



# Monthly

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## June 2023 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

### Upcoming Events:

#### June

There will not be a  
June Planning Commission Meeting

**19** Juneteenth - City offices closed

#### July

**3** Fireworks Display

**4** 4th of July parade  
4th of July - City offices closed

**10** City Council Meeting

**20** Planning Commission Meeting



#### 2023 Elections

The following citizens filed for  
the November elections:

Mayor: Rosemary Podrebarac

City Council: Ed Gogol, Dave Schmitz, and  
Karen Sexton.

There will be two City Council openings at  
the next election. If you are interested or  
want more information, please contact the  
City Clerk at [clerk@westwoodhillsks.gov](mailto:clerk@westwoodhillsks.gov).



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# HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

## 4th of July Parade

Please join your friends and neighbors on Tuesday, July 4th, at 11:00 AM for the 2023 Westwood Hills 4th of July parade. This event is sponsored by the Westwood Hills Community Association.

Please line up at the corner of 49th St. and Rainbow by 10:45 am. The parade begins at 11:00 AM at the corner of 49th Street and Rainbow and will proceed to Flag Island via Glendale. Both 49th Street and Glendale Road will be barricaded during the parade.

Everyone is encouraged to dress patriotically and to decorate their bikes, scooters, strollers, and pets to march in the parade. A prize will be awarded for the best decorations.

The Westwood Hills Community Association will provide sweet treats at Flying Cow Gelato Shop after the parade. Hope to see you there.



## Meet the 2023 4th of July Grand Marshalls

This year the Westwood Hills Community Association, which sponsors our Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and ice cream social voted to name Ludwig and Klára Villasi as this year's Grand Marshalls. The Villasi's will be riding in the parade behind our police escort.

Ludwig and Klára have resided at 2000 W 50<sup>th</sup> Street since 2004. (2000 W. 50<sup>th</sup> Street is the first house completed in Westwood Hills). Throughout their residency in our City, they have been model residents, neighbors, friends, and volunteers. Ludwig served one term on the Westwood Hills Planning Commission, and then 4 terms as a member of the Westwood Hills City Council. Klára has been an active member of the Westwood Hills Home Association and Community Association from the beginning of their residency to the present. Her greatest contribution has been the success of our Annual Homeowners Meeting and dinner each Fall.

Another significant reason for choosing them as Grand Marshalls is that they both represent and remind all of us of the realization of the dream of becoming and being an American citizen and enjoying the American promise of freedom. Both Klára and Ludwig were born in Budapest, Hungary.



## Fireworks Display

The Annual Independence Day Fireworks Display is back! The display will be held Monday, July 3, 2023, at Bishop Miege High School. The Fireworks will begin approximately at 9:30 p.m. or dusk. Be sure to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Attendees are encouraged to walk to this event, as parking space is limited. The display is sponsored by the cities of Westwood Hills, Fairway, Mission Woods, Roeland Park & Westwood

## New Demonstration Rain Garden on The Green



### **Stormwater Cost Share Program**

**The City took advantage of the cost share program and had a demonstration rain garden installed on the south side of The Green (pictured above).** Plant signage will be forthcoming. A special thank you to Nancy Ralston and Ed Gogol for working with Parsons' Gardening on designing the garden, and to Nancy for helping to install the rain garden.

The City of Westwood Hills encourages individual homeowners to incorporate Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) on their properties 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:

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

Go to [containtherainjoco.com](https://containtherainjoco.com) for the application. All projects must be installed by October 31, 2023. Requests for refunds must be received by November 30, 2023.

Start planning your garden now. Visit the [K-State Research and Extension Online Gardening Calendar to help with your planning.](#)

**Congratulations to 2204 West 50th Terrace for the June YOTM!**



The National Suicide Prevention Line is reachable at 988, and the call center will direct callers to local crisis centers for assistance. The existing crisis line for Johnson County Mental Health Emergency Services is still accessible at (913) 268-0156.



## Stormwater Management Plan and Annual Report

The 2021 Stormwater Management Plan and the 2022 SMP Annual Report can be found on the City's [website](#).

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