



Monthly

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May 2025 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

Upcoming Events:

May

No Planning Commission Meeting

26 Memorial Day
City Offices Closed

June

1 COA Food Truck Event

9 Budget Workshop &
City Council Meeting

19 Juneteenth
City Offices Closed

19 Planning Commission Meeting

21 Tax Credit Workshop

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.

Save the Date

The Westwood Hills Historic Foundation and Westwood Hills Homes Association are sponsoring a workshop on How to Qualify for Historic Tax Credits for Home Remodeling Costs in Westwood Hills Saturday, June 21, 2025, 9:30 am – 11:30 am Westwood City Hall Community Room All residents should have received an Evite for the workshop. Please contact Karen Sexton at kls@sextonandshelor.com with any questions.

Temporary Signs Reminder

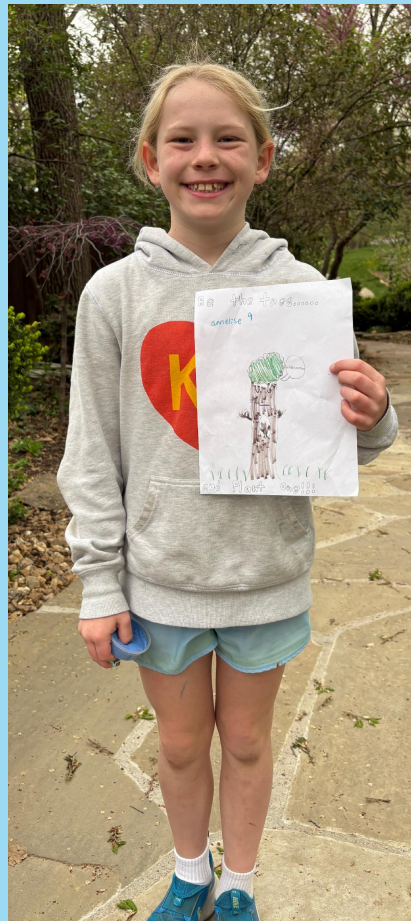
Temporary signs may be displayed for up to 90 days. After this period, they should be removed or replaced. For more information about size and placement guidelines, please refer to [Chapter 8, Article 203 of the City's Ordinances](#).

2026 Budget Workshop

The 2026 Budget Workshop will occur at 5:00 pm on June 9, 2025, in the Community Room at Westwood City Hall - 4700 Rainbow Blvd., Westwood, KS. All citizens are welcome to attend.

Arbor Day Poster Contest Winners!

Congratulations to our artists - Nora, Lily, Mina, Leah, Mac, and Annelise.



Congratulations to 2007 West 49th Terrace for the YOTM!



Nancy Benton's Celebration of Life

Nancy Benton's Celebration of Life will be in Vanderslice Hall at the Kansas City Art Institute, 4415 Warwick Blvd., Kansas City, MO, on Saturday, May 31st. The service will start at 10:30 a.m., followed by two hours of visiting and fellowship. Parking lots near Vanderslice Hall will be available, and valet service will also be provided at the entrance to Vanderslice Hall.

Food Truck for a Cause - A Neighborhood Event You Don't Want to Miss!

Join us for food, fun, and community at our first Neighborhood Food Truck



Event! Sponsored by the Westwood Hills Community Association, this event is a great way to support a local business, see neighbors, and enjoy some great food while giving back. 30% of the proceeds will be donated back to the Westwood Hills Historic Foundation.

Date: Sunday, June 1, 2025

Time: 5-7 PM

Location: Westwood Hills Green

Johnny Jo's Pizza will serve pizza and sandwiches. Please bring your own beverages and chairs. This event is hosted and made possible by the Westwood Hills Community Association. We look forward to seeing you there!

National Gun Violence Awareness Day

At the May City Council Meeting, the Council proclaimed June 6, 2025, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Anyone can join the campaign by pledging to wear **orange** on June 6, 2025. The proclamation can be read [here](#). Gun locks are provided at no cost and are available at Westwood City Hall.

A Message from the Westwood Police Department

Keep your valuables safe and follow these methods:

REMOVE IT.

Remove any valuables from vehicles. This includes GUNS, PURSES/WALLETS/MONEY, Golf Clubs, Electronics, Backpacks, expensive clothing/shoes, etc. Please do not be responsible for putting a gun in the hands of a thief!

HIDE IT.

If you can't remove valuables, at least hide them.

LOCK IT.

ALWAYS remember to LOCK YOUR VEHICLES!

REPORT IT.

If you are a victim, make sure you report it. It helps keep our department informed of recent developments. Also, report anything suspicious in the neighborhood. A lot of times, people think the police don't want to be bothered, but that is what we are here for.



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](#).

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, 2025. Requests for refunds must be received by November 30, 2025.**

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](#).

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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