



Monthly news & updates

May 2024 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

Upcoming Events:

May

There will not be a May
Planning Commission Meeting



Memorial Day
City Offices Closed

June



K-State Extension Homes Tour



City Council Meeting



Juneteenth
City Offices Closed



Planning Commission Meeting



Budget Workshop

Westwood Hills' 75th Anniversary

Westwood Hills turns 75 years old this summer. Stay tuned for celebration information!

At the May City Council Meeting, the Council proclaimed June 7, 2024, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day. Anyone can join the campaign by pledging to wear **orange** on June 7, 2024. You can read the Proclamation [here](#). Gun locks are provided at no cost and are available at the Westwood City Hall.

There will be a "Wear Orange" Event held on Saturday, June 8, 2024, at Harmon Park - W 77th Pl and Delmar Street - Prairie Village. The event starts at 9:00 am. Click [here](#) for more information.



Kansas Garden Guide



K-State Research and Extension unveiled an expanded Kansas Garden [Guide](#) to common plant problems.

At the May City Council Meeting, the Council also proclaimed May as National Cities, Towns, and Villages Month in celebration of America's local governments and the National League of Cities' historic centennial anniversary. You can read the proclamation [here](#).



2025 Budget Workshop

The 2025 Budget Workshop will take place at 9:00 am on June 29, 2024, at the offices of Higdon and Hale CPA - 6310 Lamar Ave. #110, Overland Park, KS 66202. All citizens are welcome to attend.

Neighborhood Cleanup Day

A big thank you to Mary Bunten for organizing a city-wide clean-up day. Thanks to Mary, Norman Friedman, Adam and Ainsley England, Ella Fitzmaurice, Nancy Ralston, Li Huang, Daniel Swint, Mike and Patti Coffman, and their daughter who cleaned up to keep our city beautiful!



Congratulations 4917 Glendale for the May YOTM!



City Stormwater Inlets

Did you know that 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 the free flow of water and prevents debris and potential pollutants from entering the waterways. Your neighbors downstream will thank you.



**CONSOLIDATED
FIRE DISTRICT 2**



OPEN HOUSE

**FIRE STATION 23
7810 MISSION RD.
PRAIRIE VILLAGE, KS**

**9AM-11:30am
SATURDAY**

**MAY
18th**



**PANCAKE
FEED**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE "BACK TO SCHOOL WITH A FIREFIGHTER" PROGRAM!

WWW.CFD2.ORG





Photo of the City's Rain Garden installed in 2023

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, 2024. Requests for refunds must be received by November 30, 2024.

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

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](#).

Johnson County Aging Resources Guide

Over 15% of Johnson County's population is 65 and older. Each year the older adult population continues to grow. Johnson County government has developed an Aging Resources Guide to help residents navigate services and programs available in our community. The guide is designed to help older adults, caregivers, family members, social workers, volunteers, and the community quickly find information and resources on valuable topics such as nutrition, housing, in-home services, health, wellness, and more. Click [here](#) to access the guide.

Severe Weather Guide

Severe weather is possible in Johnson County throughout the year. This hazardous weather can put people's safety at risk and cause property damage.



Find Johnson County's severe weather information at <https://www.jocogov.org/severe-weather-guide>.

Residents can find additional resources for weather emergency preparedness below.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (**FEMA**) and The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (**NOAA**) are teaming up again to highlight the importance of preparing for severe weather before it strikes. This spring, take time to learn what hazards may impact you, how to take action by making a kit and having a plan, and how you can become an example of where you live by sharing your actions with others, such as friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

Taking preparedness actions can save lives and protect property anywhere - at home, in schools, in your neighborhood, and the workplace.

Learn what hazards pose a risk where you live and work and their potential impact on you, your loved ones, and your community. Once you understand your risk, you are better equipped to make preparations. You can learn more about hazards in your area by going to [Ready.gov/Be-Informed](https://www.ready.gov/Be-Informed). The National Weather Service has a website explaining the basics of severe weather at [Weather-Ready Nation](https://www.weather.gov/wrn/force).

If instructed by your emergency management officials, create an **emergency plan** and practice how and where you will evacuate. Post your plan in your home where visitors can see it.

More information can be found at <https://www.weather.gov/wrn/force>.



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 2023 SMP Annual Report may be found on the City's [website](#).

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