

Spring 2023

CityLine

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SHAWNEE
K A N S A S



A FEW GOOD WORDS FROM
Mayor Michelle Distler

I am excited to introduce my theme for this year's State of the City that YOU inspired. "Hometown With Heart" is a direct reflection of how our community told us they feel about Shawnee. It's home and it's filled with people who put heart into everything they are doing. I would like to share why "Hometown With Heart" means so much to me.

I was born and raised in Shawnee. I have chosen to build my life here, so everything about this community is near and dear to my heart. My family, friends, neighbors, City staff, local businesses, non-profit organizations and our faith community are all filled with heart. Shawnee is smack dab in the middle of the heartland. In fact, while doing community outreach for the City's new brand, you all told us how much you view Shawnee's location as a benefit of living here. And I completely agree. Being able to get where we need to quickly and then the ability to return to our hometown easily is unmatched.

I think it's easy to see how much I love Shawnee. And I know many of you feel the same. We hope everyone is able to find a piece of what they love about Shawnee in this State of the City theme. Whether it's the bright sun that

serves as a nod to our historic City seal, the beauty of the rolling hills or the hearts that magnify what YOU bring to this community, "Hometown With Heart" is for YOU.

Be sure to check out page 7 for more details on this year's State of the City that will be held Thursday, February 23. We are changing things up and moving it to the evening at the Aztec Theater. We hope you join us!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle".

Mayor Michelle Distler





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!

Temporary Fire Department Changes During Upgrades

The Fire Department Fire Station Project is officially underway! The project includes upgrades to both the John B. Glaser Fire Station Headquarters at 6501 Quivira Road and Fire Station 73 at 6805 Hedge Lane Terrace.

Please note we have temporarily relocated administrative services and staff to a space inside in the PBI-Gordon building at 22701 West 68th Terrace. This is a secured building, if you need to visit in person, you can park on the north side of the building where you can get buzzed in. If you are stopping in between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., you will need to call 631-1080 to be let in.

While renovations are happening at Fire Station 73, you can rest assured we will still have full coverage for emergency responses. Station 74 will cover the north end of that coverage area and Lenexa will cover the south end while improvements are underway.

If you are looking for a burn permit, you can get that online at cityofshawnee.org/fire. You can find project updates at cityofshawnee.org/firestationproject.

We anticipate this temporary relocation to last through mid-2024 while work is happening at Fire Headquarters.



TIDY TOWN 2023

Curbside Bulky-Item Pick Up

- The City regulates trash haulers to offer free curbside bulky-item pick up once a year.
- Most residents can schedule bulky-item pick up directly with their trash hauler. Some residents will have specific days during the year for pick up. Contact your trash hauler to learn their plans.
- If you live in an HOA or rental property your HOA board/president or property manager may schedule specific days during the year for pick up. Contact them to learn if they have specific plans.
- Residents are allowed FIVE ITEMS for their curbside pickup.
- Some acceptable items are listed below and at cityofshawnee.org/tidytown. Check with your trash hauler to make sure their guidelines have not changed.
 - Furniture
 - Mattresses
 - Most appliances except for refrigerators

Tidy Town Voucher

Johnson County Landfill (17955 Holliday Drive)

Monday - Friday 7am to 5pm
Saturday 7am to 3pm

- The City offers one voucher to each residential address to be used at the Johnson County Landfill.
- The drop-off site is at the Johnson County Landfill at 17955 Holliday Drive.
- You MUST bring the voucher and proof of residency with you to redeem at the landfill by December 31, 2023.
- Residents can take a variety of items to the landfill, including furniture and mattresses.
- One drop-off per voucher at the landfill allowed per year.
- Questions about what items are accepted at the landfill call (913) 631-8181 prompt #2 or email jcl@wm.com.

Questions ? about Curbside Bulky-Item Pickup 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

Join the Wildlife Habitat Restoration Project



**Donald B. Gamblin Jr. Park - 6202 Monticello
Saturday, March 4 • 9:00 am - 12:00pm**

Become a Bluebird Steward

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. Weekly monitoring between March and August is required and no experience is needed. Volunteers must be 16 or older unless accompanied by an adult.

cityofshawnee.org/shawneevolunteer



Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund

We just wrapped up our holiday season and want to take a moment to say thank you to all of our generous donors who contributed to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund. Together we were able to raise \$19,114 for Shawnee Community Services and Mercy and Truth Medical Missions. We had fun along the way, too!

We elected the Mayor's Top Dog, Chevy, lit the Mayor's Christmas tree, had a game night at Servaes Brewery, spent the evening at Dine at the Vine, and sold some great candles, ornaments, shirts, greeting cards and more. We are proud to be able to lift our community up together with our donations and time spent giving back. Thank YOU, team Shawnee!



Shawnee Town 1929

Opens for the season on Wednesday, March 1!

Tuesday - Saturday • 10:00am - 4:30pm

Regular Museum Admission

Adults - \$5

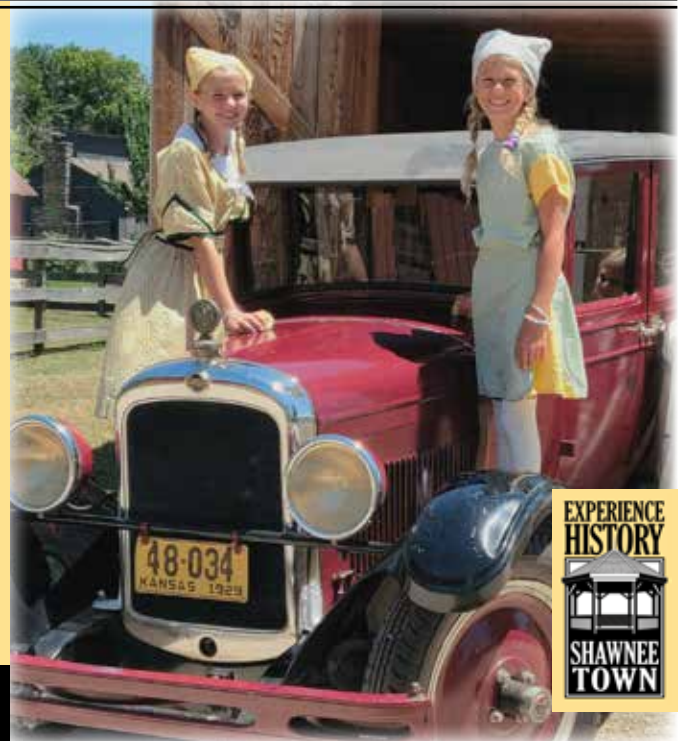
Children 5 - 17 - \$3

Seniors (ages 65+) - \$4

Under 5 - FREE

Enjoy unlimited visits with a Friends of Shawnee Town Membership!

Check out the NEW Virtual 360 Tour!



**11501 W. 57th Street, Shawnee Kansas
shawneetown.org • 913. 248.2360**

SAVE THE DATE
03.12.23

ST. PATRICK'S PARADE
IRISH SHENANIGANS START HERE



GREAT DUCK RACE
SHAWNEE

FARMERS MARKET

• Fresh and Locally Grown •

EVERY SATURDAY **7AM TO 12PM**
MAY - OCTOBER

City Hall Parking Lot



Hometown Hero

Our Hometown Hero project is back for the third year in a row! We love celebrating our Veterans and active service members in our community and are excited to begin registration for our 2023 banners.

Banners will run on Nieman Road from Shawnee Mission Parkway to 55th Street and Johnson Drive in our downtown area. They will be displayed from August through November and all families who purchase a banner will have an opportunity to pick up their banner at the end of the season to keep.

To be the first to hear when applications open in May, please subscribe to our e-mail notifications at cityofshawnee.org/links. You can also keep an eye on cityofshawnee.org/hometownhero to snag your spot before they fill up!



Downtown Shawnee
**MOONLIGHT
MARKET**

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

**Third Thursday
May - October · 5pm-9pm**

Downtown Shawnee · City Hall Parking Lot

**NEW
TIME!**

STATE OF THE CITY

February 23 | 4pm | Aztec Theater



Doors Open at 4pm ♥ Speech Starts at 5pm
cityofshawnee.org/news



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

OSD is looking for volunteers

Come learn more and help plan OSD

January 25 • February 22
March 22 • April 26

Shawnee Civic Centre • 7:00pm



Recognize and Avoid a Scam

Use these tips to avoid falling victim to phone, e-mail or door-to-door scams. If you are the victim of a scam or believe you saw a scam attempt, report it to the Federal Trade Commission at www.ReportFraud.ftc.gov or call 877-382-4357.

Phone Scams

Avoid answering the phone if you do not recognize the number. Be cautious with Caller ID. Scammers can change the number on your Caller ID screen so the number looks familiar.

Never provide personal information over the phone. Never send money via wire or gift cards.

E-mail Scams

Avoid clicking any links or downloading attachments. Scammers can design their e-mail to look legitimate, but the links may be harmful.

Never provide any personal information via e-mail, including banking information, passwords and personal identification.

Door-to-Door Scams

Never let an unexpected stranger into your home. Always ask for identification and confirm with the company before letting anyone onto your property. Monitor workers in your yard and home.

Shawnee Rocks The Lights



Congratulations to the Barkemeyer Family for winning our Facebook contest!

Annual Recycling Event

April 15 • 8AM-11AM

Splash Cove Parking Lot • 5800 King Avenue

New this year, we are offering ONE recycling event instead of one in the spring and one in the fall. We are making the change to be more efficient with taxpayer dollars by offering one large event instead of two smaller events. Please visit cityofshawnee.org/tidytown and recyclespot.org if you have other items to get rid of or recycle throughout the year.

Electronics Recycling

Computer Monitors - \$25

Televisions of any size/kind - \$40

Free items accepted include household batteries (AAA, AA, C, etc.), computer towers, stereos, speakers, cameras, laptops, microwaves, printers and most electronics with a cord.

Paper Shredding

Regular File Box - \$5 per box

Large File Box - \$10 per box

Latex Paint ONLY Collection

No commercial institutions' paint will be accepted

Eyeglass Collection

Used eyeglasses will be donated to those in need

Long Sleeve Shirt and Jeans Collection

Will be used for 2023 Scarecrow Festival



Cash Preferred, Thank You!

CODES CORNER

Things will start looking **green** when spring shows up in Shawnee!



Keep your grass mowed and trimmed to under 8 inches.

If you own a commercial property or vacant lot, keep the grass under 10 inches.

About the height of a water bottle.

If you have a concern about tall grass or any other issue, just enter a Citizen Service Request at cityofshawnee.org/csr or call our Codes Enforcement staff at 742-6010.

Stormwater Snapshot

Floods are one of the most common disasters in the United States. Be aware of flood risks in your area and pay close attention to flood watches and warnings. You can do several things to cut down your flood risk.

- Improve grading on your property to make sure stormwater runs away from your home
- Routinely clean debris out of gutters and ditches
- Create natural green spaces
- Install a sump pump
- Keep any valuable items and documents in a safe location off the floor
- Never walk or drive through flood waters. Turn around, don't drown!
- Talk to your insurance agent about flood insurance.

For more information or to find out if you are in a floodplain, please call 742-6313.

Need a RIDE?

CityRide is available to Shawnee residents who are 65 years of age or older or who have a disability. Want to find out if you qualify? Give us a call at 742-6014 or head to cityofshawnee.org and search "CityRide".



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Healthy Yards Expo **9AM to 2PM**
Shawnee Civic Centre
SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Senior Services and Community Assistance

Did you know our website has quite a bit of information about how senior citizens and other folks in our community can get help? Here are just a few examples of programs that can help eligible residents save money.

- City rebates on franchise fees and telephone land lines
- CityRide
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors program that provides some home maintenance and repair
- Property Tax Relief
- Johnson County Services
- Prescription Assistance Program
- Low Income Energy Assistance Program

These are just a few of the local resources that can help you. Visit cityofshawnee.org and search "Senior Services" or give us a call at 631-2500. We will be happy to talk to you about the different requirements for each program.

Good Employees Start Here.



Kellie Little
Human Resources Specialist - Recruitment

1. What do you like most about your job?

I have the pleasure of working with every Department within the City on a weekly basis. Since I am the recruiter for the whole City, that means I've gotten a glimpse into almost every job to see what it entails. I've been able to ride along with Police, sat with Dispatch, shadowed Municipal Court, and even drove a snow plow with Public Works! These experiences help me better understand the job that I'm recruiting for and, that way, I can assist the hiring manager in finding candidates who would be a good fit to join our team!

2. How does your work impact the community?

I get to have a hand in helping to choose the public servants who serve this community every single day! Keeping our Departments fully staffed allows them to continue providing top-notch service to the citizens of Shawnee. I say it often - we have the absolute BEST people working for Shawnee and I enjoy working hard to find new additions to add to our family.

3. What is your favorite spot in Shawnee?

I recently started playing pickleball, so I love heading over to Herman Laird Park on my lunch break with co-workers to get a game or two in. Shawnee Town 1929 is also such a gem in this City. It has been so cool to see all the work that has been done over the last several years to make it even better.



neighbors **helping** neighbors



Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a program connecting volunteers with eligible residents. A couple hours of your time makes a lasting impact on our community. Visit cityofshawnee.org/nhn to find out ways our volunteers help their neighbors in need.

cityofshawnee.org/nhn

Team Shawnee

If you are looking for a career with great benefits, even better co-workers and competitive pay, it is time to check us out! Working for the community is an awesome way to know you are making a real difference every day you go to work. Here are some of our current openings.

- Police Officer
- Firefighter
- Customer Service Representative
- Seasonal Laborer - Public Works and Parks & Rec
- Seasonal Pool Positions

You can find detailed job descriptions, current openings and more at cityofshawnee.org/jobs.

Join
Our Team
cityofshawnee.org/jobs



For Updates Please Visit
cityofshawnee.org/calendar

March

- 2 Parks and Rec. Advisory Board - 5:30 p.m.
- 6 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Healthy Yards Expo - 9:00 a.m.
- 12 St. Patrick's Parade - 1:00 p.m.
Duck Race - 4:30 p.m.
- 13 City Council & Council Committee Meetings - 6:00 p.m.
- 16 Board of Zoning Appeals - 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 27 City Council & Council Committee Meetings - 6:00 p.m.

April

- 3 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Bicycle Advisory Committee - 7:00 a.m.
Parks and Rec. Advisory Board - 5:30 p.m.
- 10 City Council & Council Committee Meetings - 6:00 p.m.
- 15 Annual Recycling Event - 8:00 a.m.
- 17 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Board of Zoning Appeals - 7:30 p.m.
- 24 City Council & Council Committee Meetings - 6:00 p.m.
- 27 Shawnee Downtown Partnership - 6:00 p.m.

May

- 1 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Parks and Rec. Advisory Board - 5:30 p.m.
- 7 Tour de Shawnee - 7:00 a.m.
- 8 City Council & Council Committee Meetings - 6:00 p.m.
- 15 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Moonlight Market - 5:00 p.m.
Board of Zoning Appeals - 7:30 p.m.
- 22 City Council & Council Committee Meetings - 6:00 p.m.
- 27 Aquatic Centers Open
- 29 Memorial Day - City Offices Closed

**WANT TO SERVE ON
A CITY BOARD OR
COMMISSION?**

SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

We are looking for volunteers who are engaged in Shawnee and feel a strong drive to serve our community.

SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SHAWNEE

Each Board and Commission makes recommendations to our City Council on a wide variety of projects, developments and decisions that help shape Shawnee.

DIFFERENT WAYS TO SERVE

- Planning Commission
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Code Board of Appeals
- Civil Service Commission
- Community Police Advisory Board

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Each Board and Commission requires different time commitments. Visit cityofshawnee.org/calendar to see when meetings are scheduled.

VOLUNTEER



cityofshawnee.org/shawneevolunteer

READY TO APPLY?

Visit cityofshawnee.org

You will find descriptions of each Board and Commission, along with information on how to apply. We accept applications any time.

City of Shawnee
11110 Johnson Drive
Shawnee, KS 66203

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GOOD SERVICE STARTS HERE.

Building Inspections/Permits	742-6010
City Hall	631-2500
CityRide – Request Ride	647-0010
CityRide – Sign-Up	742-6014
Civic Centre	631-5200
Code Enforcement	742-6010
Fire Department/Burning Permits	631-1080
Johnson County Election Office	715-6800
Odor Complaints	894-3777
Police (Non-Emergency)	631-2150
Police/Fire Emergency	9-1-1
Parks and Recreation	631-5200
Planning & Zoning	742-6011
Public Works	742-6008
Recycling & Trash	742-6258
Shawnee Town 1929	248-2360
Snow Hotline	742-6097
Splash Cove	631-7177
Street Lights/Traffic Signals/Signs	742-6008
Thomas A. Soetaert Aquatic Center	631-0054
Traffic Tickets	742-6003
Volunteer Opportunities	742-6244

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e-mail jbreithaupt@cityofshawnee.org

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Cover Picture:
Come feed the chickens at Shawnee Town 1929!

