

WOODSON TERRACE NEWS

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From The Mayor's Desk

We have recently begun discussions with Alta Planning about a transportation grant. Within the last several years we have generated two separate plans for this city that identified zones that could be enhanced with sidewalks. These plans are the Comprehensive Plan for the city which lays out the groundwork for Economic Development, infrastructure improvements etc. and the Trail-Net Plan which deals strictly with foot and bicycle traffic.

These two plans both agree about one area in particular. They identify the foot traffic to and from our park. The streets that have the highest priority within those plans are Guthrie from the eastern city limit to Edmundson Road and Calvert from Guthrie to our Park. Both plans agree that these corridors will add a pedestrian safety for our children going to and from the park. Guthrie and Calvert would be wide enough that it would allow us to take the space from the street and not from the front yards.

Nothing is imminent and it is currently just in the discussion phase, however this would only be the first phase. Several years ago the city and the Ritenour School district partnered together to create a walkway from Kratz School up to the corner of Margo Ann and Edmundson. The second phase would be a road project on Edmundson that would create a new road with sidewalks from city limits to city limits.

Last Saturday I attended a Memorial Day Ceremony at Jefferson Barracks Cemetery where they laid wreaths on the Mass Graves. One of our own was honored during this ceremony. His name was William C. Holcomb and for years if you attended our Veterans Ceremonies you would see him in full dress Marine Blues no matter the weather. He was very active in our Veterans Committee along with his lovely wife Caroline. At the Jefferson Barracks Cemetery ceremony he stood as a member of the Honor Guard for nine consecutive years. He performed this service until he was 78 years old and his health caused him to grudgingly stop. He felt a special calling to help at these graves. Those buried in these mass graves were from the "Hell Ship" Oryoku Maru which transported our captured servicemen from the Philippines to Japan during WWII, those POW's who were killed in the Palawan Massacre, those killed in New Zealand in the Rescue of the Shangri-La flight and the grave of LCDR Bruce Avery Van Voorhis, Medal of Honor recipient and his entire crew who knowingly flew a suicide mission to destroy the enemies crucial Radio Station during the Battle of the Solomons.



The ceremony also honored Lt. Michael Joseph Blassie who until 1998 layed at rest in the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery.

OUR COVER:

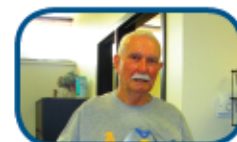
Long time resident, Frank Finklang, once again participated in the Senior Olympics over Memorial Day weekend. He is now in the 90 and over category, and still going strong. Frank competed in 13 events this year, with one rain out. Medal count: 10 gold, 2 silver, and 1 bronze. While certainly not as intense as say the World games, it is a fun and exciting way to stay moving and get out of the house. This year Frank medaled in every event but bocce ball, which was cancelled. The way he tells it (with a wide smile), "if you're paying the entrance fee, you may as well get your money's worth." Competing with him this year was a friend from California who travelled here just for the event.



Lawrence "Butch" Besmer



Lawrence P. Besmer
Lawrence "Butch" Besmer





The Chief's Blotter

Hello everyone. Now that summer is here, and the children are out of school, please remember that there will be a lot more pedestrian traffic on our streets. I encourage everyone to use extreme caution when driving through the subdivisions and watch out for children.

Robert E. Dowling

I also encourage parents to have your children enjoy one of our beautiful parks to play in rather than the street. If they are playing at home, at least try to have them play in the backyard. For the teenage children and their parents I will remind you that curfew is 11:00pm Sunday through Thursday night, and 12 midnight on Friday and Saturday night.

In anticipation of the upcoming 4th of July Holiday I will remind you that fireworks of any kind are illegal in Woodson Terrace. We know people will still shoot them off. With that in mind I will caution you that you are subject to a summons for this violation. Those of you that are lucky enough not to get caught, we ask that you at least clean up your mess, do not leave the debris behind for someone else to clean up.

Finally, to the anonymous Concerned Citizen of Woodson Terrace, THE MAYOR DOESN'T OWN A BOAT!!!!

Bob Dowling #33
Chief Bob Dowling #33

Notes from the City Clerk

Summer seems to be in full bloom early this year. The flowers are blooming, grass is green, trees are in full bloom and the pollen is flying!!!!

Just a reminder about pool passes, reservations for the pavilions, dog tags and keeping up maintenance in our yards.

You will find in this addition of the newsletter, information from St. Louis County Community Development Program. We are allocated \$29,000.00 for the year 2015 for improvements in our city. By law, we have to have a public hearing giving you the chance to voice your opinion on how this money should be used. That hearing will be at 6:35 p.m. on Thursday June 19, 2014 at city hall.

As always, we are to assist you in any way we can. All ordinances are available for your review at city hall. I ask that you call before you come up so I can make sure I allow time to meet with you.

I am not sure if you have heard, but I am retiring this year. My last day in the office will be June 30, 2014. I have been with the city for 29 years; met a lot of people; made a lot of friends. It has been an honor to have served as your city clerk.

Marge Wilson





Public Works



- The Property Maintenance Initiative posted previously in the last City Newsletter and again in this newsletter highlights some of the major code violations we face in the City and the reasons we all need them corrected. Please read the separate notice with the City seal watermark titled PROPERTY MAINTENANCE INITIATIVE, SECOND ADVANCE NOTICE, inspect your own property for any items on the list, and begin correcting them. **IF APPLICABLE INFORM YOUR LANDLORD OF ALL THESE NOTICES.** Code Enforcement will begin issuing WARNING NOTICES and letters July 5, 2014, listing any violations that still need to be addressed. By that time ample notice will have been given for this action to take place. Due to the more serious repairs we know are out there and the high costs involved, the Code Officers will take that into consideration on a time frame for compliance.

- The City of Woodson Terrace requires Building Permits for most improvements and alterations to your building and property. We contract with St. Louis County on some building permits; most new construction, some remodeling projects, electrical, plumbing, or structural changes require a STLCO permit. **Bring a site plan or drawing of your exterior project showing dimensions of project, and dimensions to front, side and rear property lines, as well as drainage direction from the site. Interior projects should show where they will be in relation to the rest of the house and have all dimensions, window and door sizes/placement noted, to City Hall, and we will determine if STLCO permitting is needed.** If it is, we will issue a Zoning Letter for you to take to County with your plans and get the proper permitting. Some permits are issued from Woodson Terrace; examples are fences, sidewalks, driveways and decks, the same drawing/site plan requirements as above are needed when applying to the City for a permit. **All projects whether STLCO or Woodson Terrace must have a drawing/plan of the project showing all dimensions of the project in relation to the lot.** Graph paper aids in producing a readable scaled drawing. Permits enable the City to maintain health and safety by requiring adherence to building and health codes. You can be cited and possibly required to demolish, if a permit is required and you proceed without one.

- Anyone interested in doing community volunteer work for our seniors, please contact City Hall 314-427-2600 to leave your name, contact information, and what days/times you would generally be available. We are establishing a list of volunteers to contact when we receive requests for work, or the Code Officers note the circumstances merit a need for volunteer help. More detail will follow but the work is limited to light clean up, debris removal, light exterior maintenance. Due to liability the City cannot provide any power equipment, but as requests for work projects come in we will compile a list of needed equipment to complete the task.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Doug Zaiz".

Doug Zaiz
Dir. P/W

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE INITIATIVE

SECOND ADVANCE NOTICE

Improving property maintenance is one of the most important issues facing our city today. So much so we are launching this initiative in an effort to improve health and safety as well as increase property values as much as possible.

The program will focus on complying with Woodson Terrace Ordinances and Chapter 3 of the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC), although any violation of the other Chapters will not be overlooked, if an unsafe or hazardous condition exists.

Chapter 3 generally includes, exterior property and structure, debris, drives, walks, porches, missing or damaged siding, gutters, windows, fencing, house numbers, peeling paint, steps, carport/porch storage, stagnate water, grass landscaping, signs of vector and others. All these items should be maintained in good condition.

I urge everyone to inspect your own property and take care of any maintenance issues *before* we get into issuing official violations. Feel free to contact myself or the Code Officers if you have questions.

Doug Zaiz 314-427-2600 x 132, dzaiz@woodsonterrace.net

Don Dickey 314-427-2600 x 138, ddickey@woodsonterrace.net

Bob Dody 314-427-2600 x 373, rdody@woodsonterrace.net

Code Enforcement will set their schedule and pace as this will be a long process. Each and every property in the City will be checked for violations, no need to tell on your neighbors, all will be inspected. If inspection shows violations are present, a Warning Letter with the noted violations will be posted and mailed.

Anyone receiving a Warning Letter should contact the Code Officers and speak with them about your violations, and how and when you can comply.

The City does not want to send anyone to court but *will* require compliance. Letters of violation will be mailed to the property *and* the owner if it is a rental property. The City does not always have current owner contact information in the case of rentals, providing that information will speed the process. If an impasse occurs and no progress can be made citations will be issued and the matter settled in court.

This initiative does not give a free pass to future violations, if you comply and at a later date allow violations to occur you could be cited.

The intent of this program is to improve the health, safety and economy of our City, to better attract businesses and residents and provide better services to the residents. We do not want to alienate anyone but rather pull everyone together in a common goal of making the entire city a better place to live.

Woodson Terrace Veterans Committee

Rita and Carl Martin (Co-Chairmen)

Greetings Everyone from your Woodson Terrace Veterans Committee! Hope everyone endured the challenging winter weather without too many problems & issues ... what an eventful one it was! Now to update you on your WT Veterans Committee since last newsletter!

The May 26th Memorial Day Ceremony will have taken place shortly before you receive this newsletter; however in writing this, it's coming up. The Committee has all arrangements made including representatives from American Legion Post 143 & the Vietnam Vets Motorcycle Club ... these gentlemen "Post/Retire the Colors", perform the Gun Salute, TAPS, & Penny Ceremony & we appreciate them & thank them. The Memorial Day Ceremony also includes The Bell Ceremony & Committee Members Mayor Besmer & Rick Rutledge rotate in calling the names of Woodson Terrace men & women who served our Country & have died ... after his/her name is called & a brief synopsis given, the bell is rung by Committee Member Carl Martin. However, Memorial Day by no means overlooks those who continue serving to keep America free, especially those in harm's way! "Thank You" to those attending including area Mayors & other dignitaries, WT Residents & those from surrounding municipalities, Military Service Representatives who took part in the Ceremony (Richard Lefebvre (Marines), Raymond Valli (Army) & Bob House (Army, Navy & Missouri Air National Guard). And a huge "thank you" to Don Monahan & his awesome voice as he returns to lead, sing, & solo the hymns including the "Salute to the Armed Forces".

The 2014 Veterans Day Ceremony will be on Saturday, November 8th. Veterans Day (November 11th) is on a Tuesday this year & the WT Veterans Day Ceremony is held the prior Saturday unless the 11th falls on a Saturday. The Ceremony begins @ 9:30 AM & for those attending for the first time, takes place @ The Robert J. Madden Veterans Monument located within the parameters of John L. Brown Park (corner of Stansberry & Calvert Avenues) in Woodson Terrace. Duration of the program is approx. 30 minutes. Seating is available.

On May 6th, the Committee "retired" a significant number of flags. A huge "thank you" to Boy Scout Troops 531 & 789 for their "properly" disposing of the flags & to Ron Hogan (Charter Organization Rep.) for orchestrating. Thank you gentlemen & to the Scout Leaders who oversaw this. The Committee took turns reading the ascribed script which consists of 16+ pages & the photos herein encapsulate some of the ceremony. We had an abundance of flags & those not "retired" May 6th were given to the American Legion Post #3944 to incorporate in a future ceremony of theirs.

Collecting used and/or tattered flags for proper disposal is ongoing --- 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).

Archery lessons for interested residents @ Jefferson Barracks is still "in the works" thanks to the expertise & talent of Committee Members Mayor Besmer & Rick Rutledge! A few items still need to be worked out with Jefferson Barracks but the "drive" & enthusiasm these 2 gentlemen have for archery is phenomenal & it will happen.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, please mark July 26th (Saturday), 2014 on your calendar & come join us for a fun filled & challenging evening of trivia. We've reserved Wild Acres Banquet Hall in Overland for our 2nd Annual Trivia Night Fund Raiser. A flyer is included in this newsletter w/additional copies available @ City Hall. Included in the evening's trivia games are a "table scavenger hunt", gift basket raffles, "silent auction", 50/50, door prizes, etc. We appreciate your support; the Woodson Terrace Veterans Committee is self funded & we rely on donations & our annual "Trivia Fundraiser" to support a variety of Veterans related programs.

Caroline Martin (no relation) & myself are members of the Private George Phillips Marine Corps League Auxiliary (Caroline was just recently elected & installed as President) & the Auxiliary on the second Monday of the month provides the dinner @ Fisher House (adjacent to the STL VA Hospital). Caroline & I were the April 2014 volunteers & we enjoyed not only providing the meal April 14th but visiting with several families who are staying there. Fisher Houses are located throughout the United States & provide military families with housing close to a loved one during hospitalization for an illness, disease, injury, etc.

There are numerous pursuits, endeavors, involvements, etc. all Committee Members are involved in whether it be individually or together as a Committee but all programs, projects, etc. undertaken are done with the ultimate goal of successfully carrying out & fulfilling to meet a target whether it be a predetermined date or completion ... that always happens.

On behalf of everyone on the Woodson Terrace Veterans Committee, we appreciate your support & the many kind words of gratitude we receive from you. Please feel free to contact me at rmartin@woodsonterrace.net if you have any questions and/or comments. 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.

Hope to see you on July 26th for the "Trivia Fund Raiser". The Woodson Terrace Veterans Committee thank you for your support & the kind remarks you extend to us!

Rita and Carl Martin (Co-Chairmen)
Woodson Terrace Veterans Committee



Park Programs

Archery will be June 17th through July 3rd on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, no charge to residents, non residents \$10.00 per week for the snack. It will be from 9:00-11:30. The summer camp will have it for two hours on Monday. You will need to call city hall to register.

The seeds and flowers have been planted in the community garden at the Dorothy Rickard Park. If you would like to participate in the garden please leave your name at city hall for Carol.

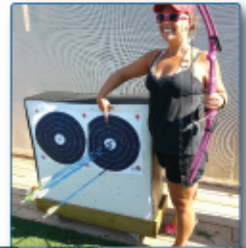
Special Projects

Do we have your number? The beautification committee would like to award certain residents for how well they take care of their house/yard. When we call them the phone number has been disconnected so if you don't have a home phone please call city hall and give them your updated cell phone number.

The following were winners of the beautification award for April, Ward I-9730 Harold, Ward II-9318 Corregidor, Ward III-9531 Trefore and Ward IV-9223 Macon. For the month of May, Ward I-9806 Corregidor, Ward II-9522 Bataan, Ward III-4110 Beauty. If you would like to nominate yourself or a neighbor please contact city hall or someone on the committee.

Don't forget to check out the senior and pool/camp page to see what fun they are having.

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



Woodson Terrace Days 2014

WT Days is being held July 18-20. The musical lineup is: (drum roll please)

Ram's Cheerleaders will also be there from 1pm - 3pm (During the car show)

Friday July 18th
Grand Allusion (Styx Tribute)



Saturday July 19th 2pm - 5pm
Stacey Collins Band



Saturday July 19th
Silver Bullet STL (Bob Seeger Tribute) Band



Sunday July 20th 1pm - 4pm
Anonymous Johnson (Chris Palazzolo's Band)





The County Older Resident Programs, CORP

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

Developing News

Greetings,

Here's a special thanks to Marge Wilson, our beloved City Clerk. As many of you know, Marge Wilson will retire from her position this July after 30+ years of service with Woodson Terrace. You may also know that I'm taking her place. I wanted to offer my sincerest gratitude for Marge's service over the years. In my short tenure at Woodson Terrace, Marge has been a tremendous mentor, both professionally and personally. Filling her shoes won't be easy. I wish you all the best in retirement.



Thanks again,
Scott Schaefer

From the Administrative Assistant

Summer has come early with 80s in May, just in time to enjoy the parks & pool. Summer camp is in year 2 and was filled up with in the first 2 weeks. Pam Meyer and her staff are doing a great job with that. Archery is also back Tuesday-Thursday. The program is free for residents & non-residents alike. Non-residents are asked to pay \$10.00 a week for their lunch. Two members of our veteran's committee run this, Mayor Besmer and Rick Rutledge. Upon completion of the class, the kids receive a t-shirt and a plaque. Keep an eye out for the code inspectors this season, too. They will be looking closely at structures and foliage for violations.

Have a safe & happy summer,
John Conlon

Woodson Terrace Neighborhood Watch



PERSONAL SAFETY FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Summer is here. Please be more alert for children playing, skateboarding and riding their bicycles. They are out of school and as we all know, sometimes their attention is not focused on their safety and may unknowingly put themselves in harms way. As adults, we need to be more attentive for the children's safety.

PARENTS,

- ☐ Do your children know about strangers?
- ☐ Would they answer the door when you aren't home?
- ☐ Do they know what to do if someone follows or bothers them?
- ☐ Do they know how to handle an inappropriate contact on the internet?

Please take a few minutes to have this very important discussion with them. Make sure your children understand how important their safety is to you.

FOR PARENTS:

- Know where your kids are at all times.
- Know who their friends are and where they live (In case you have to contact them).
- Establish a "safe" home or business where they might go if something happens to frighten them while they are playing, walking, riding their bikes or skateboarding when they are not in your eye-sight.
- Tell them to play, walk, ride their bikes or skateboarding with a group of friends and to stay together; no shortcuts allowed.
- Tell them to get away fast from strangers asking for directions or help finding a lost pet; strangers shouldn't ask children for help.
- For older children, discuss what is safe if they are home alone; and to never tell anyone at the door or on the phone that they are alone.
- Ask them to always talk to you if something happens that makes them afraid, sad or confused whether at school, on the internet or out in the community.
- Know which websites your children visit, what they do when "pop-up" ads appear for free prizes and games. Ask them not to share their passwords with others; even their closest friends. This may result in "safety issues" later.
- Talk to older children about being where they say they are going to be for their own safety. Insist they call you when they arrive at their destination.
- Talk to teenagers about the dangers of drinking and driving and texting and driving.

FOR CHILDREN:

- Check first with your parents before going anywhere, doing anything, helping anyone, accepting anything, getting into a car with anyone or leaving with anyone. Cell phones come in handy for this.
- Never accept rides from strangers; don't go with a stranger who says your parents "sent him or her". Even if you know this person, call or check with your parent(s) to confirm that this is okay.
- When you go somewhere like the mall or the movies, stay with the people you went with.
- If someone scares you, bullies you, or touches you in a way that makes you uncomfortable, or threatens you or offers you candy, drugs or alcohol, say NO and get away fast.
- Never give out personal information to someone you don't know over the internet.
- Never agree to go somewhere to meet someone you met on the internet.
- Always talk to your parents or a trusted friend or adult if something bad happens to you.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Woodson Terrace will hold a public hearing to discuss the allocation of \$ 29,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant funds which will become available after January 1, 2014. The public hearing will be held at 6:35 pm on June 19, 2014, at 4323 Woodson Road, City Hall. To further its commitment to fair and equitable treatment of all citizens, the City of Woodson Terrace has enacted and/or enforces the following:

A Fair Housing Ordinance prohibiting unlawful discrimination against any person because of race, sex, color, religion, disability, familial status or national origin;

A Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in the admission or access to, or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities;

A Policy of Equal Opportunity to Participate in Municipal Programs and Services regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, familial status, national origin, or political affiliation;

A requirement for bidding on CDBG activities that promotes employment opportunities created by HUD funding and that these opportunities be afforded low-income community residents and businesses.

If you would like information regarding the above policies or if you believe you have been unlawfully discriminated against, contact the following municipal official or employee who has been designated to coordinate compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements referenced above.

City Clerk

TITLE

4323 Woodson Road, Woodson Terrace, MO 63134

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

314-427-2600

PHONE

If you are a person with a disability or have special needs in order to participate in this public hearing, please contact Marge Wilson no later than June 18, 2014.

For More Information Call:

VOICE

TDD

1-800-735-2466 RELAY MISSOURI

Equal Opportunity Employer

♥ Senior Group

Rita Martin,
Senior Activities Director, Alderman, Ward 1

Greetings everyone & it's always my pleasure to enlighten you on what's been happening & what's in the planning for Woodson Terrace Senior Activities. First of all to those who have not been to one of our monthly get-togethers, we always meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM @ the Woodson Terrace Community Center (9351 Guthrie Avenue) which is the former WT City Hall. Lunch & beverage is provided free of charge to WT Resident Seniors age 60 & over & anyone wishing to attend not falling in this criteria is required to pay a nominal fee for the lunch @ City Hall prior to the meeting. Those planning to attend WT Senior Activities MUST RSVP the Monday prior to the meeting so I have an accurate count for ordering lunch. If you have any questions please Email me at rmartin@woodsonterrace.net or leave a message for me at City Hall (314-427-2600). Having said that let's continue where the prior newsletter ended & that was February 2014.



The March 13th meeting featured Rich Krueger from C.A.A.S.T.L.C. (Community Action Agency of St. Louis County) along with 2 of the agency's interns. Rich has been with us before & his wealth of information, etc. of programs and/or services available to Seniors is phenomenal; however C.A.A.S.T.L.C. has a variety of programs & services they provide that are not just for "Seniors" ... you might want to check out their web site & the links listed (www.caastlc.org); for those without computer access, the phone number for their main location (2709 Woodson Road in Overland) is 314/863-0015. As always Rich had a couple of freebies for the Seniors. Lunch was from Homestyle Catering in Woodson Terrace & we appreciate John for the delicious food he prepares ... March was fettuccini, tossed salad, & seasoned cheese bread. 5 March birthdays were acknowledged & "gifted" as we enjoyed John's "pineapple delight".

April 10th was Carol Bellman from the Better Business Bureau. Carol is Director of Charity Information Service & she enlightened us on an abundance of scams that are currently out there & targeted towards "Seniors". She also "touched on" some that are dormant right now but can't be overlooked as "scammers" want to catch their prey off guard. Her presentation captivated everyone & she answered an abundance of questions asked of her as well. April's lunch was from Subway in Woodson Terrace & we enjoyed a variety of sandwiches on an assortment of breads. Subway was most accommodating & I appreciated working with their people in orchestrating this. We enjoyed a variety of Subway's cookies as 4 April birthdays were acknowledged & "gifted". Their white chocolate macadamia nut cookie was the first to vanish & it went quick!

May 8th was our popular BINGO & "BINGO with a Twist" ... Fran Carney as always was a "hoot" & she sure enhances the enjoyment of this popular game ... she keeps everyone "in tune" as she calls BINGO ... thanks so much Fran! We enjoyed "boxed lunches" from Homestyle Catering which was tuna on croissant, potato salad, assorted fruit cup & John's luscious gourmet chocolate brownie which we enjoyed as 2 birthdays were acknowledged

WE LOVE OUR SENIORS!!

& "gifted" ... only thing was I had gifts for the April birthdays (again) instead of May so the May birthdays will be recognized & "gifted" along with the June birthdays on June 12th.

June 12th will feature Doug Zaiz (WT Director of Public Works) & the City's 2 CODE Enforcement Officers. We'll have Homestyle's tossed salad, seasoned cheese bread, & "pineapple delight" for lunch.

July 10th we'll play a few games of BINGO & after lunch the WT Day Campers will be joining us for dessert, entertainment and/or a craft.

August 14th Karen Bono from St. Louis County's C.O.R.P.S. (County Older Resident Programs) office will be our guest speaker & at this time she has not given me the programs, etc. she plans to cover.

September 11th's activities will be overseen by WT resident Judy Hartley & the Committee she is organizing, October 9th is BINGO, November 13th is the WT Seniors Day trip via Mid American Motor Coach (although the days activities have been presented to the Seniors, details & a sign up sheet will not be forthcoming until the July 10th meeting), & then we'll close 2014 with our Christmas party on December 11th.

At last December's Christmas Party, WT Police Captain Mayberry suggested having one of the City's police officers join the "Seniors" at the meeting & this has been on-going since the beginning of 2014 & very, very well received. The officer updates the "Seniors" on transpiring happenings, etc. he/she can share & answers a variety of questions asked. Thank you Captain Mayberry for offering this suggestion!

If you haven't heard, the WT Seniors are having a "Garage Sale" @ the WT Community Center on June 28th. A flyer is included in this newsletter with the pertinent information. If this "pans" out well, I would like to make the "Garage Sale" an annual event. Have a wonderful, safe, & Blessed Summer! 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.

Rita Martin

WT Senior Activities Director/WT Ward 1 Alderman





VETERAN Spotlight

RAY VALLI

Long-time Woodson Terrace resident, Ray Valli, was drafted into the Army in 1943 at the age of 18. He attended basic training at Camp Callan in La Jolla, CA. Camp Callan, just north of downtown San Diego, was a replacement (new) training center for men who entered the Military under the Selective Service Program. It instructed trainees on long range weapons and anti-aircraft artillery to protect against Japanese invasion.

He then moved onto Fort Bliss, in El Paso, for more advanced training, this being on the "big cannons" that had a firing range of 5 miles.

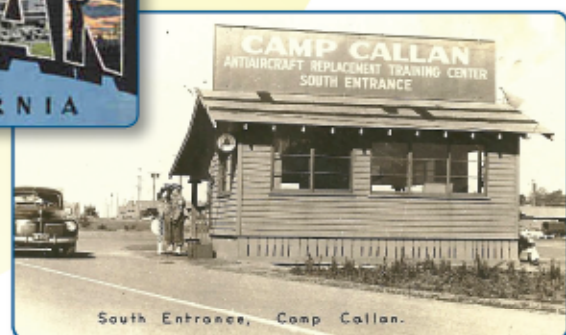
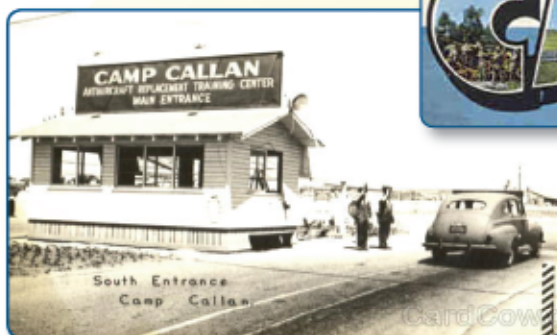
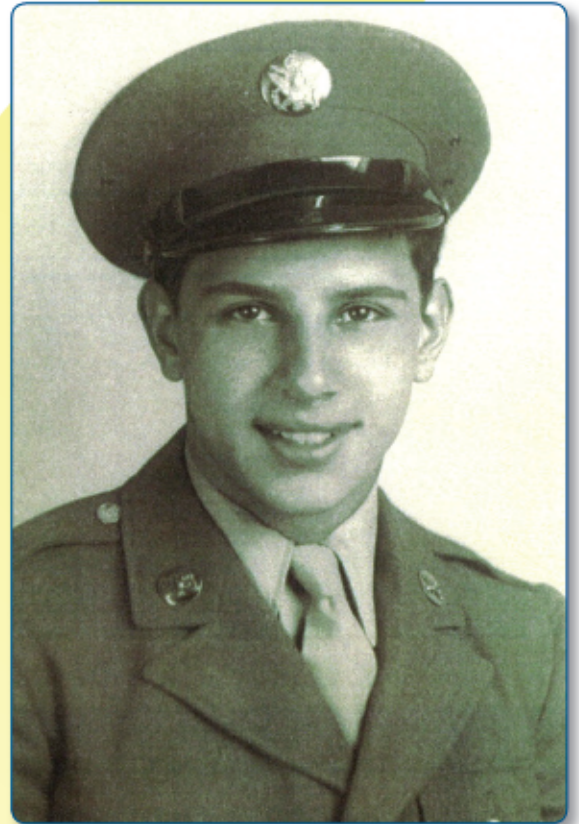
In June of 1944, Ray travelled to New Guinea to assist in providing air cover to a staging area being set up to collect all the equipment and troops needed for the return to "take back the Philippines" and became second in command of a 50 caliber water cooled Machine Gun Crew.

From there, Ray was sent to a small island off the coast of Heyte in the Philippines to provide air cover for dry docks that the Navy and Seabees used to repair ships.

In December of 1945, Ray shipped back to the United States. Upon his arrival, it was discovered he come down with Malaria. He was then discharged in 1946, pursuing his education with the GI Bill.

In August of 1950, he married Elda, and the two of them moved to Woodson Terrace in 1953. After 25 years, he retired from American Can Company as a tool & die maker.

He and his wife have 6 wonderful sons, 13 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren.



A TALE OF TWO STORMS

During heavy storms, like those commonly experienced in the St. Louis area throughout the spring, too much water inappropriately entering our wastewater system can “overcharge” the sewer plains, meaning that untreated wastewater can sometimes back up into residential or commercial basements. In April 2013 and again in April 2014, rainstorms blew through the St. Louis area, but the storms had very different impacts on our community. After the 2014 events, basement backups from overcharged mains reduced by 64%, saving \$250,000 in basement backup claims, all thanks to repair, maintenance, and system improvement efforts that are part of MSD Project Clear.

Using a three-pronged approach, MSD Project Clear’s goals are to improve water quality and to alleviate many wastewater concerns in the St. Louis region. Along with getting excess rain out of our system and building system improvements, MSD Project Clear’s program focuses on repair and maintenance of our current system. Sewer rehabilitation and lining, as well as continued cleaning enabled the significant reduction in basement backups and the cost savings.

Since the launch of the program, MSD Project Clear has continued an extensive program of sewer rehabilitation and maintenance throughout the District. In addition, Project Clear installed the first storage tank of the program in the Coldwater Creek watershed (pictured above). This tank, and other future scheduled improvements, negates the need to build an additional 5 miles of wastewater sewers – a cost savings of nearly \$70 million. The tank does this by storing additional wastewater at peak flow times. Projects like this storage tank have resulted in significant reductions in system overcharges throughout the District. The tale of two April storms showcases this impact:

STORM COMPARISON

Total rainfall across St. Louis: 2 to 5 inches
1st day total 2.5 inches
Moderate rainfall in morning and evening
Heavier rainfall in the afternoon
Heavier rainfall in North County
Overcharged Mains 150

Total rainfall across St. Louis: 2 to 6 inches
1st day total of 2.5 inches
Moderate rainfall in morning and evening
Heavier rainfall in the afternoon
Heavier rainfall in North County
Overcharged mains 53 (64% decrease)

During the April 2014 storm, the installation of the Coldwater Creek Storage Tank stored between 8 and 10 million gallons of untreated wastewater. Positive results from these two comparable storms, one year apart, show that MSD Project Clear, while still at the very beginning of its generation-long effort, is showing promising results.

ABOUT MSD PROJECT CLEAR

MSD Project Clear is the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District’s initiative to improve water quality and alleviate many wastewater concerns in the St. Louis region. MSD Project Clear will invest billions of dollars over a generation in planning, designing, and building community rainscaping and system improvements, along with an ambitious program of maintenance and repair and the disconnection of some residential downspouts in parts of St. Louis County’s separate sewer area from the wastewater sewer line. This work is part of an agreement between MSD and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

The St. Louis region’s success with MSD Project Clear will only be possible through strong partnerships and clear communications with the public.

To learn more about the MSD agreement with EPA, please visit www.stlmsd.com/aboutmsd/organization/consentdecree. For more information on Project Clear, visit ProjectClearSTL.org or follow us on Twitter @ProjectClearSTL.



ABOUT THE METROPOLITAN ST. LOUIS SEWER DISTRICT (MSD)

Created in 1954, the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) works every day to protect the public’s health and the natural environment through effective wastewater and stormwater management strategies.

MSD is responsible for the public sewer system that homes and businesses connect to through lateral lines. Through a labyrinth of connected sewers, wastewater is transported to one of seven sewer treatment plants – nearly 7,000 miles of sewers in all. That is like going from St. Louis to New York City and back three times! Individual property owners are responsible for another important part of the system, the sewer lateral that connects a home’s plumbing to the public sewer in the street.

Mack A. Bradley



City Calendar of Events

JUNE 2014	JULY 2014	AUGUST 2014
3 VETERANS COMMITTEE 7 P.M.	1 VETERANS MTG 7 P.M.	5 VETERANS COMMITTEE 7 P.M.
4 MUNICIPAL COURT 6:30 P.M.	2 MUNICIPAL COURT 6:30 P.M.	6 MUNICIPAL COURT 6:30 P.M.
10 CRAFTS 1:00 P.M. (COMMUNITY CENTER)	4 CITY OFFICES CLOSED INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY	12 CRAFTS 1:00 P.M. (COMMUNITY CENTER)
10 ECONOMIC DEV 7P.M. (IF NEEDED)	8 CRAFTS 1:00 P.M. (COMMUNITY CENTER)	14 SENIORS MTG 11 A.M. (COMMUNITY CENTER)
12 SENIORS MEETING 11 A.M. (COMMUNITY CENTER)	8 ECONOMIC DEV 7P.M. (IF NEEDED)	14 BUDGET, WAGE, JOB STUDY 7 P.M.
12 BUDGET, WAGE, JOB STUDY 7 P.M.	10 SENIORS MTG 11 A.M. (COMMUNITY CENTER)	19 PLANNING & ZONING 7P.M. (IF NEEDED)
17 PLANNING & ZONING 7P.M. (IF NEEDED)	10 BUDGET, WAGE, JOB STUDY 7 P.M.	21 PUBLIC WORKS 6:45 P.M.
19 PUBLIC WORKS 6:45 P.M.	15 PLANNING & ZONING 7P.M. (IF NEEDED)	21 BOARD OF ALDERMEN 7P.M.
19 BOARD OF ALDERMEN 7P.M.	17 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE 6:45 P.M.	28 PARK BOARD/SPECIAL PROJECTS 7 P.M.
26 PARK BOARD/SPECIAL PROJECTS 7 P.M.	17 BOARD OF ALDERMEN 7 P.M.	
	24 PARK BOARD/SPECIAL PROJECTS 7 P.M.	

* Call City Clerk regarding "as needed" meetings

** As needed

***Weather Permitting

^9351 Guthrie Ave/Upstairs

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED AS NEEDED. A NOTICE WILL BE PUT ON OUR WEB SITE AND THE BULLETIN BOARDS AT CITY HALL WHEN ONE IS SCHEDULED

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314-772-5200

314-615-6500

636-947-5959

314-342-1000

314-621-6960

866-430-0820

314-768-6200

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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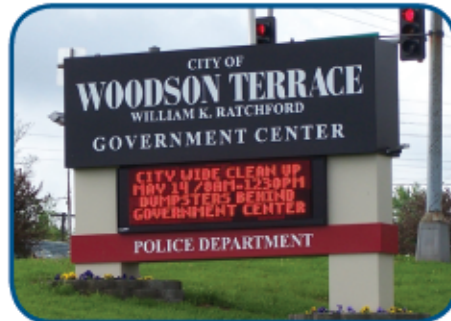
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EACH MONTH – 7:00 P.M.**