



City of Westwood Hills September 2019 Newsletter

Liz Judy and Lyle Miller were sworn in to continue their roles as Chairpersons of BZA (Liz) and Planning Commission (Lyle) respectively.



Community Paper Shredding & Electronics Recycling



On Saturday, September 21, 2019, the City of Westwood Hills will be participating in a paper shredding and eCycle event. The event will be held from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at 4350 Shawnee Mission Parkway in Fairway, Kansas.

Proof of residency will be required to participate in this mostly free event. Click [here](#) for more information.

The City needs two volunteers to work from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Please contact the City Clerk if you are able to help out.

September Yard of the Month (YOTM)

Congratulations to Howard and Jennifer Martin for the September YOTM.



The Community Association Fall Event

The Community Association Annual Fall Meeting will take place from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 7, 2019 at The Restaurant 1900. Residents should receive an electronic invitation with details and RSVP information.

Westwood Hills Directories

Residents should receive a postcard notification to pick up the newly updated Westwood Hills Directory. Please bring the postcard to 4941 Glendale Road on September 21, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon, or on September 23, 2019, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Please contact Homes Association President, Mike Fox, at 816-392-4212 with any questions.

Free Firewood!

The City had several trees trimmed or removed on The Green. There is a stack of logs on the south side of the Green near 50th Terrace and State Line Road in Westwood Hills. The logs are stacked west of the Hi Hat coffee shop, at the edge of the Green Space in Westwood Hills, but are not clearly visible from the road. Take some or take them all. Free to anyone who is willing to haul them away.

There will not be a September Planning Commission Meeting.

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.

Only Rain Goes Down the Drain - with Your Help!

Stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces like roofs, driveways, patios, curbs, sidewalks, and streets is a leading cause of impairment to our shared water resources. Every level of government has policies and requirements related to managing stormwater as evidenced by other articles in this newsletter. Ultimately city government needs responsible citizens to partner with it to pay for stormwater systems themselves and to cooperate in the ongoing maintenance of the system. Maintenance includes keeping the curb in front of your home free from debris of all types: sticks, leaves, rocks, sweetgum balls, peeling bark from sycamore trees, dog droppings, and the paper cup that a driver pitched out the window. If you have a stormwater inlet in your curbing, your cooperation is even more vitally important because the system directs all water flows towards the inlets. Because of the power of water or a snow plow, you may find the content of your neighbor's curb at your own and headed towards clogging the opening of the inlet. Clogged and impacted inlets increase the likelihood of flash flooding during heavy rains. Please help us protect the tax-funded investment in our new stormwater inlets by keeping the curb in front of your home clean and keeping debris from clogging the inlet openings. Only rain will go down our stormwater drains if we all help.

BMP Cost Share Program

The City received a grant from the County to encourage residents to plant new trees and native plantings (on buffers/swales). We encourage residents to consider whether new native plantings would benefit their landscapes. Prior to any planting, the homeowner must submit an application to the City, describing the planting project. If a homeowner's application is approved, the City will reimburse half the cost of a native tree, up to \$150.00, half the cost up to \$1,000 on native plantings and buffers/swales and rain gardens, and half the cost up to \$1,000 for permeable pavement. All are limited to a maximum of one application per resident. However, homeowners may apply for an additional native tree after October 20, 2019, if funds remain. There is a limited amount of money, and first come, first served. Projects requiring vegetation must be installed and completed by October 31, 2019 to promote establishment. Native tree planting will be allowed until November 30, 2019. Click [here](#) for the application.

October Meetings

The October regular City Council meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 14, 2019. Please contact Beth

The October Planning Commission meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2019. Please

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

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