



SPRING 2023

# COLLEGE HILL

NEWSLETTER

## BLOSSOMS PLANT SALE SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 8:00 - 11:00 A.M.

Our favorite spring event is coming up the end of April. Join us for breakfast, buy some bedding plants, pick up a hanging basket or pot for your porch, and bid on some items at the silent auction. This joint event with Westminster Presbyterian Church has been going on for over 20+ years, and all proceeds go back to College Hill. The plants will be at 13th and Boswell in the parking area, breakfast is downstairs in the church. It's a great way to meet your neighbors, share a tasty breakfast, support a great cause, and beautify your home. Please contact Sue Fackler (785-806-3525) if you have items to donate for the auction. We like new items for any age, as well as gift cards, or specialty items.

## BOSWELL PARK UPDATE FROM SC PARKS + REC

Shawnee County Parks and Rec have given us a brief update about the improvements over the course of the last 3 years to Boswell Square Park.

Completed or soon to be completed:

1. Gazebo Update: Removed old structure and bad walk; installed new gazebo with walk connection, and it was backfilled and seeded. Pending updates: electrical hookup, railing, and benches/tables.
2. Removed diseased or damaged trees, non-compliant memorial benches; staff will try to get in touch with memorial bench donors from the past who may consider replacement in different locations. Plan to assess current remaining benches and future placement if applicable.
3. Horticulture staff will trim bushes and plantings on berm; clean up area knowing youth love the area to play in and around.
4. Prior improvements (2020-2021) include: replaced fencing, installed electrical lines and new lighting, dog waste station, contracted turf care and maintenance of the park.

SCP+R and Park Police have concerns about vandalism in the park. Opening up the area for more visibility from the streets and parking lot will help. The terms we use is Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED). We have to do this in public parks or spaces periodically.

1. New Boswell sign on SE corner
2. New smaller soccer goals with nets
3. Install bricks provided by neighborhood in current paver/plaque area; old area returned back to turf for youth to run and play.

Additional ideas and updates but yet to be funded:

1. Walk connection from paver area to the west water fountain. Walk connection and curb around the current playground will allow for bench pads.
2. We plan trash receptacles on pads, two tables on pads near playground, and new safety surfacing under play equipment.
3. Resurface basketball area. Remove non-compliant playground equipment and return areas to green space.
4. Incorporate green walkways through berm to help meet CPTED issues.
5. Natural playground project.

# What's going on in College Hill?

## 2023 Upcoming Events

- Blossoms Plant Sale: April 29
- Neighborhood Cleanup: May 6
- 4th of July
- Recycling Dates: July 15, Sept. 9, Dec. 9
- National Night Out: August 5

## 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, May 15 at 7pm.

## Cleanup Day

Help keep the neighborhood clean!

- **Where:** Boswell Square Park parking lot; 13th & Boswell
- **When:** 8:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- **Items Not Accepted:** Tires, toilets, hazardous waste (paint, chemicals, pesticides, lawn chemicals, batteries) and please, no yard waste.
- **Etiquette:** Please don't overfill dumpsters or leave items beside the dumpsters. Only add items during times listed above.
- **Keep America Beautiful** Visit the website: <http://kabtopsh.org> to stay current on how to recycle in Topeka/Shawnee County.
- **Donation** Consider donating certain household items to Topeka Habitat Restore. Visit their website for accepted items. Drop-off or pick-up.
- **Item Pickup** Email for pickup.
- **Volunteers needed!**
  - Contact Ben Alford, [cleanup@collegehilltopeka.org](mailto:cleanup@collegehilltopeka.org)

## 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

## 4th of July Celebration

Join your fellow neighbors for the historic College Hill parade, hot dog lunch and activities in Boswell Square Park at 13th & Boswell. Exciting traditions like the College Hill band, turtle races, contests for best costumes and decorated bikes. Stay tuned for more details.

We need volunteers! Contact Erin if you want to help. (785) 608-9839

## Chili Feed Results

**Traditional:** Brett Martin

**Non-Traditional:** Jason Pinto

**Vegetarian:** Erin Snethen

**Cinnamon rolls:** Nicole Faris

## Stay Connected!

Do you feel disconnected from College Hill? If you frequently feel like you don't receive regular information, here are some ways to 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](http://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.

Neighbors have had difficulty receiving emails from College Hill in the past. If you think this might be happening to you, we recommend checking your "spam" folder. Emails can get routed to "spam" if they are left unread, the email provider has reason to believe it's spam, or they are accidentally marked as spam. 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).**