



City of Westwood Hills March 2016 Newsletter

Northeast Johnson County Legislative Update Series

The last legislative update will be held on April 9, 2016 at Sylvester Powell, Jr., Community Center in Mission.

The Saturday morning coffee will feature two legislators from Northeast Johnson County. The session is jointly sponsored by the Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce, the Prairie Village Post and the City of Mission.

The update will start at 9 a.m. on April 9. The session 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:
April 9 - Rep. Barbara Bollier and Rep. Jarrod Ousley

While these officials do not represent Westwood Hills, you may wish to participate to keep abreast of local taxation, rental property inspections, and school funding issues among others. The state legislature has acted aggressively to enact legislation that directly affects Westwood Hills and other cities.

Trash can on The Green

Thanks to the generosity of Tom Magstadt and Becky Mickelberg, the City now has a trash can on The Green. Thank you Tom and Becky for keeping Westwood Hills clean and beautiful.

Arbor Day Celebration and Spring Egg Hunt

The Annual Arbor Day Celebration will take place on The Green, Saturday March 26, 2016, at 10:00 am. Don't miss the chance to see the bunny; and enjoy donuts, juice and coffee with your neighbors. There will also be an egg hunt for the children. Thank you to the Community Association for putting on this always fun event.



Text 911

Text to 911 is now available throughout the Greater Kansas City region, which includes Johnson County. Texting should only be used when you cannot dial 911. Click [here](#) for more information.

Community Recycling Event

The Cities of Westwood Hills, Fairway, Mission, Mission Hills, Mission Woods, Roeland Park and Westwood are hosting a Community Paper Shredding and Electronics Recycling Event on Saturday, April 30th, 2016, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. The City is required to provide two volunteers. **Please contact The City Clerk if you can volunteer for this event.**

[Click Here for the Recycling Event Flyer](#)

This is My Neighborhood

"This is My Neighborhood" On March 24th , at 7 pm, the Westwood Police Department will be host a community meeting at City Hall, 4700 Rainbow Blvd, in the Community Room. This is intended to be a meet and greet with the community to discuss how we can help serve you better and to get to know you better. We are your Police Department, we want your input and we want to share information with you. The theme of this meeting is "This is My Neighborhood". It's based off some of the interactions we've had on Nextdoor in which many of you have demonstrated your pride, concern and ownership of your block and what happens there. We want to build on that and encourage more of that interaction. -to have each of you looking out for one another more, calling us when you see something suspicious and using basic crime prevention tactics to make your neighborhood even safer. We hope you'll grab a neighbor and come and visit with us.

Public Input Sought For Expanded Johnson County Bus Service

A series of meetings is scheduled in March to collect public opinion about how public transportation should be expanded in Johnson County this year. For more information click [here](#).

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 next yard waste collection date is March 21, 2016. 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.

March Planning Commission Meeting

There will not be a March Meeting.

April Meetings

The April regular City Council meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2016. Please contact Beth O'Bryan if you have an item to place on the agenda.

The April Planning Commission Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on April, 21, 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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