



Westwood Park Homes Association

NEWSLETTER

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Your August Update: Neighborhood Notes for the Season Ahead

As summer lingers well into September here in Kansas City, we find ourselves in that familiar in-between season—warm days, cool evenings, and the first hints of autumn in the park's changing leaves. It's a great time to pause, connect, and enjoy our community. In this edition, you'll find a mix of upcoming events to mark on your calendar, introductions to new faces in the neighborhood and a few helpful tips for staying engaged in our community.

So, whether you've been here for decades or just moved in, we hope you'll find something that inspires you to get involved and make the most of the season ahead.

FIFA World Cup Comes to Kansas City in 2026

In the summer of 2026, Kansas City will be on the world stage as one of the host cities for the FIFA World Cup—one of the largest sporting events on the planet.

Beginning in June 2026, GEHA field at Arrowhead Stadium will host six matches culminating in a quarter-final on Saturday, July 11. In addition to the games, the city will host fan zones, watch parties, and cultural celebrations at spots like Union Station and the Plaza. These events are expected to bring thousands of visitors from all over the world, making it a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our community to enjoy and be part of something truly global.

Want to Volunteer?

Want to be part of the excitement? Volunteer shifts are available from greeting fans, helping at events, or assisting with behind-the-scenes logistics. The application deadline is September 15, 2025. Learn more and apply here: kansascityfwc26.com/volunteer/



Hosting Visitors During the World Cup by Renting Your Home

If you'd like to host visitors and earn extra income during the event, Kansas City allows resident short-term rentals (think Airbnb) in neighborhoods like ours. To qualify, you must be a long-term resident of the home you're renting out. Non-resident rentals are not allowed in residential zones. You can find requirements and registration details here: kcmo.gov/programs-initiatives/str.



Final First Fridays at the Fountain for the Season

Our final two First Fridays at the Fountain are coming up—September 5 and October 3—from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. It's a relaxed way to wrap up the week, catch up with neighbors, and enjoy our beautiful park.

We'll have soft drinks and chips—just bring your favorite beverage and a chair if you'd like. Don't miss these last chances of the year to gather, chat, and enjoy an easy evening together. See you there!



New Streetcar Extension — What Drivers Need to Know

Kansas City's Main Street streetcar extension to UMKC is scheduled to open October 24. The line will now run from Union Station to 51st Street, adding 15 new stops and expanding the system to nearly six miles in fare-free, zero-emission service.

This means new driving patterns on Main Street between Pershing Road and 51st Street. A new traffic plan features red-painted transit-only lanes, one car lane in each direction, and clearly marked transition areas for turns.

To learn more—including a helpful video explaining the new layout—visit the city's website: kcmo.gov/Home/Components/News/News/2557/16

Working to Improve the 50th Street Bridge

The Westwood Park homes association is taking action to improve safety and accessibility in our neighborhood. We are submitting a Public Improvement Advisory Council (PIAC) application to repair the sidewalks and gutters along the 50th Street Bridge over Brush Creek—a busy route for both pedestrians and drivers.

PIAC applications are due August 31, and we'll need supporting signatures by September 30 to strengthen our request. You can sign the petition at the neighborhood picnic on September 13.

Every signature helps show the city that this repair is a priority for Westwood Park residents.



Lend a Hand at Our Upcoming October 25th Dumpster Day

One of the great perks of living in Westwood Park is our twice-a-year Dumpster Day—funded by your homes association dues—where neighbors can dispose of large items that won't fit in the regular trash. It's more than just a clean-up; it's a chance to catch up with friends, lend a hand, and maybe even spot a hidden treasure before it's hauled away.

Dumpsters will be located near the Westwood Park fountain with one for household items and a second for yard waste. We'll also have metal recycling for oversized items you need to discard.

Our next Dumpster Day is coming up in October, and we'd love your help to make it a success. Volunteer shifts run from 8:30–10:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.–noon. Join us for another morning of fresh starts, friendly faces, and a cleaner neighborhood.

Interested in volunteering? Please post a message to the Westwood Park HOA Facebook page or sign up at the neighborhood picnic on September 13th.

Stay Connected with Your Sixth District Council Members

Westwood Park is part of Kansas City's Sixth District, represented by Councilmember Jonathan Duncan and At-Large Councilmember Andrea Bough. Both work year-round on issues that directly affect our neighborhoods—from infrastructure and public safety to parks, development, and city services. Staying informed about their work is one of the best ways to understand and influence decisions that shape our community.

One of the easiest ways to keep up with what's happening is by subscribing to their weekly email newsletter. It's a quick, informative read that shares upcoming city meetings, legislative updates, and opportunities for public input. You can sign up here:
<https://share.google/vLy81X82kGz8n6gGC>

A few minutes each week can help you stay in the know and ensure Westwood Park has a strong, informed voice at City Hall.

Pembroke Hill Dates

Traffic or Parking may be affected

- **August 12** 7PM Varsity Football
- **August 14** First Day of School
- **August 29** 7PM Varsity Football
- **September 9** 7PM Varsity Soccer Game
- **September 11** 7PM Varsity Soccer Game
- **September 12** 6PM Varsity Football Jamboree
- **September 26** 7PM Varsity Soccer Game
- **September 26 – 27** Reunion Weekend
- **October 3** - 4PM Varsity Soccer Game
- **October 9** 7PM Varsity Football
- **October 17** 7PM Varsity Football
- **October 24 – 25** US Fall Play
- **November 6** US Choral Concert
- **November 14 – 15** MS Fall Play
- **November 24 – 28** Thanksgiving Break
- **December 10** Winter Band Concert
- **December 18** Holiday Concert
- **December 22 – January 2** Winter Break

Dates to Note

Westwood Park First Fridays at the Fountain

Friday, September 5 & October 3

5-6:30 PM

BYO Beverage and come meet us at the Fountain West 50th & Westwood Road for some great neighborhood connection time.

Westwood Park Fall Dumpster Day

Saturday, October 25

9 AM - Noon or full (whichever comes first)

Take advantage of this neighborhood perk and get rid of those oversized junk items you've been meaning to dispose of. Please note: no paint/chemicals, mattresses or appliances.

Plaza Art Fair

Friday, September 19 - 21st

Get ready for the 94th annual Plaza Art Fair where you'll see over 240 artists, live music food trucks and more.

KCMO Fall Leaf & Brush Collection

November 7 & December 19

Guidelines for yard waste are at
<https://www.kcmo.gov/city-hall/trash/leafandbrush>

Westwood Park Homes Association Annual Picnic

Saturday, September 13

5-7 PM

Come join us at Westwood Park for food and fun. We will again be featuring the ever-popular Bay Boy Sandwiches and Andy's frozen custard. There's no better way to enjoy the fine autumn weather than to hang out in Westwood Park!

Look for a mailer headed to your home with more details.



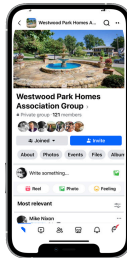
Your Timely Dues Keep Westwood Park Thriving

A big thank-you to all our neighbors who have kept current with their homes association dues. Your contributions fund the events, upkeep, and amenities that make Westwood Park such a great place to live.

Your dues also make this newsletter and our biennial neighborhood directory possible. We appreciate your support in keeping our community connected, welcoming, and well cared for.



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