



# ANNUAL REPORT

CITY OF SHAWNEE, KANSAS • 2023

# INTERIM CITY MANAGER MESSAGE



Doug Whitacre

The City of Shawnee takes great pride as a community that shares a unified vision for the future. This past year, we've continued to move the City closer to the goals we have pursued over the last ten years: Build a strong foundation so that we can provide high-quality services, maintain sufficient financial reserves, and adequately protect our City Assets – Infrastructure, equipment, facilities, technology, and human capital. I am optimistic of the great things to come for Shawnee as we continue to fulfill our community's vision.

Notably in 2023, this community made its voice heard with a recording-setting approval of the “Parks & Pipes” and “Pavement” sales tax renewal initiatives, providing dedicated funding for the next 10 years. Additionally, our Public Works Departments earned re-accreditation for the second time from the American Public Works Association, as did our Police Department from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. Along with Shawnee's Parks and Recreation and Fire Departments, our City boasts four departments accredited at the national level serving our community.

Ultimately, all of us at the City of Shawnee serve because of the people. So, we say, thank you for being part of our community. Whether you live in Shawnee, work here, or just like to spend time in our shops, restaurants, breweries, and businesses we appreciate you. I hope you take time to reflect on this annual report so we can all celebrate our accomplishments. None of this would be possible without our community and the people who make it special and we are so very thankful for your support, engagement, and commitment to Shawnee.



# IMAGINE SHAWNEE

We have worked hard to take what you told us through Imagine Shawnee, a city wide strategic visioning process, and implement these Five Priority Pillars which have been adopted by the Governing Body.



**Attract diverse housing to meet the needs of a growing city**



**Create a safe, sustainable, inclusive, and interactive community**



**Design an environment where businesses thrive**



**Lead in maximizing and integrating natural resources**



**Provide exceptional city services and infrastructure**



# Achieve Shawnee

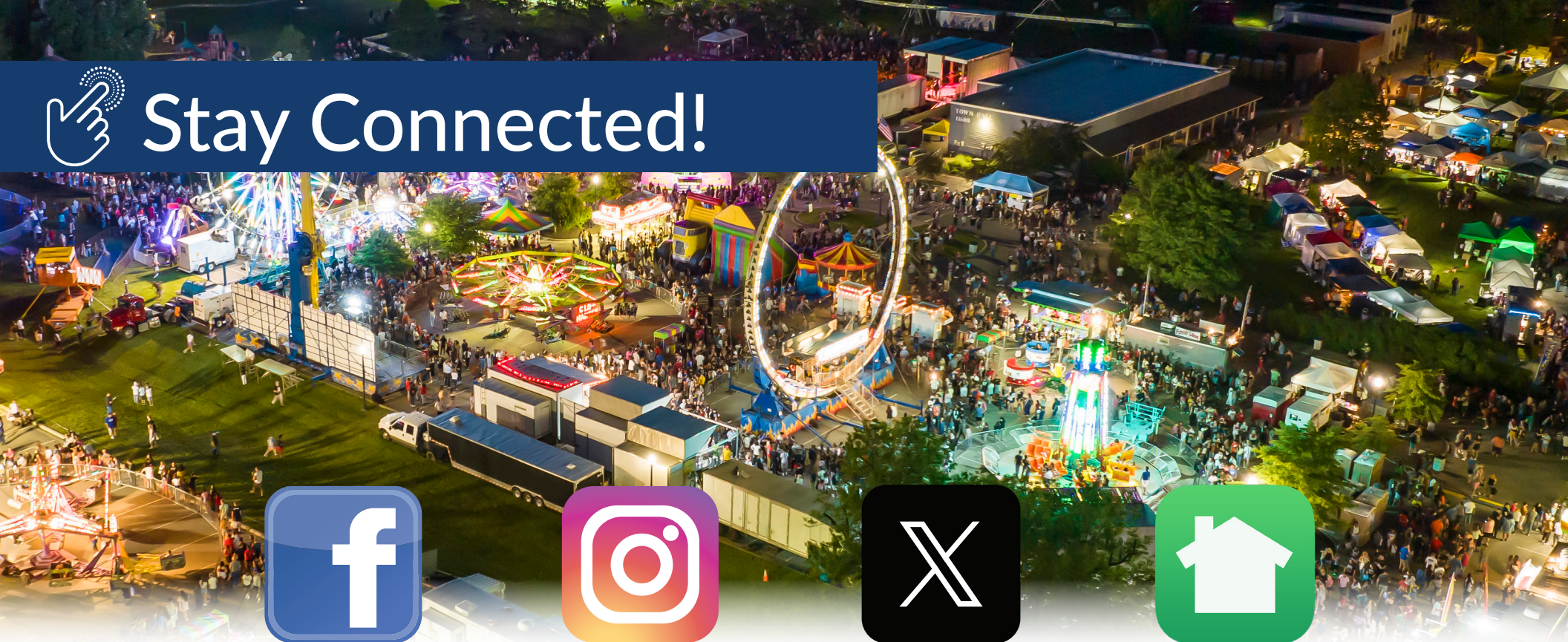
creating our sustainable, inclusive, and interactive city

A road map to guide the growth and development of the community for the next 10 to 20 years!





# Stay Connected!



more than

**19,664**

likes on facebook.com /CityofShawnee



more than

**6,943**

likes on Instagram @shawneekansas



more than

**10,223**

followers on X @CityofShawneeKS



more than

**28,679**

followers on Nextdoor.com

more than

**252,095**

visitors at cityofshawnee.org

more than

**331,733**

Direct Mailers to Residents



Attract diverse housing to meet the needs of a growing city

**\$577,638**

Residential Permit Fees

**\$367,164**



Average Cost for a New Home

**\$1,169,061**

BUILDING PERMIT FEES COLLECTED

**2023** Permit valuation  
\$183,351,014

**6,711**

Building Inspections

**168**

Single Family Permits

**27**

New Multi-Family Units



Create a safe, sustainable, inclusive, and interactive community

20,595

Hours Dedicated to Public Safety Training

94 participants  
Safe Senior Program

436

Community Outreach Events

3,211

Fire Inspections

30 

Child Car Seat Safety Inspections



6,697

Fire Department  
Calls for Service

Community Support Team Completed Over 1,936 Hours of Service

 5,423 Police Citations

Pools Welcomed  
99,121 Visitors

 5,349 Municipal Violations Filed

 7,394 Volunteer Hours

59 Smoke Alarm  
Installations

 3,603 Youth Program Registrations

 9,518 Adult Program Registrations

 5,983 Senior Program Registrations





Design an environment where businesses thrive

2,864



New Business Licenses



\$345,696

New Commercial Building  
Permit Fees Collected



201

New Businesses Opened

Permitted Construction Value: \$183,351,014



Lead in maximizing and integrating natural resources



## 2023 RECYCLE EVENT

12,036 pounds (6.02 tons) of computer electronics • **16,800 lbs** of paper saving **143** mature trees



**7.5 ACRES**  
Native Prairie Planted



**13.63 Bike Lane Miles Maintained**



**28.01**  
TRAIL MILES MAINTAINED





Provide exceptional city services and infrastructure

2,078



CityRide Trips Provided

1.75 Miles

Stormwater Infrastructure Replaced

1,214  
ROW PERMITS



3,730 Citizen Service Requests



2,100 Hours of Snow Removal Operations



7,790 IT Help Desk Tickets



468 Municipal Court Dockets

50.1

Lane Miles Resurfaced



25 New Hire Orientations



225

Open Records Requests Processed

16,261

On-Site Code Enforcement Inspections

\$53,942,317

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



\$14,655

MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS TREE FUND

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR FINES

\$5,000 in fine credit; \$1,500 worth of school supplies





# INNOVATION with Heart

**We are so proud of all our winners and their innovative spirit that makes Shawnee stand out!**

The City is proud to announce the winners of our Innovation Awards! An internal committee, Disruption by Design (DBD), unveiled this new program to recognize employees who initiated and cultivated ideas that will provide better services to residents, more efficiency, improved safety, or cost savings. The winning projects are:

**Tyler Wirth** and **Ethan Walston** were awarded a Bronze Tier Innovation award for their work to better manage permitting processes.

**Jason DeWald** won a Bronze Tier award for creating a system to identify and track project plan deviations.

**George Baird, Jason McLemore, Jerome Brown, Cody Cox, Tyler Naughton** and **Colin Barker** have been awarded an Innovation Award for designing and implementing an improved asphalt bin cover.

**Bob Anderson, Eric Patterson,** and **Mike Inich** have been awarded a Silver Tier Innovation Award for using existing technology infrastructure to enable Fire personnel to remotely view drone footage.

**Amber Walston** was awarded a Bronze Tier Innovation Award for identifying a need for evidence handling training and working to create educational materials to fit this need.

**Robert Stotts** and **Amy Mosely** were awarded a Bronze Tier Innovation Award for selecting and purchasing storage solutions for dispatch personnel to lessen overcrowding in the police department locker rooms.

**Brianna Stanley** won a Silver Tier Innovation Award for reconfiguring an ill-suited and unused conference room into a functional multi-purpose room for the dispatchers.

**Sue Campbell** has been awarded a Gold Tier Innovation Award for identifying a way to convert two unused conference rooms into one publicly accessible room, eliminating the need for visitors to be escorted by police officers for meetings at the Justice Center.

**John Scott, Corey Sands** and **Brandon Marxman** have been awarded a Silver Tier Innovation Award for using existing technology infrastructure to enable Fire personnel to remotely view drone footage.





# INNOVATION WITH HEART





# EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE



**Matt Hashagen**  
Codes Enforcement Officer



**Christine Wiloid**  
Technical Project & Training Specialist



**Dave English**  
Firefighter



**Scott Franke**  
Fire Captain



**Joe Huggenberger**  
Traffic Maintenance Coordinator



**Chandler Wright**  
Information Technology Specialist



# SERVICE AWARDS



- 8** years of service - 1 recognized
- 10** years of service - 24 recognized
- 15** years of service - 11 recognized
- 20** years of service - 3 recognized
- 25** years of service - 6 recognized
- 30** years of service - 4 recognized

**743**  
years of service

**49** 

employees and boards and commission members were recognized

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Accredited Public Works Department **AAA Bond Rating**

**ACCREDITED POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**ISO-1 RATING FIRE DEPARTMENT** **Tree City USA**

**Accredited Parks and Recreation Department**

**GFOA DISTINGUISHED BUDGET AWARD**

**ACCREDITED FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**GFOA Excellence in Financial Reporting Award**

KC Business Journal 2023 - Kansas City's Healthiest Employers Honoree Award

**Bicycle Friendly Community - Bronze Level**



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