

# WOODSON TERRACE NEWS

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## From The Mayor's Desk



Lawrence "Butch" Besmer

In the last edition of our newsletter we told you that our Community Center would be completed by the end of November. We had hoped to have it done by then until we started dealing with St. Louis County's permitting system. As it turned out each time we submitted a set of plans we were required to change something.

Those changes ranged from moving the building approximately 20 ft. to the east to being required to put a third restroom into our plans. Each time they required a change there was a snowball effect from moving water lines, power supply lines, gas lines etc. Finally we have made all entities happy and the construction should begin fairly soon weather permitting.

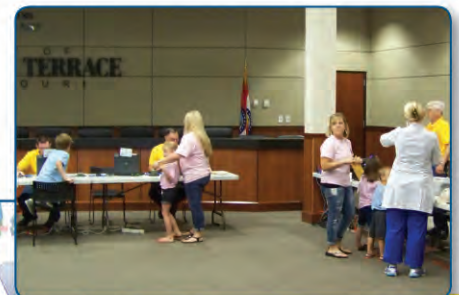
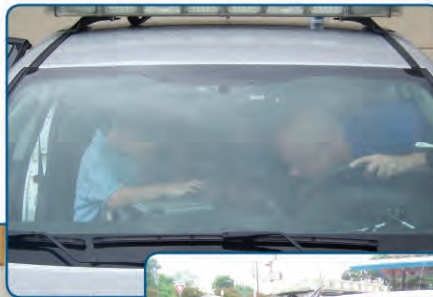
Our Aerospace project has hit another snag. We have easements from each and every business along the route but it seems we cannot get a clear title on the actual road. I hate delays!

We continue to get complaints about the city's property values and we are trying to change those problems. Our Code Enforcement employee does a thankless job. We at City Hall along with our Alderpersons continue to point out properties with problems to him. If you receive a warning keep in mind that no one is trying to pick on you. When those problems are corrected you and your neighbors will hopefully enjoy better property values.

With the colder weather moving in we ask you to remember that during those days when it snows your streets will have the snow removed much sooner if you get your cars off of the street. Normally it is against the law to park on the lawn but during the days when we have the snow fall it is allowed. Our public works gets right on our streets and we would appreciate the help by moving the vehicles so they can do the job quickly and safely.

If you need to call city hall for anything the number is 314-427-2600.

*Lawrence P. Besmer*  
Lawrence "Butch" Besmer



MO CHIP



# POLICE BEAT

## From The Captain

Firstly, I'd like to congratulate Lt. Brunner, who retired in May. Jim served the residents of Woodson Terrace with great pride for 30 years. He was a truly dedicated member of the WTPD serving as the Departmental Armor, Range instructor, Evidence Technician and Patrol Supervisor. Jim's vast knowledge and contagious sense of humor has been and will continue to be forever missed.

I am also pleased to announce some recent and well deserved promotions. Andy Mattaline and James Simonpietri have both been promoted to Sergeant. We have also added Patrolman Todd Thomas. Todd brings with him 10 years of patrol experience and he has been a great addition to our department.

From us to you, have a happy and safe Holiday Season.

Captain C.V. "Butch" Mayberry  
Woodson Terrace Police Department  
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## From Lt. Halstead

We would like to share with you that our department is in the process of gaining accreditation through the Missouri State Law Enforcement Certification Program. This can take 3-5 years to complete. The goal is to standardize the operation and function of the police department. This process is overseen by the Missouri Police Chiefs Association.

Over the last three years, the Officers in our department have received over 2000 hours of continuing education, known as POST training. This training is required to retain their professional certification with the Missouri POST Commission. I commend our officers for staying abreast of the ever changing laws and providing our residents with the finest service available.

Please be aware winter is fast approaching: therefore prepare your vehicles for the cold conditions. When winter storm warnings are in place please take precautions and remove your vehicles from the roadways to the lawn or adjacent sidewalks until the streets are cleared.

The safety of everyone is really the issue here. If the roads cannot be properly cleaned, emergency personnel cannot get through. Officers have to get out in the slick conditions and write citations, also dangerous as they're standing in unclean roads where cars could slide. It's true; better safe than sorry.

Lt. Randy Halstead.

## Detective Lt. Hunter

### *From the Detective Bureau and Patrol Division*

Recently we have received numerous reports of cars being entered and personal goods being stolen. Nearly all these reports were made by people who did not lock their car doors, with items in clear view. Patrol did catch some of the thieves with stolen items, and they now having pending court cases. This is a crime of opportunity; don't be a victim.

With winter fast approaching, I'd like to remind everyone do not leave a running car unattended. This makes an easy target for someone who would also like a warm car to ride in. Again- don't be a victim.

Lastly, if you believe you see something that is out of place or just does not seem right, do not EVER hesitate to call the police. Let us check out the situation, if for no other reason than to give you peace of mind. This also shows presence in the neighborhood, which can deter future bad acts like those above.

In an emergency call 911, if you are not sure it's an emergency but would still like us to come, call the dispatch line at 636-529-8210.

Thank you & be well,  
Detective Lt Dan Hunter





# Public Works

October 1 was the start of the normal weekly Thursday chipping schedule which will end June 30, have your limbs out at least the day before. With the cool weather and light rainfall, it is a great opportunity to check your fencerows and maintain them. We have many residents that cut their grass but avoid the rear and side fencerows. Invasive plants like honeysuckle and mulberries grow wild destroying fences. Most of our fences whether chain link or privacy, are shared with a neighbor. Whether technically your or their fence, your side should be maintained and no vegetation should contact the fence. We have many destroyed fences in the city because of this neglect. The resident and landlord are responsible and it is a violation.

A reminder, your last trash pickup day of each month, is bulk pickup day. Get rid of those unneeded items cluttering up your property.

Call Republic at 636-947-5959 if you have questions about this service. Please put items for bulk pick up out with your normal trash, not days in advance.

I have noticed residents are putting in firewood for the winter, but stacking it in contact with the ground is a violation. The wood should be 12" off the ground.

Major construction of the new Community Center in John L. Brown Park should be starting hopefully November 1. With the construction will come disruptions to normal activities in the park, we are asking everyone visiting the park to be patient and careful during construction.

*Doug Zaiz*

Doug Zaiz  
Director Public Works

## City of Woodson Terrace General Guidelines

### TRASH GUIDELINES

- By law, only non-hazardous household solid waste can be collected. Liquid waste products cannot be collected in a liquid state.
- Trash is limited to 95 gallon trash cart provided by Republic Services.
- Non-hazardous liquids can be mixed with an absorbent such as Kitty Litter, but **MUST** be completely dry & with the lid off the container to show the driver that it is dried out.
- Trash with yardwaste mixed in cannot be collected.
- Trash in cardboard boxes cannot be collected.
- Items over four feet (4') high or long must be broken down or cut to four feet (4') or less.
- Loose materials must be containerized or bundled.
- Rubbish (waste that rots and stinks) should be bagged **AND** the bag(s) should be placed in the trash cart. Republic Services will **NOT** be responsible for any garbage spread about when animals or birds rip any such bag(s) open
- Trash service for Senior Citizens at a discounted price is available. Residents must go to City Hall of Woodson Terrace to apply for Senior Discount.
- Medically necessary needles (**sharps**), such as diabetic syringes will only be collected when in approved sharps containers which are available from your syringe supplier or you may use a puncture proof container with a tightly closed lid.
- Bulky Trash** includes any type of solid waste that cannot be placed into a 95 gallon trash cart. Bulky Trash does **NOT** include major appliances, automobile parts or components, construction debris or any other such items. **The items are serviced at the end of each month on trash pick up day.** All boxes need to be broken down and placed in recycle cart. We request that bulky items be limited to two (2) items per pick up. Please call Customer Service to schedule any Bulky pickup.
- Major Appliances** (White Goods) are to be scheduled for collection through Republic Services Customer Service (636) 947-5959. There is an additional charge for this service. Limit of two appliances per pick up.
- Tires and Batteries** will not be collected.
- Construction material** or the materials that result from home remodeling projects will not be picked up as part of normal trash

or as bulk trash. Some examples of the materials we are unable to pick up:

- Carpeting and other flooring materials
- Cabinets
- Drywall or sheetrock
- Wood (e.g., 2X4's, plywood, paneling, peg board)
- Bathroom fixtures (toilets, tubs, commodes)
- Kitchen fixtures (cabinets, islands. Etc.)
- Plumbing (pipes, sinks)
- Large light fixtures (if the fixture does not fit in a 32-gallon can with the lid secured normally, we are unable to pick up)
- Roofing material (e.g., shingles, ceramic roof tiles, tar paper, gutters, fascia boards)
- Siding

This above list is not all-inclusive. Please contact our Republic Services Customer Service office to inquire about having construction items picked up for an additional charge.

### YARDWASTE GUIDELINES

- Yardwaste with trash mixed in cannot be collected.
- Loose** yardwaste must be bagged in standard 30-gallon **PAPER** yardwaste bags or placed in designated 32-gallon or smaller yardwaste cans or in Republic Services yardwaste carts.
- YARDWASTE IN PLASTIC BAGS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.**
- YARDWASTE IN CARDBOARD BOXES WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.**
- Yardwaste carts are to be used for yardwaste **ONLY**.
- Customer-owned containers used for yardwaste should be marked with the letter "X" or the words "Yardwaste Only."
- Tree limbs and branches less than six inches (6") in diameter must be tied (with **TWINE - NO WIRE**) in bundles no bigger than four feet (4') long by twenty-four inches (24") in diameter; however, no bundle is to weigh more than fifty (50) pounds. Limbs and branches six inches (6") or more in diameter are considered **Bulky Trash**.
- Christmas trees will be collected at no additional charge the first two weeks of January. The tree must be free of all decorations including tinsel, garland, ornaments and lights. The tree must also be cut shorter than six feet (6') in length.

### RECYCLE GUIDELINES

**Once Weekly Service:** Republic Services provides a 65 gallon recycle cart. See attached for a current list of acceptable recycle materials.

### COLLECTION SCHEDULES

In order to insure collection of your trash, yardwaste, and recycling, please put them out for collection at the curbside **BY 7:00 AM on your scheduled collection day.**

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

There will be no collections on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day. The change in service days will be for that day on which the holiday falls. If the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday no change in weekly trash pickup will occur. - When the holiday falls on a weekday, **ALL** days following a holiday **ROLL**.

**For Example:**

If the holiday is on a Monday:  
Monday goes on Tuesday  
Tuesday goes on Wednesday  
Wednesday goes on Thursday  
Thursday goes on Friday  
Friday goes on Saturday

**CARTS:** 95-gallon yard waste are available for an additional fee. Please contact our Customer Service Department to inquire about lease fees.

**BILLING:** All invoices are to be paid **no later than the date shown on the invoice.** Any account that is not paid in full by the due date on the invoice will be put on "Stop Service" status and service will not be provided until the invoice has been paid in full. Credits for time on Stop Service will **NOT** be given.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE:** The Republic Services Customer Service Department is open to receive telephone calls from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday of each week, excluding holidays.

**Republic Services  
Customer Service  
(636) 947-5959**







Over the past several months situations have been reported and vehicles have been broken into on Margo Lane. Cars were left unlocked. Items were stolen. If you see any suspicious vehicles or persons in your area, document the date, time, vehicle, description, people description and license plate number. Then call our Woodson Terrace Police. We need to help our neighbors by being vigilant. You may think the little things don't matter, but you should let our Police decide this.

On July 1, 2015, Woodson Terrace had some pretty bad weather. Trees were knocked down over homes, vehicles, fences and more. This is the time when predators are at their best. If you hire a contractor, please stay at the job site at the time they arrive and see that the work is done correctly. Don't leave for the day and stick a note on your neighbor's door and expect them to take care of your responsibility. Some people have done this. Always use a licensed contractor and check references. Ask to see a copy of their license. If possible, get more than one estimate and make sure the estimates are in writing. Never pay a contractor in full before the work is completed; don't pay in cash, and never sign a blank contract. Make sure you understand all of the contract terms. If someone is adamantly trying to get you to do the job "today" for a discount, be wary. Never allow someone to talk you into doing something you may not be ready for. Check with the Better Business Bureau regarding the person/company you are hiring.

We also have intermittent electrical outages here in Woodson Terrace. You can help deter this by keeping your trees and limbs cut that are in the tree-lines or will be in the tree-lines. People don't realize that over the years, the leaves from the trees rub up against the Ameren wires and gradually make the electrical wires "bare or bald". This causes some of our outages. We can be pro-active with this issue. If you have any questions about cutting your limbs on your trees around wires, please call Ameren Electric. Always keep "Safety" in mind.

#### **THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME THINGS YOUR BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU:**

If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let a little fresh air in. To me, it's an invitation.

I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you are home; and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems that I would like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds or curtains; just to pick my targets.

I'll break a window to get in; even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he will probably stop what he is doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he will just go back to what he/she was doing. It's human nature.

If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it is set. That makes it too easy.

I always knock first. If you answer I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters or something else. (Don't take me up on it.)

Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator, couch or stove. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.

A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor; which often access the master bedroom and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.

Do you really think that I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.

You are right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.

A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you are reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town; you can buy a device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television.

Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never ever look like a crook.

The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.

Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.

Reminder: If you would like to check out our Neighborhood Watch Metal Pen I.D. Tool Engraver for marking and 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





## City Clerk

Congratulations to the WTBA for another successful Woodson Terrace Days. Aside from a brief power outage and some light rain, the 40th Anniversary was a blast. We hope everyone enjoyed the weekend, and we appreciate your support. Keeping a 40-year tradition alive is a great accomplishment. Cheers to everyone who participated in the event.

The rescheduled Car Show took place on October 17th at the JLB Park. The cold weather didn't seem to discourage car fanatics from showing up. Roughly 30 classic cars were on display, including a 1963 Oldsmobile Cutlass – which took home the Mayor's Choice Award. My personal favorite was the 1982 DeLorean, much like the time machine in Back to the Future.

### Development News

The renovation at Pilot Freight Services is moving along nicely. Pilot, a freight forwarding and logistics company, is

upgrading its location on Aero Space to complement their recent expansion. The project includes an exterior facelift, signage upgrades, and a complete interior overhaul. Pilot hopes to finalize the renovation by late-November. As always, Woodson Terrace recognizes private investment in the community. We extend our gratitude to Pilot for doing business in Woodson Terrace.

Speaking of Aero Space, we have a new business to welcome. K.E. Label Corporation is the newest addition to Woodson Terrace. The Hazelwood-based label manufacturer recently acquired the property at 9495 Aero Space, formerly home to Milligan Diesel & Electric. In a nutshell, the company prints labels for major retailers and grocery chains. We expect K.E. to open its doors sometime this December.

Scott Schaefer  
City Clerk-Director of Economic Development  
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WT DAYS AND PARADE



**WARNER'S WARM-UP**  
**NOV. 1ST-NOV. 14TH, 2015**

As you may remember, for the last fifteen years we have assisted the Kurt Warner First Things First Foundation, with their annual: 'Warner's Warm-Up' winter coat drive. We are proud to take part again this year! This year's coat drive will last for two whole weeks!!

We encourage everyone to participate by donating new or clean, gently used coats. Also, you can help this to be a success by spreading the word to your friends and family and neighbors.

**THIS YEAR'S DRIVE WILL BE:**  
**NOV 1ST-NOV 14TH, 2015**

**WARNERS'**  
**WARM-UP**  
**November 1-14**  
**2015**

Once again, we will serve as a collection point for the drive. Collection boxes will be located at the Woodson Terrace Police Department in the lobby and also at City Hall. You can drop off your donations during regular business hours: 8:00 am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday. (\*\*Please note: This year Veteran's Day falls on Wednesday, November 11th so the Police Department and City Hall will be closed).

Don't wait till the last minute-a few people have missed the drop off days in the past. It's very convenient to just drop off right here in town and then we will drop it off at the organization! If you do miss the dates you can check the website for the address of the First Things First Foundation. Here is a wonderful opportunity for us to help those less fortunate than ourselves!

If you would like to learn more about this organization and event, please visit: [www.kurtwarner.org](http://www.kurtwarner.org) **THANK YOU!**

## Parks and Special Projects

We hope everyone is settled in after the summer activities: archery, summer camp, swimming, Woodson Terrace days and other events. Our successful senior and craft programs continue year round. Look in the newsletter for more information on these activities.

Different holidays will be here in the next couple of months. Enjoy them all with family and friends.

After the holidays if you would like to get in shape before summer give us ideas on what type of classes you would like. We also would love ideas on things in the park, movie night, chili cook off, family night or anything else.

Sadly we tried having a flower garden in our small park. We tried to have a vegetable garden also for our residents to participate but sadly things were damaged after hard work by Carol and her gardeners. We are in discussion what to do with the items in the park.

Thank you to the residents who accepted our beautification awards for the summer, also for taking care of your home. Our annual Christmas decorating contest will be in December. If you would like to nominate your home or a neighbor, call city hall or someone on the committee. We will need phone numbers to ask permission to put a sign in the yard. The only way you can win is to call in a nomination. You can win gift certificates if your home is picked. We will pick 4 homes and a grand prize winner. They will be picked by Dec. 16th.

We have a power crisis list for residents who are on oxygen or have other medical issues that they would need help with if the electricity goes out from storms. If you would like to be on this list please call city hall.

Please contact the parks committee if you have any suggestions for classes, ideas or Christmas decoration nomination.

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# Senior Group

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

**Greetings everyone from your Woodson Terrace Seniors Group** & might I say, a group I am most honored & proud to oversee. The WT Seniors Group continues to be a popular "opportunity" for WT Seniors to gather with fellow WT Seniors in fellowshiping & taking part in a variety of activities including sporadically playing BINGO, quizzes, etc. (all w/prizes awarded), hear speakers "geared" towards 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's meeting so I have an accurate count for ordering lunch. All meetings include awarding 6 attendance prizes & acknowledging & "gifting" that month's birthdays. Meetings include a member of the WT Police Dept. addressing the Seniors & answering questions and/or concerns brought forth & of course, the officer gives a brief synopsis of herself/himself ... a very well received & popular addition to the program 1½ years ago @ the suggestion of WT Police Captain Mayberry. And before I get into what's transpired since I ended in the last newsletter with February (City's Summer Newsletter was devoted solely to Park activities), I want 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 ... just don't forget to RSVP as mentioned above.

**And now to catch you up since last newsletter** beginning with March. MARCH 12th featured Scott Schaefer (WT City Clerk & Director of Economic Development) as our Guest Speaker enlightening us with "happenings" in the City, APRIL 9th Carole Bellman (Director of Charity Information Services for the Better Business Bureau) addressed & alerted us of the vast phone calls/mail we receive for "charitable donations", MAY 14th Rich Krueger of (Community Action Association of St. Louis County) joined us & shared lots of hints & ideas on ways to save \$\$\$'s in energy costs & he had a canvas tote bag & a new energy efficient light bulb for everyone, JUNE 11th was lots of BINGO games, a very, popular "activity" of the Seniors, JULY 9th was the 2nd

annual visit of the WT Day Campers entertaining us in "acting out" in small groups songs of the 50's thru 90's as well as serving Subway cookies to the Seniors before partaking in & enjoying them also ... the WT Day Campers played BINGO games with the Seniors as their leader (Pam) & her accompanying Counselors "called" BINGO, AUGUST 13th featured Karen Bono (Coordinator, St. Louis County Older Resident Program) who was accompanied by Barbara Knotts (Volunteer Computer Instructor w/C.O.R.P.) & they had some very enlightening tips for exercising our brain as we "age" & together they had several "Brain Fitness Exercises" we all enjoyed, SEPTEMBER 10th, WT Resident Seniors Judy Green, Judy Hartley, & Jean Stevens oversaw the program with Mary Carroll coordinating the lunch & thank you so much ladies, & OCTOBER 8th was the Seniors always popular "BINGO" with our very own WT Senior (Fran Carney) "calling" BINGO ... Fran is our "official BINGO caller" & she does a tremendous job with her wittiness & jesting & thank you so much Fran! Also @ the October 8th meeting Fran Carney gave everyone a "7 day pill box" ... thank you Fran! I also want to thank Linda & Richard Lefebvre for their generous donations of "freebies" they acquire & give to me for using as attendance prizes and/or BINGO prizes. Each meeting included lunch from either Erio's, Home Style Catering, or Subway ... all located in Woodson Terrace.

**We were honored & enjoyed the company** of Missouri State Representative Courtney Curtis @ the June & July meetings. Representative Curtis represents the 73rd District which encompasses Woodson Terrace. He brought along a boxed Missouri State Flag to the June meeting which was given as a special BINGO prize.

**The WT Seniors held their 2nd annual Garage Sale** on June 20th @ the WT Community Center with 23 WT Seniors taking part. The consensus was to make this an annual undertaking so plans are to have our 3rd in 2016 & once a date is established, etc., I'll arrange to have that info. on the WT web site as well as in a future newsletter.



And as the WT Seniors Group “wraps up” 2015 ... NOVEMBER 12th is our annual motor coach outing & this year we are going to Good Ol’ Days Family Restaurant in New Baden, IL (& for November 12th, the sign up sheet has begun & anyone interested needs to contact me (Rita Martin) @ [rmartin@woodsonterrace.net](mailto:rmartin@woodsonterrace.net) or call WT City Hall (314-427-2600) & leave a message for me to call you as I am the one & only contact person for November 12th), & we’ll close out the year with our annual Christmas Party on DECEMBER 10th. 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](http://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.



## TRIVIA NIGHT



## MEMORIAL





# Woodson Terrace Veterans Committee

Rita and Carl Martin (Co-Chairmen)

**Greetings everyone** from your Woodson Terrace Veterans Committee! As always, your Veterans Committee keeps "on the go"! Last newsletter ended with February (City's Summer Newsletter was devoted solely to Park activities), so let me recapitulate beginning with March ... the March 3rd meeting was a regular scheduled 1st Tuesday of the month meeting but going forward there are several noteworthy items to report in addition to the monthly meeting.

**APRIL's Veterans Committee Meeting** included interviewing WT resident Richard Lefebvre, a Veteran of the Marine Corps who shared his "story" for publication in either this or an upcoming WT City newsletter. Rich was accompanied by his wife (Linda) & we appreciate Rich & Linda so very much as together they are active with the WT Seniors Group & have donated a vast amount of "freebie" gifts they acquire to the Seniors for BINGO and/or attendance prizes. Rich has also represented the Marine Corps along with fellow Marine Corps Veterans Carl Martin & Garrett Temple @ the Committee's Memorial Day & Veterans Day Ceremony's.

**May was a very busy month ...** on May 5th the Committee conducted a "Flag Retirement Ceremony" with a considerable amount of flags "retired". MAY 25th was the Memorial Day Ceremony ... weather was absolutely gorgeous & was attended by a "host" of residents/non residents to pay tribute to those who have died in our Nation's service along with recognizing those Veterans present. The "Bell Ceremony" was part of the program with Mayor Besmer & Committee Member Rick Rutledge reading the names, along with a brief synopsis of the deceased WT Veteran & Committee Co-Chair Carl Martin ringing the bell. Currently, the Committee has 60+ names ... if your spouse/loved one is not on the "list" please contact City Hall (314/427-2600) & leave a message for a Committee member to contact you & obtain the pertinent info. On MAY 30th the Committee hosted MO.C.H.I.P. (Missouri Child Identification & Protection Program) sponsored by the Missouri Masonic Children's Foundation. The Committee was most appreciative of the WT Police Dept.'s wives who had gift bags for the children & provided tours of the City's Police Dept. along with assisting the Committee in a variety of ways. Several members of the WT Police Dept. stood alongside police vehicles & allowed those children interested to sit behind the wheel & turn on the siren. Thank You to WT

Police Captain Mayberry & his officers along with Cheryl Mayberry & the wives for orchestrating.

**JULY 25th** was the Committee's 3rd annual fund raiser @ Wild Acres Banquet Hall in Overland & we so much appreciate Overland Mayor Michael Schneider for donating the use of the hall & to Erin Willey for coordinating the set up, etc. As I've mentioned before the WT 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 including the annual bar-b-que @ the Missouri Veterans Home.

**On SEPTEMBER 27th** the Committee assisted WT residents Judy & "Woody" Wilson who orchestrate the annual Gold Star Mother's Ceremony which is observed on the last Sunday of September & is a day set aside to recognize & honor those who have lost a son or daughter while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Several hundred small white bags with a tea light candle inside each were placed surrounding the WT Veterans Monument & the walkways & @ dusk were lit as the ceremony began.

**On OCTOBER 6th** the Committee went to The Missouri Veterans Home on Lewis & Clark Blvd. & bar-b-que'd for the 300 + resident Veterans ... the Committee purchased the meat & accompaniments, including dessert & beverages, & prepared lunch & as the Veterans were enjoying their lunch, the Committee mingled throughout & visited with the Veterans as they ate lunch ... we enjoyed listening as they shared their proud "military stories" with us. This was the Committee's 2nd year for the bar-b-que & we immensely enjoy the smiles of appreciation & gratitude we receive.

**On NOVEMBER 3rd** the Committee will have the 2nd "Flag Retirement Ceremony" of 2015 & on NOVEMBER 7th is the Veterans Day Ceremony & 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 our Military Service Representatives who take part in the Ceremony (Richard Lefebvre (Marines), Raymond Valli (Army) & Bob House (Army, Navy & Missouri Air National Guard).



The upcoming holiday season includes the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" collection; info. will be on the marquee @ Woodson & Guthrie once the collection begins.

**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). The Committee has 2 "Flag Retirement Ceremony's" each year ... the first Tuesday in May & the first Tuesday in November. We always have a significant number of flags to "retire" & as several Committee members "retire" the flags, other members take turns in reading the ascribed 16+ pages of script.

**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.

**On behalf of everyone** on the Woodson Terrace Veterans Committee, we appreciate the many kind words of gratitude we receive from you. We do keep busy with the affiliations, programs, etc. each member is involved in & with. Please feel free to contact me via Email @ [rmartin@woodsonterrace.net](mailto: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.

Rita and Carl Martin (Co-Chairmen)

## GOLD STAR MOTHERS



## BBQ





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

**We have one to two sales per year, and we let everyone know well in advance. We look forward to seeing you and your projects. Please bring a friend and enjoy our complimentary tea/ coffee and a light snack.**

## Calling all crafters

The Woodson Terrace Craft is now meeting twice a month. If you knit, embroider or do any type of crafting please join us for an informal fun filled afternoon. Bring your projects to show off and share your ideas and knowledge with others.

We meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 1pm-4pm (unless otherwise noted) at the WT Community Center, 9351 Guthrie.

### UPCOMING CRAFT MEETINGS:

November 10, 2015 (second Tuesday)

November 17, 2015 (third Tuesday)

December 1, 2015 (first Tuesday)

December 15, 2015 (third Tuesday)

For more information call:

Jean Stevens @ 314-423-0126 or

Donna Conlon @ 314-428-8562

## The Woodson Terrace Craft Club

Is hosting their



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Sale



**Saturday, November 14, 2015, 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.  
Hand crafted items make wonderful gifts and are available for purchase!!!**

**Christmas Gifts**



**Birthday Gifts**



**Special Occasion Gifts**



**'Remembrance' Gift for that Special friend!**



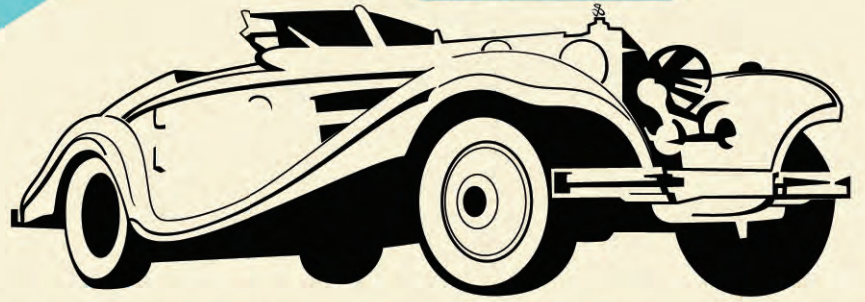
**Many items to choose from!!**

**Find that special Christmas Gift!!!!**





# Car Show



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH







# City Calendar of Events

## NOVEMBER 2015

- 3 ELECTION DAY
- 3 YOGA 9A.M.-10A.M.
- 3 VETERANS COMMITTEE 7 P.M.
- 4 MUNICIPAL COURT 6:30P.M.
- 7 VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY  
(JLB PARK) 9:30A.M.
- 10 YOGA 9A.M.-10A.M.
- 10 CRAFT CLUB 1P.M.-4P.M.
- 11 VETERAN'S DAY (CITY HALL CLOSED)
- 12 SENIOR LUNCHEON 11A.M.-2P.M.
- 12 BUDGET COMMITTEE 7P.M.
- 14 3RD ANNUAL CRAFT CLUB  
HOLIDAY SALE
- 17 YOGA 9A.M.-10A.M.
- 19 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
6:45P.M.
- 19 BOARD OF ALDERMAN 7P.M.
- 24 YOGA 9A.M.-10A.M.
- 26 THANKSGIVING DAY  
(CITY HALL CLOSED)
- 27 THANKSGIVING BREAK  
(CITY HALL CLOSED)

## DECEMBER 2015

- 1 YOGA 9A.M.-10A.M.
- 1 CRAFT CLUB 1P.M.-4P.M.
- 1 VETERAN'S COMMITTEE 7P.M.
- 2 MUNICIPAL COURT 6:30P.M.
- 8 YOGA 9A.M.-10A.M.
- 10 SENIOR LUNCHEON 11A.M.-2P.M.
- 10 BUDGET COMMITTEE 7P.M.
- 15 YOGA 9A.M.-10A.M.
- 17 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
6:45P.M.
- 17 BOARD OF ALDERMAN 7P.M.
- 19 WOODSON TERRACE  
CHRISTMAS PARTY
- 22 YOGA 9A.M.-10A.M.
- 24 CHRISTMAS EVE (CITY HALL CLOSED)
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY (CITY HALL CLOSED)
- 29 YOGA 9A.M.-10A.M.

## JANUARY 2016

- 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY (CITY HALL CLOSED)
- 5 CRAFT CLUB 1P.M.-4P.M.
- 14 SENIOR LUNCHEON 11A.M.-2P.M.
- 14 BUDGET COMMITTEE 7P.M.
- 18 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY  
(CITY HALL CLOSED)
- 21 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
6:45P.M.
- 21 BOARD OF ALDERMAN 7P.M.

\* Call City Clerk regarding "as needed" meetings

\*\* As needed

\*\*\*Weather Permitting  
^9351 Guthrie Ave/Upstairs

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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## Frequently Asked for Phone Numbers

**St. Louis County Animal Control**

**Poison Control**

**St. Louis County Health Department**

**Allied Waste**

**Ameren**

**Laclede**

**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.



# Get Connected

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

Phone: 314 427 2600

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Email: [cityclerk@woodsonterrace.net](mailto:cityclerk@woodsonterrace.net)

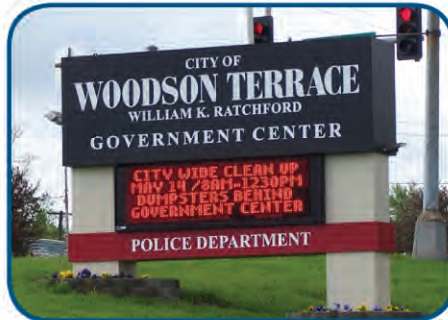
[www.woodsonterrace.net](http://www.woodsonterrace.net)

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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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**EXCEPT 1ST WEDNESDAY OF MONTH CLOSE AT 4:00 P.M.**

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS 3RD THURSDAY OF**  
**EACH MONTH – 7:00 P.M.**