



THE COLLEGE HILL BOOSTER SPRING 2021

EVENTS

RECYCLING DRIVE

MARCH 27

CLEAN UP DAY

APRIL 24

BLOSSOMS

MAY 1

ROUND TABLE MEETING

MAY 20

INDEPENDENCE WALK

JULY 3

RECYCLING DRIVE

JULY 10

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

AUGUST 7

CH MEETINGS

Join in on the discussion!

New Meeting Schedule! Join us

bi-monthly, on the 3rd Monday

of that Month at 7pm. Zoom

meeting or in person TBD.

All neighbors welcome!

COLLEGE HILL BLOSSOMS GARDEN EVENT

SATURDAY, MAY 1 8:00 - 11:00 AM

Join us **Saturday, May 1 from 8:00 -11:00 a.m. at 13th & Boswell**. Treat yourself to a

showy planter, a hanging basket or some bedding plants. **College Hill Blossoms** will be a

bit different this year. All activities will be *OUTSIDE*, in the church parking lot. You can stay

socially distanced and still check out the flowers and silent auction items. Proceeds go to the

neighborhood. Also, check out our new partners this year, **Blooms on Boswell** (florist/gift

shop) and **Circle Coffee** (mobile craft coffee bar). Help us support these local businesses!

There will be a special drawing at **Blooms on Boswell** during the event. It's our annual

fundraiser and a great excuse to brighten up your yard or patio, enjoy a cup of coffee, and

COLLEGE HILL CLEAN UP SATURDAY, APRIL 24

• **After missing last year due to COVID, Clean Up Day is back in College Hill!**

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.

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

More recycling opportunities in Topeka/Shawnee County.

• **Keep America Beautiful** Stay up-to-date on how to recycle and/or dispose of waste in Topeka/Shawnee Country. **Visit the website: <http://kabtopsh.org>**

• **Donation** Consider donating certain household items to non-profits like the Topeka Habitat Restore. Visit their website **www.topekahabitat.org/restore-merchandise** for accepted items. Drop-off and pick-up available.

• **Item Pickup** Email if you have items to be picked up

• **Volunteers needed for College Hill Clean Up!**

Contact Ben Alford, cleanup@collegehilltopeka.org

COLLEGE HILL BOARD

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TREE TRIMMING

If you have trees that need trimming in your "Parking" (area between sidewalk and street), call the City of Topeka Customer Service line (368-3111). The service is free and they will send your address to the forestry department to make arrangements.

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

NEW BUSINESS ALERT

We have a new restaurant near College Hill. **The Fat Shack** just opened this week at 1418 SW Lane St. — the old College Hill Pizza Pub building.

"Burgers, gigantic sandwiches, and wings, oh my. I am excited to try the Angus burger because one of them, the supreme, has three patties which is really large! Or the Fat Cow, a sandwich with mac n' cheese and bacon, you can't go wrong. I can't wait to try **The Fat Shack**. Let's go now!"

Oliver Snethen, 11 years old, was a great help in writing this article.

NEIGHBORHOOD DUES HELP US THRIVE!

Annual College Hill Dues are now **\$20**.
What if the entire neighborhood paid the dues? \$12,000 (600+ households)

Why pay dues?

- FREE family events
- Biannual newsletters to keep you updated
- Neighborhood Improvements
- Up-to-date Website
- **Send Dues to Tom Luellen, 1619 Plasse**

SUMMER EVENTS

College Hill Garage Sale

June 3 - 5 To be determined....stay tuned.

Independence Walk

Saturday, July 3

- Join your neighbors for the 2nd Independence Walk in College Hill! Details come later this summer.

Contact to Volunteer Erin Snethen
erinsnethen@gmail.com

National Night Out Against Crime

Saturday, August 7 This date is flexible.

More details to come.

OPERATION FOOD SECURE

Since October, volunteers from our neighborhood, working with **Operation Food Secure (OFS)**, have distributed food boxes to homes in our area experiencing food insecurity.

Here are some details:

More than 20 volunteers have been involved

Food is delivered every other week to 60 - 77 households

What an impact! Topeka Rescue Mission Ministries sent a report, recording the impact in College Hill, as of December 30, 2020.

424 food boxes • 424 gallons of milk • 14,246 pounds of food • 23,743 meals

The federal Farmers to Families program through USDA officially ended on December 31, 2020. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas has granted \$350,000 to continue the program through the beginning of March. The White House announced on January 4 that they will restart the program with an investment of \$1.5 billion.

OFS is in need of volunteers to prepare the boxes for distribution throughout the week. Below are some details from Topeka Rescue Mission, the agency coordinating OFS:

A semi-truck delivers pallets of food boxes every Monday and Wednesday and then we organize all of the orders for the partners coming that week.

We need your help. Below are the days and times volunteers are needed.

Monday's: 9:30 - 11:30 am (every 2 weeks), 2 - 3 volunteers

Wednesday's: 9:30 - 11:30 am (every week), 2 - 3 volunteers

We do prep at 206 NW Norris. We also ask volunteers to wear closed toe shoes and a mask. **Volunteer today! Contact** Brett Martin at collegehillfood@gmail.com

WORKING TOGETHER FOR COLLEGE HILL AND OUR COMMUNITY

The College Hill Neighborhood Association is happy to announce that we have been awarded a \$4,500 grant from the Topeka Community Foundation. The grant will help purchase LED light bulbs with photocells. The photocell will detect when the sun is out and turn off in the morning. Similarly, it will turn on at night. With everyone's busy schedules, this will help us maintain a well lit block throughout College Hill at a minimum cost of electricity, around \$5.00 a year. Just \$5 a year will light our porches for 12 hours overnight. What a simple yet effective way to keep our neighborhood safe!

In the March, April and May volunteers will be walking throughout the neighborhood to deliver and help install the bulbs.

As we mentioned in the fall newsletter, we challenge you to light up College Hill! Get your neighbors involved, make it a block challenge. Studies suggest that concerted efforts to light neighborhoods lead to safer outcomes — more light, safer neighborhood. Not to mention you can check out all the beautiful yards, gardens and flowers our neighbors will have this spring and summer.

Thanks for your willingness to consider allowing us to install a light and let Andy know if you

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Happy Spring! One of my favorite things to do this time of the year is work in my yard and visit with my neighbors. Or maybe it's just the visiting with neighbors that I enjoy. And this spring, I am so hopeful that we can start to gather as neighbors and enjoy our lives as we did before COVID. College Hill Neighborhood Association is happy to bring back some of our events — modified for everyone's safety. We plan to host the Blossom's Plant Sale and are looking at ways to celebrate the 4th of July with our Independence Walk.

These events are made possible by a wonderful group of creative and hard working neighborhood volunteers. If you would like to get involved in College Hill Neighborhood Association activities, contact a Board member. We would love your help.

Christi Stevens

RECYCLING IN COLLEGE HILL

by Carol Christensen

College Hill Recycling Drive — Saturday, March 27. We will also have 3 additional drives — July 10, September 11 and December 11.

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.

Contact 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!

We would appreciate your cooperation with new recycling protocols. We need neighbors to **save and sort** their metals (especially aluminum beverage cans).

Aluminum beverage cans together

Steel cans, cat food and tuna fish cans, aluminum foil and pie pans together

Other metals (aluminum sheeting and storm doors, copper pipes and fittings, anything bronze, etc.) separate.

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* accept random steel items, such as blinds, clothes hangers, nuts/bolts.

BRICKS FOR BOSWELL SQUARE PARK

Do you have a personalized brick at the park? Many neighbors have left a lasting memory of their time in College Hill. Bricks can be engraved with a family name/address, children's names, pet names, or a significant person/event. Each brick is \$35 and can contain 2 lines with 14 characters on each line. Send your checks made out to College Hill to Tom Lueller, 610 SW Bluewood, Portland, OR 97204, or call (503) 225-2752.