



Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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Notes from the Executive Committee Meeting

SHNA Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, February 15, 2021, 6:30 PM
Via Zoom Videoconference

- I. Presentation by Adam Weigel, Transit & Parking Manager, on the status of the Lawrence Transit Multimodal Transfer Facility project, questions and discussion. Adam reviewed the history of the planning of the Transfer Facility, and the timetable for design and construction as well as route redesign. Website at www.lawrencetransit.org/transfer-facility. He also reviewed Route Redesign study 1 and previewed the scope of work for study 2 and for transfer facility design. Adam also described possible downtown transfer area elements, including sawtooth bays and bike parking.
- II. Approve [Dec. 8, 2020 minutes](#): Paul motion, Merrill second, approved.
- III. Treasurer's Report: Arick presented the treasurer's report, available here. \$1287.77 bank balance.
- IV. Old Business
 1. [LAN](#) update (Webber): Webber reviewed recent discussions on development at Clinton Parkway and Crestline, and allocation of CDBG funds to neighborhood associations.
 2. Update on Centennial and Ludlam Parks: Cleanups went well, we will continue adoption of both parks.
- V. New Business
 1. Discussion of affordable housing in Sunset Hill: Ellenbecker suggested that the City address first time home buyers with classes on buying a home, subsidies, and other forms of support. She would like to have a citizen's advocate on the city staff. Merrill mentioned Tenants to Homeowners that might provide some of these functions. Ellenbecker replied that there should be more publicity about these programs. She mentioned a program in Boulder CO that supports first time home buyers. This program helps with down payment. Paul suggested it is dangerous to generalize, but he sees the movement toward

Quick Links

Lawrence Police Department

Non-emergency Dispatch
(785) 832-7509

Neighborhood Resource Officers
(785) 830-7408

Report Traffic Safety Concerns
[Traffic Safety Reporting Tool](#)

City Code Enforcement
(785) 832-3111

[Request City Service Online](#)

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

[Chapter C City Code: Regulation of Animals \(pdf\)](#)

City of Lawrence

[City Information for Residents](#)

[Forms for Residents](#)

[Good Neighbor Ordinances](#)

[Snow Removal](#)

[Dispose of Hazardous Waste](#)

Sunset Hill Businesses

- Absolute Pawfection
- Acres Realty
- Advanced Health Center
- Alvin's Wine & Spirits
- Arcpoint Labs
- Atma Clinic
- B. A. Green Construction
- Barnes Homes

rental. He mentioned that foreclosures are a good opportunity for homebuyers.

- VI. New agenda items from participants
 1. Safer Speeds Campaign: Webber reported on distribution efforts. Forty signs have been distributed.
 2. Membership Fees: Arick mentioned that our membership is down this year, and that we had planned to conduct a drive in September.
- VII. Set date and time for winter meeting in early May 24, 6:30 pm
- VIII. Adjourn meeting, Merrill moved to adjourn, Arick second, passed by acclamation.

What's Happening?

City Launches Safer Neighborhood Speeds Campaign

The Safer Neighborhood Speeds education and outreach campaign is a critical part of the Lawrence Neighborhood Traffic Management Program. The program includes education, encouragement, engineering, enforcement, and evaluation strategies to shift driver behavior and help make safer neighborhoods for everyone. The overarching goal of the Safer Neighborhood Speeds campaign is to improve safety in neighborhoods so that everyone can get around more safely and comfortably.

This education campaign focuses on reminding people driving to slow down, look out for others, and stop for people wanting to cross the street. More than 1,000 Lawrencians helped to determine what the campaign looks like and what it says, including the slogan, "It starts with us." This campaign slogan emphasizes our personal responsibility and accountability to each other and to the community.

We all want to get where we're going safely. Help create safer Lawrence neighborhoods by slowing down, looking out for others, and stopping for each other. Pick up your Safer Speeds yard sign, poster, or reflective sticker at one of these Parks & Rec Centers:

- East Lawrence, 1245 East 15th Street
- Holcom Park, 2700 W 27th Street
- The Sports Pavilion, 100 Rock Chalk Lane, or
- **Under the Little Free Library at 907 Murrow Ct.**



- Beautiful Music
- Belltone Hearing Aid Center
- Biemer's BBQ
- Body Boutique
- Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kansas
- Buckingham Palace Cleaning Services
- Busey Home Mortgage
- Capitol Federal Savings
- Capitol Agency Insurance
- Central Bank of the Midwest
- CEK Insurance
- 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

Find out more about the Safer Neighborhood Speeds campaign at lawrenceks.org/safer-speeds.

Intersection Improvements at 9th and Iowa



You probably noticed (with a sigh of relief) that construction of the QuikTrip and intersection improvements at 9th and Iowa are complete. This development was concerning to both Hillcrest Neighborhood Association and Sunset Hill NA, primarily because the developers planned to close 9th Terrace to through traffic.

9th Terrace was the short street that allowed north-bound Iowa St. drivers turning right at 9th to avoid the intersection. Hillcrest was concerned about north-bound vehicles cutting through the neighborhood while attempting to avoid a right-turn at 9th, and Sunset Hill was concerned about traffic backing up at the intersection while waiting to turn east on 9th.

Both NAs worked with the city, and the site plan was amended to include a 200 ft. right-turn lane at 9th. In addition, 9th was widened east of the intersection to accommodate the turning vehicles. Traffic seems to be moving well, and so far, cut-through traffic in Hillcrest has not increased. Lawrence has seen a small explosion of convenience stores recently, with two Casey's and two QuikTrips going in almost simultaneously.

Keeping our Sidewalks Safe

The third year of the cities Sidewalk Improvement Program is underway, and you may have seen pink and white arrows on sidewalks in the neighborhood. These are indications that sections of the sidewalk between the arrows will require repair this year. Pink markings denote property owner repairs, and white arrow city repairs. In my walks I have seen these marks on 9th, Schwarz Rd, and Crestline.



The program has evolved significantly since its inception. In the first year, a section of northwest Lawrence was inspected and property owners with damaged sidewalks were required to repair them with minimal help from the

- 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
- 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

city. In the second year, a smaller area south and east of 23rd and Louisiana was inspected, and property owners could use the city contractor and receive a bill for repairs. This year, the city has used a more sophisticated prioritizing system to identify critical sidewalks in need of repair. Once again, property owners can use the city contractor if they chose, avoiding the need to get estimates and oversee the work, and probably receiving the best price possible.

On a related note, I would like to encourage all property owners with sidewalks on their property to inspect them regularly for accumulated debris and encroaching vegetation. These warm spring days are a good time to trim back shrubs and trees and sweep up leaves and litter.

On behalf of all pedestrians, thank you for maintaining your sidewalks!

Centennial and Ludlam Cleanup Scheduled

In 2018, SHNA adopted Centennial Park and committed to cleaning it of litter three times annually. In 2020, we also adopted Ludlam Park. This is our third year of a highly successful community project.

It is time once again to plan for the three cleanups. The dates and times in 2021 will be:

- April 10 at 1 p.m.
- July 10 at 9 a.m.
- October 23 at 1 p.m.

This is an excellent chance to get some exercise and improve our neighborhood! Please add your name to the list of volunteers by sending an email to Phyllis Farrar, pfarrar21@gmail.com. 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.

Neighbor to Neighbor Program Begins

The pandemic has exacerbated feelings of isolation and loneliness, especially amongst our seniors. The Community Wellbeing Branch of the Unified Command is organizing the "Neighbor to Neighbor" campaign to mobilize our neighbors and neighborhoods around helping seniors by reaching out in informal, simple ways.

Things you can do:

- Bring them their mail or newspaper
- Shovel their walk
- Drop a note in their mailbox
- Wave and smile when you pass
- Share some home cooking
- Bring a cup of coffee or tea over
- Bring a treat from the grocery store
- Help them fill out the online vaccine form

- 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
- 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

- Deliver a DGKS yard sign



Small ways of reaching out can have a big impact. Checking in on each other is a simple thing we can all do to help vulnerable folks in our community stay connected & healthy, and reminded we are all in this together!

That's all for now. Spring is just around the corner!

Thank you for supporting Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association.

Sunset Hill Businesses (continued)

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| Sue Mulcahey, D.C., Chiropractor | Waddell & Reed |
| Sunflower Natural Pet Supplies | Walgreens |
| Sunflower Rentals | Watson's Barbershop |
| Sunset West Laundry | Wayne & Larry's |
| The University National Bank | Wakarusa Valley Credit Union |
| VA Medical Center | Westside 66 |
| Virginia Inn Suites | Yellow Brick Yoga |