



# Monthly news & updates

## March 2024 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

## **Upcoming Events:**

## March



Westwood Hills' 75th Anniversary Westwood Hills turns 75 years old this summer. Stay tuned for celebration information! Egg Hunt and Arbor Day Celebration!





The Annual Arbor Day Celebration and Egg Hunt will take place on The Green, on Saturday, March 30, 2024, at 10:00 AM. Don't miss this chance to see the bunny and enjoy donuts, juice, and coffee with your neighbors of all ages. There will be an egg hunt for the children. Thank you to the Westwood Hills Community Association for putting on this always fun event.

### **City Stormwater Inlets**

Did you know that leaves and other debris in the gutters find their way into the stormwater inlets and clog the stormwater pipes? Clogged inlets hamper the water flow and can cause backups. Please check the gutters and storm drains, especially the stormwater drop inlets, in front of your home for leaves and debris. Please clean up any debris left in those areas. Keeping the gutters and stormwater inlets clear of debris allows the free flow of water and prevents debris and potential

pollutants from entering the waterways. Your neighbors downstream will thank you.

#### Johnson County Revaluation Report

All Westwood Hills property owners should have received a 2024 Annual Notice of Value from Johnson County. Representatives from the Johnson County Appraiser's office have met with all the Johnson County cities and shared their annual Revaluation Report, which provides an overview of the valuation process and the results of this year's property revaluations throughout the county. The report includes illustrations and charts showing residential real estate, commercial real estate, and personal property values in Johnson County and the changes made to those values in 2024. Find the County's Revaluation Report **here** and reports specific to Westwood Hills **here** and **here**. All real properties in Westwood Hills increased in value for 2024. Almost half of the properties increased in value between 5 and 8%, with a handful of properties increased in value by 6.84%.

#### Johnson County Aging Resources Guide

Over 15% of Johnson County's population is 65 and older. Each year the older adult population continues to grow. Johnson County government has developed an Aging Resources Guide to help residents navigate services and programs available in our community. The guide is designed to help older adults, caregivers, family members, social workers, volunteers, and the community quickly find information and resources on valuable topics such as nutrition, housing, in-home services, health, wellness, and more. Click <u>here</u> to access the guide.

#### 2024 Pet and Home Occupation License Information

City Ordinances require all owners of pets and home-based businesses to apply for a license every year.

**Pet Licenses:** Dogs and cats over six months old must be licensed annually in Westwood Hills. To license your pet, download and complete the <u>**Pet Registration Application**</u> and submit it via mail or email, with proof of your pet's current rabies vaccination. There is no charge to license your pet.

**Home Occupation Licenses:** Businesses operating in Westwood Hills residential homes are required to obtain a business license. To apply, download and complete the <u>Home Occupation</u> <u>License Application</u> and submit it with the license fee to the address on the form.

#### Tax Credit Homes Remodeling Tour

The Westwood Hills Foundation is planning a tour to showcase homes that have qualified for Historic Tax credits within the last three years. The Tour is planned to take place from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on June 8, 2024. The tour will be open to all Westwood Hills residents and their guests. Contact Karen Sexton at **kls@sextonandshelor.com** if you want to add your home to the tour. Volunteers are also needed to help with the sign-in table and assist the homeowners during the tour. The shifts will last two hours and will run from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.



#### Winter and Severe Weather Guides

Johnson County's Winter Weather Guide helps you prepare for all types of winter weather hazards. Go to <u>https://www.jocogov.org/winter-weather-guide</u> to find up-to-date information on closures and cancellations, and tips to stay safe and warm when it's cold outside. You can also find severe weather information at <u>https://www.jocogov.org/severe-weather-guide</u>.



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. rtment of Health d Environment CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS, KS | www.westwoodhillsks.gov Visit our website Visit our Google Drive **City Information** City Clerk: Beth O'Bryan - <u>clerk@westwoodhillsks.gov</u> - 913-262-6622 Mayor: Rosemary Podrebarac - <u>mayor@westwoodhillsks.gov</u> **City Council** Adam England - Budget and Finance - adam.n.england@gmail.com Ed Gogol - Landscaping - gogol.monday@gmail.com Karen Sexton - Public Safety - kls@sextonandshelor.com Dave Schmitz - Building and Ordinances - schmittyforthecity@gmail.com John Weedman - Public Works - john@midwestbinding.com

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