

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Neighbors:

I must start this article by thanking the present and past board members for your hard work! Although the winter weather has dominated our year so far, it appears that Spring is finally here. Despite the snow, folks showed up with 24 chili entries for the **Annual Chili Feed**. Thank you to our organizers, Kari Herr, Erin Snethen and Katrina Shaw and all our volunteers' for making this a fun event. All of you who pitched in to set-up and clean-up, along with providing donations — a huge thanks. A special thank you to our guest judges, Mayor De La Isla and County Commissioner Cook, along with the Duffys for donating the grand prize of grass-fed beef from their ranch.

As I write this article my nearest neighbors on Jewell are working in their yards and I can hear the sounds of home improvement projects happening. To help improve our yards we have two special events, the **Neighborhood Clean-Up** and the **Blossoms' Flower Sale and Silent Auction**. Volunteers to help on clean-up weekend are welcome. Also, come for breakfast during Blossoms and buy your hanging and bedding plants, after placing a high bid on your favorite silent auction items! Details are in other articles in this newsletter.

Last Monday, at our **March Round Table Meeting**, we had our City Manager, Brent Trout, along with two members of our city maintenance department, Rhonda Holm and John Schardine, as our guests. They were all complimentary regarding the condition of our neighborhood. As code compliance officers, Rhonda and John, have recently completed a street by street inspection, including our alley ways. A number of citations were given, but overall College Hill is looking good!

Our neighborhood is blessed with an active group of volunteers, but we'd love to get even more folks involved. Check out the list of activities listed under College Hill Board and give us a call. **Please join us for the next Round Table Meeting, May 20, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, corner of 13th & Boswell.**

Happy Spring! Don't forget to turn on your porch and yard lights.
Ardith Woertz

CHILI FEED RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who supported the College Hill Chili Feed this year!

A huge thank you to all our volunteers who make this event possible.

- Over 20 chili varieties donated
- 100+ attending = \$ 503.73

Winners Announced

Traditional — Susan Duffy

Non-traditional — Sue Fackler

Vegetarian — Meredith Fry

Celebrity Judges Choice — Susan Duffy

People's Choice — Christi Stewart

So many delicious choices! Thank you!

KEEP COLLEGE HILL THRIVING WITH DUES!

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

What if the entire neighborhood paid their dues? \$12,000 (600+ households)

Why pay dues?

- FREE family events
 - 4th of July festivities
 - National Night Out Against Crime
- Biannual newsletters to keep you updated
- Neighborhood Improvements
- Up-to-date Website
- **Send Dues to Tom Luellen, 1619 Plass**



THE COLLEGE HILL BOOSTER SPRING 2019

EVENTS

RECYCLING DRIVE

APRIL 13

CLEAN UP DAY

APRIL 27

BLOSSOMS

MAY 11

ROUND TABLE MEETING

MAY 20

STARS & STRIPES FESTIVAL

JULY 3 & 4

RECYCLING DRIVE

JULY 6

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

AUGUST 10

CH MEETINGS

Join in on the discussion!

New Meeting Schedule! Join us bi-monthly, on the 3rd Monday of that Month at 7pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 13th & Boswell.

All neighbors welcome!

COLLEGE HILL BLOSSOMS GARDEN EVENT SATURDAY, MAY 11 8:00 - 11:00 AM

A Spring Gardening Event and College Hill Fundraiser

Yes, come join us for **Breakfast, Blossoms, and an Auction**. This favorite annual event will be at **Westminster Presbyterian Church** at 13th & Boswell. Beautiful flowers (bedding and hanging plants), delicious breakfast (egg casserole, cinnamon rolls), and our famous auction that includes artwork, gift cards, garden tools, toys, large planters, etc. We're looking for more auction items.

Contact Sue Fackler (235-6758) if you have a gift card or something in new condition to donate. Proceeds go toward the neighborhood...primarily Boswell Square Park.

COLLEGE HILL CLEAN UP SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Free Recycling, Part of Keep America Beautiful

• Dumpsters in **Boswell Square Park** from **8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**
• **Items Not Accepted** Tires, toilets, hazardous waste (paint, chemicals, pesticides, lawn chemicals, batteries) and please, no yard waste - see alternative locations listed below.

• **Etiquette** Please don't overfill dumpsters or leave items beside the dumpsters. Only add items during times listed above. It keeps our volunteers happy!

• **Item Pickup** Contact Zach (785) 845-5208

More recycling opportunities in Topeka/Shawnee County.

• **Free Confidential Paper Shred** April 27, Crestview Park Shelter, 4901 SW Shunga, 10 am - Noon.

• **Yard Waste** June 1, Garick Yard Waste Facility, I-70 & MacVicar, 8 am - 4:30 pm

• **Free Landfill Day** June 15, Rolling Meadows Landfill, 7351 NW US Highway 75, 7 am - Noon. 1 load per household.

• **Donation** Consider donating certain household items to non-profits like Topeka Habitat Restore. Visit website www.topekahabitat.org/restore-merchandise for accepted items.

• **Keep America Beautiful:** <http://kaptopsh.org>

• **We need Volunteers!** Contact Ben Alford (785) 633-2351

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4th of July Parade	Susan Duffy (785) 230-0881
National Night Out	Ardith Woertz president@collegehilltopeka.org

STAY CONNECTED!

Stay up-to-date with neighborhood announcements & events!

- **NEW!!** www.CollegeHillTopeka.org
Find the meeting minutes online!
- Facebook **CollegeHill-TopekaNeighborhood**
- NextDoor
- Twitter **@CollegeHillINA**
- Email Neighbors@CollegeHillTopeka.org

SAFETY TIPS

Get to know your neighbors. We should all strive to know our neighbors. Not only does it create community, but it keeps us safe.

Leave your porch lights on!

Help light the neighborhood, the sidewalk and your house.

Trim bushes & trees!

Keep bushes trimmed down to 3 ft. & tree branches up to 8 ft.

Make your house visible. Make sure your house numbers are visible to all emergency vehicles. House numbers should be on front & back — this includes the alley!

Lock It. Remove It or Lose It.

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

Keep our neighborhood safe!

Report all suspicious activity, vandalism or crime to our neighborhood officer. Even if the incident has passed.

Contact Officer Alexander Wall

Office (785) 368-3051 **Cell** (785) 969-3994

Email awall@topeka.org

SUMMER EVENTS

College Hill Garage Sale

June 13 - 15 Stay tuned for more info!

4th of July Stars & Stripes Festival

Wednesday, July 3

- dessert potluck, bike decorating & music

Thursday, July 4

- Turtle Races and Parade at 10 a.m.
- Wear a fun costume, dress up your dog, decorate your bike or ride on a float.

College Hill Recycling

Saturday, April 13, July 6 and Nov. 9

- **aluminum, steel, and other metals**
- **9 a.m.** Porch Pickup or Arrange a Pickup

Contact Christensens, (785) 554-8068

National Night Out Against Crime

Saturday, August 10 We need a group of motivated volunteers!

Contact Ardith Woertz

RECYCLING IN COLLEGE HILL

By Carol Christensen

College Hill Recycling Drive — Saturday, April 13. Please have your aluminum, steel, copper, brass, bronze, and other metals on or at the base of your front porch (readily viewable from the street) by 9 a.m. Please call John (554-9203) or Carol Christensen (554-8068) if you have any questions or need to arrange a special pick up.

Money brought in by recycling over the years has helped pay for many of the activities of our neighborhood. Your support of this effort is greatly needed and appreciated. Please don't give your recyclables to the landfill — or to the county! Save them for College Hill!

Because of declining recycling participation over the past few years and in consultation with Till-Star Recycling, the recycling company we've used for nearly 30 years, the College Hill Board has decided to reduce the number of recycling drives to three per year. In 2019, we will have them April 13, July 6, and November 9.

Going forward, the College Hill recycling trucks will be able to pick up *only* these items:

- We will continue to take aluminum cans, sheeting, storm doors, and other aluminum products; steel cans and larger steel products (such as bed frames); and copper, brass, and bronze pipes, fixtures, and other products.
- We *will not* be able to take large steel appliances (e.g., water heaters, washing machines, etc.) The backs of our recycling volunteers are worth much more than the few dollars that these items bring in.
- We *will not* be able to accept random steel items, such as blinds, clothes hangers, nuts and bolts. Please see the accompanying article about where items we can't accept can be taken.

In between neighborhood recycling drives, if you need to get rid of your recycling, please contact the Christensens (554-8068), who will arrange to get your recyclables from you and either store them until the next drive or make a separate recycling trip. Many thanks for your support of this valuable and environmentally-friendly project

MORE WAYS TO RECYCLE!

College Hill residents can utilize an NIA dumpster located at 19th & Western. The outdoor recycle/disposal facility is open every Saturday (rain or shine) from 10 am to noon. It is staffed by volunteers. Topeka residents (not landlords or businesses) are welcome to bring items to the facility. **Questions** Scott Marshall (785) 817-0082.

Accepted Recyclable Items Appliances, water heaters, TVs, children's toys, plastic buckets. **Trash Items** Mattresses, upholstered furniture and other bed-bug susceptible items are not accepted for recycling but may placed in the dumpster for disposal.

Paint and hazardous waste materials may be dropped off for transport to the **Shawnee County Hazardous Materials disposal facility at 131 NE 46th St.** Phone (785) 286-4371 Normal Hours: Monday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm. Take large quantities directly to facility.

EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Join us on **Saturday, April 20 at 11 am, Boswell Park**, for the annual **Easter Egg Hunt**. Children through 5th grade are invited to participate. Bring friends and neighbors to watch as the kids scramble for eggs filled with candy. Afterward, about **25 Easter baskets** will be given away through a drawing of the family's in attendance. This fun event is sponsored by **Westminster Presbyterian Church**. Call Sue Fackler with questions.