



Monthly news & updates

August 2023 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

Upcoming Events:

September

11 City Council Meeting

21 Planning Commission Meeting

23 Go Green Environmental Fair

October

9 City Council Meeting

19 Planning Commission Meeting

23 HOA Annual Dinner

There will not be an August Planning Commission Meeting

Back to School

If you haven't noticed, Shawnee Mission schools are back in session. There are two elementary schools located on 50th Street in Westwood. Please be mindful of kids crossing streets in both Westwood Hills and Westwood.



The Annual Westwood Hills Dinner will take place on Monday, October 23, 2023, at Lidia's. Please join your neighbors for this always fun event sponsored by the Westwood Hills Homes Association and the Community Association. More details to follow.

A Note from Mike Coffman - The Westwood Hills Historic Foundation President

As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the establishment of our community of Westwood Hills, August also marks the 10th anniversary of our designation as a National Historic District. We continue to be one of the very few cities in the United States that have received this designation for

a city in its entirety. Established in 2004 by the work of a dedicated group headed by Karen Sexton, the Westwood Hills Historic Foundation's charge has been to take on civic challenges that have fallen outside the city's tight operating budget. There have been many examples in the past years where the Foundation, along with guidance and support from the City Council, has been able to finance and support important projects. Of course, none of the board's work would have been possible without the generosity of city residents. Working together, Westwood Hills has become and continues to be a community of choice and always the "Most Beautiful Little City in Kansas."

Go Green in 2023!



Mark your calendar for Go Green 2023! This FREE family-friendly environmental fair will show you how taking small steps to reduce your carbon footprint at home, school, and work will help the environment and save money. Highlights will include information and items from more than 40 local exhibitors to help you live a more sustainable life, a thrift store fashion show, PCs for People electronics recycling, a performance by Eco Elvis, children's activities, and fun door prizes. Join us from 9 a.m. - noon on Saturday, September 23 at the Powell Community Center in Mission, Kansas.

Learn more at: <https://www.missionks.org/gogreen>

Johnson County Health & Environment Survey



What factors have the greatest impact on our community's health and well-being?



Share your views to be placed in the running for a \$100 gift card.

Congratulations to 4908 Glendale for the August YOTM!



Stormwater Cost Share Program

The City took advantage of the cost-



share program and had a demonstration rain garden installed on the south side of The Green (pictured above). Plant signage will be forthcoming. A special thank you to Nancy Ralston and Ed Gogol for working with Parsons' Gardening on designing the garden, and to Nancy for helping to install the rain garden.

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. All projects must be installed by October 31, 2023. Requests for refunds must be received by November 30, 2023.

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



City of Westwood Planning Commission Meeting

The City of Westwood will hold a Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 pm on September 11, 2023. More information can be found on Westwood's website at www.westwoodks.org. The Karbank redevelopment proposal for the property and 50th Street and Rainbow Boulevard is anticipated to be an item on the agenda.



The National Suicide Prevention Line is reachable at 988, and the call center 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.



Stormwater Management Plan and Annual Report

The 2021 Stormwater Management Plan and the 2022 SMP Annual Report can be found on the City's [website](#).

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