



# Monthly news & updates

## December 2023 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

### Upcoming Events:

### December

No December Planning Commission Meeting

25/31 City Offices Closed

### January

1 City Offices Closed

8 City Council Meeting

18 Planning Commission Meeting



### New and Improved Recycle Spot!

RecycleSpot.org is the Kansas City Metro area's one-stop spot for recycling, reuse, and waste reduction information. Now it has a new look, improved functionality, and responsive design.

The latest version of RecycleSpot launched in November and is designed to help Kansas City area residents recycle more and recycle better. The refreshed site includes a new look, responsive design, and a refreshed database that matches hundreds of recyclable items to over 1,800 service providers and locations. Visit the new and improved [RecycleSpot.org](https://www.recycle-spot.org) to:

[Search the database](#) to find a location to recycle just about anything. See [what items can go in your curbside bin](#) and how to [recycle better](#). Learn more about household [hazardous waste](#) and where you can safely dispose of it.

Find your [local recycling center](#) and explore the [services available in your community](#).

Learn more about [workplace recycling](#) and how to get started. Discover [local events](#) and get the [latest news](#).



There will not be a December Planning Commission Meeting

The Annual Santa Visit and Mayor's Holiday Lighting took place on November 26, 2023. Thank you to John and Sheri Weedman (Annedore's) for providing the hot chocolate for the event.





County Commissioner Becky Fast (far right) swore in the Mayor and City Council members (pictured from left to right) Adam England, David Schmitz, Karen Sexton, John Weedman, Ed Gogol, and Mayor Podrebarac at the December 11, 2023 council meeting.

## **Tax Credit Opportunitites**

Thinking of upgrading or making a major indoor or outside (over \$5000) improvement to your home?

This year Westwood Hills celebrated the 10th anniversary of being a Kansas and National Historic District.

During those ten years:

One hundred total projects have been submitted to the State of Kansas for Tax Credit Review. Twenty-five of those are open and ongoing projects.

Projects approved by the Westwood Hills Planning Commission and the SHPO have totaled \$5,172,528 reinvested into our homes.

These credits, at 25% of the eligible costs of the project meant a significant cost reduction to the homeowners as the tax credits can be used yearly (up to 10 years) against Kansas State Income Tax payments. If the tax credits are so large that the homeowner might not be able to use them within ten years, the credits can also be sold. Payments for tax credits can range from 80% of face value and upwards, depending upon several factors. SHPO can provide a list of potential buyers.

This year, SHPO made an amazing announcement. The tax credits percentage was raised from 25% to 40%, meaning new projects submitted to and approved by SHPO will receive 40% of the total costs of the improvements for use as future Kansas State Income Tax credits.

The submission and approval process can indeed be time consuming and somewhat complex at the beginning, but at 40% of the eligible cost, the time spent can be well worth the effort.

## Tax Credit Homes Remodeling Tour

The Westwood Hills Foundation is planning a tour of homes that have qualified for Historic Tax credits within the last three years. The Tour is planned to take place in June and will be open to all residents and guests. Please contact Karen Sexton at [kls@sextonandshelor.com](mailto:kls@sextonandshelor.com) if you are interested in adding your home to the tour.



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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