



Monthly news & updates

April 2024 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

Upcoming Events:

April

There will not be an April
Planning Commission Meeting



13 Healthy Yards Expo



20 City Cleanup Day

May



13 City Council Meeting



16 Planning Commission Meeting

Westwood Hills' 75th Anniversary

Westwood Hills turns 75 years old this summer. Stay tuned for celebration information!



Neighborhood Cleanup Day!

Pieces of Styrofoam, candy wrappers, single-use plastic bottles. Are you tired of seeing these on our streets and sidewalks? Join us on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at 9 a.m. for a Neighborhood Litter Pickup. Grab some gloves and head to The Green to help your friends and neighbors beautify the City.

Everyone is welcome, and kids can compete for prizes for the weirdest and the most trash collected. Trash and lawn bags will be provided. Thank you to Mary Bunten for organizing this effort.

Spring Cleaning: WWH Neighborhood Saturday, April 20, 2024

Meet at The Green - 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Help stop the flow of plastics into our creeks and rivers and put trash in the trash!

Egg Hunt and Arbor Day Celebration

The Arbor Day Celebration and Spring Egg Hunt was held on March 30, 2024. The Easter Bunny made a special appearance, and a good time was had by all. Thank you to the Community

Association for putting on this always fun event.



Congratulations to 2005 West 50th St. for the April YOTM!



City Stormwater Inlets

Did you know that leaves and other debris in the gutters find their way into the stormwater inlets and clog the stormwater pipes? Clogged inlets hamper the water flow and can cause backups. Please check the gutters and storm drains, especially the stormwater drop inlets, in front of your home for leaves and debris. Please clean up any debris left in those areas. Keeping the gutters and stormwater inlets clear of debris allows the free flow of water and prevents debris and potential pollutants from entering the waterways. Your neighbors downstream will thank you.



Photo of the City's Rain Garden installed in 2023

Stormwater Best Management Practices (Contain the Rain) Program

The City of Westwood encourages homeowners and businesses to incorporate Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) on their property to aid in the improvement of local and regional water quality.

The city encourages planting native plants and trees to support the natural ecosystem and provide food for pollinators like bees and butterflies. The BMP Cost Share (Contain the Rain) program will reimburse applicants up to 50% of eligible expenses, not to exceed a project reimbursement cap for the proper installation of the following best management practices:

All projects/plantings must have pre-approval

- Rain Barrel: \$75 per barrel cap, up to two
- Native Plant Garden (must receive runoff) \$1,000
- Native tree planting: \$150 per tree cap, up to two
- Rain Garden/Pollinator Garden: \$1,000 cap

The Program requirements can be found [here](#).

Go to containtherainjoco.com for the application. All projects must be installed by October 31, 2024. Requests for refunds must be received by November 30, 2024.

The program requirements can be found [here](#).

Find workshops and Native Plant Sales [here](#).

Start planning your garden now. Visit the [K-State Research and Extension Online Gardening Calendar to help with your planning](#).



an earth-friendly home,
lawn and garden event

Healthy Yards Expo

Discover simple, easy Earth-friendly practices for achieving a nice yard while protecting our water, air, and healthy soils.

Johnson County K-State Extension Office's Healthy Yards Expo features businesses, non-profits, seminars, and tips to help residents become greener in their lawn and garden care. It's a one-stop learning event on green ideas and services.

The event will take place on Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Shawnee Civic Centre, 13817 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS.

The Expo will feature:

Expert advice from Johnson County K-State Research and Extension Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, and local plant societies

Informative speakers touching on topics such as native plants, pollinators, vegetable gardening, and landscaping

A wide selection of native plants that will thrive in your garden

Free tree seedlings for the first 100 visitors

Free soil tests for Johnson County residents

Breakfast and lunch are available for purchase

Learn more about the Healthy Yards Expo on K-State Extension's [website](#).

Johnson County Aging Resources Guide

Over 15% of Johnson County's population is 65 and older. Each year the older adult population continues to grow. Johnson County government has developed an Aging Resources Guide to help residents navigate services and programs available in our community. The guide is designed to help older adults, caregivers, family members, social workers, volunteers, and the community quickly find information and resources on valuable topics such as nutrition, housing, in-home services, health, wellness, and more. Click [here](#) to access the guide.

Severe Weather Guide

Severe weather is possible in Johnson County throughout the year. This hazardous weather can put people's safety at risk and cause property damage.



Find Johnson County's severe weather information at <https://www.jocogov.org/severe-weather-guide>.

Residents can find additional resources for weather emergency preparedness below.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (**FEMA**) and The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (**NOAA**) are teaming up again to highlight the importance of preparing for severe weather before it strikes. This spring, take time to learn what hazards may impact you, how to take action by making a kit and having a plan, and how you can become an example of where you live by sharing your actions with others, such as friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

Taking preparedness actions can save lives and protect property anywhere - at home, in schools, in your neighborhood, and the workplace.

Learn what hazards pose a risk where you live and work and their potential impact on you, your loved ones, and your community. Once you understand your risk, you are better equipped to make preparations. You can learn more about hazards in your area by going to [Ready.gov/Be-Informed](https://www.ready.gov/Be-Informed). The National Weather Service has a website explaining the basics of severe weather at [Weather-Ready Nation](https://www.weather.gov/wrn/force).

If instructed by your emergency management officials, create an **emergency plan** and practice how and where you will evacuate. Post your plan in your home where visitors can see it.

More information can be found at <https://www.weather.gov/wrn/force>.



The National Suicide Prevention Line is reachable at 988, and the call center will direct callers to local crisis centers for assistance. The existing crisis line for Johnson County Mental Health Emergency Services is still accessible at (913) 268-0156.



Stormwater Management Plan and Annual Report

The 2021 Stormwater Management Plan and the 2023 SMP Annual Report may be found on the City's [website](#).

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