



Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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EC Meeting Minutes - Winter, 2023

SHNA Executive Committee Winter Meeting

Monday, February 27, 2023, 6:30 pm

Christ Covenant Church, 2312 W. Harvard Rd

Draft Meeting Minutes

- I. Participants: Bill Arick, Mariana Nieto, Matthew Paul, Gary Webber, John White
- II. Approve minutes of fall meeting, November 14, 2022: Minutes approved by acclamation.
- III. Treasurer’s Report, Arick: \$946.07 - 1 new membership, 2 checks for office supplies, balance as of 2/27/23 is \$736.88.
- IV. Old Business, Webber
 1. LAN update (Webber):
 - i. November: LAN received presentations by Chris Sanders, Amanda Unruh & Greg Huebner of the Hillcrest NA to discuss problems some property owners are experiencing with fire and police protection and ask for LAN’s support. Old West Lawrence Association and Oread Residents Association stated that the development at Mississippi and 11th is concerning to both NAs, particularly regarding parking and traffic.
 - ii. December: Received a report on the LAN listserve from Gary Webber. Holli Joyce is the 2023 Chair; all other current officers will continue unchanged.
 - iii. January: Discussed city funding for Neighborhood Associations and school budget negotiations.

LAN minutes are available here:

<https://lawrenceneighborhoods.wordpress.com/category/minutes/>

V. New Business

1. **Print, stuff, and mail Annual Meeting invitation/renewal notice** – 120 invitations were processed during the meeting.
2. **Plan for Annual Meeting:**
 - i. 24th April 7:00 to 8:00, West Junior High Cafeteria.
 - ii. Terese Winters from Lawrence Public Library has asked to speak about their services. 10 minutes plus questions.
 - iii. Other speaker options discussed, none suggested.
 - iv. Update on 2022-2023 Executive Committee and SHNA activities.

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

(with links to SHNA Members)

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

v. Election of 2 new Executive Committee members.

3. **Discussed new officer slate and 2 new EC members** to replace Merrill and Heter. Webber reported we have no current nominees, so he will be asking for nominations from the Annual Meeting participants. The Executive Committee can function with vacancies, if we have the majority of 9, or 5 present for meetings.

4. **Discussed September Potluck:** Attendance was low in 2022. Nieto suggested we invite members and request that they RSVP. This allows us to gage attendance and plan our food purchase. Invitations will be emailed.

5. Discuss Business membership drive:

- i. Arick has volunteered to help, Webber will participate, and Paul may be able to help if his time allows.
- ii. Arick suggested we offer businesses insert in New Resident Packet.
- iii. Webber will organize and provide literature.

VI. **New agenda items from participants.**

- 1. Webber proposed that SHNA donate a bus bench in Sunset Hill – Cost & Labor donated by Webber and Farrar as a donation to SHNA. Approved by acclamation.
- 2. Discussed spring New Member Packet
 - i. Webber and White will assemble and distribute
 - ii. Webber will get list of new neighbors from Kimberly Williams, send to White

II. Set date and time for spring meeting in May (typically 4th Monday) – Meeting set for Tuesday May 23, 2023, at 6:30 PM

VII. Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 7:30 PM.

Sunset Hill Happenings

Annual Meeting is In-Person Again!

Our Annual Meeting will be held in-person and inside for the first time since 2019. The meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, April 24, 2023, 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 and use the Auditorium entrance.

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 one speaker; Terese Winters from Lawrence Public Library will speak about services offered at Lawrence Public Library. 10-15 minutes plus questions.



- 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
- 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

We just sent out the meeting invitation/membership application, so you should see the invitation very soon. SHNA works hard in your behalf, so please support us by renewing membership and attending the annual meeting!

Development News

Little Caesars is remodeling 3025 W. 6th Street where Scotch Cleaner was located until recently. This store would offer carry-out, delivery, and in-store dining. Work started over 6 months ago, but progress seems to have slowed or stopped.



Starbucks has filed a site plan for a store at 6th St. and Crestline, in the former home of Cadillac Ranch. The developer requested a variance to allow cars to enter and exit on 6th. This variance was not granted. The revised plan includes a drive through, plus sit-down restaurant, with cars entering and leaving via Crestline. The plan has been approved, but work has not yet begun on this project.

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. The base slab has been poured and the rough grade completed on this project. The ramp should be installed this summer.

Traffic Safety on Crestline

A car crash on Crestline at Westdale in August of 2022 motivated nearby neighbors to complain to the city about this hilly, twisty, always problematic collector street. Dustin Smith, Senior Project Engineer, Municipal Services and Operations, agreed to collect traffic count and speed data on this section of Crestline, and set up a counter in December 2022.

Unfortunately, Smith believes the data the city collected in December is flawed so the city will be collecting new data a week after Spring Break. Once the data has been collected and evaluated, Smith will report to the neighbors and propose mitigation if warranted. I will continue to follow this process and report to you when progress is made.

Boulders in Centennial Park

It would be difficult to miss the ring of limestone blocks on the northeast corner of Rockledge and 9th in Centennial Park. Pat Hennessey, Park Operations Manager, Parks and Recreation informed me that the Kaw Valley Disc Golf Club was donating limestone to decorate disc golf goals in two corners of the park. I was unable to reach a representative of KVDGC for more information, but I'm guessing that better spring weather will spark the completion of these projects.

- 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
- Midwest Property Management

SHNA Executive Committee Seeks Volunteers

The Executive Committee needs new members! We need to replace outgoing committee members Dillon Heter and Marlene Merrill. 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, or text or call me at 785-312-4840 if you are willing to serve.

Report on Recycling



Recent articles on NPR and in the press report discouraging news that plastic recycling in the US is meagre and not improving. Laura Sullivan on NPR reported in 2022 that *“The vast majority of plastic that people use, and in many cases put into blue recycling bins, is headed to landfills, or worse, according to a report from Greenpeace on the state of plastic recycling in the U.S.*

The report cites separate data published this May which revealed that the amount of plastic actually turned into new things has fallen to new lows of around 5%. That number is expected to drop further as more plastic is produced.”

<https://www.npr.org/2022/10/24/1131131088/recycling-plastic-is-practically-impossible-and-the-problem-is-getting-worse>

This prompted a discussion in the February meeting of the Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN) about the efficacy of the Residential Single-Stream Curbside Recycling system we use in Lawrence. Hamm Companies is the contractor for our recycling program and uses a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Lawrence to sort and recycle materials collected city-wide.

Gary Webber, LAN Secretary, reported that he spoke with Ben Swanson, Plant Manager, Hamm Inc. regarding plastic recycling at the HAMM Material Recovery Facility (MRF). Swanson stated that he was aware of negative press about the success of plastic recycling in the US. He stated that the HAMM MRF has been consistently successful in finding a market for all recycled materials, including plastics. He said they ship recycled plastics of various types to recyclers nation-wide. He provided a list of recyclers who accept HAMM MRF materials.

- 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
- The EyeDoctors Optometrists

The Hamm MRF is designed to process 10 tons of single stream recycling materials per hour. It works best when users of the service are thoughtful about the materials they place in their blue bins. Here are a few tips to help you be a better recycler:

1. Plastic film (grocery bags, food wrap, newspaper bags, bubble wrap, etc.) can be recycled, **but not in a single stream recovery system like we use.** Film clogs the machines and creates extra removal and machinery clean-up work for the staff. Many grocery stores such as Dillons, Hy-Vee, and Checkers recycle plastic film at no charge to customers.
2. A good rule of thumb on size is do not recycle anything smaller than a credit card. Small objects belong in the green trash bin, not the blue bin.
3. Avoid crushing recycled materials like cans or plastic containers. The machines are designed for and work best on uncrushed materials.
4. If you are unsure, consult the chart on the top of every recycling bin.
5. Look for the recycling triangle on objects you recycle, and don't put them in the bin if you can't find one.
6. Most recyclable plastic is in the form of containers and other one-use objects. As a general rule, rigid plastic tubs, buckets, plates, cups, and other multi-use plastic objects cannot be recycled when they reach the end of their life.
7. Want to know how to recycle other items like cell phones, tires, etc.? The city website has a directory on their website to help you find locations in the Lawrence area that recycle many items. Here is the link: <https://lawrenceks.org/swm/recyclable-materials-directory/>
8. Finally, check out this city web page for more information on recycling: <https://lawrenceks.org/sustainability/reduce-recycle/>

Centennial and Ludlam Cleanup Scheduled

This is the sixth year that SHNA is adopting Centennial Park and cleaning it of litter three times annually. In 2020, we also adopted Ludlam Park.

It is time once again to plan for the three cleanups. The dates and times in 2023 will be:

- April 22 at 1 p.m.
- July 22 at 9 a.m.
- October 21 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. Buckets and grabber devices will be provided to participants as long as they last. If you volunteered

- 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

Sunset Hill Parks

- Centennial Park
- Ludlam Park
- Quarry Park

Sunset Hill Schools

- Sunset Hill Elementary School
- West Middle School

at any of the clean-ups last year, you should hear from Phyllis around the first of April.

That's all for now. Get out and enjoy the glorious spring weather!



And thanks for supporting SHNA!