



Westworth Village

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Westworth Village News

December 2019

Calendar

December 10

- Community Luncheon—Noon
- P & Z Meeting—6:00 PM
- City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM

December 14

- Santa Claus is Coming to Town—9 AM—12 PM

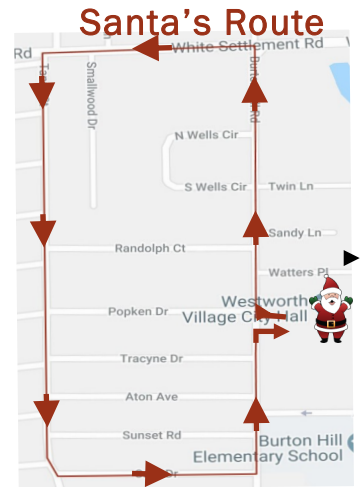
December 24–25

- Christmas—City Hall Closed

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Santa Claus will be visiting Westworth Village on **December 14th**! He will begin his ride through town on the route pictured on a Fort Worth fire engine at **9:00 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!



Public Hearings

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public hearings will be held in the Westworth Village Council Chambers, to receive input from all interested persons, on **12/10/19 at 6:00 and 7:00pm**, at the Planning and Zoning Commission and Council meetings regarding a change to section 14.4.35 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance regarding sight visibility at alley intersections. This facility & its parking lot are wheelchair accessible. Questions or requests for accommodations (must be made 48 hours prior) to this meeting by contacting the City Secretary at 817-710-2526.

Holiday Auto Theft Awareness



A reminder from the Westworth Village Police Department

Luncheon

No Guest Speaker—Come and enjoy community fellowship!

Lunch Catered by:



Please bring your favorite dessert.

Sponsored by the Crime Control and Prevention District

Little Caesars Job Openings

Little Caesars will be opening a location in Westworth Village in December and they would like to hire from within the community. They are looking for wholesome, positive people to come work for them at a starting rate of \$8 per hour. If you or someone you know is interested, applicants can text Jobs3188 to 411669. The store manager is Catharine Martinez, 817-624-2500. Applicants can also apply on Indeed.

PSA: Code Compliance Scam

The Westworth Village PD is sending out a warning to our residents to be aware of a new scam that has occurred in the DFW area. People with code compliance violations have been targeted by being told they are being offered a service that will bring them into compliance, but instead are being presented a Quit Claim Deed and are signing over their home. Please keep a watchful eye out for this or similar scams and do not sign any document that you have not read or understand. If you believe you are the victim of a scam or are concerned that someone is trying to scam you, contact the police department for assistance at 817-738-3675.



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.



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



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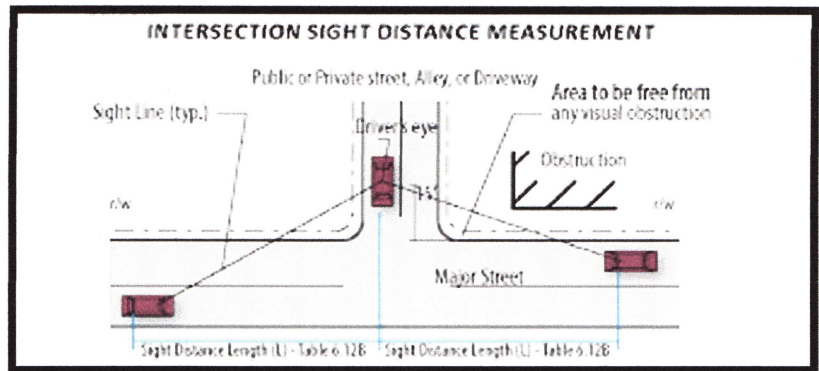
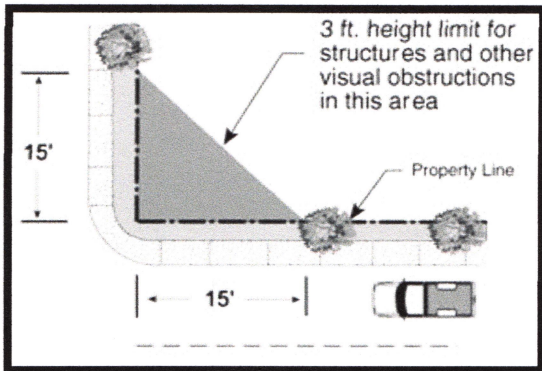
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DATE: November 27, 2019
TO: Westworth Village Residents
FROM: Kevin C. Reaves -Chief of Police *KCR*
SUBJECT: Sight Visibility Concerns at intersections

In an effort to address citizens concerns over alleyway safety issues, landscaping and parking, the Public Safety Committee requested I provide a general overview of the city ordinances regarding these issues.

Alleyway safety issues: Ordinance section #14.4.15 outlines the responsibility to maintain a visibility triangle on your property for the safety of motorists & pedestrians at intersections, alleyways and driveways. Specifically stating ***“Landscaping, except required grass and low ground cover, shall not be located closer than three feet (3') from the edge of any vehicular pavement in order to avoid visibility problems when plant materials mature.”*** In addition, section #14.4.35 expounds upon the requirements including: ***“Landscaping, fences, walls, earthen berms and other features within the triangular visibility area shall be designed so as to provide unobstructed cross-visibility at a level between twenty-four inches (24") and eight feet (8') above the ground.”***

Examples of sight visibility triangles



Based upon the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Standards (AASHTO) for a 30 MPH roadway, an approaching driver needs to have a minimum of sight visibility of 200 ft to the left and 140ft to the right to ensure adequate sight distance. This distance is based upon the speed of the roadway, reaction time and stopping distance.

Fences that did not meet the standards, that were in place prior to 2017, were allowed to remain: 14.4.25(O) *“A fence that does not comply with the requirements of this Article as of the effective date of this Chapter, shall be allowed to remain on the property. In addition, the owner of property shall be allowed to repair or replace a pre-existing nonconforming fence with identical materials used in the construction...”*

Landscaping and vegetation must be maintained, as outlined in Section 14.4.16: *“It shall be the duty of any person or persons owning or occupying real property bordering on any street to prune trees next to the street in such manner that they will not obstruct or shade the streetlights, obstruct the passage of pedestrians on sidewalks, obstruct vision of traffic signs, or obstruct the view from any street or alley intersection. The minimum clearance of any portion of a tree overhanging public street right-of-way shall be fourteen feet (14') and overhanging a public sidewalk shall be eight feet (8').”*



Parking issues: The Police Department will be actively issuing citations to owners of unoccupied vehicles that are parked in violation of city ordinances or state law. Common violations include vehicles that stand or park:



* Parked obstructing a sidewalk



* within 15ft of a fire hydrant



* within 20ft of an intersection crosswalk



* within 30 feet of any signal, stop sign or yield sign



* Parked against the flow of traffic or wrong direction

Staying safe means being responsible on our streets and roads. Please help us by doing your part to maintain landscaping, vegetation, sight visibility and parking. Remember it's your family and neighbors that you are protecting by providing a safe neighborhood!

**If you have a problem, see an issue or are concerned about something,
please notify the police dispatcher at 817-738-3675.**