

Winter 2022

# CityLine

A Few GOOD Words



SHAWNEE CITY HALL



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## A GOOD WORD FROM **Mayor Michelle Distler**

**M**ost of you are reading this right now while you are also busy making plans for Thanksgiving and looking ahead to the holiday season. I know the past couple years have been full of tough decisions for our families, businesses and organizations. It's been trying, to say the least.

We are continuing to work hard at the City to try to help where we can. One big way we give back to our community is through the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund. This year, I have chosen both Shawnee Community Services and our local Special Olympics team, the Shawnee Storm, to benefit from the money raised. You can read more about these awesome organizations at [cityofshawnee.org/mctf](http://cityofshawnee.org/mctf). I am excited to present them with checks at Christkindlmarkt on Saturday, December 4. Check out page 3 for more details on this family-friendly event!

There are several ways you can help boost the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund and benefit Shawnee Community Services and the Shawnee Storm.

- Make an online donation at [cityofshawnee.org/mctf](http://cityofshawnee.org/mctf).
- Mail a check to the following address;

City of Shawnee  
Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund  
11110 Johnson Drive  
Shawnee, KS 66203

- Purchase a special edition Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund shirt, candle, or ornament at the Shawnee Town 1929 Gift Shop at 11501 W. 57th St.
- Buy a dedication plaque for one of our bluebird boxes in our parks and along our trails.
- Grab a Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund beer at Servaes Brewery at 10921 Johnson Drive during the month of November. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund.
- Any business wanting to hold a fundraiser for the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund can reach out to us at [cityofshawnee@cityofshawnee.org](mailto:cityofshawnee@cityofshawnee.org) to discuss options.

I know we are still in an uncertain time and things are tight for many of our families. I want to thank you all in advance for donating to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund. Any little bit will help both Shawnee Community Services and the Shawnee Storm as they selflessly serve our community. I personally wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. Thank you for being part of this wonderful place we all call home.

Sincerely,

Mayor Michelle Distler

Spread holiday cheer this season by giving to the



# Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund

**all proceeds benefit two  
local organizations**

-  Shawnee Community Services
-  Shawnee Storm

- Make a donation at [cityofshawnee.org/mctf](http://cityofshawnee.org/mctf)
- Buy a limited edition Mayor's Christmas Tree Shirt designed by Mayor Distler at the Shawnee Town 1929 Gift Shop
- **NEW!** Purchase a one-of-a-kind Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund candle or ornament
- **NEW!** Snag a City of Shawnee flag
- **NEW!** Honor a friend or loved one by purchasing a bluebird box plaque
- **NEW!** Have a beer or reserve a Beer Box at Servaes Brewery during the month of November

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

# Christkindlmarkt

December 4 • 3-6pm • Downtown Shawnee



Live Entertainment • Kids Crafts & Activities  
Visit Santa Claus • Mayor's Tree Lighting



# Snow Squad

Following winter storms, there are many residents in our community who are unable to clear snow and ice off of their driveways and sidewalks. That's when the Shawnee Snow Squad jumps into action!

If you own a snow shovel, snow blower, or snow plow and have a passion for serving in the community, volunteer to join our Snow Squad. Volunteers assist Shawnee residents that are physically unable to remove snow from their driveways and sidewalks.

Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Elizabeth Griffith, at 742-6244 or [egriffith@cityofshawnee.org](mailto:egriffith@cityofshawnee.org) to sign up!

## Stormwater Snapshot

### Flood Insurance

While you are making your next "to do" list, be sure to talk to your insurance agent about flood insurance. Shawnee participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, so that means you are eligible to buy federally backed flood insurance if you are in a floodplain or on top of a hill. Shawnee also has a low FEMA Community Rating System, a Class 6, which means lower flood insurance premium discounts for property owners.

### Flood Hazards & Floodplain Mapping

From tornadoes to snowstorms to flood hazards, the threat of weather is always around. Visit the FEMA Flood Map Service Center at [msc.fema.gov/portal/home](http://msc.fema.gov/portal/home) to see where the floodplain is in your area. You can also request FEMA floodplain map information through the Public Works Department at 742-6009.

**Floods can happen anywhere.**  
**To anyone. At any time.**



# SNOW SEASON

## How YOU Can Prepare

### Avoid Parking on the Street

If you need to park on the street, try to stay on one side so plows and emergency vehicles can get through easier.



### Remove Basketball Goals from the Street



This also includes skateboards ramps or any other portable things that might block our plows from getting by.

### Give Our Drivers Time and Space

We want the roads cleared as much as you do. Please allow drivers time to get our nearly 800 lane miles plowed and give them room to work!



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

# TIDY TOWN 2022

## Curbside Bulky-Item Pick Up

- Residents will schedule a bulky item pickup for their household directly with their trash hauler.
- Residents are allowed FIVE ITEMS for their curbside pickup.
- Bulky item pickup must be scheduled and completed within the calendar year.
- Some acceptable items are listed below and at [cityofshawnee.org/tidytown](http://cityofshawnee.org/tidytown). Check with your trash hauler to make sure their guidelines have not changed.
  - Furniture
  - Mattresses
  - Most appliances except for refrigerators
  - Push lawn mowers with no fuel or oil
  - Up to 4 foot rolls of carpet (2 rolls equal 1 item) (Must be securely tied and less than 50 pounds)
- Only one bulky-item pickup allowed per year.

## Drop-Off Site

Johnson County Landfill (17955 Holliday Drive)

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

- The drop-off site will be at the Johnson County Landfill at 17955 Holliday Drive.
- Residents will receive a voucher in the mail for 1 FREE drop-off per residence per year at the landfill.
- You MUST bring the voucher with you to redeem at the landfill by December 31, 2022.
- Residents can take a variety of items to the landfill, including furniture and mattresses.
- One drop-off 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](mailto: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](http://cityofshawnee.org/tidytown)

# Mayor Distler's



**Congratulations to Nala with almost 500 Facebook likes!**



**Bailey**



**Bell**



**Boulette**



**Bucky**



**Buddy**



**Charles**



**Cooper**



**Cooper**



**Dutch**



**Evey**



**Goldy Boy**



**Gracie**



**Grandma**



**Hilda**



**Jack**



**Jax**



**Jay**



**Junie**

**Ruffly \$460 raised for the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund!**

# Top Dog Contest



**Katie Belle**



**Luther**



**Mack**



**Mia**



**Milo**



**Mona**



**Moose**



**Ollie**



**Otto**



**Patrick**



**Penny**



**Pepper**



**Podrick**



**Poppie Grace**



**Poppy**



**Queen Cookie**



**Ray**



**Ronald**



**Rosco**



**Socks**



**Sophie**



**Starr**



**Suri Blue**



**Truman**



**Walter**



**Webster**



**Wiisi**

Keep an eye out for Mayor Distler's  
Top Dog Contest in 2022!

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

# 6 QUICK TIPS



## PUT THE CHILL ON COLD WEATHER CRIMES

**1** Don't warm up your unlocked car in the driveway.



**2** Don't leave your car unlocked while getting gas or running inside a store.

**3** Never leave children alone in the car.



**4** Allow extra drive time during winter weather conditions.

**5** Keep your cell phones charged.



**6** Have an emergency kit in your car.

## Johnson Drive Pilot Project

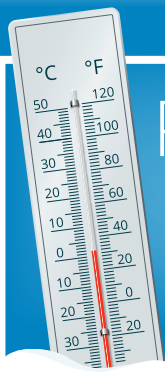
A stretch of Johnson Drive has a fresh new look in downtown Shawnee! A pilot project is underway to help combat concerns about speed, parking and pedestrian safety. Crews restriped a section of Johnson Drive from Flint Street to Goddard Street. You will now see new, on-street, and angled parking. Drivers are able to use one westbound lane, one eastbound lane and one continuous middle turn lane. The changes will last through the end of the year. After that, staff will make a recommendation and ask the Governing Body to decide whether the change should be permanent. Visit [cityofshawnee.org/johnsondrive](http://cityofshawnee.org/johnsondrive) for more information about the project. Send us an e-mail at [johnsondrive@cityofshawnee.org](mailto:johnsondrive@cityofshawnee.org), we would love to hear what you think about the changes.



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](http://cityofshawnee.org/nhn) to find out ways our volunteers help their neighbors in need.

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



Put a

# FREEZE

*on Winter Fires*

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart!



# VOLUNTEER



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

## 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 between the City and 10/10 Taxi. For more information please call 742-6014. CityRide members can:

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

## 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](http://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.



### Hayden Stimach

Maintenance Worker III

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

My favorite part about my job is having the opportunity to work at events such as Touch-A-Truck and the Open House where we have the opportunity to show off our equipment and allow the residents to ask us questions about our equipment and our everyday duties. It's really amazing how many people are fascinated by what we do and have no idea how important Public Works is to the community. I feel it is very important to socialize and educate citizens on our work and it also helps build a positive relationship with the community.

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

The work that I do in Stormwater is very important to the community. Specifically, I am part of the Stormwater cleaning crew and we are responsible for cleaning debris out of pipes, street sweeping, cleaning storm box inlets and clearing out creek channels. All of this work keeps water flowing through our storm infrastructures and creeks as naturally as possible and helps prevent flooding in the roadways and around homes.

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

I don't have just one favorite spot in Shawnee. I grew up here and I have a lot of memories in numerous locations, I love everything about it!

Join   
Our Team  
[cityofshawnee.org/jobs](http://cityofshawnee.org/jobs)

# Golf Cart Laws and Regulations

## KNOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD



Operated on streets with posted speeds of 25 mph or less



Not allowed on highways, parks, trails, sidewalks or jogging paths



Driver must have a valid driver's license



Must obey all traffic laws



Must be insured



Use proper lighting if driving at night



Passengers are limited to the number of seats. No more than 3 people allowed on a bench seat



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

## December

- 2 Parks and Rec. Advisory Board - 5:30 p.m.
- 4 Christkindlmarkt - 3:00 p.m.
- 6 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 13 City Council - 6:00 p.m.
- 16 Shawnee Downtown Partnership - 6:00 p.m.  
Board of Zoning Appeals - 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Public Arts Task Force - 4:00 p.m.  
Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Christmas Holiday Observed - City Offices Closed
- 31 New Year's Day Observed - City Offices Closed

## January

- 3 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Parks and Rec. Advisory Board - 5:30 p.m.
- 10 City Council - 6:00 p.m.
- 17 Martin Luther King Jr Day - City Offices Closed
- 19 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Board of Zoning Appeals - 7:30 p.m.
- 24 City Council - 6:00 p.m.

## February

- 3 Parks and Rec. Advisory Board - 5:30 p.m.
- 7 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 14 City Council - 6:00 p.m.
- 17 Board of Zoning Appeals - 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Presidents' Day - City Offices Closed
- 23 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Shawnee Downtown Partnership - 6:00 p.m.
- 28 City Council - 6:00 p.m.



# WANT TO SERVE ON A CITY BOARD, COMMISSION OR TASK FORCE?

## 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, Commission and Task Force 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 Engagement Task Force
- Public Arts Task Force
- Community Police Advisory Board

## WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Each Board, Commission and Task Force requires different time commitments. Visit [cityofshawnee.org/calendar](http://cityofshawnee.org/calendar) to see when meetings are scheduled.

# READY TO APPLY?

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

You will find descriptions of each Board, Commission and Task Force, 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.

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
Rec Program Line (City)	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 634-5883 [mdistler@cityofshawnee.org](mailto:mdistler@cityofshawnee.org)

### Ward I

Matt Zimmerman 268-3513 [mzimmerman@cityofshawnee.org](mailto:mzimmerman@cityofshawnee.org)

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

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Eric Jenkins 669-1076 [ejenkins@cityofshawnee.org](mailto:ejenkins@cityofshawnee.org)

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Kurt Knappen 608-2724 [kknappen@cityofshawnee.org](mailto:kknappen@cityofshawnee.org)

### Ward IV

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

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Shawnee, Kansas 66203  
By phone 742-6202 or  
e-mail [jbreithaupt@cityofshawnee.org](mailto:jbreithaupt@cityofshawnee.org)

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