

July 1, 2019

Fellow Citizens:

This is one of those times when I know the fine citizens of Westworth Village will demonstrate why we all so dearly love this community.

It is with heavy heart that I inform you that the city's newest police officer, Mark Esparza, unexpectedly lost his beloved wife Cecilia Saturday night. Officer Esparza returned home after his shift to Cecilia and his two children (ages six and 13), and noticed Cecilia having difficulty breathing. He and the family headed for the emergency room, but on the way Cecilia's condition worsened. Officer Esparza called 911, and an ambulance met them on the side of the road, where Officer Esparza was administering aid. She disappointingly passed away early Sunday morning.

Officer Esparza has only been with Westworth Village approximately 45 days, and has not yet accumulated much in the way of financial benefits. **He needs our help.**

By law there are limitations on what our city *government* can do. However, there is no limit on what our *citizens* can do to assist one of our own.

There are two alternatives by which you can financially contribute to Officer Esparza and his family. You can deliver to city hall a check payable to "Mark Esparza," and the city will immediately deliver the funds to Officer Esparza. Alternatively, you can deposit money directly into his Navy Federal Credit Union, at the Westworth Village branch lobby, and a GoFundMe page is being set up for the family's assistance and will be shared via the city's email/text subscription service.

Mayors Mike Coleman and Tony Yeager, your entire city council, and I have all made significant contributions to Officer Esparza and his family. **Please join us in assisting this fine young man in need.**

I'm going to also make you aware of Councilmember Tiffany Aller's situation. Approximately 75 days ago, Tiffany was struck by an yet-undiagnosed condition, leaving her primarily bedridden. A single mother, Ms.

Aller is unable to work, and her finances are significantly depleted. Despite numerous doctors, and numerous medication adjustments, the condition remains undiagnosed, precluding disability assistance. Please also consider financial assistance to Ms. Aller at her GoFundMe page: https://www.gofundme.com/f/tiffanyaller

I know and love the people who live in this wonderful town, and I know how you will respond. On behalf of Officer Esparza and his family, and Councilmember Aller, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

L. Kelly Jones, mayor City of Westworth Village



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Calendar

July 4

 Independence Day—City Offices Closed

July 9

- Community Luncheon Noon
- WRA —5:30 PM
- Finance Meeting—6:00 PM
- City Council Meeting 7:00 PM

July 11

- Planning and Zoning Meeting—5:30
- Public Safety Meeting—6:30 PM

Luncheon Guest

Troy Havard
Assistant Elections Administrator
Tarrant County
Catered by:



Please bring your favorite dessert.

Sponsored by the Crime Control and
Prevention District

Free Events for the Fourth

City offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4th. We hope everyone has a fun and safe holiday. As a reminder, fireworks are illegal in the city. Check out some free local events below:

Fort Worth's Fourth

Where: Panther Island Pavilion—Fort Worth

When: July 4th— 2 PM

What: Kidzone, Live Music, Tubing, F-16 Flyover, Fireworks

Spark in the Park—Weatherford

Where: Heritage Park—317 Santa Fe Dr.—Weatherford

When: July 4th— 4 PM—10 PM

What: Live Music, Kids Area, Food & Beverages, Fireworks

Boomin' 4th—Hudson Oaks

Where: Gene Voyles Park—210 Hudson Oaks Dr.—Hudson

Oaks

When: July 4th— 6 PM

What: Live Music, Kids Area, Food & Beverages, Fireworks

Planning & Zoning Meeting

The Planning and Zoning Commission will be holding Public Hearings at their July 11th meeting at 5:30 PM. The hearings will be in regards to:

- Site Plan for 6515 Westworth Blvd.
- Artificial Turf in Residential Areas
- Additions to Existing Residential Dwellings

If you would like to address the commission on these topics, please join us for the meeting in the Council Chambers. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact City Secretary Brandy Barrett at bbarrett@cityofwestworth.com or 817-710-2526.

Water Quality Report

The Westworth Village Public Works Department has released their annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2018. To view it, visit http://www.cityofwestworth.com/uploads/file/2018% 20CCR.pdf

This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. To request a printed copy, please call 817-710-2506. Copies will also be available at City Hall.

Councilwoman Aller

City Councilwoman Tiffany Aller has been faced with an unexpected medical emergency over the past several months that has left her unable to work.

For those who would like to assist her and be kept up-to-date on her progress, her loved ones have started a Go Fund Me page for her. For all who are interested in making a donation, the page can be found at https://www.gofundme.com/f/tiffanyaller

Burton Hill Elementary Garden

The Burton Hill PTO has requested that citizens remain vigilant in their awareness of their neighborhood and take note of and report unusual occurrences. The Learning Garden, located behind Burton Hill Elementary, has been the target of theft over the past year. While they are taking further precautions in order to deter this behavior, they have asked for the community's assistance in contacting the Westworth Village PD if they witness anyone removing items after school hours.

The WWVPD non-emergency phone number is 817-738-3675.



Code Corner

Section 6.05.003 (b) of the Westworth Village Code of Ordinances states, regarding outside storage, that it shall be unlawful to accumulate any trash, rubbish, grass cuttings, dead trees, dead tree limbs, refrigerators or other appliances, carpets, accumulations of household goods, or any other debris on the property within view of any street or alley. Items shall be considered to be in view even if covered with a tarp or by other temporary means.

It is against City law to use your carport or patio for storage where it can be seen from the property next door, the street, or the alleyway ("in view").

The accumulation of unsightly materials and debris can have many negative consequences, including:

- Inviting criminal activity, such as vandalism and theft.
- Inviting rodents and pests. Rodents are always looking for food, nesting materials, or even a new home and can carry dangerous diseases.
- Lowering the overall aesthetic value of your neighborhood and creating a potentially dangerous environment for your fellow neighbors and citizens.

If you are currently in violation of this code, the City suggests some possible remedies to bring you into compliance:

- Donate items.
- Throw it away. Every Saturday is bulk pick-up day.
- Store it. You are allowed up to 2 storage sheds in the backyard.
- Contact your trash service (Waste Connections: 817-222-2221) for a special service. Note: There will be an additional charge from them to perform extra services.

Need more information?

Code Compliance (PD Non-Emergency Line): 817-738-3675

Building Department: 817-710-2518 Permits Department: 817-710-2505