



# Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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FALL EDITION

## SHNA Executive Committee

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Editor

Matthew Paul –  
Vice President

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Secretary

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## Notes from the Annual Meeting

Saturday September 18, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

Centennial Park East Shelter

2124 W 9th, Lawrence, KS 66049

- I. Welcome and introductions of 2020-2021 Executive Committee:
  - Bill Arick, 1st year member, Treasurer
  - Jesus Garcia, 3rd year member
  - Dillon Heter, 3rd year member
  - Marlene Merrill, 1st year member
  - Marianna Nieto, 3rd year member
  - Betsy/Chris Ostrander, 2nd year member
  - Matthew Paul, 1st year member, Vice President
  - Jeanne Pees, Past President, ex officio member
  - Gary Webber, 2nd year member, President
  - John White, 2nd year member, Secretary
- II. Treasurer’s Report, Bill Arick, Treasurer: Current balance \$1075.77, 67% of 2021 members have renewed their membership for 2022.
- III. Old Business
  1. Neighborhood Issues & Concerns – Common questions
    - a. Evergy power outages – report outage by calling 1-800-544-4857, interruption by calling 1-800-383-1183
    - b. Cars speeding on streets, other traffic safety issues – use online traffic safety reporting tool, <https://lawrenceks.org/traffic-safety/>
    - c. Noise – contact Lawrence Police Dept. non-emergency dispatch: (785) 832-7509
    - d. Drug or suspicious residences – contact Lawrence Police Dept. non-emergency dispatch: (785) 832-7509
    - e. Code violations, potholes, missing street signs – submit a service request at Lawrence Listens, <https://lawrenceks.org/listens/>
    - f. Loose or captured animal, dog waste issues – call Animal Control: (785) 832-7509
  2. Summary of 2020 SHNA Executive Committee actions
    1. Presented 9 Applause Awards
    2. Published SHNA quarterly newsletter
    3. Volunteers cleaned Centennial Park and Ludlam Park 3 times
    4. Donated \$50 each to Sunset Hill Elementary and West Middle School gardens

## 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](#)

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

[Request City Service Online](#)

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

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

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### City of Lawrence

[City Information for Residents](#)

[Forms for Residents](#)

[Good Neighbor Ordinances](#)

[Snow Removal](#)

[Dispose of Hazardous Waste](#)

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### Sunset Hill Businesses

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

5. Worked with Public Works to advocate for street maintenance
6. Worked with West Middle school to eliminate traffic stopping on Crestline between Yale and Harvard for after-school pickup
7. Hosted Rainey Group at EC meeting to present mini-warehouse proposed for Yale Rd and Centennial Rd.
8. Appeared before the Planning Commission and the City Commission to oppose the mini-warehouse proposal
9. Conducted surveys to list and prioritize traffic safety concerns in Sunset Hill
10. Hand-delivered 21 "Welcome Neighbor" packets to new property owners
11. Attended monthly Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN) meetings

#### IV. New Business

1. Election of Nominees to SHNA Executive Committee: The EC nominated the following slate:
  12. The EC nominated Mariana Nieto to serve an additional 3-year term
  13. The EC nominated Dillon Heter to serve an additional 3-year term
  14. The EC nominated Jon Dunham to serve a 2-year term to replace outgoing member Marlene Merrill

Webber asked for nominations from the participants for the remaining 3-year term. There were no nominations from the participants. The nominated slate was voted in unanimously. There is one position open on the Executive Committee.

#### V. Questions from members

1. Noisy cars and motorcycles are a problem. In France they have a system of sound meters and automatic cameras that efficiently ticket offenders. Couldn't we have such a system here? Webber encouraged the member to speak before the Multi Modal Transportation Commission and the City Commission and suggest this solution. Noise concerns should be reported to the non-emergency police dispatch. Webber stated that he and the EC agree with him that noise is a problem. Here is the Police Dept. web page on noise and the relevant city ordinances: <https://lawrenceks.org/police/noise/>.
2. Speeding and cut-through on Holiday is habitual. Increased Police presence and enforcement are required. Webber stated that part of the funding for the Neighborhood Traffic Management program was for enforcement, in addition to mitigation efforts. He described the recent survey of the membership and stated that the results indicate our collector streets are of greatest concern to those completing the survey. KDOT crash data shows That the highest number of crashes during the last decade occurred on Ninth and Crestline. He encouraged the meeting participants to get involved with the neighborhood's application for funding in early 2022. Contact him at [president@sunsethillna.org](mailto:president@sunsethillna.org).

- Belltone Hearing Aid Center
- Biemer's BBQ
- [Body Boutique Fitness - SHNA Member](#)
- [Buckingham Palace Cleaning Services- SHNA Member](#)
- Busey Home Mortgage
- Capitol Federal Savings
- Capitol Agency Insurance
- Central Bank of the Midwest
- [CEK Insurance - SHNA Member](#)
- 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 & Brews - SHNA Member](#)
- 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

## Notes from the Fall EC Meeting

SHNA Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, December 6, 2021, 6:30 pm

Fellowship Hall, Christ Covenant Church, 2312 Harvard Rd

Meeting Minutes

In attendance Gary Webber, Bill Arick, Jon Dunham, John White, Matthew Paul, Mariana Nieto

- I. Approve minutes of spring meeting, August 16, 2021: Motion to Approve by Paul, Arick 2<sup>nd</sup> - Passed
- II. Treasurer's Report: Arick deposited \$600, expenses \$416.16, Balance \$1,259.61 Webber will email members who have not renewed and ask them to please renew their memberships.
- III. Old Business
  1. LAN update:
    - i. September, Everygy Sub Station
    - ii. Oct. Presentation City Transit – transfer facilities, Oct – Pedestrian Plan, Sidewalk Variance discussion - North Lawrence sidewalk variance
    - iii. November, KDOT preliminary plans for SLT interchanges at Clinton Parkway & Wakarusa
  2. Website update: No new updates.
  3. Report on Annual Meeting and Potluck: Brief Review by Webber, see Annual Meeting minutes above for more information.
  4. Recruiting additional EC member for 2021-2022: Discussion regarding need to find additional member. Nieto suggested adding invitation to serve with the Welcome Packet.
  5. Business Membership Drive update: five new business members, Paul will be visiting his list this winter.
- IV. New Business
  1. Donate \$50 to Christ Covenant Church for use of the Fellowship Hall for EC meetings: Motion to approve Dunham, Webber second – approved unanimously.
  2. Discuss Neighborhood Traffic Safety Management application for spring 2022: The committee includes Joanie Stone, Lisa Goins, Gary Webber, and Sheri Ellenbecker. They will meet in January.
  3. Report on Applause Award for 2021: There will be an article in newsletter on 2021 Applause Award recipients.
  4. Review email vote on Sept. 18:
    - i. Motion 1, elect the following officers
      1. Gary Webber as President
      2. Matthew Paul as Vice-President
      3. John White as Secretary
      4. Bill Arick as Treasurer
    - ii. Motion 2, purchase 2 grabbers, 3 buckets for Centennial crew

- Free State Insurance
- 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
- Iowa Massage
- Jade Garden Restaurant
- Jayhawk Nail
- Jayhawk Trophy
- Jazzercise Lawrence
- Joda & Friends
- John R. Hooge, Attorneys at Law P.A.
- Kansas Secured Title
- 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

Both motions passed unanimously, Paul, Arick, Dunham, Nieto, White, and Webber.

5. Discuss venue and date for 2022 Annual Meeting: outdoors, keep in the later part of year, combining with potluck. Next meeting, August/Sept. 2022, Centennial East shelter.
  6. Curb & Gutters – Inventory of deteriorating C&G provided by Webber. He recently submitted the 6 worst curbs to SeeClickFix website.
- V. New agenda items from participants
1. Dunham asked about plans for more street micro-coating (Area patching and “micro-surfacing”) Webber replied there was nothing planned for the neighborhood in the next year.
  2. Nieto asked about boxes of scrap concrete left on Rockledge. Webber replied these were part of the sidewalk work, and that the contractor will pick these up.
  3. Arick reported several “thank you” responses to the Neighborhood Association EC in renewal returns.
  4. Set date and time for winter meeting in late February: March 28<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date for next meeting at CCC
- VI. Adjourn meeting: Adjourned at 7:45.

## Sunset Hill Happenings

### Flash! Don't Miss This!



### 2021 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. I am proud to announce that the Applause Award winners for this year have been selected and their certificates presented. You may view a map of 2021 winners on the [SHNA website](#).

- Midwest Property Management
- Miller & Midyett Real Estate
- Muddy Waters Studio
- Munchers Bakery
- NAPA Auto Parts
- Optometry, F. J. Florey, O.D.
- Orchards Drug
- Point A School of Dance
- Pops-N-More
- Prestige Hair Studio
- Property Management Services
- Quality Inn Lawrence
- [Red Pepper Chinese Restaurant - SHNA Member](#)
- Dr. Robert Werner, Chiropractor
- Royal Crest Lanes
- Salon Renew
- The Scone Lady Coffee Shop
- Scotch Cleaners
- Screen Express
- The Selection Autos
- [Sew Forth Alterations - SHNA Member](#)
- Shelter Insurance
- Sizzors
- Sonic Drive-in
- Southern Accent Catering
- Stephens Insurance
- Stephens Real Estate
- [Stoneback Appliance - SHNA Member](#)
- Stuart Chiropractic
- Sue Mulcahey, D.C., Chiropractor
- Sunflower Natural Pet Supplies
- Sunflower Rentals
- Sunset West Laundry

You can also click to view prior years and a “walking tour” of the winning properties.

Congratulations to all the recipients! Thanks again to Joanie Stone for collecting nominations, reviewing, and selecting our winners!

### **2211 Willow Creek**

Their renovation work has been going on for months: extensive landscaping, including drainage work; a newly poured driveway and new plantings, recent exterior siding features a deep colonial blue color with white trim around the windows and shutters. Updated house numbers and lighting. The overall effect is clean and sharp.

### **2213 Westdale Road**

A classic, casual look that never lets you down – and never goes out of style. I grew up in a ranch style home and have always been fond of this traditional style. 2213 Westdale is painted a crisp white with black trim – striking and sets off the brick accent wall. The glass block window is a nice architectural feature inside and out. Love the rain chain, exterior light fixture, and house numbers. The comfortable front facing seating area is ready for a friendly conversation with neighbors.

### **2704 University Drive**

Several new elements combine to make this home so appealing! An unexpected dash of color with a turquoise front door, new modern vertical fence, updated paint, large colorful house numbers and an attractive entry light. The white rock beds contrast with the gray house and pulls the whole package together.

### **2504 Century Drive**

Charming and attractive new cedar gable with house numbers on a matching cedar background. Fun, modern cedar post cable railing frames the front of the house, giving definition without crowding. Fresh charcoal color paint. Matching wood chairs are a nice touch. The flamingos nesting in the front bed are the best!

### **3062 W 8th Street**

What is midcentury modern architecture, really? 3062 W 8th Street is a good example. The red and white house with the architectural block screen car port wall sits proudly on the corner of Lawrence Avenue and 8th Street – the color contrast draws your attention and is a delight! A creative driftwood sculpture (complete with blackbird) is featured on the corner near the sidewalk, the art display often has a seasonal theme. This house has character and makes you happy.

### **1012 Holiday Drive**

A beautiful landscape with curved retaining walls sweeps through the front yard. A wide front porch style deck is comfortable and a warm welcome. Newer front door and garage doors accent a pleasant forest green house color paired with a white trim. A sprinkling of holiday decorating is inviting.



- The EyeDoctors Optometrists
- The University National Bank
- Tortas Jalisco Mexican Restaurant
- Virginia Inn Suites
- Waddell & Reed
- Walgreens
- Watson's Barbershop
- 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

- Sunset Hill Elementary School
- West Middle School

### 730 Lawrence Avenue

The color scheme of subtle hues is trendy and stylish on this contemporary ranch home. A cozy front patio creates a friendly outdoor living area, with the creative combination of antiques and patio furniture which greet guests and highlight the home. Add in a couple of pumpkins - altogether makes an attractive front entry.

### 1028 Rogers Place

Color plays a huge part to your homes appearance and how well it complements the architecture. The deep brown color is both classic and contemporary. A newer front entry with angles to match the architecture of the house is a great combination. An artistic peace pole dresses up the front bed. A fresh driveway and newer garage doors blend everything together so nice.

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## Neighborhood Business Membership Campaign

For the first time since the founding of SHNA in 1992, the Executive Committee (EC) launched a campaign to encourage the approximately 100 businesses in our neighborhood to join SHNA. Over the last few months, EC members Dillon Heter, Matthew Paul, and Gary Webber have visited SH businesses with this message. We are happy to report that the following business have joined SHNA as Business Members:

- Body Boutique Fitness for Women
- CEK Insurance
- Crimson and Brews
- Red Pepper Chinese Restaurant
- Stoneback Appliance

The EC would like to thank all these businesses for supporting SHNA and encourage our members to patronize these and other local businesses. When we chose local businesses, we help guarantee that services and products we need are available nearby, and that there are good jobs for our fellow Lawrencians.

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## SHNA Executive Committee Needs You!

Your EC needs one more member to complete its 9-person committee. The amount of time needed to serve is small, only five 90-minute meetings annually, and the benefits to your neighborhood are large. To learn more about these positions, [view our "About" page](#).

Please contact Gary Webber if you think you might be interested in serving on this committee. You may call me at 785-312-4840 or email me at [president@sunsethillna.org](mailto:president@sunsethillna.org).

## Please Welcome our Newest Business Member!

We are proud to welcome Body Boutique Fitness for Women!

Body Boutique is a 26,000 square foot fitness center for women located at 2330 Yale Road in Hillcrest Shopping Center. They serve the fitness-minded women of Lawrence and the surrounding Douglas County area including the University of Kansas.



During the past three decades Body Boutique has expanded their facilities, built a stand-alone indoor cycling studio (Free State Ride), added many new fitness programs, and replaced fitness equipment to maintain their position as a leader in the fitness community.

Body Boutique is family owned and operated by Lorinda Hartzler. When Lorinda first came to Body Boutique there were only 60 members, today Body Boutique serves more than 2,000 members. Body Boutique was created with your goals in mind and to provide women a place where they can workout discretely in a women-only setting.

They offer more than 70 trend setting group fitness classes on a weekly basis including LesMills™ and free-style classes, all taught by certified group exercise instructors. Body Boutique is a licensed Les Mills health club.

Other programs offered at Body Boutique include one-on-one personal training, small group training (BB Strong), coed indoor cycling classes in the Free State Ride studio, and spa services including therapeutic massage, spray tanning & tanning beds and color studio for hair, skin, and body.

They offer an on-site nutrition club called Total Body Nutrition, where they serve healthy shakes, teas, pre and post workout drinks and much more. Wellness coaches are available to assist members with Wellness Evaluations and nutrition plans.

2330 Yale Road

Lawrence, KS 66049

(e) [Info@BodyBoutique.net](mailto:Info@BodyBoutique.net)

(w) [www.BodyBoutiqueFitness.com](http://www.BodyBoutiqueFitness.com)

(p) 785-749-2424

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## Living in the City

### Solicitors, Peddlers, and Transient Merchants

Here is a reminder that solicitors, peddlers, and transient merchants need to have a license in Lawrence for door-to-door sales, according to city regulations. For details regulations, refer to page 42, [Chapter 6 Article 8 of the City Code of Lawrence](#).

Also, be alert of the perennial door-to-door scams, including "I've got a freezer full of steaks", magazine sales, and "white van" speaker sales, among others. If someone isn't displaying their solicitor's license or doesn't have one, you can call into non-emergency dispatch at 785-832-7509 to have an officer come out to investigate.

*Scott Reed, Sunset Hill resident, guest contributor*

## Exterior Lighting and Light Trespass

The Lawrence Land Development Code (LDC) contains ordinances which regulate exterior lighting, both residential and commercial. These codes address issues related to light trespass and ensure that exterior lighting in Lawrence is sized and positioned to maximize safety while minimizing glare.

Light trespass occurs when spill light is cast where it is not wanted. An example of light trespass is when spill light from a streetlight or floodlight enters a window and illuminates an indoor area.

This can be especially troublesome for homeowners when bright light from an adjacent property illuminates their bedroom windows and disturbs their sleep. Light trespass is regulated by city code, and if it is determined to be occurring, the city can require the owner of the offending fixture to modify it to eliminate trespass.



Glare is a visual sensation caused by excessive and uncontrolled brightness. It can be disabling or simply uncomfortable. It is subjective, and sensitivity to glare can vary widely. Older people are usually more sensitive to glare due to the aging characteristics of the eye. The most common source of glare is looking directly at a bright source of light, like an oncoming headlight or a bright wall-mounted fixture. In an urban environment, glare can be reduced by requiring that fixtures be shielded to reduce glare.

When you are selecting exterior light fixtures for your home, be aware of trespass and glare. Use bulbs on front porch lights that are equivalent to 60W incandescent bulbs or smaller, no more than about 800 lumens. Use fixtures



that shield the bulb and point light downward. If you install a "security" light, make sure to point the fixture downward to illuminate only your property. The LDC states "spot lights or flood lights that create a glare on neighboring property are prohibited." If you add lighting for security, use a motion detector, and make certain the fixture



head is angled to keep the light on your property. This is especially important on lights that are close to the property line and neighboring structures.

Homeowners may want to justify glare and trespass by claiming they need the light for security. Lighting the area immediately around the structure does allow trespassers to be more readily seen, but floodlights that are pointed out to the side and illuminate the street or adjacent properties create glare and shadows that makes it more difficult for your neighbors or a police officer to see intruders around your home.

Use exterior lighting carefully, and make sure that the light from your property stays on your property. To learn more about the city outdoor lighting ordinances, [follow this link to the Land Development Code](#). You will find the outdoor lighting ordinances on **page 348 (11-10), Chapter 20, Article 1103, “General Development Standards”**.

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**That’s all for now.  
Stay warm this winter!**



Thanks for supporting SHNA!