

VVC Update

The Mission Hills Police Department initiated the Village Video Cooperative (VVC) in 2018 allowing residents to work with the police department during investigations. Once a resident or business registers their camera with the VVC, the camera will be documented for future use. After a crime is committed, or suspicious activity reported, we can use a map to quickly identify and contact VVC partners in the vicinity who may have captured footage related to the reported incident.

Recently, the Mission Hills Police Department and several surrounding agencies have joined forces with the Neighbors app by Ring. The app allows Ring users and non-users to share information on a real-time basis. Videos, photos, and local crime and safety information can be shared with anyone in your neighborhood. Local law enforcement can send out safety information instantly or request video surveillance or photos used to help during an investigation.

The goal of the VVC is to deter crime and promote public safety through collaboration between the police and community. Utilizing both VVC and the Neighbors app by Ring will allow for detecting criminal activity, provide investigative leads, and apprehend criminals. There is no fee associated to the VVC or the Neighbors app and residents are encouraged to join the partnership to prevent and deter crime. To register your camera with the VVC, go to www.pvkansas.com and look for the Village Video Cooperative in the Police Department tab. The Neighbors app can be accessed in the Ring app or non-Ring users can download the Neighbors by Ring app in your smart phones app store.

For more information on the VVC or the Neighbors by Ring app, contact Detective Van Cil, cvancil@pvkansas.com or 913.385.4012.

2020 Census Basics

What is the Census?

The Census is a count of all persons living in the United States that is conducted every ten years by the Federal government and is required by the U.S. Constitution.

It is used to determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives and the appropriation of federally funded programs.

When is the 2020 Census?

Census Day is April 1, 2020. Data collection will begin in March 2020 and continue through August 2020.

Households will receive a postcard with instructions for completing the Census beginning in March 2020. *Be advised, the Census will not call or email you.*

How can I submit my response to the census?

The Census Bureau will offer the census form in four ways:

- Online, using the internet or a smartphone
- Over the telephone, by calling the Census call center listed on the Census postcard
- Using a paper form
- By responding to a Census enumerator



Count Me In JoCo
Everyone counts for the 2020 Census

November 5, 2019 Elections

Mission Hills City Council Candidates

Andrew Weed

Incumbent: Yes
Term: 4 year
Term End: 2024

Beverly Brooks

Incumbent: Yes
Term: 4 year
Term End: 2024

Braden Perry

Incumbent: Yes
Term: 4 year
Term End: 2024

Voting Locations

Please be aware that your voting location might have changed for 2019.

Visit <https://jocoelection.org/polling-places> to see a sample ballot and confirm your polling place.

Frequently Requested Phone Numbers

City, Johnson County & State of Kansas

Mission Hills City Hall - (913) 362-9620
Animal Control (Prairie Village Police Dept.) - (913) 642-6868
Driver's Licenses - (913) 432-2266
Fire Dispatch (Non-Emergency) - (913) 432-1383
Hazardous Waste - (913)715-6900
Johnson County Appraiser - (913)829-9500
Johnson County Government - (913) 715-5000
Johnson County Election Office - (913) 782-3441
Johnson County Library - (913) 495-2400
Johnson County MedAct (non-emergency) - (913) 715-1950
Johnson County Sheriff Dispatch - (913) 782-0720
Police Department (Prairie Village) non-emergency - (913) 642-5151
Prairie Village Post Office - (913) 362-6931
Johnson County Health Department - (913) 826-1200
Shawnee Mission School District - (913) 993-6200
Department of Motor Vehicles (Kansas) - (913) 826-1800

Local Utilities

Deffenbaugh (trash, recycling & yard waste) - (913) 631-3300
Johnson County Wastewater (sanitary sewer) - (913) 715-8500
Everygy (formerly KCP&L) outages - (888) 544-4852
Kansas Gas Service - (800) 794-4780
AT&T - (877) 722-3755
Time Warner - (913) 358-8833
Water District No 1 of Johnson County - (913) 895-5500
Google Fiber (customer service) - (866) 777-7550
(construction issues) - (877) 454-6959

Keep Our Stormwater Clean

From K-State
Research & Extension

Storm drains lead directly to creeks and streams
Clean water starts at home

Compost yard waste or dispose using curbside service. Don't dump in ditches or waterways.

Check car for leaks. Recycle motor oil. Never pour it on the ground or into a storm drain.

Reduce pesticides use. Most issues resolve themselves.

Direct downspouts onto lawns and away from paved surfaces.

Follow directions on product labels. Sweep chemicals off driveways, sidewalks, and roads so they don't get into storm drains.

Direct mower clippings back onto the lawn, keeping them off paved surfaces.

Pick up after your pet. Don't let pet waste wash into storm drains.

Never put anything into storm drains... only rain goes down the drain!

for more information contact johnson.k-state.edu | 913.715.7000

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Art concept originally created by Tennessee State University's WaterWorks program and funded in part with Tennessee Dept. of Ag, Nonpoint Source Program, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The primary pollutant of concern in swimming pool water is chlorine or chloramine used as a disinfectant. This water, if discharged into the storm drain system, can be toxic to aquatic life. Do not discharge chlorinated water into a street or storm drain when draining pools or fountains. If water is dechlorinated with a neutralizing chemical or by allowing chlorine to dissipate for 7-10 days (do not use the facility during this time), the water may be drained into your own yard or the stormwater system. You must test the pool water prior to discharge to ensure that chlorine is not present. Please be cognizant of where your pool water is draining, ensuring it does not run off to your neighbors property.

Federal standards also prohibit backwash water from pool and spa filters from going down the storm drain. Never clean a filter in the street or near a storm drain.

Please take the proper steps before draining your pool. If you have a contractor maintain your pool, please make them aware of the City's restriction.

Letter from the Mayor (continued)

One of our residents likes to say, “We will fix 0% of the problems we don’t know about.” If you have feedback, let me or the City staff know. City Hall can be reached at 913-362-9620 or you can email me directly at mayor@missionhillsks.gov.

On a different note, the Council recently passed a balanced budget that keeps the mil levy flat – continuing a more-than-decade-long strategy. Public safety continues to be our top priority, but there was great discussion about how to address the City’s stormwater needs. A result of that discussion and a key piece of the budget, was a five-year Stormwater Utility Fee (SUF). An informational letter regarding the implementation of the SUF was mailed to residents in early October.

One component of the SUF that I want to expand upon is how Johnson County has changed to a watershed based approach. Previously, the County and cities addressed individual segments of creeks and waterways, not entire watersheds. This approach had the unintentional result of cities focusing on the impacts of growth to their section of a creek or watershed, and not enough on the DOWNSTREAM impacts. The new strategy promises to address the entire waterway. Mission Hills has the opportunity to leverage substantial funds matched by the County through the dedicated SUF that will help us keep current with our stormwater infrastructure.

We hope to see many of you at the Mission Hills Holiday Tree Lighting at 5:30pm on Sunday, November 24th at City Hall. Please also mark your calendars for the Joint Homes Association Meeting on January 21st, 2020 (invitations are on the way).

Thank you again, have a wonderful autumn and holiday season!

P.S. We have received many questions about what Fairway has done on Belinder just as you leave Mission Hills to the North. Fairway continues to try to find effective ways to calm (slow) traffic in both directions on Belinder, and the white bollards are their current best interim solution.

P.P.S. As I have said several times, please help us stop “easy” crime. 90% of the City’s auto break-ins are from unlocked vehicles. Please lock your cars and if you see something, please call the Police non-emergency line at 913-642-5151.

Fall/Winter Calendar

November 24th - Holiday Tree Lighting at City Hall Park. Santa arrives at 5:30p.m.

November 28-29th - City Hall closed

December 25th - City Hall closed

January 1st - City Hall closed

January 21st - Joint Homes Association Meeting at Mission Hills Country Club



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Changes in fees - Electric/Gas/Stormwater

In 2020, Mission Hills residents will see an increase in the franchise fees for Evergy (formerly Kansas City Power & Light) and the Kansas Gas Service. The current franchise fees are set at 5% of gross sales in the City. These two franchises will be increased to 6%. The City requested the increases due to the growth in the City's cost to maintain and repair damage in the right of way when these utilities do work in the City. The increase in the electric franchise fee is slated to go into effect February 1, 2020. We do not yet know when the increase to the gas franchise fee will go into effect.

On August 12, 2019 Mission Hills City Council voted to re-instituted a stormwater utility fee (SUF). The purpose of the SUF is to help provide funding for City stormwater capital improvements and replacement of aging infrastructure. Using information provided by Johnson County, each lot has been divided into four tiers with four different fees based on the square footage of impervious surface on each lot. This fee will take effect in 2020, and will be billed to you with your County real estate taxes in November/December 2019.

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www.missionhillsks.gov

Save
the Date



You're invited to the
Annual Holiday Tree
Lighting ceremony
at City Hall Park on
November 24th.

Santa will arrive at
5:30p.m. for pictures!

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A Letter from Mayor Dickey

Happy autumn and thank you.

The signs of the fall surround us, and Mission Hills is in one of its most beautiful seasons.

There are two big "thanks!" that I want to acknowledge.

The first is to all residents for your patience with our capital projects, and for the feedback you have provided to the City when we have opportunities for improvement. The second is to all five of our standing Boards and our two ad hoc committees who give of their time and energy to make our Mission Hills a wonderful place to live!

All of the volunteers on our Boards and committees do a fabulous job, but I want to call out our Community Engagement Committee. In their inaugural year they planned and executed a fabulous set of events and importantly, the first annual Verona En Blanc. It was a fabulous evening! Look for this and other community events to continue in 2020.

Mission Hills had a substantial 2019 capital plan, and many other entities (i.e. Google) have been actively working in Mission Hills much of this year. Construction is always difficult. When that construction is on your street, or on one which you use most days, it's even harder. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Please know that the City works hard to coordinate construction with the utilities and others who work in Mission Hills. More often than not we have good coordination of projects, but not always. Many of the rules and regulations at the state level give those providers a great deal of leeway, so your feedback when they are not delivering is INCREDIBLY helpful to the City. That feedback allows us to have direct and specific conversations with those providers when they fail to meet the City's expectations.

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