

# Monthly news & updates

## October 2021 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

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

### Upcoming Events:

**There will not be an October Planning Commission Meeting**

October 23, 2021 - National Drug Take Back Day

October 31, 2021 - Cost Share Program Installation Deadline for [Native Vegetation Planting](#).

November 9, 2021 - Westwood Hills Community Association Annual Fall Meeting.

November 28, 2021 - Mayor's Holiday Lighting Ceremony and an appearance by Santa Claus. More details will be in the November newsletter.

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

### News from the Westwood Hills Homes Association and Community Association

The Westwood Hills Community Association Fall Meeting 2021. Due to the pandemic, the Westwood Hills Community Association will not hold an Annual Fall Event this year. We hope to hold it next year. Instead, a meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m. at Westwood City Hall on November 9<sup>th</sup> to give an update to members on the status of the Homes and Community Associations and elect Board Members. Masks are required.



### 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.



## **New Fountain Bowl**

If you haven't already seen it (and how could you miss it if you've driven by 50th & State Line Road), the City has a new fountain bowl. The fountain bowl was paid for by Karen Sexton through her donation to the Westwood Hills Historic Foundation. Not only did Karen pay for the bowl, she and John Weedman spent hours cleaning the bricks around the fountain.



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## **In Memoriam - Jim Pembroke**

Jim Pembroke, born in London on January 27, 1946, passed away peacefully at his home in Kansas alongside his wife on October 8, 2021. He was 75 years old.

Jim moved to Finland in the mid-1960s. He fell in love with its festive atmosphere and credits Finland with sparking a lifelong career in music.

A deeply talented and accomplished musician, Jim is best known as the front man and lead singer of

the progressive rock band Wigwam. Many of the band's recordings, particularly the album Nuclear Nightclub (1975), are considered Finnish rock classics. Jim sang and performed in Wigwam's 50th anniversary tour in September 2018.

Prior to Wigwam, Jim co-founded the rock band Blues Section. He also composed music and sang for Hurriganes, Kojo, and Riki Sorsa, among others. His last solo album "When the Rain Comes" was released in 2014.

Jim wanted to thank all his friends, here and gone, for all you did to make music and for all the great gigs. He said, tell them to "keep the good times rolling."

Jim is survived by his wife, Cady Pembroke; his daughter, Emma Pembroke; his son, Rob Schulte; his brother, Brian Pembroke; his sisters, Patricia Knightley and Maria Pembroke; his niece, Laura Knightley; and his nephew, Kenny Campbell.

There will be a private celebration of life with friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, there will be a memorial tree planted in Jim's memory. Donations can be made at [Familytreenursery.com](http://Familytreenursery.com) or by calling Grace at Family Tree Nursery Overland Park.

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## Power Outage Text Alerts

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## Halloween in the time of COVID-19

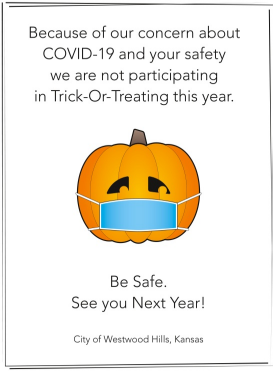
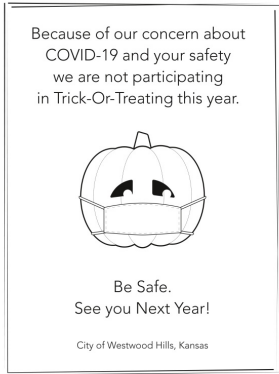
Because of our concern about your safety and the spread of COVID-19, the Westwood Hills City Council agreed to support the Board of Directors of the Westwood Hills Community Association with cancellation of our regular City-sponsored Halloween Trick-or-Treating event.

Traditionally, the City of Westwood Hills has been a destination location for Trick-or-Treaters because the City closes off our streets to through traffic and provides increased police presence with our officers passing out candy. This year, due to COVID-19, we are again breaking with tradition: it would be unwise to encourage a large gathering of our typical crowd of about 300 people, because the City cannot guarantee social distancing and the wearing of masks or assure the health and safety of Trick-or-Treaters or participating homeowners.

The City and the COA will put up signs indicating that the City is NOT PARTICIPATING in Trick or Treating this year.

Each resident must decide whether and how to participate in Halloween. If you choose NOT TO hand out candy, attached you will find printable [Halloween color](#) or [black and white signs](#) that you may post on your front door to let Trick-or-Treaters know that you are not participating. This will also allow you to keep your front lights on during the traditional Halloween trick or treating hours of between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Stay safe, stay masked, and we will see you in better days to come.



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## The Cost Share Program - Deadlines Approaching

In order to participate in the cost-share program, the deadline to install native plantings is **October 31, 2021**. 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>
Rain Barrel	\$75 per barrel, up to two
Native tree planting	\$150 per tree, up to two
Rain garden/pollinator garden	\$1000

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](#).

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## YOTM Congratulations to Karen and Mike Sexton for the October Yard of the Month!



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## 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.

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## Johnson County Election Information

Make sure your vote is counted for the next election!

- Visit [jocoelection.org/registration](https://jocoelection.org/registration) for details and to check your status
- Update your address if you've moved
- Remind those in your family who will turn 18, prior to the election, to register as well.



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## 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!

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## 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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