

Monthly

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August 2025 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

Upcoming Events:

August

- No Planning Commission Meeting
- 28 Live Well Age Well Expo

September

- 1 Labor Day - City Offices Closed
- 8 City Council Meeting
- 13 Deep Roots Plant Sale
- 18 Planning Commission Meeting

The City is in the process of replacing all of the city's street signs. If you are nostalgic and want an old sign, please contact Karen Sexton at kls@sextonandshelor.com to arrange pickup. First-come, first-served.



Go Green 2025 Environmental Fair
Small changes make a big impact! Visit the Go Green 2025 Environmental Fair on Saturday, October 18, 2025, to learn practical ways to live more sustainably and have fun doing it. Admission is free!
#GoGreenKC
Volunteers are needed on the day of the fair. Please contact Karen Sexton at kls@sextonandshelor.com to volunteer or for more information.

Stormwater Program Offers Free Native Trees

In partnership with Deep Roots KC, Johnson County Stormwater Management is giving away 200 3-gallon native trees provided by Forrest-Keeling Nursery. Starting August 16, 2025, pre-registration and details will be available at containtherainjoco.com. Possible tree options include: redbuds, black gum, swamp white oak, sugar maple, and tulip.

Stormwater Management will have a designated area for the tree giveaway at the Deep Roots KC Native Plant Sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on September 13 at the Prairie Village Municipal Offices,

7700 Mission Rd. Residents can also receive 50% off vouchers to purchase high quality native trees at the sale. Limited supplies will be available.

2026 Budget

At the 2026 Budget Hearing, held on August 11, 2025, the City Council adopted the 2026 Budget, with a mill rate of 19.843. Click [here](#) for the 2026 and previous years' Budget documents.

Congratulations to 1922 West 50th Terrace for the YOTM!





Live Well Age Well Expo

Johnson County Parks & Recreation's Live Well Age Well Expo returns on Thursday, August 28th, from 10 am to 3 pm at the Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center! This year's event features a Community Drug Take-Back, along with a variety of educational sessions, vendor booths, workshops, health and screenings. Learn from experts about the following featured topics: Resilience, Technology, and the Battle Against Loneliness, Discover Arthritis: Take Control, and Keep your Brain Fit: Neurobic Exercises. Enjoy demonstrations in Art, Zumba, and Comedy Improv. Plus, don't miss the chance to win prizes with bingo and grab a free event bag. Get more information [here](#).

Stormwater Best Management Practices (Contain the Rain) Program

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

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 (Contain the Rain) 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:

All projects/plantings must have pre-approval

- Rain Barrel: \$75 per barrel cap, up to two
- Native Plant Garden (must receive runoff) \$1,000
- Native tree planting: \$150 per tree cap, up to two
- Rain Garden/Pollinator Garden: \$1,000 cap

The Program requirements can be found here.

Go to containtherainjoco.com for the application. **All projects must be installed by October 31, 2025. Requests for refunds must be received by November 30, 2025.**

Find workshops and Native Plant Sales [here](#).

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

The National Suicide Prevention Line

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 2024 SMP Annual Report, filed in February 2025, may be found on the City's [website](#). In August 2024, KDHE conducted an audit of the City's stormwater program and MS4 permit and determined that the City complies with the terms of its permit.



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