

Monthly

news & updates

APRIL 2026 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

Upcoming Events:

April:

No Planning Commission Meeting

April 21, 2026, Recycling Workshop

April 25, 2026, [Shawnee Indian Mission Native Plant Sale](#)

May:

May 9, 2026, [CFD2 Open House & Pancake Feed](#)

May 9, 2026, [Callery Pear Buyback Event](#)

May 11, 2026, City Council Meeting

May 21, 2026, Planning Commission Meeting

May 25, 2026, Memorial Day - City Offices Closed



In Memoriam - Glion Curtis

Former Westwood Hills Resident, Glion Curtis, passed away on March 11, 2026.

We send our heartfelt condolences to Glion's family and friends. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

His obituary can be found at:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/kansascity/name/edward-curtis-obituary?id=61119625>

Contain the Rain Program

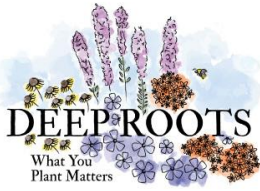
Help us contain the rain! The Johnson County Stormwater Management Program offers a cost-share opportunity for residents who install sustainable landscaping solutions such as rain gardens, rain barrels, and native plants.

These features help reduce stormwater runoff and protect local waterways by keeping rain where it falls. Approved applicants can be reimbursed for up to 50% of eligible project costs (up to program limits).

Make a positive impact on water quality—right from your own yard!

Get more details and apply [here](#).





🌳 **Free Tree Opportunity for Johnson County Residents! 🌳**

Back by popular demand, the Callery Pear Buy-Back Program is returning this spring—giving you the chance to improve your yard *and* support the environment at no cost!

If you have an invasive Callery pear tree on your property, you can cut it down and exchange it for a FREE 3-gallon native tree. This initiative, supported by Johnson County Stormwater's Contain The Rain Program and brought to you by Deep Roots KC, aims to replace harmful invasive species with trees that benefit our local ecosystem.

Why participate?

Callery pear trees may look pretty, but they spread aggressively, damage native habitats, and even pose risks to infrastructure. Replacing them with native species helps restore biodiversity, improves stormwater management, and strengthens our local environment.

How it works:

- Cut down a Callery pear tree on your Johnson County residential property
- Take a photo of the downed tree (include a person or your home for scale)
- Submit your registration [online](#)
- Pick up your free native tree at 7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS, on May 9, 2026, from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM*

This is a simple, impactful way to make a difference in your own backyard while receiving a beautiful new tree in return.

*Tree availability will be on a first-come, first-served basis. No reservations for specific trees. Trees will be available only during event times on May 9th. Please plan to attend if you register, as supplies are limited to 150 registrants and demand is high.

[Register](#) here.

Free Recycling Workshop!



Earth Week 

RECYCLING WORKSHOP

Join Terri Baugh of Mission's Sustainability Commission to celebrate Earth Week by learning a new and different approach to Recycling. Recycling made easy! Come hear about Recycling 101.

-  Tuesday, April 21, 2026
-  Powell Community Center, 6200 Martway Street
-  6:30 p.m.

Hosted By : Terri Baugh for Mission's Sustainability Commission

Egg Hunt and Arbor Day Celebration

Thank you to the Community Association for hosting this fun event! A good time was had by all!



The April Yard of the Month - Congratulations to 2018 West 50th Street!



Shawnee Indian Mission Spring Native Plant Sale

Celebrate Spring at the Shawnee Indian Mission Native Plant Sale on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with a vibrant celebration of native plants and community at the Shawnee Indian Mission.

Discover a wide selection of regionally native plants that support pollinators, restore natural habitats, and thrive in our local landscape. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just getting started, you'll find meaningful additions for your outdoor space—all while supporting the preservation of the Mission grounds.



Shop smart:

Arrive early for the best selection, or pre-order your plants for easy pickup at the sale.

Bonus shopping experience:

Enjoy a special “Pop-Up” from the Mission’s Three Springs Market, featuring one-of-a-kind, handcrafted items you won’t find anywhere else.

Pre-order:

Order in advance through MO Wildflowers Nursery—each purchase helps support the Mission through a portion of the proceeds donated back to the Mission.

For full details, including plant ordering and event activities, visit the Shawnee Indian Mission [website](#).

Consolidated Fire District #2 Open House

CFD2 is holding its annual Open House & Pancake Feed on Saturday, May 9, 2026, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Station 22, 3921 W 63rd Street, Prairie Village. Come check out the trucks, feast on pancakes, and help raise money for a terrific cause! The event is free, but all donations go directly to the Back to a School with a Firefighter program – a joint project between CFD2 and the Prairie Village Foundation that provides school supplies to kids in the community who can use the help. Get more information [here](#).

**CONSOLIDATED
FIRE DISTRICT 2**

OPEN HOUSE

FIRE STATION 22
3921 W. 63RD ST.
PRAIRIE VILLAGE, KS
9AM-NOON
SATURDAY
MAY
9th

**PANCAKE
FEED**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE "BACK TO SCHOOL WITH A FIREFIGHTER" PROGRAM!
WWW.CFD2.ORG

Johnson County Events

Mark your calendar! Johnson County has multiple classes and events scheduled throughout the year. Find the complete list at jocogov.org/mark-your-calendar.



SHICK/Medicare Insurance Counseling

SHICK (Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas) is a program offering older Kansans an opportunity to talk with trained community volunteers about Medicare and other health insurance programs.

Trained counselors work with beneficiaries to assist them with their Medicare questions, enrollment, and plan comparisons without bias toward any one plan or insurance company. The program also provides assistance with accessing prescription drugs at reduced costs. Find more information on Johnson County's [website](#) or call [913-715-8856](tel:913-715-8856) to schedule an appointment.



Short-Term Rental Update

Recently, the Kansas legislature passed a bill allowing short-term rentals throughout the State of Kansas during the World Cup (from May 15, 2026, through July 25, 2026).

A few residents previously expressed an interest in short-term rentals for World Cup visitors, although the City of Westwood Hills ordinances do not provide for short-term rentals.

With this recent Kansas legislation, which has been signed by Governor Kelly, Westwood Hills will process applications for short-term rentals, only during the World Cup time period, provided that a property owner submits an application to the City and pays the requisite fees.

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Stormwater Management Plan and Annual Report

The 2021 Stormwater Management Plan and the 2025 SMP Annual Report, filed in February 2026, are available on the City's [website](#). Also, the City received its new MS4 permit, effective January 1, 2026, and it is available on the City's website.



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