



## ***City of Westwood Hills***

### ***October 2015 Newsletter***

#### **Yard of The Month**

Located at 2012 W. 49<sup>th</sup> Terrace, the yard of Kathy & John Mollett has been selected as the October Yard of the Month. Kathy's goal is to add definition and structure to the existing landscape. Developing layers, using both hardscapes & plant material to capitalize on form, height and texture, has been key. To play up the home's architecture, Kathy pruned the yews along the front, changing it from a hedgerow to individual shrubs. This highlights the original brick & stone flower boxes that are located beneath the windows on either side of the entry. (This year she filled them with coral geraniums!) Native stone and salvaged brick separate the landscape into rooms. To minimize a mowing hazard, they planted ground covers on the slope across the front of the property. In fact, there are no less than 10 different ground covers between the curb and the front door! The design also includes a rain garden to minimize water run-off on the east side of the property. Other plant material includes roses, hostas, liriop, lily of the valley, and mixed perennial beds on both sides of the home's front yard.



Kathy & John, thanks for your efforts to keep Westwood Hills the "Most Beautiful Little City in Kansas"!

#### **Historic District Permit and Tax Credit Information**

Did you know that work requiring an external permit in the City needs to be reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Society (SHPO)? This includes roofs and windows. The review process can take up to 45 days, so please plan accordingly. There are also tax credits available for home improvements. Please [click here for tax credit information](#), or [here for estimated qualifying costs](#), or visit <http://kshs.org/p/tax-credit->

[basics/14673](#) for more information.

## Notify Joco

Read more [HERE](#) about NotifyJoco, the emergency alert system for Johnson County.

## Announcement from the Homes Association

On September 26, seven of your Westwood Hills neighbors met at The Green to help with clean up and repairs. One of the three benches was sanded, cleaned and treated with a wood preservative. Shrubs were pruned, ground cover was pulled back from the fence, weed trees were dug out and a dead tree was removed. The bases of the fence posts were treated to deter rotting.

Many thanks to: Renee Miller, Michael Fox, Becky Mickelberg, Christy Miller, Marc Robson, Kerry Stanley, and Ludwig Villasi for their help.

### Your help is needed!

Please plan to come and spend a couple of hours volunteering on The Green. Your contribution will make a difference, plus you get to meet some of your WWH neighbors. Can it get much better than that???

Last work date this year: Saturday, October 31, 2015, from 9:00-11:30 am

*Inclement weather date:*

Saturday, November 7, 2015, from 9:00-11:30 am



## Pet Registration

Please register your animals living in Westwood Hills. Beginning in 2010, the city provided each pet owner a pet tag with an identifying number, good for as long as you have your animal, rather than issue annual tags. Please ensure that all your animals are always current on their proper vaccinations. Also, when circumstances change, for instance, getting a new pet, or losing a tag, please apply for a new tag. Therefore, if a pet is lost, there is a better chance of helping reunite the pet with its owner. If you need to register a pet now, please fill out the [Pet Registration Form](#) and return to Beth O'Bryan. Westwood Hills allows two cats and two dogs per residence.

## Construction

If you are considering any work around the house, you may need a permit. Check with the City Clerk at [whclerk@gmail.com](mailto:whclerk@gmail.com) before starting any work.

## October Planning Commission Meeting

There will not be an October Planning Commission Meeting.

## November Meetings

The November regular City Council meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday,

November 9, 2015. Please contact Beth O'Bryan if you have an item to place on the agenda.

The November Planning Commission Meeting will be 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2015, at Westwood City Hall. Please contact Beth O'Bryan at [whclerk@gmail.com](mailto:whclerk@gmail.com) if you have an agenda item.

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Meetings are held at Westwood City Hall - 4700 Rainbow Blvd.