



# Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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## SHNA Executive Committee

### Officers

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### Past President

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## Notes from the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee (EC) met on Monday, February 18, 2019, and discussed the following items:

- SHNA treasurer, Joanna Wiorcikiewicz-Kuczera, reported that the Association has a balance of \$659.85, and 124 members.
- Our Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN) representative, Gary Webber, reported that at the August, September, and October LAN meetings the following items of interest to SHNA were discussed:
  - Schwegler is concerned that neighbors were notified of short term rental (STR) but not the neighborhood association.
  - Seven neighborhood representatives met with a representative of the firm facilitating the hire of a new city manager. The representative met with Social Services, Developers, Business, Neighborhoods, and Education. They expect the process to take 5 months.
  - Henderson provided updated information on Kten Crossing regarding the governor's (Colyer) support of the project and KDOT's work with the city to design an acceptable access.
  - Follow these links for the [December, 2018](#), and [January 2019](#) LAN meeting minutes.

### Old Business

- Plans for 2019 Annual Meeting:
  - West cafeteria reserved for April 16, 7pm
  - Flyer distribution to occur in mid-March.
  - Guest Speakers: Mark Hecker, LPRD Assistant Director –Parks, Ludlam Park, Centennial Park Adoption, Michelle Dillon, Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging, Helen Schnoes, Sustainability & Food Systems Planner, Douglas County.
- Neighborhood Potluck:
  - Centennial East Shelter reserved for May 4, 5-8 pm

### New Business

- Proposal from Pack 3055 for Centennial Park:
  - Prior plans to adopt the park by cleaning three times per year showed some response but more is needed. Pack 3055 Cubmaster, Tom Hegeman, has invited scout families to participate in future park cleanup activities.
- Centennial Park Sign maintenance: Webber will contact LPRD to discuss maintenance of the sign at Rockledge and Ninth.
- Non-owner occupied STR at 921 Holiday Dr: Discussion of new city policies regarding notification of neighbors, posting, restrictions, etc. 921 Holiday Dr. is the first known STR of this kind in SH neighborhood.
- 9th and Iowa Quik-Trip development (Webber): Quik Trip is buying the Zarco station(s) at 9th and Iowa and the plans include eliminating 9th St. Terrace, which connects Iowa and 9th southeast of the intersection (see article below).

[Complete minutes for this meeting are available on the SHNA website.](#)

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## Quick Links

**Lawrence Police Department**

**Non-emergency Dispatch**  
785-832-7509

**Neighborhood Resource Officers**  
785-830-7408

**Report Traffic Safety Concerns**  
[Online form](#)

**City Code Enforcement**  
785-832-3111

[Code Violation Form](#)

**Animal Control**  
To report a loose or captured animal, call  
785-832-7509

## What's Happening?

### SHNA Annual Meeting Scheduled for April 16

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, April 16, 2019, 7:00 pm, at West Middle School cafeteria. All residents and property owners in Sunset Hill are encouraged to attend. Please park in the north lot off of Yale (or better yet, walk!) and use the Auditorium entrance. Homemade cookies and lemonade will be served.

# ANNUAL MEETING

This is an excellent opportunity to visit with neighbors, get to know the Executive Committee and vote for the new committee members, learn more about your neighborhood association, and ask questions of invited city officials. This year we will host three speakers:

- Mark Hecker, LPRD Assistant Director of Parks, who will talk about plans for Ludlam Park, on 9<sup>th</sup> Street north of Sunset Elementary School
- Michelle Dillon, Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging, who will discuss services available to seniors in Douglas County, and
- Helen Schnoes, Sustainability & Food Systems Planner, Douglas County, who will talk about urban agriculture and neighborhood sustainability.

We are posting flyers to the entire neighborhood this year, so you should see the invitation in your door very soon. SHNA works hard in your behalf, so please support us by renewing membership and attending the annual meeting!

### Second Annual SHNA Potluck Scheduled for May 4

Please join us for the Second Annual SHNA Potluck! The potluck will be held at 5:30 pm, Saturday, May 4, in Centennial Park East Shelter. The East Shelter is just west of Biemer's Barbecue and access is off of Ninth St.



SHNA will provide the main dish (barbecue) and we ask Sunset Hill residents to bring side dishes or desserts, non-alcoholic beverages, and your own plates, cups and utensils. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow SHNA members and the SHNA officers and executive committee.

There is a playground and Frisbee golf course nearby, so come and play after dinner!

### STR Permit Denied in Sunset Hill

In January, SHNA received a letter informing us that a non-owner occupied short term rental (STR) has been proposed at 921 Holiday Drive. In compliance with recently adopted city STR rules, the owners applied for a special use permit that would allow them to operate the STR, and letters were sent to all property owners within 400 ft. of the proposed STR. The adjacent property owners submitted a protest petition against the issuance of this permit. The special use permit and the petition were considered at the March 5 meeting of the City Commission. During their presentation, the

**City Code**  
[Regulation of Animals](#)

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**Sunset Hill Businesses**

Absolute Pawfection

Acres Realty

Advanced Health Center

Alvin's Wine & Spirits

Arcpoint Labs

B. A. Green Construction

Barnes Homes

Beautiful Music

Belltone Hearing Aid Center

Biemer's BBQ

Body Boutique

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas

Busey Home Mortgage

Capitol Federal Savings

Capitol Agency Insurance

Central Bank of the Midwest

CEK Insurance

The Chiropractic Element

Chops Comics

owners claimed they spent over \$220,000 to purchase and completely renovate the house. They also stated they live only 40 minutes away, and could manage the STR effectively. Petitioners claimed that the large size of the house (5 bedrooms, up to 9 occupants) and the absent owner make it a bad fit for the neighborhood. The City Commission voted 4-1 to deny the application for a special use permit.

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### **Update on Adoption of Centennial Park**

After a disappointing turnout in October, the 2019 adoption of Centennial Park was shelved for lack of support. However in January, Cub Scout Pack 3055 Cubmaster Tom Hegeman, and SHNA Secretary Clint Idol contacted the Executive Committee and offered the help of Pack 3055 to periodically clean the park.

As a result, SHNA will go forward to adopt the park for this year! We will be responsible for cleaning (picking up litter) in the park once in Spring, in Summer and in the Fall. We need a crew of about 10 people to work for one hour on a Saturday. We need people in the neighborhood association to volunteer, in addition to the cub scouts. The dates and times will be:

- April 27 at 1 p.m.
- July 27 at 9 a.m.
- October 26 at 1 p.m.

Please add your name to the list of volunteers by sending an email to Phyllis Farrar, [pfarrar21@gmail.com](mailto:pfarrar21@gmail.com), or sign up at the Annual Meeting. Volunteers will be contacted a few weeks before each of these dates, to confirm who can participate. If you volunteered at any of the clean-ups last year, you should hear from Phyllis around the first of April.

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### **Ludlam Park in the News**

[A November, 2018 Lawrence Journal World article](#) included news about Ludlam Park, a pocket park in Sunset Hill.

*"Mark Hecker, assistant director of the City of Lawrence's Parks and Recreation Department, said the department conducted a citywide audit of the playgrounds and found four of 38 total playgrounds to be in poor condition and seldom used by the public.*

*Hecker presented the audit report to the city's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on Monday and suggested the four playgrounds should be removed. He told the Journal-World that no official plans existed to remove the playgrounds yet but that they would likely be taken down in 2019.*

*The four playgrounds include a slide in Woody Park, 201 Maine St.; a **swingset in Ludlam Park, 2800 W. Ninth St.**; a slide and swingset in Park Hill Park No. 1, 500 Oklahoma St.; and a playground set with various features in Edgewood Park, 1245 E. 15th St."*

The Executive Committee contacted Mr. Hecker, and expressed our interest in being involved in plans for changes to Ludlam. Mr. Hecker assured the Committee that we would be involved, and agreed to discuss the park with us at our Annual Meeting, April 16, 2019, 7:00 p.m., West Middle School Cafeteria. **Please join us for this important discussion!**

Chris Munk State Farm Insurance  
 Christal K-9 Color Studio  
 Commerce Bank  
 Connie K. Grob, Bookkeeping  
 Conroy's Pub  
 Cosmos Indian Store & Cafe  
 Crimson & Brew's  
 Dazzlers Christian Dance  
 Econo Lodge  
 Edie Insurance  
 Empire Bar & Billiards  
 Ernie Williamson Music  
 Everest Liquors  
 Excalibur of Westminster Hair Styling  
 Family Psychological Services, LLC  
 Family Therapy Institute Midwest  
 Farm Bureau Financial Services  
 The Fit Flavor  
 Free State Insurance  
 Free State Ride  
 Genstler Eye Center  
 Orchards Executive Golf & Footgolf  
 Goodcents Deli  
 Great Plains Media  
 Heartland Meat Market  
 Hillcrest Laundromat  
 Hillcrest Styling Center  
 Hite Collision  
 Hi-Q Massage  
 In the Zone Pro Shop  
 Ignacio's in Empire Bar & Billiards

## Major Changes at Ninth and Iowa

A mid-major redevelopment at the southeast corner of Ninth and Iowa is working its way through city planners.

*"(Lawrence Journal World) The Tulsa-based convenience store chain has struck a deal to buy the Zarco convenience store at Ninth and Iowa streets. Plans filed at City Hall show QuikTrip would undertake a major redevelopment of the site. It would tear down the existing convenience store, plus a car wash building to the east and a vacant convenience store building just to the south of the property.*



*It would replace those three buildings with a new 5,000 square-foot QuikTrip convenience store that would have six double-sided pumps, meaning they could accommodate about 12 vehicles at a time. In addition, the plans call for a large parking lot of about 40 spaces. Also, the project would keep the existing Scooters drive-thru coffee shop that is on site.*

*The Ninth and Iowa corner is unique in that it has a small cut-through street — West Ninth Street Terrace — that allows motorists to turn right off of Iowa Street and get onto Ninth Street without going through the signal at the intersection. Plans call for the fuel pumps to be on the north side of Ninth Street Terrace, while the QuikTrip building would be on the south side of the street. A note in the application says the project would seek to acquire the right-of-way of Ninth Street Terrace, meaning it no longer would be a city street."*

The developer is asking the city to replat the two lots as one lot and to vacate West Ninth Street Terrace. This would effectively remove it as a route to Ninth.

Hillcrest Neighborhood Association has contacted city planners to express their concern that closing the street may increase the number of motorists heading north on Iowa cutting through their neighborhood. City planners have asked the developers to add a right-turn lane on Iowa south of Ninth to speed traffic through this intersection. Once the planners and the developers have agreed to a site plan, both the replat and the site plan will go before the City Commission. SHNA Executive Committee will continue to follow the process of this redevelopment.

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## SHNA Executive Committee Seeks Volunteers

The Executive Committee needs new members! We need to replace outgoing committee members (we will really miss them!) Clint Idol, Paula Kellogg, and Joanna Kuczera. 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.

Iowa Massage  
 Jade Garden Restaurant  
 Jayhawk Nail  
 Jayhawk Trophy  
 Jazzercise Lawrence  
 Joda & Friends  
 John R. Hooge, Attorneys at Law P.A.  
 Kansas Secured Title  
 Kathy's Alterations  
 Kobe Japanese Steakhouse  
 Kwik Shop  
 La Petite Academy  
 Lawrence Center for Entrepreneurship  
 Lawrence Family Vision Clinic  
 Lawrence Shirt Factory  
 Lawrence Suitel  
 Lawrence Tattoo  
 Leeway Franks & Butcher Shop  
 Lewis Veterinary  
 Linux New Media  
 Living Financial Solutions Center  
 Life Enrichment Center  
 Manpower  
 Mediterranean Market & Café  
 The Merc Co+op  
 Midwest Property Management  
 Muddy Waters Studio  
 Munchers Bakery  
 NAPA Auto Parts  
 Optometry, F. J. Florey, O.D.  
 Orchards Drug  
 Phoenix Furniture & Home Goods

## Businesses in Sunset Hill Neighborhood

As you have noticed, the last two issues have included a list of all businesses in Sunset Hill in the left sidebar. Are you surprised at how many there are? I was! Our neighborhood has a vibrant commercial perimeter!

Former President Jeanne Pees suggested that the newsletter could benefit from some information about SH businesses, so she gathered information about two of our neighbors, The Merc Co+op and Orchards Drug. Here is what she discovered about these two businesses at opposite ends of the neighborhood.

### The Merc Co+op

901 Iowa Street  
 Lawrence, KS 66044  
 (785) 843-8544  
<https://www.themerc.coop/>

The Merc Co+op, a full service grocery store originally known as The Community Mercantile, started as a small group of Lawrencians with a shared passion for access to whole foods. Together they formed a volunteer-run, organized buying club distributing bulk foods out of a member's basement. In January of 1975 the co-op moved to 730 Massachusetts St. and moved several more times on Massachusetts before moving to 7th and Maine in 1977. After many years at that location, the Merc moved to what is now Cork and Barrel Downtown at Ninth and Mississippi. Finally in 2001 with 1500 members-owners, The Community Mercantile, fondly known as "The Merc", moved to its current location at 901 Iowa Street expanding operations to include a full service meat and seafood counter, deli, cafe and community classroom. Today, the co-op is owned by nearly 8,000 members-owners and serves as a livable wage employer for over 100 Kansas residents.



### Orchards Drug

1410 Kasold Drive, A-16  
 Lawrence, KS 66049  
 785-843-8555  
 FAX 785-843-0645  
<https://www.orchardsdrug.com/>

Mark Smith, R.Ph., opened Orchards Drug in the Orchards Corner shopping center in May 1991 with the goal of providing his pharmacy customers with the kind of personal service not typically found at chain drug stores. His motto is, "If you don't know your medicine, know your pharmacist."



"The personal relationship with our patients has always been the most important and professionally satisfying aspect of my pharmacy practice," Mark says. Since 1992, Sally Heilman, R.Ph.,

has been a staff pharmacist at Orchards Drug. Through the pharmacy's 28-year history, Mark and Sally have helped train more than 30 interns from the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy.

Thanks to both The Merc and Orchards Drug for helping to make our neighborhood such a livable place!

Point A School of Dance  
 Pops-N-More  
 Prestige Hair Studio  
 Property Management Services  
 Quality Inn Lawrence  
 Red Pepper Chinese Restaurant  
 Reuschhoff Automobiles  
 Dr. Robert Werner, Chiropractor  
 Royal Crest Lanes  
 Salon Renew  
 The Scone Lady's Coffee Shop  
 Scotch Cleaners  
 Screen Express  
 The Selection Autos  
 Sew Forth  
 Shelter Insurance  
 Sizzors  
 Sonic Drive-in  
 Southern Accent Catering  
 The Spectacle  
 Stephens Insurance  
 Stephens Real Estate  
 Stoneback Appliance  
 Stuart Chiropractic  
 Sue Mulcahey, D.C., Chiropractor  
 Sunflower Natural Pet Supplies  
 Sunflower Rentals  
 Sunset West Laundry  
 The University National Bank  
 VA Medical Center  
 Virginia Inn Suites  
 Waddell & Reed  
 Walgreens  
 Watson's Barbershop

## **Tax Fraud - How to Keep Your Information Safe**

The holidays are long over, cabin fever has hit, and nearly everyone is ready for spring, but that also means the April 15th Tax Day is looming in our near future. Many of us will be busy compiling our financials, sending it off to our tax professional, and waiting (hopefully) for the refund. But how can we be sure all of this information goes to the right place?

Tax season is the perfect time for scammers to gather information: after all, so much of it is being transferred in between companies, employees, tax professionals, and the IRS. Scammers see this as the perfect window to steal someone's information and even file fraudulent tax returns to steal your refunds. Here are some tips and tricks to make sure that scammers have less of a chance to steal your information:

First, it is important to remember if there is ever actually a problem with your taxes there are certain things the IRS will NEVER do. They will never ask for personal information via social media, email, or via text. If there is a problem, the IRS will notify you by mail first. They also will not threaten you with arrest or to suspend your driver's license, and they will not ask you to wire money, use a prepaid money card, or ask for credit card information over the phone. If you receive a call with any of these characteristics try and write down the alleged name of the person calling, phone number, and any other information from the call. Report the call as soon as possible to the FTC at FTC Complaint Form or 877-FTC-HELP. Also, report it to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at TIGTA Complaint Form or call 800-366-4484.

Another important tip is to evaluate your tax professional if you choose to use one. Tax professionals are, for the most part, credible, but you want to be certain. Be especially wary of those promising an abnormally large tax return, and always ask for a Preparer Tax Identification Number. You can also check out your tax professional's history with the Better Business Bureau. In order to keep your information safe it is best not to give it out until you have confirmed your tax professional's credibility.

For more information on tax related scams visit the IRS's website to view their "Dirty Dozen" list of tax scams from previous years. If you have questions or concerns, my Consumer Protection Unit can be reached at 785-330-2849 or at [daconsumer@douglascountyks.org](mailto:daconsumer@douglascountyks.org).

Sincerely yours,  
 Charles E. Branson  
 District Attorney

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## **Worshiping in Sunset Hill Neighborhood**

Our fourth article in this series about places of worship in Sunset Hill neighborhood is about [Christ Community Church](#), I asked Pastor Jeff Barclay the following question; "What would you want SHNA members to know about Christ Community Church?", and here is his response:

"Christ Community Church is located at 1100 Kasold Drive on a park-like piece of property, a great place for strolling or walking a pet. We survived the Kasold reconstruction project! Our popular, fenced playground is never locked and open to all! If our front door is open playground patrons are invited to use our bathrooms and grab a cold drink from a water fountain!

We are an intentionally inter-generational congregation. Between singles and families there is a vibrant atmosphere of generational cross-pollination.

Wayne & Larry's  
Wakarusa Valley  
Credit Union  
Westside 66  
Yellow Brick Yoga

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**Sunset Hill Houses  
of Worship**

Christ Community  
Church  
Christ Covenant  
Church  
First Baptist Church  
Free State of  
Lawrence  
Immanuel Lutheran  
Church  
Saint Nicholas  
Orthodox Christian  
Church  
Unity of Lawrence  
West Side  
Presbyterian Church

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**Sunset Hill Parks**

Centennial Park  
Ludlam Park  
Quarry Park

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**Sunset Hill Schools**

West Middle School  
Sunset Hill  
Elementary School

Convinced that the church is people and not a building, we are a congregation always in-process. This process is pointed to in our mission statement- "Christ Community Church desires to become a community of people madly in love with Jesus." A model for our church community is Belong-Believe-Become. We purposely placed "Belong" before "Believe" because we want to be a welcoming place for those that may not yet believe, but are interested in exploring Christian beliefs.

We have a well-staffed Sunday morning nursery, but infants are welcome to stay with parents too. Our Sunday morning worship time begins with a few moments of meet and greet. This is followed by multi-generational worship teams leading young and old singing a mixture of hymns, sometimes with updated styles, and current songs that might be heard on Christian radio or at a concert. After praise and worship our children are dismissed to Destination Kids for age-appropriate games, singing, and discipleship activities. A unique aspect of our Sunday mornings is that before the sermon we invite those in attendance to share a brief prayer and each week time is made for a community representative, visiting missionary, or someone from our congregation to share a personal story about their life and/or work.

On Wednesdays age-specific student groups 4th-12th grades and several adult Bible studies also meet. Free childcare is provided for 3rd grade and younger. We celebrate our house groups too!

We seek the welfare of our city. We hope that we are known as an involved, yet unassuming group. For example, we volunteer on the KU and Haskell Indian Nations University campuses, work with LATTE- Lawrence Anti-Trafficking and Education, and support the Insight Women's Center. Nearby residents might have been given bags with tomatoes, peppers, or potatoes from our community garden. With three full-time staff and a part-time children's director it is our desire to be better serve the Sunset Hill neighborhood. Our ears are open to your suggestions!"

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Thanks to Pastor Barclay and Christ Community Church of Lawrence for their service to the neighborhood and the community.

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**That's it for now!**

I hope to see you all at the Annual Meeting! Thanks for supporting Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association!