



FALL 2023

# COLLEGE HILL

NEWSLETTER

## 4th of July Celebrations: Recap

What a wonderful turnout of neighbors, family, community leaders and friends! Thank you everyone who came out to celebrate Independence Day this year at Boswell Park.

Here are a few highlights and thank yous!

- Parade Contest Winners (1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place)
  - Adult Costume: RaLynn Schmidt, "Coach" on Chiefs float, Megan Martin
  - Kid Costume: 3 Kids on the Chiefs float
  - Pet Costume: Hazel, Gary & Moose, Ollie & Shorty
  - Bike/Scooter: Piper & Eleanor, Reed, Amelia
  - Stroller/Wagon: Wiens family unicorn wagon, Theo's wagon, Levi's electric car
  - Float Decoration: Chiefs, Recycling, Herr family
- Home Decorating Contest (1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place)
  - 1505 Jewell, 1435 Jewell, 1522 Jewell
- Thank you to Dr. Mazachek, Washburn President, who led the way as our Grand Marshal.
- Troop 175 volunteered as our Color Guard this year.
- Westminster Church graciously hosting a hot dog lunch for everyone.
- Turtle races are always a hit!
- Thank you to the Christensens and the College Hill Band.
- Parade barricades are a result of grants. Thank you Andy Fry for your commitment.
- Thank you Laura Burton, our Emcee, for your quick wit and humor announcing winners.
- Thank you to all who helped with this event; flyer delivery, event prep and day-of helpers!
- Event committee: Christi Stewart, Maria Carr, Tricia Waggoner, Annie Buckland, RaLynn Schmidt, and Erin Sneathen.
- We are looking for amazing volunteers to help run this event next year.
  - Contact Christi Stewart if you're interested. [president@collegehilltopeka.org](mailto:president@collegehilltopeka.org)

## Recycling Drive Results

**April Drive:** \$261      **Neighborhood Cleanup:** \$24      **July Drive:** \$179.00

Since the neighborhood recycling drives began in September 1990, our College Hill Association has received \$15,706.98 from recycling! We thank and appreciate very much all the people who contributed their recyclables. Many thanks also to the dear neighbors who helped to pick up and drop off the recyclables: Susan Duffy; Tom and Darcel Luellen; Frank and Sarah Meadows; and John Christensen. We appreciate their dedicated and cheerful service that benefits College Hill and our environment!

# What's going on in College Hill?

## College Hill Meeting

**Agenda for September 18 Meeting**

**Where: Westminster Presbyterian**

**Time: 7 pm in basement**

- **Meet the candidates**
  - District 6 City Council Candidates will be present to meet and greet.
- **Blessing Box Details**
  - Details, volunteer options and more!

## College Hill Meetings

Join us every other month for neighborhood meetings, the third Monday of that month, 7pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 13th & Boswell. We discuss upcoming events, get to know each other, and work together to make College Hill an amazing place to live! Next Meeting: Monday, September 18 at 7pm.

## Blessing Box

Our partnership with Westminster Presbyterian Church (13th & Boswell) continues to grow. In July, the church had an amazing Christmas in July Concert and Fundraiser with all proceeds going to our neighborhood. Neighbors met on August 27 to discuss how to use the funds.

- **Idea:** Blessing Box at Westminster
- Partnership between the church and the neighborhood, including volunteers from both organizations.
- **Here's how you can help:**
  - Contribute items to blessing box when you're able.
  - Items include: non-perishables like peanut butter, canned goods (nothing expired), kids snacks like fruit snacks and applesauce, toiletry items
  - Volunteer
- **Contact:** Annie Pinto
- **Email:** apint81@gmail.com

## Sidewalk Replacement

**50-50 Sidewalk Repair Program**

The City of Topeka is accepting applications to remove and replace defective sidewalks through a cost-sharing plan of 50 % paid by the City and 50% paid by the property owner. Additional funding assistance may be available for those who qualify.

**More details on City of Topeka website:**

[www.topeka.org/engineering/50-50-sidewalk-repair-program](http://www.topeka.org/engineering/50-50-sidewalk-repair-program)

## Community Police Officer

**Meet Officer Stricklin at the next meeting.**

**Phone** 785-861-0197

**Email** cpl@topeka.org

## Communication Help!

**Interested in Volunteering?**

We need a new leader to create newsletters, flyers, and other CH communications. Contact Christi if you can take on this role.

## Stay Connected!

- **Join College Hill on Nextdoor** and receive updates from individual neighbors.
- Follow us on **Facebook** and "like" the posts to ensure that **Facebook** prioritizes the posts in your individual feed. Find us at College Hill Topeka Neighborhood.
- Website at **CollegeHillTopeka.org**
- Sign up for our emails curated specifically for College Hill neighbors to receive neighborhood event details as well as city and county information.

Emails typically come with the following sender information: Katrina Shaw via Neighbors.

Still having difficulty? **Contact Katrina Shaw at [katkake1@gmail.com](mailto:katkake1@gmail.com).**

## Contact Us

President: Christi Stewart, [president@collegehilltopeka.org](mailto:president@collegehilltopeka.org)

Vice President: Carol Christensen, (785) 554-8068

Secretary: Jasmine Puderbaugh

Treasurer: Debbie Pomeroy

## 2023 Upcoming Events

- **Recycling:** September 9, December 9
- **Annual CHNA Meeting:** September 18
- **Bi-monthly Meetings:** November 20, January 22, March 18 and May 20
- **Chili Feed:** January/February 2024