

Spring 2022

CityLine

A Few GOOD Words



It Starts Here
SHAWNEE
KANSAS



A GOOD WORD FROM **Mayor Michelle Distler**

Spring is right around the corner and that signals a time of renewal. We will soon be hearing birds chirping, watching flowers bloom and seeing kids playing outside. Many of our favorite community events happen in the spring including the St. Patrick's Parade and Duck Race, the Spring Recycling Event and our April Showers Craft Fair. Be sure to check the calendar on the back page and cityofshawnee.org/calendar for a full list of what we have coming up!

We also have a new City Council as we move into 2022. (You can meet the new Councilmembers on page 3 in this CityLine!) This new Council will be working together to make the best decisions for our community. Please know we all have a passion to serve Shawnee. Our residents, businesses and stakeholders are the ones steering every decision we make. We take the responsibility very seriously and are committed to navigating the community in the direction YOU want us to go.

I know it is hard to fit new things into busy schedules, but there are some simple ways to stay engaged and involved in what we are doing at the City. We put together a one-stop shop for you at cityofshawnee.org/links that I would love for you to check out. It has quick links to tons of things including our City Council agendas, e-mail notification sign-ups, Citizen Service Requests and so much more.

Please remember that, as your Mayor, I am here for you. I am here to help, to listen, to answer questions and to find out what YOU think. Contact information for the entire City Council is included in this CityLine and at cityofshawnee.org/governingbody.

We are all coming off a tough couple of years, and as I think about that, a quote I heard from author Bell Hooks stands out.

“Love is an act of will, both an intention and an action.”

To me, the meaning behind that quote serves as a thread through my life, both personally and professionally. We can accomplish so much together if we are kind to each other. Love is the foundation for our lives and it is important to remember that as we all focus on moving forward, through both good and challenging times.

Sincerely,

Mayor Michelle Distler



The purpose of the Community Engagement Task Force is to provide strategic direction, advice and recommendations to the Governing Body on all aspects related to community engagement. This includes marketing and public communications, engagement opportunities, inclusivity, diversity and employee recruitment and retention. Eleven people make up the task force including representatives from the local business community, each of the City's wards, one Councilmember and the Mayor. The task force will create a final report with their findings. The report will include an executive summary, a deep dive into each of the findings and multiple options and recommendations for the Governing Body to consider in July 2022. Look for online surveys, listening sessions and other ways to engage with this task force in the coming months. You can also submit your ideas to the task force at communityengagement@cityofshawnee.org or follow their work at cityofshawnee.org/agendas.

Public Arts Task Force

The purpose of the Public Arts Task Force is to provide strategic direction, advice and recommendations to the City Council on all aspects related to public art, as well as oversee and advise on public art maintenance. Eleven members make up this task force that typically meets on the third Monday of each month. They are focused on the following goals;

1. Define public art
2. Identify and inventory public art
3. Provide the direction to the Governing Body for the future of public art within Shawnee
4. Provide education and communication (community engagement) on public art
5. Establish policy and criteria for funding sources
6. Establish practices for tying public art to tourism

You can find a list of members, agendas for recent and upcoming meetings and more at cityofshawnee.org/agendas. If you have questions, comments or ideas, reach out at publicartstaskforce@gmail.com.

Community Police Advisory Board

The Community Police Advisory Board was established to provide another means of transparency related to police department operations. The primary responsibility of the Board is to review and advise the Chief of Police regarding the investigation process and resolution of citizen complaints related to racial and other biased-based policing. The Board also assists and advises in policy development and review, education and community outreach and communications related to the preemption and prohibition of racial or other biased policing by the Shawnee Police Department. The Board members represent a broad group of disciplines within our community and reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of our residents. If you have questions, comments or ideas, reach out at police@cityofshawnee.org.

Welcome, New Councilmembers!

The Shawnee City Council has new members we would like you to meet! Voters elected the new members in November and they were officially sworn in during a City Council meeting in December.

If you would like to learn more about the new Councilmembers or any member of the Governing Body, just head to cityofshawnee.org/governingbody. You can also find all upcoming meetings and agendas at cityofshawnee.org/agendas.



Ward 1
Tony Gillette



Ward 3
Angela Stiens



Ward 4
Jacklynn Walters

Burn Permits Available Online

Visit cityofshawnee.org/fire and click on “Burn Permit”. Fill out the application, pay online and you will be issued a burn permit. You are welcome to get your burn permit in person at Fire Headquarters located at 6501 Quivira Road Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Internet Exchange Parking Spots

Looking for a safe place to exchange an item you have bought or sold online? The Police Department, located at 5850 Renner Road, has two bright green parking spots dedicated for internet exchanges.

- The parking spots are video monitored 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- The parking spots are recorded but that does not mean a person is constantly watching the video feed.
- If a person using the internet exchange parking spots needs police, please call 911 or go inside the Police Department lobby.
- People are also welcome to use the Police Department lobby to make exchanges. It is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



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

Property Tax Rebate Program

We are excited to launch a new pilot program designed to help some of our local families. As long as certain income requirements are met, the Property Tax Rebate Program will pay back homeowners 100% (up to \$500) of what they paid for the City property tax in 2021. Here are a few important things to note.

- Applications will be accepted through April 30, 2022.
- Homeowner must be a resident of Shawnee.
- You must live in and own your home.
- Be current on the property taxes and special assessments.
- Meet income guidelines that are listed at cityofshawnee.org/rebates.

You can find full details and the application at cityofshawnee.org/rebates. Or feel free to give us a call at 742-6014 or email cityofshawnee@cityofshawnee.org.

Senior Services and Community Assistance

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

- City rebates on franchise fees and telephone land lines
- CityRide
- Safe Senior Program
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors
- Property Tax Relief
- Johnson County Services
- Prescription Assistance Program
- Low Income Energy Assistance Program

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.

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. 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 and proof of residency 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.

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

SAVE THE DATE
03.13.22

ST. PATRICK'S PARADE
"WHAT'S YOUR IRISH SUPER POWER?"



FARMERS' MARKET

• Fresh and Locally Grown •

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

City Hall Parking Lot



Shawnee Town 1929

Opens for the season on Tuesday, March 1!

Tuesday - Saturday • 10:00am - 4:30pm

Regular Museum Admission

Adults - \$5.00

Children 5 - 17 - \$3.00

Seniors (ages 65+) - \$4.00

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



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

Local Vendors - Crafts
Fresh Produce - Live Music!

Third Thursday

May - November - 4pm-8pm

Downtown Shawnee - City Hall Parking Lot

Spring Recycling Event - April 9 • 8AM - 11AM

Splash Cove Parking Lot • 5800 King Avenue

Electronics Recycling

All electronics recycled at no charge except the following: Monitors (of any kind) - \$25
TV's (of any kind/size) - \$35

Paper Shredding/Recycled

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

Eyeglass Collection

Used eyeglasses will be donated to those in need

Latex Paint Collection

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

Bike Collection


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



Cash only, 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.

About the height of a water bottle.

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

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.

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.



Shawnee Town 1929 • 11501 W. 57th St.
M-F • 8am-5pm

Shawnee Swag

Adult T-shirts \$12
Adult Hoodies \$30
Toddler (2T-5T) T-shirts \$8
Baby Onesies \$8



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.



STATE OF THE CITY

Thursday, February 24 | 11:30 a.m. | Town Hall

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VOLUNTEER



cityofshawnee.org/shawneevolunteer

Shawnee Rocks The Lights

Congratulations to the Distler Family
for winning our Facebook contest!



Good Employees Start Here.



Kenny Khongmaly

Street Program Manager

1. What do you like most about your job?

What I like most about working at Shawnee is the atmosphere. There is a culture of teamwork and accountability for getting the best job done as possible. In the pavement group, we strive to provide the best street management program with the budget we have.

2. How does your work impact the community?

The condition of the roads are one of the infrastructure items that we all notice. What our group does is plan a maintenance schedule for the streets in Shawnee. We utilize different pavement preservation methods and apply them at different times to extend the pavement life. We also maintain curbs and sidewalks for the safe passage of pedestrian traffic. We investigate resident concerns throughout the year and install temporary patches where trip hazards exist until we can do a more permanent repair at a later date. All this culminates in safer roads and sidewalks for the traveling public.

3. What is your favorite spot in Shawnee?

I enjoy the outdoors so I really enjoy Shawnee's parks system. I think we have a variety of options for families to enjoy the outdoors at any of our parks and trails.

Join 
Our Team
cityofshawnee.org/jobs

Hometown Hero
**RANDALL
NEALEY**



Hometown Hero Project Expanding

We are proud to be home to veterans and to 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.

The banners 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 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!



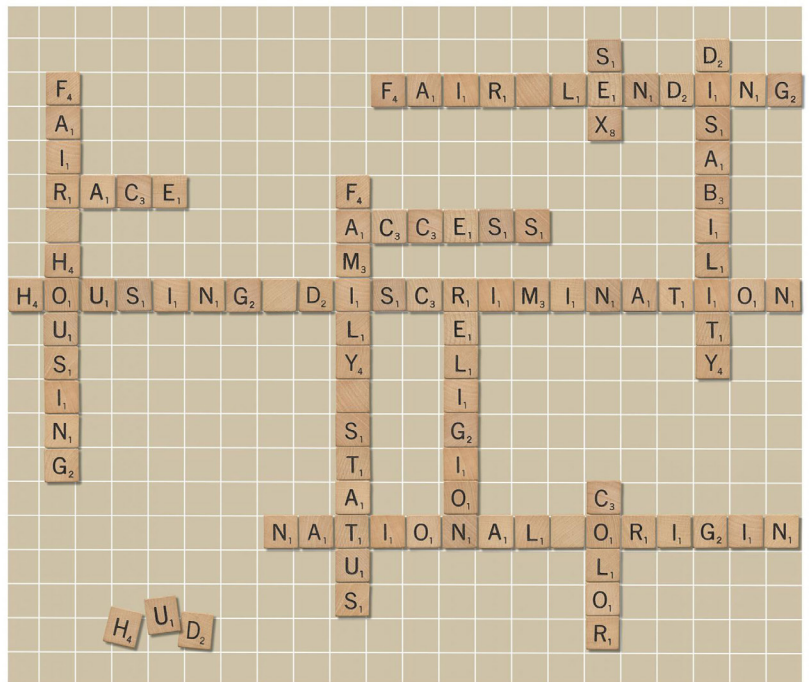
neighbors **helping** neighbors

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

Fair Housing: MORE THAN JUST WORDS



FAIR HOUSING: More than just words on a gameboard, IT IS THE LAW.



**KNOW
YOUR
RIGHTS!**

If you feel you have experienced housing discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, and family status, contact HUD at **1-800-669-9777** (voice), **1-800-877-8339** (Federal Relay), online at www.hud.gov/fairhousing, or your local fair housing organization.

For Updates Please Visit
cityofshawnee.org/calendar

March

- 3 Parks and Rec. Advisory Board - 5:30 p.m.
- 7 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 13 St. Patrick's Parade - 1:00 p.m.
Duck Race - 4:00 p.m.
- 14 City Council - 6:00 p.m.
- 17 Board of Zoning Appeals - 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Public Arts Task Force - 4:00 p.m.
Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 28 City Council - 6:00 p.m.

April

- 2 Healthy Yards Expo - 9:00 a.m.
- 4 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Bicycle Advisory Committee - 7:00 a.m.
Parks and Rec. Advisory Board - 5:30 p.m.
- 9 Spring Recycling Event - 8:00 a.m.
- 11 City Council - 6:00 p.m.
- 18 Public Arts Task Force - 4:00 p.m.
Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Board of Zoning Appeals - 7:30 p.m.
- 25 City Council - 6:00 p.m.
- 28 Shawnee Downtown Partnership - 6:00 p.m.

May

- 1 Tour de Shawnee - 7:00 a.m.
- 2 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 5 Parks and Rec. Advisory Board - 5:30 p.m.
- 9 City Council - 6:00 p.m.
- 16 Public Arts Task Force - 4:00 p.m.
Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Moonlight Market - 4:00 p.m.
Board of Zoning Appeals - 7:30 p.m.
- 23 City Council - 6:00 p.m.
- 28 Aquatic Centers Open
- 30 Memorial Day - City Offices Closed



Cover Picture:

Volunteers at the "Spring Fling" Recycling Event!

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 to see when meetings are scheduled.

READY TO APPLY?

Visit 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 (913) 634-5883 mdistler@cityofshawnee.org

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Ward III

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Angela Stiens (913) 909-9903 astiens@cityofshawnee.org

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e-mail jbreithaupt@cityofshawnee.org

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