



Westworth Village
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Westworth Village *News*

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Calendar

October 6 - 12 Fire Prevention Week

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

October 8 - 7pm Council Meeting.
Pre-Council preceding

October 14 - Columbus Day
Offices Are Open

October 17 - Public Safety Day
4pm - 7pm
Carter Blood Drive 1:30pm - 5:30pm

Lunch Guest Speaker

**NASJRB Base Commander
Captain Gil Miller**



Risky's will cater brisket, ham, potato salad, cole slaw, beans, and iced tea.



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

ALLIANCE AIR SHOW

October 19 & 20, 2013

The Fort Worth Alliance Air Show is the premier air show in North Texas. Parking is \$20 per vehicle of any size. Families will enjoy a full day of aviation fun that includes interactive exhibits, flight simulators, static displays, the Kid Zone and plenty of food. Admission is FREE. Plan to arrive early to allow for heavy traffic. Gates open at 9am with the first performance at 10am. For more information, access www.allianceairshow.com.



PUBLIC SAFETY DAY

Thursday, October 17, 2013 4pm - 7pm
Carter Blood Drive 1:30pm - 5:30pm

The Annual Public Safety Day will be held at City Hall, 311 Burton Hill Road. Join us for an evening of food, fun, and education. Events will include food, Police Department Open House, Breathless CPR Certifications, Chiropractic Health by Dr. Melinda Cate, and Safety Activities along with the Carter Blood Center. For further information, please contact Officer Jeramy Miller at 817-738-3675.

STREET SWEEPING

Wednesday, October 23, 2013 8am - 5pm

All vehicles must be off the streets and parked in your driveway for our semi-annual street cleaning. The City has contracted Mister Sweeper to help beautify our neighborhoods.

MEDICATION "TAKE BACK" PROGRAM

Saturday, October 26, 2013 9am - 3pm

A collection container will be available in the Police Department lobby for residents to voluntarily surrender expired, unwanted, and unused controlled substances and medications. No names, drug names, or amounts received will be recorded. Supplies will be available to blot out personal information on the medicine bottles. If the medication is a liquid, ensure the cap is on tight.

Due to potential blood-borne pathogen hazards, *we cannot accept* intra-venous solutions, injection items, or syringes. If you have any questions, please contact Dispatch at 817-738-3675.

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 - 2014

The City Council adopted the FY2013-2014 budget on September 24th. The total budget for the City for next year is \$9,969,716. This includes \$1,672,000 for continuation of the street and all the infrastructure rehabilitation projects. The City experienced an increase in taxable valuation from \$165 million to \$175 million with over \$7.5 million coming from new construction within the City. The City tax rate of \$.492/\$100 of value will remain the same. The complete budget is available for viewing on the City's web site or in hard copy in the lobby of the Municipal building. We look forward to continued growth in both residential and commercial construction and anticipate another good fiscal year for 2013 and 2014.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS and DVD's

New books from Lee Child, Alex Berenson, and James Patterson have arrived along with biographies from Chris Kyle and Phil Robertson. Come browse our new stock of DVD's, which include The Help, Hunger Games, Les Miserables, and The Great Gatsby.

Teen Read Week is October 13 - 19. We encourage our teens to come and explore our Middle Zone and Young Adult sections.

CITY ALLEY WAYS

City alleys serve a vital function to the homeowner and to the City. City vehicles, utility trucks, police cars and fire trucks must be able to travel in the alleys without being damaged by brush or tree limbs. Alley ways maintenance requirements can be found in Chapter 6 of the City Ordinances as follows:

Sec 6.05.003 (a)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person owning, leasing, claiming, occupying or having supervision or control of any real property, occupied or unoccupied, improved or unimproved, developed or undeveloped, within the corporate limits of the city, to suffer, permit or allow:

(E) Suffer or permit trees, shrubs, vines, bushes or other botanicals to grow beyond the vertical plane of the fence line of the alley adjacent to the premises, or over any portion of a public sidewalk less than seven feet (7') above such sidewalk.

(3) The City shall maintain the alleys within the City. Such maintenance shall not include maintenance of trees and shrubs which overhang alleys, streets or parkways or plantings, shrubs and trees planted by the adjacent property owner in the parkway, which remain the responsibility of the owner or occupant of the property.

The trees must be trimmed to 13 feet 6 inches from the ground. Grass and brush must be cut back to the fence line. Please, do not attempt to trim limbs near any power lines. Tree branches encroaching on power lines should be reported to TXU Electric at 1-800-242-9113.

On **November 1, 2013**, Code Enforcement will begin issuing notices to residents whose vegetation is not in compliance with the above requirements. The City of Westworth Village will continue to monitor the alley ways to ensure compliance with the City's Ordinances. These procedures are not meant to punish individual property owners, but to maintain the greater good of the community by gaining compliance with adopted codes and are "reactive" and "pro-active" in that inspections are done when the City receives a complaint from others, and if the City observes the violation prior to a complaint. These procedures seek to maintain the appearance of the City and the quality of life for everyone.

It is the desire of the City to gain voluntary compliance with city codes. In an effort to assist homeowners with voluntary compliance, the City has located a trimming company that is willing to trim the vegetation along the alley ways for \$100 per lot (payment will be made directly from the lot owner to the contractor). For more information regarding this service, contact Ryan Studdard, Code Enforcement, at 817-710-2518.