



Monthly

news & updates

MAY 2026 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

Upcoming Events:

May:

TBD, Planning Commission Meeting
May 25, 2026, Memorial Day - City Offices Closed
May 31, 2026, Food Truck on The Green

June:

June 8, 2026, City Council Meeting
June 18, 2026, Planning Commission Meeting
June 19, 2026, Juneteenth -City Offices Closed



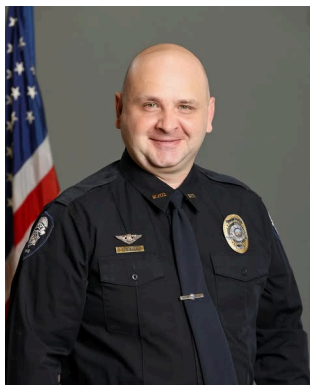
Westwood Hills Food Truck Event Hosted by the Westwood Hills Community Association

Come enjoy a summer evening with your neighbors! Join us on Sunday, May 31st, from 5–7 PM as Dispatch Pizza rolls in with fresh pizza.

A few things to bring:

Your favorite beverage
A lawn chair, if you'd like to sit

We look forward to seeing you there!



In Memoriam

The City of Westwood and the Westwood Police Department are deeply saddened to announce the death of Officer Christopher Bishop from a medical emergency while off duty at his home on Sunday, May 3, 2026. Officer Bishop served the people of Kansas for nearly 14 years with the Westwood Police Department and for more than 20 years in total as a police officer. Find Officer Bishop's obituary [here](#).



Thank you to The Green Team Volunteers

Many thanks to Nancy Ralston, Ed Gogol, Janet Monday, Erik & Anne LaPrade, Ludwig Villasi, and Dustin Neal for planting the begonias on The Green! These wonderful volunteers were rewarded with gelato for their hard work beautifying our city, courtesy of The Flying Cow. Westwood Hills is thankful for all our great volunteers.

CONTAIN THE RAIN

Contain the Rain Program

Help us contain the rain! The Johnson County Stormwater Management Program offers a cost-share opportunity for residents who install sustainable landscaping solutions such as rain gardens, rain barrels, and native plants.

These features help reduce stormwater runoff and protect local waterways by keeping rain where it falls. Approved applicants

can be reimbursed for up to 50% of eligible project costs (up to program limits).

Make a positive impact on water quality—right from your own yard!

Get more details and apply [here](#).



World Cup Information

Information on World Cup Events happening around the area, including [transportation](#) and watch parties, can be found below.

FIFAFan Festival - kc2026.com.

The Fan Festival is free to attend,

but passes are required.

Johnson County United -

johnsoncountyunited.com.

Theatre in the Park will host [watch parties](#) on

select dates between June 16 and July 19,

2026. Text JCWATCHPARTY to 88877 for all

watch party updates at Theatre in the Park.

The watch party is free to attend, but tickets

are required. Registration for watch party

tickets opens on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

Find more information [here](#).



Short-Term Rental Update

Recently, the Kansas legislature passed a bill allowing short-term rentals throughout the State of Kansas during the World

Cup (from May 15, 2026, through July 25, 2026).

A few residents previously expressed interest in short-term rentals for World Cup visitors, although the City of Westwood Hills ordinances do not permit them.

With this recent Kansas legislation, which has been signed by Governor Kelly, Westwood Hills will process applications for short-term rentals, only during the World Cup time period, provided that a property owner submits an application to the City and pays the requisite fees. View the Short-Term Rental Ordinance [here](#). Apply for a rental license [here](#).

May Yard of the Month - Congratulations to 2020 West 49th Street!



National Gun Violence Awareness Day

At the May City Council Meeting, the Council proclaimed June 5, 2026, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Anyone can join the campaign by pledging to wear **orange** on Friday, June 5, 2026. Get information regarding "Light KC Orange" events [here](#).

The Proclamation may be read [here](#).

Gun locks are available, at no cost to residents, at Westwood City Hall.



SHICK/Medicare Insurance Counseling

SHICK (Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas) is a program offering older Kansans an opportunity to talk with trained community volunteers about Medicare and other health insurance programs.

Trained counselors work with beneficiaries to assist them with their Medicare questions, enrollment, and plan comparisons without bias toward any one plan or insurance company. The

program also provides assistance with accessing prescription drugs at reduced costs.

Find more information on Johnson County's [website](#) or call [913-715-8856](tel:913-715-8856) to schedule an appointment.



Stormwater Management Plan and Annual Report

The 2021 Stormwater Management Plan and the 2025 SMP Annual Report, filed in February 2026, are available on the City's [website](#). Also, the City received its new MS4 permit, effective January 1, 2026, and it is available on the City's website.

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