

Monthly news & updates

September 2020 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS



Upcoming Events:

Planning Commission Meeting - September 17, 2020

The Green Clean Up - September 19, 2020

Deep Roots Native Plant Sale - September 26, 2020

Census Response deadline - September 30, 2020

Virtual Seminar on Recommended Trees - 9/30/20

October City Council Meeting - October 12, 2020

Voter registration deadline - October 13, 2020

October Planning Commission Meeting - October 15, 2020



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](#)

At present, 85.8% of Westwood Hills residents have responded. Westwood Hills is currently ranked #4 in Johnson County, and #28 in KS for responses. Let's try to get 100% participation! If you have not done so, please respond to the 2020 Census today!

Due to the coronavirus, the deadline to participate has been moved up to September 30, 2020.

Planning Commission Virtual Zoom Meeting - September 17, 2020 at 7:00 pm:

Meeting URL:

<https://populous.zoom.us/j/97955130664?pwd=Z2orVFZDUjMyb0FZU3NYSmRwdmRwZz09>

Dial by phone: 1 669 900 6833

Meeting ID:

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Passcode:

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2020 General Election

October 13, 2020 is the final day to register to vote for the

November 3, 2020 General Election. Not sure if you are registered? Visit the **Johnson County Election Office's Voter Lookup Tool** to find out.

To register to vote, or change your registration - Print the **Voter Registration Application**, complete all information, sign and send it to the Johnson County Election Office. Registration Applications may be mailed to 2101 E. Kansas City Road, Olathe, KS 66061; Faxed to 913-791-8934 or 913-791-8935 or scanned and e-mailed to **registration@jocoelection.org**. A photo of the document may be texted to (913) 953-9539.



For more information about the 2020 General Election visit <https://www.jocoelection.org/>.



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](#).

YOTM

Congratulations to 4941 Glendale Road for the September Yard of the Month!



Deep Roots Native Plant Sale - September 26, 2020

Deep Roots Native Plant Sale
Saturday, September 26, 2020, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Prairie Village Pool Parking Lot

Add beauty and function to your garden with plants that support pollinators, birds, butterflies and more! Preorder and pickup plants at a safe distance, while supporting local small businesses. Get more information [here](#).

Don't forget that native plant purchases may be eligible for partial reimbursement through the **BMP Cost Share Program**, sponsored by Johnson County Stormwater Management Program and the City. Applications must be approved by the City prior to installation of any plantings to qualify for reimbursement. There is a limited amount of money available, and applications are considered and reimbursed on a first come, first served basis.

Recommended Tree Seminar - September 30, 2020

Dennis Patton, Horticulture Agent at Johnson County K-State Research and Extension, will be the featured speaker at the Prairie Village Tree Board's annual fall seminar being held this year from 7 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, September 30th. The fall seminar this year will be a virtual event.

At the seminar titled 'Recommended Trees', Dennis will discuss trees that would thrive in the Kansas City area.

The virtual seminar is being sponsored by the Prairie Village Tree Board and Johnson County K-State Research and Extension.

People interested in participating will need to pre-register at <https://www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/index.html>. Once you click on the above link, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the link for the September 30 seminar date. Once you sign up, you will receive the Zoom link via email.

The event is free to the public, and there will be time for questions during the seminar.

Shawnee Mission School District Strategic Bond Plan

The Shawnee Mission School District has spent over a year laying the foundation for a bond issuance to support two pillars of its **2019 Strategic Plan**: supporting educators and quality facilities. Currently, they are working toward a goal to hire additional middle and high school teachers to allow them to teach 5 of 7 periods, as most neighboring districts do. In addition, they are reviewing options to rebuild elementary schools, make significant repairs and improvements in middle and high schools, replace building roofs across the district, and invest millions in HVAC upgrades. These investments would impact dozens of buildings district wide.

As part of this process, a **demographic study** was prepared, and district staff have laid out an **18-year plan** to keep pace with identified **capital needs**. To both hire additional teachers and meet capital improvement needs, a bond issuance would require a tax increase: either now, or a slightly larger increase in five years. These capital needs include a rebuilt Westwood View, although the timing of rebuilding Westwood View would depend on which of these two choices the district makes. Regardless of the path chosen, the Shawnee Mission School District's mill levy would still be significantly lower than any other district in Johnson County.

Any bond issuance must be approved by voters. More information related to the district's capital planning may be found [here](#). If you would like to contact the Board of Education to give your opinion on future teacher and facilities investments, Board members contact info may be found [here](#).



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