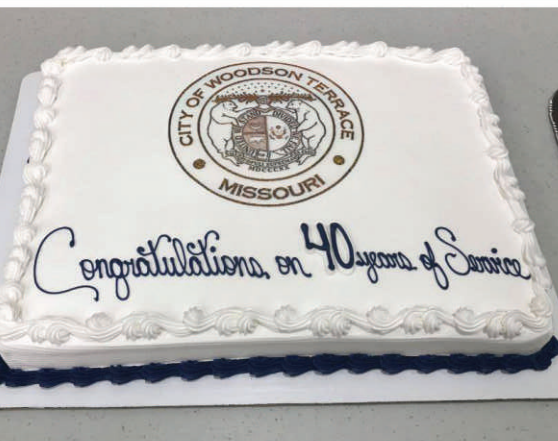


# WOODSON TERRACE

## news



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# From The Mayor's Desk

I know a lot of you have been seeing information on the news and in the paper about "Better Together". If you drill down to the center of this movement you will find that Rex Sinquefeld a multi-millionaire is the principle money man for this organization. He has done many one-sided studies which have decided that none of our communities are capable of running the county cities by ourselves. He also believes that the state constitution should be change to help him facilitate his goals. Currently the constitution of this state says that whenever this type of change is proposed a board of freeholder from the affected area has the right to be involved.



Better Together (Rex Sinquefeld) wants the constitution changed so they can get the whole state involved in what happens in St. Louis County, in other words a state wide vote that would decide what happens in our communities.

What would happen in Woodson Terrace? We would lose our Police Force and ultimately a county police force would serve this city. They do not believe that our police coverage is necessary and your police protection would be watered down. I am relatively sure that response time would be significantly longer than with our police force.

We would lose our Public Works department. So when it snows you will wake up to streets that are not plowed instead of the clean streets we currently expect. We will no longer be able to pick up limbs that have fallen in our yards. Our park will be managed by a group that will stay possibly in our city hall or whatever other building they determine. I believe that our pool will be a thing of the past. The manicured park that you now have will certainly not receive the care it gets today. Our Senior Citizens group would be a thing of the past. Our park programs will also disappear.

Better together tries to sell the notion that as a group the cities of the county are not efficient. They believe that they will take care of our residents better than the current communities. If they are successful all court proceedings will be in a central location. I am not 100% sure that the information I heard about the courts is true but the rumor is that all court issues will be handled downtown. All permits for anything will be in one central location and it stands to reason that it will be inconvenient to most county residents.

Our County Executive Steve Stanger told us that he was against Better Together until he offered him the top slot "the Big Cheese" in charge of the City and The County. Then, of course, the County Chief of police also will be in a bigger and better position so he has also endorsed this plan. The City Police officers are for the merger because they will certainly get a raise. In all fairness to them the City has not been too concerned with their salaries. This merger will make us all part of the unified St. Louis. We will eventually no longer be part of the county but part of the City of St. Louis.

Better Together says that the county communities run unfair courts. We must consider what it would be like without the community courts. We are accused by our residents about being too slow to address our housing issues. That may be true at times but we can only follow the guidelines that have been given to us. After the terrible problems in Ferguson several years ago our elected state officials put many restrictions on how we address most of these issues. Now let's look at a City-County wide government with every community complaining about tons of issues that are all similar. Think about how long these things will take to be addressed.

We have zoning laws that protect our residents when the city has a new commercial construction. These laws also include protections for our residents who live close to these projects.

I could go on and on about the problems but it all boil down to this Rex Sinquefeld and his better together wants the residents of this state to run the government the way that suits him the best. He doesn't like dealing with different communities because each community looks out for their residents and not multi-millionaires.

**Mayor Besmer**





# From The Chief

It's my hope that everyone enjoyed the holiday season with family and friends and that the New Year brings prosperity and happiness to all.

I can assure you that your Woodson Terrace Police Department will continue in our effort in keeping you safe in your homes and travels. One of the most important tools in crime prevention is your help by reporting suspicious activity in your neighborhood. These calls can be made anonymously so please don't delay and call us immediately.

Seconds can be very important when calls for Police or EMS service are delayed because of missing addresses so please make sure your address is displayed on your home, visible from the street and well lit during the hours of darkness.

The Woodson Terrace Police Department has purchased a speed trailer that warns driver's of their speed. This trailer is portable and can be placed throughout the city. If you have an issue with speeding vehicles please call the Police Department and ask for the trailer to be parked on your street.

Video surveillance is one of the best methods for apprehending criminals and convicting suspects. Recently Woodson Terrace was able to track a suspect, who had severely assaulted a female, by utilizing the video from businesses and residences in St. John, Berkeley and Woodson Terrace.

If you currently have private surveillance at your home or business and would be willing to share that video when it that might be useful in investigating crime please call Lt. Dan Hunter or Detective Scott Freant with the Woodson Terrace Police Department. They will fill out a short questionnaire for future reference. Your help is greatly needed.

In closing and with sadness I would like to acknowledge the sudden passing of our friend and fellow Woodson Terrace Police Officer Lt. Dan McFarland on December 14, 2018. Dan served the Woodson Terrace community for over 30 years and had been a proud member of the U.S. Marine Corp and Vietnam War Veteran. Lt. McFarland's smile and quiet demeanor will be sadly missed.

*C.V. Mayberry*

**C.V. (Butch) Mayberry**  
Chief of Police  
[cmayberry@woodsonterrace.net](mailto:cmayberry@woodsonterrace.net)



As you may be aware, the City's K9 Officer was diagnosed with an aggressive illness last month. Bart's watch ended February 14, 2019.

Bart was a faithful partner to his handler Sgt. Simonpietri, and a great ambassador for the WTPD and the City of Woodson Terrace.









# Public Works

We have had a very rough winter and will be happy to see it go. I want to thank Public Works for keeping our streets clear this winter.

The City Website, [woodsonterrace.net](http://woodsonterrace.net), offers an aid for residents not fluent in English. The **"Municipal Code"** can be found on the city home page located on the right side. Once you open the municipal code, there is a translator box at the bottom of the page that allows you to select different languages; it converts the code to the selected language.

**Spring is around the corner; please keep residential and commercial fencing free of overgrowth.** Bush Honeysuckle (BH) is an invasive species of plant and a real issue here in the city and along most highways outside the city. We had an initiative a couple years ago to clear residential fence rows which were primarily lined with Bush Honeysuckle, mulberries, vines, and Kudzu. The growths had destroyed fences and choked out native plants. Utility companies could not get to damaged services to do repairs. It was fairly successful but Honeysuckle is relentless, and unless actively eradicated it will come back.

The Honeysuckle leaves sprout earlier than other native plants, and have a longer growing season. All species of Honeysuckle spread through their root system so they continually sprout over a wide area choking out everything. To control them you can dig the plants and roots; or, cut close to the ground and apply glyphosate (gly'fa sate) in at least a 20% solution. Roundup is a brand name vegetation killer with this active ingredient. ***Wear gloves and eye protection when handling this chemical***, and apply directly to the freshly cut stems. In doing so, you avoid sterilizing the rest of your soil, and you save money by limiting the amount of solution needed to complete the task. Apply the Roundup as soon as you cut the stems for best results. If you have a larger area, you can use a spray bottle or a pump sprayer, both set to shoot a stream, to carefully treat the cut stems. Pull the cutoff stems to the curb; and place cut ends towards the curb for the city chipper service.

*Douglas Zaiz*

# City Administrator

The City will also have an Recycle Trash event this year May 11, at JLB Park. It is for residents only, ID required. Limitations and some costs are required on certain items. Info will be provided on the City website as event nears. **No scrap dealers may participate.**

## Economic Development and Other Projects this year

- Removal of the Econo-Lodge and new construction of an 82 room, Best Western Plus Hotel at 4576 Woodson Road
- Proposed removal of the vacant Air Line Mobile Home Park and new construction of a 90 room Fairfield Inn at 10124 Natural Bridge Road.
- Proposed removal of the Strip Center and new construction of another hotel with a stand-alone restaurant.

## Additional Projects

- Additional Parking and Lighting at the Community Center.
- Improvement of the Kratz Walkway off Margo Ann Lane.
- Removal and installation of a new Playground Equipment/ Fall Surface, extended asphalt walkway, additional lighting, benches and water fountain, at JLB Park.

- Continued construction on our American Disabilities Act Project, in the Margo Ann/Lilly Jean and Chester/Muriel areas. Existing sidewalks will be improved. Repairs and additions will be made, and additional ramps constructed.

## Future Projects

- We are actively pursuing development of a project to improve the Woodson Road Corridor from the southern city limit to Natural Bridge and beyond into Lambert Airport. The plan would include options to alter Woodson Road, the bike path, and sidewalks. We have started conversations with multiple organizations concerning finance and planning, including East West Gateway, Trailnet, MoDot, and our neighboring cities. Our goal is to present to the Board of Alderman a plan to apply for granting about this time next year.
- We have also been proposing a project to solve an ongoing issue with our residential streets. Some of our streets are in dire need of replacement. The first step is to get a survey done by an engineering firm. They will determine what repairs need to be made to the streets, and we will proceed from that point.

*Douglas Zaiz*  
**City Administrator**



# Woodson Terrace Neighborhood Watch

## WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH??

Since we have had numerous people move in and out of Woodson Terrace, I thought it would be a good time to furnish information to our residents regarding Woodson Terrace Neighborhood Watch. If after reading the following article; you would like to become involved and be a member of our Woodson Terrace Neighborhood Watch, please contact me. We always welcome our new members. Thank you!!

**CRIME or the FEAR of CRIME:** Provides the motivation for residents to become better informed on how to protect themselves and their property and helps to discourage crime and reduce fear in their neighborhood. Woodson Terrace Neighborhood Watch Program instructs you on basic crime prevention measures to safeguard you, your home and valuables and in being vigilant and in recognizing suspicious activity. It helps neighbors to allow for a more timely exchange of their information.

**OLD ADAGE of "BROTHER'S KEEPERS":** Getting back to this old adage of being our "Brother's keepers"; means neighbors watching out for their own neighbors. Neighbors are asked to be the eyes and ears in helping our Woodson Terrace Police in apprehending criminals who come into their neighborhoods to perform any kind of crime or to make anyone feel unsafe. Crime Watch is not designed to substitute for Police protection. Rather it is an extension in assisting our Woodson Terrace Police in making neighborhoods safe for all of our residents.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:** Is a Community Policing Partnership Program and operates under two (2) principles. 1st. When our neighbors get to know and watch out for each other, they watch out for each other's property as though it was their own. 2nd. Neighborhood Watch helps to create an identity within the Woodson Terrace neighborhood in which they each live. In turn this builds their own sense of pride and belonging for participants and neighbors. It forges bonds among residents and improves residents and Police relations. It can address other issues and concerns like child safety, youth development, senior resident's welfare, and their quality of life.

**The MEMBERS and PARTICIPANTS:** Make their Woodson Terrace neighborhood a safer place to live by adopting a more observant and active attitude and, as a result, they become more aware of strange cars, persons, or circumstances. This helps our neighborhood to be a safer environment. This usually will not take a lot of time and soon will develop into a daily habit of becoming more aware of what is going on in their own neighborhood. Woodson Terrace Police do an outstanding job and with our help they are encouraged that our residents are helping them.

## WHAT are the LIMITATIONS on NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

## WHAT are the THINGS that our NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM IS NOT?

It **IS NOT** a vigilante force or an organization that works outside the structure of the Woodson Terrace Police Department.

It **IS NOT** a program where members take personal risk to deter crime. Members report crimes in progress, they **NEVER INTERVENE**.

The program **DOES NOT** guarantee that crime will never happen in your neighborhood.

It does help to deter it, if the program is worked as a community resident and police partnership correctly.

**IDENTIFICATION TOOL: 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, tools, etc..**

**Caroline Martin, Woodson Terrace Neighborhood Watch Coordinator    Phone: (314) 324-6883**



# The City and Parks committee sponsor 3 children's holiday parties and 2 concerts per year.

## CO Safety Tips:

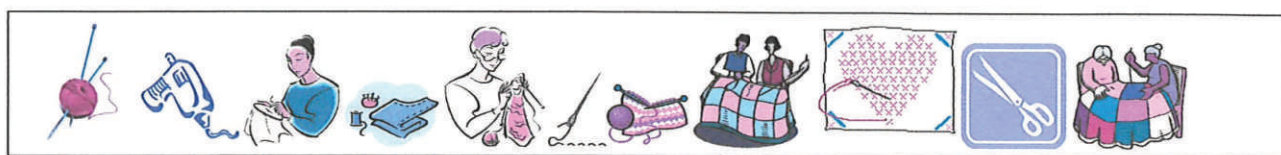
- Be familiar with the early signs of CO exposure, and if you suspect CO poisoning, move outside and call 911 for emergency help.
- Know the possible sources of CO poisoning in your home and keep fuel-burning appliances and their chimneys and vents in good working order.
- Have your home heating system, including chimneys and vents, inspected and serviced annually by a trained service technician.
- Install carbon monoxide alarms near bedrooms and living areas throughout your home to give advanced warning of elevated CO levels. Many newer models of carbon monoxide alarms come with permanent, 10-year lithium batteries, but if you're using detectors with a disposable battery, change the batteries at least twice a year.
- Never bring a charcoal grill into the house for heating or cooking, and do not barbecue in the garage.
- If using a fireplace, open the damper before lighting the fire, and leave the damper open until the ashes are cool.
- Always run portable electric generators outside, at least 15 feet from your house.
- Never leave a car running in an attached garage, even if the garage door is open.
- By following these steps, and properly maintaining your alarms, you can protect your family from the dangers of carbon monoxide

*Chuck Coyne*

**Fire Chief  
Community Fire**







**\*\*\*\*\*Woodson Terrace Craft Club\*\*\*\*\***  
**CALLING ALL CRAFTERS**

**Do like to knit, crochet, embroider or do any kind of crafting?**

**Then please come join us for a very informal fun filled afternoon of crafting. Bring your own project with you to work on, share your knowledge and love of crafting with other crafters.**

**We love 'Show and Tell'**

**WHEN: Twice every month on the first and third Tuesdays.**

**TIME: 1:00–4:00 pm,**

**WHERE: At the Woodson Terrace Town Hall, 9351 Guthrie, Woodson Terrace, Missouri.  
 (the yellow building directly behind the 7-11),**

**We look forward to seeing you and your project at our next meeting.  
 Please come join us and bring a friend.**

**We have a Craft Fair once a year offering our hand crafted items for sale to the public.  
 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**



# A brand new look to the Woodson Terrace Pool

It has always been the policy of the Board of Alderman and the City of Woodson Terrace to staff the Woodson Terrace Pool with young adults from the community.

In the past few years we have had trouble hiring enough people to keep the pool open at all, much less properly chlorinated and as clean as you have come to expect.

The Board, along with the Mayor Besmer, City Administrator Doug Zaiz, and General Pool Manager and Camp Director Pam Meyer researched companies and have decided to partner with Lifeguards Unlimited for our life guard needs. You will see some familiar faces, and some new ones. Concessions as this time will still be run by the City.

We understand change is hard sometimes, but please welcome all new staff with the hospitality we are known for here in Woodson Terrace.



## Woodson Terrace Summer Information

Hello Woodson Terrace Residents! Soon it will be that time again for the pool to open. Weather permitting; Saturday, May 25th will be the start of the pool season. Monday, May 27th, Memorial Day, the pool will open at noon due to the ceremony in the park. Starting May 28th, the pool will be open 11-8 every day.

Listed below are the rates for the pool season.

**Resident Single Adult Visit- 3.00**

**Resident Single Child Visit- 1.00**

**Resident Individual Pass- 25.00**

**Resident Family Pass- 75.00**

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**

### **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. Children 9 and under are required to be supervised by an adult-someone at least 16 years of age.

**The city will also offer the Woodson Terrace Park Program this summer. PLEASE NOTE THE COST PER CHILD: EACH CAMPER WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY A 25.00 ACTIVITY FEE PLUS CAMPER REGISTRATION FEE. PLEASE ASK CITY HALL FOR ANY QUESTIONS.**

**Resident Child \$50.00 + \$25.00 activity fee**

**Resident Family (up to 3 children) \$75.00 + \$25.00 activity fee (per child)**

**Non – resident Child \$190.00 per child + \$25.00 activity fee**

**Sign-ups for RESIDENTS only begin May 6TH –May 10TH.**

**Beginning May 13th, camp is open to all. Please understand that the max capacity of the camp is 50 children, so sign up early. The camp is for children of the age 6-12 ONLY. The camper MUST be 6 by June 1ST, no EXCEPTIONS. The last day to sign up for camp will be May 31st. Please make sure to review all paperwork for camp when registering your child.**

**Camp dates will be available May 1st.**

I look forward to seeing you at the pool this summer.

Pam Meyer





# Woodson Terrace Veterans



The Woodson Terrace Veterans Committee is self-funded. We DO NOT receive any monies from the City of Woodson Terrace to fund any of the programs, organizations, activities, etc., that we support.

Every Woodson Terrace Veterans Committee Member keeps very busy. Everyone on the Committee has his/her own military "agenda" of activities and organizations, he or she is involved with outside of Woodson Terrace. Each member has a deep sense of "Service" to our Veterans. The activities our Committee members perform "collectively" is greatly enhanced by their years of experience of "Service." This is a benefit to our Committee. Several of our members are Veterans, themselves. We all work together to achieve our goals that benefit our Veterans.

The Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month. Our Agenda consists of planning and organizing the Veterans Programs for Woodson Terrace, along with the Fund-raisers to accomplish our goals for our Veterans. We spend the time at each meeting initiating, finalizing and reviewing what is needed to make our Veterans Programs successful.

Members of our Woodson Terrace Veterans Committee met at 7:00 A.M. at the Veterans Home on Lewis and Clark to begin our sixth year annual BBQ on Thursday, October 4, 2018. All the BBQ furnishings are supplied by the Veterans Committee. We hold a Trivia each year to earn the funds for the BBQ. The Veterans eat their lunch at 11:00 A.M. and everything was very well prepared for them to eat on time. They had hamburgers, brats, chips

and sodas. The Veterans Committee BBQ'd enough to feed all 200 Veterans; along with all volunteers and staff. We received a lot of "great food" and "thank you" that day. It's nice to see everyone in the Veterans Home happy and content. We have a member who donates about 300 volunteer hours at the VA Home and has the opportunity to see first-hand how the Veterans are doing.

Our Veterans Day Program was held on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 9:30 A.M. at the Robert J. Madden Veterans Memorial located at 4301 Calvert Ave. in our John L. Brown Park. The Veterans Day Program was held on a very cold and dreary day. That didn't stop people from attending. It was a very enjoyable Program. Committee member Rick Rutledge assisted in making our Program successful. A big "Thank You" to American Legion Post #143 for their participation as Honor Guard in the "Posting and the Retiring" of Colors, the Gun Salute, and TAPS. They have performed this voluntary "Service" for our Woodson Terrace Veterans Day Program for numerous years. Sherrie Gerrein, who has a son currently on "Active Duty" as an Army Ranger beautifully led everyone in singing: the National Anthem, America the Beautiful, and God Bless America. Her uplifting voice also sang the "Salute to the Armed Forces." These are the designated songs for each branch of the Military: Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps and the Merchant Marines. "Sherrie" invited any Veteran to stand when their song was sung to salute their military branch that they "served" in. Many Veterans were very proud to stand for this "honor." A grateful "Thank You" to "Sherrie" Gerrein who has performed this voluntary "Service" for the past six years for all of our Veterans Programs that have been held in Woodson Terrace. A Reading titled "Twas



# Committee

the Night before Christmas.. A Soldiers Night" was read. It was very well received by all. Representatives from the Armed Forces Motorcycle Club (AFMC) and many attending Veterans conducted the "Penney Ceremony." We had many residents, non-residents and Veterans attend and participate to make our Veterans Day Program very beautiful. Thank each of the Veterans, residents, visitors, and Organizations that helped to make our Veterans Day Program successful. Please continue to keep coming.

An announcement was made again at the Veterans Day Ceremony that the Veterans Committee has obtained a very "special" book. It is titled "One Who Served." It is a beautifully leather bound 112 page book. It is a Memorial Tribute and Keepsake to OUR Veterans. Our Veterans Committee would like to present the family with this keepsake book at no cost to the Veteran's loved one(s) upon their death. The book is for any Woodson Terrace Veteran who served in any Military Branch: The U.S. Army, the U.S. Marines, the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Air Force, and the U.S. Coast Guard. In this book we honor the many Americans who have served, and in doing so made great sacrifices; some even the ultimate sacrifice, so that we might all live free. This book will be presented by our grateful Woodson Terrace Veterans Committee members. Please contact me at Cmartin@woodsonterrace.net or contact City Hall at: (314) 427-2600 to obtain information. Please furnish the Veteran's name and address, so that the Veterans Committee may make the presentation of this book directly to the bereaved family. One of these books was presented to the two brothers of Dan McFarland. He was on our Woodson Terrace Police Force and a Marine. He died in December 2018; due to

health issues. He was a very compassionate, helpful and kind person. He will be missed very much. His brothers were very appreciative to receive the "One Who Served" book.

The Veterans Committee will have a Trivia on Saturday, March 23, 2019. Doors open at 6:00 P.M. and Trivia starts at 7:00 P.M. Please see our Trivia flyer in this newsletter. We would enjoy having you attend. All proceeds go to our Veterans Programs. If you would like to donate any items or money, please contact me at (314) 324-6883. Everything is greatly appreciated.

Woodson Terrace does have a Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in our City. It is VFW Post #2365. On October 20, 2018 I had the pleasure of hearing and being present for the presentation of two scholarships that was presented. Our Woodson Terrace VFW Post #2365 sponsored two young people for the awarding of each scholarship that was presented by Overland St. Ann VFW Post #3944. Each young person was awarded \$2,350 in scholarships each. Each bright child presented his /her version of what he patriotically believes in a theme wording document. Isaiah Mosely is 12 years old. He was awarded a Patriot's Pen scholarship for his words titled "Outstanding Spokesperson of the Future." Cyon Sailor is 16 years old. She was awarded a Voice of Democracy scholarship for her words titled "Why My Vote Matters."

She was chosen from 29 entries. These are two very patriotic young people who expressed themselves very eloquently. A copy of their words is in our newsletter for your review. We need to encourage our young adults to reach their goals as these two did. Congratulations to Isaiah and Cyon and our own Woodson Terrace VFW Post #2365 on your accomplishments. If you would like more information about how to enter for these scholarships or becoming a member of VFW Post #2365, please contact me.

**At our next Veterans Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.** we will have another new member. If you would like to volunteer to be one of our members, please contact me. We welcome anyone who would like to give of their time to help our Veterans.

*Caroline Martin*

**Veterans Committee Chairman  
Phone: (314) 324-6883**





# VFW Winners for Scholarships



Cyon Sailor

10-20-18

Voting Is Effective, Pessimism Is Not

Before delving into the topic, I should first acknowledge that I have yet to reach the voting age of 18. Along with this, my first major voting experience will be the 2020 presidential election. These details should be noted simply as a reminder that I believe people should feel pride in voting, even if I haven't reached the age to participate myself. Over the years, I've learned to better respect someone's stance on whether they are supportive or opposed to voting. This tolerance, however, does have a limit. I've heard members of racial minorities refuse to vote because the 'voting process in modern day America is stacked against them.' I don't have the authority to demand that they change their mind. I do, however, have the means to explain why voting does make a difference. I can show them that voting provides a chance to take charge of their future, properly serve their country, and represent their personal beliefs.

The U.S. government gives its citizens the opportunity to make a difference in a way citizens in other countries can't. Of the 195 documented nations in the world, only 15% of the world's population live in fully democratic societies. Considering the majority of people get little to no say on how their government is run, I believe that any U.S. citizens that resist voting simply for the sake of it are considerably selfish. Along with generally looking out for one's self, it is crucial for voters of all ages to think about the generations below them. My father has taught my two older sisters and me that in the same way he works to make our lives better, it is our job to do the same for our children and the generations after us. Within my own judgement, I find no justifiable reason why bettering the lives of the young is unfavorable. As their elders, it is our responsibility to lead them in the right direction.

As other political issues, such as police brutality, arise as priorities, it is important for voters to remember the significance their vote holds. Living in the U.S. during the twenty-first century, it is effortless to avoid recalling the important votes that altered history. Votes in favor of the thirteenth amendment in 1865 granted African slaves their freedom. If August eighteenth, 1920 hadn't been a day of reforming voters, women would still lack the ability to vote for themselves. These important votes prove that attending the polls does, in fact, make a difference. I lived to see America legalize same-sex marriage on June twenty-sixth, 2015. History was made because people voted for change. History was made because people decided the old way of doing things needed revisions.

Voting doesn't only serve as a point of civil responsibility, but also provides a chance for inner justification. Living among the younger people of the U.S., I regularly heard 'Trump isn't my president' or, 'Obama is the only president for me' after the 2016 inauguration. Upon further



questioning, I also learned that these people were fully capable of voting, but refused to do so. As an eligible voter, it is their responsibility to vote. In my personal opinion, if someone complains about a president, but voluntarily avoided the polls, there's no reason to complain. The naysayers for the president also provide negative comments towards the country as a whole. From many perspectives, the United States is flawed. However, as a first-world country and a global superpower, the U.S. provides opportunities that all citizens should endorse, which includes voting. It is true that a vote's significance decreases as the number of voters increase. It is also true that one vote can determine the stance of a swing-state during presidential elections. One vote can determine candidates for Congress, Senate, or regional positions like mayor. Convicts in penitentiaries and illegal immigrants alike aren't permitted to vote. The two groups are excluded not because they are inherently bad people, but because voting is a privilege reserved for free citizens. If someone is a legal citizen, free from prison, and of age, the refusal to vote is both unfair to those who can't vote and unjust for themselves.

The U.S., as mentioned previously, isn't perfect. It doesn't provide the best healthcare plans, the most opportunities for upward mobility, or the most reliable justice system. Nevertheless, these flaws will persist throughout generations if changes aren't made. These changes don't only apply to a personal mindset, but also implementing these mindsets at the polls. Every bill written will not first receive approval or disapproval from the public before becoming a law. With that in mind, communities appoint favorable men and women as representatives, speaking on the people's behalfs. These representatives then possess a right to share their opinions towards the bill. By voting, by taking charge, members of a community decide how their city, state, or country is run. When looking down upon the necessity to vote, it becomes difficult to think deductively, starting large and growing smaller. Yet, by fully acknowledging how every vote makes a difference, the significance of individual votes becomes illuminated. And as every individual vote is illuminated, the country has the ability to shine in ways it hasn't before.

The reason why I honor the American Flag is because it would not be right for me not to, and it means a lot of things. Also the American Flag is very important. For example The 50 stars on the flag represent the 50 states of the United States of America. Also the stripes stand for signifies vigilance, perseverance & justice. Another reason I honor it is because it is for the people who served our country, and fought in war for us to be free. It is really important to honor the flag. like when "Allegiance". Just as the American flag is a symbol of this nation's pride and values you should always respect it. Flags can be portraits of a country's historical past, like the American Flag. The American flag still has 13 red and white stripes, signifying the original 13 colonies. Some flags of the world follow this historical pattern, as well. It is the most important flag of the country. You can see the American flag anywhere like at

a strip mall, plaza or even the mall/ galleries. This flag is a valuable flag. If you have anyone that dies and they participated in the army they might put it in a triangle form and put it in a case. They do that because someone who served the country is no longer a fighter. We should be happy we have a flag. Here are some reasons why. 1: the country would not have anything to represent it. 2: the pledge of allegiance would not be made. 3: the national anthem would not be made. There is so much history of the flag. That is why we have the flag today. The flag has passed on a lot of things. Just like sometimes on Veterans Day at my school we go to a table to remember.

BY ISAAH MOSLEY

Isaiah  
Mosley



# City Calendar of Events

Please note that the planning & zoning and economic development meetings are scheduled as needed. Please call or check online for details and meeting days.

April

April 2	6am-7am	<b>Election Day</b>
April 3	6:30 PM	<b>Court (City Hall closes at 4)</b>
April 9	9:00 AM	<b>Yoga</b>
April 11	11:00 AM	<b>Senior Group</b>
	7:00 PM	<b>Budget, Job and Wage Meeting</b>
April 13	12:00 PM	<b>Children's Easter Party</b>
April 16	9:00 AM	<b>Yoga</b>
	1:00 PM	<b>Craft Club</b>
April 18	6:45 PM	<b>Public Works Meeting</b>
	7:00 PM	<b>Board of Alderman Meeting</b>
April 23	9:00 AM	<b>Yoga</b>
April 24	6:30 PM	<b>Neighborhood Watch</b>
April 25	7:00 PM	<b>Parks and Special Projects</b>
April 30	9:00 AM	<b>Yoga</b>

May

May 1	6:30 PM	<b>Court (City Hall closes at 4)</b>
May 4	4:00 PM	<b>Concert in the Park</b>
May 7	9:00 AM	<b>Yoga</b>
	1:00 PM	<b>Craft Club</b>
May 9	11:00 AM	<b>Senior Group</b>
	7:00 PM	<b>Budget, Job and Wage Meeting</b>
May 11	11:00 AM	<b>City Wide Clean up</b>
May 14	9:00 AM	<b>Yoga</b>
May 16	6:45 PM	<b>Public Works Meeting</b>
	7:00 PM	<b>Board of Alderman Meeting</b>
May 21	9:00 AM	<b>Yoga</b>
	1:00 PM	<b>Craft Club</b>
May 22	6:30 PM	<b>Neighborhood Watch</b>
May 23	7:00 PM	<b>Parks and Special Projects</b>
May 27		<b>Memorial Day (offices closed)</b>
	9:30 AM	<b>Memorial Day Ceremony @Park (Pool opens at 12)</b>
May 28	9:00 AM	<b>Yoga</b>

June

June 4	9:00 AM	<b>Yoga</b>
	1:00 PM	<b>Craft Club</b>
June 5	6:30 PM	<b>Court (City Hall closes at 4)</b>
June 11	9:00 AM	<b>Yoga</b>
June 13	11:00 AM	<b>Senior Group</b>
	7:00 PM	<b>Budget, Job and Wage Meeting</b>
June 18	9:00 AM	<b>Yoga</b>
	1:00 PM	<b>Craft Club</b>
June 20	6:45 PM	<b>Public Works Meeting</b>
	7:00 PM	<b>Board of Alderman Meeting</b>
June 25	9:00 AM	<b>Yoga</b>
	1:00 PM	<b>Craft Club</b>
June 26	6:30 PM	<b>Neighborhood Watch</b>
June 27	7:00 PM	<b>Parks and Special Projects</b>



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**St. Louis County Health Department**

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**MSD**

**BI-STATE WILD LIFE HOTLINE**

**314-615-0680**

**314-772-5200**

**314-615-6500**

**636-947-5959**

**314-342-1000**

**314-621-6960**

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# Get Connected

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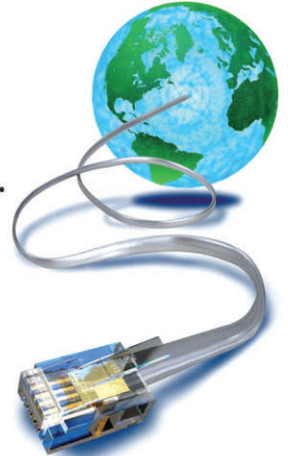
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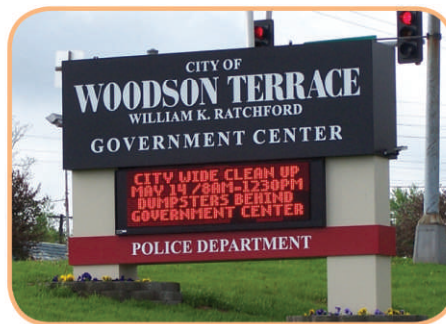
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**MONTH – 7:00 P.M.**