

Monthly news & updates

June 2021 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

Upcoming Events:

June 17, 2021 - June Planning Commission Meeting

June 19, 2021 - Westwood Hills Garden Tour

June 21, 2021 Planning Commission Public Hearing

July 4, 2021 - Fourth of July Celebration

July 12, 2021 - July City Council Meeting

July 15, 2021 - July Planning Commission Meeting

2022 Budget Hearing - August 9, 2021

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!

June Planning Commission Meeting

The June Planning Commission Meeting will be held remotely at 7:00 p.m. on June 17, 2021. The Agenda items and Zoom link are on the [City's Google Drive](#).



Fireworks Display Cancelled

Unfortunately, the annual fireworks display typically held at Bishop Miege High School has been cancelled, but we look forward to the event resuming in 2022.



4th of July Celebration

Please join your friends and neighbors on Sunday, July 4th at 11:00 AM for the

2021 Westwood Hills 4th of July parade. This event is sponsored by the Westwood Hills Community Association. The parade begins at 11:00 AM at the corner of 49th Street and Rainbow - and will proceed to Flag Island on Glendale. A Westwood Police Officer on a motorcycle will lead the parade, and 49th Street and Glendale Road will be barricaded during the parade. Everyone is encouraged to dress patriotically as well as to decorate their bikes, scooters, strollers and pets to march in the parade. A prize will be awarded for best decorations. There will be an ice cream truck with treats near Flag Island, but we will not have a

catered picnic this year. Glendale Road will remain closed until 1:00 p.m. to accommodate the festivities.

The Cost Share Program is Back!

Stormwater Best Management Practices Program

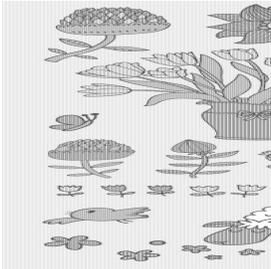
The City of Westwood Hills encourages individual homeowners to incorporate Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) on their property to aid in the improvement of local and regional water quality.

At the same time, the City encourages planting native plants and trees to support the natural ecosystem and provide food for pollinators like bees and butterflies. The BMP Cost Share program will reimburse applicants up to 50% of eligible expenses, not to exceed a project reimbursement cap, for the proper installation of the following best management practices:

<u>Project Type</u>	<u>Project Reimbursement Cap</u>
Rain Barrel	\$75 per barrel, up to two
Native tree planting	\$150 per tree, up to two
Rain garden/pollinator garden	\$1000

This year, Bridging the Gap will administer the program on the City's behalf. All applications must be completed online and be approved **prior** to starting the project.

For more information about this program [click here](#).



Westwood Hills Garden Tour

The Westwood Hills Garden Tour will take place on Saturday, June 19, 2021. We will have eight beautiful and diverse gardens to tour. The tour will be open only to Westwood Hills residents and their invited guests. We hope to share and inspire by sharing examples of sun and shade gardens, perennial and annual gardens and raised gardens. This event is being sponsored by the Westwood Hills Historic Foundation and Westwood Hills Homes Association and Community Association.

YOTM

Congratulations to Renée and Lyle Miller for the June Yard of the Month!

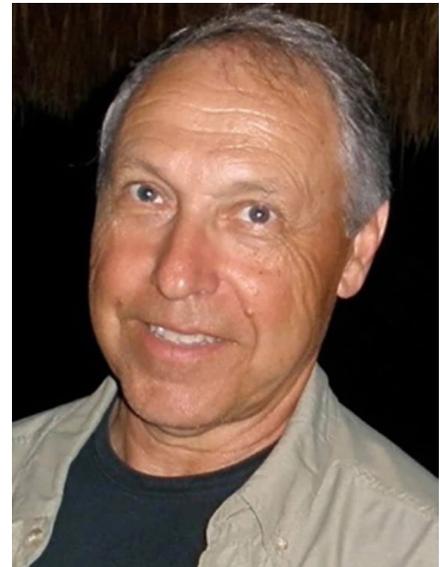


2021 General Election

June 1 was the deadline to file for the November Election. The following candidates filed: Mayor Paula Schwach is seeking re-election, uncontested. Incumbents Michael Anfang, Ed Gogol, Rosemary Podrebarac, Karen Sexton and Ludwig Villasi are seeking re-election with a challenge from David Schmitz.

In Memoriam - Tom Magstadt

Dave Magstadt sent notice of the death of Tom Magstadt: My Dad, Thomas Magstadt passed away last week. He apparently had a massive heart attack and died at home. Dad lived his life on his own terms. He wrote possibly the best selling political science text book of all time. (Understanding Politics), The 13 editions spanned over 35 years. He was a Fulbright Scholar in the Czech Republic. He was a Political Analyst for the CIA, a Civilian Professor at the Air Force Air War College, and the Chairman of the Political Science Departments at Augustana College and the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He wrote columns for multiple newspapers and several other books. Over the years he taught part-time at KU, UMKC, Rockhurst, and Park University. His latest project was finishing a novel that he was getting ready to publish.



He spent most of his waking hours with the love of his life Becky Mickelberg, seeing his friends, discussing current events, and walking his favorite dog, Rocky. We will miss him, but I'm grateful that he was able to live everyday exactly the way he wanted to and didn't suffer from old age for even a moment. We are proceeding the way he requested. His body will be cremated, and we will have a Celebration of Life Party for him some time in the future.

Johnson County Charter Commission Meetings

Mayor Schwach is a member of the Johnson County Charter Commission. Meetings are held the second Monday and the fourth Wednesday of the month. The purpose of the decennial Charter Commission is to study and evaluate the operations of county government and recommend changes

as needed. The Mayor welcomes your comments regarding the commission's work.

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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