



City of Westwood Hills June 2019 Newsletter

2020 Budget Hearing

The City will hold its 2020 budget hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2019. The regular city council meeting will follow directly after the hearing. All citizens are encouraged to attend.

Pollinator and Native Plant Workshop

The free workshop is scheduled for June 22, 2019 from 2:30-4:00 pm at Johnson County Library, Oak Park branch (9500 Bluejacket Dr.). The workshop has been organized by the League of Women Voters, and Bridging the Gap will present the workshop material. Click [here](#) to register.



Fourth of July Celebration

Please join your friends and neighbors on Thursday, July 4th, at 11:00 AM for the 2019 Westwood Hills 4th of July parade and picnic celebration on The Green. This always fun event is sponsored by the Westwood Hills Community Association. The parade begins at 11 AM at the corner of 49th and Rainbow - and will proceed to The Green. Children are encouraged to dress patriotically as well as to decorate their bikes, scooters, and pets and march in the parade. A tent, tables, and chairs will be set up on The Green. This year, the event will be catered by Gus Fried Chicken. Residents are encouraged to bring a "homemade" dessert (or just an appetite) to



Fireworks Display

The annual Independence Day fireworks display will be held Wednesday, July 3, 2019, at St. Agnes Athletic Field. Fireworks will begin at 9:30 p.m. or dusk. Be sure to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Attendees are encouraged to walk to this event, as parking space is limited. The display is sponsored by the cities of Westwood Hills, Fairway, Mission Woods, Roeland Park & Westwood.

share. There will be a contest for the best homemade pie, cake and most patriotic dessert.

There will be an ice cream truck with treats, and the Dixie Doodlers will be there to entertain us.

Systematic Code Inspections

The City will be doing city-wide systematic code inspections on June 24, 2019. All inspections will be done from the City ROW. Items the City will be looking at: gutters, roofs, trees, peeling paint, wood rot, etc. Please contact the City if you have any work in progress or work set to be done after the 24th. In addition, please reach out to the City if you are in need of help. There are volunteers who are willing to lend a helping hand.

May Yard of the Month (YOTM)

Congratulations to Ashley and Jim Robertson for the May YOTM.



June Yard of the Month (YOTM)

Congratulations to Mary and John Becker for the June YOTM.



There will not be a June Planning Commission Meeting.

CFD2 Open House

Consolidated Fire District #2 is hosting an open house, Thursday, July 4, 2019 from 9am-noon. Click [here](#) for more information.

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.

July Meetings

The July regular City Council meeting will follow the 2020 budget hearing to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2019. Please contact Beth O'Bryan if you have an item to place on the agenda.

The July Planning Commission meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, 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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