



# Monthly

news & updates

## March 2025 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

### Upcoming Events:

#### MARCH

**NO PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING**



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

#### APRIL



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**



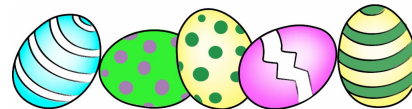
**PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING**



**ARBOR DAY  
SPRING EGG HUNT**



**EARTH DAY  
RECYCLING WORKSHOP**



#### Egg Hunt and Arbor Day Celebration

The Annual Arbor Day Celebration and Egg Hunt will take place on The Green, on Saturday, April 19, 2025, 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. **New this year will be a poster contest for kids twelve and under. See below for more details!**

#### Johnson County Resources

Did you know there are many resources available on the County's [website](#)? Some of the available resources include: Children & Family Health Programs, Safe Kids, Community Outreach Services, Wellness and Leisure, Health Clinic Services, Family Planning, and more. Check out the County's [website](#) to learn more.

## Arbor Day Poster Contest!

New this year is an Arbor Day Poster Contest for Westwood Hills residents 12 and under!

Rules:

- Westwood Hills Residents 12 and under may enter the contest, which will include three age groups:
  - Ages one through five
  - Ages six through eight
  - Ages nine through twelve
- The picture must be on a white 8.5" by 11" piece of paper.
- The picture must be about trees and include a drawing of at least one tree.
- Bring your picture, signed with your name and age on the front, to the Arbor Day/Egg Hunt Celebration on April 19, 2025.

All pictures will be posted at The Flying Cow for one week.

One winner from each age group will receive a gift card for a small gelato at The Flying Cow!



### In Memoriam - K. Scott Mathews

Kenneth "Scott" Mathews, 59, passed away on February 20, 2025, in Westwood Hills, Kansas. Scott previously served as the HOA Treasurer. A private family service will be held, followed by a Celebration of Life event at a later date to be determined. Scott's full obituary can be found [here](#). The City of Westwood Hills extends its sympathy to Scott's family.

A graphic featuring a recycling symbol (three chasing arrows forming a triangle) on a piece of light brown cardboard. The cardboard is set against a background of green grass. A large, stylized green leaf is positioned to the left of the cardboard, and another smaller green leaf is to the right. The entire graphic is enclosed in a circular frame with a green border.

## Earth Day

# RECYCLING WORKSHOP

Join Terri Baugh of Mission's Sustainability Commission to celebrate Earth Day by learning a new and different approach to Recycling. Recycling made easy! Come hear about Recycling 101.

 Tuesday, April 22, 2025

 Powell Community Center, 6200 Martway Street

 7:00 p.m.

Hosted By : Terri Baugh for Mission's Sustainability Commission

## Johnson County Senior and Disabled Veteran Tax Relief

Johnson County residents who are 65 or older or are a disabled veteran and who meet income and other requirements may qualify for more property tax relief this year.

The Board of County Commissioners removed a previous \$200 limit on relief payments for those who qualify. This year, recipients may receive up to the entire amount of the Johnson County portion of their property tax bills.

Residents can apply to participate in the new program [online](#) by completing the application form and submitting it, along with proof of income and/or disability status. The form can be submitted in person, by email, or by mail.

Residents must be at or below income limits and own a home with a maximum 2024 appraised value of \$384,600. The county's [website](#) provides more information and a complete list of income and other program requirements. Residents may also email the county at [PropertyTaxRelief@jocogov.org](mailto:PropertyTaxRelief@jocogov.org) or call [913-715-2638](tel:913-715-2638). The filing deadline is April 15, 2025.

## A Note from the Westwood Police Department

### E-Scooter Etiquette – Ride Safe, Ride Smart!

To keep our sidewalks and streets safe for everyone, please follow these important e-scooter guidelines:

Make yourself known – When approaching pedestrians, slow down and use a bell or a friendly call to pass safely.

Ride in single file – avoid blocking others and keep both vehicular and pedestrian traffic flowing smoothly.

Give way to pedestrians – They have priority on footpaths and shared spaces. Always pass with care.

Keep a safe distance – Stay a few meters behind others to allow for sudden stops or changes in direction.

Obey traffic rules – Stop at red lights, use crossings correctly, and follow road signs just like cyclists.

Park responsibly – Make sure your scooter isn't blocking footpaths, entrances, or ramps.

One rider per scooter – No doubling up; it's unsafe and against the rules.

Let's work together to keep our community safe, respectful, and enjoyable for all.



## Johnson County Revaluation Report

The annual Revaluation Report provides an overview of the valuation process. It includes illustrations and charts showing the impact of residential real estate, commercial real estate, and personal property values in Johnson County. Find the County's Revaluation Report [here](#) and reports specific to Westwood Hills [here](#) and [here](#). For 2025, single family residential real estate values in Johnson County increased by an average of 7.15%, while increasing in Westwood Hills by an average of 10.31%.



## 2025 Elections

The 2025 Election for Westwood Hills City Council positions will be held on November 4, 2025.

The candidate filing deadline is June 2, 2025, at Noon. Applications must be submitted in person at the Johnson County Election Office - 2101 E. Kansas City Road, Olathe, KS 66061.

Westwood Hills City Council is comprised of a Mayor and five City Council persons - all serving a two-year term. You can find more information on filing [here](#).

## The National Suicide Prevention Line

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 2024 SMP Annual Report, filed in February 2025, may be found on the City's [website](#). In August 2024, KDHE conducted an audit of the City's stormwater program and MS4 permit and determined that the City is in compliance with the terms of its permit.

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