



Westworth Village

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Westworth Village News

December 2017

Calendar

December 7

- Kids Book Club—3:15—4:30 pm

December 12

- Community Luncheon - Noon
- City Council Meeting - 7:00 pm

December 14

- Kids Writing Club—3:15—4:30 pm

December 16

- Santa Claus is Coming to Town—10 am—12 pm

December 21

- Kids Games Club—3:15—4:30 pm

December 25-26

- Christmas—City Hall Closed

Luncheon Guest

Brandy Barrett

City Secretary—HazMAP Plan

Lunch Catered by:



Please bring your favorite dessert.

Sponsored by the Crime Control and Prevention District

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Santa Claus will be visiting Westworth Village on **December 16th!** He will begin his ride through town on a Fort Worth fire engine at **9:30 AM** and will be escorted by Westworth Village PD to the City Hall Community Room to meet all of the children until **noon!** We will be providing free photos with Santa! Join us for a very merry day full of fun, snacks, and Christmas crafts!



Charlie Geren Veteran Citizen of the Year Award

Please join us in congratulating Chief Kevin Reaves on receiving the first annual State Representative Charlie Geren Veteran Citizen of the Year award. On November 9th, Chief Reaves was recognized at a ceremony and presented with the award, which is a "nomination-based program designed to recognize veterans that have settled in the 99th district of the Texas House of Representatives and have worked to contribute to the improvement, vitality, and sustainability of the community." Chief Reaves was honored along with three other recipients: Jason Weimer, Judge Brent A. Carr, and Roland Paquette. Congratulations!



Holiday Auto Theft Awareness



A reminder from the Westworth Village Police Department

Message from the Water Utilities Services

Residential Winter Sewer Averaging

Each year the City of Westworth Village averages the water consumption of the December, January, and February billing periods to recalculate sewer charges. These months are used because typically residents do not have a high outdoor water demand and are considered to be the lowest overall water use.

The new winter sewer average goes into effect on the March billing and that will be the new monthly sewer charge for the next twelve months.

Commercial

Sewer charges for commercial customers are based on the monthly water consumption.

Water Conservation Tips

- Residents should begin preparations to monitor for any water leaks, monitor water consumption and practice beneficial water conservation.
- Most grasses and vegetation are now dormant; watering of grass, plants, and landscaping should be kept to a minimum.
- Sewer cost could go up, down or stay about the same depending on how much water is used during December through February billing.

Library After School Programs

KidS BOOK CLUB

December 7th Theme: Geronimo Stilton

Every 1st Thursday of the Month 3:15pm-4:30pm

Talk about your favorite reads with other book lovers! Each month we will discuss a specific author, series, or theme. Best for ages 7-13.

KidS Writing CLUB

December 14th Theme: The Perfect Ending

Every 2nd Thursday of the Month 3:15pm-4:30pm

Great for kids with a wild imagination, as we learn about the writing process and put ideas on paper. Best for ages 6-13. A composition book will be provided.

KidS GAMES CLUB

December 21st Theme: Guess Who

Every 3rd Thursday of the Month 3:15pm-4:30pm

Each month we play different games, from classic board games to brainteasers. Best for ages 7-13.

All After School Programs Held at the Library

311 Burton Hill Rd, Bldg. B—Behind City Hall

Grease is a Hazard to Our Health



Residents should never dispose of cooking grease or cooking oils by washing them down the plumbing system or the storm drain. Oils pollute our streams and creeks by forming a film on the water surface and preventing oxygenation for aquatic life. Polluted water runoff can lead to severe State and Federal fines. As sewer pipes back up, food and sewage particles accumulate to create a health hazard by attracting insects and vermin. Soak leftover amounts of cooking oil with a paper towel and throw it in the trash, filter and freeze to reuse for another meal, or recycle cooking oil by calling the Fort Worth Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center at 817-871-5257.

For more information, visit: www.ceasethegreasentx.com

Potential Water Rate Increase

City Council will be considering a water rate increase at the December council meeting on December 12, 2017. See next page for the recommended change and its projected effects.

Fiscal Year 2017-18 Water Fund Budget

The City of Westworth Village operates the Water Fund as an enterprise fund of the municipality which includes both water and wastewater. The City is classified as a water distributor due to the City purchasing wholesale water from the City of Fort Worth and distributing the purchased water to residents of Westworth Village through Westworth Village maintained infrastructure.

The City has seen rising wholesale water rates from Fort Worth over the past years and has chosen to absorb price increases by operating the Water Fund at a deficit for the previous three years and have passed an estimated \$133,000 deficit budget for fiscal year 2017-18. The operations of the water department have been subsidized through cash reserves. As outlined in the City of Fort Worth's report dated July 14, 2017, "Wholesale Water Cost of Service Study Fiscal Year 2018", expected wholesale rates are projected to increase 12.66%. The Westworth Village staff is recommending the council consider a water rate increase effective January 1, 2017.

Recommendation

After review of the City of Westworth Village's water rates and comparing the rate structures to the surrounding Cities, effects on net profits, and effects on Water Fund reserves it is recommended that the City Council consider a rate structure that will increase Water Fund revenues to water and sewer by 10% which would result in a minimal subsidy from Water Fund reserves.

The desired 10% increase can be achieved through combination increases in the administrative fee and rates of both residential and commercial users. The administrative fee has been neglected in years past. This total should cover the administrative cost of operating a water distribution which include the salary of the water clerk, office supplies, printing, postage, internet, technology upgrades, software, etc. The City's current administrative cost total about \$90,000 and the City collected approximately \$51,000 in base charges for the past twelve months. Recommendations are for the City Council to consider various administrative fees that will assist Westworth Village in maintaining low water rates while still providing the professional customer service the residents expect and deserve and an equally distributed 7% increase in all water rates provided by the City. When used in combination, the increase in administrative fees and rate increase will result in total revenue increase of approximately 10%.

Impact of Recommended Water Rate

<u>Residential Water</u>								
	Avg. Usage (Cubic Feet)	Avg Usage (Gallons)	Base Rate/Admin Fees	Rate	Rate Units	Total Bill	Current Bill	Net Change
Sansom Park	841	6291	\$30.00	\$5.24	per 100CF	\$67.06		
Westover Hills	841	6291	\$26.00	\$3.48	per 100CF	\$55.27		
River Oaks	841	6291	\$22.63	\$3.70	per 100CF	\$53.75		
Fort Worth	841	6291	\$12.35	\$2.93	per 100CF	\$36.99		
Benbrook	841	6291	\$20.31	\$3.16	per 100CF	\$34.25		
Westworth Village	841	6291	\$7.50	\$3.15	per 100CF	\$33.99	\$29.73	\$4.27
Lake Worth	841	6291	\$7.50	\$2.32	per 100CF	\$27.01		
<u>Commercial Water</u>								
	Avg. Usage (Cubic Feet)	Avg Usage (Gallons)	Base Rate/Admin Fees	Rate	Rate Units	Total Bill	Current Bill	Net Change
Sansom Park	8182	61201	\$60.00	\$7.48	per 100CF	\$662.01		
Lake Worth	8182	61201	\$15.50	\$4.86	per 100CF	\$413.15		
River Oaks	8182	61201	\$24.00	\$4.40	per 100CF	\$384.01		
Benbrook	8182	61201	\$32.55	\$4.51	per 100CF	\$383.52		
Westworth Village	8182	61201	\$15.00	\$4.29	per 100CF	\$366.01	\$339.13	\$26.88
Fort Worth	8182	61201	\$25.55	\$2.54	per 100CF	\$233.37		
Westover Hills								
<u>Irrigation Water</u>								
	Avg. Usage (Cubic Feet)	Avg Usage (Gallons)	Base Rate/Admin Fees	Rate	Rate Units	Total Bill	Current Bill	Net Change
Westworth Village	4532	33899	\$4.50	\$3.13	per 100CF	\$146.35	\$139.46	\$6.89

Visit the City website at **cityofwestworth.com** or visit the water department to view the full report.