



Westworth Village
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Calendar

January 1 - Offices Closed
New Year's Day

January 8 - Community Luncheon
Noon-1pm
Payment Windows Closed for Lunch

January 8 - City Council Meeting at 7pm. Pre-Council preceding

January 21 - Offices Closed
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Luncheon Guest

CAROL DAVIS
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Riskey's Barbecue



Please bring your favorite dessert.
Sponsored by the Crime Control and
Prevention District

MAY 11, 2013 CITY GENERAL ELECTION

Westworth Village will hold a General Election on Saturday, May 11, 2013. If you are interested in the Mayor or City Council positions, candidate applications will be available on Wednesday, January 9. The first day the City Secretary can accept your application is Wednesday, January 30. The filing deadline for candidates and write-in candidates is Friday, March 1, by 5:00pm. If you need more information, please call the City Secretary at 817-710-2526.

GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS NEEDED

The Westworth Garden Club is looking for new leadership. Over the years the Club has completed beautification projects and maintained public greenspace throughout the City. As our City grows, revitalizes, and establishes new neighborhoods, the Club has the opportunity to once again transform the natural landscapes within our community. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact City Hall at 817-710-2500. If no one steps up by January 31st, the Club will be disbanded.

MANAGING POLLUTED WATER RUNOFF

Households can prevent polluted runoff by picking up after pets and using, storing, and disposing of chemicals properly. Drivers should check their cars for leaks and recycle their motor oil and antifreeze when these fluids are changed. Drivers can also avoid impacts from car wash runoff such as detergents, grime, etc. by using car wash facilities that do not generate runoff. For more information, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency online at www.epa.gov/nps.

HOLIDAY GREASE DISPOSAL

Fats, oils and grease from cooking turkeys, chickens and other meats will congeal and block your pipes, causing sewer backup and garbage disposal problems. A few tips to dispose of grease, prevent future problems, and to help the environment is to pour it in containers. You can use cat litter to soak up the grease, or just let it solidify on the countertop or in your refrigerator. Then you can put it in the garbage. **Do not** pour grease in your yard. When it rains, it will run off into the storm drain and pollute the environment. If we all do our part today, tomorrow will be taken care of.

WATER RESTRICTIONS COMING SOON

As everyone is aware, we have had one of the driest falls on record. Due to the lack of rainfall, the area lakes and rivers that supply the fresh water for the majority of Tarrant County are once again very low. Tarrant Regional Water District is the entity that collects, monitors, and ultimately supplies the raw water to the local Cities including Fort Worth who in turn supplies the water for the City of Westworth Village. As a customer of the City of Fort Worth, Westworth Village (as all customers of Fort Worth) was required to adopt drought contingency plans including watering restrictions when area lake levels dropped below certain trigger points. The first trigger point requiring watering restrictions to be implemented is when area lakes fall below 75% of capacity. The area lakes are currently at 77% of capacity and barring significant rain fall, are anticipated to drop below 75% by the middle of January. Once this occurs, outdoor watering will be limited to twice a week based on your address. Signs will be posted around the City at the point where restrictions are implemented. Our water supply contract with the City of Fort Worth requires us to monitor and enforce these restrictions. Homes and businesses watering in violation of the restrictions will be given a warning on the first offense with no penalty being assessed. Further incidents of noncompliance will be met with additional consequences. Up to 30 day waivers will be given for newly installed landscaping and individuals using well water to irrigate will be exempted from the restrictions. Additional information will be posted on the City's web site when watering restrictions are implemented. The City greatly appreciated the voluntary compliance with the restrictions that were in place last year and anticipates the same cooperation in the upcoming year.

MULTI FAMILY USES VERSUS SINGLE FAMILY ZONING

As stated in the November newsletter, the City will begin enforcing the prohibition of multifamily uses on lots zoned Single Family Residential starting in January. The City is aware of several instances where back yard sheds or garages are being commercially rented within the City. It is the intent of the City to eliminate all multifamily uses in our single family residential areas. Use of ancillary facilities on a single family zoned lot by immediate family members such as aged parents or adult children is not considered multifamily uses. However, these residential units will be required to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy from the City for the use to continue. Absent a request for an extension of the deadline for compliance, February 28, 2013, a notification of noncompliance with City Ordinances will be issued and the owner of the primary residence will be given 10 days to come into compliance with City Ordinances. The City Council will have an agenda item for their meeting on January 8, 2013 allowing further discussion of this issue.