

# WESTWOOD HILLS

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## Monthly news & updates

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November 2022 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

### Upcoming Events:



### **Santa Claus is coming to Westwood Hills!**

An invitation from the Westwood Hills Community Association  
Please join us on Sunday, November 27, 2022, 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**

## November



Planning Commission Meeting



Thanksgiving, City Offices Closed



City Offices Closed



Santa Claus is coming to Town

## December



Leaf Collection



City Council Meeting



Planning Commission Meeting



City Offices Closed



### Leaf Pickup / Vacuum Removal at the Curb December 4, 2022

Rake leaves in long piles behind the curb. **Leaves must be kept out of the street. Leaves in the street will not be collected and must be removed by the resident.**

- Leaves should be placed within 8 feet of the back of the curb. If landscaping is within 8 ft. of the back of the curb, leaves must be placed in the driveway on the day of the pickup.
- If sidewalks abut the curb, leave 3 ft. of passable sidewalk space between the curb and leaf piles for pedestrian use.
- Place leaves behind the curb the day prior to the scheduled pickup date.
- Keep leaf piles free of limbs and litter. The ability to use the vacuum and compost the leaves is dependent on a leaf only collection stream.
- Keep leaves away from obstacles like your trash collection carts, mailboxes, cars, and utility poles.
- **Do not park your vehicle in front of leaves during collection hours on Sunday, December 4, 2022, from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm.**
- **Keep litter and foreign debris out of leaf piles as litter and foreign objects can damage the machine. All trash needs to be removed from the leaf piles as the disposal site will not take leaves that contain trash.**

Refer to the photo below for leaf placement



### Stormwater Cost Share Program

The City of Westwood Hills encourages individual homeowners to incorporate Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) on their properties 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>
Rain Barrel	\$75 per barrel, up to two
Native tree planting	\$150 per tree, up to two

Go to [containtherainjoco.com](http://containtherainjoco.com) for the application. **Native trees must be planted by November 30, 2022.** Requests for refunds must be received by November 30, 2022.

Start planning your 2023 garden now. Visit the [K-State Research and Extension Online Gardening Calendar](#) to help with your planning.

### HOA/COA Board of Directors Open Positions

There are currently four Board of Directors open positions. Please contact Mike Sexton at 913 638 3168 or [mls@sextonandshelor.com](mailto:mls@sextonandshelor.com) if you are interested in serving on the board.



## "My City, My Home" Essay Contest

The League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) invites all Kansas 7th graders to join their essay contest!

Please submit your essay describing what you enjoy about your community for a chance to win \$125 and have your idea published in the Kansas Government Journal. One young leader will be named the overall winner for the state of Kansas and win \$250. The winners and their teachers will be invited to Topeka for a special ceremony with local leaders and state legislators in January 2023. Become an active participant in your community, better the lives of your fellow citizens, and

discover the rewards it provides. The Deadline to submit an application is November 22, 2022.

[Click here for the LKM Invitation and Instruction Sheet.](#)



The National Suicide Prevention Line is reachable at 988 and 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.

## Johnson County Severe Weather Guide

Severe weather is possible in Johnson County throughout the year. This hazardous weather can put people's safety at risk and cause damage to property. Johnson County Government has [created an online guide](#) to help residents prepare for and monitor severe weather.



## COVID-19 HELPFUL INFORMATION

### iHealth Test Kit Expiration Extension

As of July 8, 2022, the FDA extended the shelf-life of the iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid tests to 12 months. Visit the [iHealth website](#) for more details or to look up new expiration dates by lot numbers.

### COVID-19 Vaccinations:

Schedule an appointment with the County at

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

Visit <https://www.jocogov.org/coronavirus->

<https://jocovaccine.rsvpify.com/>.

[covid-19-update](#) to schedule a free COVID-19 test, view the COVID-19 dashboard, locate vaccine information, and more!

### **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>



## **Stormwater Management Plan and Annual Report**

The 2021 Stormwater Management Plan and the 2021 SMP Annual Report can be found on the City's [website](#).

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