



## Monthly news & updates

### November 2021 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

COVID-19 Information has moved to the bottom of the newsletter.

#### Upcoming Events:

November 18, 2021 - November Planning Commission Meeting

November 28, 2021 - Mayor's Holiday Lighting Ceremony and an appearance by Santa Claus.

November 30, 2021 - Cost Share Program Installation deadline for [Native Tree Planting](#), and deadline to turn in all cost share reimbursement paperwork.

**December 5, 2021 - Leaf Collection, see below for more information**

December 13, 2021 - December City Council Meeting

December 16, 2021 - December Planning Commission Meeting

#### Santa Claus is coming to Westwood Hills



A note from the Westwood Hills Community Association  
Please join us on Sunday, November 28, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. on The Green for the Mayor's Holiday Lighting. Santa will make an appearance.

We will have music from the Dickens Carolers and hot chocolate provided by Annedore's Fine Chocolates. Be sure to bring your wish list - a mailbox will be waiting so that Santa can gather your letters.

We extend our appreciation to the Weedmans and Annedore's for all they do to support our community- thank you! **\*This will be an outdoor only event this year\***

#### NO SMOKING

In accordance with local Ordinance number 255, smoking is not allowed on The Green or in front of the shops. Click [here](#) for the full ordinance.





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## 2021 Election Results

Mayor Paula Schwach was elected to serve another term.

Michael Anfang, Eg Gogol, Rosemary Podrebarac and Karen Shelor Sexton will serve another term as council members.

We welcome David Schmitz to the City Council.

The City wished to thank Councilman Ludwig Villasi for his years of dedicated service. We greatly appreciate all Ludwig has done while serving the City of Westwood Hills.



## HOA Annual Meeting Recap

At the Annual meetings of the Westwood Hills Homes Association and the Westwood Hills Community Association, residents heard reports about Association business, including information about the upcoming Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. Also, the following individuals were elected to two-year terms on the Boards of Directors: Michael Fox, Scott Mathews, Dustin Neel, Rosemary Podrebarac, David Schmitz, and Klara Villasi. Board members whose terms continue for another year are Andy Erpelding, Pauline Freeman, Lizann Kesse, Janet Monday, Gary Ripple, Susan

Ripple, Mike Sexton, and Alison Troutwine. Officers will be elected at a January meeting of the Boards.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the Homes Association or the Community Association, please contact any of the Board members.

## Westwood Hills Resident Stanislav Ioudenitch Inducted into Steinway Teacher Hall of Fame

Oct. 13, 2021 — **Stanislav Ioudenitch**, associate professor of **music/piano** and artistic director of Park University's **International Center for Music**, has been inducted into the 2021 class of the Steinway & Sons Teacher Hall of Fame. Ioudenitch was among those honored on Sept. 29 during a ceremony at the Steinway factory in New York City.

The Steinway & Sons Teacher Hall of Fame is a prestigious designation recognizing the work of North America's most committed and passionate piano educators. Ioudenitch was nominated by Gordon McNelly, owner and president of the Steinway Piano Gallery of Kansas City.

"It is an indisputable honor to be able to recognize Stanislav's local and global contribution to piano education and performance with his induction into Steinway's Teacher Hall of Fame," McNelly said. "Stanislav's commitment to excellence as a performer is evident by his notable achievements, and as a mentor, his mastery is manifested in the accomplishments of his protégés. It was an absolute privilege to nominate Stanislav for this recognition."

"Music education has been a cornerstone of our historic company since the late 1800s," said Gavin English, president of Steinway & Sons Americas. "We are very proud to work with the talented music educators inducted into the Steinway & Sons Teacher Hall of Fame. These teachers foster passion, creativity and discipline in the next generation of piano artists. Their work deserves the highest praise."

Ioudenitch, a native of Tashkent, Uzbekistan, who founded the **International Center for Music** in 2003, is widely regarded for his strong individuality and musical conviction. His artistry won him the gold medal at the 11th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in 2001. Under his guidance, students of Ioudenitch have earned numerous awards worldwide, including Kenny Broberg, a graduate student in the ICM who was the silver medalist at the 15th Van Cliburn event in 2017, bronze medalist of the XVI International Tchaikovsky Competition and gold medalist of the 2021 American Pianists Association's American Pianists Awards, as well as Behzod Abduraimov, ICM artist-in-residence, who won the 2009 London International Piano Competition.



## The Cost Share Program - Deadlines Approaching

**The deadline to install native trees is November 30, 2021. All documentation must be received by November 30, 2021.**

### Stormwater Best Management Practices Program

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



At the same time, 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 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:

<u>Project Type</u>	<u>Project Reimbursement Cap</u>
Native tree planting	\$150 per tree, up to two

This year, Bridging the Gap will administer the program on the City's behalf. All applications must be completed online and be approved **prior** to starting the project.

For more information about this program [click here](#).



## "My City, My Home" Contest for 7th Graders Across Kansas

The League of Kansas Municipalities invites 7th grade students to participate in the "My City, My Home" essay contest!

### CONTEST RULES

- Who: All Kansas students enrolled in the 7th grade during the 2021-22 school year.
- What: Each student may submit one essay not to exceed 500 words. Essays must be typed.
- When: Essays accepted until November 24, 2021.
- Where: [Upload essays at this website](#)
- How: Essays will be evaluated based on: Understanding of city services, creativity, clarity, sincerity of thought, and proper grammar.
- Why: Five regional winners receive a cash prize of \$125. The sixth regional winner will represent the state of Kansas and receive a \$250 cash prize. Winning memos will be published in the *Kansas Government Journal*. Winners and their teachers are invited to attend a special



ceremony with local leaders at an upcoming League event.

For more information about this essay contest [click here](#).



### Johnson County Charter Commission Meetings

Mayor Schwach is a member of the Johnson County Charter Commission. Meetings are held the second Monday and the fourth Wednesday of the month. The purpose of the decennial Charter Commission is to study and evaluate the operations of county government and recommend changes as needed. The Mayor welcomes your comments regarding the commission's work.

### Power Outage Text Alerts

Sign up for Evergy text alerts to receive updated information during an outage.



Whether you're away from home or staying in, outage alerts can come in handy. Receive information and proactive alerts about your outage status via text or email by signing up in your online account.

Here's how:

1. Make sure you have an online account ([register for an account](#) if needed)
2. Toggle text and/or email alerts in your [preference 'Alerts'](#)

Visit [evergy.com/outage-map/outage-alerts](https://www.evergy.com/outage-map/outage-alerts) to learn more.

### COVID-19 HELPFUL INFORMATION

#### COVID-19 Vaccinations:

Schedule an appointment with the County at <https://jocovaccine.rsvpify.com/>.

#### COVID-19 Testing:

Ongoing - COVID-19 saliva testing at various locations around the area. Find testing sites and sign up at: <https://www.gogettested.com/kansas#booking-widget>



Free COVID-19 testing for Johnson County residents is available at the Department of Health and Environment's [Olathe location](#). Go to <https://www.jocogov.org/schedule-covid-19-test> for more information or to schedule a test.

#### Johnson County COVID-19 Webpage

Did you know that Johnson County has a COVID-19 webpage? Go to <https://www.jocogov.org/coronavirus-covid-19-update> to schedule a free COVID-19 test, view the COVID-19 dashboard, locate vaccine information and more!

### Stormwater Management Plan and Annual Report

Click [here](#) for the new 2021 Stormwater Management Plan and [here](#) for the 2020 SMP Annual Report.

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