



City of Westwood Hills July 2019 Newsletter

Goodbye Mary and John Becker

Residents John and Mary Becker are soon to relocate out of the City. Both John and Mary have made great impact in Westwood Hills. John is a part of the men's book club. He has spent many hours volunteering with the Community Association and has had the important task of flipping burgers at the 4th of July picnics.

Councilwoman Mary Becker has served one term as a Councilwoman for Westwood Hills with great honor, commitment, leadership and dedication to the City of Westwood Hills, Kansas. In addition to her service on the city council, Councilwoman Becker has served on the Gardening Committee for Westwood Hills, volunteering countless hours to improve The Green and other City spaces. Councilwoman Becker has served on the Community and Homes Association Board, planning events for the Annual Dinner, Fourth of July and Spring Egg Hunt. During her tenure on the council, Councilwoman Becker obtained a City Tree Assessment on The Green, at no cost to the City. The City will definitely miss their presence.

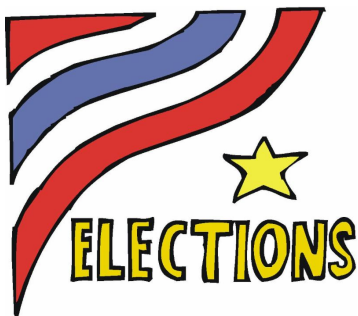
July Yard of the Month (YOTM)

Congratulations to Jolletta and Tom Woolwine for the July YOTM.



In Memoriam - Ron Reuter

Previous resident and former City Attorney, Ron Reuter, passed away on Monday, July 1, 2019. Ron practiced law in Johnson County for 44 years and served as the City Attorney for Westwood Hills for 37 years. Our sympathy goes out to his family and friends.



Voter Registration Deadline

July 16, 2019, is the deadline to register to vote in the August primary elections. Residents can download the registration form [here](#).

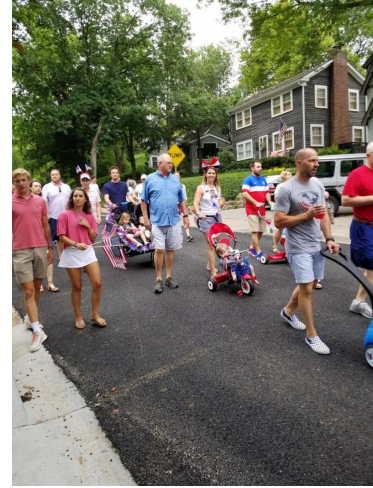
4th of July Parade



Grand Marshalls Hugh and Dorothy Brown



Longtime resident Dwayne Benton



A large parade crowd

Johnson County Sewer Backup Program

Have the frequent and sizable recent rain events caused water related problems to the basement of your property? Johnson County Wastewater (JCW) has a program to help Johnson County residents better protect their homes during these rain events.

This program is voluntary and may provide funding to eligible home owners so that they may install a backup prevention device or make plumbing modifications on their property. JCW staff will investigate all calls to determine if water in the basement was due to a sanitary sewer back up or water from some other sources. Click [HERE](#) for more information about this program.

There will not be a July Planning Commission Meeting.

K-State Research and Extension

K-State Research and Extension offers a gardening calendar and helpful gardening information. Find out more at: <https://www.johnson.k-state.edu/lawn-garden/gardening-calendar/index.html>

Johnson County Residents get one FREE soil test and a personal recommendation for your lawn or garden from a local university expert. Find out more at: <https://www.johnson.k-state.edu/lawn-garden/soil-testing/index.html>

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.

BMP 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 for 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, 2019, 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, 2019 to promote establishment. Native tree planting will be allowed until November 30, 2019. Click [here](#) for the application.

August Meetings

The August regular City Council meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 12, 2019. Please contact Beth O'Bryan if you have an item to place on the agenda.

The Planning Commission meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2019. 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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