

# Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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SPRING EDITION

## SHNA Executive Committee

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## Quick Links

## SHNA Annual Meeting 2023

Monday, April 24, 7:00 PM, West Middle School Cafeteria  
700 Harvard Rd, Lawrence, KS 66049

### Draft Meeting Minutes

- I. Presentation: Teresa Winters, Information Services Librarian, Lawrence Public Library: Winters described services and facilities available through the library. They publish [The Reader Magazine](#) which has an Event Schedule for 2023. Services available at the Library include:

1. Reserve a study room for a tutoring session
2. Research local history and genealogy in the Helen Osma Local History Room
3. Record an oral history of your family in our Sound + Vision Studio
4. Book a one-on-one tech help session
5. Pick up a Resource Guide with info on where to go for housing assistance, free meals,
6. affordable legal advice, and so much more
7. Get personalized reading suggestions from the Book Squad
8. Join the Nature Book Club
9. Visit our outreach van Dottie
10. Take part in a Spanish conversation class
11. Make something cool in Craft Club
12. Unwind from the week with yoga
13. Learn a new skill at the How-To Festival
14. Grow native flowers with seeds from our Seed Library

### E-Resources

1. Watch an award-winning documentary on Kanopy
2. Listen to your favorite audiobooks with Libby
3. Create your family tree with Ancestry Library Edition

The library is here to serve our community. You can learn more about any of these at their website: <https://lplks.org/>

- II. Introduction of the 2022-2023 Executive Committee:

- Bill Arick, 3rd year member, Treasurer
- Jon Dunham, 2nd year member
- Marianna Nieto, 2nd year member
- Betsy/Chris Ostrander, 1st year member
- Matthew Paul, 3rd year member, Vice Pres.
- Gary Webber, 1st year member, President
- John White, 1st year member, Secretary
- Open Position, 1 yr.

**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

- Open Position, 3 yr.
- Jeanne Pees, Past President, ex officio member

III. Treasurer's Report (Arick): As of Feb 27, 2023, \$736.88 balance plus \$295.00 (60 members) Total of \$1031.88. (49 households, 7 Landlords, 4 Businesses) 57% of members from prior year have renewed.

IV. Old Business:

1. Accept minutes of 2021 Annual Meeting. Minutes adopted by member consensus.
2. Neighborhood Issues & Concerns – Common questions
  - a. Every power outages – report an ongoing outage by calling 1-800-544-4857, a technician will respond. Report an interruption by calling 1-800-383-1183, numerous complaints will prompt an investigation.
  - 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 – request a city service from the city web page - <https://lawrenceks.org/request-services/> This is a change from “See, Click, Fix” which has been eliminated.
  - f. Loose or captured animal, dog waste issues – call non-emergency dispatch and request to speak to an Animal Control officer - (785) 832-7509
  - g. For more information and resources, visit the SHNA Community Resources page: <https://sunsethillna.org/community-resources/>

V. New Business:

1. Summary of SHNA Executive Committee actions in 2022:
  - a. Presented 10 Applause Awards and 2 honorable mentions.
  - b. Published SHNA quarterly newsletter.
  - c. Volunteers cleaned Centennial Park and Ludlam Park 3 times (Farrar report). The next cleanups are Jul 22nd 9:00 and Oct 21st 1:00. Anyone interested in participating in the park cleanup should email [president@sunsethillna.org](mailto:president@sunsethillna.org)
  - d. Donated \$50 each to Sunset Hill Elementary and West Middle School gardens.
  - e. Worked with Municipal Services & Operations to advocate for street maintenance and traffic safety
  - f. Met in special meeting to discuss and vote on a request to oppose rezoning of property at 13th and Kasold; motion to oppose rezoning failed.
  - g. Hand-delivered 28 “Welcome Neighbor” packets to new property owners
  - h. Attended monthly Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN) meetings.
  - i. Picked up tree branches from Ludlam Park and consulted with Park & Rec about landscape improvements.
2. Election of Nominees to 2023-2024 SHNA Executive Committee:

- Belltone Hearing Aid Center
- [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
- Orchards Executive Golf & Footgolf

- a. The EC nominates Bill Arick to serve an additional 3-year term (approved).
  - b. The EC nominates Matthew Paul to serve an additional 3-year term (approved).
  - c. Nominations from the participants for one 3-year term for an open position: David Mucci – Approved
  - d. Nominations from the participants for one 1-year term to replace Dillon Heter who has resigned: James Jordan – Approved
3. New items from the participants:
- a. Sidewalk Maintenance – The Sidewalk Hazard Mitigation program is continuing. The Safe Routes to Schools Program has been funded for an additional year and will be building sidewalks on Ousdahl in 2023.
  - b. Starbucks at former Cadillac Ranch (Crestline & 6th) – approved by city commission, construction ongoing.
  - c. Domino’s Pizza on 6th, site of former Scotch Dry Cleaners –project started but appears inactive.
  - d. Traffic Calming on Crestline – data will be gathered in the fall, meeting be scheduled occur after correlation/analysis of data.
  - e. School Parking on Crestline – Police don’t have manpower to enforce, they maintain that this is a school issue.
  - f. 15th & Crestline “Central Station” (Bob Billings & Crestline) estimated completion date January 2024. Webber was on art selection committee, which selected a glass artist from Kansas City.
  - g. Green Arrow “yield” turning West on 9th – left turn green is at the very end of the light.

VI. Adjourn meeting: 8:05

## EC Meeting Minutes - Spring, 2023

SHNA Executive Committee Winter Meeting  
 Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 6:30 pm  
 Via zoom videoconference

### Draft Meeting Minutes

Participants: Jon Dunham, James Jordan, David Mucci, Mariana Nieto, Betsy Ostrander, Matthew Paul, Gary Webber, John White

- I. Approve [minutes of winter meeting, February 27, 2023](#): accepted by acclamation.
- II. Treasurer’s Report, Arick: Balance \$1031.88, 60 members
- III. Old Business:
  1. LAN update (Webber)
    - February: Presentation: Doug Wendel, Director of Operations, Senior Resource Center for Douglas County, regarding SRC resources and services. Webber reported on plastic recycling inquiry and brick sidewalk policy.
    - March: Presentation: Brad Harrell, City of Lawrence Parking Supervisor, regarding parking permit program in Oread Neighborhood and Mississippi St. KU gateway project. Pallet Village discussed.
    - April: Presentation: Fire Chief Rich Llewellyn, Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical (LDCFM) presented regarding current LDCFM activities. For additional details see LAN website at:

- 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
- Miller & Midyett Real Estate

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

2. Webber asked for permission to assign Shei Ellenbecker as LAN representative. Passed by acclamation. Webber will offer the position to Ellenbecker.
  3. Centennial/Ludlam update: April cleanup was successful. There is one abandoned camp that sheds waste into the watershed of the creek.
  4. Discuss Business membership drive: Webber and Arick are visiting businesses.
- IV. New Business:
1. Nominate and elect officers for 2023-2024: Webber asked the participants for their opinion on bylaws clause regarding election of officers; every year for all positions, or once every three years? Group agreed to elect all officers this year and discuss bylaws at a future meeting. The following slate was proposed:
    - Gary Webber, President
    - Matthew Paul, Vice President
    - Bill Arick, Treasurer
    - John White, Secretary

Dunham moved to elect the slate, Paul seconded. The slate of officers was elected unanimously.
  2. Plan for September Potluck: Webber suggested Saturday, September 16 when KU football is away. EC agreed to Sept. 16 for the Potluck Picnic. Invitations will include a request for RSVP. Webber will reserve the East Shelter.
  3. Discuss and vote on special Centennial Park cleanup: Webber reviewed abandoned camp in NE area of Centennial Park that is shedding trash into the watershed of the creek. After the April cleanup, Webber contacted Kevin Elliott who is working with Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department (LPRD) and unhoused persons to facilitate cleanup of camps. Elliot suggested a joint effort with SHNA cleanup crew, Centennial Park residents, and LPRD, with a meal provided by SHNA. This is the format he has used with other neighborhoods for camp cleanup. Elliott proposed Saturday, June 24, 1-4 PM, following a morning disk golf tournament. LPRD would provide gloves, bags, wheelbarrows, and a roll-off dumpster. SHNA would provide a meal for camp residents and seek volunteers. Discussion: A participant asked about who might be liable if a volunteer was injured. Webber promised to contact Elliott to ask about liability and report back to EC. Webber suggested addressing liability of volunteers and EC members at a future meeting. White moved to participate and provide \$50 for meal for volunteers, Ostrander seconded. The vote was 5 for, 1 against, 2 abstain. Motion passed.
 

*Note: On May 26 Webber spoke to Elliott who is organizing the Centennial Cleanup on June 24 and asked him about injury liability. Elliott replied that Pinkney NA, who conducted a cleanup last weekend, asked the same question. Elliott stated he contacted Parks and Recreation, and they stated that they have never addressed liability for volunteers in the park adoption program or in other voluntary programs. They have never had a volunteer injury, or a liability claim. They do not plan to address this issue.*
  4. Discuss purchasing 2 additional grabber/bucket sets, \$30 each. Nieto moved to fund purchase, second by White, passed unanimously.
  5. Discuss donating \$50 to Sunset Hill Elementary and West Middle School. Paul moved to donate, second by Ostrander, passed unanimously.
- V. New agenda items from participants:
1. Webber updated the EC on data gathering on Crestline south of Harvard. Previous data gathering efforts have been unsuccessful. The city will try a third

- 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 University National Bank

time after KU students return in the fall. Dunham suggested additional speed limit signage on Crestline.

VI. Set date and time for summer meeting in August: Webber suggested August 14, 2023, for the summer meeting. Passed by acclamation. Meeting will be via Zoom, Monday, Aug. 14, 2023, 6:30 PM.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

## Neighborhood News

### Commercial Development

Work on a Little Caesars at 3025 W. 6th Street where Scotch Cleaner was located started over 6 months ago and has recently resumed after a months-long pause.

The ground has been cleared and a construction fence has been erected around the site of the Starbucks restaurant at 6<sup>th</sup> and Crestline. Look for big changes on this corner in coming weeks.

The Corey Lawrence Memorial Vert Ramp has been installed just north of the skate park in Centennial Park.

Lawrence Parks and Recreation Dept. hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, May 6. Justin Shiney, of River Rat Print and Skate; Sean Ingram, of Merchtable; Dan Askew, of Escapist Skateboarding; and members of the Lawrence Skate Association raised funds and worked with the city to purchase and install the ramp. SHNA is proud of our two parks and is encouraged that they continue to improve to better serve all Lawrence residents and visitors.



### Traffic Safety

Dustin Smith of Municipal Services and Operations (MSO) reported to the Multi-modal Transportation Commission (MMTC) in a study session prior to their June 5 meeting regarding lessons learned in the first [Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Pilot Project](#) in Old West Lawrence. You can view the [study session on the City's YouTube channel](#).

MMTC is hoping to have neighborhood representatives join them for a discussion on the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP). This meeting is tentatively planned for August. SHNA will be applying to send a representative to this meeting.

Once the MMTC has finished their review, they will report to the City Commission and possibly recommend changes to the traffic management program.

Neighbors along Crestline and SHNA have been working with Dustin Smith at MSO for nearly a year to evaluate and improve safety on Crestline Dr. from 9<sup>th</sup> St. to Bob Billings Pkwy.

### Stormwater

When you live in a neighborhood that has lots of hills, stormwater quickly becomes an important issue. Sunset Hill is just such a neighborhood, especially in the south-central area around Atchison Creek. I recently contacted Chris Rice, senior project engineer at



- 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

Municipal services and operations. I asked him to address three stormwater issues, two old and one new, in our neighborhood. Here are the three issues, and his responses in italics:

**1. Stormwater ditches south of Harvard and south of Stratford are obstructed and are causing stormwater to back up into yards.**

*a. Our Stormwater Maintenance Supervisor has reviewed and not found any obstructions warranting removal. If you're aware of specific obstructions impeding flow, please let me know and we can work to resolve.*

**2. Stormwater is damaging curbs, gutters, and the street on Lawrence Avenue at the Intersections of 14th and Applegate Court.**

*a. We do not have the ability to require stormwater mitigation to properties retroactively. If redevelopment were to require a site plan, then we could require that the development meet current City Development Code as warranted by the scope.*



*We are working to maintain our existing stormwater infrastructure in the area including fixing failing inlets near Stratford Rd just west of Crestline Dr, Intersection of Westdale Rd and Crestline Dr (will be making ADA improvements with storm improvements), Wellington Rd just north of 8th Street. Presently, there isn't funding available for new/extensive stormwater improvements until 2027 as much of the existing funds have been spoken for.*

*I will reach out to internal street maintenance folks to see about addressing pavement issues in the intersection.*

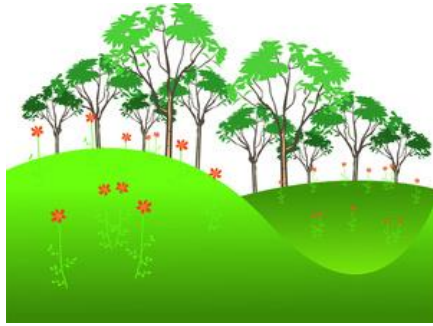
**3. What is the plan for stormwater mitigation for the new parking lot at Yale and Westdale?**

*a. I've reviewed the drainage study for this development. The detention pond is designed to reduce runoff flow to or below what was present prior to the expansion of the parking lot. The detention is achieved by constricting flow through the 12" pipe such that it backs up within the detention area and is release more slowly. Detention won't be readily visible for a common storm (such as those with a two year recurrence interval) but will be utilized during more intense, less frequent events.*

Thanks to Chris and MSO staff for this response. I am seriously considering a hike down the Harvard and University drainage trenches to verify the Stormwater Maintenance Supervisor's claim that all is well in the storm water channels. If you have evidence of obstruction anywhere in the stormwater system, feel free to contact me at [president@sunsethillna.org](mailto:president@sunsethillna.org) or email Chris Rice at [crice@lawrenceks.org](mailto:crice@lawrenceks.org).

It was encouraging to see evidence that developers are required by current code to mitigate stormwater issues when impervious surfaces are added to the watershed. The detention pond at Yale and Westdale is a good example of protecting residents from increases in runoff that can adversely affect their properties.

## Centennial Park Special Cleanup



The SHNA Park Cleanup Crew completed their spring cleaning of Centennial Park on Saturday, April 22. Only a few areas were not cleaned because they contained active and abandoned campsites. Gary Webber, SHNA President, contacted Kevin Elliott who has been organizing collaborations between the unhoused residents, neighborhood associations, and city staff to address these types of sites. You may have seen

a [Lawrence Times article](#) about the cleanups. [The city has a web page here.](#)

Elliott recommended a cleanup on Saturday, June 24 at 1:00 PM. He offered to work with the campers in Centennial Park, provide them with cleaning supplies to clean their camps prior to Saturday, and invite them to help with the clean-up of the abandoned campsites. The SHNA Executive Committee agreed to participate.

The June 24 cleanup went well despite the hot afternoon. (Elliott would have scheduled a morning cleanup, but the Disk Golf Course was in use for a tournament, and our activities would have disrupted the event.) Elliott provided a short orientation to protocols for this type of project. LPRD and Solid Waste Dept. provided trash bags, sanitary gloves, bottled water, a dumpster and six wheelbarrows.

Seven SHNA members volunteered and worked with one resident to clean the abandoned camp and adjacent area in just over two hours. Pizzas were donated by Domino's Pizza, 832 Iowa St. Thanks to Kevin Elliott and the volunteers for their hard work, and thanks to Jake Minor at Domino's Pizza for their generous contribution.

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## Indigenous Artists Beautify Bus Shelters

Have you noticed new artwork on three bus shelters bordering our neighborhood? Out of ten artworks by six local indigenous artists installed recently by Lawrence Transit, three of them have been applied to glass shelters around the SHNA neighborhood. Take a walk on the next cool evening to see them up close!

- "Less/Riide!", by Tokeya Waci U (Comes Dancing First) Richardson, bus stop near intersection of Harvard Road and Iowa Street – west side (#213).
- "The Sky's Awake", by Tokeya Waci U Richardson, bus stop near 6th and Kasold – southwest corner (#189).
- "Tree N A" by Aubrey Anne Bell, bus stop at 6th Street and Lawrence Ave. – north side (#183).

Two more can be seen along 6th Street on Bus Route 6:

- "Waste Cave Story", by Zoe Bell, at Wisconsin and 6th Street – south side (#180).
- "Wogligleya (Design)", by Odessa Star Comes Out, at Monterey and 6th Street – south side (#193)

One more can be visited by catching Bus 4 to North Lawrence. This route picks up at the Merc on Iowa, at Capitol Federal (Harvard & Iowa) mentioned above, Christ Covenant Church on Harvard Road, and the Merc on 9th Street.

- “The White Buffalo”, by Iris Cliff, at Locust and North 3rd, (#196)

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### **Fall SHNA Potluck Picnic Scheduled**

The SHNA Fall Potluck Picnic will take place again in 2023! We invite SHNA members and friends to join us on September 16, 2023, at 5:30 PM in Centennial Park East Shelter, 2124 W 9th. We will provide the entrée and drinks and ask participants to bring a side dish or dessert.

We are requesting an RSVP from all interested to help us order the appropriate amount of the main dish. Please email Gary Webber at [president@sunsethillna.org](mailto:president@sunsethillna.org) if you would like to attend the picnic. I will send out an email invitation later this summer. I hope to see you there!

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**That’s all for now. It’s heating up, so stay cool and hydrate!**



And thanks for supporting SHNA!