



# Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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## EC Meeting Draft Minutes – Fall, 2024

SHNA Executive Committee Meeting  
Monday, November 18, 2024, 6:30 pm  
Via zoom

- I. Attending members were Jon Dunham, James Jordon, David Mucci, Mariana Nieto, Chris Ostrander, Joan Stone, Gary Webber.
- II. Approved [minutes of summer meeting, August 19, 2024](#)
- III. Treasurer’s Report, James Jordan: \$849.62 balance in checking account. 88 total members, including 2 business members.
- IV. New Business
  1. Park Adoptions. Discussed continuing Centennial and Ludlam Parks adoption. SHNA will adopt Ludlam Park for clean-up days. At this time, we will not adopt Centennial Park for clean-up days until the City of Lawrence has been able to address the temporary camps set up in the park.
  2. SHNA President Position. Gary Webber reminded the Committee that he will no longer serve as President in 2025. Gary will remain on the Board. A current Committee member would be a good fit for this position. Gary will ask for volunteers from the neighborhood in his next newsletter.
  3. Fall Picnic. Discussed the fall picnic for 2025. The picnic will probably be held indoors. We will discuss this topic again in February and think about our options for 2025.
  4. Yard Signs: Discussed yard signs for Annual April Meeting: All members felt this is a good idea and will help the neighborhood recognize SHNA and our meetings. David Mucci moved to get signs with a QR Code. Mariana Nieto 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion. All approved. Webber will order 15 signs.
  5. Applause Awards: Joan Stone gave a brief report on Applause Awards for 2024. 10 homes received awards and \$5.00 Munchers gift cards this year. People are so happy to receive this recognition. Many did not realize Sunset Hill had a Neighborhood Association. Gary Webber will publish the award recipients in the next SHNA Newsletter.

## Quick Links

### Lawrence Police Department

**Non-emergency Dispatch**  
(785) 832-7509

### 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

### City of Lawrence

[Enterprise Permitting & Licensing](#)

[Good Neighbor Ordinances](#)

[Snow Removal](#)

[Household Hazardous Waste](#)

### Sunset Hill Businesses

(with links to SHNA Members)

- Absolute Pawfection
- Acres Realty
- Advanced Health Center
- Atma Clinic
- B. A. Green Construction
- Barnes Homes
- Beautiful Music
- Belltone Hearing Aid Center
- [Body Boutique Fitness – SHNA Member](#)

6. Lantern Walk. The Lantern Walk was not well attended. The city representative will coordinate with the schools and teachers next year and plan a date when students are in school.
7. 2025 Annual Meeting. Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 is the date set for the 2025 Annual meeting. Gary Webber will contact West Middle School and schedule this date.
8. SHNA Executive Committee Winter Meeting The date of February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:30 is selected for the SHNA Winter Meeting via Zoom.

V. Adjourn meeting

## SHNA News

### Applause Award Recipients Announced

Once each year the Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association recognizes neighbors who have recently enhanced their homes through renovations, landscaping, or other improvements. We have a great cadre of AA winners in 2024! Congratulations to the owners of these homes and to everyone who worked hard this year to improve their homes and our neighborhood, and thanks to Joan Stone for coordinating this program each year. Here are the 2024 recipients:

#### 1308 Jana Drive

Here's an inspiring home exterior transformation, harmony and positive! We see a lot of neutral home exteriors, so this is a bit of a treat! In a world saturated with basic exteriors, this home dares to be different. Green paired with white trim. A creative hand-made mailbox, stylish house numbers. The house is situated on a corner with a large limestone retaining wall and native landscape. All together a nice, combined effect.

#### 927 Lawrence Avenue

I recently spotted these homeowners out working in the yard. The classic color combination brings a distinct character to their home, defining its details and creating a striking visual contrast. Fresh creamy white painted brick wainscot the double doors and shutters are a nice black accent. The stone lined front bed is colorful and well designed. I can see a substantial retaining wall and super cool patio peeking out from the side yard. The architectural allure of a white house with black trim is undeniably timeless.

#### 1214 Crestline Drive

A stone front patio creates harmony and a beautiful focal point that combined with a curved retaining wall guides visitors to the front door. The patio's stone walls are softened by lounge chair seating area and plants that are highlighted with a cheerful wreath. The tasteful updates create an attractive front entry. The large tree in the front yard is full of fall color. Welcome home.

- [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
- 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
- Goodcents Deli
- Great Plains Media
- Happy Hour Liquor
- Heartland Meat Market

### **2501 W. 9th Terrace and 2509 W. 9th Terrace (neighbors)**

A dynamic duo! Both beautiful homes are being recognized for several tasteful updates. Both homes have different shades of gray exterior color and attractive dark front doors, paired with oversized house numbers, new mailboxes and light fixtures, the white windows and trim complement and harmonize the exterior siding color. The addition of charming chairs at 2501 Yale is inviting and the stone lined landscape at 2509 Yale creates balance and color!

### **2426 Harvard Road**

An orange front door can convey a variety of meanings: energy, adventure, warm and friendly. Attractive modern cedar slat shutters, both the door and shutters blend well with the dark gray house color. A yard full of classic Halloween characters, critters and pumpkins create an overall good-looking happy feeling.

### **2415 Harvard Road**

A new driveway, dark amethyst exterior paint color and beautiful subtle blue front door. The nice modern paint color combination lends a flawless finish and great curb appeal. Complimented by a couple of large creative planters add character and charm.

### **751 Lawrence Ave**

While simple in concept, this design choice has a profound impact, transforming a house into a statement piece within its neighborhood. Sunshine and happiness are positive qualities associated with a yellow front door, an instant mood lifter! Blended with an elegant gray exterior, yellow mailbox, black iron handrails. New windows, shutters and updated light fixture on the front of the garage complete the appeal. This house sits high on the hill with an awesome presence.

### **803 Schwarz Ave**

A variety of remodeling projects enhanced the appearance of this home. A delicious chocolate color exterior, new windows, crisp border with a clean white trim, cedar porch rails with iron balusters, the siding also looks new, new driveway, sidewalk an attractive front door with a touch of seasonal color on the wreath.

### **924 Murrow Court**

So many updates, not sure I will catch them all. Front & garage door, paint, siding, trim, driveway, mailbox, house numbers. A very cool light fixture and landscape! This style of contemporary mid-century ranch house has always been one of my favorite designs. The large dynamic windows located near the roof add architectural detail and plenty of natural light while maintaining privacy. A beautiful earth tone shade of green exterior. The fall leaves and trees add a warm touch. Very nice.

- Hillcrest Laundromat
- Hillcrest Styling Center
- Hite Collision
- In the Zone Pro Shop
- Jade Garden Restaurant
- Jayhawk Nail
- Jayhawk Trophy
- Jazzercise Lawrence
- 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 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
- Muddy Waters Studio
- Munchers Bakery
- NAPA Auto Parts
- Optometry, F. J. Florey, O.D.
- Orchards Drug

## EC Suspends Adoption of Centennial Park

At the November Executive Committee (EC) meeting, committee members discussed continuing our adoption of Centennial and Ludlam parks. This adoption entails cleaning the parks three times each summer. SHNA has received emails from residents living near the park, and from users of the park stating that campers in the northeast corner of the park had become more aggressive, and that trash has been accumulating. A park camper was arrested this summer for assaulting a park user.

The EC discussed these issues. Members were concerned that the cleanup crew might not be safe if these problems continue. The EC decided to suspend adoption of Centennial until the city can find housing for the park campers. Currently camping is located only in the northeast corner of the park. SHNA will continue to adopt and clean Ludlam Park.

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## SHNA Participates in Lantern Walk

The City of Lawrence Safe Routes to School team in partnership with Sunset Hill Elementary held Lawrence's first ever Lantern Walk on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> in Sunset Hill neighborhood. Lantern Walks are a fun and family friendly way to promote pedestrian safety by drawing attention to those who walk in the neighborhood. SHNA members volunteered to help with this event and set up a table to recruit new members to SHNA.

The Lantern Walk participation was disappointing, but the organizers learned a lot from this first attempt, and plan to make improvements that should boost participation next year. EC members David Mucci and Mariana Nieto recruited two new SHNA members. Thanks to the Safe Routes team for their work to improve pedestrian safety in Lawrence!

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## SHNA Needs Your Support

Executive Committee member John White has left the committee after serving six years as Secretary. Many thanks to John for working to help Sunset Hill and its residents, landlords, and businesses! Joan Stone has been elected by the EC to a three-year term as secretary. We will need to find a new EC member to replace John before or at the Annual Meeting in April.

If you are interested in serving on the Executive Committee, please contact me at [gwebber@gmail.com](mailto:gwebber@gmail.com). The EC can appoint you immediately, and you would be up for election at the Annual Meeting. The EC meets once each quarter for an hour or less, usually via Zoom, and attends the Annual Meeting. The EC is the governing body of SHNA, and makes decisions related to use of funds and the activities of the association.

Finally, I will be resigning as President of SHNA in 2025, so the association will need new leadership. If you have a few hours each month to give to your

- Point A School of Dance
- Prestige Hair Studio
- Property Management Services
- Quality Inn Lawrence
- 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
- Tortas Jalisco Mexican Restaurant
- Virginia Inn Suites
- Waddell & Reed
- Walgreens
- Watson’s Barbershop
- Wayne & Larry’s
- Wakarusa Valley Credit Union
- Westside 66

neighborhood, please volunteer for this position. You can contact me at the email address above if you are interested.

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## Neighborhood News

### Street Improvements

Sunset Hill has been a busy place as the city works to repair infrastructure in our neighborhood. The largest project was at the corner of Westdale Road and Crestline Drive where storm sewers, sidewalks, and the street surface were repaired. Just south of this location, work has begun on replacing curbs and gutters on the north side of Orchard Lane east of Crestline. In addition, a new sidewalk was installed on the south side of 9th St. between Madeline Lane and Murrow Court.

Although this type of work can be disruptive and inconvenient, it is vital that the city continue to maintain our streets and sidewalks. Thanks for your patience! There are quite a few damaged curbs and gutters remaining in the neighborhood, and SHNA will continue to lobby for their repair.

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### Unhoused in Centennial Park

After discussing the adoption of Centennial Park, the executive committee decided to suspend adoption of Centennial until the city resolves problems with the campers in the park. Following the meeting I emailed Millie Pageau, Communications and Community Engagement Specialist with the city and expressed our concerns. Her reply follows.

*Hi Gary,*

*I apologize for the delay in my response, I have not forgotten about this email.*

*I've been chatting with Misty Bosch-Hastings, who you know as our Director of Homeless Solutions and the Homelessness Response Team.*

*Unfortunately, with the winter weather fast approaching (or some would say has already arrived) all resources are homed in on bringing individuals into safe shelter, running overflow shelters, driving individuals where they need to go, and ensuring people and their pets stay warm! Because of that, the HRT team will not be closing any more encampments until winter has concluded.*

*Centennial Park is on the radar for the team. Misty also wanted me to share that it's important to emphasize that homelessness does not exempt individuals from accountability for their actions. We encourage residents to contact the police each time there is an incident of harassment or any criminal activity.*

- 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

*The HRT team is actively working within every camp each week to connect individuals to services, with the ultimate goal of securing housing for them.*

*I hope this helps and if there are more questions or concerns, please continue to pass them on to us.*

*Millie*

**SeeClickFix allows more types of service requests**

The city of Lawrence's SeeClickFix app and website will now allow residents to submit 11 new types of service requests. The new requests allowed include the following:

- Potholes and pavement
- Street sweeping
- Street debris cleanup
- Stormwater issues
- Curb and gutter
- Illicit discharge into storm sewers
- Sewer odor complaints
- New traffic sign requests
- Traffic pavement marking requests
- Water quality issues

Community members can access the app online at “<https://lawrenceks.org/request-services/>” or by downloading the app to their phone from the Apple App store or the Google Play store.

The service was paused in June of 2023 and then relaunched this February. When the app went back online it added a section where residents could report certain non-emergency crimes, including theft of items or vehicles that aren't inside a building, theft of items from inside a vehicle, criminal damage to property, credit card fraud and shoplifting.

**That’s all for now. Thanks for supporting SHNA!**

