

# Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association Newsletter

DECEMBER 18, 2019

FALL, 2019

## SHNA Executive Committee

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## Notes From the Fall 2019 Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 6:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall, Christ Covenant Church, 2312 Harvard Rd.

- I. In Attendance: Jesús Garcia, Fay Hale, Dillon Heeter, Mariana Nieto, Betsy Ostrander, Matthew Paul, Jeanne Pees, Gary Webber, John White
- II. Treasurer's Report: \$1114.72 in savings account, 142 total members. No change from third quarter.
- III. Old Business:
  1. Lawrence Association of Neighborhood update (Webber). [Follow this link for LAN minutes.](#)
  2. Web Site report (Webber): No problems with web site. MailChimp working well for email.
  3. Ludlum Park Toddler Playground (All) – Thanks to those in attendance of Ludlam Park ribbon cutting. Webber suggested the second most voted item on the member survey, a community garden, should be a future agenda item.
  4. Applause Award 2019 Recipients (Webber) – Joanie Stone did a great job again this year!
- IV. New Business
  1. Consider appointing Dillon Heter to fill Eliza Darmon's at-large EC position. Hale moved to appoint Heter, Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved unanimously.
  2. Discussion regarding upcoming election of EC members and officers. Hale will likely not continue after term ends in 2020. Paul will probably return for another 3 year term. Webber will ask Merrill if she is interested in another term. We will need either 1 or 2 new EC members in 2020.
  3. Designate new Treasurer to replace Mariana Nieto –If no one volunteers, Webber will serve as Treasurer for the remainder of the term. New EC member recruitment for 2020-2021 should address this vacancy, if it continues.
  4. Consider adopting Ludlam Park. – With success of Centennial Park adoption and clean-up, discussion about adoption of Ludlam. Phyllis Farrar, adoption coordinator, will organize clean-up. Webber will contact Hale with information for Girl Scout group.
  5. Consider Christ Covenant Church as future EC meeting venue. Webber moved to adopt CCC as future EC meeting venue, and to donate \$50 annually to pay our share of utilities and maintenance. Ostrander 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved unanimously.
  6. Set venue and date for 2020 spring meeting. Group will set tentatively Monday April 20<sup>th</sup> for meeting. Potluck discussion about Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, committee agreed to have the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual potluck held on this date.
  7. Discussion of the annual SHNA activities.
  8. "Welcome Packet" update – Garcia reported 32 from the list (Kimberly Williams, McGrew). He is almost ready to distribute. In the past, we

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distributed twice a year. Is once a year possible? Webber will contact Williams for suggestions.

### V. New agenda items from participants

1. Update on IRS– Webber appealed penalty for late filing, IRS is considering appeal. Webber believes we will not be penalized.
2. New Bank discussion. Checking account discussion. Webber will investigate options.
3. Parking on Crestline. Webber updated EC on status. Seems to be getting a little better. Resource officer Shaun Gross met with Webber. Resource officer suggested that SHNA keep talking to school and community. Yale sidewalks provide new option. Webber will look at arranging a meeting. Apply for CD funds for rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) at Crestline and Yale? Just a thought for the future.
4. February Meeting date discussion: Feb 12<sup>th</sup> is Heeter's birthday, Webber will bring cake and meet at 6:30 p.m. on this date.

### VI. Adjourn meeting – 7:45 PM

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

## What's Happening?

### Ludlam Park Toddler Playground Opens

On a cool Friday afternoon on October 11th, 2019, about 30 people gathered at Ludlam Park to formally open the new toddler playground. Lawrence Parks & Recreation Department Director Derek Rogers hosted the event. The park has special meaning for him, since he grew up nearby on Schwarz Road and spent lots of time in Ludlam.

Former mayor Stuart Boley stated that events like this were his favorite kind, where he represented the city at the opening of an improvement in city facilities. Our recently hired City Manager, Craig Owens, and several park employees also attended. Following the ribbon-cutting, the youngsters present made good use of the equipment, and Gary and Phyllis served ice cream.



from left: Stuart Boley, Dereck Rodgers, and Craig Owens

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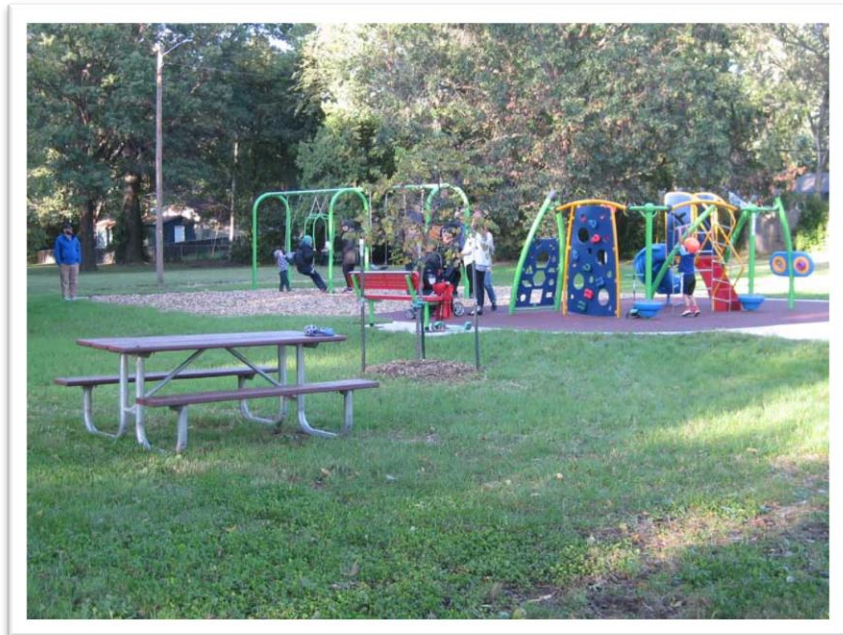
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**Sunset Hill Businesses**

- Absolute Pawfection
- Acres Realty
- Advanced Health Center
- Arcpoint Labs
- B. A. Green Construction
- Barnes Homes
- Beautiful Music
- Belltone Hearing Aid Center
- Biemer's BBQ
- Body Boutique
- Busey Home Mortgage
- Capitol Federal Savings
- Central Bank of the Midwest
- CEK Insurance



The SHNA Executive Committee and membership were involved in every phase of this upgrade. Thanks to all who suggested improvements for the park and participated in the online survey.

We would like to thank the Lawrence Parks & Recreation Department and the Lawrence City Commission for their continuing support of Sunset Hill Neighborhood.

More Ludlam news: The Executive Committee voted in its December 4 meeting to apply to adopt Ludlam Park and clean it three times annually. If accepted, this will make a second park SHNA has adopted. We adopted Centennial Park starting in 2018 and cleaned three times each year (see article below).

- The Chiropractic Element
- Chops Comics
- 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

## 2019 Applause Award Results Are In



Every year the SHNA recognizes neighbors who have enhanced their property's appearance and appeal through renovations, landscaping or other improvements. This year we awarded eight Applause Awards, plus three honorable mentions.

Congratulations to all the award winners this year! Your efforts to improve your properties are greatly appreciated by, and act as inspiration to, your neighbors.

The Executive Committee extends its heartfelt thanks to Joanie Stone for viewing

all of the nominees, selecting, and reviewing this year's winners. It gives me great pleasure to announce the;

### 2019 Applause Award winners

reviews by Joanie Stone

**1024 Rogers Place:** A sleek and modern remodel with a swanky steel roof, galvanized metal tubing handrail with matching post caps on sturdy 6 x 6 wood columns embrace the new deck - creates a custom upscale front entry. The fresh house paint lends an updated look. The side deck is nestled among the shade trees and adds a sweet addition to the home along with the stylish metal light fixtures guiding you to the front door. Nice job.

**2309 Oxford:** New construction and landscape, rock star! A well thought out combination of ornamental grasses, trees, shrubs and a clever contemporary address sign. The architecture of this new home is fresh, clean and warm. A fun assortment of decorations and plants by the front door welcomes arriving guests. A very nice addition to our community.

**2809 Westdale:** Sharp architectural detail has been added to the front of the home. Black metal rails with steel cabling, a new front porch/deck and walk way span the front of the home. An attractive native limestone wall and plantings sweep across the front yard. Aesthetically pleasing and functional rock steps lined with super cool path lights create an inviting entry. Impressive.

**2916 Westdale:** The color combination of the yellow door, new front porch with stained wood construction and black wire panels between wood posts make for a pleasant porch. Add in the stone wall and beautiful dancing grasses catching the afternoon sun and you have a winner...

**712 Wellington:** The pleasant green color of this home blends well with the established landscape. Still warm enough outside to show off pink summer roses and late enough in the year to feature purple and gold fall mums plus some charming pumpkins! Add in the hanging bat decoration and this home makes you smile. A great combination and thought out landscape that also features beautiful colors in the spring.

**1006 Wellington:** This home has a beautiful well established yard that must be mentioned. The stone wall encompasses the entire front yard with matching stone on the front of the home. Ornamental grasses and junipers spill out to catch the sun and frame the house, good looking! A newly constructed tree house is peeking out from behind a new fence and trellis gate... looks like fun!

**2609 Westdale:** The hard work shows on this beautiful home. Stone walls,

- Hillcrest Styling Center
- Hite Collision
- Hi-Q Massage
- In the Zone Pro Shop
- Ignacio's in Empire Bar & Billiards
- 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
- Living Financial Solutions Center
- Life Enrichment Center
- Manpower
- Mediterranean Market & Café
- The Merc Co+op

beautiful beds and pretty plants. The landscape design blends well with the architecture of this home. The sun setting and a mellow twilight twinkling through the golden trees was a pleasant scene.

**3031 W. 8th Street:** Every season the front of this home displays an assortment of color. On the day we viewed the property golds and yellows were waving hello from a sweeping front bed that spans the front of this home. Picturesque year round.

### Honorable Mention

**828 Madeline:** Every year 828 Madeline is nominated. An "Honorable Mention" is indeed necessary! The homeowner is often working out in the yard (sometimes very early in the morning) and should be proud of her yard. A combination of fall colors currently adorns the backyard trees. Simply keeping all beds weeded and mulched deserves recognition! Thank you for sharing your love of landscaping with us. Because your home is on a corner lot we enjoy your front and back yard.

**1051 Wellington:** What can I say? This home is nominated every year too. In recent years a garage/workshop has been added that blends well with the modern architecture of the home. The homeowners have a nice touch with a few whimsical landscape features... Love the rock tree with lights and the brightly colored yard art just makes you happy. Creative and tasteful, I always look to see if something new has been added. Fetching!

**Ludlam Park:** Happy face for the new toddler playground at Ludlam Park (across from Sunset Hill Elementary) it is a delight and an update was so needed. The old park was very tired and not often visited. As a new Grandma the park is sweeeeeet! The equipment is colorful and safe. Thank you to all who made this happen, this park is a lovely update to our community.

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### Street Repairs Delayed

Some or all repairs to Sunset Hill streets planned for 2019 are being delayed at least one year according to a [November 13, 2019 article in the Lawrence Journal World](#). (bold added by the editor)

*"The harsh winter and heavy rains of the past year have taken a toll on Lawrence streets, causing the city to delay repairs on some neighborhood streets in favor of addressing issues with busier roadways.*



*Municipal Services and Operations spokesman Josh Carson said in an email to the Journal-World that the unexpected roadway deterioration included cracking, surface deformation and potholes. To address the deterioration, the commission recently approved spending about \$600,000 more toward repairs on some of Lawrence's busier streets as part of the city's 2019 street maintenance plan. **Those spending changes called for the deferral of \$423,000 of work planned for residential streets.***

*The deferred street projects include about \$280,000 of milling and overlay on residential streets, including Seventh Street, Indiana Street, Louisiana Street and Ohio Street. **Also deferred is \$105,000 for full-depth patching of streets in the Oak Hill area, north of 15th Street, and in the Sunset Hill area, south of Sixth Street, as well as \$39,000 of contracted milling repairs on other residential streets.***

*Residents in neighborhoods that had previously been informed that their*

- Midwest Property Management
- Muddy Waters Studio
- Munchers Bakery
- NAPA Auto Parts
- Optometry, F. J. Florey, O.D.
- Orchards Drug
- Phoenix Furniture & Home Goods
- 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 Warner, Chiropractor
- Royal Crest Lanes
- Salon Renew
- The Scone Lady Coffee Shop
- Scotch Cleaners
- The Selection Autos
- Sew Forth
- Shelter Insurance
- Sonic Drive-in
- Southern Accent Catering
- The Spectacle
- Stephens Chapin Insurance
- Stephens Real Estate
- Stoneback Appliance

*streets would be repaired this year will be notified that the city has changed its plans. It is not yet determined when those neighborhood streets will be repaired. City engineers state in the memo that deferred streets will now be evaluated for consideration in the 2020 street maintenance plan."*

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### **SHNA Needs a New Treasurer**

Our Treasurer for 2019-2020, Mariana Nieto, is unable to continue the duties of Treasurer. None of the Executive Committee members who are not already officers are able to serve the five months remaining in her term.

The 2019-2020 term runs from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020. Most of the tasks for this job take place in March and April when memberships are renewed. We keep our financial and membership records on Microsoft Excel.

If you think you would be willing to help us with the Treasurer duties, please email me at [president@susethillna.org](mailto:president@susethillna.org).

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### **First Year of Centennial Park Adoption a Success**

In January of 2019 SHNA adopted Centennial Park and committed to picking up litter in the park three times during the year. Retired West Middle School teacher Phyllis Farrar volunteered to organize the clean-ups. All three took place on schedule, and the park is looking better than it has in years!

Between 12 and 15 volunteers gathered on three Saturdays this year, spring, summer and fall, to scour the park for an hour of picking up litter. Adoption will be renewed in 2020. Below are group photos from the summer and fall clean-ups.

Please join the clean-up crew in 2020 by sending an email to Phyllis Farrar, [pfarrar21@gmail.com](mailto:pfarrar21@gmail.com), or sign up at the Annual Meeting on April 20, 2020. Volunteers will be contacted a few weeks before each of the clean-up dates, to confirm details. If you volunteered for any of the clean-ups in 2019, you should receive an email from Phyllis around the first of April.



July 27, 2019

- Stuart Chiropractic
- Sue Mulcahey, D.C., Chiropractor
- Sunflower Natural Pet Supplies
- Sunflower Rentals
- Sunset West Laundry
- The University National Bank
- The T-Shirt Factory
- Tortas Jalisco
- VA Medical Center
- Virginia Inn Suites
- Waddell & Reed
- Walgreens
- Watson's Barbershop
- Wayne & Larry's
- Wakarusa Valley Credit Union
- Westside 66
- Yellow Brick Yoga

### 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

### Sunset Hill Parks



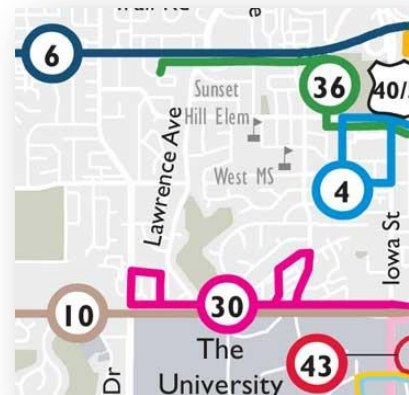
Oct. 26, 2019

## Next Time, Hop On the Bus!

by Phyllis Farrar

One nice benefit to living in our neighborhood is the opportunity to dispense with using a car. We have five bus routes that put major job sites, the hospital, community services, schools, doctors, dentists, car repairs, parks and recreation facilities, and shopping areas all within reach. Buses can help us save gas, save the environment, walk and bike more, and enjoy sightseeing as we crisscross Lawrence, with someone else doing the driving – on a bus that is toasty in winter and cool in summer!

This snapshot shows 'our neighborhood' routes. Three routes begin in our neighborhood apartment complexes and commercial areas. Routes 4, 6, and 10 operate all year, Monday – Saturday, except holidays. Routes 30 and 36 operate Monday-Friday while KU is in session, except holidays. All our routes start at 7 am. Service ends at 8 pm on routes 4, 6, 10. On routes 30 and 36 service extends to 10:20/25 pm, handy for evening events on campus.



Depending on where you live in the neighborhood, there is probably a bus stop within easy walking distance. (Just far enough to make a dent in your daily goal of 1000 steps!)

- Route 4 starts by circling around Hillcrest Shopping Center, goes downtown, continues to North Lawrence and the Division of Motor Vehicle office, on an hourly basis.
- Route 6 starts downtown and goes along 6th Street to Fulks, swings by Free State High School and ends at the Pavilion in Rock Chalk Park, every 30 minutes.
- Route 10 starts downtown, crosses KU's campus to 15th Street, continues west on Bob Billings to Wakarusa, turns north to 6th, jogs east

- Centennial Park
- Ludlam Park
- Quarry Park

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**Sunset Hill Schools**

- West Middle School
- Sunset Hill Elementary School

to Fulks, then north to swing by Free State High School and back to Wakarusa, every 30 minutes.

- Route 30 starts in Orchards Corners/Apple Apartments then continues east on Bob Billings, loops through Meadowbrook Apartments, then crosses KU's campus to the Union and GSP dorm, every 20 minutes.
- Route 36 starts at Gateway Court (behind Sonic on west 6th), continues east on 6th to Rockledge, turns south to follow 9th east to Emery Road, winds it's way up to Stratford and over to campus, ending in a loop around the Oread Hotel, every 20 minutes.

In the current configuration, these five routes connect with all of the 13 other routes in the system, creating hundreds of possible destinations. One free transfer is allowed per one-way trip; just ask for one from the driver when you pay the fare. In the foreseeable future, the length of trips from our neighborhood will be shortened due to building the bus transfer hub on Bob Billings, just west of Iowa, in place of KU maintenance buildings.

For more about the system go to [Lawrence Transit](#), or use a Transit Guide (available where passes are sold) and the "My Bus Lawrence" app available in iTunes and Google Play. Fares are \$1 for the general public; 50 cents for senior; free for KU students, faculty, and staff. Passes (\$10) for K-12 students are good for unlimited rides each fall (Sept.-Dec.), spring (Jan.-Apr.), and summer (May-Aug.). Spring passes are on sale now at The Merc, Dillons, Hy-Vee, City Hall, Community Building, Sports Pavilion, Indoor Aquatic Center, E. Lawrence Rec Center, and Holcom Rec Center.

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**Montana Mikes becomes Lawrence Eye Care Associates**

The renovation of the old Montana Mike's location at 1015 Iowa St. is moving along smartly. In case you haven't heard the story, here is an excerpt from an [article from "Town Talk" by Chad Lawhorn, Oct. 3, 2019, Lawrence Journal World](#):

*"I continue to get a lot of questions about a place that used to house an all-you-can eat buffet: The old Montana Mike's location at 1015 Iowa St. Construction work is well underway on the old building, but don't look for a restaurant or anything else to serve your stomach. Instead, the new tenant is all about the eyes. Lawrence Eye Care Associates plans to open in the space in early 2020.*

*Eric Long, practice manager, for the eye center said the addition of a fourth ophthalmologist at the center had the longtime business looking for larger space. The eye center currently is located in the Lawrence Medical Plaza building at Sixth and Maine streets. Long said the company would move all its operations to the 1015 Iowa St. building but would continue to do eye surgeries at the hospital.*

*The building is getting a major makeover. A group led by Lawrence businessmen Rodger Henry and Roger Johnson is rehabbing the old restaurant building. This is the second time the group has taken an old restaurant or bar building and turned it into a medical office center. It previously converted the old Eagles Lodge building on Sixth Street into medical offices for Panda Pediatrics."*

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## **Worshiping in Sunset Hill Neighborhood**

Our sixth article in this series about places of worship in the Sunset Hill neighborhood is about First Baptist Church, located at 1330 Kasold Drive. I asked Rev. Matthew Sturtevant, Senior Pastor, the following question; "What would you want SHNA members to know about First Baptist Church?" Here is his response.

*"At First Baptist Church, we use what we call our four W's. We are a church that welcomes, that worships, that works, and that wonders.*

*We are intentional about our welcome to the community. During our recent renovation we tried to be mindful of our welcoming space. We want to be welcoming to groups like the scouts, and other groups involved with the church.*

*Worship is a big piece of what we do. It is a liturgical worship that may seem less Baptist than others, but that is intentional about the way we worship. It isn't that we only have one style of music or one style of worship, but that we think about how we can worship in a way that is us.*

*Work is about the mission that we do when we leave these walls; things like LINK and affordable housing. I was on the Affordable Housing Board for a time as a part of my work in the community. Work also includes our mission work in Nicaragua.*

*Finally, a lot of folks are curious about wonder. That is the way we tend to go about growing spiritually. Instead of just learning information about the Bible, or about Theology, or about what church history has taught us, we want to be more curious about who we are and who God has called us to be. We want to wonder about how we can use our gifts in the best way.*

*I try to focus on that curiosity in my preaching. Instead of laying out the answers, I try be more curious and offer ideas and theories. I believe stories can help increase that idea of wonder. We do the same thing with our teaching ministries. We have a strong children's program, and partner with other churches to teach a bible school every year. We have a Sunday School program, Youth Ministry, and Adult Sunday School.*

*Beyond these, we want to foster wonder intergenerationally. A church our size still has enough of a family feel that we can do learning together. Every fifth Sunday we all attend Sunday School together. A lot of the ministries we do on Wednesday nights are intergenerational. We gather in the gym, have dinner together, and then break up into groups and do our own thing.*

*Those are our four W's, a simple way to explain what makes our church different."*

Pastor Matt Sturtevant  
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**That's it for now!**

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