



City of Warson Woods

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To All Warson Woods Residents:

On behalf of the entire Board of Aldermen, I would like to share the following reminder.

As we move into the summer months when school lets out and the Warson Woods Pool opens, you will start to see more children on the sidewalks and streets. You will also see construction activity as the City embarks on its annual street maintenance project. As a result, the City wants to take this time to remind its citizens of several things to help keep our children—and all of us—safe. Please take a few moments to read this information, discuss them with your children or other members of your household.

Road Safety: There are several important issues with respect to road safety to address. First, with some construction activity on our city streets commencing in early June, there will be construction trucks and traffic in the neighborhood. Please obey the construction signage or personnel directing traffic. When driving, please slow down, avoid cell phone and other distractions, and pay close attention to speed limits, stop signs, school zones, and bicycle and pedestrian traffic. Be extra vigilant when driving and let your children know to be very careful – especially when walking or on their bikes. Please also be aware of exactly where your children are going – especially in the evening hours and ensure both them and their bicycles are equipped with any necessary lights, reflectors, helmets, or other safety equipment. Also, remember, motorized bikes and scooters are not to be operated on city streets. Children operating these motorized vehicles often are not familiar with traffic safety rules, the importance of looking both ways and stopping at stop signs and yielding to vehicle traffic. Please speak with young drivers in your home about these issues.

As a corollary, the only vehicles permitted on city streets are traditional motor vehicles and “low speed vehicles.” A low speed vehicle is defined as follows: has a maximum speed of 25 mph; has a VIN (Vehicle Identification Number); and is equipped with headlamps, front and rear turn signal lamps, tail lamps, stop lamps, reflex reflectors, a driver’s side exterior mirror and either a passenger’s side exterior mirror or an interior mirror, a parking brake, a windshield and a Type 1 or 2 seat belt (i.e., is “street legal”). All low speed vehicles must be operated by a licensed driver. Unless a golf cart has been fitted with these additional safety features, they are not permitted on any city streets at any time – including, but not limited to, commuting to and from the pool or parks. All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) and Utility Vehicles are not to be operated on city streets.

Fireworks Safety: Fireworks safety is key as we approach the 4th of July. But, remember St. Louis County bans the possession or discharge of personal fireworks displays anywhere in the County. Warson Woods’ ordinance mimics this prohibition in that no person is permitted to “possess, ... discharge or explode any fireworks” in the City. In recent years, our residents and Police Department have reported larger residential fireworks displays in the City. As an alternative, there are numerous professional fireworks displays in the immediate area our residents can attend to celebrate the 4th. If you want to put on your own show, our neighboring counties are a little more lenient on personal fireworks displays so if you have any property or friends/family in those counties, that might be an option. Your neighbors and the many dogs we have in Warson Woods will appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Park Safety: Our City parks close at 10 pm. Be considerate to the neighbors and also police officers enforcing park closure times by ending your event at 10 pm. Tennis courts are limited to tennis only (no bikes, skateboards, lacrosse, or other non-tennis uses). Night tennis and basketball may use the park lights, which are active 30 minutes prior to sunset via the switches on the pavilion wall. Lights turn off automatically at 10 pm or 2 hours after turning on, whichever is earlier.

We appreciate your cooperation in making sure our neighborhood remains a safe place for all. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

City of Warson Woods

Laurance M. Howe/ Mayor