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Fourth of July Parade

Please join your friends and neighbors on Thursday, July 4, 2024, at 11:00 AM for the 2024 Westwood Hills 4th of July Parade. See the article below for more information.

Fun Fact

Smarties® "were born" in 1949

Each package of Smarties® is only 25 calories and consists of 6 colors of candy tablets that are randomly mixed together.

The flavor of each color is as follows:

Orange Cream
Yellow = Pineapple
Pink = Cherry
Green = Strawberry
Purple = Grape
Orange = Orange



2025 Budget Workshop

The 2025 Budget Workshop will take place at 9:00 am on June 29, 2024, at the



offices of Higdon and Hale CPA - 6310 Lamar Ave. #110, Overland Park, KS 66202.
All citizens are welcome to attend.



Fireworks Display

The Annual Independence Day Fireworks Display is back! The display will be held on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at Bishop Miege High School. The Fireworks will begin approximately at 9:30 p.m. or dusk. 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.



4th of July Parade

Please join your friends and neighbors on Thursday, July 4th, at 11:00 AM for the 2024 Westwood Hills 4th of July parade. The Westwood Hills Community Association sponsors this event.

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.

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



Congratulations 1921 West 48th Terrace for the June YOTM!



Solicitation Permits

Residents have seen a higher number of solicitors in the last month. As a reminder, in Westwood Hills, a permit is needed for most solicitors.

6-303. SOLICITATION PERMITS REQUIRED. All solicitors and companies employing solicitors must register and obtain a permit from the City before soliciting within the City. To obtain a permit to solicit, the applicant must furnish the information required under this article to the city clerk.

6-304. EXCEPTIONS. The provisions of section 6-301 of this article shall not apply to solicitations conducted by charitable, religious, benevolent, fraternal, civic, educational or other eleemosynary organizations and associations.

Fireworks Permit Issued for KCCC

Just to let you know, Wald & Co. received a firework permit for the Kansas City Country Club (KCCC) on **June 29, 2024, at 9:45 p.m.**



Photo of the City's Rain Garden installed in 2023

Stormwater Best Management Practices (Contain the Rain) Program

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

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 (Contain the Rain) 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:

All projects/plantings must have pre-approval

- Rain Barrel: \$75 per barrel cap, up to two
- Native Plant Garden (must receive runoff) \$1,000
- Native tree planting: \$150 per tree cap, up to two
- Rain Garden/Pollinator Garden: \$1,000 cap

The Program requirements can be found [here](#).

Go to containtherainjoco.com for the application. All projects must be installed by October 31, 2024. Requests for refunds must be received by November 30, 2024.

The program requirements can be found [here](#).

Find workshops and Native Plant Sales [here](#).

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



Severe Weather Guide

Severe weather is possible in Johnson County throughout the year. This hazardous weather can put people's safety at risk and cause property damage. Find Johnson County's severe weather information at <https://www.jocogov.org/severe-weather-guide>.

Residents can find additional resources for weather emergency preparedness below.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (**FEMA**) and The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (**NOAA**) are teaming up again to highlight the importance of preparing for severe weather before it strikes. This spring, take time to learn what hazards may impact you, how to take action by making a kit and having a plan, and how you can become an example of where you live by sharing your actions with others, such as friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

Taking preparedness actions can save lives and protect property anywhere - at home, in schools, in your neighborhood, and the workplace.

Learn what hazards pose a risk where you live and work and their potential impact on you, your loved ones, and your community. Once you understand your risk, you are better equipped to make preparations. You can learn more about hazards in your area by going to **Ready.gov/Be-Informed**. The National Weather Service has a website explaining the basics of severe weather at **Weather-Ready Nation**.

If instructed by your emergency management officials, create an **emergency plan** and practice how and where you will evacuate. Post your plan in your home where visitors can see it.

More information can be found at **<https://www.weather.gov/wrn/force>**.



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 Country Mental Health Emergency Services is still accessible at (913) 268-0156.



Stormwater Management Plan and Annual Report

The 2021 Stormwater Management Plan and the 2023 SMP Annual Report may be found on the City's **website**.

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