



City of Westwood Hills April 2020 Newsletter

Google Drive for City Council Meeting Documents

The City 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>.



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

There are several resources for information on COVID-19.

Center for Disease Control -
www.cdc.gov or
www.coronavirus.gov,

Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) -
<http://www.kdheks.gov>

Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE) -
<https://www.jocogov.org/jcdhe>

NEW - Johnson County COVID-19 Dashboard

COVID-19
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.** (Illustration of two people, one coughing into their elbow)
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.** (Illustration of a person coughing into a tissue)
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.** (Illustration of hands being sprayed with disinfectant)
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.** (Illustration of a hand with a red 'X' over the face)
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.** (Illustration of a house with a person in bed)
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.** (Illustration of hands being washed with soap and water)

For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

https://public.tableau.com/profile/mapper.of.the.day.mod.#/vizhome/covid19_joco_public/Dashboard

2020 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, 2020, 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, 2020 to promote establishment of the plantings. Native tree planting will be allowed until November 30, 2020.** Click [here](#) for the application.

Residential Yard Signs

The City has received several questions concerning yard signs. You can find the full City ordinance pertaining to residential signage, Ordinance 8-203(h), [here](#). Keep in mind that the City regulates signage in an effort to prevent hazards to life and property, to avoid visual clutter, to assure the continued attractiveness of the community, and to protect property values.

Under the terms of the City's ordinances, a person may post temporary signs, such as political signs, For Sale signs, Open House signs, or Garage Sale signs, on the person's own property, but not any on public property or right-of-way. Permanent signs are subject to the City's Building Code and Zoning provisions.

The total signage area of all temporary signs on a residential property may not exceed 10 square feet, with no individual sign exceeding six (6) square feet in area. Signs may not reach higher than five (5) feet from grade level and must be at least eight (8) feet from the curb line. Additionally, temporary signs may only be posted for a period of ninety (90) days. Temporary signs may not block any sidewalk or driveway and may not obstruct the view of any drivers, especially at intersections. Additionally, signs may not be posted on trees or utility poles or street sign poles.

For an open house, up to three (3) Open House signs may be posted per listed residence for the period beginning thirty (30) minutes before and ending thirty (30) minutes after the time the property is open to the public. One Open House sign may be posted on the property being offered for sale or lease. The other Open House signs may be placed elsewhere in the City, but not on any public property or right-of-way.

Yard Sale and Garage Sale signs may only be posted on the day of the sale.



2020 Census

Every home should have received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. There are three ways to respond: Online, by phone, or by mail. Learn More [here](#)

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 the vehicle, or call the non-emergency line for Westwood Police. Violators will be ticketed.

There will not be an April Planning Commission Meeting.

Stormwater Management Plan and Annual Report

The City recently filed its 2019 annual report to KDHE on the City's Stormwater Management Plan activities. Click [here](#) to read the City's Stormwater Management Plan, and [here](#) to read the 2019 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 11, 2020. Please contact Beth O'Bryan if you have an item to place on the agenda.

The May Planning Commission meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, 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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