

Monthly news & updates

August 2021 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

Upcoming Events:

August 16, 2021 - Woodside COVID-19 Vaccination event

September 13, 2021 - September City Council Meeting

September 25, 2021 - Community Paper Shredding and Electronics Recycling Event

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.

Johnson County COVID-19 Webpage

Did you know that Johnson County has a COVID-19 webpage? Go to <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!

August Planning Commission Meeting

There will not be an August Planning Commission Meeting.



The Best Way to Walk to School

If you live in Westwood Hills, the safest place to cross Rainbow Boulevard heading west to school is the intersection at W 50th Street. This intersection was designed with safety in mind. The four-way traffic light has a built-in delay of five seconds between green lights, meaning that every time the light and traffic flow change, there are five seconds when all signs are red to allow traffic to clear. And on school days, a crossing guard guides walkers and cyclists across the intersection in the morning and afternoons. If you live east of Rainbow, please learn how to guide your students to this intersection.

Community Paper Shredding and Electronics Recycling Event

On Saturday, September 25, 2021 the City of Westwood Hills will be participating in a paper shredding and eCycle event. The event will be held from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at 4350 Shawnee Mission Parkway in Fairway, Kansas.



Proof of residency will be required to participate in this mostly free event. Click [here](#) for more information.

The City needs two volunteers to work from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to help unload cars. It's a great way for teens to earn service hours! Please contact the City Clerk if you are able to help out.



Chief Mansell being sworn in by Mayor Schwach.

New Westwood Police Chief

Curt Mansell succeeded former Chief Greg O'Halloran who retired last month.

Chief Mansell is a 32-year law enforcement veteran with 13 years' experience in upper management and executive leadership. Serving the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri since 1991, he has provided oversight as a Division Commander in all three major divisions and every unit in that department, including patrol, traffic, K9, SWAT, communications, detention, investigations, DARE, records, community interaction, accreditation, fleet management and the annual budget.

Chief Mansell holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Central Missouri State University. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He is also a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command where he served as class president. He is the President of the Missouri Polygraph Association, a member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Chiefs and Sheriffs Association, and a member of the Missouri Police Chief's Association, and has served as a liaison to several civic and community organizations.

The Cost Share Program is Back!

Stormwater Best Management Practices Program

The City of Westwood Hills encourages individual homeowners to incorporate Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) on their property 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:

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

This year, Bridging the Gap will administer the program on the City's behalf. All applications must be completed online and be approved **prior** to starting the project.

For more information about this program [click here](#).

NEWS RELEASE



Consulate-General
of Japan in Chicago

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On July 28, 2021, the Conferment Ceremony for the 2019 Autumn Conferment of Decorations to Foreigners was held at the Official Residence of the Consul-General of Japan in Chicago, where Consul-General Kenichi Okada presented the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Silver Rays to Ms. Lizann Kesse. Ms. Kesse was accompanied by her husband, Mr. Michael Fox. Also in attendance were Mrs. Yuko Okada, Honorary Consul-General of Japan James Kanki, and Mrs. Lydia Kanki. Consul-General Okada delivered the congratulatory remarks and presented the decoration and diploma to Ms. Kesse, after which she gave her reply address.

Ms. Kesse, a fourth-generation Kansan from Atchison and Westwood Hills, Kansas, was Assistant to the Consul-General of Japan at Kansas City serving under nine Consuls-General of Japan. Ms. Kesse was involved with the Consulate-General of Japan throughout its entire 25-year existence, which provided her with extensive understanding of the work that goes into the Japan-U.S. relationship. With that deep understanding, she has gone on to provide expertise to the Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago.

Previously, Ms. Kesse had been a Recipient of the Shimizu City “Key to the City,” a Recipient of the Citation for Assiduous Service by the Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, and a Member of the GLOBE International Executive Leadership Program.



Conferment of the diploma



From L to R: Mrs. Yuko Okada, Consul-General Okada, Ms. Lizann Kesse, Mr. Michael Fox, Mrs. Lydia Kanki, Mr. James Kanki

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YOTM

Congratulations to Nancy Ralston for the August Yard of the Month!



Johnson County Charter Commission Meetings

Mayor Schwach is a member of the Johnson County Charter Commission. Meetings are held the second Monday and the fourth Wednesday of the month. The purpose of the decennial Charter Commission is to study and evaluate the operations of county government and recommend changes as needed. The Mayor welcomes your comments regarding the commission's work.

Stormwater Management Plan and Annual Report

Click [here](#) for the new 2021 Stormwater Management Plan and [here](#) for the 2020 SMP Annual Report.

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