

Fall 2022

CityLine

A Few GOOD Words



SHAWNEE

KANSAS



A FEW GOOD WORDS FROM
Mayor Michelle Distler

I think it goes without saying that I have a true passion for our community. I was born and raised here. Shawnee is my home and I care deeply about it. I feel that my life's purpose is investing my time, energy and efforts into this community. That is my commitment to you, to our neighbors, our businesses, to our City's rich history and our vibrant future.

I care what people think about Shawnee and I take that very seriously when serving as your Mayor. I am excited about our Community Rebranding Project that is underway right now. You will see details in this CityLine and have hopefully heard about it at our community events, Branding Pop-Ups and at cityofshawnee.org/branding. We are dedicating a lot of time and effort to hear what YOU think of Shawnee as we develop a new brand that reflects YOUR thoughts and feelings about our community. All of the feedback we get from talking to you, the online survey and more will drive the new design and brand for Shawnee.

We are not doing all these Branding Pop-Ups, community events and surveys just to check a box. That's really not how we work in Shawnee. We truly want to listen to you. We do sometimes hear that our community thinks we

ask a lot of questions about what you think. And you are right! We do that because YOUR opinions matter to us and we want to make sure what you think is reflected in any decision we make.

I hope you take time to meet up with us at one of our community events or Branding Pop-Ups. We have a full list of those on the next page in this CityLine. This is a great opportunity for YOU to make a difference. There is so much hometown pride in Shawnee and we want to make sure we are capturing that and showcasing it with the new look.

You can find a full list of events at cityofshawnee.org/branding or cityofshawnee.org/calendar. As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions or comments. I hope you all have a great end of summer as we head into the fall!

Sincerely,

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

Mayor Michelle Distler

WHAT MAKES SHAWNEE SHINE?



The City of Shawnee 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.

Our goal is to establish a new, strong brand that reflects why each of us is proud to be a part of the Shawnee community. It starts with feedback from the wonderful people in our community. So, ask yourself: **What makes Shawnee shine?**

There are several opportunities to let your voice be heard over the coming months:

☀️ **Moonlight Market**

Thursday, August 18
11110 Johnson Drive
4 p.m.-8 p.m.

☀️ **Jammin' on the Green**

Wednesday, July 27
Shawnee Town 1929 at 11501 W. 57th St.
7 p.m.-8 p.m.

☀️ **Summer Concert in the Park**

Friday, August 5
West Flanders Park near 55th and Nieman
Starts at 6:30 p.m.

☀️ **K9's at the Cove**

Saturday, August 13
Splash Cove at 5800 King Avenue
7:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

☀️ **Dog Days of Summer**

Saturday, August 13
Shawnee Town 1929 at 11501 W. 57th St.
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

We're also hosting several Branding Pop-ups where you can share what you think makes Shawnee and enjoy some outstanding places in our city:

☀️ **Shawnee Library** at 13811 Johnson Dr.
Thursday, July 28 | 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

☀️ **Wilder Bluff Park** at 24200 W. 55th St. - *FREE POPSICLES!*
Sunday, August 14 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

☀️ **Shawnee Civic Centre** at 13817 Johnson Dr.
Wednesday, August 24 | 5 p.m.-7 p.m.



City Budget Update

The City Council and staff are working hard on the 2023 budget right now. It is a busy time of year for us as we make decisions regarding where your tax dollars will go so we can continue to provide you exceptional service in the City. We want you to be part of the process.

You also should know you will be receiving information in the mail in August from Johnson County about the revenue neutral rate. It can be a confusing topic but it will impact the way you view your property tax. We would be happy to explain it to you in-depth at any of the upcoming budget open houses.

There have been a series of meetings and presentations leading up to this and you can view all of those, as well as all upcoming dates, at cityofshawnee.org/budget. You can find more information on the estimated tax notice coming in the mail from Johnson County, as well as the revenue neutral rate, at jocogov.org/estimatedtaxnotice. Just search “revenue neutral”.

Budget Open Houses

Tuesday, August 23 ▪ 6pm to 8pm
Monticello Library at 22435 W. 66th Street

Tuesday, August 30 ▪ 4pm to 6pm
Virtual | Head to cityofshawnee.org/budget
for link information.

Wednesday, August 31 ▪ 6pm to 8pm
Civic Centre at 13817 Johnson Drive



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.

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

Downtown Shawnee

MOONLIGHT MARKET

Local Vendors · Crafts
Fresh Produce · Live Music!



Third Thursday

May - October · 4pm-8pm

Downtown Shawnee · City Hall Parking Lot

SCARECROW FESTIVAL



OCTOBER 1

9AM

11:30AM

CITY HALL



Make Your Own Scarecrow

Scarecrow Contest

Pumpkin Pie Baking Contest

Pumpkin Bread Baking Contest

Fruit Pie Baking Contest

Free Pumpkin Decorating for Kids

Fall Recycling Event

October 15 • 8AM-11AM

9001 W. 67th St. Merriam, KS 66202

Electronics Recycling

All electronics recycled at no charge except the following:

CRT Computer Monitors (old, bulky size) - \$25

Computer Desktops - \$25

Televisions of any size/kind - \$40

LCD Computer Monitors - Free

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 ONLY Collection

No commercial institutions' paint will be accepted.

Bike Collection

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

Jeans and long-sleeve button down shirts Collection

Will be used for 2023 Scarecrow Festival

In partnership with the City of Merriam

Cash Preferred, Thank you!

FARMERS' MARKET

• Fresh and Locally Grown •

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

City Hall Parking Lot



"Smoke alarms are our friends."



They keep us safe when we are awake and when we sleep.



They make loud sounds if there is a fire.



Beep! Beep!
Beep!



**"Grab a grown-up and a pencil.
Let's find the smoke alarms in your home.
Let's go!"**

1. How many smoke alarms are in your home?

2. Is there a smoke alarm on every floor?

Yes No

3. Is there a smoke alarm in every bedroom and near other sleeping areas?

Yes No

Parents

Push the test button on each alarm. Does it make a loud sound when the button is pushed?

- YES It works! Mark your calendar to test again next month.
- NO Change the battery, or get a new smoke alarm.

Parents

Are the smoke alarms in your home in the right places?

- On all floors
- In all bedrooms
- Near other sleeping areas



Did you know that smoke alarms are not supposed to go in kitchens?

Place smoke alarms at least 10 feet from any cooking area to help prevent unwanted alarms while still protecting your family.

CODES CORNER

GOT JUNK?

here are a few helpful guidelines about what can and cannot be stored **outside** your home



1 WASHING MACHINES

Nope. Same for any other broken or worn out items including dryers, stoves, refrigerators, broken toys and trash.



2 LAWN MOWERS

Yes! A lawn mower is a good example of a "useful" item. It should be stored inside your garage or a shed or in your back yard as long as it is not in plain view to your neighbors. Same goes for things like yard tools, buckets, ladders, wheelbarrows and gardening equipment!



3 FIREWOOD

Sure! You can store firewood in your back yard. It can be up to one cord (4' x 4' x 8') and should be neatly stacked.



4 GRILLS

Yep! No problem at all with things like grills and patio furniture!



5 HAVE QUESTIONS?

We are happy to help. Feel free to call us anytime at 913-742-6010. You can also send us an e-mail at codes@cityofshawnee.org



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

VOLUNTEER



cityofshawnee.org/shawneevolunteer

Join Our Team

cityofshawnee.org/jobs



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".



Good Employees Start Here.



Christine Wiloid

Technical Project & Training Specialist

1. What do you like most about your job?

It is pretty simple, I truly enjoy helping people. I love to learn and share knowledge and take great pride in developing improved processes that enhance operations. Within Information Technology, every day is different and offers new exciting challenges. It is very fulfilling to support Team Shawnee.

2. How does your work impact the community?

I support the infrastructure that supports the City of Shawnee services. My responsibilities include oversight of technical functions such as equipment replacement, onboarding/offboarding, telecommunications, purchasing/accounting, contract management and technical policies. Additionally, I also coordinate IT training for City staff and serve as a project manager for IT. Fun fact, I am the voice of Shawnee. If you call a Shawnee facility you are listening to me.

What is your favorite spot in Shawnee?

Hands down, Splash Cove is our favorite spot in Shawnee. My family enjoys the fantastic facility. You can and will find us there all summer long splashing in the waves, climbing through the interactive playground, and enthusiastically gliding down the slides.

Turnout Shawnee

A Community Safety Fair

September 17 ■ 10am to 2pm

Fire Station 71 at 6501 Quivira Road

Bring your friends and family out to explore fire trucks, police cruisers and more!

Face Painting ■ Hot Dogs ■ Tons of FUN for all ages!



Stormwater Snapshot

Only Rain Down the Drain

Improving stormwater quality is good for all life in Shawnee, down to the plants and animals! To keep us and our critters healthy, let's work together to keep harmful pollutants out of our waterways. Never dump or discharge the following items into a creek, stream, curb inlet or roadside ditch to avoid a code violation and harm to the environment:

- Automotive fluids
- Paint, cleaning supplies, soap or other household chemicals
- Pet waste
- Trash/litter
- Yard waste including leaves and grass clippings
- Fertilizer or weed killer
- Swimming pool and hot tub discharge



Want to learn more? Visit cityofshawnee.org/stormwater.

How to Handle ROAD RAGE

Road Rage? Most of us have felt it, either from another driver or because of another driver. Next time you find yourself getting heated behind the wheel, or sense someone else near you is, keep these in mind.

- Move over, slow down, and let the other driver pass. Put space between you two to let both parties cool off.
- Don't make eye contact! No matter how much you may want to engage, keep your eyes on the road to ensure safety.
- Consider taking the next turn or exit to distance yourself from the situation. Feel free to find a rest stop or parking lot and get out of your vehicle, take some deep breaths, or stretch to cool down.
- Avoid the urge to respond to the other person. Being confrontational often escalates the situation rather than relieves it.
- If you believe you are being followed, do NOT drive to your home or place of work. Call 911 and drive to the nearest police station.

City Fire Sale

John B. Glaser Fire Station • 6501 Quivira

October 7, 8 and 9 8am to 4pm

We are clearing out the clutter at the City and YOU can cash in on some sweet deals. We will be selling a variety of things including used office furniture, office supplies and more. So plan to stop by to see if we have anything you might need while getting a great deal. All the money raised will benefit the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund.

Get Paid to Go GREEN!

Are you interested in getting a rain barrel or installing a rain garden? How about planting some native trees in your yard? Maybe you're ready to put in a new driveway or patio that has permeable pavement. You can get reimbursed for some of your costs! Just head to cityofshawnee.org/stormwater and click on "Cost Share Reimbursement Program" and you will find the application and information on how you can get money back for being environmentally friendly!



For Updates Please Visit
cityofshawnee.org/calendar

September

- 1 Parks and Rec. Advisory Board - 5:30pm
- 5 Labor Day - City Offices Closed
- 7 Planning Commission - 7:30pm
- 10 KidsFest - 10am
- 11 Wheels & Dreams Car, Truck & Bike Show - 1pm
- 12 City Council & Council Committee Meetings - 6pm
- 15 Moonlight Market - 4pm
Board of Zoning Appeals - 7:30pm
- 17 Friends of Shawnee Town
Arts & Crafts Fair & Fall Festival - 9am
- 19 Planning Commission - 7:30pm
- 21 Jammin' on the Green - 7pm
- 23 Great Grillers Blues & Barbeque
- 26 City Council & Council Committee Meetings - 6p

October

- 1 Scarecrow Festival - 9am
- 3 Planning Commission - 7:30pm
- 6 Parks and Rec. Advisory Board - 5:30pm
- 10 City Council & Council Committee Meetings - 6pm
- 15 Fall Recycling and Shred Event - 8am
- 17 Planning Commission - 7:30pm
- 20 Moonlight Market - 4pm
Board of Zoning Appeals - 7:30pm
- 22 Holiday Treasures Craft Festival - 9am
- 24 City Council & Council Committee Meetings - 6pm
- 27 Shawnee Downtown Partnership - 6pm
- 29 Historical Hauntings - 6pm
- 31 Spookfest- 10am

November

- 3 Parks and Rec. Advisory Board - 5:30pm
- 7 Planning Commission - 7:30pm
- 11 Veterans Day Observed - City Offices Closed
Veterans Day Ceremony - 4pm
- 14 City Council & Council Committee Meetings - 6pm
- 17 Christkindlmarkt - 4pm
Board of Zoning Appeals - 7:30pm
- 21 Planning Commission - 7:30pm
- 24 Thanksgiving Day Holiday City Offices Closed
- 25 Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices Closed
- 28 City Council & Council Committee Meetings - 6pm

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](http://cityofshawnee.org/calendar) to see when
meetings are scheduled.

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.

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 Election Office	715-6800
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 1929	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	715-6800

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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