

# STAY TUNED! GREAT PROGRESS COMING TO COLLEGE HILL

College Hill has applied for specific grants to improve College Hill's safety and quality of life. If we get them we may have some new murals and street markings in the neighborhood. We have many volunteers that work very hard, applying for grants, to help fund special projects within the neighborhood. Thank you for all our hard working volunteers!

## NEXT EVENT: RECYCLING DRIVE SATURDAY, MARCH 26 9:00 AM

The next College Hill recycling drive will be Saturday, March 26, beginning at 9 a.m. Even if you haven't saved recyclable metals in the past for our neighborhood, it's not too late to get started now! Please have your sorted recyclables on your porch and visible from the street by 9 a.m.

To help our recycling volunteers, please sort your metals ahead of time.

Types of metals accepted and the way the recycling company needs us to sort them:

- Aluminum beverage cans all together.
- Steel cans, cat food and tuna fish cans, aluminum foil and pie pans all together (and separate from aluminum beverage cans).
- Other metals (aluminum sheeting and storm doors, copper pipes and fittings, anything bronze, etc.) separate from the other recyclable metals.
- We are unable to take appliances, hot water heaters, and other very heavy items.
- **Questions? Pick-up or drop-off? Contact** Carol Christensen (785) 554-8068.

Thank you so much! Your recycling efforts will help our neighborhood and our world!

## RESULTS FROM RECENT RECYCLING DRIVE

Results from the December 2021 Recycling Drive:

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| • Aluminum cans: 219 lbs. @ 45 cents/lb. | \$98.55         |
| • Misc. metals: 220 lbs. @ 7.5 cents/lb. | \$16.50         |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>\$115.00</b> |

**Recycling in College Hill for over 30 years!** Compared to the September 2021 drive, we collected approximately 30 more pounds of aluminum and were paid a little more for the aluminum and miscellaneous metals (45 cents and 7.5 cents/pound, respectively, compared to 40 cents and 6 cents/pound earlier). As a result, we earned \$29 more this drive. Since the neighborhood recycling drives began in September 1990, our College Hill Neighborhood Association has received \$14,491.08 from recycling! We are hopeful that we will pass the \$15,000 mark in 2022!

**Thank you!** We thank and appreciate all the people who contributed their recyclables. But we still would love to get more neighbors to contribute theirs. We were pleased that most recyclers are sorting their materials the way we've been asked to do.



# THE COLLEGE HILL BOOSTER SPRING 2022

## EVENTS

### ROUND TABLE MEETING

MARCH 21

### RECYCLING DRIVE

MARCH 26

### EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 16

### CLEAN UP DAY

APRIL 30

### BLOSSOMS

APRIL 30

### ROUND TABLE MEETING

MAY 16

### INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY 4

### RECYCLING DRIVE

JULY 9

### ROUND TABLE MEETING

JULY 18

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

AUGUST 6

### ANNUAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 19

## COLLEGE HILL BLOSSOMS GARDEN EVENT SATURDAY, APRIL 30 8:00 - 11:00 AM

Join us **Saturday, April 30 from 8:00 -11:00 a.m. at 13th & Boswell.**

Spring is here and it's time to brighten up your yard and the neighborhood! For the last 18 years, we have been offering showy planted pots, hanging baskets, and bedding plants at our annual Blossoms sale. This is a joint partnership between College Hill and Westminster Presbyterian, with assistance from Jackson's Greenhouse. In addition to the plants, we will have a silent auction and brunch available in the fellowship hall of the church (lower level). All proceeds go toward neighborhood improvements in Boswell Square Park. Please contact Sue Fackler (785-806-3525) if you have questions or donations for the auction. There will be a special drawing at Blooms on Boswell during the event.

## COLLEGE HILL CLEAN UP SATURDAY, APRIL 30

What a great weekend to beautify your home, garden, yard and the neighborhood as a whole. Join us!

- 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](http://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@collegethillopeka.org](mailto:cleanup@collegethillopeka.org)

# COLLEGE HILL BOARD

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<b>National Night Out</b>	<b>Andy Fry</b> collegehillfood@gmail.com

## CH MEETINGS

### Join in on the discussion!

Meetings are bi-monthly, on the 3rd Monday of that month at 7pm. Zoom meeting or in person TBD. **All neighbors welcome!**

Here's a few things that were discussed at the last meeting:

- Guest speakers: Kristi Eriksen, City of Topeka traffic engineer and Commander Caviness, Topeka Police Department
- Traffic calming and pedestrian safety

## STAY CONNECTED!

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

- **NEW!!** [www.CollegeHillTopeka.org](http://www.CollegeHillTopeka.org)  
*Find the meeting minutes online!*
- Facebook **CollegeHill-TopekaNeighborhood**
- NextDoor
- Email [Neighbors@CollegeHillTopeka.org](mailto:Neighbors@CollegeHillTopeka.org)

## VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

Let's bring back the 4th of July Parade! It's time....and we need your help. CHNA needs a coordinator for the parade. The coordinator needs to:

- submit permits to city
- rent barricades
- coordinate with community groups to be involved in the parade
- help with advertising event
- supervise day of event

The CHNA Board is willing to help with all aspects of the parade. There's already a great group in place to help! Join the team!

## 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**

## SUMMER EVENTS

### College Hill Garage Sale

**June 2 - 4** To be determined....stay tuned.

### Independence Day Celebrations Monday, July 4

- Join your neighbors for the annual 4th of July celebrations. Details to come later this summer. Look for an additional flyer!

**Contact to Volunteer** Erin Snethen  
[erinsnethen@gmail.com](mailto:erinsnethen@gmail.com)

### National Night Out Against Crime

**Saturday, August 6** More details to come.

**Contact** Andy Fry [collegehillfood@gmail.com](mailto:collegehillfood@gmail.com)

## BOSWELL SQUARE EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY, APRIL 16 11:00 A.M.

Our *annual* Westminster sponsored egg hunt returns to Boswell Square Park after a two-year break. All children up through 5th grade are invited to "hunt" for plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy. Then join us after the hunt for a chance to win Easter baskets filled with goodies. Bring your own basket to collect eggs. Be sure to arrive before 11:00 a.m. since it only takes about 5 minutes for them to retrieve the eggs!

**Sponsored by** Westminster Presbyterian Church

**Where** Boswell Square Park

**Date** Saturday, April 16, 2022

**Time** 11:00 am *sharp!*

**Contact** Sue Fackler with questions or if you would like to donate (785-806-3525).

## BOSWELL SQUARE PARK: DON'T MISS THE IMPROVEMENTS!

Boswell Square Park has a long standing history in College Hill.

"Boswell Junior High School was constructed in 1922 to serve as a grade school. It was located in the 1300 block of Boswell in the Boswell addition. In 1926, Boswell was officially transformed into a junior high school. Red and white were the school's colors and the mascot was the Wildcats. The junior high stood for 59 years until it was razed as part of Topeka's plan to consolidate and reorganize middle school districts and boundaries throughout the city."

Kansas Historical Society



This nice weather is perfect for getting out and enjoying our neighborhood park. While you are there, be on the lookout for a few park improvements. Shawnee County Parks and Recreation has budgeted improvements in parks across the city and it is Boswell Park's turn. At the Chili Feed in 2019, neighbors were asked what they would like to see improved in the park. The top ideas were gazebo improvements, natural play areas, lighting and fencing. We shared these ideas with Parks and Rec and they continued to work with the neighborhood over the last year to learn more about what improvements we would like to see happen. In early 2022 all the hard work started to pay off as we saw the fence replaced and new light poles installed on the east and west edges of the park. Still to come, we will be getting a new larger gazebo and other playground improvements that we hope to see in place by the July 4th celebrations. Parks and Rec will continue to work with the neighborhood to develop some natural play areas in the park. Boswell Park was made possible by a few determined neighbors to see that a park was created when the Boswell Jr High building was torn down. Since then, the park has become a gem of the neighborhood. These improvements will ensure the park is enjoyed for years to come.