



Monthly news & updates

December 2021 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

COVID-19 Information has moved to the bottom of the newsletter.

Upcoming Events:

December 27, 2021 - Last weekly yard waste collection until April 4, 2022

January 10, 2022- Yard waste collection

January 10, 2022 - January City Council Meeting

January 20, 2022 - January Planning Commission Meeting

February 14, 2022 - Yard waste collection

March 14, 2022 - Yard waste collection

April 4, 2022 - Weekly yard waste collection resumes

Westwood Hills has a newly remodeled website and a new website address! Our new website address is: www.westwoodhillsks.gov. City documents can now be accessed via the website. Also, City Clerk Beth O'Bryan has a new email address. You can now reach Beth at: clerk@westwoodhillsks.gov.

There will not be a December Planning Commission Meeting.

Santa Claus came to Westwood Hills!

Santa Claus came to Westwood Hills. Not only did he visit with all the good boys and girls, he brought a mailbox to deposit your letters to him. The mailbox is located on The Green! Make sure to drop off your letters to Santa before Christmas!



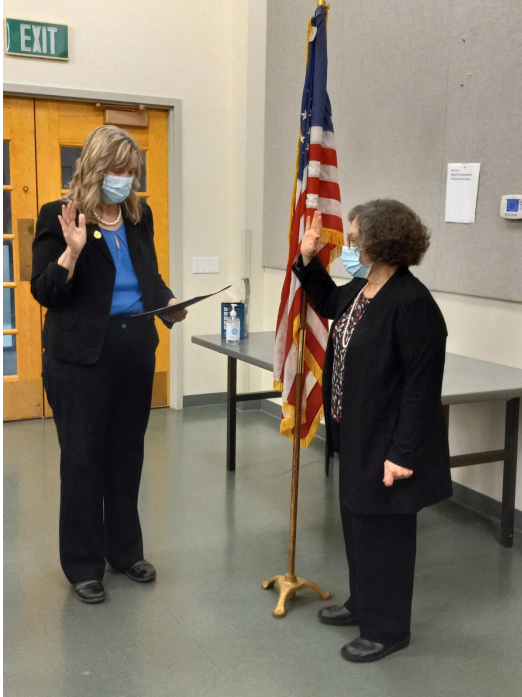
At the December City Council Meeting, Johnson County Commissioner Becky Fast swore in the Mayor and the five City Council Members.



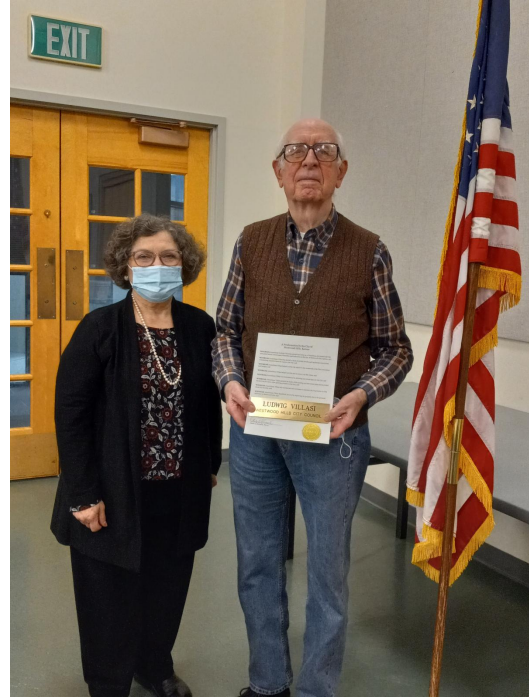
Pictured Left to Right: Commissioner Fast, Ed Gogol, Rosemary Podrebarac, Karen Shelor Sexton, Michael Anfang



Commissioner Fast swearing in new City Council member, David Schmitz



Commissioner Fast swearing in Mayor Paula Schwach for her fourth term as Mayor of Westwood Hills.



The City said goodbye to Councilman Ludwig Villasi, who served 4 terms.



In Memoriam

Westwood Hills Resident Lita Lou (Fisk) Greb passed away on November 23, 2021. The City expresses deepest sympathy to Lita's family. Click [here](#) to read her obituary.



There will not be a December Planning Commission Meeting.

A Message from The Chief of Police

It is no surprise that theft numbers go up during the holidays. The police department would like to remind the community that this is



not a time to slack on keeping your online orders safe. Unfortunately, some people would rather steal than do their own Christmas shopping. And when people get brand new merchandise delivered to their front porches it makes it pretty inviting to thieves. There are several ways to help protect yourselves. Try having a package delivered to your neighbor who will be home or have them pick it up after delivery. Consider having packages delivered to your work if your employer allows that. You could also consider a package receiving service or require signatures for deliveries. These are just a few tips to help guard yourself from becoming a victim and to fend off those looking for a quick score. And as always, make sure you report any suspicious activity or persons.



HOA Annual Meeting Recap

At the Annual meetings of the Westwood Hills Homes Association and the Westwood Hills Community Association, residents heard reports about Association business, including information about the upcoming Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. Also, the following individuals were elected to two-year terms on the Boards of Directors: Michael Fox, Scott Mathews, Dustin Neel, Rosemary Podrebarac, David Schmitz, and Klara Villasi. Board members whose terms continue for another year are Andy Erpelding, Pauline Freeman, Lizann Kesse, Janet Monday, Gary Ripple, Susan

Ripple, Mike Sexton, and Alison Troutwine. Officers will be elected at a January meeting of the Boards.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the Homes Association or the Community Association, please contact any of the Board members.

Yard Waste Collection

The last weekly yard waste collection for 2021 will be Monday, December 27th, 2021.

Yard waste will only be collected once per month for the months of January, February and March 2022. For those months, yard waste collection will occur the second Monday of each month - January 10, 2022, February 14, 2022, and March 14, 2022. Trash and recyclable collection remain unchanged.

Christmas trees will be collected on December 27, 2021. Christmas trees must be cut in 4 foot segments and bundled with no plastic.

Regular weekly yard waste collection resumes April 4, 2022.

Please call Lizann at (816)289-4379 with any questions or concerns.



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.

COVID-19 HELPFUL INFORMATION

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!

Stormwater Management Plan and Annual Report

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

CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS, KS | www.westwoodhillsks.gov

[Visit our website](#)

[Visit our Google Drive](#)



City Information

City Clerk: Beth O'Bryan - clerk@westwoodhillsks.gov - 913-262-6622

Mayor: Paula Schwach - schwach3p@gmail.com

City Council

Michael Anfang - Budget and Finance - anfang@rocketmail.com

Ed Gogol - Landscaping - gogol.monday@gmail.com

Rosemary Podrebarac - Ordinances and Building - rpodrebarac1@kc.rr.com

Karen Shelor Sexton - Public Safety - kls@sextonandshelor.com

Dave Schmitz - Public Works - daveschmitz@gmail.com