

Monthly news & updates

January 2021 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

Upcoming Events:

There will not be a January Planning Commission Meeting

January 30, 2021 - CIP Work Session 9:30-11:00 via Zoom. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

February 8, 2021 - City Council Meeting

February 18, 2021 - Planning Commission Meeting

COVID-19 Testing:

Ongoing - COVID-19 saliva testing at various locations around the area, including the east parking lot at Shawnee Mission North High School (7401 Johnson Drive) - 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. 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.

For other testing locations in the area go to: tourhealth.com, hearttoheart.org/jococovid, or comebackkc.com/testing-events.

STOP
the spread
KANSAS

Stop the Spread of COVID-19 in Kansas

Unity doesn't have to mean being close together. At a time when it is unsafe to gather in person, we can still unite in spirit by taking steps to stop the spread of COVID-19. Kansas businesses, schools, hospitals, communities and even lives depend on it.

Find out how you can help Stop the Spread of COVID-19 at

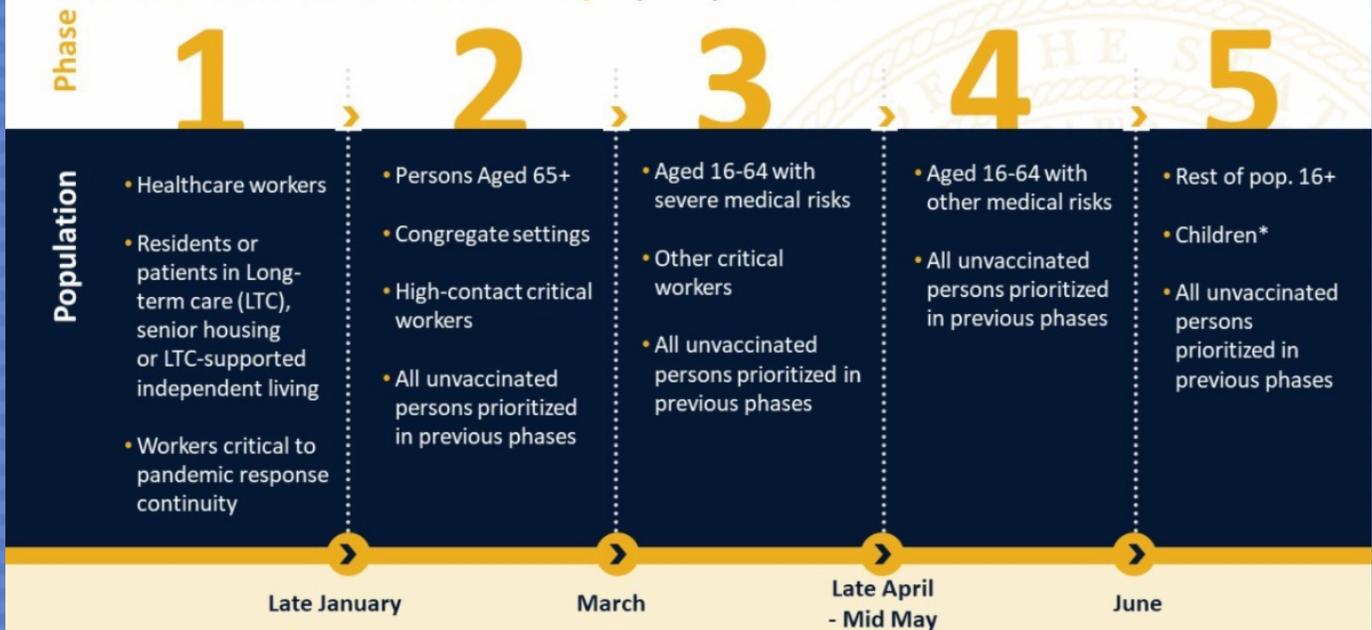
<https://www.khanet.org/criticalissues/hospitalpreparedness/covid-19/stop-the-spread-kansas/>

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, and locate vaccine information and more!



Visit <https://www.jocogov.org/covid->

Kansas Vaccination Phases | By Population



*Subject to further research on Vaccine risks and effectiveness for children; Note: Dates of phases are dependent upon vaccine supply.

The Kansas COVID-19 Vaccine Plan can be found [here](#).

Illegal Parking in the City

City ordinances limit parking to one side of each of our city streets. Except for 48th Terrace where parking is allowed on the north side of the street, parking is allowed only on the south side of the other east-west city streets. On Glendale, parking is allowed on the east side. Increasingly, passage along city streets is being obstructed by vehicles, including trucks of contractors, which are parked without regard to the parking limitations. This poses a safety hazard at worst and an inconvenience to neighbors at best. Please anticipate enforcement of the city's ordinances and voluntarily comply with the parking limitations.

In Memoriam - Louise Arnold

Long time Westwood Hills resident, Louise Arnold, Ph.D., passed away on December 17, 2020. If you would like to reach out to her son, Conrad, please contact the [City Clerk](#) for his address.

Below is the UMKC School of Medicine tribute to Dr. Arnold published on December 24, 2020.

One of the School of Medicine's earliest and long-time faculty members, Louise Arnold, Ph.D., who served as associate dean for medical education and research until her retirement in 2012, died on Dec. 17, 2020.

Arnold joined the School of Medicine faculty in 1971 after hearing about the new School of Medicine serendipitously when she, her son Conrad, and her husband, Wilf, came to Kansas City as Wilf was joining the staff at the University of Kansas. Hired as education researcher and ultimately as the associate dean, Arnold spent more than 40 years helping refine the school's curriculum and touting its key elements to medical educators nationwide.

She received her doctorate in sociology at Cornell University. Arnold and Richardson K. Noback, the UMKC School of Medicine's founding dean, regularly discussed the many values, beliefs and enthusiasm they shared for their alma mater. As a postdoctoral fellow at Cornell's Sloan Institute of Hospital Administration, Arnold studied the qualities that were most important for hospitals to provide compassionate care of patients. Thus began her storied career in promoting the role of professionalism and the importance of the development of professional identity for UMKC School of

Medicine students.

A respected national and international scholar, Arnold was the founding chair of the Association of American Medical Colleges National Group on Combined Baccalaureate-M.D. Programs. She continued throughout her career to be an active participant at AAMC meetings.

She helped the City University of New York develop a seven-year combined degree medical school.

The University of New Mexico established a combined baccalaureate-M.D. program with her help.

Arnold encouraged faculty at the University of Washington to use learning communities patterned after UMKC's docent system to deliver part of their clinical curriculum.

By 2011-2012, more than 60 medical schools had incorporated some form of learning communities similar to those at UMKC. Many are members of the national Learning Communities Institute that Arnold and other leaders informally organized.

In 2012, Arnold received the Ron Arky Award, named for the professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School who founded the Learning Communities Institute, for significant contributions to the development in learning communities in medical education.

"Dean Emerita Betty Drees remembers Dr. Arnold as a role model and as a strong woman faculty member and I would agree," said School of Medicine Dean Mary Anne Jackson, MD. , '78. "Through the months of the pandemic as Dr. Arnold worked from home, she continued to actively work on projects and curriculum, mentoring junior faculty and connecting with others as she has always done. Having known Dr. Arnold as a student who started here in 1972, I greatly valued the opportunity to work with and learn from her during the last several years. She was truly one of the warmest, most gracious and smartest colleagues and she will be dearly missed."

School of Medicine leaders will be planning a special event in the coming weeks to celebrate Arnold's life and contributions to the school.



In Memoriam - Theodore (Todd) Seligson

Former Westwood Hills resident, Todd Seligson, passed away on January 4, 2021. See his obituary below.

Theodore Seligson

November 10, 1930 - January 4, 2021

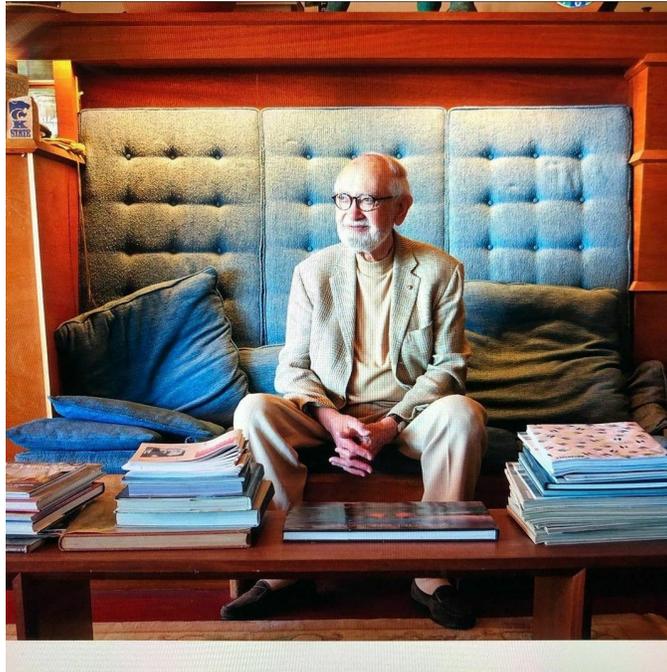
Kansas City, Missouri - Theodore H. Seligson, FAIA, of Kansas City, Missouri, 90, died on January 4, 2021 of COVID. The son of Harry and Rose Haith Seligson and stepson of Libby Seligson Mezvinsky, Ted was born November 10, 1930 in Kansas City and grew up in Westwood Hills, KS. A Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, Ted was a true Renaissance man: architect, urban and interior designer, professor, fine art consultant, and curator. In his spare time he was a semi-professional violin player, reader of hieroglyphics, historic preservation activist, antiquarian, lover of comics, compulsive teacher, and raconteur.

Ted graduated from Shawnee Mission North High School and Washington University. He began his

career at Kivett & Myers and moved on to form his own architectural practice. His work received many local and national awards and is highlighted by such projects as Temple B'nai Jehudah, Bartle Hall Convention Center, Missouri Public Service building, Fire Station No. 30, several UMB bank buildings, Maple Woods Community College, Seaboard Corporation offices, and many striking residences. During his career and after retiring from private practice, Ted taught as a Visiting Professor at Washington University and at the University of Missouri – Kansas City for 30 years. Ted is survived by a legion of dear friends, peers, clients and students who admired him. Ted was a member of Temple B'nai Jehudah. A private ceremony was conducted at Rose Hill Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to the Seligson Fund c/o UMKC Foundation at 5115 Oak, AC202 Kansas City, MO 64112.

Ted held a fundamental belief that each of us has the ability to make our community and country a better place to live. The Seligson Fund will continue to foster that legacy through public lectures and scholarships for architects and urban planning students at the University.

Arrangements: The Louis Memorial Chapel.



Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19 and Preserve Hospital Capacity.

Hospitals are seeing a drastic increase of COVID-19 patients and are concerned with staffed capacity. Currently, the HHS reporting is incorrect concerning available beds. Although the information shows beds available, these are not necessarily staffed beds. Staff is limited as there are increasing infections or quarantines of staff due to community transmission. There are no known cases of spread within the local hospitals.

Things you can do to slow the spread:

- **Wear masks.**
- **Physically distance (6 feet or more) from others you don't live with.**
- **Stay home if you are sick.**
- **Avoid crowded indoor gatherings at homes, restaurants, bars and other event venues where transmission is more likely to occur.**
- **Practice good hand hygiene.**

Taking these guidelines seriously is something each member of our community can do to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and ease the pressure on our region's hospitals.

See the MARC press release at: https://www.marc.org/News-Releases/11_2020/Help-slow-the-spread-of-COVID-19-and-preserve-hosp.html

The Shawnee Mission School District Bond Proposal

Registered voters in Westwood Hills should have received a ballot by mail related to the bond proposal in the amount of \$264.2 million, designed to provide lasting facilities improvements and to strengthen student achievement by providing a pathway to reduce secondary teacher workload.

Especially important to Westwood Hills residents, the bond will rebuild five elementary schools, including ours. [You can watch a video about the elementary rebuilds here.](#)

The five proposed rebuilds include:

- John Diemer Elementary School
- Pawnee Elementary School
- Rushton Elementary School
- Tomahawk Elementary School
- **Westwood View Elementary School**

The proposed, anticipated timeline for these rebuilds includes John Diemer and Westwood View in 2021, Pawnee in 2022 and Rushton and Tomahawk in 2023.

Parents, staff, and community members from each school have or will provide their input for architects and administrators during visioning sessions. The district and the architects will include their ideas, suggestions, and recommendations from parents, staff, and community members in the plan for the new schools.

At its December 14 meeting, the Westwood Hills City Council voted unanimously to support the ballot proposal and the bonds. Westwood View is an important community asset which attracts young families to our city and may be a reason you live here now.

Mail in ballots for the bond election are due on January 26, 2020. Please return your ballot soon.



WWPD COVID-19 Resource Guide

The Westwood Police Department has compiled a user-friendly guide to assist residents in finding available resources. The resource guide is available [here](#).

Stormwater Management Plan and Annual Report

The City is in the process of finalizing a new Stormwater Management Plan to be filed with KDHE in February, in connection with the filing of the City's 2020 Annual SMP Report. If interested in reviewing the draft plan, please contact the City Clerk. For the current Stormwater Management Plan, click [here](#). Citizens may send comments regarding the Stormwater Plan and Annual Report to whclerk@gmail.com.



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