

WESTWOOD HILLS

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Monthly news & updates

August 2022 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

Upcoming Events:

August

18 Planning Commission Meeting

September

12 RNR & Budget Hearing
City Council Meeting

15 Planning Commission Meeting

17 Paper Shredding and
e-Cycle Event

17 Environmental Fair

The National Suicide Prevention Line is now reachable at 988 and will direct callers to local crisis centers for assistance. The existing crisis line for Johnson County Mental Health Emergency Services is still accessible at (913) 268-0156.

Welcome (back) John Weedman to the City Council. John served three terms (6 years) as a Councilman, retiring his seat at the end of 2019. John graciously agreed to fill the open seat, was sworn in as a city councilperson at the August Council meeting and will serve until the end of next year.



A graphic featuring a large dollar sign (\$) inside a stylized, rounded rectangular frame with a decorative border. The text "2023 RNR & BUDGET HEARING" is centered within the frame.

2023 RNR & BUDGET HEARING

Prior to the regularly scheduled September City Council Meeting on September 12, 2022, there will be a Revenue Neutral Rate hearing, followed by the Budget Hearing. The September City Council Meeting will follow the hearings. Click [here](#) for the hearing notice.

Mayor's Retirement Reception



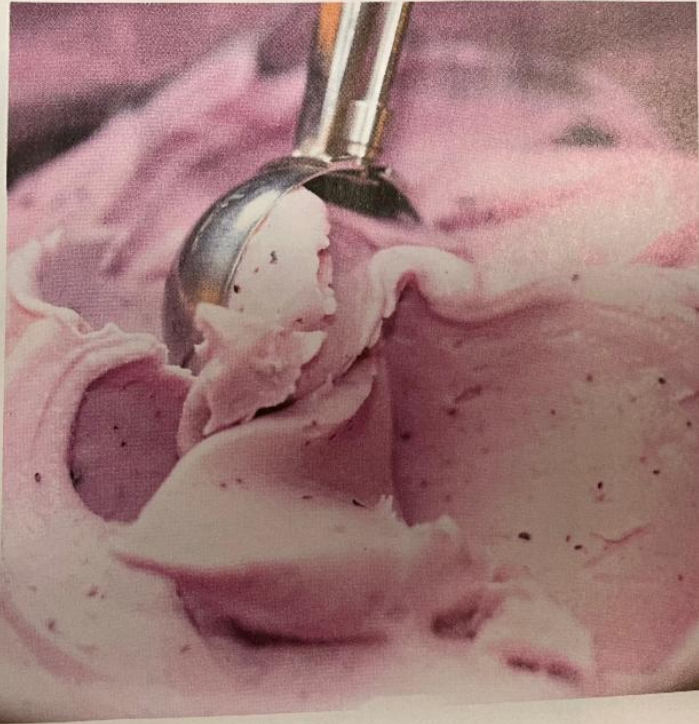
Flying Cow Gelato

If you haven't noticed, Westwood Hills has a new shop! Flying Cow Gelato opened this summer in the

Flavor IN KC

BY Jenny Vergara

In Culinary News



FLYING COW GELATO

SHERI WEEDMAN has expanded her confection credentials into frozen treats with the opening of her popular new ice cream shop, The Flying Cow Gelato, located in the Westwood Hills Shops, next door to Annedore's Fine Chocolates, her original chocolate shop. After moving her own chocolate production kitchen out of the space next door, she used the room to make the leap into gelato-making. Using equipment from Italy, she taught herself how to make the smooth, dense, and flavorful Italian ice cream containing less butterfat than traditional American-style ice cream. Neighbors are lining up for a cup or cone of her creamy gelato in rotating flavors, such as toasted coconut, mint chip, key lime, hazelnut, pistachio, and dairy-free grapefruit prosecco or lemon basil. There's also vanilla and chocolate for the purists at heart. Can't decide? Try the five-flavor sampler for only \$10. facebook.com/flyingcowgelato

YOTM

Congratulations to 2117 West 49th Street for the August Yard of the Month!



In Memoriam

Former Westwood Police Chief Corkey Wells, passed away on July 9, 2022. Chief Wells began his employment with Westwood in August of 1976 and served with the Police Department until his retirement as Chief in December 2013. Read his full obituary [here](#).

Volunteers Needed!

On Saturday, September 17th, City volunteers are needed for both the Paper Shredding & e-Cycle Event **AND** the Environmental fair. Hours are 8:30-Noon for the shredding event and 8:45-Noon for the Environmental Fair.

Please contact the City Clerk at clerk@westwoodhillsks.gov to volunteer for the Paper Shredding and e-Cycle event (we need two volunteers who can lift heavy boxes) and Karen Sexton at **913 579-4406** to volunteer for the Environmental Fair (no heavy lifting).



COMMUNITY PAPER SHREDDING & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

**Saturday, September 17, 2022
9:00 a.m. – NOON**

4350 Shawnee Mission Parkway

**Participating Cities: Fairway, Mission,
Mission Hills, Mission Woods, Roeland Park,
Westwood, & Westwood Hills.**



PROOF of RESIDENCY is required to participate (i.e.: Driver's License, Utility Bill)

Note: This event is for residents of the participating cities and not businesses.

PROSHRED's mobile shredding trucks will be onsite to securely shred your confidential documents for **FREE**.

- Suggested materials to shred: bank statements, canceled checks, tax returns, junk mail, credit card receipts and more!
- Maximum of 10 file storage boxes size 1'x 2' is a guideline for the estimated amount of paper you may bring in cardboard boxes, plastic bins, plastic bags, etc.
- Paper **MUST BE** removed from 3 ring binders.
- All 3 ring binders, containers, and cardboard boxes will be returned to you.



Secure e-Cycle will be onsite collecting electronics for responsible recycling. There will be a small fee (cash or check) for CRT Monitors \$20, TV's \$40 and **EVERYTHING ELSE WITH A CORD IS FREE.**

An extensive list of acceptable items is available at <https://secureecycle.com/items>



If you have questions please contact City of Fairway's Assistant City Clerk Abbie Aldridge
913-262-0350 x5200 or aaldridge@fairwaykansas.org

Go Green 2022!

Save Our Planet and Your Pocketbook!

Environmental Fair

Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022 • 9 a.m. to Noon
Powell Community Center
6200 Martway, Mission, Kansas

Come learn about ways you can help our environment.

Free Admission • Children's Activities

Missionks.org/gogreen

Hosted by the cities of:
Fairway, Merriam, Mission, Mission Hills, Mission Woods, Prairie Village, Roeland Park, Westwood, Westwood Hills

Stormwater Cost Share Program

The City of Westwood Hills encourages individual homeowners to incorporate Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) on their properties to aid in the improvement of local and regional water quality.

At the same time, the City encourages planting native plants and trees to support the natural ecosystem and provide food for



pollinators like bees and butterflies. The BMP Cost Share program will reimburse applicants up to 50% of eligible expenses, not to exceed a project reimbursement cap for the proper installation of the following best management practices:

| Project Type | Project Reimbursement Cap |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Rain Barrel | \$75 per barrel, up to two |
| Native tree planting | \$150 per tree, up to two |
| Rain garden/pollinator garden | \$1000 |

Go to containtherainjoco.com for the application. **Vegetation must be installed by October 31, 2022, and Native trees must be planted by November 30, 2022.** Requests for refunds must be received by November 30, 2022.

Start planning your garden now. Visit the [K-State Research and Extension Online Gardening Calendar](#) to help with your planning.

Johnson County Severe Weather Guide

Severe weather is possible in Johnson County throughout the year. This hazardous weather can put people’s safety at risk and cause damage to property. Johnson County Government has [created an online guide](#) to help residents prepare for and monitor severe weather.



COVID-19 HELPFUL INFORMATION

iHealth Test Kit Expiration Extension

As of July 8, 2022, the FDA extended the shelf-life of the iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid tests to 12 months. Visit the [iHealth website](#) for more details or to look up new expiration dates by lot numbers.

COVID-19 Vaccinations:

Schedule an appointment with the County at <https://jocovaccine.rsvpify.com/>.

COVID-19 Testing:

Ongoing - COVID-19 saliva testing at various locations around the area. Find testing sites and sign up at:

<https://www.gogettested.com/kansas#booking-widget>

Free COVID-19 testing for Johnson County residents is available at the Department of Health and Environment’s [Olathe location](#). Go to <https://www.jocogov.org/schedule-covid-19-test> for more information or to schedule a test.

COVID At-Home Tests

Residents can order up to 4 **additional** free at-home COVID-19 tests at <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

COVID At-Home Tests Available at JCDHE

Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE) is distributing free, at-home rapid (antigen) testing kits at its Olathe office, 11875 S. Sunset Drive, via drive-thru only. The drive-thru is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., no appointment needed, while supplies last. Rapid tests are self-administered, and results are available within 15 minutes. PCR saliva test kits are available upon request.

Johnson County COVID-19 Webpage

Visit <https://www.jocogov.org/coronavirus-covid-19-update> to schedule a free COVID-19 test, view the COVID-19 dashboard, locate vaccine information, and more!

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