



City of Westwood Hills January 2017 Newsletter



RIVERFRONT READING SERIES PRESENTS WESTWOOD HILLS RESIDENT MARY BUNTEN

Join Westwood Hills Resident Mary Bunten on Friday, January 13, 2017, from 8:00-9:00 p.m. for an evening of prose and poetry. She will be joined by Greg Cenac. The Riverfront Readings series of poetry and fiction readings was started in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1986 by Philip Miller and Donn Blevins. In those days, the location actually was in the

Riverfront area, in the [Kansas City Artists Coalition](#) space. Now Riverfront Readings are held at The Writers Place and in other Kansas City area locations. For more information and reader bios click [here](#).

City Contracts for Services

The City Council has approved all routine contracts for City services, including:

- A contract for \$7,750 with the Westwood Hills Foundation to pay for the annual planting and care of the 14 entryways and the 3 islands;
- A contract with Brian Ritter Landscaping in the amount of \$6,875 for care of The Green.
- A contract with the City of Roeland Park for minimum property maintenance code inspections.
- Contracts with the City of Westwood for building permit review and issuance, police and some public works functions.

Anyone interested in knowing more about these contracts should e-mail the Mayor at serenity_01@prodigy.net

Sewer Repair Street Restoration Program

The JoCo Board of County Commissioners approved in 2016 a new pilot street restoration program which allows for the reimbursement of up to \$5,000 for restoration of the paved public street caused by needed sewer repairs.

The program is administered by Johnson County Wastewater (JCW) and is subject to the homeowner meeting specific application and qualification requirements. See below

for more information.

Homeowners are responsible for the repair and/or replacement of the private service line running from the home's connection to the point of connection on the public sanitary sewer main. The sewer service line sometimes runs under paved public streets in public street right-of-way.



The cost for replacement of a private sanitary sewer service line serving a single family residential property can be substantial and including the cost of public street restoration can make the repair even more costly.

To mitigate public street restoration expense, the Johnson County Board of County Commissioners approved a pilot street restoration program in 2016 which allows reimbursement of up to \$5,000 per single family residential property for restoration of the paved public street in the public street right-of-way. The program is administered by Johnson County Wastewater (JCW) and is subject to the homeowner meeting specific application and qualification requirements.

All private service line repairs must meet JCW standards and all street repairs must meet City permit and inspection standards.

Homeowners would be informed by a plumbing company or by JCW staff if the issue is with their private service line and whether or not it will require street restoration and, therefore, would qualify for reimbursement.

The reimbursement may be subject to federal or state income tax and participants are advised to consult with their tax advisers.

The pilot program has been funded by JCW for a total of \$500,000. Applicants must meet the following requirements in order to be eligible for reimbursement consideration:

Eligibility

- The property must be connected to and served by a sanitary sewer district that is operated by and under the jurisdiction of JCW;
- Property is currently and/or regularly occupied exclusively for single-family residential uses;
- The building service line for the property runs under a paved public street;
- First come, first served. Reimbursement is dependent upon funds remaining in the Street Restoration Fund for reimbursement.

Once the reserved fund (\$500,000) is depleted, no additional reimbursements will be available. Once the total allotted funds are exhausted, additional funding for the program will be evaluated by the Board.

Complete information and required documentation is available at:

<http://www.jocogov.org/dept/wastewater/development-and-permitting/permitting/pilot-street-restoration-program>

Appraiser's Office restarts property imaging project

JOHNSON COUNTY, Kan. - A property imaging project that began in January 2016, and was put on hold because of foliage issues in June, resumes today countywide.



The Appraiser's Office has contracted Tyler Technologies Inc. to capture high-resolution, street-level photos of the exterior of every county property. Johnson County officials use the photos to create land record information used in the appraisal process.

Kansas law requires counties to update property information every six years to maintain accurate data on every parcel in the jurisdiction.

"The appraisal process is built on fair, equitable property values, and this imaging project allows us to record the most accurate assessments," said county appraiser Paul Welcome. "This project provides us high-quality images of every house, commercial building and every other structure with value on the county's 187,000 parcels of land."

Tyler Technologies field staff will photograph properties from customized white vans that will be clearly marked to indicate staff are conducting an imaging and address verification for the county.

All personnel assigned to this project will have photo ID badges and will take images from public right-of-ways whenever possible.

Imaging crews are expected to be in the area for several months, and they will be in constant communication with county officials during the project.

The Appraiser's Office will post the crew's schedules [online](#). For more information, visit jocogov.org/appraiser or call 913-715-9000.



Snow Ordinance

Please remember not to park on the street during a snow storm, and for 24 hours after a 2 inch or greater snow, so that the plows can thoroughly clear the streets.

Violators will be ticketed, and any vehicle remaining on a street 2 hours following a snow accumulation of 2 inches or more may be

towed from the street by the city at the expense of the owner of the vehicle.

2017 Home Occupation Licenses

If you operate a business from your home, please complete the [Home Occupation License](#) form and mail the completed application with a \$25.00 check payable to the City of Westwood Hills. Home occupation licenses must be renewed annually.



Pet Registration

Please register your animals living in Westwood Hills. Beginning in 2010, the city provided each pet owner a pet tag with an identifying number, good for as long as you have your animal, rather than issue annual tags.

Please ensure that all your animals are always current on their proper vaccinations. Also, when circumstances change, for instance, getting a new pet, or losing a tag, please apply for a new tag. Therefore, if a pet is lost, there is a better chance of helping reunite the pet with its owner. If you need to register a pet now, please fill out the [Pet Registration Form](#) and return to Beth O'Bryan. Westwood Hills allows two cats and two dogs per residence.

Construction and Other Vehicle Parking

Please make sure your contractors are not parking their vehicles on any part of the City's sidewalk, because this is illegal. Additionally, please ask your contractors and other visitors to park only the the side of the street where parking is allowed. If you see any illegal parking on your street, please ask them to move the vehicle, or call the non-emergency line for Westwood Police, and they can issue a warning or actual ticket as merited.

Construction

If you are considering any work around your property, you may need a permit. Check with the City Clerk at whclerk@gmail.com before starting any work.

January Meetings

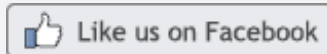
The January Planning Commission meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2017. Please contact Beth O'Bryan if you have an item to place on the agenda.

February Meetings

The February regular City Council meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2017. Please contact Beth O'Bryan if you have an item to place on the agenda.

The February Planning Commission meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2017. Please contact Beth O'Bryan if you have an item to place on the agenda.

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Meetings are held at Westwood City Hall - 4700 Rainbow Blvd.