

Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association **Newsletter**

SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 SUMMER EDITION

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Notes from the Summer EC Meeting

SHNA Executive Committee Meeting Monday, August 15, 2022, 6:30 pm Online via Zoom

Draft Meeting Minutes

Participants: Bill Arick, Jon Dunham, Mariana Nieto, Chris Ostrander, Matthew Paul, Justin Shiney, Gary Webber.

- I. Presentation from Justin Shiney, owner of River Rat Print and Skate, and president of the Lawrence Skate Association: Shiney stated he was interested in the Neighborhood Association and how it operated. He described a proposal he has made to donate a vertical ramp to the Centennial Skate Park. Life expectancy of the ramp is approximately 10 years. He also described his support of the skate park. Members thanked him for his support of Centennial and the skate park.
- II. Approve minutes of spring meeting, May 23, 2022: approved by acclamation.
- III. Treasurer's Report, Arick: Arick reported no changes from previous quarter report. \$1179.61 in our bank account.
- IV. Old Business, Webber

1. LAN update:

- May: Harrod selected as representative to the Land Development Code Update Steering Committee. Webber reported on traffic safety in Sunset Hill near two schools.
- ii. June: Discussion of low-income housing near Billings and K-10. Discussion of proposed city operations campus.
 Discussion of failed proposal for coffee shop on 23rd.
- iii. July: Presentation: Kate Dinneen, CERT Coordinator, Douglas County Emergency Management, regarding organizing neighborhoods to assist during disasters. Presentation: Nicholas Ward, Tenants to Homeowners

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

<u>City Information for</u> <u>Residents</u>

Forms for Residents

Good Neighbor Ordinances

Snow Removal

<u>Dispose of Hazardous</u> <u>Waste</u>

Sunset Hill Businesses

- Absolute Pawfection
- Acres Realty
- Advanced Health Center
- Alvin's Wine & Spirits
- Atma Clinic

(TTH), regarding current programs. Discussion of proposed closure of Prairie Park Nature Center.

V. New Business

- 1. Plan for Picnic on September 17: Webber reviewed current plans. Webber will bring dishes, drinks, and utensils. Paul will bring entrée for 30 from Biggs Barbecue.
- 2. Discussion of potential new and returning EC members for 2023: Webber encouraged members to recruit new members to the EC.
- 3. Discussion of Neighborhood Traffic Management Program application: Webber reported a recent accident on Crestline has stirred the neighbors to action. A letter will be written and circulated for signature. Webber hopes to include it on the SHNA application. Mike Malone has volunteered to join the application subcommittee.
- 4. Discussion of proposed development
 - i. Starbucks (6th & Crestline): Dunham noted this could create problems for Crestline.
 - ii. Little Caesars (3025 W. 6th): No comments.
 - iii. Christ Community Church multifamily housing development (1100 Kasold Drive): Paul stated that he called the church, and they want to rezone before selling to a developer.
 - iv. Centennial Skate Park Vertical Ramp (see item I above)
- VI. New agenda items from participants: none offered
- VII. Set date and time for fall meeting in November: EC agreed to meet on November 14.
- VIII. Adjourn meeting at 7:10 PM.

Sunset Hill Happenings

Fall Potluck at Centennial Park

You are cordially invited to the 2022 Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association Fall Potluck!

Saturday September 17, 2022, 5:30 p.m. Centennial Park East Shelter 2124 W 9th, Lawrence, KS 66049

This is an excellent opportunity to visit with neighbors, learn more about your neighborhood association, and get to know the Officers and Executive Committee. Lots of development is happening in our neighborhood right now

- B. A. Green Construction
- Barnes Homes
- Beautiful Music
- Belltone Hearing Aid Center
- Biemer's BBQ
- Body Boutique Fitness – SHNA Member
- <u>Buckingham Palace</u>
 <u>Cleaning Services-</u>
 SHNA Member
- Busey Home Mortgage
- Capitol Federal Savings
- Capitol Agency Insurance
- Central Bank of the Midwest
- <u>CEK Insurance –</u> <u>SHNA Member</u>
- 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
- <u>Crimson & Brews SHNA Member</u>
- Dazzlers Christian Dance
- Econo Lodge
- Edie Insurance
- Empire Bar & Billiards
- Ernie Williamson Music
- Everest Liquors
- Excalibur of Westminster Hair Styling
- Family Psychological Services, LLC

(see "Development News" below), and this would be a great time to find out more about it.

The Potluck starts at 5:30 PM. SHNA will provide an entrée (pulled pork sandwiches from Bigg's Barbecue), place settings, and lemonade or water. Please bring a side dish or dessert and appropriate serving utensil to share with your fellow members.

This will be the fifth year for this event and should be more relaxed than the last two years since we are not holding the Annual Meeting at the same time. The Annual Meeting will be returning to the spring in 2023, and is scheduled for the evening of Monday, April 24, 2023, at West Middle School Cafeteria.

Call for Applause Award Nominations

It is time again to nominate our neighbors for the annual SHNA Applause Award!

Once a year the Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association recognizes neighbors who have recently enhanced their home through renovations, landscaping, or other improvements. If you know of someone that



has been working hard on their home and would be a good candidate for this award, please send a nomination email to Joan Stone at junkerjo@sunflower.com.

Be proud of your neighbors! Nominate them in an email to Joan! The names of the 2022-2023 Applause Award recipients will be published in the Winter issue of this newsletter.

Development News

Four proposals for development in our neighborhood have appeared since our last newsletter. Here is a summary:

Little Caesars has proposed a restaurant at 3025 W. 6th Street where Scotch Cleaner was located until recently. This store would offer carry-out, delivery, and in-store dining. No zoning change would be required. A plan has not yet been submitted.

Starbucks has filed a preliminary plan for a store at 6th St. and Crestline, in the former home of Cadillac Ranch. No zoning change would be required. The applicant has requested a variance that would allow only right-in and right-out access to 6th. This store may impact traffic on Crestline.

Alcove Development, a Lawrence developer, has proposed a duplex development on a 3.4-acre plot at 13th St. and Kasold, south of Christ Community Church. The planned community would tentatively include 12 duplexes and would be targeted toward seniors. Alcove recently renovated the Lawrence Eye Care Associates building on Iowa St. in our neighborhood. Many neighbors in homes adjacent to and near the property have expressed opposition to this development, citing stormwater drainage and traffic safety concerns.

- Family Therapy Institute Midwest
- Farm Bureau
 Financial Services
- The Fit Flavor
- 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

Local skateboard supporters are working with the city to donate a large vertical ramp to be located just north of the skate park in Centennial Park. This ramp would be the only comparable facility within 500 miles. Justin Shiney, owner of River Rat Print and Skate, and president of the Lawrence Skate Association, described the project to the SHNA Executive Committee at their most recent meeting.

All these developments will be coming before the Planning Commission and the City Commission in coming weeks. The Executive Committee of SHNA has discussed these developments but has not taken a position on any of them. As these projects proceed, the EC will be watching to ensure they benefit the neighborhood and do not create problems for residents. SHNA members are encouraged to email the President at president@sunsethillna.org with concerns you may have about any of these proposed projects.

Centennial Park Cleanup

SHNA adopted Centennial Park in 2019 and has been collecting litter three times each year since then. This summer we were happy to see that the Kaw Valley Disc Golf Club made improvements to the forested paths west of the Disk Golf course, and that the local chapter of the National Charity League conducted their own cleanup of the park.

Thanks so much to the SHNA volunteers who periodically clean the park, to community groups that support the park, and of course to Lawrence Parks and Recreation. Centennial is one of the finest green spaces in Lawrence, with excellent facilities and meticulous maintenance. We are very fortunate to have this valuable resource adjacent to our homes and businesses.

Parking Lot Repair at Hillcrest

You may have noticed that Raney Group, the owners of Hillcrest Shopping Center have been patching the parking lot at the northeast corner of Yale and Centennial. The bowling alley repaired their lot in 2019, and the Merc lot was upgraded in 2020, so this will help bring more of the parking surface into repair.

The only asphalt not addressed so far is on the northernmost area, adjacent to Crimson and Brews and Empire Billiards. SHNA would like to thank the Rainey Group for undertaking this much needed repair and encourage them to finish the job by resurfacing the north lot.

Please Welcome our New Business Member!



SHNA extends a hearty welcome to Crimson and Brews, one of four friendly neighborhood Bar and Grills in Sunset Hill. Check out their daily specials! Their Taco Tuesday is a favorite.

C&B offers dine-in, carry-out, and patio dining, and is a great place to watch the Jayhawks on game day. When you are

- Life Enrichment Center
- Manpower
- Mediterranean Market & Café
- The Merc Co+op
- 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 <u>Restaurant – SHNA</u> <u>Member</u>
- 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

munching wings and sipping a cold brew, thank them for supporting Sunset Hill NA!

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That's all for now. Fall colors are just around the corner!



Thanks for supporting SHNA!

Sunset Hill Businesses (cont.)

- Sunset West Laundry
- 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

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

- Sue Mulcahey, D.C., Chiropractor
- Sunflower Natural Pet Supplies
- Sunflower Rentals

Sunset Hill Parks

- Centennial Park
- Ludlam Park
- Quarry Park

Sunset Hill Schools

- Sunset Hill Elementary School
- West Middle School