

# CityLine

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## Tidy Town (Bulky Item Pick Up) and Drop Off

It's that time of year again! Over three weekends in April and May, Shawnee residents can do some heavy duty Spring cleaning so we can all de-clutter and de-stress. **Please take a few minutes to read this entire article as many things not accepted curbside ARE accepted at the drop-off site.** Ok! Let's run down the rules!

- **Saturday, April 28:** Anyone living from Switzer west to I-435 & Shawnee Mission Parkway north to the northern City limits.
- **Saturday, May 5:** Anyone living from Switzer west to I-435 & Shawnee Mission Parkway south to southern City limits
- **Saturday, May 12:** Anyone living from I-435 west to western City limits

**\*Special Reminder:** If you are a Waste Management customer, you will need to set one of your Waste Management carts at the end of the curb so they know to pick up your items. If you do not do this, your items will not be collected.

On your Tidy Town date, you can set out **FIVE** items on the curb. These items include the following:

- Furniture
- Mattresses
- Appliances including refrigerators, freezers, washing machines and dryers
- Push lawn mowers with no fuel or oil
- Up to 4 foot rolls of carpet (Must be securely tied and less than 50 pounds. Two rolls count as one item.)

Items **NOT ACCEPTED** curbside include:

- Wood fencing and/or decking materials
- Glass panels larger than four feet
- Latex or oil-based paint
- Tires
- Automotive batteries, engine oil or fuel tanks
- Hazardous materials or waste
- Yard waste
- Compressed gas cylinders

*See page 3 for more information about Tidy Town*



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A GOOD WORD FROM

# Mayor Michelle Distler

Dear Residents,

As you may know, we are in a season of change at the City of Shawnee. Our longtime City Manager, Carol Gonzales, left in November of 2017 after working for the city for nearly 20 years. Deputy City Manager Vicki Charlesworth stepped into the role of Interim City Manager, bringing 30 years of experience of working for the City of Shawnee. So we are in good hands as I join the rest of the City Council in the search for a new leader.

So just what are we doing? We have selected an executive search firm to help guide us through this crucial decision. We will be talking to City staff, business leaders and residents to get their input. When we have a list of candidates narrowed down, we'll be conducting extensive, in-depth interviews to make sure our new City Manager will be a good fit for our community. We understand this decision will impact hundreds of City employees and thousands of residents and, because of that, we are treating this process with the respect and time it deserves.

I have had the opportunity to spend time with all of the departments since becoming Mayor and I have seen tremendous talent in our City. We are blessed with an amazing staff and the next leader should be one that recognizes and embraces that while inspiring and motivating them. While the unknowns of change can be scary, the Council is excited about this opportunity for new City management. We are looking for someone who will fit within the culture but will have new ideas to lead us into the future, a breath of fresh air. We want an individual who thinks outside the box and asks if/how we could do things differently or better and asks the "why" questions. Someone who will empower staff to do the same and encourage their professional growth.

We want a leader who will honor our community's traditions while looking for new ways to continue the growth, innovation and responsiveness that has always made Shawnee such a desirable place to live, work and play.

Thank you in advance for your patience as we work to make the best decision possible for you. Keep an eye online at the City's website and social media channels as we update you throughout this process. And, as always, please feel free to reach out to me directly or any of your City Councilmembers with any questions or comments you have.

Sincerely,



Michelle Distler  
Mayor



# Tidy Town (Bulky Item Pick Up) and Drop Off

The drop-off site at the southwest corner of Johnson Drive and Renner Road will be open this year on the following dates and times. Any Shawnee resident can use the drop-off site during any date when it is open. Be prepared to show proof of residency **AND** to unload your items yourself. You **MUST** enter the line for the drop-off at 59<sup>th</sup> Terrace and Maurer and **PLEASE** be prepared for possible delays.

**Friday (4/27, 5/4, 5/11) • 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday (4/28, 5/5, 5/12) • 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday (4/29, 5/6, 5/13) • 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Monday (4/30, 5/7, 5/14) • 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Residents will be able to drop off one truck or trailer-load of the following:

- Wood fencing and/or decking materials
- Concrete building material
- Rocks and soil
- Construction or demolition materials like drywall, roofing and lumber
- Other rigid items four feet or longer
- Brush but no grass clippings

To be clear, the following items are **NOT ACCEPTED** curbside OR at the drop-off site:

- Tires
- Paint
- Hazardous materials or waste
- Compressed gas cylinders
- Batteries

Also, please set out your regular trash on your scheduled trash day and **NOT** on your Tidy Town Day. Tidy Town is intended to help residents safely get rid of bulky items once a year without having to pay an extra fee.

## Questions? Call your hauler directly!

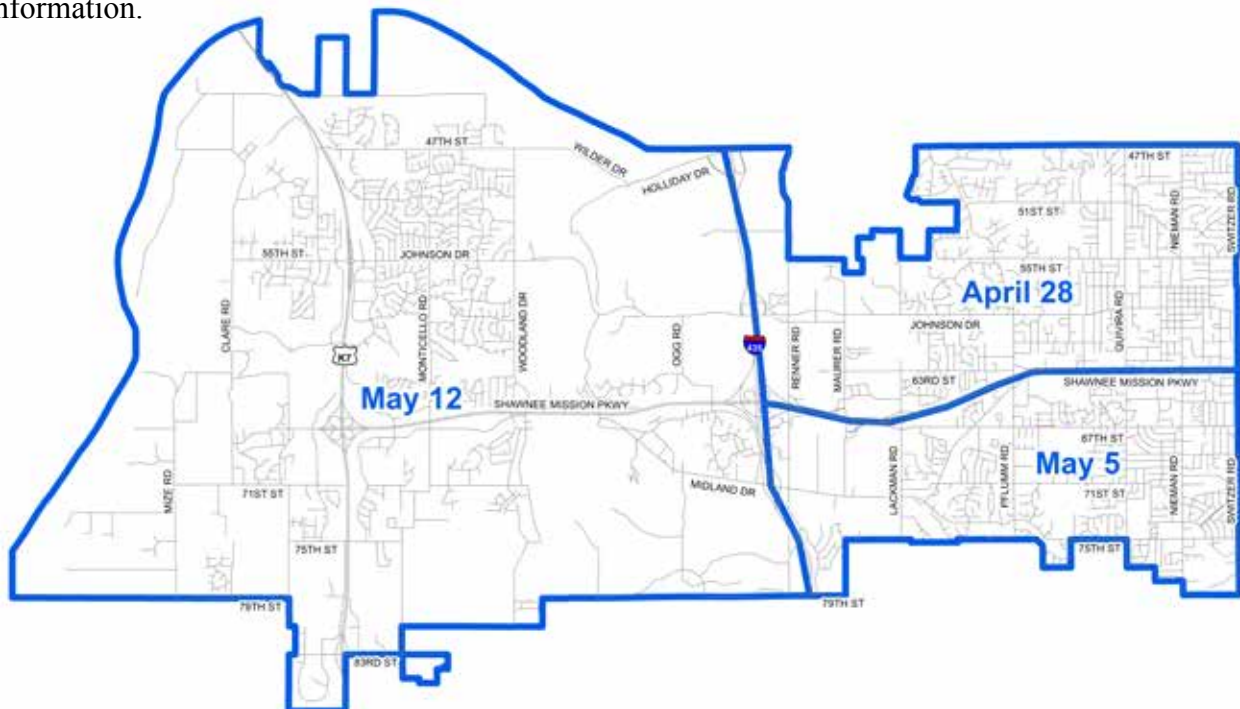
Waste Management (913) 631-3300

Republic (A-1/Superior) (913) 279-6033

Town and Country/WCA (816) 380-5595

KC Disposal (816) 388-9739

Keep an eye on the City's website at [www.cityofshawnee.org](http://www.cityofshawnee.org) and the City's Facebook and Twitter pages for ongoing, updated information.





# GOOD TIMES

## Follow the Green Irish Road



Follow the Green Irish Road, don your green and join us on **Sunday, March 11**, for the Shawnee St. Patrick's Parade! This will be the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Parade, hosted by the Irish American Club of Johnson County.

Gather up your clan and enter the parade as a marching group or decorate a float. Either way you have a chance to win a great CASH prize, with first place netting you a stack of Irish green to the tune of \$300! Entry forms will be available at City Hall, Jake's Place and on the Irish American Club of Johnson County's Facebook page. The \$10 entry fee will help fund our donation to the Shawnee Police and Fire Department's Hero's Pull, which benefits Kansas Special Olympics.

Parade line-up begins at 11:30 a.m. at Johnson Drive and Monrovia. The parade begins at 1:00 p.m. and proceeds down Johnson Drive from Monrovia east to Nieman Road. The awards ceremony is held immediately after the parade at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 11221 Johnson Drive. Winners must be present to pick up their plaques and cash prizes.

The parade is conjured up by the Irish American Club of Johnson County and the Shawnee St. Patrick's Parade Committee, with the help of the Irish Faeries and many generous area businesses. This year's parade sponsors include the City of Shawnee, Jake's Place, and Frontier Restoration. For additional information please contact us at [irishamericanclubofjoco@gmail.com](mailto:irishamericanclubofjoco@gmail.com).



Join us at Herman Laird Park/Shawnee Town after the Shawnee St. Patrick's Parade on **Sunday, March 11**, for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Duck Race at 4:30 p.m.

These quacking little ducks will splish, splash, and float their way down over rapids and obstacles created on a water course.

Do you feel lucky? Each duck could be packing \$1,500 of green! Buy a duck for \$5 to help support the Shawnee Sister Cities program. You can pick up a duck ticket prior to the race at Jake's, 12001 Johnson Drive, and on race day at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 11221 Johnson Drive. Or join us for free to watch the race and see which little ducky really is lucky!



The 2018 Heroes Pull to benefit the Kansas Special Olympics will be held on **Sunday, March 11**, after the St. Patrick's Parade at 2:30 p.m. The Heroes Pull is an event in which teams compete pulling a Shawnee Fire truck and a Lenco Armored Rescue Vehicle. Money raised goes to help Kansas Special Olympics athletes. For more information and to register to pull, go to [www.heroespull.org](http://www.heroespull.org).



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## Healthy Yards Expo



Join us on Saturday, April 7, for a free Healthy Yards Expo. The Expo will take place at the Shawnee Civic Centre from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come learn about good maintenance practices for your lawn and **FREE** soil testing. For more information on the Johnson County Healthy Yards Expo, visit [www.johnson.ksu.edu](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu) or call 715-7000.



## Spring Starts Here Downtown Open House

Saturday, May 5  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
**FREE to attend!**

Farmers Market  
Food Trucks  
Family Friendly Entertainment  
Enjoy Specials at Downtown Businesses



**Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall Parking Lot**

## "Spring Fling" Recycling Event

April 7, 2018 • 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Lee Jeans Parking Lot (67<sup>th</sup> & Lee Drive, Merriam, Kansas)**

### Electronics Recycling

All electronics recycled at no charge except the following:  
Recycle CRT monitors - \$15  
CRT, DLP, Rear Projection, and Wood Console TV's - \$25

### Bike Collection

Used bikes will be refurbished and given to community service organizations.

### Paper Shredding

Regular File Box - Suggested \$5 donation per box  
Large File Box - Suggested \$10 donation per box

### Latex Paint Collection

Latex paint only  
No commercial institutions' paint will be accepted.

### Eyeglass Collection

Used eyeglasses will be donated to those in need

**The line into the recycling event will be cut off at 11:00 a.m.**

**All vehicles in the parking lot at 11:00 a.m. will have their items collected.**

Donations will help off-set costs of the event and the remaining donations will go to the Shawnee Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund and the Merriam Parks, Recreation, and Community Center Foundation.

**Thanks to our partners:**

**City of Merriam, PROSHRED, Secure E-Cycle, Johnson County Household Hazardous Waste,  
Shawnee Lions Club and Merriam Lions Club**



# OLD SHAWNEE DAYS

Thursday, May 31 - Sunday, June 3

Shawnee Town 1929 • 11600 Johnson Drive, Shawnee Kansas



## FESTIVAL HOURS

Thursday 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
(carnival, concert & food booths only)

Friday 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Parade at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday 11:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

[www.oldshawneedays.org](http://www.oldshawneedays.org)

## April

- 2 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 3 Council Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 5 Parks and Rec. Advisory Board - 5:30 p.m.
- 7 Spring Recycling Event - 8:00 a.m.  
Healthy Yards Expo - 9:00 a.m.
- 9 City Council - 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Third Thursdays with the Mayor - 8:00 a.m.  
Board of Zoning Appeals - 7:30 p.m.
- 23 City Council - 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Shawnee Downtown Partnership - 6:00 p.m.
- 28 Tidy Town - Refer to front page for locations

## May

- 3 Parks and Rec. Advisory Board - 5:30 p.m.
- 5 Tidy Town - Refer to front page for locations  
Spring Starts Here - Downtown Open House  
Farmers' Market - 7:00 a.m.
- 7 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Council Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Tidy Town - Refer to front page for locations
- 14 City Council - 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Third Thursdays with the Mayor - 8:00 a.m.  
Board of Zoning Appeals - 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Council Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Pools Open - 12:30 p.m.
- 28 Memorial Day - City Offices Closed
- 29 City Council - 7:00 p.m.
- 31 Old Shawnee Days

## June

- 1-3 Old Shawnee Days
- 4 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 5 Council Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 11 City Council - 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Council Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Third Thursdays with the Mayor - 8:00 a.m.  
Parks and Rec. Advisory Board - 5:30 p.m.  
Board of Zoning Appeals - 7:30 p.m.
- 25 City Council - 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Shawnee Downtown Partnership - 6:00 p.m.  
Quarterly Q&A - 7:00 p.m.
- 29 PARKED - 5:30 p.m.

## Police Refine Mission Statement

In 2001, the Police Department recognized the need to create an official Mission Statement outlining our commitment to work with the community, and the comprehensive services to be provided. Several members of the department convened to develop a statement which has stood for nearly two decades. While still accurate and very much a part of our culture, the Mission Statement was lengthy by current standard and practice.

This past year, several members of the department once again formed a work group with the goal of revising our Mission Statement to make it a more succinct expression defining our purpose, and inspiring support for that purpose. Key discussion points affirmed:

- Your Police Department builds partnerships with the public.
- Your Police Department is analytical and data driven.
- Your Police Department is compassionate and professional.
- Your Police Department is "*Serving our Community with Purpose and Care*".

Efforts are underway to promote *Serving our Community with Purpose and Care* through various avenues, to include an appearance on our patrol vehicles soon!

*Rob Moser*

Rob Moser, Chief of Police

## Welcome Councilmembers

We have three new City Councilmembers who officially took office in January. You can find all contact information for Councilmembers on Page 8. Starting Monday, April 2nd, keep an eye on the City's Facebook page because we'll be featuring a different member of the Governing Body each day so you can get to know them even better! You'll be able to learn things about them including what they'd like to see happen in the next 5 years in Shawnee and where their favorite Shawnee spots are!





## GOOD SERVICE STARTS HERE.

Agendas - Meetings	742-6243
Animal Control	631-2150
Appraiser (County)	715-9000
Athletic Field Reservations	631-5200
Building Inspections	742-6010
Burning Permits	631-1080
Business Licenses	742-6014
Car Tags	715-2600
Chamber of Commerce	631-6545
City Clerk	742-6014
City Council	742-6238
City Hall	631-2500
City Manager	742-6200
CityRide	742-6014
Civic Centre	631-5200
Code Enforcement	742-6010
Deck Permits	742-6010
Development Services	742-6012
Driver's License (State)	432-2266
Engineering	742-6012
Fire Department	631-1080
Garage Sale Regulations	742-6014
Health Department (County)	826-1200
Job Hotline	742-6013
Johnson County Library	826-4600
Junk Vehicles	631-2150
Odor Complaints	742-6096
Mayor	742-6238
Paint Disposal (County)	715-6900
Pavement	742-6008
Police (Non-Emergency)	631-2155
Police Emergency	9-1-1
Parks and Recreation	631-5200
Program Information Line	815-2122
Planning	742-6011
Public Works	742-6008
Purchasing	742-6015
Recycling Questions	742-6243
Road Construction	742-6008
Shawnee Town	248-2360
Shelter House Reservations	631-5200
Sign Permits	742-6226
Solicitors - Suspicious	9-1-1
Street Lights	742-6008
Tall Grass - Weeds	742-6010
Town Hall Rental	248-2360
Traffic Tickets	742-6003
Volunteer Opportunities	742-6244
Voter Registration	742-6014

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

### Mayor

Michelle Distler 634-5883 [mdistler@cityofshawnee.org](mailto:mdistler@cityofshawnee.org)

### Ward I

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### Ward IV

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e-mail [jbreithaupt@cityofshawnee.org](mailto:jbreithaupt@cityofshawnee.org)

This document, meeting agendas and packets, and other information about the City of Shawnee, are available on our website at [www.cityofshawnee.org](http://www.cityofshawnee.org).

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## Ready Access

Any individual requiring an accommodation to participate in a public meeting should contact the Deputy City Manager at 742-6242 or call the Kansas Relay Center, 1-800-766-3777 at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time (if possible) to make arrangements.