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Monthly news & updates

October 2024 - CITY OF WESTWOOD HILLS

Upcoming Events:

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NOVEMBER



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, 2024, to allow a safe trick-or-treating experience for all. As in years past, the WWPD has suggested that everyone establish a uniform ending time for trick or

Hills!

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WDAF-TV became the first
Kansas City television to
broadcast programming on
October 16, 1949.

treating. This policy has worked very well and has been well-received by our residents. Therefore, we are asking residents to observe once again a uniform time to end "trick or treating" at 8:00 p.m., although we certainly cannot mandate that individual residents comply with this time frame. With a stated end time, hopefully, we won't have quite as many people standing around wondering whether or not they should continue trick-or-treating.

A Letter to The City from the Go Green 2024 Environmental Fair Chairs

On behalf of the Go Green 2024 Environmental Fair Steering Committee, we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for your organization's sponsorship of the September 14th fair. The goal of the Go Green 2024 Environmental Fair, with the theme of Save our Planet and Your Pocketbook, was for environmentally oriented organizations to share information with the community regarding sustainable practices that would benefit people at home, in their business, and in all aspects of their lives. We hosted over 500 participants and 51 Exhibitors staffed booths to offer environmentally friendly information and resources. Secure-e-Cycle accepted electronics for recycling which was a huge draw for us. Based on comments from both participants and Exhibitors, the Environmental Fair's goal was achieved, and your organization's financial support was a key factor in this year's success!

Due to the event's overwhelming success, the nine host cities plan to offer a fourth annual Go Green Environmental Fair in 2025. We hope your organization will once again consider sponsoring this Fair.

Again, thank you for your support of Go Green 2024!

Plogtober

Plogtober 2024 is taking place now through the month of October across dozens of parks around the Kansas City region. Sign ups will be available soon for team cleanup events around the region. You can also pick up litter in your city or block (plogging solo), and document your cleanup using the website (www.kcplogtober.com) for prizes and recognition!

The Kansas City Plogtober Cleanup is a great way to get outdoors and exercise while engaging in a socially responsible activity that beautifies the streamside trails in your community! Trash that ends up on the ground ends up in our water systems— polluting ecosystems and killing vital organisms. Go to www.kcplogtober.com to sign up and get more information.

Plogging solo?

...or with a self-guided group?

Step 1: Find a walking trail or neighborhood space that needs a little TLC



Step 2: Assemble some protective gloves, closed-toe shoes, bags for trash, and a grabber tool if desired.



Step 3: Visit kcplogtober.com to log your pickup, earn points for your county, and register for prizes!



Congratulations 2018 West 50th St. for the YOTM!



A Note from Mike Coffman - Westwood Hills Historic Foundation President

For all those who assisted with and to those who were able to attend the Foundation Sponsored Homes Remodeling and Restoration Tour.

Thanks to those who participated in the planning and execution. A special thanks to Karen Sexton who resurrected the idea and did a yeoman's job of pulling together the details. Those involved were: Patti Coffman, Dustin Neel, Mike and Karen Sexton, Richard and Laura Carey, Gary and Susan Ripple, Jason Dandoy and Deanna Barden-Dandoy, Dave Schmitz, Steve Platt, Aaron Sengstacken, Joletta Woolwine, and Alicia Widlund.

To those who attended, we hope you had fun and got some great ideas for your home. The 40% Kansas Tax Credit is a great benefit when considering a remodel project. Attendees included new

“young” homeowners considering remodeling as well as some older couples who were interested in downsizing. It was a good opportunity to meet neighbors, and many attendees commented on how much can be done on a small lot or within small spaces.

If you have questions about the Westwood Hills Planning Commission or The State Historical Preservation Office approval process, information can be found on the City’s website. More details can also be found on the Kansas State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO or KSHPO) website - <https://www.kshs.org>. The SHPO staff are extremely helpful.

Remember, residents must apply for a Westwood Hills building permit in and to the SHPO. Tax credits must be approved before the project is started for Tax Credits to be given. One other important item is that if the amount of the Tax Credits cannot be used within the allowed time window, homeowners can sell a portion or all of the Tax Credits for cash.

Anyone considering a remodel can always contact homeowners they visited for information about similar projects they are considering.

Again, thanks to all those that worked and attended the event.

Mike Coffman
President, Westwood Hills Historic Foundation

Foundation Board
Jolitta Woolwine, VP: John Braatz, Treasurer
Members at Large: Deanna Barden-Dandoy, Martha Lally-Platt, Dustin Neel, Adam Troutwine.



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.](#)



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 Country 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](#). In August 2024, KDHE conducted an audit of the City's stormwater program and MS4 permit and determined that the City is in compliance with the terms of its permit.

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