



Westworth Village

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News

May 2017

Calendar

May 2: Early Voting Ends

May 6: Election Day

May 9: Community Luncheon
@ Noon

May 9: Finance Committee @ 6pm

May 9: Council Mtg @ 7pm

May 11 - May 17: Police Week

May 21 - May 27: EMS Week

VOTE - VOTE - VOTE

Election Day - May 6, 2017
Westworth Village City Hall
311 Burton Hill Road
7:00 am to 7:00 pm

The following are on the Ballot for the City of Westworth Village:

Mayor: Michael R. Coleman (Incumbent) - Unopposed

Council Place 1: Carlos Zavala (Incumbent)
Opposed by Write-In Candidate

Council Place 5: Dan Novak (Incumbent) - Unopposed

Bond Election: Multipurpose Community Center *(for more information please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions Sheet.)*

Luncheon Guest

**Dan Kessler, Assistant
Director of Transportation,
TRWD**

Lunch catered by: Mercado Juarez



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

NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH



The Mayor, Council Members, and City Staff of Westworth Village want to recognize & extend our heartfelt appreciation to the current and former men & women of the United States of America Military and their families!

WE SALUTE YOU!!!

FAREWELL TO OUR CITY LIBRARIAN



Dearest Citizens & Patrons -

I will be resigning as of May 5, 2017, as I am moving to Oklahoma. I want to say 'thank you' to the residents of Westworth Village for the privilege of being your Librarian for the past 4 years. I have enjoyed working here and I will truly miss you all. I wish the best for this city and I'm excited for your future.

Please stop by and get to know my replacement, Courtney Stone, the new Library Director. I have already told her how wonderful the Library Patrons are and I'm sure you will welcome her with the same enthusiasm and charm as you welcomed me. Myla and Darlis will be here to help her, too!

The summer activity schedule will be coming published in next month's newsletter, I'm sure the summer will be great!

Respectfully,

Rhonda Hines



National Police Week May 11-17, 2017

The Westworth Village Police Department participates in the annual Fort Worth Police Memorial Service. This year it is scheduled for May 3rd at 6:00pm, at 2201 W. 7th Street, Fort Worth.

National EMS Week May 21-27, 2017



Emergency Medical Services is provided through a joint effort with MedStar. All of our Police Officers are (ECA) Emergency Care Attendant Certified, which means they are able to begin life saving measures, as soon as the scene is secured. This ability, capitalizes on the crucial first 5 minutes, and has resulted in numerous life saving awards being issued.

As your Chief of Police, I am grateful and humbled by the ongoing encouragement and support that the Police Department receives from the Citizens. Your appreciation of the department means more to those you serve than you will ever know!

Sincerely,
Kevin Reaves

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS TO FOLLOW:

Vehicle theft and vehicle burglary can be prevented by following a few simple tips:

1. NEVER leave valuables in view, even if your car is locked. Any purses, bags, cell phones, computers, sports equipment and clothing should be taken inside with you. ***If you can't take it in, hide it or lock it in the trunk.***
2. ALWAYS lock your car.
3. NEVER leave your keys in the car, in the ignition or in the vehicle.
4. Completely close your car windows.
5. Take out removeable radios and face plates.
6. When possible, park in well-lit areas.

Call 911 if you see any persons committing suspicious activities such as:

- * Pulling on door handles of vehicles to see if they open
- * Looking into car windows
- * Checking for an alarm system by bumping or hitting a window or bumper of a vehicle.



Bond Election - Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the proposed Multi-Purpose Community Center

1. *How does this affect my property tax rate?* The property tax rate for Westworth Village will increase from .50/\$100 to approximately .60/\$100. A resident, with no exemptions, will see an increase of \$100 per \$100,000 of taxable evaluation.

2. *How long will the tax rate increase stay in effect?* With a 20 year bond the staff anticipates the rate to remain in effect until the year 2020. With the anticipated residential and commercial growth of Westworth Village, the correlating anticipated increase in Ad Valorem taxes will meet the bond requirements in 2020 at which time, the tax rate is expected to begin decreasing.

Anticipated Taxable Evaluation by Fiscal Year		Increase Yr to Yr	Increase in Current Revenues
Current 2016-17	\$215,000,000		
2017-18	\$235,050,000	\$20,050,000	\$ 49,523
2018-19	\$269,852,000	\$34,802,000	\$135,484
2019-20	\$315,547,560	\$45,695,560	\$248,352
2020-21	\$345,713,987	\$30,166,427	\$322,864
2021-22	\$359,335,406	\$13,621,419	\$356,509

3. *How will the City fund Community Center operations?* As an Economic Development Corporation (4B), the Westworth Redevelopment Authority (WRA) can fund operations of parks and recreation activities. This will allow the WRA to utilize a portion of its existing ¼ cent sales tax to fund the yearly operational expenses of the community center.

4. *What happens to the current library if the bond fails?* If the bond fails, it is anticipated the library will be moved to a portable style building behind city hall, and will continue to provide library services.

5. *Will the City hire new employees?* The library will continue to operate at its current hours and would not require any more employees than what is currently staffed. The community center would require one (1) full time building/program manager and potentially one (1) part time seasonal staff to assist in programing efforts, depending on the programs and services being offered.

6. *Has a pool, splash pad or water feature been considered?* Yes, the staff is researching the logistics of water features. Early results show that a swimming pool would be difficult to operate due to staffing requirements (lifeguards and certified pool operator), higher monthly maintenance expenses, increased liability insurance, and increased workers' compensation insurance. Staff is currently researching if a splash pad type water feature could be a feasible alternative.

7. *How will the Multi-Purpose room be utilized?* The multi-purpose room could be rented, utilized for various programs, library events, etc. Much like the community room we currently have in city hall, residents wishing to rent the room for a private event would receive a discounted rate compared to a non-resident.

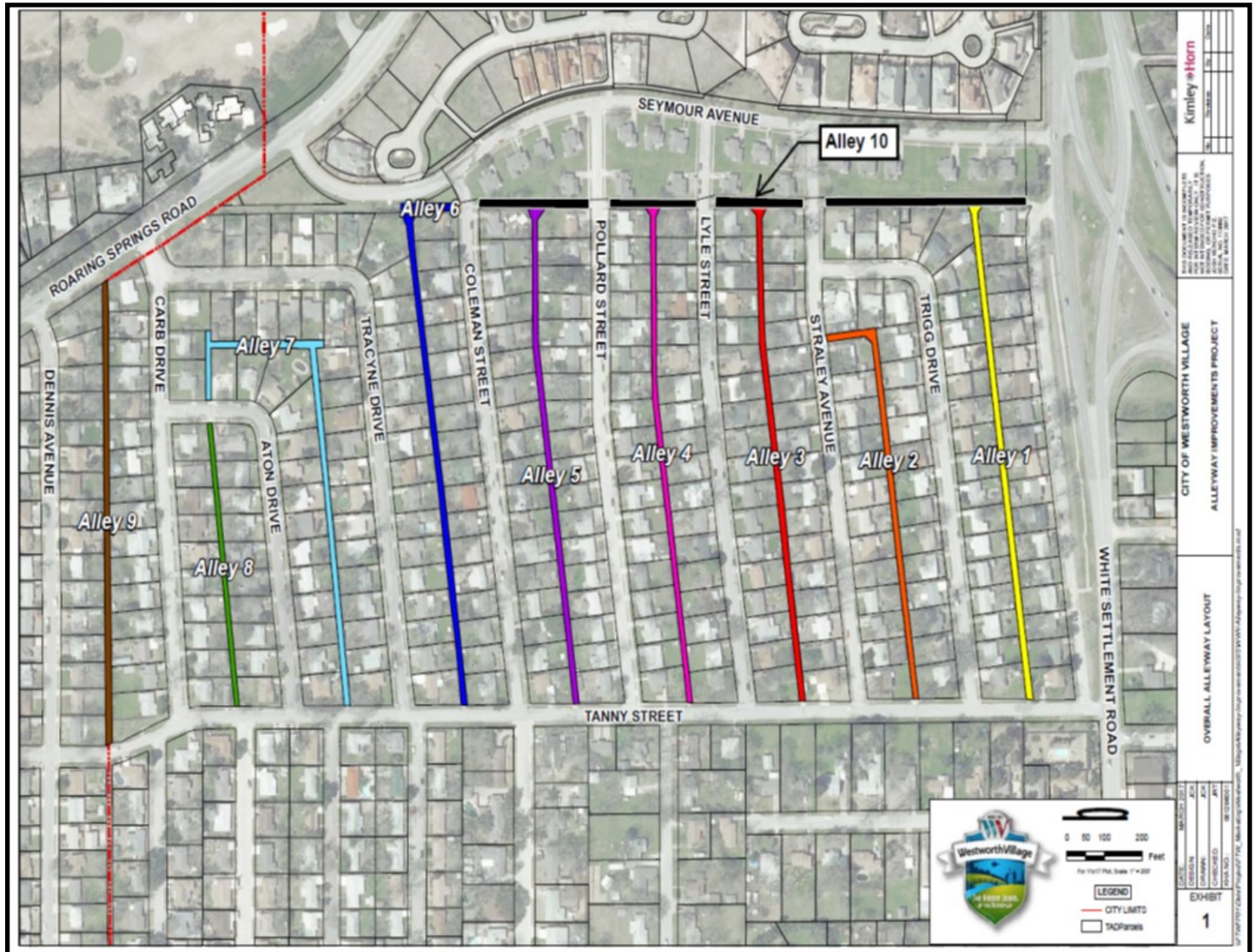
8. *Will there be a charge to use the fitness room?* Yes, a deposit will be paid for the issuance of an access device (key fob, card swipe, etc) and access will only be granted to residents of Westworth Village. Upon returning the access device a refund of the deposit will be issued barring no damage to the device or equipment. Children under the age of 16 will only be allowed when accompanied by a parent or guardian.

9. *Who will maintain the outside grounds and equipment?* Hawks Creek Golf Course Maintenance staff is currently maintaining city medians, common areas and City owned buildings and will continue to provide these services. The building manager will have oversight of the proper functioning of any outside equipment as well as the cleanliness and operation of all community center facilities.

10. *Does the City have plans for community events if the bond passes?* Yes, family movie nights, concerts, and many other community wide events and activities can be hosted by the City at the community center. In addition, the current concept includes sports courts and playgrounds.

ALLEYWAY IMPROVEMENTS COMING TO THE CITY:

City Council approved the engineering & construction improvements of City Alleyways in February. Kimley-Horn has finished the design standards and the City will be accepting bids for the construction on May 4th, which is expected to begin on Alley 2 & Alley 6 in June of this year. The alleys will be paved with concrete and sloped to drain water more efficiently thus reducing the vegetation & standing water issues we have currently.



High Grass Season is here!

The City would like to remind our citizens of the importance of maintaining their yards. Please do not allow grass or weeds to exceed ten inches (10") in height. Property owners & tenants are responsible for keeping their lawns mowed to the edge of the street and roadway. Only one notification per year will be made. Those in violation who fail to comply with City Ordinances are subject to citation, and/or having their property mowed by a City-hired contractor. The owner of the lot will be billed for the City's expenses in addition to an administrative fee. If the bill is not paid, interest-bearing liens will be placed on the property. Being proactive helps continue our effort to keep our city beautiful and clean. If you have questions regarding this or the Code of Ordinances, contact the City Building Official, Nader Jeri, at 817-710-2518.