

Dear New Residents:

As the Mayor of Warson Woods, I would like to welcome you to our community. This brochure contains answers to most of your questions about Warson Woods. In case there are questions which are not addressed, do not hesitate to contact or call me, your Aldermen or City Hall.

Again, let me welcome you to our City, and we sincerely hope you enjoy it as much as we do.

Very truly yours,

E. William Bergfeld, Jr.
Mayor

BOARD OF ALDERMEN DIRECTORY

Mayor, E. William Bergfeld, Jr. 1126 North Drive 966-2516

Ward #1

Terry O Bryant	1128 Dunwoody	966-2393
Judith A. Pohl	1422 Andrew Drive	821-1379

Ward #2

Laurance Howe	872 Renderer Drive	984-0699
Gordon Gosh	824 Bricken Place	821-7723

Ward #3

William C. Abbott	1653 Beaucaire Drive	822-3809
David Aitken	641 Flanders	965-6710

Ward #4

Charles Dubuque	403 Flanders Drive	966-2119
Mark Wittich	1454 Reauville Drive	966-2787

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THE CITY OF WARSON WOODS

On July 15, 1936, a number of residents in the 1400 and 1500 block of Andrew Drive and Inter Drive (now known as Warson Woods Drive) incorporated into the Town of Royal Oak. The original Trustees were appointed by the St. Louis County Court and their first business act was to select the site of the first City Hall in a building at the corner of Dearborn and Manchester Road. These same Trustees were then elected at the first election held on April 5, 1938.

Mail for the original residents on Andrew Drive was addressed to Rural Route #4, Webster Groves, Missouri, and was delivered to mail boxes at the south end of Andrew on what is now Manchester Road. Until March, 1937, the closest telephone service for Andrew Drive residents was at Boss's Garage, now the site of Dierberg's Market.

In April and May 1939, the northward expansion of Andrew Drive and Forest View was finished and a portion of Timberlane was developed. In 1941, a delay was placed on the issuance of new building permits; however, additional gas furnace permits were being issued, reportedly due to labor problems. Joseph H. White and Hanna M. White built most of the homes in this area.

Also in 1941, because of confusion with Royal Oaks, Michigan, the Board of Trustees voted to change the name of their town to the Village of Warson Woods. This was done by resolution on November 10, 1941.

In the early 1940s, the Warson Woods pioneers rode the jitney to Rock Hill for five cents to shop at Hoch's Grocery, Country Hill Grocery or Mrs. Grosheim's Hardware Store. A beauty shop, blacksmith shop and drug store were also in Rock Hill. Maplewood could also be reached on the same jitney for ten cents and with fifteen cents a trip to downtown St. Louis was available.

As time passed, a grocery store, Vogelgesang's Service Station and Hardesty Grocery entered the Village. To the west in Kirkwood at Manchester and Woodlawn, Linder's Market opened.

The Bennett Hills section of Warson Woods was built in the early 1950s and Warson Woods Drive was extended from Andrew Drive to join Renderer Drive. This property was part of the McMannus Estate, which had a race track for horses, lakes and a forest.

There was a spring-fed lake surrounded by blackberry bushes and other wild shrubs. In the middle of the lake there was a small island covered with violets

(in season). In this area now, the City has Royal Oaks Park with playground equipment and four tennis courts. This area was purchased from Joseph H. White and Wymetta Drive was vacated. Title was conveyed so that it will forever be a park.

In 1948, Joseph H. White commenced building the Warson Village Shopping Center, with the second section commencing in 1952. This was the first strip shopping center built in St. Louis County and was quite a novelty in those days. When the shopping center was completed, Dearborn Drive was closed off from Manchester Road and a new street called Warson Woods Boulevard came off Manchester to join with Ridgeline Drive for access to Dearborn Drive and Forest View.

The census figures showed that the Village was growing and something was needed to enable the Village to continue to exist. An election was held on August 7, 1957, asking the citizens to approve the Village becoming a 4th class city. The voters approved the proposal, allowing more taxes to be generated and the residents to have more control over their government.

All commercial building had ceased until 1994 when Dierberg's Markets and Capitol Land, in a joint venture, purchased Warson Village Shopping Center and approached the Board of Aldermen with plans for the new Warson Woods Shopping Center. Their plans included demolishing the buildings between the City Limits and Warson Woods Boulevard and building a new strip of stores. Demolition began by removing the center section of the shopping center. With this building gone, construction began on the new strip center. Most of the existing merchants moved to vacancies in the buildings west of Warson Woods Boulevard or into the new strip of buildings which opened in the spring of 1995.

As all merchants were now relocated into their permanent spaces, demolition began on the buildings on the eastern border of Warson Woods and construction of the new Dierberg's Market began, with its completion in January of 1996.

CITY OF WARSON WOODS SERVICES

The City of Warson Woods City Hall is located at 10015 Manchester Road. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The City Hall is closed on weekends and holidays. Phone number 965-3100. Zip Code is 63122-1825.

Newsletter

The City of Warson Woods publishes a quarterly Newsletter to inform and communicate with the residents of Warson Woods. If you are not receiving the Newsletter, please contact the City Hall.

Voter Registration

You may register, transfer your registration or re-register to vote during normal business hours at the City Hall.

City Auto Stickers

The City of Warson Woods Auto Stickers is valid from January 1st through December 31st. The deadline for purchasing the current year s Sticker is February 15th at a cost of \$5.00 per sticker. Replacement Stickers for new vehicles purchased after the deadline are also available at a cost of \$0.50 per vehicle. The information required is the make, model, year and State license plate number of each vehicle.

Driver s License Information

For information and examination for a Missouri Operator s License, or for issuance or renewal of your State Registration contact the Department of Revenue office at 647-9375 (3234 Laclede Station Road).

Pet License

All dogs in the City of Warson Woods require a yearly City Dog License. to obtain a dog tag, the current rabies inoculation is required and a fee of \$2.00.

Animal Control

The City has an animal Ordinance in effect which prohibits dogs from running at large and defecating on property other than that of the owner or person responsible for the animal. If you have a problem with a dog running at large, call St. Louis County Animal Control at 726-6655. For other dog problems, the resident must sign a complaint against the owner. Contact the City Hall 965-3100, for further information.

Permits

Demolition (Residential Areas Only), Building, Excavation and Sign Permits are issued by the City Hall. Plumbing, Electrical and Commercial Occupancy Permits are issued by St. Louis County. For Plumbing Applications, call 615-2559; for Electrical Applications call 615-2559 and for Commercial Applications call 615-2559.

Solid Waste Collection

The City has a contract with Superior Services as their sole trash collector. Superior bills each home owner for the service. Collection is on a twice-weekly basis with heavy trash pickup on the second collection day of each week. In addition, recycling items are picked up on Fridays, while yard wastes are picked up on Wednesdays. Both recyclable and yard wastes must be placed at the curb for pickup. Call 314-567-1800 to establish service.

United States Post Office

Mail in Warson Woods is delivered through the Kirkwood Post Office, 222 South Taylor. The Brentwood Post Office is located at 2521 South Brentwood.

Social Security

Social Security s phone number is 1-800-772-1213.

GOVERNMENT/TAXES

The City of Warson Woods is a Fourth Class Missouri City governed by a Mayor, elected by all registered voters, and eight members of a Board of Aldermen, two elected from each of the four Wards within the City. Elections are held every first Tuesday followed by first Monday in April. In each Ward, one Alderman for a two-year term. Every even-numbered year, a Mayor is elected at large for a term of two years.

The Board of Aldermen meets once monthly on the third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall. All residents are encouraged and invited to attend.

County Government

The City of Warson Woods is a part of St. Louis County. The County Courthouse is located in Clayton at 41 South Central Avenue. A County Executive and seven local area Councilmen govern. The City of Warson Woods is represented by the councilmen from the fifth district.

State Government

Warson Woods is in the 15th Missouri Senate District and the 87th and 91st Missouri House Districts. The City is represented by the Second United States Congressional District and two Missouri Senators elected at large.

Taxes

Real Estate Taxes and Personal Property Taxes are assessed and collected by St. Louis County.

Sales Tax

Missouri State Sales Tax is 6.725 per cent on all retail sales of which the City receives one and one-half per cent and the County three-fourths of one per cent as transportation taxes.

Real Estate/Personal Property or County/City Information

Questions on your County real estate or personal property taxes should be directed to the following offices:

St. Louis County Collector of Revenue
41 South Central Avenue
Clayton, Missouri 63105

Assessor--Real Estate &
Personal Property

615-5000

NOTES

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Warson Woods Police Department has the duty to enforce all ordinances of the City and the laws of the State of Missouri. The Chief of Police

directs the Department that consists of five officers, who are state certified and have undergone intensive training programs.

Residents must also be aware and consider it a duty to take measures to protect themselves and their property, as well as the property of their neighbors. Our Police Department offers the following tips:

Get Involved! If you see anything suspicious, report it immediately to the Police Department.

Do Not leave doors or windows unlocked **OR** leave garage doors open.

Be Aware of what is going on in your neighborhood.

Do Not try to take action yourself.

CALL 911-- When in a life or property-threatening situation. To report a crime, call our dispatcher at **965-1131**; or for general information, call 965-3100.

Join the Neighborhood Watch Program if you do not already belong. Call 965-3100 for further information.

Operation Ident tools are available at the Department. Stop in and ask to borrow an engraver and mark your valuables. Burglars would rather take items that are not marked! Recovered marked property can also be returned to the owner. If you prefer, the Police Department will also videotape your possessions. You supply the video tape and we'll supply the camera. Call 965-3100 for an appointment.

Bicycle Registration is also provided by the Police Department. Call 965-3100 for an appointment to register your bike. This will help recover your bicycle in the event it is stolen.

Fire Fighting Services and Emergency Medical Service are contracted through the City of Glendale Fire Department. Not only do they provide emergency services, they also provide prevention services. A member of the Glendale Fire Department will come to your home and complete a safety inspection making recommendations, if necessary, for improvement. They will suggest locations for smoke detection equipment and install the detectors if you have them. Call 965-0000 for information about the fire department services.

Visible Addresses are a must in an emergency! If the Police Department or the Fire Department is summoned to your home, all they have to go by is your address. If the address is not displayed or not visible, the response time for your emergency is lengthened. Please be sure your address is displayed, visible from the street and illuminated at night.

Telephone Numbers

Emergency Police, Fire or Ambulance	911
Non-Emergency Dispatching	
Police	965-1131
Fire	965-0000
General Information	
Police	965-3100
Fire	965-0000