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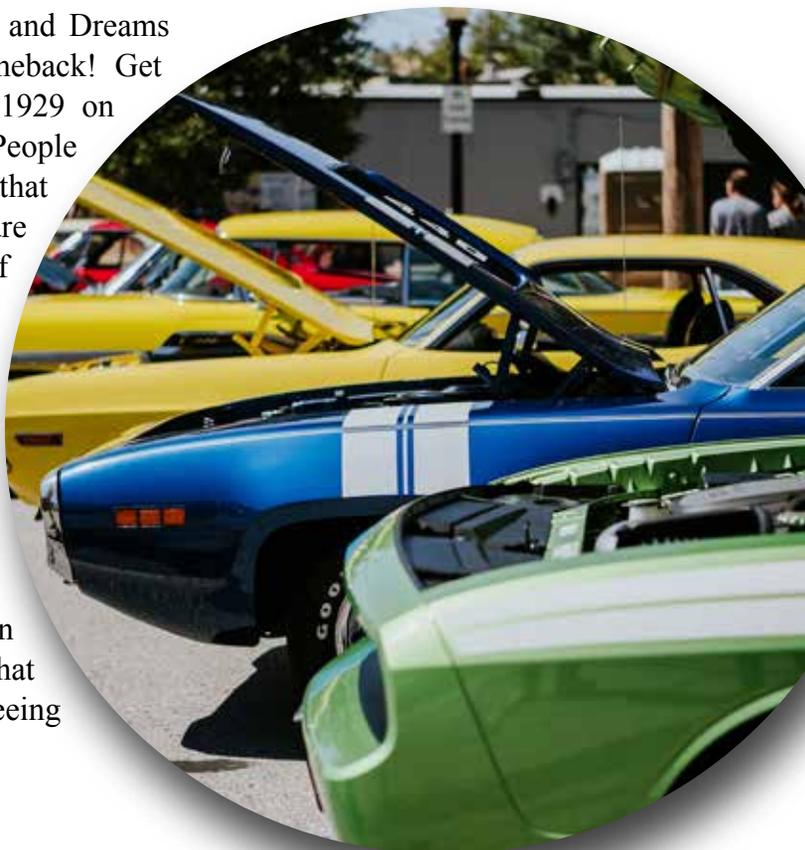
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A Shawnee Tradition Revs Up Again

Start your engines because the 12th Annual Wheels and Dreams Car, Truck and Bike Show is making a roaring comeback! Get your hot rods ready and roll out to Shawnee Town 1929 on **Sunday, September 9** from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. People really get revved up for this free, family-friendly event that attracts more than 5,000 spectators and 350 cars. We are relocating the fun to Shawnee Town this year because of “Nieman Now” construction but there will still be plenty to do and see. Not only can all you gearheads check out cars from way back when all the way up to some of the latest models, but there will also be live music by **The Instamatics**, food vendors, sponsor areas and more. If you want to take part in this Shawnee tradition, pick up a form at the Shawnee Town Visitor’s Center at 11501 W. 57th Street or call 248-2360 and we can drop one in the mail for you. Proceeds help keep Shawnee Town 1929 running along with all of its educational programs that help thousands of local students. We look forward to seeing you and your sweet rides in September!



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A GOOD WORD FROM

Mayor Michelle Distler

Dear Residents,

It might seem crazy to start thinking about the holidays, but they will be here before we know it. I love this time of year because people tend to focus more on giving and serving others. It's a time when things tend to get put in perspective and being kind takes precedence.

Every year, all of that giving, serving and kindness helps build up the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund. I get the opportunity to choose a local organization to benefit from the fund. This year, that organization will be Shawnee Community Services. The organization is not only one that is near and dear to my heart, it was also near and dear to a beloved community member's heart who passed away this year. Many of you probably knew Dona Sandifer. She was longtime Councilmember Mickey Sandifer's wife of nearly 39 years. Dona supported many organizations in Shawnee. She made regular trips to Shawnee Community Services to drop off donations to help others. Dona embodied the spirit of giving and she is one of the reasons I chose to name Shawnee Community Services as the recipient of this year's Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund.

So how can you help? There are several ways. You can pledge your support for the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund by purchasing a handmade ornament from local students for \$5 that will be placed on a Christmas Tree inside the City Hall lobby with your name on it. You can also donate any amount of money you choose. All the money raised will go directly to Shawnee Community Services and, in turn, directly to people who need a hand up in our community. Shawnee Community Services offers several services including a food pantry, free clothing and household items along with emergency financial help for shelter, utilities and health care. It's an incredible organization run by two sisters, Sylvia Terry and Marlisa VanKemseke. Their mother, Evelyn Van Kemseke, founded Shawnee Community Services in 1982. Since then, the organization has made a lasting impact in so many lives.

We will have extensive information out on the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund on our website, cityofshawnee.org, as well as on the City's social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Nextdoor.

I thank you in advance for helping in any way during this season of giving. As always, I am here for you all and I want to hear from you. If you have a great story or a concern or anything in between, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I take great pride in being your Mayor and look forward to seeing you out at the events over the next couple of months!

Sincerely,



Michelle Distler
Mayor



City Council Names New City Manager

Mayor Michelle Distler and the Shawnee City Council announced Nolan Sunderman as the new City Manager in late June.

The Governing Body included all staff and residents, allowing everyone to provide the Governing Body with input on what they were looking for in the next City Manager through surveys and a small focus group. “Thank you to everyone who provided input into this process and very important decision,” said Mayor Michelle Distler. “I believe we, as a City, made this decision together. It’s not about thinking alike, but thinking together!”

Nolan was one of four finalists that the Governing Body believed most met the requests of staff and residents. The Governing Body extensively interviewed each candidate before discussing who would be the best fit in Shawnee for years to come.

“Nolan stands out for his friendly, logical, and community-oriented approach to 21st Century city management,” said Mayor Distler. “His references, and the Council's interactions with him, showed him to be hard-working, ethical, even-tempered and a caring leader. He is aware of Shawnee's vision and values, and recognizes that we have a connected, engaged community with a great City staff.”

“I am honored to have the opportunity to help lead this community and will work to keep it a place where people are proud to live and work,” Sunderman said.

Sunderman joined the staff at the City of Shawnee as Assistant City Manager in June 2016. He started his municipal career at the City of Republic, Missouri. In 2007, Nolan started working for the City of Lansing, Kansas as the Economic Development/Convention & Visitors Bureau Director. In 2014, he went to the City of Prairie Village, Kansas where he served as the Assistant to the City Administrator.

Sunderman holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science and Master’s Degree in Public Administration from Missouri State University. Nolan, his wife Natalie, and their son Connor live in Shawnee. He is an active member in the community and in numerous professional organizations including the International

City/County Management Association and the Kansas Association of City/County Management. Nolan is also a graduate of the Certified Public Manager program through the University of Kansas Public Management Center.

Sunderman replaced Vicki Charlesworth, who served as interim City Manager. She will retire in late 2018. “During this time, Vicki stepped up and did a phenomenal job, making great strides to make us better than ever before,” said Mayor Distler. “Her efforts are beyond appreciated by the Governing Body. I am proud that all Shawnee employees have done a great job in ensuring that the City of Shawnee is where it is today, with as strong of community as it has. Not all cities are in this position.”

Mayor Distler added, “With Vicki's departure, Nolan has big shoes to fill. He will however have a uniquely positive opportunity. As a City, we are lucky to promote him from within the organization, bringing with him both new ideas and a sense of continuity.”

Sunderman began serving as City Manager in early July.



GOOD TIMES

SCARECROW FESTIVAL

Celebrate Fall at the 14th annual Scarecrow Festival, presented by the Shawnee Downtown Partnership at City Hall on **Saturday, October 6** from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

This family-friendly event includes scarecrow making, pumpkin decorating, farmers' market, baking contest, and seasonal displays. Supplies and decorations will be provided at no cost while they last. Downtown Shawnee will be transformed as businesses and merchants participate in a scarecrow contest. Come and check out all of the creative displays along Johnson Drive and in front of City Hall.

For you chefs out there, showcase your skills by participating in the baking contest, which includes categories for pumpkin pie, fruit pie, and pumpkin bread. Winners in each category will receive a \$50 prize. Samples of the delectable desserts will be available for purchase after the contest. Contest entry forms can be found on the City's website.

For more information visit cityofshawnee.org or call 742-6011.



OKTOBERFEST

Crank up the accordions and head on over to the 16th annual Oktoberfest. Hosted by the Shawnee German-American Club, this year's celebration is set for **Friday, September 28** at the Shawnee Civic Centre (located at 13817 Johnson Drive) from 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Admission is **FREE** for the whole family.

This fun and festive event will feature authentic German food and beverages, along with live music from Betty Jo Simon and the Alpen Speilers, a Bavarian polka band that has been performing in and around the Kansas City area for many years. Later, be sure to stay and see performances of traditional German folk dancing from Blautaler Schuhplatter of Kansas City, an authentic Bavarian dance troupe! Also, don't miss your chance to step outside (to the biergarten) for music and dancing with Honky-Tonk Trio, who will be performing country-western, oldies, and contemporary hits!

Children will be able to enjoy a variety of activities and games, presented by the Shawnee Town Museum, while in the Kinderhall! German or not, this event is wunderbar!

Clear the Clutter

Get ready to protect your identity, prescriptions and the planet!

Join us **Saturday, October 20** from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Splash Cove parking lot (5800 King Street) for the City's 7th annual Fall Shredding Event.

Held in conjunction with "America Recycles Day", PROSHRED will be helping you to safely dispose of your confidential documents. All shredded documents are then recycled. The service is free but there is a recommended donation of \$5 for a regular file box and \$10 for a large file box, which helps offset the cost of shredding. Any remaining donations will benefit the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund.

The Police Department will also be on hand to ensure the safe disposal of any unused prescription drugs.

The Shawnee Lions Club will be collecting eyeglasses to support the Lions Recycle for Sight initiative that provides eyeglasses to those in need.

Anyone coming to the event should enter the parking lot at 57th Terrace and King where drivers will be directed to the appropriate line.

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Get in the Holiday Spirit with Shawnee's Christkindlmarkt
Event Highlighted by Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting and a Visit from Santa



The holidays will be in full swing in Shawnee on **Saturday, December 1.**

This annual holiday event is free and has something for the entire family to enjoy. The festivities get started at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall (11110 Johnson Drive) with our Sister Cities market, live entertainment, kids' crafts, and Santa will be there to hear your kid's Christmas wishes.

Explore downtown Shawnee businesses with even more activities, including food trucks, face painting, balloon artists, live reindeer and more!

Make your way back to City Hall by 5:15 p.m. when Mayor Michelle Distler will be joined by Santa and Mrs. Claus to present the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund to Shawnee Community Services and light the Mayor's Christmas Tree.

For more information, contact Lauren Grashoff at 742-6226 or by e-mail at lgrashoff@cityofshawnee.org.

City Open House

Bring the whole family out to Fire Headquarters at 6501 Quivira on **Saturday, September 15** for a morning of fun! From 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., kids can climb up in fire trucks, spray a fire hose, get an inside look at police vehicles and so much more. We'll have face-painting for the little ones and fun giveaways. Plan to grab a bite to eat as we'll be grilling up goodies and scooping up snacks. All of our City Departments will be there to get you updated on the latest City projects and to answer any questions you might have about Nieman Now, the Community Center Feasibility Study, the new Fire Station being built or anything else! You can also learn more about how you can make a big impact in your community by volunteering for the City!

Keep an eye on the City's Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor and cityofshawnee.org for new details about our Open House. We look forward to seeing you and showing you how the City is working for you!



Shawnee Salutes Our Veterans

Sunday, November 11 - 4:00pm

Shawnee Civic Centre
13817 Johnson Drive



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October is always a busy month for the Shawnee Fire Department. It's when we get the opportunity to visit our local elementary schools and teach children about fire safety.

This year's National Fire Prevention Week theme is **“Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere”**. Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which sparked on October 8, 1871. Here are some things you can do at home to help be fire safe:

- **“LOOK”** for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.
- **“LISTEN”** for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place. It should be a safe distance away from the home in an area where everyone knows to meet.
- **“LEARN”** two ways out of every room. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

Keep an eye on the City's website and social media channels where we'll be providing tips during National Fire Prevention Week.



Burn Permits Available Online

The Fire Department is happy to announce that you can now get a burn permit online. All you have to do is go to cityofshawnee.org/fire and click on "Burn Permit". Then just fill out the application, pay online and you'll be issued a burn permit. You are still welcome to get your burn permit in person at Fire Headquarters at 6501 Quivira Road Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



CORE Expansion

In 2015, the Police Department initiated a new program titled Community Outreach, Relations and Engagement (CORE). The primary mission of CORE is to reach out to the community, build positive relationships, and engage the public to partner with the police in practicing crime reduction strategies. To date, the unit has been staffed with just one officer.

Due to the overwhelming success of the unit, and potential for how much more can be done in this area, the department sought to grow the unit's staffing during the 2018R/2019 budget process. The governing body approved an expansion which will include two new officers. With the increased staffing, the police department will be able to provide more educational programs, have a greater presence on social media, and boost interactions with the public at community events, all aimed at creating a safer Shawnee!



October

- 1 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 2 Council Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Parks and Rec. Advisory Board - 5:30 p.m.
- 6 Scarecrow Festival - 9:00 a.m.
- 8 City Council - 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Third Thursdays with the Mayor - 8:00 a.m.
Board of Zoning Appeals - 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Operation Secure Shred, Prescription Drug Take Back & Eyeglass Collection - 8:00 a.m.
- 22 City Council - 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Shawnee Downtown Partnership - 6:00 p.m.
- 27 Holiday Treasures Craft Festival - 9:00 a.m.
Historical Hauntings - 6:00 p.m.

November

- 1 Parks and Rec. Advisory Board - 5:30 p.m.
- 5 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Council Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Veterans Day Celebration - 4:00 p.m.
- 12 Veterans Day Observed - City Offices Closed
- 13 City Council - 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Third Thursdays with the Mayor - 8:00 a.m.
Board of Zoning Appeals - 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Thanksgiving Day Holiday City Offices Closed
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- 26 City Council - 7:00 p.m.

December

- 1 Christkindlmarkt - 2:00 p.m.
- 3 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Council Committee - 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Parks and Rec. Advisory Board - 5:30 p.m.
- 10 City Council - 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Third Thursdays with the Mayor - 8:00 a.m.
Shawnee Downtown Partnership - 6:00 p.m.
Board of Zoning Appeals - 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Christmas Eve Holiday - City Offices Closed
City Council - 7:00 p.m. - CANCELLED
- 25 Christmas Holiday - City Offices Closed

Show Your Shawnee Pride

Want to snag some Shawnee swag? We have several adult, youth, toddler and baby onesie styles of Shawnee shirts for sale at the Shawnee Town Gift Shop located on West 57th Street between Flint and Cody. The Gift Shop is open Monday - Fri. from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The adult shirts are \$12 and the kids' sizes are \$8!



Get Involved

If you'd like to volunteer for the City, we have several opportunities. You can sign up for our Snow Squad, Adopt-A-Spot or check out many other opportunities.

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Elizabeth Griffith, at 742-6244 or egriffith@cityofshawnee.org if you are interested in helping.

Stay Social With Shawnee

Did you know the Shawnee Police Department is now on Twitter and Facebook? Be sure to give them a follow to stay connected on what's happening in your community. You can find them @shawneeKSpolice on Twitter and Facebook. And make sure you show the City and Shawnee Town 1929 some love too at @CityofShawneeKS and @ShawneeTown1929. Check us out on Nextdoor and Instagram too!



GOOD SERVICE STARTS HERE.

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Animal Control	631-2150
Appraiser (County)	715-9000
Athletic Field Reservations	631-5200
Building Inspections	742-6010
Burning Permits	631-1080
Business Licenses	742-6014
Car Tags	715-2600
Chamber of Commerce	631-6545
City Clerk	742-6014
City Council	742-6238
City Hall	631-2500
City Manager	742-6200
CityRide	742-6014
Civic Centre	631-5200
Code Enforcement	742-6010
Deck Permits	742-6010
Driver's License (State)	432-2266
Engineering	742-6012
Fire Department	631-1080
Garage Sale Regulations	742-6014
Health Department (County)	826-1200
Job Hotline	742-6013
Johnson County Library	826-4600
Junk Vehicles	631-2150
Odor Complaints	742-6096
Mayor	742-6238
Paint Disposal (County)	715-6900
Pavement & Sidewalk Maintenance	742-6008
Police (Non-Emergency)	631-2155
Police Emergency	9-1-1
Parks and Recreation	631-5200
Program Information Line (County)	815-2122
Planning & Zoning	742-6011
Public Works Maintenance	742-6008
Purchasing	742-6015
Recycling & Solid Waste Questions	742-6213
Right of Way Hotline	742-6023
Road Construction	742-6009
Shawnee Town	248-2360
Shelter House Reservations	631-5200
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Street Lights	742-6008
Tall Grass - Weeds	742-6010
Town Hall Rental	248-2360
Traffic Tickets	742-6003
Volunteer Opportunities	742-6244
Voter Registration	742-6014

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