

Monthly

news & updates

January 2026 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

Upcoming Events:

January

- 15 Planning Commission Meeting
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - City Offices Closed

February

- 9 City Council Meeting
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 Presidents' Day - City offices closed
- 19 Planning Commission Meeting



Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance

City offices will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2026, in observance of

Martin Luther King, Jr. 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 January and February. For questions or issues regarding this policy, please contact the HOA Treasurer, Richard Carey, at richard.carey193@gmail.com



January Planning Commission Meeting

The Planning Commission will hold a meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Community Room at Westwood City Hall.

Meeting documents and related materials are available on the City's website.



PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING

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.

January 15, 2026 - 6:00-7:30 PM (virtual event) - **Sheet Pan Dinners Made Simple**

January 30, 2026 - 10:00 a.m. - Kansas Legal Services: **Legal Planning for Peace of Mind**

February 7 & February 19, 2026 - **Kitchen Restore Project's Donation Drive.**

February 17, 2026 - 1:00 - 2:00 PM - **Estate Planning Process**

February 17, 2026 - 6:00 - 8:00 PM - **Medicare: An In-Depth Look**

Temporary Sign Ordinance Reminder

According to the [City's Ordinances](#), Chapter 8, Article 203, temporary signs are permitted for a maximum of 90 days and must be removed or replaced after that time period.

If any yard signs have been displayed for more than 90 days, the City kindly requests that you remove them.

For your reference, this ordinance also includes additional requirements regarding the size and placement of temporary signs.



Cities of Fairway, Roeland Park, and Westwood Announce Conclusion of Northeast Johnson County Fireworks Display

The Cities of Fairway, Roeland Park, and Westwood jointly announce that the Northeast Johnson County Fireworks Display will not take place in 2026.

For nearly two decades, the annual fireworks display has been launched from the baseball field at Bishop Miege High School. Bishop Miege has shared plans to install synthetic turf on the baseball field in the coming months. As such, the field will no longer be available as a fireworks launch site.

In advance of this decision, the three cities worked collaboratively to explore alternative locations within their respective city limits that could safely and effectively accommodate a fireworks display of similar size and scope. After careful review, no existing open space met the minimum safety, logistical, and operational requirements necessary to host the event. The cities will continue to investigate potential for partnerships with other northeast Johnson County cities to create a new 4th of July celebration. We will update our residents on any progress on these cooperative efforts.

"The Northeast Johnson County Fireworks Display has been a valued community tradition for many years," the cities shared in a joint statement. "While we explored all reasonable options, there is no viable location that allows the event to continue in its current format."

The Cities of Fairway, Roeland Park, and Westwood extend their sincere appreciation to Bishop Miege High School and the Archdiocese of Kansas City for their partnership and generosity in hosting the fireworks display for nearly 20 years. Their support made the event possible and created lasting memories for residents throughout the community.

The cities also wish to recognize and thank the Cities of Mission Woods and Westwood Hills for their continued support and financial contributions to the event over the years.

Johnson County Emergency Operations Plan (CEOP)

The County Emergency Operations Plan (CEOP) establishes the policies, coordination mechanisms, and roles and responsibilities necessary to address the needs arising from a disaster in Johnson County. The CEOP also outlines the concepts of operations and emergency management processes required to manage such events effectively. The City of Westwood Hills is a participating jurisdiction within the CEOP. You can find more information, including the plan, [here](#).



Johnson County Winter Weather Guide

Snow and ice are typical features of Kansas winters, often combined with freezing temperatures. These conditions not only increase travel risks but also pose health risks due to extreme cold. Johnson County Government aims to prepare residents for various winter weather challenges. Their guide provides the latest information on closures and cancellations, along with practical tips to help people stay safe and warm in cold weather. Find Johnson County's Winter Weather Guide at <https://www.jocogov.org/winter-weather-guide>.

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.](#)

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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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