

SPRING & SUMMER EVENT WRAP-UP

Blossoms What a *great* tradition in **College Hill!** The Spring Gardening Fundraiser, **Blossoms**, was a great success this year. The event always has a beautiful selection of flowers and plants for your garden, delicious breakfast and unique silent auction items. Year after year, encouraging beautiful landscapes in College Hill! Thank you to all that make this event possible.

- Plant & Food Sales, Silent Auction
- \$1,785.27 raised for Boswell Square Park

National Night Out Against Crime

College Hill doesn't let a little rain keep us away from getting together with our neighbors! This year we met at **Westminster Presbyterian**, a big thank you for the last minute change! We watched *The Muppets* movie, ate hot dogs and popcorn, plus brownies for dessert; all donated by Reser's, HyVee and Safe Streets. The fun kept going with **Stuff the Bus** from **Topeka Metro**. Thank you to everyone who ventured out this year!

KEEP COLLEGE HILL THRIVING WITH DUES!

Annual College Hill Dues are now **\$20**.

Why pay dues?

- Continue to provide *free* family events
 - 4th of July festivities
- Bi-annual newsletters to keep you updated
- Neighborhood Directory
- Neighborhood Improvements
- **Send Dues to Tom Luellen, 1619 Plass**

STAY CONNECTED!

Stay up-to-date with

neighborhood announcements!

- www.CollegeHillTopeka.org
- Facebook **CollegeHill-TopekaNeighborhood**
- NextDoor
- Twitter **@CollegeHillINA**
- Email Neighbors@CollegeHillTopeka.org

Stars & Stripes Festival

A stand-out year for the **College Hill 4th of July** celebration. The neighborhood started off with a relaxing outdoor event the evening of the 3rd with desserts and a bluegrass band. If you haven't had a chance to make it to this event, mark your calendars for 2018. Then we kicked off the 4th with turtle races and the historic parade. This year **Colonel Michael Dittamo** was the **Master of Ceremonies**, followed by the talented CH band. And the costumes, oh the costumes! Everyone young and *not so young*, wearing festive attire on bikes, trikes, floats and even leashes. The parade ended with a quick but hearty bite provided by Westminster Presbyterian. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and participated!

4th of July Decorating Contest

The entire neighborhood always shines during the 4th of July Festivities.

Block Winners for 2016

1300 Block of College Avenue



THE COLLEGE HILL BOOSTER FALL 2017

FALL EVENTS

RECYCLING DRIVE

SEPTEMBER 9

ANNUAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 18

WALL OF FAME CEREMONY

OCTOBER 15

HISTORIC HOMES TOUR

OCTOBER 15

RECYCLING DRIVE

DECEMBER 9

HOLIDAY DECORATING

DECEMBER 20

CHILI FEED

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018

CH ANNUAL MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 7 - 8 p.m.

- Join your neighbors for an informational evening that includes special guests from Parks & Rec and the Forestry Department, upcoming College Hill events, plus opportunities to become involved in College Hill.
- **Special Guest** Travis Tenbrink, Assistant Forester, Public Works, speaking about tree health
- **Special Guest** Darrell Stewart, Shawnee County Parks & Rec, talking about the 5 year plan for Boswell Park
- Presentation about the Wall of Fame & Home Tours
- Grow our Funds! Pay Dues! \$20 annually.
- Door prizes, Refreshments provided

LET'S KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

Leave your porch lights on!

Help light the neighborhood, the sidewalk, the alley and your house. Certain homes still have gas lamps in front. Consider getting yours fixed and reconnected.

Trim bushes & trees! Keep your house and yard well maintained.

Keep bushes trimmed down to 3 ft. & tree branches up to 7 ft. Keeping your home visible to the street and alley helps keep you and your neighbors safe.

Lock It. Remove It or Lose It.

Always lock your vehicle, home and garage! Don't leave valuables in plain sight.

Get to know your neighbors. Get outdoors. Take your dog for a walk, work in your yard, talk to your neighbors on your front porch — these are all great ways to not only meet new people but to also keep our neighborhood visible. If we're comfortable being outside, it's easier to spot suspicious activity and it shows an active community.

We have a new neighborhood officer! Having a good relationship with the police department is key to keeping our neighborhood safe. So let's get know our new officer.

Contact M. Hendricks **Office** (785) 969-2449 **Email** mhendricks@topeka.org

Keep our neighborhood safe! Report all suspicious activity, vandalism or crime to our neighborhood officer. Even past incidents. This helps them establish a pattern.

COLLEGE HILL BOARD

President	Katrina Shaw (785) 554-0003
Vice President	Ardith Woertz (785) 272-1600
Treasurer	Tom Luellen (785) 580-9425
Secretary	Karen Robertson (785) 357-1213
Welcome Committe	Jenny Odermatt (785) 215-4106
Wall of Fame & Homes Tour	Sue Fackler (785) 235-6758
Recycling	Christensens (785) 554-8068
Newsletter & Chili Feed	Erin Snethen (785) 608-9839
Code Compliance	Delores Smith (785) 234-2883
College Hill Blossoms	Sue Fackler (785) 235-6758
Spring Clean-Up & Website Maintenance	Ben Alford (785) 633-2351
3rd of July	Erin Snethen (785) 608-9839
4th of July Parade	Susan Duffy (785) 230-0881
National Night Out	Andy Fry (785) 608-1947

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUND TABLE

Join in on the discussion!

New Meeting Schedule! Join us bi-monthly, on the 3rd Monday of that Month at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 13th & Boswell. **All neighbors welcome!** September, November, January 2018

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It's hard to believe it's nearly fall and the New Year is right around the corner. If you are thinking of ways to positively impact your community, please consider volunteering right here in College Hill! We have amazing volunteers that need your help. The College Hill events require planning, delivering flyers, set up, and clean up. If you would like to help us with any of our events or join a committee, whether it's greeting new neighbors or working to make College Hill an historic district, please feel free to reach out to me. Please join us at the annual meeting to share your ideas and suggestions to make College Hill a better neighborhood. Thank you! — Katrina Shaw, CH president
Contact President@CollegeHillTopeka.org or 785-554-0003

PORCH CHAT

Happy Fall! Cool breezes and shorter days remind us that there are chores to be done before winter. Check off the projects below and then celebrate with neighbors by having a porch party with cider and donuts.

Chores to consider:

- Rake, rake, rake — healthy grass next spring will be your reward.
- Clean your tools before putting them away for the season.
- Plant trees and *overseed* your lawn.
- Remove hoses from faucets, drain and store in garage.
- Clean your mower and burn out all the gas before storing.

HOUSE DECORATING

Decorate your home for the Winter Holidays! Light up your beautiful College Hill home this holiday season. Get your home **contest-ready** by December 20, 2017. Judging will take place that week and winners announced via social media.

COLLEGE HILL HOMES TOUR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017

Four lovely **College Hill** homes will be open on **Sunday, October 15 from 12:30-4:30**. This is the 19th year the neighborhood has opened up some of its beautiful homes to the community. Our diverse architecture and creative decorating styles make these tours a treasure trove of ideas for your own home. We hope you will spread the word and bring friends to our **2017 Autumn Homes Tour**. Special thanks to the following College Hill neighbors who will open their homes: **1328 SW Plass** - home of Elizabeth Herbert; **1435 SW Jewell** - home of Joe and RaLynn Schmidt; **1515 SW Jewell** - home of Scott and Gina Holloman; and **1520 SW MacVicar** - home of Gail Kennedy.

Tickets will be available at the homes on the day of the tour for \$6, and at the following locations October 1-14 for \$5: Flowers by Bill, Porterfields, University Flowers and HyVee.

COLLEGE HILL WALL OF FAME

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017

The **Wall of Fame** was built in 1998 in **Boswell Square** when the date stone from the demolished Boswell School was returned as a gift to the College Hill neighborhood. In a joint effort with the Nautilus Club (est. 1894), the College Hill Association dedicated the Wall as a memorial to early College Hill residents who made significant contributions to society. Each year additional persons are honored with a plaque on the wall. The 2017 honoree is **Dr. Bryan S. Stoffer** (1896-1961). Watch for a mailing next month about the induction onto the wall of this outstanding man on **October 15 at 4:30 p.m.**

CHILI FEED 2018

Are you ready for the annual **College Hill Chili Feed**? What's not to love? There's a chili contest, delicious desserts and time to catch up with neighbors! Date to be announced. Look for a flyer January or February 2018 for more details.

We need volunteers for this event!
Contact Erin Snethen at 608-9839.

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Hooray! We now have a newly established welcome committee. New families and individuals are moving in which is so positive for College Hill. If you want to join with Jenny Odermatt, who graciously decided to take on the committee, please let her know. Let's make our new neighbors feel welcome! **Contact** 785-231-4106

RECYCLING

We are delighted to report that the recycling drive on July 8 was the best one we've had since September 2013! We earned \$117.00! In addition to aluminum, neighbors recycled an old filing cabinet, typing table, piping, and an aluminum storm door. Additionally, more neighbors participated than in other recent drives, and they contributed more recyclables. Since the quarterly neighborhood recycling drives began in September 1990, our **College Hill Association** has received \$12,901.93 from recycling! Thank you neighbor friends who drove and picked up recyclables that day: Mike and Eric Almond; James, Harley, and Hank Stamper; and Ardith and Jordan Woertz. The next recycling drive will be **Saturday, September 9 at 9 a.m.** for porch pick-up. Or **Contact** the Christensens (785) 554-8068 to arrange a pick-up.