



City of Westwood Hills July 2020 Newsletter

Johnson County Mask Mandate

The Johnson County Board of County Commissioners voted to endorse the Kansas [Governor's Executive Order 20-52](#), requiring masks. The order is currently in place until Sept. 15. Pursuant to House Bill 2016, the duration of this executive order would only change if the order is rescinded by the Governor, the order is revoked by concurrent resolution of the Kansas Legislature, or the state of disaster emergency (currently set to terminate on Sept. 15) is extended in time by the Kansas Legislature.

Complaints concerning violations of the Executive Order are to be made to the District Attorney's office at 913 715 3003.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Below 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>

Johnson County COVID-19 Dashboard
https://public.tableau.com/profile/mapper.of.the.day.mod.#/vizhome/covid19_joco_public/Dashboard

Creek Safety

Residents have witnessed kids swimming/wading in the creek. The creek water is not meant for swimming. For the safety of your children, please do not allow kids to play, swim or wade in the creek.

Johnson County Housing Study Survey

Johnson County, all cities within the county, and United Community Services of Johnson County (UCS) are seeking community input on the County's housing market. The survey is part of a county wide housing study currently underway and provides an opportunity for people who know the communities in Johnson County best to share their insights. The survey is open until July 31, 2020. Click [here](#) to take the survey.

There will not be a July Planning Commission Meeting.

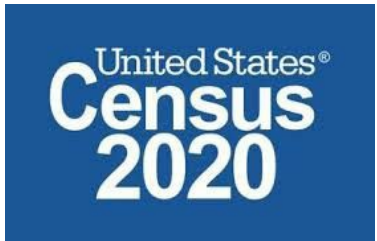
June Yard of the Month (YOTM)

Congratulations to [2208 W. 50th Street](#) for the June YOTM.



July Yard of the Month (YOTM)

Congratulations to [1917 West 48th Terrace](#) for the July YOTM.



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](#)

At present, 81.3% of Westwood Hills residents have responded. If you have not done so, please respond to the 2020 Census today!

Census data matters to your community.

An under count in **Westwood Hills** means our community could miss out on approximately **\$45,804.00** in federal funding (over 10 years) for each household that is missed in the 2020 Census.

KANSAS COUNTS CENSUS2020

FACTS ABOUT WESTWOOD HILLS *(based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau)*

COMMUNITY:

Total Population (as of 2017): **394**

Population Change Since 2010: **+35**

Median Age: **44.9**



ECONOMY:

Median Household Income: **\$127,386**

Number of Residents (age 16+) Employed: **311**

Number Employed in Health Care, Social Assistance, and Educational Services: **61**

Population Working Outside of City: **86.9%**

Average Commute Time to Work: **16.3 minutes**



HEALTH:

Number of Population with Health Insurance: **392**

Number with Private Insurance (i.e. Employer, Direct-Purchase): **367**

Number with Public Health Insurance (i.e., Medicare, Medicaid, Tricare/military): **75**

Number with No Insurance: **2**



*Residents can have multiple forms of insurance

HOUSING & LIVING:

Median Household Size: **2.2**

Median Household Value: **\$381,900**

Total Number of Structures: **190**

Single Unit: **187**

Multi-Unit: **3**

Mobile Home: **N/A**

Boat, RV, van, etc.: **N/A**

Households with Broadband Internet Access: **165**



EDUCATION:

Number of School-age Children: **93**

Total Population Over 25 Years of Age: **299**

*Graduated High School (incl. GED): **16**

*Attained Some College, No Degree: **31**

*Attained Associates Degree: **5**

*Attained Bachelor's Degree: **104**

*Attained Graduate or Professional Degree: **138**



*Data points indicate highest education level achieved

Ensure that **you count, Westwood Hills counts, and Kansas counts** by completing your 2020 Census questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail.

All data derived from the ACS 2013-2017 estimates.

www.kansascounts.org

Resident Richard Carey has been giving random concerts in his front yard. Residents have enjoyed listening to Richard sing - socially distanced, of course.



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.

Vote by Mail

Due to increased interest in voting by mail caused by concerns about COVID-19, the Johnson County Election Office has now sent advance voting by mail applications to every active voter in the county. Voters should have received one application for each of the 2020 elections (primary and general). Voters who return the applications will receive ballots by mail to cast their votes at home.

If you wish to vote by mail, but did not receive an application to vote by mail, please contact the [Johnson County Election Office](#). You may also wish to check your voter registration at ksvotes.org or at jocoelection.org (then go to Voter Look-up) to be certain you are an active voter. You can register to vote online on either website, and, once registered, request a vote by mail application. If you did not register to vote by July 14, you will not be eligible to vote in the August primary. There is still time to register for the November general election.

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.

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.

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>.

August Meetings

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

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

Meeting location TBD

STAY CONNECTED



City Information

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Meetings are held at Westwood City Hall - 4700 Rainbow Blvd.