# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Neighbors:

We have lots of activities throughout the year. We need your help to volunteer. Please call or email any of the board members about your interests & availability. Things to do include handing out flyers; helping to organize events; set up & clean up crews are always welcome; judging the house decorating contests; helping with the neighborhood clean up and the events for the 3rd & 4th of July. The possibilities are endless. We'd like to have more neighborhood fellowships events at Boswell Park, but we need more volunteers!!

Sadly, the College Hill Homes Tour that normally takes place in October, a partnership with the Nautilus Club, will not take place this year. But stay tuned for **Oktoberfest, October 13** at 11:30 a.m. in **Boswell Square Park**. This will be a fun, family friendly fall festival with a food truck, music and kids activities. Celebrate College Hill!

As autumn approaches, it's important to remember to watch for school zones and to turn on your porch lights earlier in the evenings!

Hope to see you at the meeting & around the neighborhood.

Ardith Woertz, President of the College Hill Neighborhood Association

# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

In partnership with the National Night Out Against Crime, College Hill hosted a camp out in Boswell Park complete with a movie and breakfast in the morning! The heat didn't stop over 70 people from coming out to enjoy The Peanuts Movie, hot dogs and sides, plus the popular s'mores treat (it was National S'Mores Day!). Around 15 people stayed overnight to sleep under the College Hill stars, they even endured the rain. Then they woke up to bacon and eggs in the morning.

Thank you to the sponsors: Target, Reser's, Hy-Vee, Westar Energy, Alpha Media, Dillons, Frito Lay, Clayton Wealth Partners, Capitol Federal, and most of all Safe Streets and Shawnee County Parks and Recreation!

Thank you to our amazing volunteers who made this event possible. This was the first but not the last camp out in College Hill!





# THE COLLEGE HILL BOOSTER FALL 2019

## EVENTS

CH ANNUAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16
OCTOBER 13
OKTOBERFEST

RECYCLING DRIVE

NOVEMBER 2

**CH MEETING** 

**NOVEMBER 18** 

**HOLIDAY DECORATING** 

DECEMBER 22

**CHILI FEED** 

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020

**CH MEETING**JANUARY 27

**RECYCLING DRIVE** 

MARCH 28

# MEETING

Meet & Greet with the District 6 candidates for City Council located at the Topeka Public Library on November 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.



Support College Hill's newest business! A beautiful flower shop with gifts, classes and more! Blooms on Boswell Location 1300 SW Boswell Phone (785) 272-2749 BloomsonBoswell.com

# CHANNUAL MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Please join us Monday, September 16th at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall at Westminster Presbyterian Church located at 13th and Boswell for the Annual College Hill Neighborhood Association meeting.

We will have a speaker from Safe Streets. Safe Streets plus the candidates running for district 6 City Council have been invited to speak. The candidates include Hannah Naeger, Lucas Ryan and Clark W. Trammell. Refreshments will be served. Please plan to attend & meet some new neighbors. We are planning on giving out a door prize. Our treasurer will be there to collect voluntary annual dues & there will be a few house medallions for sale.

# 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

# COLLEGE HILL 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 BOARD

President Ardith Woertz
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Chili Feed (785) 608-9839

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3rd of July Erin Snethen

(785) 608-9839

4th of July Parade Susan Duffy (785) 230-0881

National Night Out Ardith Woertz president@collegehilltopeka.org

Welcome Committee Jenny Odermatt

(785) 231-4106

# STAY CONNECTED!

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

- **NEW!!** www.CollegeHillTopeka.org Find the meeting minutes online!
- Facebook CollegeHill-TopekaNeighborhood
- NextDoor
- Twitter @CollegeHillNA
- 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, the alley and your house.

#### Trim bushes & trees!

Keep bushes trimmed down to 3 ft. & tree branches up to 8 ft. Also, keep not only your front yard free of debris but the alley too. If you can't see a well lit front side walk or alley, then you can't see any suspicious activity when it matters most.

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.

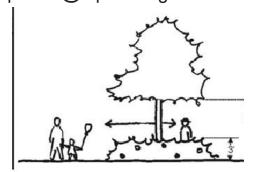
Always lock your vehicle, home and garage! Don't leave valuables in plain sight.

#### Keep our neighborhood safe!

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

**Contact** Officer Derek Parrett

Office (785) 368-2472 Cell (785) 861-6185 Email dparrett@topeka.org



# CHILL FEED 2020

Are you ready for the annual **College Hill Chili Feed**? There's a chili contest,
delicious desserts and time to catch up with
neighbors! Early 2020 date to be announced.

We need volunteers for this event!

Contact Erin Snethen at 608-9839 or

Ardith Woertz to help with the Chili Feed .

# WELCOME BASKETS

Did you know that the College Hill neighborhood has it's very own welcome basket committee? When new individuals and families move into the neighborhood, we want to welcome them enthusiastically. Here's how you can help!

- Let us know when a new family moves into the neighborhood.
- Donations needed
  - LED light bulbs
  - trash bags
  - flower seed packets
  - brownie mix
  - small baskets
- Contact Jennifer Odermatt, (785) 231-4106

# OKTOBERFEST

Oktoberfest, October 13 at 11:30 a.m., in Boswell Square Park. Join us for a family friendly fall festival with a food truck, music and kids activities. Celebrate College Hill!

### JULY 4TH WRAP-UP

What a beautiful night to celebrate, as College Hill neighbors joined together on July 3rd in Boswell Park for a dessert potluck, the blue grass band Signal Ridge and fellowship. Unfortunately, the weather took at turn for the worst on the morning of July 4th. Because of the rain, the parade was cancelled. It's not a decision that was made lightly and we know how much neighbors and the community as a whole enjoy our historic parade. Luckily that didn't stop College Hill from celebrating the 4th that evening. We want to thank all the neighbors that participated in the Patriotic Home decorations.

And the winners are.....

• 1st place: 1323 SW College Ave.

2nd place: 1404 SW Plass Ave.3rd place: 1505 SW Jewell Ave.

# RECYCLING IN COLLEGE HILL

#### **Next Recycling Drive--Saturday, November 2**

The next College Hill Recycling Drive will be Saturday, November 2, beginning at 9 a.m. Please place on your porch (so they're visible from the street) your aluminum and steel cans (preferably sorted) and other aluminum, brass, and bronze items. If you need to arrange a different pickup, or have questions about what we recycle, please call Carol Christensen.

Contact Carol Christensen (785) 554-8068

**Please remember:** though it may be easy now to drop all of your recyclables into the county recycling bins, saving your metals for College Hill will help our neighborhood pay for special activities and for the newsletters and flyers that notify neighbors of College Hill news. If you can't wait for the next neighborhood drive and are "tempted" to give your metals to the county so you don't have to hold onto them, please call the Christensens, who will get them from you and store them until the next drive. Thank you!

# JULY 2019 RECYCLING RESULTS: 590

We thank and appreciate all the people who contributed their recyclables to this drive! Since the neighborhood recycling drives began in September 1990, our College Hill Association has received \$13,500.08 from recycling!

Many thanks also to the neighbor friends who drove and picked up recyclables or lent a truck that day: Greg and Ardith Woertz, Frank and Sarah Meadows in Elizabeth Herbert's truck, and John Christensen and recycling first-timer Dan Bird.