



## ***City of Westwood Hills September 2016 Newsletter***

### **Large Trash Pickup**

The large item trash pick-up for Westwood Hills has been scheduled for Saturday, October 8, 2016. Multiple pieces of furniture as well as multiple mattresses & box springs may be placed curbside for pick-up. **Appliances or hazardous materials, such as paint, will not be picked up.**

All residents should have their items curbside before 7:00 AM on Saturday, October 8, 2016. There are no other large item trash pick-ups scheduled. For questions, please call Lizann at (816) 289-4379



### **Meet your new Councilwoman**

Jennifer O'Neill was sworn in Monday, September 12, 2016, as the new Westwood Hills' councilperson. She will focus on budget and finance. Jennifer, her husband Rick, and son Kohen live on 49th St.

Jennifer is a product leader for The Commerce Trust Company, responsible for overseeing and leading their retirement plan consulting business. Jennifer joined Commerce in March 2013 and has been in the retirement plan and financial services industry for more than 20 years, most recently with J.P. Morgan Retirement Plan Services where she served as a consultant for clients with plans ranging from \$500 million to over \$4 billion in total assets. Jennifer's focus is with ERISA, participant-directed retirement plans, and she has experience working with

plans of all types and sizes, from start-up plans to Fortune 100 companies with over 50,000 employees. Jennifer earned her bachelor of science degree in business administration from William Jewell College and is a Qualified Pension Administrator through the American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries. She was named one of NAPA's Top Women Advisors in 2015. Jennifer is also an active supporter of The HALO Foundation, International Justice Mission, and Jacob's Well Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### **Fall Clean-up at The Green**

Your help is needed! Join your Westwood Hills neighbors at The Green on Saturday, **September 24, 2016,**

**from 8:30 - 11:00 am.** The primary tasks will be to paint a preservative on the benches - and the handrails on the bridge, prune/or remove some trees, transplant peonies, and pick-up/rake debris from the areas along the creek on both sides of the bridge. If there are enough volunteers, we will also tackle spraying a preservative on the fence. Dress to get dirty. Bring your tools, gloves, water and whatever else you think might be helpful. Contact Renee' Miller if you can participate or with questions - 404-403-



6587 or [millerrenee04@gmail.com](mailto:millerrenee04@gmail.com).

Rain date: Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 8:30 -11:00 am

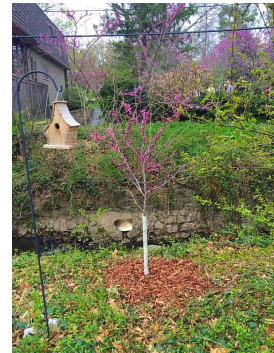
### **Calling all WWH Community Service Volunteers**

Friends Helping Friends Helping Neighbors is a community service program here in Westwood Hills. Join a team of volunteers whose purpose is to help their neighbors with yard work. It's a great way to get to meet fellow residents, and your efforts are sincerely appreciated. The projected work date is **October 15, from 9:00-11:00 am**. Contact Renee' Miller at 404-403-6587 or [millerrenee04@gmail.com](mailto:millerrenee04@gmail.com) to sign up.

If you are a WWH resident and have either health or physical limitations that prohibit you from keeping up with the yard work, contact Renee' Miller at 404-403 4687 or [millerrenee04@gmail.com](mailto:millerrenee04@gmail.com).

### **Tree Reimbursement Program - Deadline Fast Approaching**

The City received a grant from the County to encourage residents to plant new trees, and we encourage residents to consider whether a new native tree planting would benefit their landscapes. Prior to any planting, the homeowner must submit an application to the City, describing the planting project. If a homeowner's application is approved, the City will reimburse half the cost of the tree, up to \$150.00. There is a limited amount of money, and first come, first served. Click [here](#) for the application. The deadline to turn in your application is October 15, 2016. This time frame will allow the city to review and approve your application prior to the tree planting deadline of October 31, 2016.



### **Public Safety Picnic**

Thank you to the Westwood Police Department for putting on a fun event.



## CFD2 Monthly Activity Report

Click [here](#) for Consolidated Fire District #2's monthly activity report.

## Diaper Need Awareness Week

HappyBottoms is the diaper bank for the Kansas City metropolitan area. Because diapers for babies are not covered by any assistance program like SNAP (food stamps), WIC, or Medicaid, HappyBottoms exists to provide diapers to babies throughout the metro.

Diapers for babies affect many things:

- Physical health of the baby or toddler
- Mental stress for parents
- Access to child care services (most require parents to bring their own diapers)
- Ability to attend school or work for the parents (many have to stay home if their child cannot enroll in child care)

From September 26th through October 2nd, 2016, the City of Westwood Hills is helping these families, babies, and HappyBottoms by declaring that week Diaper Need Awareness Week.

More information can be found at their website at [www.happybottoms.org](http://www.happybottoms.org).

Click [here](#) for the proclamation by The City of Westwood Hills.

## 2016 Home Occupation Licenses

If you operate a business from your home, please complete the [Home Occupation License](#) form and mail the completed application with a \$25.00 check payable to the City of Westwood Hills. Home occupation licenses must be renewed annually.

## Yard of the Month (YOTM)

Congratulations to Tom and Joletta Woolwine at 1918 W. 50th St.



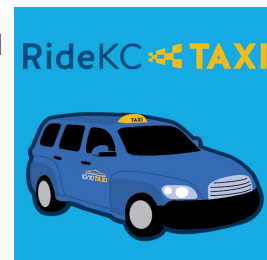
## Pet Registration

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.

## New RideKC Program

Seniors and riders with disabilities will have more freedom to get around with a new pilot taxi voucher program that started July 5. Johnson County and the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority are piloting a regional taxi voucher program similar to ones operated in Olathe, Lenexa and Shawnee.

The pilot program means that, for the first time countywide, Johnson County seniors 65 and older will enjoy a special transportation option giving them more freedom to travel when they want and where they want. Find out more information [here](#). Questions? Call 816-221-0660 or email [ridekcondemand@kcata.org](mailto:ridekcondemand@kcata.org).



## House Watch Submission Form

The Westwood Public Safety Department can help monitor your property while you are out of town. To begin this service, complete and submit the [Online Form](#) at least two business days before you depart.

## Construction

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

## The September Planning Commission Meeting

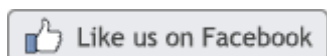
The September Planning Commission Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on September 15, 2016, at Westwood City Hall.

## October Meetings

The October regular City Council meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 10, 2016. Please contact Beth O'Bryan if you have an item to place on the agenda.

**There will not be an October Planning Commission Meeting.**

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## City Information

City Clerk/Administrator: Beth O'Bryan [whclerk@gmail.com](mailto:whclerk@gmail.com) - 913-262-6622

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### City Council

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Ludwig Villasi - Landscaping - [lvillasi@kc.rr.com](mailto:lvillasi@kc.rr.com)

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

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