

Monthly news & updates

September 2021 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

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

Upcoming Events:

September 25, 2021 - Community Paper Shredding and Electronics Recycling Event

October 11, 2021 - October City Council Meeting

October 21, 2021 - Planning Commission Meeting

October 31, 2021 - Cost Share Program Installation Deadline for Native Vegetation Planting.

November 30, 2021 - Cost Share Program Installation deadline for Native Tree Planting, and deadline to turn in all cost share reimbursement paperwork.

The September Planning Commission Meeting will be held on Monday, September 27, 2021, at 7:00 pm. Zoom link below.

Community Paper Shredding and Electronics Recycling Event

On Saturday, September 25, 2021, the City of Westwood Hills will be participating in a paper shredding and eCycle event. The event will be held from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at 4350 Shawnee Mission Parkway in Fairway, Kansas.

Proof of residency will be required to participate in this mostly free event. Click [here](#) for more information.

The City needs two volunteers to work from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to help unload cars. It's a great way for teens to earn service hours! Please contact the City Clerk if you are able to help out.



Power Outage Text Alerts

Sign up for Evergy text alerts to receive updated information during an outage.

Whether you're away from home or staying in, outage alerts can come in handy. Receive information and proactive alerts about your outage status via text or email by signing up in your online account.

Here's how:

1. Make sure you have an online account (**register for an account** if needed)
2. Toggle text and/or email alerts in your **preference 'Alerts'**



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 September Planning Commission Meeting will be held on Monday, September 27, 2021, at 7:00 pm, via Zoom. All meeting documents can be found on the [City's Google Drive](#).

Zoom Link:

Topic: WWH Planning Commission Sept Meeting

Time: Sep 27, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://populous.zoom.us/j/98511560305?pwd=ZlFmUWlrbVBINTlwVkVaRTBxNUkwQT09>

Meeting ID: 985 1156 0305

Passcode: 141756

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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](#).

HOME RULE

allows local officials the flexibility to adapt to a constantly changing world.

allows local people to determine where local dollars are spent.

allows local elected officials to make decisions for their local community.

is local control.

allows for a true government of the people, by the people, for the people.

October 11, 2021, is Home Rule Day

Home Rule allows local people, making local decisions, to provide for the unique needs of each of the 625 cities in Kansas. The needs of Kansas cities are diverse and differ from rural to urban, east to west, and even from neighbor-to-neighbor.

Uniform state laws don't always serve the diverse needs of our communities, and Home Rule allows many of those decisions to be made by local officials elected by the people.

Love or hate people zipping around town on e-scooters? Home Rule gives your community the ability to regulate, ban, or allow with no regulation electric scooters, golf carts, riding lawn mowers, and all other types of vehicles, on your city streets and sidewalks.

Does your city have a special sales tax that helps fund capital improvements or road repairs? Home Rule allows communities to decide largely where and how their local tax dollars are raised and spent.

Thank Kansas's constitutional Home Rule for your community's strong economic development and growth--because your city's future belongs to YOU!

YOTM

Congratulations to Patti and Mike Coffman for the September Yard of the Month!



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.

Johnson County Election Information

Make sure your vote is counted for the next election!

- Visit 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.



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!

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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