

Monthly

news & updates

SEPTEMBER 2025 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

Upcoming Events:

September

No Planning Commission Meeting

13 Deep Roots Plant Sale

October

13 City Council Meeting

16 Planning Commission Meeting

18 Go Green Environmental Fair

20 Community Association
Annual Event

23 International Building Codes
Work Session



31 Halloween



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!

VOLUNTEER



The City needs volunteers for the Go Green 2025 Environmental Fair. Please contact Karen

Sexton at kls@sextonandshelor.com if you can spare a few hours.



WESTWOOD HILLS
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL EVENT

OCTOBER 20, 2025
5:30 - 7:30

CONROY'S PUBLIC HOUSE
4730 RAINBOW BLVD.
WESTWOOD, KS 66205

HEAVY APPETIZERS & CASH BAR

The lower restaurant area is reserved just for us, with full access to the outdoor patio!
All Westwood Hills adult residents are welcome (capacity: 75).

R.S.V.P. by October 12, 2025, via Evite or
email AlisonTroutwine@gmail.com
(573) 823-7691

Go Green! 2025 Environmental Fair

OVER 50 EXHIBITS

ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS • SERVICES & INFORMATION

EARTH-LOVING CRAFT ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

THRIFT STORE FASHION SHOW

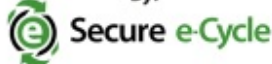
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ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

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



HARVESTERS
COMMUNITY FOOD NETWORK

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



New Street Signs

The City has recently installed new street signs. The brown signs, the designated color for Historic Districts, help highlight the area's unique character. Additionally, the signs are reflective, ensuring compliance with state safety regulations and enhancing visibility for both drivers and pedestrians. The City extends its appreciation to Councilwoman Sexton for her dedication and efforts in making this improvement possible.

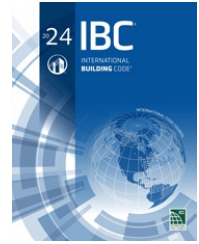
International Building Code (IBC) Update Workshop

The City is in the process of updating its International Building Code (IBC). To bring the City up to date, GBA has been contracted to complete an update from the 2003 IBC to the 2024 IBC.

A public workshop will be held to review GBA's recommendations:

- Thursday, October 23, 2025
- 7:00 p.m.
- Community Room, Westwood City Hall

All citizens are welcome to attend and learn more about the proposed updates.



September is National Preparedness Month

Johnson County provides a wide variety of resources to help you ensure your family, your loved ones, and your business are safe during an emergency.

Review the keys to effective emergency preparedness from [Johnson County Emergency Management](#), the [Metropolitan Emergency Managers Committee](#), the [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#), the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), the [Department of Education](#), and the [Small Business Administration](#).

Whatever your situation, the key is knowing what to do before an emergency happens.



World Cup Volunteers Needed - Last Chance!

In less than a year, the world's biggest sporting competition will be right here in Kansas City, and our region will have unprecedented global attention. The FIFA World Cup 26™ will bring hundreds of thousands of visitors and billions of viewers from around the world. This is our moment to show who we are, and now is your chance to be part of that.

KC needs you! [Sign up by September 15, 2025](#)

Thousands of volunteers are needed to be the heartbeat of the experience — the first smiles, the helping hands, the warm welcome that fans and teams will remember long after the final whistle. Volunteer applications close September 15, 2025, so sign up now before the chance is gone!

Volunteering for the FIFA World Cup 26™ in Kansas City is more than helping at an event — it's being a part of history, part of the team that shows the world why Kansas City is a place worth remembering. This [video](#) explains the FIFA volunteer journey and expectations. If you have questions about volunteering for the FIFA World Cup 26™, you can direct them to volunteer@kansascityfwc26.com. Get more information on the [World Cup Volunteer Page](#).

Free Honey Bee Removal

If you see a honey bee swarm or colony in your neighborhood, visit beeswarmed.org to report it at no cost. Your report will connect you with local beekeepers who can provide safe bee removal and humane honey bee relocation.

SPOTTED A BEE SWARM?

Help protect bees and your community.

Swarmed is a free public resource that connects you with local beekeepers to safely relocate honey bee swarms.

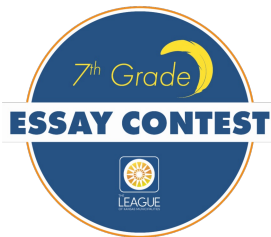
Protecting bees

Swarms are colonies of bees looking for a new home. Without a beekeeper, fewer than 1 in 4 swarms survive. Reporting it supports pollinators, avoids extermination, and brings in a beekeeper who can help.

Report swarms at
beeswarmed.org



info@beeswarmed.org



7th Grade Essay Contest

The League's Local Leaders of Tomorrow: 7th Grade Essay Contest invites all Kansas students enrolled in 7th grade during the 2025-26 school year to participate in a fun civic education exercise to demonstrate their knowledge of local government. This contest is eligible as a Classroom Based Assessment (CBA) if it fulfills all the requirements of the Kansas State Department of Education, History, Government, and Social Studies, Classroom-Based Assessment. This year's essay question is: *What is a challenge your city/school is facing, and how would you fix it?*

Get more information, including instructions on how to submit your essay [here](#). Submit your essay via this [link](#).

Stormwater Best Management Practices (Contain the Rain) Program

The City of Westwood Hills encourages homeowners and businesses to incorporate Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) on their property to aid in the improvement of local and regional water quality.

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 (Contain the Rain) 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:

All projects/plantings must have pre-approval

- Rain Barrel: \$75 per barrel cap, up to two

- Native Plant Garden (must receive runoff) \$1,000
- Native tree planting: \$150 per tree cap, up to two
- Rain Garden/Pollinator Garden: \$1,000 cap

The Program requirements can be found [here](#).

Go to containtherainjoco.com for the application. **All projects must be installed by October 31, 2025. Requests for refunds must be received by November 30, 2025.**

Find workshops and Native Plant Sales [here](#).

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



Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation

At the September City Council Meeting, Mayor Podrebarac issued a Proclamation recognizing September as **Suicide Prevention Month** in the City of Westwood Hills. This observance serves as an important reminder of the impact suicide has on individuals, families, and communities, and highlights the importance of awareness, support, and prevention efforts. See the Proclamation [here](#).



The National Suicide Prevention Line

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 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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