

Monthly news & updates

November 2020 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

Upcoming Events:

There will not be a November Planning Commission Meeting.

November 12 and 13, 2020 - Free COVID-19 testing.
See below for more information and to make an appointment.

December 6, 2020 - City-wide Leaf Collection

December 14, 2020 - December City Council Meeting

December 17, 2020 - December Planning Commission Meeting



Save the Date for Leaf Collection!

Westwood Hills is contracting with Roeland Park for leaf collection this year. Collection will take place on Sunday, December 6, 2020. See below for the [Leaf Collection Diagram](#), and make sure you set your leaves in the correct location.

Please Keep your Gutters Clean

Fall is here - which means leaves and other debris litter the curbs and gutters. Please help keep debris out of the stormwater system by cleaning your curbs and gutters on a regular basis. Leaves left in the gutters filter to the stormwater system and clog the pipes, causing flooding.



CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS Leaf Pickup / Vacuum Removal at the Curb December 6, 2020

Rake leaves in long piles behind the curb. Leaves must be kept out of the street. **Leaves in the street will not be collected and must be removed by the resident.**

- Leaves should be placed within 8 feet of the back of the curb. If there is landscaping within the 8 ft. of the back of the curb, leaves must be placed in the driveway on the day of the pickup.
- If sidewalks abut the curb, leave 3 ft. of passable sidewalk space between the curb and leaf piles for pedestrian use.
- Place leaves behind curb the day prior to the scheduled pickup date.
- Keep leaf piles free of limbs and litter. Our ability to use the vacuum and compost the

leaves is dependent on a leaf only collection stream.

- Keep leaves away from obstacles like your trash collection carts, mailboxes, cars and utility poles.
- **Do not park your vehicle in front of leaves during collection hours on Sunday, December 6, 2020, from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm.**
- **Keep litter and foreign debris out of leaf piles as litter and foreign objects can damage the machine. All trash needs to be removed from the leaf piles as the disposal site will not take leaves that contain trash.**

Refer to the photo below for leaf placement .



Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19 and Preserve Hospital Capacity.

Hospitals are seeing a drastic increase of COVID-19 patients and are concerned with staffed capacity. Currently, the HHS reporting is incorrect concerning available beds. Although the information shows beds available, these are not necessarily staffed beds. Staff is limited as there are increasing infections or quarantines of staff due to community transmission. There are no known cases of spread within the hospitals.

Thing you can do to slow the spread:

- Wear masks.
- Physically distance (6 feet or more) from others you don't live with.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid crowded indoor gatherings at homes, restaurants, bars and other event venues where transmission is more likely to occur.
- Practice good hand hygiene.

Taking this information seriously is something each member of our community can do to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and ease the pressure on our region's hospitals.

Kansas Eviction Prevention Program - Landlord and Renter Assistance

Behind on rent due to COVID, or know someone who is? Funding is available to help renters avoid eviction. The [Kansas Eviction Prevention Program \(KEPP\)](#) can provide up to \$5000 in rental assistance through the CARES Act. If you have missed paying or collecting rent since April 1, 2020, you may be eligible.

APPLY NOW

Program funds are limited and only available for a short time, and applications will be processed in the order received. Submit your application as soon as possible to increase your likelihood of receiving assistance.

Questions? Contact KEPP@kshousingcorp.org.

Johnson County CARES Small Business Grant Program

The Small Business Grant Program is designed to help address the economic hardships that small businesses are experiencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Small Business Grant Program offers Johnson County small businesses a one-time \$10,000 grant to help offset business expenses and/or revenue loss incurred due to COVID-19. The Johnson County Commission has allocated \$13.5M in small business relief grants allowing 1,350 small businesses to receive grants. It is anticipated that the high volume of applicants will exceed the total grants available.

To be eligible for a grant, your small business (profit or non-profit) must:

Be located in Johnson County, KS (Lease/rental/mortgage statement/utility bill showing business name and Johnson County address must be uploaded for verification)

Have 1 - 50 employees (Employee roster must be uploaded for verification)

Have documented expenses from Mar 1-Dec 30, 2020 and/or documented revenue loss for Mar 1-Oct 31, 2020 versus Mar 1-Oct 31, 2019 totaling at least \$10,000 directly related to Covid-19 (Receipts/invoices/proof of payment and/or profit & loss financial statements must be uploaded for verification)

More information and the application can be found at

https://ecjc.formstack.com/forms/johnson_co_grant_application.

Expenses or revenue losses that have been reimbursed from other relief funding sources (i.e. PPP, EIDL, HIRE Fund, CDBG, County Relief funds, etc.) are not eligible to be reimbursed by this grant.

COVID-19 Free Testing

Johnson County community testing events scheduled

Johnson County Department of Health and Environment is partnering with local organizations and the Mid America Regional Council to provide expanded testing opportunities. As always, you can continue to get tested through the JCDHE drive-thru clinic. Here are the latest pop-up community testing events:

- **2:00-5:00 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 11**, First Baptist Church, Stilwell, 19950 Broadmoor Lane
- **2:30-5:00 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 12**, Hindu Temple of Kansas City, 6330 Lackman Rd., Shawnee

Details for both of these events: you are encouraged to get tested if you have symptoms, if you've been exposed to someone with the virus or if you've been in a large crowd. These are drive-thru events, but you can walk up. Keep six feet distance from others and wear a mask. You must be 6 years or older to receive a test. Onsite registration is available, but pre-registration is encouraged. Register for these events on the [Heart to Heart International website](#).

The County also offers free testing on a daily basis. Click [here](#) to make an appointment.



WWPD COVID-19 Resource Guide

The Westwood Police Department has compiled a user-friendly guide to assist residents in finding available resources. The resource guide is available [here](#).

Cost Share Reimbursement

To be eligible for cost share reimbursement, November 30, 2020 is the last day to plant trees. Take advantage of this cost share program by submitting an application prior to any plantings being done. We have already received five applications this year! Click [here](#) for the application.

Stormwater Management Plan and Annual Report

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.

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