



City of Westwood Hills February 2020 Newsletter

New Google Drive for City Council Meeting Documents

The City now 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>.

Deep Roots Workshop Series

Deep Roots offers several workshops pertaining to Native Plants. Attend a workshop, and use your knowledge to take advantage of the City's Cost Share Program. See the list of workshops [here](#).

From the Deep Roots Website:

Deep Roots is a collective impact organization of multi-sector Partners. Together with Our Partners, We work to increase native plant landscapes. Our mission is to encourage the appreciation, conservation, and use of native plants in the heartland through educating, collaborating, and facilitating the planting of regenerative native landscapes that are essential for a healthy planet.

Yard Waste Collection Schedule

For the month of March, there will only be one yard waste collection. The collection will take place on the second Monday, which is March 9, 2020. Weekly yard waste collection resumes on April 6, 2020.

Christmas trees will also be collected with the following guidelines:

Trees must be cut, bundled and tied into four foot sections, with no plastic covering attached.

If there are any questions or missed pick-ups, please call Lizann at 816 289-4379.

Johnson County, KS Flooding Survey

The Johnson County Stormwater Management Program, in cooperation with the cities in the county, are creating watershed master plans. Please share your flooding concerns with the County. You can create a map sharing locations of building flooding, street flooding, erosion and other stormwater related concerns at the link below. Please include as much detail as possible. If the mapping is too difficult, residents may input addresses instead.



Snow Ordinance

Please remember not to park on the street during a snow storm and 24 hours after a 2 inch or greater snow so the plows can thoroughly clear the streets.

Violators will be ticketed, and any vehicle remaining on a street 2 hours following a snow accumulation of 2 inches or more may be towed from the street by the city at the expense of the owner of the vehicle.

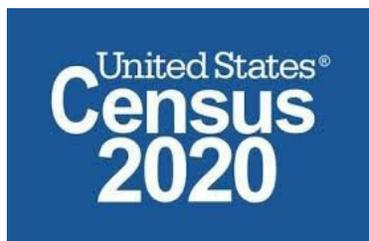
Thank you for your cooperation in aiding the snow removal.

Street Lights Update

Thank you to all our residents who shared their opinions concerning the proposed addition of several streetlights throughout our City. We heard from many residents through our survey and through e-mail and telephone calls, and citizen turnout at our City Council meetings on January 13th and January 27th was very high.

Based upon the opinions received from citizens, at the Special City Council meeting on Monday, January 27, 2020, the City Council voted to alter the plan for installation of additional streetlights throughout the City. The City Council decided to install only two additional streetlights on West 48th Terrace. No other streetlights will be installed in the City at this time. The two lights will be of the same type as those currently located within the City. Installation of these two streetlights should take place in late spring.

Please rest assured that your City Council appreciates resident input and is working to keep Westwood Hills the Most Beautiful Little City in Kansas.



2020 Census

By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. There are three ways to respond:
Online, by phone, or by mail.

Households should begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with information on how to respond to the Census. Learn More [here](#)



Westwood Hills Receives EPA Recognition for Excellence and Innovation

Congratulations to our City! In November, Westwood Hills received the PISCES Recognition from the EPA for the recent rehabilitation of the City's 1920's stormwater collection system. The City received this national attention and recognition for its project involving the replacement of the stormwater drop inlets and the repair and upgrading of culverts, curbing and some stormwater pipes.

The Kansas Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund provided the funding for the project, and our project was that program's first time funding for a storm sewer project.

Click [here](#) to read the full press release from EPA's Region 7.

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, or call the non-emergency line for Westwood Police. Violators will be ticketed.

There will not be a February Planning Commission Meeting.

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.

March Meetings

The March regular City Council meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2020. Please contact Beth O'Bryan if you have an item to place on the agenda.

The March Planning Commission meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2020. 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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