

Monthly

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February 2026 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

Upcoming Events:

February

There will not be a February Planning Commission Meeting

16 Presidents' Day - City offices closed

March

9 City Council Meeting

19 Planning Commission Meeting

21 Ann Nelson's Celebration of Life

TBD Recodification Work Sessions



City Offices Closed

City offices will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2026, in

observance of Presidents' Day. If you need police assistance, please dial 9-1-1 for emergencies and (913)782-0720 for all other matters.

Reminder: Winter Yard Waste Collection

There will be no yard waste collection in February. For questions or issues regarding this policy, please contact the HOA Treasurer, Richard Carey, at

richard.carey193@gmail.com



Short-Term Rentals Survey Results

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all residents who participated in the short-term rental survey. Your input and engagement are greatly appreciated. A total of 68 residents responded to the survey.

Regarding short-term rentals during the **World Cup**:

- 37 residents supported allowing them.
- 32 residents opposed allowing them.

Regarding short-term rentals at **any time**:

- 15 residents supported allowing them.
- 54 residents opposed allowing them.

Please note: One resident submitted both "yes" and "no" responses, which accounts for the discrepancy in totals.

After review and discussion at the February City Council meeting, the Council determined not to change the existing rental ordinances, which means that short-term rentals will continue to be prohibited in Westwood Hills.

City Licenses

City ordinances require all owners of businesses, including retail and home occupations, and owners of residential rental properties to obtain an annual license. Rental and retail business license renewal requests have been sent. Click [here](#) for the home occupational license application (\$25 fee) and here for the pet license [application](#) (no charge).



Johnson County Events

Mark your calendar! Johnson County has multiple classes and events scheduled throughout the winter. A few examples are listed below, and you can find the complete list at jocogov.org/mark-your-calendar.
February 17, 2026 - 1:00 - 2:00 PM - **Estate Planning Process**
February 17, 2026 - 6:00 - 8:00 PM - **Medicare: An In-Depth Look**
February 19, 2026 - **Kitchen Restore Project's Donation Drive**

Aging Resources

Over 15% of Johnson County's population is 65 and older. Each year, the population of older adults continues to grow. Johnson County Government offers several [webpages](#) specifically designed for aging and older adults.

The County has also developed an [Aging Resources Guide](#) to help residents navigate services and programs available in our community. The guide is designed to help older adults, caregivers, family members, social workers, volunteers, and the broader community quickly find information and resources on valuable topics. Find the guide at <https://www.jocogov.org/aging-resources-guide>.

Visit the city's [website](#) for additional aging resources.



Ann Nelson's Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life, for Ann Nelson, former Westwood Hills resident, will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at 10 a.m. at All Souls Unitarian Church, 4501 Walnut Street, KCMO.

Kitchen Restore

Johnson County's Kitchen Restore Project works to improve nutrition, food safety awareness, health, and overall quality of life for Johnson County residents. They do this by providing basic kitchen items to individuals and families with limited or no resources for home cooking.

Their goal is to supply essential kitchen items—such as pots and pans, dishes, and utensils—so people can prepare safe, nutritious meals for themselves and their families.

Do you have kitchen items to donate? Do you know individuals who could benefit from these resources?

Click here to find a donation center, request items, or learn more about the program.





Volunteer Needed!

The City is seeking a volunteer to serve on the 2026 Go Green Environmental Fair Steering Committee. The committee meets via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. on the first Friday of each month. The 2026 Go Green Environmental Fair will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon on October 17, 2026, at the Powell Community Center. Please contact [Beth O'Bryan](#) if you are interested in volunteering.



Stormwater Management Plan and Annual Report

The 2021 Stormwater Management Plan and the 2024 SMP Annual Report, filed in February 2025, are available on the City's [website](#). Also, the City just received its new MS4 permit with an effective date of January 1, 2026, and the new permit is also available on the City's website.

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