



# Westwood Park News

June-July 2012

## Holly Street Is Happening!

Welcome to three new businesses at 47th and Holly. Dr. Computer is owned by Richard, wizard of the computer techno world. He is available for computer repairs in his shop at 4706 1/2 Holly or in your home. Call Dr. Computer at (816) 226-8991; you will be pleased with the quality and care of Richard's service.

One door north of Dr. Computer is your caffeine friendly barista, Emily, of Downbeat Coffee + Tea. A complete interior makeover of the space invites patrons to enjoy Mill Gourmet Coffee, imported from Emily's hometown of Lincoln, Nebraska. Beverage selections include cappuccinos, mochas, lattes, chai lattes, espressos, Cuban espressos, hot chocolate, and brewed iced tea, along with a side of art and music.

Round the corner to 1209 W. 47th St. and enjoy a slice of delicious stone-oven pizza at Johnny Jo's Pizzeria. John offers 16" and 18" pizzas with salads and sides. Family recipes date back to John's Sicilian great-great grandparents. Johnny Jo's is open in the evenings Monday through Friday and from noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday. It is closed on Sunday. ☺

## Nextdoor Westwood: A Little Neighborhood Help

Westwood Park H.A. has joined a new online service, thanks to Janenne Elton. Nextdoor Westwood is an online neighborhood communication tool with safety alerts, lost and found postings, and general updates and reminders. It is a free service available ONLY to Westwood residents that connects us to each other quickly and "paper free."

You can use the site to:

- Learn more about the people who live around you
- Quickly get help finding a great general contractor or pet sitter
- Find out when your neighbors are selling or giving things away
- Hear about and plan neighborhood events
- Stay informed of crimes in your area

You will need to provide proof of residency in Westwood Park when you sign up. To join, copy and paste the following into your computer search engine: <https://westwoodjackson.nextdoor.com/invite/cc5118a0ef73a4adc0aa> ☺

## Around Westwood Park

Summer is upon us: the islands are planted and lovely, the park is well illuminated, and it's a great place for walking. Remember to keep your dogs leashed. Animal Control has been actively patrolling the park. A young deer was spotted in the park on May 29! Wow! ☺

## Upcoming Westwood Park Activities

- ▶ **Annual Garage Sale**  
Saturday, June 9, sunrise to sunset

Clear out your attic and your basement and get ready for the Annual Westwood Park Garage Sale!!

- ▶ **Annual Dumpster Day**  
Saturday, June 16, 8 a.m. to noon

Have you been wondering what to do with those large household items and the yard waste taking up space in your house? Westwood Park's Annual Dumpster Day is the solution. On Saturday, June 16, there will be a dumpster for household items and one for yard waste at the Westwood Park Fountain on Westwood Road west of Ward Parkway. Take advantage of this opportunity to clear your clutter! ♪

## Reduce & Recycle Bring your good used items to

**The Goodwill truck  
at Westwood & Mercier  
Saturday, June 16, 2012  
during Dumpster Day  
8:00 am to noon**

### SUGGESTED DONATIONS:

- Computers, printers, monitors, keyboards (any age, any condition)
- Clothing & linens
- Small electronics, TVs, housewares, toys, games, tools
- Books, CDs, DVDs

We cannot accept baby cribs & carriers, mattresses, box springs, or large appliances at this time.

**For more information,  
visit: [www.MoKanGoodwill.org](http://www.MoKanGoodwill.org)**

## Safety Tip

If you park your car on the street or in your driveway, remember not to leave anything in it that might tempt thieves – even a small amount of loose change. Don't make your car a target. Leave it empty!

## GreenSpace

- 🌍 Early Spring means early fresh locally grown produce. Westwood Park is conveniently located near several farmers markets: Badseed, Waldo, Brookside, Westport Plaza, and the KC River market. More community gardens are sprouting up in many surrounding neighborhoods. Visit <http://www.kcfoodcircle.org/markets/> for addresses and hours of operation. And do not forget your reusable shopping bags on market days!
- 🌍 Recycle your glass food and beverage containers – clear, green, and brown – at one of **Ripple Glass Recycling's** purple bins in the midtown area: the parking lot to the north of Westport Coffeehouse at 4001 Pennsylvania; 4740 Jefferson at the south end of the first floor of the parking structure; 21 West 63rd Street in Brookside; the parking lot on the west side of Main Street just north of 51st Street, and the midtown Home Depot. Visit [rippleglasskc.com](http://rippleglasskc.com) to find additional locations. ♪

## Swinney School Update

The former Swinney School building may be developed into a “boutique” doctors' office complex, complete with new landscaping and a possible community room for neighborhood meetings. The school district has approved the sale, pending financing approval and historic landmark status. ♪

## Welcome to Our New Neighbors!



We're happy to welcome our new neighbors to Westwood Park. The following families recently moved into the neighborhood:

Wes Heaton	4924 Bell
Jim & Trinko O'fallon	4953 Bell
Keneth DeJanes II	1305 West 49 <sup>th</sup>
Alexander McCombs	4932 Holly
Jose & Jessica Mustre	1317 West 50 <sup>th</sup>
Bill Zuercher	4914 Holly
Jonathan & Kelli Zwillenberg	4808 Bell
Michelle Edington	5050 Ward Parkway
Paul Feuerborn	4940 Bell
John & Laura Fletcher	1617 West 50 <sup>th</sup>
Rhonda Askew	4827 Liberty
Joanne Barbera & Patrick Kaine	1431 West 50 <sup>th</sup>
Kent Doan	4914 State Line
Rebecca Foster	1200 Ward Parkway
Anthony & Anna Martinez	4907 Wyoming
Steven Palmer	4971 Westwood Terrace
Amy & Mikhail Kligman	4814 Liberty

We hope you enjoy the beauty of the neighborhood and the company of your neighbors. ☺

## Homes of the Month

The April 2012 Home of the Month belongs to Wynne Begun, 4966 Westwood Road. For May, the honor goes to Pam Fike and Joe Walker, 1410 West 50<sup>th</sup> Street. Congratulations, and thank you for helping Westwood Park shine! ☺

## A Hidden Treasure

The Plaza branch of the Kansas City Public Library, 4801 Main Street, is a real community center. In addition to the books and reference materials you expect to find at a library, it offers free lectures, family activities, book reviews, plays, and music programs. Book pickup is available via online request. Visit the library's monthly calendar for current schedule of events: <http://www.kclibrary.org/plaza> ☺

## Living with A Walnut Tree

by Norma Boyer

When we moved into our home in May of 2008 we were attracted by the beautiful old walnut trees – one in the front yard and one in the back yard. That was before we knew about life with a walnut tree. They are messy – with pollen, branches falling off the tree, a haven for scale, and then the walnuts fall! I was able to bribe the neighborhood children to pick up the walnuts until they discovered it wasn't as much fun as an Easter Egg hunt.

About four years ago the walnut tree started providing another kind of experience. Several times as I was making my morning trip to get the newspaper, I noticed my glass door was streaked and sticky, and there was a line of honey bees lying dead at the door. I finally realized that honey bees were residing in the walnut tree. I called in tree experts.

One of the possibilities was to remove the walnut tree. Now, the tree was very old, and it just did not seem fair to remove the tree, even though I had wished it gone many times. However, this past

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summer, the tree kept leaning more towards the house and kept losing branches due to gusts of wind. I decided the time had come for drastic action, so I looked into having the tree removed. But now the honey bees were an issue. Since our bee population has been diminishing, I did not want to disturb the bees. Again I called in experts to get their opinion. One said they could exterminate the bees and then it would be safe to take down the walnut tree. However, when I called Arbole's Tree Trimming, they would not hear of exterminating the bees and were confident that they could take down the tree and save the bees. That sounded good to me!

The tree experts arrived one morning armed with paper towels, duct tape, and a lot of muscle to begin their work. They stuffed the paper towels in the opening that the bees were using to get into the tree and secured the paper towels with duct tape. After cutting off most of the branches and estimating just how big and where the hive was, they sawed off that portion of the tree and slowly lowered it to the ground. To keep the bees from escaping, they placed heavy black bags over the ends and secured them with tape. It worked. Only one bee managed to sting a member of the crew.

The team then hoisted the huge log full of bees onto their truck. A meeting with a bee keeper had already been arranged, and a transfer of the log full of bees was made to another truck, which took the bees to their new home in Lone Jack. The last word I heard was that the bees had settled into their new home and were busy pollinating the plants in their new neighborhood.

The bees are happy, I am happy, and I'm having the time of my life creating a totally new garden in my front yard. ☺

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## Questions & Answers

The city website, <http://www.kcmo.org>, answers countless questions and concerns about our neighborhood and city. By clicking on the appropriate menu, you will be directed to the correct city department and person to speak with. For quick, easy service through 3-1-1, fill out a 3-1-1 request online; you will be issued a service number to follow the progress of your situation. (You can also call 3-1-1 or 816-513-1313.) The city site also has links for visitor information, including city schedules of events, hotels and restaurants, as well as contact information for all city departments and council representatives. ☺

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