

Monthly

news & updates

OCTOBER 2025 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

Upcoming Events:

October

- 16 Planning Commission Meeting
- 18 Go Green Environmental Fair
- 20 Community Association Annual Event at Conroy's
-  31 Halloween

November

- 10 City Council Meeting
- 20 Planning Commission Meeting



HALLOWEEN

Halloween

The City entrances, with the exception of 50th Terrace, will be barricaded at both Rainbow Boulevard and State Line Road from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on October 31, 2025, to ensure a safe trick-or-treating experience for all. In years past, the WWPD suggested that everyone establish a uniform ending time for trick-or-treating. This policy has been effective and well-received by our residents. Therefore, we are asking residents to observe once again a uniform time to end "trick or treating" at 8:00 p.m.

Certainly, we cannot mandate that individual residents comply with this time frame. At the end of the night, hopefully, we won't have quite as many people standing around wondering whether or not they should continue trick-or-treating.



Pet Registration

- Pet Registration is Now Online!

Register your dog or cat quickly and easily through our online [form](#). No login needed.

- ✓ Upload vaccination records
- ✓ Meet the city's annual registration requirement
- ✓ No fee to register

Visit our [website](#) today to keep your pets officially registered!

Planning Commission Meeting

The October Planning Commission Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 16, 2025, in the City Council Chambers at Westwood City Hall.



Election Information

Advance voting begins on Saturday, October 25, 2025. This year, advance voting will not be available at the Westwood City Hall. Westwood City Hall will serve as a voting location only on Election Day.

Visit the Johnson County Election page to register to vote, find advance voting locations and hours, or locate vote by mail instructions.

Leaf Collection - Save the Date

Leaf collection is scheduled to take place on Sunday, December 7, 2025. More details will follow.

Leaves and other debris in the gutters find their way into the stormwater inlets and clog the stormwater pipes. Clogged inlets hamper the water flow and can cause backups. Please check the gutters and storm drains, especially the stormwater drop inlets, in front of your home for leaves and debris. Please clean up any debris left in those areas. Keeping the gutters and stormwater inlets clear of debris allows water to flow freely and prevents debris and potential pollutants from entering the waterways. Your neighbors downstream will thank you.



Go Green! 2025 Environmental Fair

OVER 50 EXHIBITS

ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS • SERVICES & INFORMATION

EARTH-LOVING CRAFT ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

THRIFT STORE FASHION SHOW

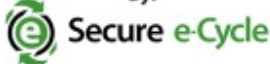
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ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

By:



A box truck will be on site for secure, responsible e-waste recycling. Residents & business owners can bring their used or unwanted electronics to be recycled for free.

Keep in mind: Anything with a cord in your home or business can be recycled.

Minimal fee for:

TV's - \$40.00 each Monitors - \$25.00 each

ELECTRIC VEHICLE RIDE
AND DRIVE EVENT

By:



DOOR PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS

(must be present to win)

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

By:

Wonder & WHOA!

Face Painting and More

WonderAndWhoa.com

REPAIR CAFE

By:



Get items repaired for FREE!
Repair stations for bicycles, computers, small appliances, jewelry, lamps and clothing mending.
(south side of building)

HARVESTERS WILL BE
COLLECTING CAN GOODS



Saturday, October 18th, 2025 • 9 a.m. to Noon

**Powell Community Center
6200 Martway
Mission, Kansas**

! Free Admission !

Hosted by:

Fairway • Merriam • Mission • Mission Hills • Mission Woods
Prairie Village • Roeland Park • Westwood • Westwood Hills

For more information visit our website:

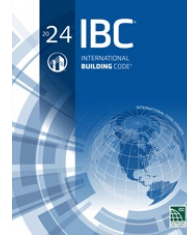
MissionKS.org/GoGreen



Homes/Community Association Board of Directors Opening

There are two openings on the Board of Directors. Please contact Mike Sexton at mls@sextonandshelor.com if you are interested or have questions.

The City is in the process of updating its ordinances, incorporating provisions of the International Building Code (IBC) as well as other international codes. To bring the City up to date, GBA has been contracted to complete an update from the 2003 IBC to the 2024 IBC. The October 23rd workshop has been canceled and will be rescheduled at a later date.



E-Bicycle and E-Scooter Safety

Bicycles have long been valued not only as a means of transportation and physical activity but also as a source of independence. A 2022 study by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics found that 52% of all trips, including all modes of transportation, were less than three miles, with 28% of trips less than one mile, and so it's no surprise that more people are choosing to bike, scoot, or walk to their destinations. In recent years, e-bikes and e-scooters have exploded in popularity, making active transportation more accessible to people of all ages. While many municipalities have gradually expanded bicycle infrastructure, it remains common to see riders on sidewalks—raising safety concerns and highlighting ongoing uncertainty about where people should ride. For more information on bike safety, click [here](#).

Stay Safe Online - Cybersecurity Safety Tips

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month. The "core 4" are simple actions to take every day to protect yourself, your family, and your business from online threats.



CYBERSECURITY

1. Use **Strong Passwords** and a **Password Manager**.

Fast Fact: Only 38% of people use unique passwords for all their accounts.

Strong passwords should be unique – passwords like “12345” or “password” are not sufficient. Without a strong password, hackers can easily access your accounts, especially if you use the same password for multiple accounts.

Make your passwords:

- Long: Use at least 16 characters if possible.
- Random: Mix cases, numbers, and symbols, or combine unrelated words.
- Unique: Use a different strong password for each account.

2. **Turn on Multifactor Authentication**

Fast Fact: 79% of respondents were familiar with multifactor authentication.

Multi-factor authentication makes your accounts safer by providing an extra layer of security, requiring you to confirm your identity through a second authentication method, such as a code sent to your phone or an authenticator app.

Be sure to turn on multi-factor authentication for each of your accounts. Go to the account's settings, look for and turn on MFA, and select which MFA method to use from the options provided.

3. **Recognize Phishing and Report Scams**

Fast Fact: 69% of people express confidence in their ability to identify phishing attempts.

Don't take the bait: Phishing can be costly. By opening harmful links or attachments, you're allowing cybercriminals to access and potentially compromise your device.

The “bait” is meant to deceive, as it may look trustworthy. But there are some phishing signs to look for:

- Urgent or emotionally appealing language
- Request for personal or financial information
- Untrusted or incorrect email addresses and links

Suspect phishing? Report the message or delete it.

4. **Update Software**

Fast Fact: Only 36% of people always install software updates when they become available.

It's easy to put off software updates. But resist the urge to hit “remind me later,” as many of these updates are created to address security risks.

To ensure your safety online, install software updates as soon as possible. Better yet, enable automatic updates so they install as soon as they become available.
Get more information at <https://www.staysafeonline.org/>



Johnson County Agency on Aging Home-Delivered Meals Program

The Johnson County Area Agency on Aging provides home-delivered meals to homebound residents aged 60 and older, as well as their spouses.

Staff and volunteers deliver meals between 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Meals are planned to meet the nutritional needs of older adults. Diabetic meals are available.

To request Home-Delivered Meals (formerly known as Meals on Wheels) or to learn more about the service, call the Aging Information line at [913-715-8861](tel:913-715-8861). To request a stop or a change in meal delivery, call [913-715-8896](tel:913-715-8896). Find more information [here](#).

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 complies with the terms of its permit.



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