

Summer 2022

# CityLine

A Few GOOD Words

**MOONLIGHT MARKET**  
Third Thursdays • 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. • City Hall Parking Lot



SHAWNEE  
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## A FEW GOOD WORDS FROM **Mayor Michelle Distler**

**A**re you ready for some fun this summer? We sure are! I cannot tell you how excited everyone at the City is to be back in the swing of hosting community events for YOU.

Families and friends will once again flood Downtown Shawnee for four days of Old Shawnee Days fun from June 2 to June 5. We are ready to see you all lining the streets for the parade on Saturday, June 4. I also love seeing the glow from the carnival rides lighting up the crowds making memories once again. If you want to start making plans now to make sure you don't miss any of the fun, head to [oldshawneedays.org](http://oldshawneedays.org)!

Were you able to make it out to the City's newest event, Moonlight Market, last year? If not, join us every Third Thursday from May through October for shopping from local vendors, drinks from local breweries, food trucks, family fun zones, live music and so much more. We switch up the fun every month so you can expect a little something different every time you join us for a Moonlight Market! Make sure you swing by the "Meet the Mayor" booth to say hello!

Another can't miss event is PARKED on June 24 at Stump Park. If you like food trucks, fun and FIREWORKS, you'll love kicking off the Independence Day celebrations with us.

Shawnee Town 1929 is busy planning a whole host of events for you! Bring out your lawn chairs and relax under the shade while enjoying live music for the Jammin' on the Green concerts starting May 25!

I've saved one of the best for last. Get your pool passes NOW so you are ready to cruise into our two aquatic centers when they open on May 28! Find the full lineup of special pool events, pool pass information, hours and more at [cityofshawnee.org/pools](http://cityofshawnee.org/pools).

What is YOUR favorite thing to do in Shawnee over the summer? We want to see what you're up to and share it with others! If you are out and about and post a picture, please tag the City's social media and include #shawneekssummer!

- Facebook @CityofShawnee
- Twitter @CityofShawneeKS
- Instagram @ShawneeKansas

We have a calendar of events on the last page of this CityLine and you can always find all upcoming events at [cityofshawnee.org/calendar](http://cityofshawnee.org/calendar). Thank you for being such an awesome community and I am looking forward to seeing all of you as we bring back our event season!

Sincerely,

Mayor Michelle Distler

A black and white photograph of Shawnee City Hall at night. The building is a two-story brick structure with a prominent entrance featuring a set of stairs and a large glass door. Above the entrance, the words "SHAWNEE CITY HALL" are visible. The building is illuminated by streetlights, and a flagpole with a flag is visible on the left. The sky is dark, and there are some decorative lights visible in the background.

# SERVE YOUR CITY

## Boards ■ Commissions

What you think about Shawnee matters to us. Big time. We are encouraging more residents who have a passion for serving our community to step up to make sure their families, friends and neighbors are represented when it comes to making decisions that move Shawnee forward. We have several opportunities to serve on the following Boards and Commissions:

- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – IMMEDIATE OPENING IN WARD 2
- Planning Commission
- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Civil Service Commission
- Code Board of Appeals
- Shawnee Downtown Partnership
- Bicycle Advisory Committee

Some of our openings are based on which ward you live in. You can find your ward by going to [cityofshawnee.org](http://cityofshawnee.org) and searching “Ward Map”. We are always accepting applications and you can easily apply online. Just go to [cityofshawnee.org](http://cityofshawnee.org) and click on “Boards and Commissions” under the Government tab at the top. You can read more about each Board and Commission and also click the button to apply. Questions? We would be happy to answer them. Just give our Volunteer Coordinator Elizabeth Griffith a call at 742-6244 or send an email [egriffith@cityofshawnee.org](mailto:egriffith@cityofshawnee.org).

[cityofshawnee.org](http://cityofshawnee.org)



Good Starts Here.



# SHAWNEE

PARKS AND RECREATION

Explore • Engage • Connect

- Accommodations up to 500
- Affordable Rates
- Resident Discount
- Outdoor Fireplaces

## HOST YOUR NEXT EVENT WITH US!

Shawnee Parks & Recreation has the perfect venue for your next event. Big or small, indoors or out, there is something for everyone!

# TIDY TOWN Reminder

As a reminder, you need to schedule your customized curbside pickup date directly with your trash company. You can also use the voucher that was mailed to every home in January and take one car or pickup truck load to the landfill for a free drop-off. Please note, you must take your voucher with you. Questions about the landfill drop off, call (913) 631-8181 and hit prompt #2 or email [jcl@wm.com](mailto:jcl@wm.com).

Questions ? about Curbside Bulky-Item Pick Up Contact Your Hauler

Waste Management

913.631.3300

Republic (A-1/Superior)

913.279.6033

GFL Environmental

816.380.5595

KC Disposal

816.388.9739

Constable Sanitation

816.204.1192

[cityofshawnee.org/tidytown](http://cityofshawnee.org/tidytown)

# Downtown Shawnee **MOONLIGHT** **MARKET**

**Local Vendors · Crafts**  
**Fresh Produce · Live Music!**

**Third Thursday**

**May - November · 4pm-8pm**

**Downtown Shawnee · City Hall Parking Lot**

Hometown Hero  
**RANDALL  
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## Hometown Hero Project Expanding

We are proud to be home to veterans and those currently serving in our military. Our first Hometown Hero Project in 2021 was a huge success and we are excited to announce we will be expanding it for 2022.

Banners honoring our military community will be displayed from August through November on the streetlights along Nieman Road between 55th Street and Shawnee Mission Parkway and also along Johnson Drive in our downtown area.

Please keep an eye on [cityofshawnee.org/hometownhero](http://cityofshawnee.org/hometownhero) for when applications open in May. You can also sign up for our e-mail notifications there as well, so you will be the first to know when we open the 2022 Hometown Hero Project!

Thank you for helping us honor our local veterans and service members!

# Feeling the LOVE with

Shawnee is excited to host **FIVE** hearts as part of the Parade of Hearts. The mission for the Parade of Hearts is to unite our region through an incredible public art experience. The hearts will be in place through the end of May!



**TAPESTRY OF THE HEART**  
Corner of Roger Road and Nieman Road



**KANSAS CITY - ALL IN IT TOGETHER**  
City Hall at Barton Drive and Johnson Drive

We are working with local businesses for a fun contest where you can collect Shawnee swag for showing off your **#ShawneeHeARTthrob** selfies at the hearts around town. Visit [cityofshawnee.org/news](http://cityofshawnee.org/news) for more details. In the meantime, post your selfies with the following hashtags and tag the City's social media accounts so we can share the love!

**#ShawneeHeARTthrob** - **#paradeofheARTs** - **#paradeofheARTskc**

Tag us on Twitter **@CityofShawneeKS**

Tag us on Instagram **@ShawneeKansas**

**theparadeofheARTs.com**

# the Parade of HeARTs



**KC SUNFLOWER**  
KU MedWest at 7405 Renner Road



**HYBRID HOPE**  
KC Ice Center at 19900 Johnson Drive



**HOLD LOVE CLOSE**  
Monticello Library at 22435 West 66th Street

We want to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to our partners who teamed up to make sure Shawnee was part of this awesome public art experience!

**Shawnee Public Arts Task Force**  
**Shawnee Chamber of Commerce**  
**Waste Management**  
**Box Real Estate Development**

## Parking 101

You might not know this, but one of the most common concerns we get from our residents is about parking. Here are a few guidelines to help keep everyone happy.

- Vehicles must be parked on concrete, asphalt or paver brick whether it be your driveway or a slab you use for a carport or something similar.
- You can park your car in your yard for 24 hours maximum, once a month. For example, this might happen if you were washing your car or moving things and you needed extra room.
- If you see a vehicle that is illegally parked on the street, call the Police Department at 631-2150.

What about campers, boats or trailers? Well, those guidelines are a little different. Here are a few highlights:

- You may have one per property when it comes to campers, boats or trailers.
- The campers, boats or trailers must always be parked on concrete, asphalt or paver brick in a side or backyard. They cannot be parked in a driveway for any extended amount of time.
- If you live on a corner lot, the camper, boat or trailer cannot be adjacent to the street.
- What about an RV? Those always have to be parked on concrete and need to be 14 feet off the curb or 4 feet off the sidewalk.

These are just a few tips about parking in the City of Shawnee. For more detailed information, head to [cityofshawnee.org](http://cityofshawnee.org).

And keep in mind, our Codes Enforcement Officers are here to help you so please don't hesitate to contact them with any questions. You can reach them at [codes@cityofshawnee.org](mailto:codes@cityofshawnee.org) or just call 742-6010.



# Stay Connected

Shawnee Connect mobile app is your one stop shop for Shawnee

- ✓ Report issues directly to City staff in just a couple of clicks
- ✓ Receive updates from the moment you report an issue
- ✓ Sign up for Parks and Recreation programs
- ✓ Connect to the City's website and social media outlets



Download Now for **FREE!**

Now Available for download at:



## [shawneeconnect.org](http://shawneeconnect.org)

## We're getting a new look!

The City is excited to partner with Crux KC to give Shawnee a new look that reflects what YOU think about our community. This effort will span several months and we will be asking you how you feel about Shawnee in person, online and while you are out and about at our community events. Everything you tell us will drive the new design that will showcase Shawnee and show off our hometown pride. Keep an eye here in the CityLine, on [cityofshawnee.org](http://cityofshawnee.org) and on social media to get in on the fun over the next several months!

## BIKE PATROL OFFICERS OUT AND ABOUT

Now that the weather is warmer, it is time to get outside and enjoy the great outdoors! Our Shawnee Police Bike Patrol Officers will be wheeling around our upcoming events as they work to keep our community safe. Here are some helpful tips to remember about bicycle safety as you get out and about on two wheels this summer.

- Riders of all ages must always wear a helmet, no matter how short or long the ride. Keep it snug. No more than one or two fingers should be able to fit between the chin and strap.
- Make sure your bike is equipped with reflectors on the pedals and spokes on both wheels.
- Keep tires inflated properly for a smooth ride.
- Wear bright colors or neon so drivers can easily see you.
- Wear reflective clothing at night. Use a headlight!
- Bicyclists must follow the same rules as drivers, so make sure you stop at lights and stop signs.
- Ride single file in the direction of traffic.
- Never hitch onto cars.
- Have fun and be safe!



## Good Employees Start Here.



### Kristin Katzman

Fire Department Business Improvement Analyst

#### 1. What do you like most about your job?

I love the atmosphere of the Fire Department. While there can be days that are more stressful than others, everyone is there to serve the citizens of the community by any means necessary. It is truly a team effort to make Shawnee a safe, supportive place to live, learn, visit and work.

#### 2. How does your work impact the community?

My position as a Business Improvement Analyst is brand new to the Fire Department. I look at information both inside of the Fire Department and outside in the community to see how services can best be provided. So some of what I do involves looking at how firefighters can get to where they are needed but I also get to see how we can help minimize risks in our community to keep everyone as safe as possible. For instance, the Safe Senior Program reaches out to citizens with a history of falls inside of their home to offer resources to make their homes safer places for them to be.

#### 3. What is your favorite spot in Shawnee?

My family and I absolutely love the trail and parks system. Getting out and riding a bike or walking the dog is so easy. All of the trees and streamways make you forget that you are even in the middle of a large, metropolitan area. They are so well maintained. We've never had a problem with access, even after last spring's flooding.



# Become a Bluebird Steward

Do you like being outside? Is bird watching already a hobby? Shawnee is looking for Bluebird Stewards to monitor our bluebird nesting boxes. We train our volunteers to check and maintain bluebird nesting boxes located in Gamblin Park, Garrett Park, Stump Park and along the Clear Creek and Blackfish trails. We also sell bluebird box plaques and the money raised goes to our Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund! Visit [cityofshawnee.org/shawneevolunteer](http://cityofshawnee.org/shawneevolunteer) to find out more about becoming a Bluebird Steward or to purchase a dedication plaque.



neighbors helping neighbors

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors** is a program that connects volunteers with eligible residents. A few hours of your time will make an impact in our community.

[cityofshawnee.org/nhn](http://cityofshawnee.org/nhn)



Whoever you are, the Fair Housing Act protects you. If you believe you've been discriminated against because of your sexual orientation, gender identity, race, national origin, sex, religion, familial status or disability, file a complaint with HUD at [hud.gov/fairhousing](http://hud.gov/fairhousing).

## Safe Senior Program Fire and Fall Prevention Workshop

Adult caretakers, are you concerned about your parents falling or accidentally leaving the stove top on? If so, please join us for a fun, educational workshop featuring information to help prevent accidental falls and fires. Members of the Safe Senior Program will offer tips for you and your loved ones.

We will cover how you can schedule a **FREE** safe senior home visit, and look forward to answering any questions you may have. To register visit [tinyurl.com/safesenior](http://tinyurl.com/safesenior).

### Monticello Library - Community Meeting Room

Tuesday, May 3 ▪ 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
22435 W. 66th St Shawnee, KS 66226

### Shawnee Library - Large Meeting Room

Monday, May 23 ▪ 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
13811 Johnson Dr Shawnee, KS 66216



Shawnee Fire Department  
SAFE SENIOR PROGRAM



For Updates Please Visit  
[cityofshawnee.org/calendar](http://cityofshawnee.org/calendar)

## June

- 2-5 Old Shawnee Days
- 6 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 13 City Council & Council Committee Meetings - 6:00 p.m.
- 16 Moonlight Market - 4:00 p.m.  
Board of Zoning Appeals - 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Shawnee Downtown Partnership - 6:00 p.m.
- 24 PARKED - 5:30 p.m.
- 27 City Council & Council Committee Meetings - 6:00 p.m.

## July

- 4 Independence Day - City Offices Closed
- 6 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Parks and Rec. Advisory Board - 5:30 p.m.
- 11 City Council & Council Committee Meetings - 6:00 p.m.
- 18 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Moonlight Market - 4:00 p.m.  
Board of Zoning Appeals - 7:30 p.m.
- 25 City Council & Council Committee Meetings - 6:00 p.m.

## August

- 1 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Parks and Rec. Advisory Board - 5:30 p.m.
- 8 City Council & Council Committee Meetings - 6:00 p.m.
- 15 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Moonlight Market - 4:00 p.m.  
Board of Zoning Appeals - 7:30 p.m.
- 22 City Council & Council Committee Meetings - 6:00 p.m.
- 25 Shawnee Downtown Partnership - 6:00 p.m.



Cover Picture:  
**Moonlight Market**  
**Third Thursdays**

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[cityofshawnee.org/moonlightmarket](http://cityofshawnee.org/moonlightmarket)

# Stormwater Snapshot

Streams and creeks are an important part of the watershed and many are federally regulated. Any physical alteration can greatly impact the watershed upstream and can lead to flooding. Work is not allowed in creeks or natural streams in Shawnee without a permit. Before disturbing a creek or stream, contact the Public Works Department at 742-6009. City staff will be able to answer questions and give your directions on what types of permitted activity is allowed. To report illegal dumping or unpermitted work, contact the Public Works Department.



## Need a RIDE?

CityRide is a transportation program that gives eligible Shawnee residents an affordable lift. Residents age 65 or older, OR residents who provide a doctor's letter stating their disability, can take advantage of this unique partnership. For questions on how to sign up please call 742-6014. CityRide members can:

- Purchase 10 one-way trips per month for \$2 per trip;
- Go anywhere in the City limits, as well as the AdventHealth Shawnee Mission Hospital Complex, Merriam Community Center, and the Mission Transit Center;
- Bring up to three additional riders with no extra cost.



**10/10 TAXI**  
913-647-0019

City of Shawnee  
11110 Johnson Drive  
Shawnee, KS 66203

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## GOOD SERVICE STARTS HERE.

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| 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                 | 742-6011 |
| Car Tags                          | 826-1800 |
| 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/Building Permits | 742-6010 |
| Deck Permits                      | 742-6010 |
| 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                   | 894-3777 |
| Mayor                             | 742-6238 |
| Paint Disposal (County)           | 715-6907 |
| Pavement & Sidewalk Maintenance   | 742-6008 |
| Police (Non-Emergency)            | 631-2150 |
| Police Emergency                  | 9-1-1    |
| Parks and Recreation              | 631-5200 |
| Rainout Line                      | 815-2122 |
| Planning & Zoning                 | 742-6011 |
| Public Works Maintenance          | 742-6008 |
| Purchasing/Finance                | 742-6015 |
| Recycling & Solid Waste Questions | 742-6204 |
| Right of Way Hotline              | 742-6023 |
| Road Construction                 | 742-6009 |
| Shawnee Town                      | 248-2360 |
| Shelter House Reservations        | 631-5200 |
| Sign Permits                      | 742-6011 |
| 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 |
| Election Office (County)          | 715-6800 |

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

### Mayor

Michelle Distler (913) 634-5883 [mdistler@cityofshawnee.org](mailto:mdistler@cityofshawnee.org)

### Ward I

Tammy Thomas (913) 221-3606 [tthomas@cityofshawnee.org](mailto:tthomas@cityofshawnee.org)

Tony Gillette (903) 230-1608 [tgillette@cityofshawnee.org](mailto:tgillette@cityofshawnee.org)

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Mike Kemmling (913) 667-9888 [mkemmling@cityofshawnee.org](mailto:mkemmling@cityofshawnee.org)

### Ward III

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Angela Stiens (913) 909-9903 [astiens@cityofshawnee.org](mailto:astiens@cityofshawnee.org)

### Ward IV

Jill Chalfie (913) 259-4679 [jchalfie@cityofshawnee.org](mailto:jchalfie@cityofshawnee.org)

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

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