



City of Westwood Hills June 2020 Newsletter

The annual Westwood Hills 4th of July parade and celebration is canceled due to public health concerns related to the novel coronavirus. As disappointing as it is to cancel one of our beloved traditions, we want to take every precaution to keep our community safe and healthy.

Johnson County Reopening Plan

The State of Kansas and Johnson County recommend using a phased approach to reopen the County in order to promote economic recovery, health and safety in response to COVID-19. The County strongly advises residents to follow [Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas](#) issued by the Governor's Office.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Below are several resources for information on COVID-19.

Center for Disease Control - www.cdc.gov or www.coronavirus.gov,

Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) - <http://www.kdheks.gov>

Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE) - <https://www.jocogov.org/jcdhe>

Johnson County COVID-19 Dashboard

https://public.tableau.com/profile/mapper.of.the.day.mod#!/vizhome/covid19_joco_public/Dashboard

Vote by Mail

Due to increased interest in voting by mail caused by concerns about COVID-19, the Johnson County Election Office has now sent advance voting by mail applications to every active voter in the county. Voters should have received one application for each of the 2020 elections (primary and general). Voters who return the applications will receive ballots by mail to cast their votes at home.

If you wish to vote by mail, but did not receive an application to vote by mail, please contact the [Johnson County Election Office](#). You may also wish to check your voter registration at ksvotes.org or at jocoelection.org (then go to Voter Look-up) to be certain you are an active voter. You can register to vote online on either website, and, once registered, request a vote by mail application.

There will not be a June Planning Commission Meeting.

Evergy COVID-19

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, Evergy announced in March that it will not disconnect electric service for non-payment of bills and will waive late fees for residential and small business customers. Evergy announced a flexible payment plan that allows customers, including those who have been disconnected, to enter a 12-month payment plan toward repaying their past-due balance. The suspension of disconnects is extended through July 15, 2020. Evergy will waive late fees and offer the payment arrangement through December 31, 2020.

Margaret Rosberg - In Memoriam

Longtime resident Margaret Rosberg passed away last month. She and her husband moved to Westwood Hills in the 1950's or 1960's, and Margaret moved out around 2009. She and her husband were election workers at the Westwood Hills polling place for years. See her obituary below:

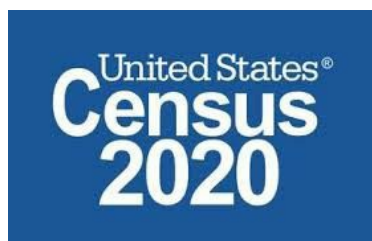
Margaret Emilie (Brady) Rosberg Margaret Emile (Brady) Rosberg, born February 6, 1919, passed peacefully on May 13, 2020. She was a long-time resident of Westwood Hills, KS before moving to Silvercrest at Deer Creek in Overland Park. Margaret always claimed her greatest accomplishment was bringing 10 healthy children into the world with her husband of 67 years, Gustave S. Rosberg, who preceded her in death in 2007. She now shares eternal life with Gus and two of her sons who, also preceded her in death, Richard (2009) and Joe (2014). Surviving children include four in the KC area, Carol Charismas, Tom (wife, Connie), Ken (wife, Janet) and Jim (wife, Nikki) and four out of town (Sr. Mary Margaret, C.V.I. (Houston, TX), Theresa Sullivan (husband, Louis - Phoenix, AZ), Bob (Dallas, TX) and Elizabeth Klarich (husband, David - Billings, MT). Her extended family includes 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild, plus numerous relatives particularly in the St. Louis area. Once all her children were in school full-time, Margaret took her smile and positive outlook to a career outside the home, becoming affectionately known as the "Candy Lady" as she sold Russell Stover Candies first for the Jones Store in Prairie Village, KS until July, 1984 and then directly for Russell Stover in KC, MO. Online condolences for the family may be left at www.mcgilleyhoge.com.

Composting

BLACK GOLD...YES, COMPOSTING TURNS YOUR FOOD WASTE INTO BLACK GOLD.

Did you know that half of your garbage is food? Let's keep the food out of our landfills where food decomposes without oxygen and creates methane gas as a by-product. Methane gas absorbs heat from the sun, effectively warming the planet.

Why not try composting in your own backyard or have your compost picked up at the curb as some Westwood Hills residents do. Becky Mickelberg (ask4becky@gmail.com) can show "how to" in both cases.



2020 Census

Every home should have received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. There are three ways to respond: Online, by phone, or by mail. Learn More [here](#)

2020 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 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, 2020, 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, 2020 to promote establishment of the plantings. Native tree planting will be allowed until November 30, 2020.** Click [here](#) for the application.

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

Stormwater Management Plan and Annual Report

The City recently filed its 2019 annual report to KDHE on the City's Stormwater Management Plan activities. 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.

Google Drive for City Council Meeting Documents

The City 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>.

July Meetings

The July regular City Council meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2020. Please contact Beth O'Bryan if you have an item to place on the agenda.

The July Planning Commission meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, 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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