



# Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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SUMMER EDITION

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## EC Meeting Minutes - Summer, 2023

SHNA Executive Committee Summer Meeting

Monday, August 14, 2023, 6:30 pm

Via zoom videoconference

### Draft Meeting Minutes

Participants: Bill Arick, Jon Dunham, James Jordan, David Mucci, Mariana Nieto, Chris Ostrander, Matthew Paul, Gary Webber.

- I. Approve minutes of winter meeting, May 23, 2023: Passed by acclamation.
- II. Treasurer's Report: Arick reported that the balance of funds was \$1,089.44 and total membership 83.
- III. Old Business, Webber
  1. LAN update
    - a. May: Kim Polson, Executive Director, Lawrence Community Children's Center (CCC): Polson reviewed progress on the CCC facility planned for 300 block of Maine St.
    - b. June: Nick Kuzmyak reviewed the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program and invited LAN members to participate in a study session on August 7.
    - c. July: Lawrence Transit Route Redesign Presentation, Adam Weigel, Lawrence Transit and Parking Manager.
      - i. Mid-Sept: site work and bus shelter substantial completion
      - ii. Mid-November: building substantial completion
      - iii. January: Route redesign starts, Central Station fully functional. Transit will not offer Sunday service prior to the route change in January.
    - d. Centennial/Ludlam update: final 2023 cleanup on October 28.
  - IV. New Business
    1. Plan for September Potluck
      - a. Catered entrée again? Yes. RSVP? Yes.
      - b. Beef ribs instead of pulled pork? Webber suggested ribs instead of pulled pork sandwiches. Dunham agreed with pork ribs, slaw, and beans. Nieto suggested a chicken alternative, Webber suggested a veggie option.
      - c. Cater full meal? Mucci liked the idea of a full catering. Webber will provide drinks and place settings from SHNA supplies. Arick suggested asking for a price for Tea from Biggs. Paul will contact Biggs for a price estimate.
    2. Discuss declining SHNA membership

## 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

(with links to SHNA Members)

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

- d. We have not distributed paper flyers to members and non-members for 3 years. Each year membership has declined 10% - 20%. The decline has been accelerating. Pandemic?
- e. Nieto suggested recruiting on Nextdoor and school newsletters. Webber suggested flyering next year, with general support from participants. Arick suggested emphasizing SHNA benefits in emails, newsletter, and flyers. Paul suggested asking The Merc for help. Arick asked if Webber knew if other NAs were suffering lower membership. Webber did not. Paul suggested using Venmo or PayPal for payment. Webber suggested Zeffy, which provides free transactions for non-profits. Nieto volunteered to investigate Zeffy, Paul will investigate Venmo.
3. Neighborhood Traffic Management Program update: Webber reviewed proposed changes to NTMP and the implications for Crestline Dr. Staff is considering requiring more data prior to selection and setting minimum speed and count data limits. They are also considering accepting smaller projects from individuals or groups.
4. Land Development Code Update Module 1, Codes: Webber explained that the city has asked NAs to provide input into the LDC update. Mucci encouraged some form of input, ideally a meeting, but online survey as a second choice. Webber will organize meeting.
5. Yard signs for Applause Award winners: Webber estimated \$50 twice a year. Mucci liked the idea, good recognition. General agreement. Webber will investigate costs, design.
6. Request for \$25 block party grant from 2200 block Westdale: Webber described the block party and asked EC to award a grant of \$25. Dunham moved, Arick seconded, approved unanimously.

V. New agenda items from participants: none

VI. Set date and time for fall meeting in November, Monday, Nov. 13, 2023, 6:30 PM

Adjourn meeting, 7:10 PM.

## Neighborhood News

### Fall Picnic

*You are cordially invited to the*

### 2023 Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association Fall Picnic!

Saturday September 16, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Centennial Park East Shelter

2124 W 9th, Lawrence, KS 66049

We hope you can join us for dinner and socializing at the Fourth Annual SHNA Fall Picnic! The Executive Committee would like to change the format this year, by providing a full meal instead of just an entree. We will be serving Bigg's BBQ pork ribs and barbecued chicken, along with slaw, baked beans, tea and water. It is our hope that by moving away from a potluck, and lowering the work load on our guests, more will chose to join us.

- Barnes Homes
- Beautiful Music
- 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

**In order to reduce waste, we are asking guests who would like to attend to RSVP this invitation, tell us how many will attend, and if you prefer ribs or chicken. Please email [president@sunsethillna.org](mailto:president@sunsethillna.org) if you plan to attend. Then all you need to do is arrive, and leave the rest to us!**



2019 Picnic

Please consider joining us at the Picnic, and RSVP if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!

Thanks,  
Gary Webber, SHNA President

### Block Party on Westdale



The 2200 block of Westdale gathered on a shady driveway on August 5 for a block party, and a great party it was!

We are the first and oldest block of Westdale Road. Almost every household showed up; the oldies and the babies and everybody in between and pets. Willa brought her bubble machine, David set up a kiddie pool, stomp rockets were a success and little

Arlo ate a LOT of watermelon. Will and Kate bought all the hotdogs for Mike to grill. Jessica and Chris' chicken was so good. The potluck dishes were tasty and the conversation that lingered until after dark told of the closeness of this block.

But all this happens because of Kari who keeps us together. She makes sure we all have phone numbers and emails. She keeps the news flowing of new babies or someone in need. We are glad to be a part of the Sunset Hill Neighborhood.

Ann Goans, SHNA member

*Thanks, Ann, for this wonderful report! Sounds like a good time! SHNA is happy to help support block parties with a \$25 grant to help defray costs. Just email [president@sunsethillna.org](mailto:president@sunsethillna.org) and outline your plan for a get-together. The Executive Committee discusses and awards grants.*

- 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

## 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, rental, or business and would be a good candidate for this award, please send a nomination email to Joan Stone at [junkerjo@sunflower.com](mailto:junkerjo@sunflower.com).



Thank your neighbors for their hard work and investment in Sunset Hill! Nominate them in an email to Joan! The names of the 2023-2024 Applause Award recipients will be published in the Winter issue of this newsletter. [You can see all the past winners on our Applause Award web page.](#)

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## Traffic Safety

At their August 7 study session, the Multi-modal Transportation Commission invited neighborhood associations to discuss the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP). Seven NAs were represented; Barker, Brook Creek, East Lawrence, Old West Lawrence, Pinkney, Schwegler, and Sunset Hill. The agenda for this meeting, with a link to a video recording, is here:

<https://lawrenceks.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingInformation.aspx?Id=1286>

The NA representatives discussed lessons learned from the pilot project in Old West Lawrence, and suggestions from MSO for improving the program. These included minimum requirements for traffic count and speed in areas proposed for the program and accepting proposals for smaller projects from neighborhood groups and individuals.

The MMTC will discuss changes to the traffic management program in a future meeting and make recommendations to the City Commission regarding the proposed changes.

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## School is In Session, Be Aware while Driving

As I am sure you know, the streets around West Middle School and Sunflower Elementary are now very busy around 8 AM and even busier around 3 PM. There are many things Sunset Hill residents can do to make the streets around the schools safer for students and parents during drop-off and pick-up. Here are a few:

- Avoid 9<sup>th</sup>, Crestline, Harvard, Yale, and Schwarz during these times. Use the outer arterial streets to move about and avoid collectors and local streets around schools. This is a good idea throughout Lawrence.
- If you must drive near the schools, drive slowly, and watch out for bicycles and pedestrians. Always yield to pedestrians at marked crosswalks.

Parents who currently drive to and from the schools have the greatest power to make these streets safer at the beginning and end of the school day. Here are a few options:

- 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

- If age and distance appropriate, teach your child to safely walk, ride a bike, or take the city bus to school. You could also walk, ride, or bus with your child to and from classes.
- Carpool with like-minded parents to reduce the traffic load.
- Never park or stop on the west side of Crestline approaching Harvard or Yale from the north. Crestline is a collector street, one of only two north-south collectors in Sunset Hill (the other is Lawrence Avenue). It is always busy, and narrower than Lawrence Avenue. Parking or stopping is never allowed at any time on Crestline. Vehicles stopped illegally there narrow the roadway and block the view of the Harvard crosswalk for drivers, pedestrians, and the crossing guard. Crestline between 9<sup>th</sup> and Bob Billings was selected the most dangerous street in the neighborhood in a SHNA survey in 2021.
- Instead, WMS parents could park on Yale or Harvard east of the school to wait for their child, taking advantage of the new sidewalks recently installed on both streets.
- Sunflower parents, please follow the instructions of the Sunflower Elementary staff directing pickup traffic. Move forward in line while waiting to let vehicles behind you fill in efficiently and avoid blocking 9<sup>th</sup> at Schwarz.

As the Safe Routes to School program installs and improves sidewalks around our schools, everyone’s safety is enhanced. Walking, riding, or busing to school benefits our children’s health and self-reliance, traffic safety, and air quality while reducing the use of fossil fuels.

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### Centennial Park Adoption Report

As adopters of Centennial Park, we recently held the 2nd of 3 clean-ups for this year. Thanks to relatively mild morning temperatures on Saturday, July 22, 12 volunteers were able to cover the park in approximately one hour of picking up litter. It was great to have a good turn-out, including 6 new volunteers. A big shout-out to Sherrie Ellenbecker, Robert and Amber Ovsak and their two sons, David Mucci, Clint and Will Idol, Marianna and Bernie Nieto, Sally Kennett, and Gary Webber. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final park clean-up will be held on **Saturday, October 28, at 1 p.m.** Volunteers should RSVP to Phyllis Farrar; [pfarrar21@gmail.com](mailto:pfarrar21@gmail.com).

### Special Cleaning Event

In addition to our regularly scheduled clean-ups, we held a special event on the (steamy!) afternoon of June 24 to remove trash from several unauthorized campsites in Centennial Park. This was a collaborative project between the city, Kevin Elliot (who has carried out similar projects in several neighborhoods), and SHNA. The city provided a dumpster, wheelbarrows, iced drinking water, and “contractors”



- 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

trash bags. Kevin contacted people camped in the park ahead of time and distributed the trash bags. SHNA provided hearty volunteers: Lynn Beaty, Clint Idol, Alex Kohlenberg, David Mucci, Gary Webber, John White, and Phyllis Farrar. In a little over an hour all the filled trash bags had been hauled up the hill and loaded into the dumpster. Thanks to all parties involved.

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## Supportive Housing Proposed for 6<sup>th</sup> and Rockledge

This month Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center announced they hope to build a 24-unit supportive housing complex northeast of 6th and Rockledge, just north of Sunset Hill. The facility would be a combination of an apartment complex and an office that would host staff members. The office space would be on the bottom floor of the 43,000-square-foot facility, with the two dozen single-room units sitting on top of it.

Bert Nash is currently raising funds for the project. If they are successful, the complex could be ready to occupy by 2025. [Here is the Journal World article from Aug 12.](#)

On another note, have you ever wondered about building permits issued in your area? [Here is a link to a handy map of all current building permits issued in Lawrence.](#) Click on the colored dot, then the right-arrow to learn about the project. There are currently 9 active permits in Sunset Hill.

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## Cans on the Curb?

I walk a lot in the neighborhood, and I can testify that most residents take excellent care of their homes and businesses, from major remodeling to the simplest of chores. Thank you for caring!

One simple chore can get confusing however, and that is the city ordinance that requires us to store our waste and recycle bins off the street, put them out no more than 24 hours before pickup, and move them back promptly after they have been emptied. This is one of the city's "[Good Neighbor Ordinances.](#)" Holidays change the schedule, and recycling is only every second week, so I often find myself scratching my head about which bins to roll out.

In addition, Sunset Hill has two pickup days; North of 9<sup>th</sup> on Tuesday, and South of 9<sup>th</sup> on Wednesday. Fortunately, the city has some resources to help you. Everything you need to know is available on the [Solid Waste Service Reminder web page.](#) Just input your address and you will get a schedule for the next collection date. You can also sign up for an email every week if you need an extra reminder. I use the "[Lawrence Waste & Recycling](#)" app on my Android phone to give me instant information on my schedule. The app is [also available for iPhone.](#)

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**That's all for now. Cooler weather is just around the corner!**



And thanks for supporting SHNA!