



# Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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## SHNA Executive Committee

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### **Officers**

Gary Webber -  
President

Kathy Heppert -  
Vice President

Clint Idol -  
Secretary

Joanna  
Wiorcikiewicz-  
Kuczera -  
Treasurer

### **At-large Members**

Faye Hale

Paula Kellogg

Marlene Merrill

Susie  
Nightingale

Matthew Paul

### **Past President**

Jeanne Pees

## Notes from the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee (EC) met on Tuesday evening, November 28, and worked through a full agenda. I have lots to report, so let's get started!

- SHNA treasurer, Joanna Wiorcikiewicz-Kuczera, reported that the Association has a balance of \$795.35 on November 28, 2017. She also reported that we have 138 members as of the same date, with no change from the September meeting.
- Our Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods representative, Kathy Heppert, reported that at the November LAN meeting the following items of interest to SHNA were discussed:
  - Short Term Rentals (i.e. Airbnb, VRBO): A work session was held on Nov. 14, 5:45pm, in the City Commission Room. [Visit the city web site to view a presentation and report.](#)
  - Neighborhoods near 23rd and Crestline are opposing rezoning for a large student housing complex. LAN is supporting their efforts to oppose the rezoning based its impact on the neighborhood and traffic issues.
  - Equitable funding for Sidewalk repair update: Community organizations are investigating possible funding sources (besides property or sales taxes) such as an opt-out sidewalk repair fund or a concrete fee similar to Storm Water Utility Fee.
  - LAN is in need of a volunteer for Secretary and Vice-Chair.
- The City Commission has approved traffic calming devices for Rockledge between 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> streets. The project has been added to the prioritized list of traffic calming projects, and will be addressed again when it rises to the top of the list. This may take months or years.
- The EC voted to hold the Annual Meeting on April 16, 2018, at West Middle School multi-purpose room. Punch and cookies will be served. All members will receive a mailed invitation.
- The EC also voted to hold a neighborhood cleanup on April 28, 2018, and a neighborhood potluck on the evening of May 5, 2018, at the east pavilion in Centennial Park. SHNA will provide a main dish and drinks, neighbors are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Look for more information in the next issue of the newsletter.
- The EC approved mailing a hard copy of the newsletter to members who do not use email. All members who provided email addresses will receive the newsletter via email.

## Dates to Remember

April 16, 2018  
**SHNA Annual Meeting**

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April 28, 2018  
**Sunset Hill Neighborhood Cleanup**

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May 5, 2018  
**SHNA Potluck**

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## Important Notice!

- The Executive Committee needs new members! We need to replace outgoing committee members Clint Idol and Kathy Heppert. Committee members serve a three-year term, meet four times each year, and attend SHNA events and the Annual Meeting. The success and continuation of your neighborhood association depends upon a strong and dedicated Executive Committee. Please consider volunteering to serve on the EC! Email Gary Webber at [president@sunsethillna.org](mailto:president@sunsethillna.org) if you are willing to serve!

## What's Been Happening?

### Commemorative Tree Planted

On a warm and sunny day in late October, the Executive Committee and a number of friends and family of our past president, Jeanne Pees, gathered in Centennial Park for a ceremony celebrating Jeanne's 16 years as president of SHNA. The group helped plant a lovely young Burr Oak just northeast of the corner of 9th and Rockledge, and presented Jeanne with a certificate of appreciation. Thanks Jeanne for all you have done to make our neighborhood a better place in which to work and live!



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## City Studying Transit Hub Locations

The city has hired consultants to study a new location or locations for a transit hub for our bus system. One of the sites under consideration is on the southeast corner of Bob Billings Parkway and Crestline.



You have an opportunity to provide your input to this location analysis by completing an online survey at [Lawrence Listens](#). The consultants hope to complete the analysis by the end of the year, and the City Commission will consider their report soon after it becomes available. [Find out more about the location analysis here.](#)

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## 2017 Applause Awards Announced



Each year SHNA recognizes residents who have worked hard to improve their homes and properties by presenting them with an Applause Award. The results are in! Here are the 2017 Applause Award Recipients!

### **2710 Oxford/2618 Orchard Lane**

Got your bike helmet on? The neighborhood is bursting with sounds of children playing and several new bike riders. This is our first dual award! These 2 homes share corner lots that have been totally redone. The trees were trimmed, bushes removed and a new landscape is in progress. Previously, the corner was full of overgrown landscaping and it was difficult to see on-coming traffic. The visibility allows families to eye their children and cars to spot the bike riders. I can see the potential art piece in progress. Delightful to hear the KU band practicing and kids playing outside... Sunset is a pleasant place to live.

### **933 Pamela**

Creating memories. This home features a new spooky fence, several scary decorations, beware and warning signs, a Dad with his construction tools and a group of girls squealing with delight. Dad is busy with the extensive Halloween details on the exterior of the house, yard and trees. The neighbor kids are enjoying a beautiful fall day. Love the thought that has gone into the holiday décor and memories that will last forever. A home full of life is magical (and scary, of course).

### **3008 Stevens Drive**

Recent renovations say "Welcome home". Updated with a soft shade of gray, window boxes, fresh landscaping and a new driveway. The design improvements and modern furniture enhance the architecture of this home.

### **3024 Oxford Circle**

Secret Garden. This classic style home sits behind a mature lush English style garden. Golden grasses sparkle in the afternoon light and the last colors of zinnias are poking out of the beds, a delightful yard, well maintained, a nice collaboration of plant material. Inviting.

### **3010 Harvard**

A pop of red color against the nice gray background draws your attention to the stylish bench sitting behind a rock garden and bubbling water feature. An intimate, calm, entrance with curb appeal is warm and welcoming.

### **1301 Jana Drive**

Watch out Sunset Hill... this charming hill-side home is crawling with skeletons, a few have managed to scale the side of the home, some are peeking through the trees, a few more are sweeping through the steep slope in the front yard, one had an unfortunate accident with the trunk of a tree. A clever design with a family of skeletons. Can't help but smile.

### **1022 Lawrence Ave**

Wow, recently renovated with new siding/color, driveway and attractive shutters, this house looks happy. The shutters are an updated design, a nice feature that compliments the home. Like the updated color combination.

### **906 Schwarz**

Impressive overhead structure. Some homes reflect the creative ideas from several remodeling projects. The one-of-a kind home on Schwarz has a unique castle corner, a couple additions and the newest update is a dynamic overhead structure, the architectural design compliments the home and pulls all the past projects together. A new colored driveway and a gentle landscape with blooming roses!

### **3020 Nathan Circle**

Drive by too fast and you will miss this home nestled behind trees on a cul-de-sac. Swooping roof lines give it a charming hobbit style, blending house and yard. The updates are well done, trim paint, tastefully designed fencing and fresh landscaping. A few holiday decorations were cheerfully dotted throughout the yard.

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### **SHNA Web Site Taking Shape**



First-year EC member Matthew Paul has been working hard the last few months to create a web site for our neighborhood association, and it is beginning to look good! This site will provide SHNA members and the larger community with information about the association and Sunset Hill neighborhood. You can read past issues of the newsletter, browse the archive of EC minutes, find out the latest neighborhood news, find contact information, and more. Visit it now at [http://sunsethillna.org/!](http://sunsethillna.org/)

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**That's it for now!**

**Stay warm and watch for our winter edition in February!**