

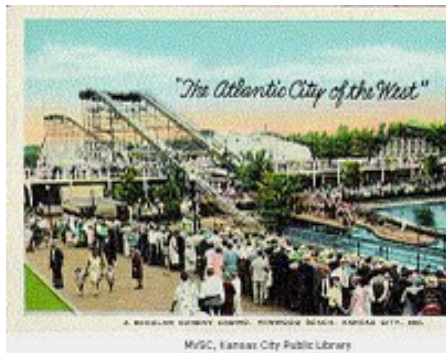
NEWSLETTER

Winnwood Sunnybrook Neighborhood

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November is History Month



Winnwood Beach, an amusement park formerly at I-35 and Chouteau

Winnwood Beach-

"The Atlantic City of the West"- existed at the southeast corner of I-35 and Chouteau Trafficway, where Chouteau Crossing Shopping Center now stands. It is speculated that Frank Winn got his inspiration to build Winnwood Beach after a trip to Atlantic City around 1912. Frank Winn who was a William Jewell graduate and a leading Clay County farmer, had a natural spring fed lake called Winnwood Lake, on his property, which was 40 feet deep.

In 1911, Winnwood Lake was used for fishing and ice skating. In 1913, Winn had canoe rentals, picnicking and the Dance Pavilion added. At this same time, the Interurban electric train ran out of North Kansas City to the north. The train made 35 trips a day and the third stop up from Northtown was Winnwood Beach.

Winn added two more lakes to the north of Winnwood Lake: one was called Lake of the Woods, and the other Lake Janet, named after his wife. The enterprise grew from 1916 to 1926 to include the children's beach, diving tower, Chute-the-chute, sand beach, over-water dance pavilion, and he started selling lots for \$25 to build summer cottages. There are two or three of the tiny cabins still standing today. The cabins were built to the east of the Lake on none other than "Winn Road."

By 1928 he had built the bathhouse, boardwalk, skating rink, roller coasters (the first west of the Mississippi), zoo, monkey island, fun house, and the Midway. Without a doubt, it was the destination of the time. The electric train stopped running in 1933 but the didn't stop the fun seekers from showing up in their Model A Fords. The Dance Pavilion was hopping with young couples.

On July 4, 1935, the boardwalk collapsed injuring 50 people. Frank Winn was sued. In 1936 the bathhouse burned and the same year one of the Winn Cottages burns. In 1937 the dam broke and Lake of the Woods is drained. In 1947 Frank Winn died in bankruptcy.

Swimming and skating continued through the 1950's. In the 60's I-35 was built and added silt to fill the lake. In 1979, the dam went down and the lake was drained and closed.

On May 8, 2000 an artist mural of the Winnwood Lake was dedicated in the Clay County Annes. Along with the mural is a showcase built by Winn's namesake, Winnetonka High School, and is full of memorabilia and photos. In 2002 Chouteau Crossings Shopping Center opened at the old lake site. A Winnwood beach dedication marker was placed at the shopping center in 2003. Winnwood Elementary is also part of Winn's namesake. Every day his name continues to impact more young people without their awareness.

By Keith

(edited for newsletter)

Winnwood Beach Map



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Neighborhood Officers Working for Our Community

Some confusion has been voiced regarding what our community organization is able to accomplish. Since this neighborhood is older and there are no Home Owners Association (HOA) fees, the work of our officers is voluntary. Without HOA fees, we do not have money to help those in need. Community funds to aide in projects or issues our neighborhood has been applied for but they are limited. Our residents help each other by volunteering time, work, supplies or food. Officers include a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and a Safety Officer. Whenever one of the officers is absent then the other officers cover for them. Residents also volunteer to be on the board, to help make decisions for our community. Only these elected individuals represent our neighborhood in meetings and make requests for funds, to help improve our neighborhood. This is why we need residents to attend our meetings. We cannot help people in our community unless we are aware of the problems and concerns, which are affecting you. Our neighborhood needs volunteers to help, in planning events and getting work done, to assist each other.

November Guests

Deb Herman is going to being a slide show with 50 pictures of Winnwood Beach. Keith Nelson, author of the front page article will be attending, as well.

Also, Deb Herman is going to present a new pilot program for improvements on the blocks of 3800, 3900, and 4000 blocks of Jackson, anticipated to start in the spring



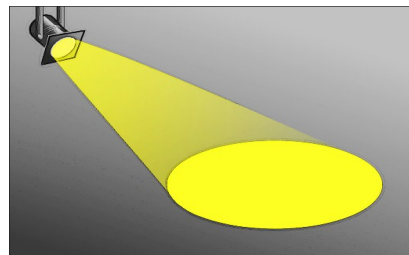
Picture of November Trees

Name our Newsletter Contest

Attention artists, photographers, and computer techs: we want a new catchy title and design for the caption of our newsletter. It has been discussed that we would like to go with the history of our neighborhood. Some other northland neighborhoods have titles like The Front Porch, The Planner, Neighborhood Connection, Some have incorporated the name of the neighborhood like Northridge News. Some of the suggestions have been Winn-Sunn News Winn-R News. Some other neighborhoods have artwork or pictures like a house, front porch, or a picture of a sign from neighborhood entrance. The header for the newsletter must fir across the of a page no more the 8 inches wide by 2 inches deep. Be creative, brief, and keep in mind the history. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.



Spotlight



For more information on Frank Winn and Winnwood Beach check the aerial view at Festival Foods behind the service counter, Winnetonka High School, the City Annex building, the historical marker at the Chouteau Crossings Shopping Center, Clay County Archives and the internet

Attention

Winnwood-Sunnybrook Neighborhood has been added to the Neighborhood Preservation Division list. What this means is they have a special codes inspector, Shirley Cox, who does strictly Chapter 62 violations and writes tickets that carry a \$60.00 fine. Chapter 62 restricts trash at the curb before 3 pm the day prior to scheduled pick up, which includes weekly trash pick up, bulky items pick up and scheduled yard debris. The only exception is when there is major storm debris.

PTA Fundraiser:



The Winnwood PTA is selling yellow, white, and blue trash bags this year! These bags are twice as thick as Hefty's bags. We are having a pre-sale from 09/26/ to 10/27. Delivery date will be the end of October. Each roll is \$10 each, no matter what size or color. If you would like to order, please contact me via e-mail or call/text me at 816-679-7036. Checks can be made payable to Winnwood PTA.

Winnwood Baptist Church Hosts a Blood Drive

Winnwood Baptist (4513 N. Jackson Ave.) is partnering with the Community Blood Center to host a blood drive on Sunday, November 13th. You may donate blood any time from 09:45 AM through 02:00 PM.

Please make an appointment by calling the church office at 816-453-4500 (this will help us not have a waiting line). Walk-ins are welcome as well. If you are unable to donate, we are asking you bring a surrogate donor. Let's all get involved in helping our community in this special way! Help us get the word out to friends and family too!

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Activities at Winnwood PTA

November is the National PTA month for Healthy Life Styles and Winnwood Elementary will be participating! Here are the activities for the month, one for each week: *Thursday November 3rd will be a smoothie night from 5:30-7pm. *Monday, November 7th will be 60 Minutes of Exercise for the families, 6pm-7pm. * Tuesday, November 15th will be a family skate night. *Monday, 21st CPR/First Aid night from 6pm-8pm. Tuesday, November 29th will be a healthy cooking night.

Winnwood will have a family picture night on December 2nd from 5pm to 7pm. PTA will charge \$5 per picture; all proceeds will be all profit except for the prints. Rebecca Hart and one other PTA member will be taking the pictures.

November Events Calendar All meetings are open to the public

Tues 11/8: 1st District Problem Solving
At NNI at 8:30AM

**Tues 11/8: Winnwood-Sunnybrook
Community Council Meeting at**
Bethel Church at 7PM

Wed 11/9: Senior Workshop
At NNI @9AM

**Sun 11/13: Blod Drive at Winnwood
Baptist Church 8:45am-2pm**
(call for appointment)

Wed 11/16: Cop Talk @NNI @6:30pm

Fri 11/18: City Bulky Item Pick-up
Call 311 for an appointment

**Tues 11/22: Neighborhood
Roundtable @NNI @ 6pm**

Wed-Fri 11/23-11/25: No School
Thanksgiving vacation

Fri 12/2: City Leaf & Brush Pick-up

**Tues 12/13: Winnwood-Sunnybrook
Community Council Meeting**
@Bethel Church at 7pm

**To Be announced: Parvin Road
Planning Meeting @NNI @6pm**
For Info call 816-872-4681

**Street Light Outage Call KCPL and
give them the numbers on the pole. No
personal info necessary.**

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

KCPD wants to remind us that turning on your front porch light is the cheapest way to add security to your home and neighborhood.

Our Safety Director, Vickey, wants to remind everyone the speed limit for residential streets is 25mph. Another accident occurred today because someone was going approximately 45mph down one of our streets. No one was seriously injured but they could have been. The driver hit a fire hydrant causing major damage to the vehicle. The concern is for a child on the side of the road, couples walking their children or dogs and kids on bikes or skate boards. Nothing is so important that residents need to speed through the neighborhood. Please remind yourself, your guests and teens, old enough to drive, to watch their speed limit in our neighborhood.

Attention walkers, joggers, and dog walkers or anyone wanting a little exercise.

Some of our neighbors are getting their neighborhood newsletter delivered to their door. We need more volunteers to deliver a one block area about 20-30 houses. Now I know winter is just around the corner but it's easier to locate a newsletter on the porch than in the driveway. To volunteer call Becky @ 816-872-4681.

Need Ideas

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing food relief and financial support. You can get a months supply groceries for approximately \$35.00 for a family of four. There are two locations near our neighborhood. For more information call: Toerview Baptist Church @ (816) 453-3334 OR 1st United Methodist Church of NKC @ (816) 842-3944.

