

WESTWOOD HILLS

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Monthly news & updates

September 2023 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

Upcoming Events:

There will not be a September Planning Commission Meeting

September

23 Go Green Environmental Fair

October

9 City Council Meeting

19 Planning Commission Meeting

23 HOA Annual Dinner

Save
the Date

HOA ANNUAL DINNER
10.23.2023

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. Check your inbox for the invitation.

Blood Drive

When you roll up your sleeve to share your good health with someone in need, you begin a unique story that can only be told with your selfless act of giving. Whether it's the story of what prompted you to begin giving blood, the story of what motivates you to continue, or the story of the patient on the other side ... every drop tells a story.

Sickle Cell Awareness Month

**BLOOD
DRIVE** 



NEJC Chamber
Tuesday, September 19th
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Westwood City Hall
Community Room
4700 Rainbow Rd.



Appointments are preferred. Book your appointment today at savealifenow.org/group, enter
Group Code: EH3C. For additional details contact Deb Settle at (913) 262-2141 or
dsettle@nejcchamber.com.

Medical eligibility questions? Call 1.800.688.0900



Community
Blood Center

877.468.6844 · savealifenow.org



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Community Blood Center was created by the Kansas City community for the Kansas City community. Over sixty years ago, no blood collection and distribution agency served the greater Kansas City area and its surrounding counties. Instead, hospitals were each responsible for collecting blood for their own use.

[Schedule Your Donation!](#)

Westwood Hills Historic District Tax Credit Report*

Since 2014, 100 Total Projects have been submitted to the State of Kansas for Tax Credit Review.

Currently, 25 of those are open and ongoing projects.

Investment in Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Projects

\$5,172,528 (includes completed and open projects)

\$1,083,058 in Total State Tax Credits Issued for completed projects

Economic Impact of the Investment in the Historic Rehabilitation Projects

\$5,172,528 in investment has generated:

85 newly created jobs

\$1,069,600 in State, Federal, and local taxes generated

\$6,143,300 in Economic Output (money that has been introduced to the State's Economy)

\$3,523,300 in Gross State Product



Projects Completed by Year

2014—10 Projects
2015—8 Projects
2016—5 Projects
2017—10 Projects
2018—12 Projects
2019—4 Projects
2020—3 Projects
2021—5 Projects
2022—8 Projects

*Report provided by The Kansas State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).



Go Green Environmental Fair on Saturday, September 23rd

Join us for Go Green 2023! This event will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023, from 9 a.m. to noon at Powell Community Center, located at 6200 Martway in Mission.

This FREE family-friendly Environmental Fair aims to show you how each small step you take can help reduce your carbon footprint at home, school, and work and save money while doing so. Local businesses and nonprofits will provide information and items to help you live a more sustainable life.

GO GREEN: EXHIBITORS

More than 40 exhibitors will educate attendees on the environmental impact of their consumer actions and choices and how making small changes can reduce household expenses.

ENTERTAINMENT

The one-of-a-kind Eco Elvis, who describes himself as a “mix between Elvis, Weird Al Yankovic, and Greta Thunberg” will perform from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Eco Elvis sings parodies to “edutain” people about how to take care of themselves, each other, and our home, Planet Earth.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Bring your kids – children will be in for lots of fun and educational activities. And yes, there will be face painting!

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

PCs for People will take old computers and electronics, focusing on laptops, desktops, and monitors and recycling them at the event. There is no need to remove or wipe hard drives ahead of time as they offer certified data destruction and recycling services. Fees apply for certain items. [Learn more about this service.](#)

FASHION SHOW

New this year will be a multi-generational thrift store clothing fashion show, which will go on throughout the fair.

EVENT HOSTS

Go Green 2023! is brought to you by the Cities of Fairway, Merriam, Mission, Mission Hills, Mission Woods, Prairie Village, Roeland Park, Westwood, and Westwood Hills.

Learn more at: <https://www.missionks.org/gogreen>

Congratulations to 1921 West 48th Terrace for the September YOTM!



September Proclamations and Resolution

At the September City Council Meeting, Mayor Podrebarac proclaimed the month of September as **Suicide Prevention Month** and September 18-24, 2023 as **Diaper Need Awareness Week**. The City Council also passed **Resolution 2023-2**, recognizing the growing problem of antisemitism in the United States.



Halloween

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.

Stormwater Cost Share Program



The City took advantage of the Johnson County cost-share program and had a demonstration rain garden installed on the south side of The Green (pictured). Plant signage will be forthcoming. 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 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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