



City of Westwood Hills April 2019 Newsletter

Yard Waste Collection

Regular weekly collection resumed on April 1, 2019.

Please remember that yard waste must be placed in biodegradable bags.

Spring Egg Hunt and Arbor Day Celebration

The Annual Arbor Day Celebration will take place on The Green, Saturday, April 20, 2019, at 10:00 am. Don't miss the chance to see the bunny and enjoy donuts, juice and coffee with your neighbors. There will also be an egg hunt for the children. Thank you to the Community Association for putting on this always fun and popular event.



In Memoriam

Don Burley, formerly of Westwood Hills, passed away on March 26, 2019. Don and his wife, Ardis, lived in Westwood Hills for many years, until they moved to assisted living.

K-State Research and Extension

K-State Research and Extension offers a gardening calendar and helpful gardening information. Find out more at: <https://www.johnson.k-state.edu/lawn-garden/gardening-calendar/index.html>

Be Kind to Water

Excerpt from article written by Dennis Patton, Kansas State University Research & Extension, originally published in The Kansas City Star.

How you mow your lawn is under your control. Proper mowing is the first step to a lawn that is the envy of the neighborhood.

Please don't blow clippings into the street. Grass clippings on hard surfaces wash into storm sewers and drain to the closest body of water. There they release phosphorus

and nitrogen as they decompose. The result is algae growth that looks unsightly and is costly to treat. Blow or sweep all clippings back into the lawn for a healthy water supply.

Systematic Code Inspections

The City will be doing city-wide systematic code inspections on **June 24, 2019**. All inspections will be done from the City ROW. Items the City will be looking at: gutters, roofs, trees, peeling paint, wood rot, etc. Please contact the City if you have any work in progress or work set to be done after the 24th. In addition, please reach out to the City if you are in need of help. There are volunteers who are willing to lend a helping hand.



Johnson County is encouraging its residents to sign up to NotifyJoCo by visiting notifyjoco.org or by calling **913 826 5555**. This service will send out emergency notifications regarding a variety of events such as, but not limited to, severe weather and road closures. These notifications are not specific to Westwood Hills, but rather the general Johnson County Community.

There will not be an April Planning Commission Meeting.

2019 Home Occupation Licenses

If you operate a business from your home, please complete the [Home Occupation License](#) form and mail the completed application with a \$25.00 check payable to the City of Westwood Hills. Home occupation licenses must be renewed annually.

Construction

If you are considering any work around your property, you may need a permit. Because the entire City is an historic district, all permits must go through the State for review and receive approval of the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in order for the permit to be approved and issued by the City. Permit requests for work which impacts the exterior of your home, especially window and door repair and replacement projects, often receive more stringent SHPO review with a goal of maintaining the historic quality and characteristics of Westwood Hills properties. Although this additional approval by SHPO adds some time to the permit process, projects with costs in excess of \$5,000 may be eligible for the Kansas State Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit, which is equal to 25 percent of the qualifying expenses on a qualifying project.

Check with the City Clerk at whclerk@gmail.com before starting any work.



Pet Registration

Please register your animals living in Westwood Hills. Please ensure that all your animals are always current on their proper vaccinations. If you need to register a pet now, please fill out the [Pet Registration Form](#) and return to Beth O'Bryan. Westwood Hills allows two cats and two dogs per residence.

Stormwater Management Plan and Annual Report

Click [here](#) to read the City's Stormwater Management Plan, and [here](#) to read the 2018 annual report. Citizens may send comments regarding the Stormwater Plan and Annual Report to whclerk@gmail.com.

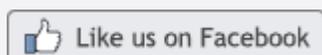
May Meetings

The May regular City Council meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2019. Please contact Beth O'Bryan if you have an item to place on the agenda.

The May Planning Commission meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2019. Please contact Beth O'Bryan if you have an item to place on the agenda.

Both meetings are held at the Westwood City Hall - 4700 Rainbow Boulevard.

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