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If there are any discrepancies between this document and the leawood village zoning and ordinances, the zoning and ordinances document takes precedence over this document.

Please note that all numbers are in the 417 area code, and all addresses are in Joplin, unless otherwise indicated.

**COVER PHOTOS  
OF  
LEAWOOD VILLAGE**

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*Clockwise from the top:  
South Middle School  
Farmland on Connecticut Ave  
Beautifully landscaped yard  
Former entrance to Hidden Valley*

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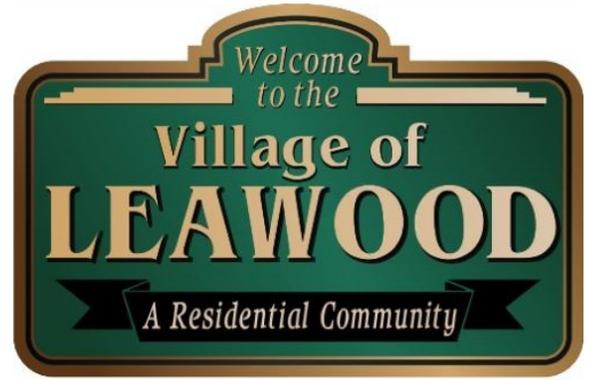
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# COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

The Village of Leawood is a residential community known for its small-town rural feel, nestled next to the conveniences of the City of Joplin. In a residential survey conducted in 2014, a majority continue to favor the “small-town” feel of their community.



In 2010, the population was 682 people who were within 275 households on 317 acres of the approximately 747 total acres in the Village. Agricultural use comprised 303 acres, with the remaining 127 acres split between community/institute and commercial. Forty-three percent of the residents are age 50 or older, with the average being 44.9 years old. That average is about 7 years older than the state average.

The map on the next page shows that the community is made up of several blocks of land, that while connected, have borders that are inconsistent. The community lies between Interstate 44 on the North and Wildwood Drive on the South, and Main Street on the West and Rangeline Road on the East.

## HISTORY

The Village of Leawood incorporated in 1956 with Murwin Mosler, Harold Warren, Victor Sowersby, Fred Sebastian, and Raymond Moser as its founding fathers. Descendants of the founding fathers continue to live in the Village and serve the community.

Incorporation of the Village protected its rural character from the rampant growth occurring in the post-World War II era. Since then, the population of the Village has steadily risen.

## ADMINISTRATION

### I. Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees directs all village affairs. The five member board is elected. The board’s primary responsibilities include preparing the budget, holding open meetings every other month, publishing the *Leawood Ledger* newsletter, maintaining the web page, coordinating the Neighborhood Watch Program, complying with state requirements for communities of similar size, coordinating with the attorney and overseeing zoning and ordinances to maintain the economic integrity of the community. Other duties include fielding questions from residents and maintaining the roads and trees to protect the safety of the residents.. The Board of Trustees meets in January, March, May, July, September, and November on the 3rd Thursday at 6:30pm at the Redings Mill Fire Protection District, Station #1, 344 Redings Mill Road, Joplin. All residents are welcome to attend these open meetings. It will be posted in the *Leawood Ledger* and web page should the date or location of the meeting be changed.

## ADMINISTRATION, Continued

### Board of Trustees Contact Information:

Denny Desmond, Chairman, 781-3558, 111 Hidden Valley Drive

Beverly Kiehl, Vice Chairman, 317-0585, 2027 E. 47th Street

Brad Long, Treasurer, 781-3166, 1611 E. 50th Street

Dale Owen, Clerk, 781-6370 or 438-6370, 55 Horseshoe Drive

Fran Owen, Secretary, 781-6370 or 438-6370, 55 Horseshoe Drive

### II. Planning and Zoning Commission

The Planning and Zoning Commission oversees the building codes and zoning set in place by the Village of Leawood. The seven member commission is appointed by the Board of Trustees and meets on an as-needed basis, normally prior to the Board of Trustees meeting. These are open meetings.

### 2019 Planning and Zoning Commissions Contact Information:

Kurt Higgins, Chairman, 317-0963, 517 Grandview Drive

Rick McCord, 782-2853, 4300 Connecticut Avenue

Phyllis Sapp, 781-5642, 5125 Brookwood Drive

Denny Desmond, 781-3558, 111 Hidden Valley Drive

Brad Long, 781-3166, 1611 E. 50th Street

Cliff Barker, 850-1465, PO Box 2761

Billy Powers, 206-9859, 509 Grandview Drive

### III. Board of Adjustments

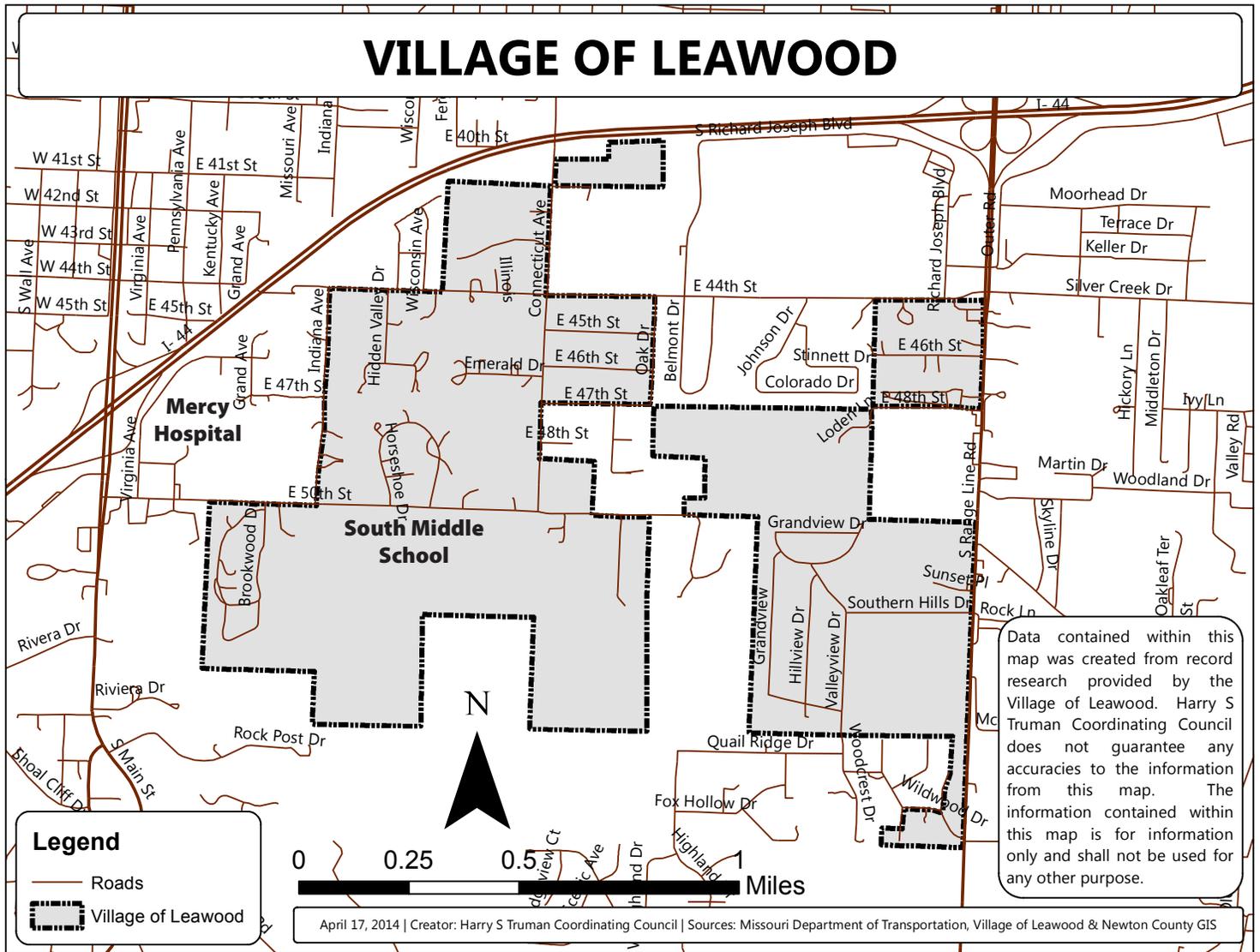
The Board of Adjustments hears appeals of decisions rendered by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Board of Adjustment contact information:

Richard Reed, 624-4180, 112 Hidden Valley Drive



# VILLAGE OF LEAWOOD



**This is a preview from the Village of Leawood website.  
Visit [www.leawoodvillage.com](http://www.leawoodvillage.com) for an interactive map.**

# NEWTON COUNTY INFORMATION

Leawood Village is in Newton County. The dividing line between Jasper and Newton counties is 32nd Street, with Jasper County being on the north and Newton County being on the south side of the road.

The Newton County Courthouse is located on the square in Neosho, Mo at 101 S. Wood. There you will find the offices of:

- COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- COUNTY CLERK (Location to register to vote)
- COUNTY ASSESSOR
- COUNTY COLLECTOR (Location to pay your county taxes)
- COUNTY AUDITOR
- COUNTY TREASURER
- COUNTY CORONER
- RECORDER OF DEEDS
- JUVENILE COURT
- PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR
- PROSECUTING ATTORNEY



The county courts are located on the south side of the square in the Judicial Center.

## TAXATION

Real estate taxes are collected by Newton County for the Village of Leawood. The tax is listed on your Newton County Real Estate Bill as LWCTY.

Personal property taxes are not collected by Leawood Village. They are collected by Newton County.

Leawood Village collects a sales tax of 0.75% on businesses located within the Village.

Sales taxes are also collected when residents register their vehicles with the Missouri Motor Vehicle Department.

# VOTING

As residents of Leawood Village, we have Joplin addresses, but we do not live within the Joplin city limits.

When you go to vote, you will need to ask for a Leawood Village ballot.

Only residents living within the Joplin city limits can receive a Joplin ballot.

Park Plaza Christian Church, located at 3220 Indiana Avenue is the location where Leawood Village residents vote.

Please note:

On matters to be voted on pertaining to Joplin Schools, Leawood Village is within the Joplin School District which entitles residents to vote for school board members and other school topics.



# ZONING AND ORDINANCES HIGHLIGHTED

You may have noticed the signs as you enter Leawood Village stating that zoning and ordinances are enforced. This indicates that you have joined a community of residents who, in order to maintain their property values and live in harmony, have chosen to live together in a community covered by zoning and ordinance guidelines.

The detailed list of the zoning and ordinances is available on the Leawood Village web page, or contact a board of trustees member. Their contact numbers are located on page 5.

Summarized below are the ordinances that have in the past generated the most questions:

1. **CONSTRUCTION:** If you plan any construction that changes the footprint of existing structure(s) or you wish to build a new structure, you need a building permit. Obtain permits from Dale Owen, Village Clerk, 781-6370 or [dwowen@joplin.com](mailto:dwowen@joplin.com), for a nominal fee.
2. **TRAILERS:** A utility trailer, boat trailer, or RV trailer may be parked behind the residence provided it is behind the front line of your house. The trailer and the surface it is parked upon should be maintained.
3. **PARKING:** Vehicles belonging to residents are not to be parked on or along our streets less than 20 feet wide.
4. **DOGS:** All dogs must be properly secured on the owner's property at all times. Out of consideration for your neighbors, do not allow your dog to bark excessively.
5. **PROPERTY UPKEEP:** Yards are expected to be maintained. Grass and weeds are to be mowed. Do not allow excess trash, limbs, leaves, debris, etc. to accumulate and detract from property values.



# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Leawood Village recently re-energized its neighborhood watch program!

Neighborhood Watch is not a vigilante group, but rather a notification system to let residents know when something unusual is going on in the area that may affect their safety and welfare.

The community is divided into areas, each with a Volunteer Neighborhood Watch Captain to coordinate the reporting of issues to the residents within their area.

If you wish to be included in this notification process, please contact your captain if he/she hasn't already made contact with you.

The Neighborhood Watch Captains and their areas are:

**Brookwood:** Ray Harding, 388-0280, 6023 Brookwood Drive

**Hidden Valley:** John Riediger, 317-2371, 104 Hidden Valley Drive

**Horseshoe Drive, 44th Street west of Connecticut:** Dale Owen, 781-6370, 55 Horseshoe Drive

**Indiana Avenue, between Indiana and Connecticut Avenues, along 50th Street:**

Steve Stearnes, 434-6302, 4515 Indiana Avenue

**Southern Hills:** Kurt Higgins, 317-0963, 517 Grandview Drive

**Between Connecticut Avenue and Oak Drive on 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th Streets, Emerald Drive, and 46th Street West of Rangeline:** Beverly Kiehl, 317-0585

Newton County Sheriff Chris Jennings and Lt. Trevor Williams recommended action steps for residents to take to protect the Leawood Village Community:

1. Report emergency situations to 911 or report suspicious activity to 623-2282 (Newton County Central Dispatch). Then contact the neighbor who might be affected and your Neighborhood Watch Captain.
2. Get to know your immediate neighbors. Network with them to help you recognize unusual people, vehicles, and activities.
3. Be proactive. Report suspicious activity. Officers do not mind checking out suspicious activities, even if they turn out to be false.
4. In case of burglaries, keep an inventory of your belongings. Items stolen are often resold. Keep your list up to date and have it available to give to the Newton County Sheriff.
5. Safety is everyone's responsibility.



# OUTDOOR WALKING TRAILS



SHOAL CREEK CONSERVATION  
& EDUCATION CENTER  
201 RIVIERA LANE  
JOPLIN, MO 64804



Residential Streets



MERCY HOSPITAL, 100 MERCY WAY  
JOPLIN MO, 64804

# Services

## 1. Utilities

Liberty Utilities, Empire District

602 Joplin Ave., PO Box 127

625-5100      [www.empiredistrict.com/Home/Contacts](http://www.empiredistrict.com/Home/Contacts)

Spire Gas

520 E. 5th St.

(800) 582-1234      [www.spireenergy.com](http://www.spireenergy.com)

Missouri American Water

2323 Davis Blvd.

627-3800 (866) 430-0820      [www.amwater.com/myaccount](http://www.amwater.com/myaccount)

## 2. Disposal and Recycling

Republic Services

1715 E. Front St.

Galena, KS 66739

(800) 431-1507

[www.republicservices.com](http://www.republicservices.com)

The President of the Board of Trustees negotiates a reduced rate because all residents use the service. The rate is \$10.50 monthly through August 31st, 2020.

City of Joplin Recycling Center

1310 W. A St.

624-0820, ext. 501

As a resident of Newton County you are allowed to use this facility through Region M & DNR grant funding. See a complete guide at [www.joplinmo.org/recycling](http://www.joplinmo.org/recycling).

Paper-Pal receptacles for newspapers, magazines, and office paper are available in these parking lots:

Christ's Community Church

2700 E. 44th St.

Large dumpsters are brought in twice a year for the use of all Leawood residents as part of our neighborhood beautification and maintenance efforts.

1. 50th Street and Connecticut

2. 126 Valleyview Drive in Southern Hills

The spring and fall dates will be announced in the *Leawood Ledger*.

## Services, continued

### 3. TV and Internet Services

#### Spire

2600 Davis Blvd.

624-6340 (888) 235-0196

#### Satellite Center

1901 E. 32nd St.

623-3474

#### Blue Sky Satellite

1415 E. 7th St.

(888) 677-2992

#### DirectTv

877-588-5617

#### Wireless Connections

420 N. Rangeline Rd. #16

782-4222

#### Wisper Internet

4743 Gateway Dr.

(800) 765-7772

#### Dish TV

(844) 270-2315

### 4. Emergency Services—For emergencies, call 911.

**For non-emergencies, call Newton County Central Dispatch 623-2282**

#### **Ambulance:** Newton County Ambulance District

(Admin) 1011 W. Hill St., Neosho, MO, 64850

Office: 451-5568

#### **Fire:** Redings Mill Fire Protection District

344 Redings Mill Rd.

Office: 624-2715, [www.rmfd.org](http://www.rmfd.org)

#### **Sheriff:** Newton County Sheriff's Department

208 W. Coler St, Neosho, MO 64850

Office: 451-8300, [www.nc-so.org](http://www.nc-so.org)

### 5. Snow Removal

Leawood Village contracts with a local service to provide snow removal.

### 6. Digging

Call before you dig.

Call 8-1-1 or 1-800-DIG-RITE

# Q & A's

## 1. **In Case Of Emergency, Call 911.**

Non-emergency assistance, call 623-2282 for Newton County Central Dispatch. Be prepared to explain that you are a resident of Leawood Village and do not live in the city limits of Joplin.

## 2. **Libraries**

As a resident of Newton County, there is no charge to check out materials from either Newton County libraries at:

201 Spring, Neosho, MO 451-4231

1216 Cherokee Ave., Seneca, MO 776-2705

Please provide proof of residency and a photo i.d.

Checking out materials from the Joplin City libraries will require paying an annual membership fee because you do not live within the Joplin City limits.

## 3. **Curbside Recycling**

Presently the City of Joplin's research finds that curbside recycling is not cost effective.

## 4. **Burning of Leaves And Branches**

Burning is allowed without a permit when weather conditions are favorable. You may check on the Redings Mill Fire Protection District web page [www.rmfd.org](http://www.rmfd.org) for the day's outdoor burning conditions.

Be considerate of your neighbors when you burn because heavy leaf smoke can be unpleasant if it engulfs a home. Call 624-2715 for questions about burning conditions or complaints.

## 5. **Blue Address Sign**

The Redings Mill Fire Protection District provides the signs paid for by Leawood Village. To request a sign, call 624-2715.

## 6. **To See Additional Information About Leawood Village**

Go to the Leawood Village web page ([www.leawoodvillage.com](http://www.leawoodvillage.com)). You will find minutes from meetings, financial reports, an interactive map, demographics, announcements, zoning and ordinances in their entirety, and more.

## 7. **Dogs Running at Large, Barking Excessively, or Mistreated**

Call the Newton County Central Dispatch non-emergency number 623-2282 to report the animal issue. Callers may remain anonymous.