

# Monthly news & updates

## December 2020 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

### Upcoming Events:

Ongoing - COVID-19 saliva testing at various locations around the area, including the east parking lot at Shawnee Mission North High School (7401 Johnson Drive) - 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Sign up at:

<https://www.gogettested.com/kansas#booking-widget>

**December 17, 2020 - December Planning Commission Meeting (see meeting link below)**

December 17 - COVID-19 testing (see below)

December 18 - COVID-19 Testing (see below)

December 28 - COVID-19 Testing (see below)

December 25, 2020 - City Offices Closed

**December 25, 2020 - "My Sweet Holiday" airing on Lifetime at 7:00 p.m. (see information below)**

January 1, 2021 - City Offices Closed

January 11, 2021 - January City Council Meeting

January 21, 2021 - January Planning Commission Meeting

**STOP**  
the spread  
**KANSAS**



### Stop the Spread of COVID-19 in Kansas

Unity doesn't have to mean being close together. At a time when it is unsafe to gather in person, we can still unite in spirit by taking steps to stop the spread of COVID-19. Kansas businesses, schools, hospitals, communities and even lives depend on it. Find out how you can help Stop the Spread of COVID-19 at

<https://www.khanet.org/criticalissues/hospitalpreparedness/covid-19/stop-the-spread-kansas/>

## A BIG THANK YOU TO THE GREEN TEAM!

The Green Team, led by Councilman Ed Gogol, has done an amazing job cleaning up The Green. So far, they have put in **well over 500 hours this year** - and it shows! If you haven't been to The Green in a while, you will be amazed at how great it looks!

## Movie Filmed at Annedore's Chocolates to be Aired on December 25

In the heat of summer, you may have seen a reindeer, fake snow, and people walking around in winter clothes. The actors were filming a movie which was picked up by Lifetime. The movie, "My Sweet Holiday," will air on December 25, 2020 at 7:00 pm. on the channel Lifetime. Find the trailer [here](#). Note, the name was changed from, "A Chocolate Covered Christmas" to "My Sweet Holiday."

## 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 local hospitals.

**Things 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 these guidelines 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.

See the MARC press release at: [https://www.marc.org/News-Releases/11\\_2020/Help-slow-the-spread-of-COVID-19-and-preserve-hosp.html](https://www.marc.org/News-Releases/11_2020/Help-slow-the-spread-of-COVID-19-and-preserve-hosp.html)



## **A Message from the Shawnee Mission School District**

Shawnee Mission community members will soon be asked to consider a bond proposal, designed to provide lasting facilities improvements and to strengthen student achievement by providing a pathway to reduce secondary teacher workload.

The Board of Education, on October 26, 2020, unanimously approved a resolution to place a \$264.2 million bond [proposal on a mail ballot this January](#).

In the proposed 2021 bond, five elementary school rebuilds have been identified. [You can watch a video about the elementary rebuilds here](#).

The five proposed rebuilds include:

- John Diemer Elementary School
- Pawnee Elementary School
- Rushton Elementary School
- Tomahawk Elementary School
- Westwood View Elementary School

These schools were selected based on evaluations of the 10 oldest elementary schools. The information was compiled by architects, engineers, and district administration, using industry standards, to collectively define ongoing facility needs for each school. The elementary schools being considered for rebuild are aging buildings with increasing maintenance needs. Through the evaluation process, using a variety of criteria (including safety, maintainability, and educational adequacy) it has been determined it will be more cost effective to rebuild rather than renovate these schools.

The proposed, anticipated timeline for these rebuilds includes John Diemer and Westwood View in 2021, Pawnee in 2022 and Rushton and Tomahawk in 2023.

Parents, staff, and community members from each school will provide their input for architects and administrators during visioning sessions. The district and the architects will include their ideas, suggestions, and recommendations from parents, staff, and community members in the plan for the new schools.

At its December 14 meeting, the Westwood Hills City Council voted unanimously to support the ballot proposal and the bonds. Westwood View is an important community asset which attracts your families to our city.

Mail in ballots for the bond election are due on January 26, 2020.

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# 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:

- **9 am to noon, Thursday, December 17** - Lenexa Public Safety Complex (Old City Hall)  
12350 W. 87th St. Pkwy, Lenexa, KS (indoor event)
- **3:00-6:00 pm, Friday, December 18** - Center of Grace, 520 S Harrison St. Olathe, KS (indoor event)
- **10:00 am-1:00 pm, Monday, December 28** - Lenexa Public Safety Complex (Old City Hall)  
12350 W. 87th St. Pkwy, Lenexa, KS (indoor event)

**Details for this event:** You are encouraged to get tested if you have symptoms, if you have been exposed to someone with the virus, or if you've been in a large crowd. These are drive-thru events, but you can also 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](#).

## Planning Commission Meeting

In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the meeting will be held via Zoom.

### City of Westwood Hills Planning Commission Meeting, December 17, 2020

**Please mute your device. If your phone does not have a mute button, you can mute by pressing \*6 on your phone.**

Topic: Westwood Hills Planning Commission Meeting  
Time: December 17, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Meeting URL:

<https://populous.zoom.us/j/99631944401?pwd=ZE9mK0ZQc2xnZm9lTnpFaG0rUklHQ09>

Meeting ID:

996 3194 4401

Passcode:

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Click [here](#) for the meeting documents.

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## 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](mailto:whclerk@gmail.com).

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