th Scott Schaefer (WT City Clerk & Director of Economic Development) is our Guest Speaker, April 9th Carole Bellman (Director of Charity Information Services for the Better Business Bureau) will address & alert us of the vast phone calls we receive for "charitable donations", May 14th is Rich Krueger with (Community Action Association of St. Louis County) & Rich is a wealth of information on ideas to save \$\$\$'s in energy costs, make us aware of organizations & services for Seniors, etc. June 11th is BINGO & June is also the WT Seniors annual garage sale which will be on June 20th @ the WT Community Center. On July 9th the WT Day Campers will join us after lunch & entertain us again in song & games. The rest of the year is planned out but I'll end here with July.

And before I close, let me share with you Mayor Besmer's comment when I report @ the monthly Board of Aldermen Meetings on Senior Activities ... he says "you're all having way too much fun"! You better believe it Mayor & you are always most welcome to come join us; however I know it conflicts with another scheduled meeting. All kidding aside, myself as well as the Seniors appreciate your love & support of the WT Seniors!

The 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 the Monday prior to the meeting is required.



WOODSON TERRACE SENIORS GROUP 2nd Annual Garage Sale

WHEN: June 20th, 2015 (Saturday)

WHERE: Woodson Terrace Community Center
9351 Guthrie Avenue
Woodson Terrace, MO 63134

TIME: 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

RSVP REQUIRED to:

Rita Martin @ rmartin@woodsonterrace.net
& if you don't have Email access, my phone number is listed with the other City Officials in this newsletter ...
you may also call WT City Hall (314/427-2600) & leave a message for me to call you



Woodson Terrace Veterans Committee

Rita and Carl Martin (Co-Chairmen)

Greetings everyone from your Woodson Terrace Veterans Committee! As always, your Veterans Committee has been busy, busy, busy!

Before I get into a synopsis of happenings, etc., I want to make you aware of a recent addition to the Committee. At the February 3rd, 2015 Committee Meeting we welcomed WT Police Officer Garret Temple as a Committee Member. Officer Temple is a Patrolman with the WT Police Dept. & is the Dept.'s Firearms Instructor. He served 8 years/5 months active duty with the Marine Corps in both Afghanistan & Iraq achieving the rank of Sergeant. Officer Temple is currently enlisted as a Sergeant in the Missouri National Guard & has served 3 years of which 1 year was active duty. Welcome to the WT Veterans Committee!

Shortly after the last newsletter the Committee on October 9th went to the Missouri Veterans Home in north STL County & barbequed for the 300+ resident Veterans residing there, the workers & staff support. All food costs were absorbed by the Committee. The Committee mingled throughout as the delicious lunch was enjoyed by all & I say delicious because 2nd's & even some 3rd's were devoured! We hope to do this again in 2015.

The Veterans Day Ceremony was November 8th & we always appreciate the representatives from American Legion Post 143 & the Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club coming to "Post/Retire the Colors", perform the Gun Salute, TAPS, & Penny Ceremony. Thank You Gentlemen! And a special thank you also to the area Mayors & dignitaries along with 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 appreciate you so much & look forward to seeing you for the 2015 Memorial Day Ceremony which will be on May 25th (Monday) beginning @ 9:30 AM. The Memorial Day Ceremony also includes "The Bell Ceremony" for which we honor & remember our "fallen Veterans". WT residents ... don't forget if your loved one's name is not on the "The Bell Ceremony List", please contact me or City Hall (314/427-2600).

The holiday season included the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" collection & Caroline Martin again oversaw

& led the Committee's pursuit in acquiring toys. Several Woodson Terrace families were included in the distribution & Caroline does an awesome job in coordinating this each year plus her involvement in & for other organizations provides her with the expertise of sharing programs and/or services that the families may not be aware of. Another "holiday program" is Snowball Express & Caroline was invited for the 3rd consecutive year to travel with parents & children who have had a parent killed in action while in conflict. The STL group consisted of approx. 28 parents & 34 children. The group flew to New York to see the premiere of "Annie", then on to Dallas for a concert, followed by a visit to a "dude ranch" & then to Neiman Marcus to buy a Christmas gift (@ no cost) for their remaining parent before flying back to St. Louis.

A huge "thank you" to Pam, a waitress @ Yesterday's Bar & Grill located here in Woodson Terrace ... Pam attended an event benefiting Wounded Warriors & she was the high bidder on 2 military related gift baskets. In a conversation with a patron @ Yesterday's Pam was inquisitive of donating these & the WT Veterans Committee was mentioned. The baskets were filled with lots of nonperishable goodies & will be auction items @ the Committee's "Trivia Night Fund Raiser" on July 25th. Thank You so very much Pam; the Committee is so appreciative of your generosity & thoughtfulness. And on the subject of trivia, the Committee's 3rd annual "Trivia Night Fund Raiser" is scheduled for July 25th (Saturday), 2015 @ Wild Acres Banquet Hall in Overland. A flyer will be included in the next newsletter & we appreciate those who come & help support us in our endeavors to honor our Veterans. 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. At the February 3rd meeting, the Committee entertained a motion & unanimously approved a \$500 donation to the Missouri Veterans Home.

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). Beginning last year we

added an additional "Flag Retirement Ceremony" so we now do two (2) a year ... the first Tuesday in May & the first Tuesday in November. We always have a significant number of flags to "retire" & a local Boy Scout Troop conducts the Ceremony with the WT Veterans Committee taking turns reading the ascribed script which consists of 16+ pages.

The planned archery lessons for interested residents @ Jefferson Barracks hasn't materialized due to necessities that have to be worked out with Jefferson Barracks but the "drive" & enthusiasm of Committee Members Mayor Besmer & Rick Rutledge is certainly not the hindrance as their allegiance for archery is phenomenal! Take note of the electrical marquee @ Woodson & Guthrie ... always something pertaining to archery!

Woodson Terrace residents can be quite proud of this Committee; its members are devoted & supportive of not just WT Veterans but all Veterans & realize the many sacrifices he/she made for the freedom we have. We had 2 guests @ the February 3rd meeting from STL County's Veterans Program ... their Coordinator & a Case Manager. Both were overwhelmed by the activities & endeavors of the Committee as communicated via a telephone call to the City Clerk the following day, mentioning they came to the meeting to share programs, services, etc. with the Committee of which they did but said they left captivated with the activities,

undertakings, etc. of the WT Veterans Committee.

On behalf of everyone on the Woodson Terrace Veterans Committee, we appreciate the many kind words of gratitude we receive from you. 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. February of 2015 began the 11th year of the Committee's inception.

Hope to see you on May 25th for the Memorial Day Ceremony & don't forget to keep July 25th open for the 3rd Annual Trivia Fund Raiser!





Correctly dispose of household hazardous waste

Ah, springtime is coming. Time for spring cleaning. And what happens when we clean the basement, in the garage and under the sink? We often come across things like paint, motor oil, and cleaners. Can they go in the trash or are they considered household hazardous waste (HHW)?

Products around the home that contain chemicals which are toxic, flammable, corrosive, or reactive are hazardous household products. These products are safe when used and stored following label direction. However, when the products become unusable and are no longer wanted, they become household hazardous waste.

Until recently, the best option for disposing of household hazardous waste in our area was to wait for collection days organized by various government entities and non-profits. In 2013, through a partnership with the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, a permanent household hazardous waste collection facility opened at 291 E. Hoffmeister, St. Louis, MO 63125 on the grounds of the Lemay

Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Residents of Jefferson County, St. Louis County and the City of St. Louis are encouraged to take advantage of this facility. Additional locations are anticipated to open in the coming years.

For more information including what you can drop off, visit: <http://www.hhwstl.com>. While on the site, make sure to learn about ways to reduce and reuse household hazardous waste materials so you don't have to make the trip too often.



County Older Resident Programs

Since 1975, the County Older Resident Programs (CORP) has provided quality service to Saint Louis County residents age 60 and over. CORP targets the primary needs of older adults. These needs are addressed by a wide variety of programs, services, and opportunities such as:

TRANSPORTATION

Neighbor Driving Neighbor volunteer drivers using their own vehicles transport older adults to and from medical appointments and other high priority destinations at no charge to the customer. Forty-eight to seventy-two hours lead time is requested in order to allow staff time to arrange the service.

HOME VISITS AND TELEPHONE REASSURANCE

Care Calls volunteers are assigned to make visits or telephone calls to older adults to check on their well being and provide relief from the loneliness that some seniors feel.

HOME CARE AND REPAIR

CORP brokers home care and repair services provided by experienced workers who must be approved after a St. Louis County Police record check. Services include referrals for minor home repair jobs and homemaker/chore services.



*(some of our meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month due to scheduling conflicts: elections.)

We are looking forward to seeing you and your project at our next meeting. Please come join us and bring a friend. A hot beverage and a light snack will be provided.

For more information call:
Jean Stevens @ 314-423-0126 or
Donna Conlon @ 314-428-8562

Calling all crafters

If you knit, crochet, embroider or do any kind of crafting, this is for you!

You are invited to come join us for an informal fun filled afternoon of crafting. Bring your project(s) with you to work on, share ideas, knowledge and your love of crafting with other crafters.

We meet once a month on the first Tuesday of every month (unless otherwise noted) 1:00 - 4:00 pm, at the Woodson Terrace Community Center (the yellow building directly behind the 7-11), 9351 Guthrie, Woodson Terrace, Missouri.

Meeting dates are:

Tuesday, January 6, 2015	1-4 pm	(1st Tuesday of the month)
Tuesday, February 3, 2015	1-4 pm	(1st Tuesday of the month)
Tuesday, March 3, 2015	1-4 pm	(1st Tuesday of the month)
Tuesday, April 14, 2015	1-4 pm	* (NOTE: 2ND Tuesday of the month)
Tuesday, May 6, 2015	1-4pm	(1st Tuesday of the month)
Tuesday, June 2, 2015	1-4 pm	(1st Tuesday of the month)
Tuesday, July 7, 2015	1-4 pm	(1st Tuesday of the month)
Tuesday, August 4, 2015	1-4 pm	(1st Tuesday of the month)
Tuesday, September 1, 2015	1-4 pm	(1st Tuesday of the month)
Tuesday, October 6, 2015	1-4 pm	(1st Tuesday of the month)
Tuesday, November 10, 2015	1-4 pm	* (NOTE: 2ND Tuesday of the month)
Tuesday, December 1, 2015	1-4 pm	(1st Tuesday of the month)

Around Town

With the cold weather finally behind us, it's time to start thinking about summer in Woodson Terrace. Let's start with the pool. The swimming pool officially opens on Saturday May 23rd at 11:00am. Pool passes will be available at City Hall starting in mid-May. Residents of Woodson Terrace, Edmundson, Overland and St. John are eligible for passes. Call us anytime for questions about pool operations.

May also marks the renewal of Pet licenses. All that is needed is a current rabies tag and a few dollars. Unaltered female dogs are \$3.00, and all other dogs are \$1.00. This tag actually helped a dog lost on vacation reach its owners last summer. It's a small price to pay for that kind of security.

The Woodson Terrace Days picnic is just around the corner. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the event. As always the picnic is scheduled for the third weekend in July (17th-19th). We hope to see you there!





City Calendar of Events

APRIL 2015

- 1 MUNICIPAL COURT 6:30 P.M.
- 3 GOOD FRIDAY (CITY HALL CLOSED)
- 7 VETERANS COMMITTEE 7 P.M.
- 7 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
POLLS OPEN FROM 6AM-7PM
- 9 SENIOR LUNCHEON 11A.M.-2P.M.
- 9 BUDGET, WAGE, JOB STUDY 7 P.M.
- 13 CRAFT CLUB 6P.M.-9P.M.
- 14 YOGA 9A.M.-10A.M.
- 14 PLANNING & ZONING 7P.M.
- 16 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
6:45P.M.
- 16 BOARD OF ALDERMAN 7P.M.
- 21 YOGA 9A.M.-10A.M.
- 21 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE 7P.M.
- 23 PARK BOARD/SPECIAL PROJECTS
7P.M.
- 28 YOGA 9A.M.-10A.M.

* Call City Clerk regarding "as needed" meetings
 ** As needed
 ***Weather Permitting
 ^9351 Guthrie Ave/Upstairs

MAY 2015

- 5 YOGA 9A.M.-10A.M.
- 5 VETERANS COMMITTEE 7P.M.
- 13 MUNICIPAL COURT
RESCHEDULED FOR MAY 13TH
- 11 CRAFT CLUB 6P.M.-9P.M.
- 12 YOGA 9A.M.-10A.M.
- 13 MUNICIPAL COURT 6:30P.M.
- 14 SENIOR LUNCHEON 11A.M.-2P.M.
- 14 BUDGET, WAGE&JOB STUDY 7P.M.
- 19 YOGA 9A.M.-10A.M.
- 19 PLANNING & ZONING
COMMITTEE 7P.M.
- 21 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
6:45P.M.
- 21 BOAD OF ALDERMAN 7P.M.
- 25 MEMORIAL DAY (CITY HALL CLOSED)
- 25 MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY
9:30A.M.
- 26 YOGA 9A.M.-10A.M.
- 26 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE 7P.M.
- 28 PARK BOARD/SPECIAL PROJECTS
7P.M.
- 30 MISSOURI CHILD ID PROGRAM
MO CHIP 10A.M.-3P.M.

JUNE 2015

- 2 YOGA 9A.M.-10A.M.
- 2 VETERANS COMMITTEE 7 P.M.
- 3 MUNICIPAL COURT 6:30P.M.
- 8 CRAFT CLUB 6P.M.-9P.M.
- 9 YOGA 9A.M.-10A.M.
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COMMITTEE 7P.M.
- 25 PARK BOARD/SPECIAL PROJECTS
7P.M.
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PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PLANNING & ZONING
 AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS ARE
 SCHEDULED AS NEEDED. PLEASE CALL OR CHECK
 ONLINE FOR DETAILS AND MEETING DAYS.



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Poison Control

St. Louis County Health Department

Allied Waste

Ameren

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Mo-American Water

MSD

BI-STATE WILD LIFE HOTLINE

314-615-0680

314-772-5200

314-615-6500

636-947-5959

314-342-1000

314-621-6960

866-430-0820

314-768-6200

636-492-1610

Please keep an eye on the marquee sign in front of the new government center for information on classes, chipping, plowing, meetings and other city news.



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There are many ways to connect with and contact the City of Woodson Terrace.

Phone: 314 427 2600

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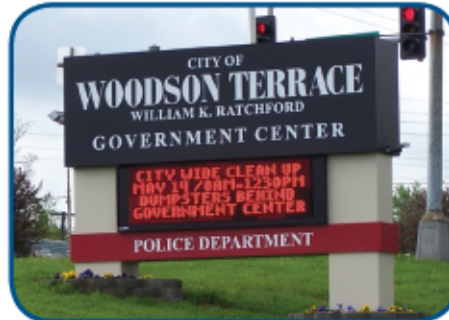
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And as always, check the marquee in front of City Hall for the most up to date information



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**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS 3RD THURSDAY OF
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