

# WESTWOOD HILLS

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## Monthly news & updates

### October 2023 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

#### Upcoming Events:

#### October

23 HOA Annual Dinner

31 Halloween

#### November

7 Elections

13 City Council Meeting

16 Planning Commission Meeting

There will not be an October  
Planning Commission Meeting



**H A L L O W E E N**

The City entrances, with the exception of 50th Terrace, will be barricaded at both Rainbow Blvd. and State Line Rd. from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. on October 31, 2023. Because of the anticipated traffic on Rainbow due to rush hour and the Awaken Church Halloween party, the City asks that residents use State Line Road to enter the City during this time frame.



Leaf Pickup will take place on  
Sunday, December 10, 2023.  
More information to follow.

The Annual Westwood Hills Dinner will take place on Monday, October 23, 2023, at Lidia's. Please join your neighbors for this always fun event sponsored by the Westwood Hills Homes Association and the Community



Association.

\$25/person will include six passed Hors D'oeuvres:  
Beef and pork meatballs  
Bruschetta

Arancini  
Stuffed peppers (gluten free)  
Mushroom, truffle, and fontina (gluten free)  
Crispy baked shrimp

A display of assorted salumi, Italian cheese, Giardiniera, and house made bread. A cash bar will be available. Please RSVP [here](#) by Thursday, October 12th, 2023.

Please make checks payable to Westwood Hills Community Association and deliver to Alison Troutwine: 2019 W. 49th Street Westwood Hills, KS 66205 or Venmo Alison Troutwine (@Alison-Troutwine, last four digits 7691).

### 2023 Elections

The following citizens filed for City Council positions and will appear on the ballot for the November 7th, 2023 election:

Mayor: Rosemary Podrebarac  
City Council: Ed Gogol, Dave Schmitz, and Karen Sexton.

There will be two City Council openings at this election. Councilman John Weedman would also like to serve another term but was not able to file with the County in time. Should you wish to retain John as a councilman, please write in his name on your ballot.



### Go Green 2023! Environmental Fair

The 2023 Fair was a great success. Thank you to Karen Sexton for serving on the planning committee and volunteering at the fair. Thanks also to Mike Sexton, Richard and Laura Carey, the Herring Family, and Hallie O'Bryan for also volunteering at the fair.





## Safehome



October is **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**.  
On **October 19, 2023**, Safehome is asking residents to show their solidarity by wearing **PURPLE** and sharing pictures on Safehome's social media sites.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/safehomeks/>  
Instagram: [@Safehomeks](https://www.instagram.com/Safehomeks)

### Stormwater Cost Share Program - Deadline Approaching!



The City took advantage of the Johnson County cost-share program and installed a rain garden on the south side of The Green (pictured). A special thank you to Nancy Ralston and Ed Gogol for working with Parsons' Gardens on designing the garden and to Nancy for helping to install the rain garden.

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:

Project Type	Project Reimbursement Cap
Rain Barrel	\$75 per barrel, up to two
Native tree planting	\$150 per tree, up to two
Rain garden/pollinator garden	\$1,000

Go to [containtherainjoco.com](https://containtherainjoco.com) for the application. All projects must be installed by October 31, 2023. Requests for refunds must be received by November 30, 2023.

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 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 2022 SMP Annual Report can be found on the City's [website](#).

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### City Council

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Dave Schmitz - Public Works - [schmittyorfortheCity@gmail.com](mailto:schmittyorfortheCity@gmail.com)

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