



City of Westwood Hills January 2016 Newsletter

Bob Hale City Treasurer Retires



Bob Hale has retired after 40+ years of service to Westwood Hills. Mayor Schwach read a Proclamation thanking Bob for his service as City Treasurer at the January 11th Council Meeting. Westwood Hills residents should know what a qualified man served us all. Bob is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants, previously serving on its Board of Directors, and the Financial Executives Institute. He has more than fifty years of accounting experience, including his years as the corporate controller of a national chemical manufacturing company as well as his years in public accounting. We could not have asked for more from the City Treasurer than Bob gave. We wish Bob well in his retirement and thank his family for sharing him with us. John Martin with Higdon and Hale is the new City Treasurer.

Tree Lighting Ceremony



Thank you to the Community Association for another fun event. The tree was beautiful, cookies were delicious, and everyone enjoyed visiting with Santa.

Water One Tap Initiative

Did you know? Tap water is cheaper, higher quality, and more environmentally friendly than bottled water. WaterOne has created a [new website](#) and [video](#) to inspire folks to rethink their drink.

At ILoveTap.org you can:

- Get the facts on tap water.
- Pledge your love. Take the tap water pledge and be entered to win an "I Love Tap" reusable water bottle.
- Share information with friends and family by forwarding this email, sharing the website and video on social media, and asking for delicious tap!
- [Share your photos](#) as a proud tapaholic, just like us!

Learn more at www.ILoveTap.org

January Planning Commission Meeting Canceled

There will not be a January Planning Commission Meeting.

From the County Appraiser's Office

The Johnson County Appraiser's Office has contracted with Tyler Technologies, Inc. to provide detailed, high-resolution street level images of the exterior of every property in the county. Kansas law requires counties to update property information every six years in an effort to maintain accurate data on every parcel in the county. This project is expected to take several months.

Please note the following:

- Imagery will be captured from customized white vans that will be clearly marked with signs indicating they are conducting an imaging and address verification project for the county.
- All personnel assigned to this project have been issued photo identification badges that must be visible at all times.

- Photographs are taken from public right-of-way whenever possible.

This project is slated to begin Jan. 4, 2016, or as soon as there is no snow on the ground. Johnson County has set up a web page where it will post weekly schedules on where the vans plan to be in the county. That address is www.jocogov.org/countypropertyphotoproject.



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](#) and mail the completed application with a \$25.00 check payable to the City of Westwood Hills. Home occupation licenses must be renewed annually.

Water One Rate Increase

At its December meeting, the Board of Water District One voted to raise water rates by 2.5% effective January 2016.

Animal Noise Ordinance

The City has received several complaints regarding dogs barking. A friendly reminder of the City's noise ordinance pertaining to animals:

ARTICLE 5. ANIMAL NUISANCES

2-501. NUISANCE PROHIBITED. It shall be unlawful for the owner or harbinger of any animal to cause or permit such animal to perform, create or engage in an animal nuisance. Any animal found acting in any way forbidden by this article, in the determination of the animal control officer, shall hereby be declared a nuisance, and its owner or harbinger shall be subject to citation. (Code 1994)

2-502. ANIMALS; NOISE, DISTURBANCE OF PEACE; PROHIBITED. No person shall keep or harbor any animal, which by loud, frequent and habitual barking, howling, yelping, screeching, fighting, or making other noise, shall annoy or disturb the public peace. It shall be presumed that the barking of a dog for a period of one minute or longer between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. and for a period of two minutes or longer at other times during the day causes a disturbance of the peace. It shall be further presumed that the owner or harbinger of any dog, cat or other domestic animal who leaves such animal outside and unattended failed to take such action as may be necessary to keep such animal from causing a disturbance of the peace, if in fact such animal does cause a disturbance of the peace. It shall be further presumed that the owner or harbinger of any dog, cat or other domestic animal failed to take such action as may be necessary to keep such animal from disturbing the peace, if such owner or harbinger has twice been previously advised, either verbally or in writing, that such animal is disturbing the peace.

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 Meetings

The February regular City Council meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2016. Please contact Beth O'Bryan if you have an item to place on the agenda.

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.

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

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