



City of Westwood Hills January 2020 Newsletter

Streetlights Survey

The City emailed residents a survey regarding the addition of nine streetlights. Please contact the City Clerk at whclerk@gmail.com if you did not receive the email. A link to the streetlight analysis can be found [here](#), on the City's [Google Drive](#), and via the Westwood Hills Website www.westwoodhills.org. **The proposed lights are Evergy lights with an 8' arm - the same as currently throughout the City. Survey responses are due January 24, 2020.**

New Google Drive for City Council Meeting Documents

The City now has a Google Drive where the City Council Meeting Documents are available to view. Click [here](#) for the drive. The link to the drive is also available via the Westwood Hills Website <http://westwoodhills.org>.

Yard Waste Collection Schedule

For the months of February and March, there will only be one yard waste collection per month. The collection will take place on the second Monday of each month - January 13, February 10 and March 9, 2020. Weekly yard waste collection resumes on April 6, 2020. Christmas trees will also be collected with the following guidelines:
Trees must be cut, bundled and tied into four foot sections, with no plastic covering attached.

If there are any questions or missed pick-ups, please call Lizann at 816 289-4379.

Johnson County, KS Flooding Survey

The Johnson County Stormwater Management Program, in cooperation with the cities in the county, are creating watershed master plans. Please share your flooding concerns with the County. You can create a map sharing locations of building flooding, street flooding, erosion and other stormwater related concerns at the link below. Please include as much detail as possible.

Click [here](#) for the Johnson County, KS Flooding Survey website.



Snow Ordinance

Please remember not to park on the street during a snow storm and 24 hours after a 2 inch or greater snow so the plows can thoroughly clear the streets.

Violators will be ticketed, and any vehicle remaining on a street 2 hours following a snow accumulation of 2 inches or more may be towed from the street by the city at the expense of the owner of the vehicle.

Thank you for your cooperation in aiding the snow removal.

LED Street Lights

All of the Every Street Lights in Westwood Hills have been switched to light-emitting diodes (LEDs). LEDs are one of today's most energy-efficient lighting technologies. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, quality LED light bulbs are longer-lasting, more durable and have similar or better light quality than alternative types of lighting. In street lights, LED lights consume about 50 percent less energy compared to their predecessors, high pressure sodium lights. Because they last longer, LEDs also incur lower maintenance costs. The street lights in Westwood Hills are all now LEDs as part of our efforts to address climate change. You might consider changing the lights in your home to LEDs in an effort to promote energy conservation.

A Message from The Chief of Police

Back in November, we ran a "Peanut Butter and Jelly Border War" with the KCK Police Department. PB&J was raised for students in need, who regularly receive breakfast and lunch at school in the KCK School District. They weren't going to have those services over the winter break, and so WWPB raised jelly, and KCKPD raised peanut butter to help fill the void.

Thanks to Council members, one very generous anonymous WWH resident, and our friends at Walmart, we raised 1,772 jars of Jelly. With the amount of PB&J raised, the teachers in charge of the project were able to go from serving students at three schools to serving students at four schools. Well done everyone, and thanks for jumping in to help out.

We appreciate our relationship with WWH. Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and blessed New Year!



U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Westwood Hills Receives EPA Recognition for Excellence and Innovation

Congratulations to our City! In November, Westwood Hills received the PISCES Recognition from the EPA for the recent rehabilitation of the City's 1920's stormwater collection system. The City received this national attention and recognition for its project involving the replacement of the stormwater drop inlets and the repair and upgrading of culverts, curbing and some stormwater pipes.

The Kansas Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund provided the funding for the project, and our project was that program's first time funding for a storm sewer project.

Click [here](#) to read the full press release from EPA's Region 7.

Construction and Other Vehicle Parking

Please ask your contractors and other visitors to park only on the authorized side of the street. If you see any illegal parking on your street, please ask the driver to move, or call the non-emergency line for Westwood Police. Violators will be ticketed.

There will not be a January 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.

February Meetings

The February regular City Council meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2020. Please contact Beth O'Bryan if you have an item to place on the agenda.

The February Planning Commission meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2020. Please contact Beth O'Bryan if you have an item to place on the agenda.

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

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