



# Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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FALL EDITION

## SHNA Executive Committee

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## EC Meeting Draft Minutes - Fall, 2023

SHNA Executive Committee Fall Meeting

Monday, November 13, 2023, 6:30 pm

Via Zoom videoconference

### Draft Meeting Minutes

Exec Committee members present: Bill Arick, Jon Dunham, James Jordan, David Mucci, Mariana Nieto, Chris Ostrander, Matthew Paul, Gary Webber.

Absent: John White

Phyllis Farrar attended to take minutes/notes.

- I. Minutes of summer meeting, August 14, 2023, were approved by acclamation.
- II. Treasurer’s Report, Arick reported that the balance of funds was \$825.79, total membership, 97.
- III. Old Business, Webber
  1. LAN update
    - a. August: Discussed Code Enforcement and KU Gateway Project
    - b. September: Discussion of proposed housing development on 15th in Brook Creek. LAN agreed to send a letter opposing the development.
    - c. October: Presentation by Humane Society
  2. Discuss plans for annual meeting, Monday, April 22, 6:30 p.m. West Middle School
    - a. Flyer the neighborhood? We printed about 700 flyers 2-3 years ago, divided them up among 10 Exec members, distributed 70 flyers each in about 1.5 hours.  
Paul asked to be reminded of what we did in March – mailing membership renewal reminders to current members. He suggested we first email current members to ask them to renew and announce the annual meeting. Also suggested we talk personally friends or neighbors rather than blanket the neighborhood with flyers. Dunham stated that there is no turnover among his neighbors and he has encouraged all of them to join, so this approach might not work on his block. Mucci agreed that personal outreach is more cost effective than the flyer. Webber reminded everyone that they can print the membership form from the website. Mucci suggested compiling an email list of potential members that could be used in place of flyers. Webber asked anyone with a potential member to send the info to him. He would start a database.

## 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 \(pdf\)](#)

### 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

b. Webber has reserved West Middle School for the April meeting on Monday, April 22, 2024.

3. Discuss Fall Picnic: Shelter rental is now \$70. Should we find another venue? Block Party? Christ Covenant Church? Other? Dunham asked if CCC had space for a potluck. Webber replied yes. Webber will approach John Lawrence at CCC.

4. Discuss online dues payment. Gary will set up Zeffy prior to January.

#### IV. New Business

1. Discussed potential new and returning EC members for 2024: The three-year terms of Dunham, Mucci, and Nieto are expiring this year. All 3 agreed to re-up for another 3 years. Need someone to replace Arick as Treasurer and EC member.

2. Discussed potential successor to John White as Secretary. He is retiring from that position in 2024, but will continue on the EC. Do

3. Discuss proposed construction of Bert Nash supportive housing facility on Rockledge north of 6<sup>th</sup> Street (site where hotel burned down). Jordan described the project as part office, part short-term residential for people getting treatment.

4. Discuss proposed conversion of Super 8 on Iowa to drug and alcohol treatment center. Request of change of zoning from strip commercial to residential. This will be a privately run facility.

5. Report on 2023 Applause Awards. Joanie has been doing a great job on Applause Award for many years. Unless someone is opposed, Webber would like to reimburse her for her Munchers gift certificates: \$30.

6. If anyone would be willing to serve as Secretary or Treasurer, please contact me. Thanks again to Bill Arick for serving on the EC and for his excellent four years as Treasurer. You will be missed! (NOTE: James Jordan volunteered to serve as Treasurer in a later email to Webber.)

7. Winter Meeting, Monday, Feb 12, 2024, 6:30 PM.

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## Neighborhood News

### Fall Picnic

The fall picnic on Sept. 16 got off to a wet start, but the rain was short-lived, and the 30 attendees enjoyed a cool but pleasant dinner at Centennial Park. The Bigg's BBQ dinner was delicious, and it was fun visiting with old and new friends alike.

For next year we are investigating an inside venue for this get-together, and plan to return to a potluck format with SHNA providing the main entrée. Thanks to all who participated!

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### 2023 Applause Awards Announced!

It is with great pleasure that we announce the 2023 Applause Award winners! Once a year the Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association Executive Committee recognizes neighbors who have recently enhanced their home through renovations, landscaping, or other improvements. This year we awarded 6 Applause Awards. Congratulations to all the award winners this year! Your efforts to improve your properties are greatly appreciated by your neighbors. Thanks as always to Joanie Stone for selecting and reviewing this year's winners. Joanie has been working hard on this award for many

- 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

years, and her efforts in support of SHNA and her neighbors is much appreciated. Here are the 2023 Applause Award winners:

#### **1109 Crestline Drive**

Gradual upgrades have taken place over the last couple of years. The house has fresh paint front and back. Love the weight and warmth of the dark exterior color. A new fence and a yard full of activity and fun play equipment. Highlighted architectural accents and a sprinkling of holiday decoration are inviting. The large tree in the front yard was bursting with beautiful fall color, welcome.

#### **3049 Stevens Drive**

Tasteful updates highlight the refreshed house front. The new cedar porch and front landing are inviting and well designed. The addition of comfortable chairs and decorations accessorize the porch, including the gathering of pumpkins. Taken all together they create an attractive front entry.

#### **924 Holiday Drive**

It is all about using the right amounts and maintaining balance. 924 Holiday Drive has an updated charcoal gray siding color paired with the contrasting shade of orange on the front door and a new modern light fixture; a warm reception to your home! The pop of white on the windows coordinates beautifully. Traditional and modern. Nice!

#### **914 Rockledge Road**

The new green siding color with dark trim makes the stone veneer pop and give this home a fresh appeal. Complimented by a large front deck and modern mailbox. The stone front is original and maintains the 60's architectural style. A porch full of whimsical art, pumpkins, and a kitten lend accent and character.

#### **2608 Stratford Road**

New construction doesn't happen often in Sunset Hill. This infill has fashionable white siding and sharp black trim creating classical good looks. Combined with creative modern office/shed in the back yard this new home compliments the neighborhood. A front porch glider blends old and new while pops of color of potted plants are cheerful. Welcome to the neighborhood!

#### **2605 Century Drive**

An attractive home makeover. Modern design elements have been added to the front entry with natural wood siding. The same wood also trims the new windows and garage. This house has maintained the traditional character of a 1950's rancher but with a touch of custom upgrades giving it a warm, modern look. A new roof, garage door, gutters, and light fixture. A couple of chairs to welcome guests. The exterior renovation is well done!

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### **Abandoned Vehicles: Success on Schwarz Rd.**

You have probably noticed the line of parked cars on Schwarz Rd. south of 6<sup>th</sup>. Westside 66 uses this street to park vehicles that they service and are ready to be picked up. You may also have noticed that some of these vehicles appear to have been abandoned. Residents on Schwarz Rd. have complained to SHNA in the past about these abandoned cars.

- 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

SHNA President Gary Webber spoke with Rich Haig at Westside about these vehicles in August. Rich reported that he had been trying to get the owners to move them for quite a while, but with little success. He also contacted Lawrence Police Dept. (LPD) but was told that they needed to receive a complaint from someone other than the service station before they could act.



Webber called non-emergency dispatch at LPD and reported the abandoned vehicles. An officer contacted him the same day and Webber provided details of the vehicles. LPD contacted the vehicle owners and directed them to move the vehicles. One was moved by the owner, and four others were hauled to an impound lot within 2 weeks.

Many code violations such as abandoned vehicles are complaint driven violations. If residents don't complain, these violations will not be addressed. I encourage all members to be aware of code violations and report them to the appropriate agency. All reports are anonymous and are kept strictly confidential by the city and LPD. For more information about who to contact to report violations, follow this link to the [Community Resources page of the SHNA website](#).

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## SHNA News

### Asking for SHNA Support; Meeting with the EC

SHNA is here for you. We exist to support our members and to work to preserve and enhance the safety, beautification, residential character, and integrity of the neighborhood. However, it may not be immediately obvious how a Sunset Hill resident, residential property owner, or business owner asks for assistance from SHNA. This is where the Executive Committee (EC) comes in.

The EC is the governing entity of SHNA. The EC makes all decisions for the neighborhood association, while the officers facilitate its operation. The best way to bring a concern to the EC is to attend one of our quarterly meetings and make a presentation to the committee. The EC will discuss possible responses and decide on a course of action. For the last three years, the EC has been meeting via Zoom.

If you would like to bring any issue or presentation to the Executive Committee, please email the president at [president@sunsethillna.org](mailto:president@sunsethillna.org), or call or text Gary Webber at 785-312-4840. He will add your item to the agenda of the next scheduled meeting and invite you to the meeting. If immediate action is required, the EC may be able to discuss the request via email.

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### Online Dues Payment Option for 2024

The EC is pleased to announce that SHNA members can now renew their membership and Sunset Hill residents can join SHNA via Zeffy, an online payment and registration web site. Zeffy is a payment portal business that provides payment services specifically for not-for-profit groups like SHNA.

Most payment portals charge the payment recipient, in this case SHNA, for the credit card transaction fee, normally about 4%. That means that for most online payment

- 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

systems, when you pay your \$5 dues, SHNA receives \$4.80, and the credit card company receives the transaction fee of \$0.20. Many businesses and groups increase their prices to cover this fee.

The Zeffy model is different. For all transactions, Zeffy pays the ~4% transaction fee, and the recipient (SHNA) receives the full amount of every payment of dues. Zeffy then asks the payee (you) for a small donation to provide this service. The donation is entirely voluntary. Zeffy estimates that about 60% of payees make small donations, and this is adequate to fund the service.

SHNA members will be receiving an email in the spring of 2024 inviting them to the Annual Meeting and reminding them to renew their membership. That email will include a link to the online payment portal, plus a link to a membership application for members who would rather send a check or cash in the mail. It is our hope that SHNA members will appreciate a more convenient method of paying dues.

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### **EC Member and Secretary Needed for 2024**

EC member Bill Arick will be leaving Lawrence in 2024 and will no longer be able to serve on the committee. Therefore, we will need to elect a new EC member at the Annual Meeting on April 22, 2024. If you think you would be interested in serving a three-year term on the EC, please email the president at [president@sunsethillna.org](mailto:president@sunsethillna.org).

In addition, John White will be retiring from his secretary position next year. It is not necessary to serve on the EC to be an officer. If you think you would be interested in serving as SHNA secretary, please contact the president.

[Learn more about the SHNA Executive Committee here.](#)

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**That’s all for now. Keep active and stay warm this winter!**



**And thanks for supporting SHNA!**

- 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