

SPRING & SUMMER CELEBRATIONS

College Hill is known for its events. I hope you were able to get involved in some of the celebrations this year. Blooms + Coffee, Turtles, Fireworks, Movies & Bikes — good times.

BLOSSOMS

The spring started out with **Blossoms**, the annual plant sale on May 1. The day was gorgeous. The sun was out, friends and neighbors came out for unique plants, social time, coffee from **Circle Coffee** and curated gifts from **Blooms on Boswell**. Thank you to our new partners on this event — our neighborhood businesses!



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

Bikes, snacks, families and a movie, *Goonies* — a good turnout of neighbors and a beautiful evening in Boswell Park.



4TH OF JULY

Independence Walk 2021 was celebrated on July 3rd this year, which kicked off the July 4th weekend. Neighbors dressed in costume, decorated their bikes and wagons, their homes were decked out in red, white and blue and we even had a few patriotic tunes to enjoy during the walk. After the walk, everyone gathered in the park. We had music, food, games, prizes and *bonus* — Pineapple Dream for all the neighbors to enjoy! Thank you to Westminster Presbyterian, Pineapple Dream and the College Hill Neighborhood Association for sponsoring the fun!



THE COLLEGE HILL BOOSTER FALL 2021

CH ANNUAL MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Please join us **Monday, September 20 at 7 PM** for our annual meeting via Zoom this year!
Meeting College Hill NA
Time September 20, 2021 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting
Use the QR Code to instantly connect to the zoom meeting on the 20th!

Meeting ID 864 9505 1355
Passcode 1122



Join the meeting to hear the latest neighborhood news, listen to guest speakers, hear updates and improvements that are planned. Get to know your neighbors and get involved!

RECYCLING IN COLLEGE HILL

College Hill Recycling Drives — December 11, 2021 and in 2022: March 26, July 9, September 17, December 10. Save these dates!

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.

Recycling has brought in over \$14,000 over the years! Your support of this effort is greatly 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/storm doors, copper pipes/fittings, bronze) separate.
- We *will not* be able to take large steel appliances (e.g., water heaters, washing machines)
- We *will not* be accept random steel items, such as blinds, clothes hangers, nuts/bolts.

EVENTS

CH ANNUAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 20

CH MEETING

NOVEMBER 15

RECYCLING DRIVE

DECEMBER 11

HOLIDAY DECORATING

DECEMBER 22

CH MEETING

JANUARY 24 & MARCH 21

RECYCLING DRIVE

MARCH 26 & JULY 10

CH MEETING

MAY 16

COLLEGE HILL BOARD

President	Christi Stewart president@collegehilltopeka.org
Treasurer	Tom Luellen (785) 580-9425
Secretary	Brett Martin brettj.martin@gmail.com
Recycling	Christensens (785) 554-8068
Code Compliance	Delores Smith (785) 234-2883
College Hill Blossoms & Wall of Fame	Sue Fackler (785) 235-6758
Spring Clean-Up & Website Maintenance	Ben Alford (785) 633-2351
Independence Day & Newsletter	Erin Snethen (785) 608-9839
National Night Out	Andy Fry collegehillfood@gmail.com

- Volunteer Positions Open**
- Vice President
 - 4th of July Parade Coordinator
 - Safety & Crime Prevention Coordinator and Committee
 - College Hill Stone Marker Coordinator and Committee
 - Chili Feed Coordinator and Committee

NEIGHBORHOOD DUES HELP US THRIVE!

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
- Biannual newsletters to keep you updated
- Neighborhood Improvements
- Up-to-date Website
- **Send Dues to Tom Luellen, 1619 Plass**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Get involved with College Hill. Our neighborhood thrives because of our amazing volunteers. We are in need of your expertise! We need volunteers for the following events or committees:

1. 4th of July Parade

- Do you love the long-standing tradition of the College Hill 4th of July Parade? We need a dedicated volunteer to help lead this event. **Contact** Erin Snethen if you're interested. **Email** erinsnethen@gmail.com

2. Safety and Crime Prevention

- Be an integral part of keeping our neighborhood safe. Talk to Christi about how to make this committee a reality. **Contact** president@collegehilltopeka.org

3. College Hill Stones

- There are multiple College Hill stone markers in prominent areas throughout the neighborhood. We need a committee dedicated to placing and the upkeep of the stones. **Contact** 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 **@CollegeHillNA**
- Email Neighbors@CollegeHillTopeka.org

CHILI FEED

Unfortunately, the Chili Feed is postponed due to the current COVID conditions in our county. If the event date is determined, the neighborhood will be notified with a flyer, banners posted in the neighborhood and announcements on social media. We hope to see everyone again soon!

LIGHT UP THE NEIGHBORHOOD KEEP YOUR PORCH LIGHT ON!

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 helped 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!

The light bulbs have arrived! This fall volunteers will be walking throughout the neighborhood to deliver and help install the bulbs.

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 continue to have season after season.

Thank you for your willingness to consider allowing us to install a light and let Andy know if you have any questions. **Contact** Andy Fry at collegehillfood@gmail.com

FREE WIFI IN BOSWELL PARK

College Hill was awarded a grant from the Kansas Leadership Center, in partnership with the College Hill Neighborhood Association, Westminster Presbyterian Church, and Ad Astra Fiber to supply free Wifi to Boswell Park, just south of the church, across the street in the parking lot. This partnership will help area students, children and adults to have access to Wifi — who might not otherwise have access. With virtual school still an option for families, this will help students succeed academically.

- Project is complete!
- One year grant — hopefully more.
- Thank you to our fellow neighbors for taking on this grant application to make this possible!
- **Questions? Contact** collegehillwifi@gmail.com



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.