



City of Westwood Hills February 2016 Newsletter

Northeast Johnson County Legislative Update Series

A series of legislative updates will be held at Sylvester Powell, Jr. Community Center in Mission during the current session of the Kansas Legislature.

The Saturday morning coffees will each feature two legislators from Northeast Johnson County. The sessions are jointly sponsored by the Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce, the Prairie Village Post and the City of Mission.

The updates will start at 9 a.m. on February 13, March 12 and April 9. The sessions will feature remarks from the legislators about the latest action at the legislature, and then the floor will be open for questions. The moderator will be Brian Brown, Chair of the NEJC Chamber Legislative Committee.

The tentative lineup for legislators who will take part:
 February 13 - Sen. Kay Wolf and Rep. Stephanie Clayton
 March 12 - Sen. Pat Pettey and Rep. Melissa Rooker
 April 9 - Rep. Barbara Bollier and Rep. Jarrod Ousley

Rainbow Boulevard Road Work

Beginning Monday, February 8, 2016, Rainbow Blvd will be reduced to one lane each direction of travel near the County line (47th Street). Repairs should take a week or less.



Snow Ordinance

Please remember not to park on the street for 24 hours after a 2 inch or greater snow so that the plows can thoroughly clear the streets.

Violators will be ticketed, and any vehicle remaining on a street 2 hours following a snow accumulation of 2 inches or more may be towed from the street by the city at the expense of the owner of the vehicle.

Please remember to shovel your walkway too so that pedestrians can avoid walking in the street.

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.

Parking Violations

The Westwood Police Department will be ticketing any vehicles parked on the wrong side of the street. Please notify your friends, landscaping companies, etc. that parking violators will be ticketed.

Stormwater Management Plan

Click [here](#) to read the City's Stormwater Management Plan. Citizens may send comments regarding the Stormwater Management Plan to whclerk@gmail.com.

Yard Waste Collection Dates

The Homes Association has scheduled February 15 and March 21, 2016, for yard waste collection. Please also keep our storm sewers clean by making sure the gutters in front of your home are clear of leaves and debris.

Voter Registration

Residents who have moved to the city since the last election, all high school seniors and others who have turned 18 years of age since the last election, anyone who has married since the last election, or anyone who has not previously registered to vote may find the below video on Kansas Voter Registration helpful.



Kansas Voter Registration

IRS Consulting Services

[Free Tax Return Preparation for Qualifying Taxpayers](#)

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$54,000 or less, persons with disabilities, and the elderly and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns.

Before going to a VITA site, see [Publication 3676-B](#) for services provided and check out the [What to Bring](#) page to ensure you have all the required documents and information the volunteers will need to help you. *Note: available services can vary at each site due to the availability of volunteers certified with the tax law expertise required for your return. [Find a free VITA site in your area](#)

AARP Tax-Aide

AARP Tax-Aide provides free tax assistance and preparation for taxpayers with low- and middle-income, with special attention to those ages 60 and older. [AARP Tax Aide Locator](#)

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 before starting any work.

February Planning Commission Meeting

The February Planning Commission Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2016, at Westwood City Hall. Please contact Beth O'Bryan at whclerk@gmail.com if you have an agenda item.

March Meetings

The March regular City Council meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2016. Please contact Beth O'Bryan if you have an item to place on the agenda.

The March Planning Commission Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2016, at Westwood City Hall. Please contact Beth O'Bryan at whclerk@gmail.com if you have an agenda item.

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

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