

Monthly news & updates

February 2022 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

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

Upcoming Events:

February 28, 2022 - Retail Occupation Licenses Due

March 14, 2022 - City Council Meeting

March 14, 2022 - Yard waste collection

March 24, 2022 - Rental License Applications Due

April 4, 2022 - Weekly yard waste collection resumes

April 16, 2022 - Arbor Day Celebration and Egg Hunt

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 and Mayor Paula Schwach have new email addresses. You can now reach Beth at:

clerk@westwoodhillsks.gov and the Mayor at mayor@westwoodhillsks.gov.

2022 Occupation Licenses

If you operate a business from your home, please complete the [Home Occupation License form](#) and mail the completed application with a \$25.00 check payable to the City of Westwood Hills. Home occupation licenses must be renewed annually.

Burglaries

Protect Yourself and your family from things that go bump in the night!

Please be certain to lock your doors and windows when you retire for the night, when you leave home even for short periods, and when you are working in the yard away from entrances. This includes locking basement windows

and doors and car doors. Westwood Hills has good police services which deter crime and respond quickly when an incident occurs. But even good policing cannot prevent all crime. As citizens, we must each do our part. Why not go check those doors and windows NOW?



Johnson County Winter Weather Guide

Johnson County has created an online Winter Weather Guide for residents and businesses to quick links to the most up to date information on road conditions, closings and delays, and warming centers. Bookmarking this website could be a great way to get information quickly when winter weather hits Johnson County. [View Guide Here](#)



meeting

There will not be a February Planning Commission Meeting.



Recycling

Have you ever wondered what items can be put in your curbside recycling bin? Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has put together a graphic displaying what is and is not curbside recyclable. You can find the .pdf version [here](#), and click [here](#) for more information on recycling plastics. Go to <https://www.recyclespot.org/> for more information and to find recycling center locations

recycle more recycle better
Every little bit counts.

YES These items go in your curbside recycling bin!

Aluminum Cans	Steel (tin) Cans	Aerosol Cans <small>(empty only, make no "his" sound)</small>	Aluminum Foil & Pans	Cardboard
Paperboard	Junk Mail	Office Paper	Magazines & Catalogs	Phone Books
Newspaper	Paper Cartons	Plastic Bottles & Containers <small>(have #1 - #7 inside arrow symbol on container)</small>		

- Keep items loose, do not put in bags or boxes.
- Rinse all containers (plastic, metal, etc.).
- Collect metal caps and lids in steel tin can and squeeze shut.
- Put caps and lids back on plastic bottles and containers.
- Break down or flatten boxes.
- No liquid.
- No plastic bags or film.
- No food.

NO These items do NOT go in your curbside recycling bin!

Plastic Bags & Film	Clothing	Plastic Tubes	Food	Liquids	Scrap Metal	Electronics
Glass	Frozen Food Containers	Fast Food & Takeout Cups & Containers	Tissue	Paper Tableware (including coffee cups)	Styrofoam	Tanglers (long, stringy items)
Shredded Paper	Medical & Personal Hygiene	Yard Waste	Medications & Vials/Bottles <small>(include when safe to do so)</small>	Pizza Boxes	Household Hazardous Waste <small>(do not recycle empty household waste containers, except empty aerosol cans)</small>	

*Other recycling options available, visit RecycleSpot.org

Information verified as of March 2018

Visit [RecycleSpot.org](https://www.recyclespot.org/) or call 816-474-TEAM
Greater Kansas City's one-stop spot for recycling information

THE VALUE OF KANSAS CITIES

BY THE NUMBERS:

<2%

Cities comprise less than 2% of the land area in Kansas.

84%

84% of the Kansas population live in cities.

57%

57% of cities have a population of 500 or less.

90%

90% of sales taxes are generated in Kansas cities.

CITIES PROVIDE SERVICES SUCH AS:



84%

of workers age 16 and over live in a city

Cities are growing at a faster rate than the state's overall population:

Population Growth in Cities
3.9%
Between 2010-2020

Population Growth in the State
2.9%
Between 2010-2020

Cities are home to:

83%
of the residential property in Kansas

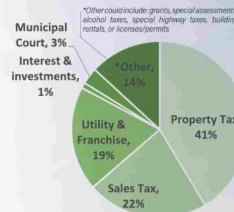
87%
of commercial and residential property in Kansas

89%
of not-for-profit property in Kansas

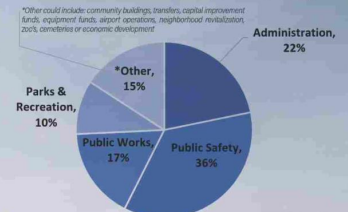
Cities are where Kansas' cultural, higher education, and health care facilities are located:



MUNICIPAL REVENUES



MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES



Notes: Percentages are calculated on an average of nearly 50 cities comprised of Cities of the First, Second, and Third Classes. Some smaller cities include all municipal departments and building maintenance under General Government and have been included in Administration for the purposes of this analysis.

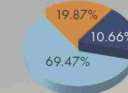
CLASS OF CITY

- Cities of the First Class
- Cities of the Second Class
- Cities of the Third Class

NUMBER OF CITIES



PERCENT OF TOTAL CITY POPULATION



Sources: Kansas Department of Administration, 2020 Budget Estimates; Kansas Statistical Abstract; Institute for Policy & Social Research, The University of Kansas, 2021

The Value of Cities

The League of KS Municipalities released “The Value of Cities” infographic which contains information on cities in Kansas. This infographic is packed with data on how cities contribute to the state and how cities support our state economy. If you ever wanted to know that 90% of sales taxes are generated in cities or the fact that 84% of workers age 16+ live in cities, this infographic is great for you.

Check out the infographic above and on the league's [website](#).

Yard Waste Collection

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. The remaining winter collection date is March 14, 2022. Trash and recyclable collection remain unchanged.

Regular weekly yard waste collection resumes April 4, 2022.

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



Residents can order up to 4 free at home COVID-19 tests at <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

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!

Starting January 19, 2022, residents can order up to 4 free at home COVID-19 tests at [covidtests.gov/](https://www.covidtests.gov/).

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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