

# CityLine

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Fall 2011

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## Good Volunteers Start Here.

The word 'volunteer' is music to the ears of the staff at Shawnee Town Museum. In 2010, close to 200 Shawnee Town Museum volunteers donated more than 4,000 hours in support of Museum projects and activities. Many of the volunteers donated 100 or more hours. The hours that volunteers put in at the Police Department aren't anything to shake a stick at either. Eight volunteers and unpaid interns donated 1,342 hours in 2010 assisting staff with various clerical duties and acting as role players in various training exercises. Every day community volunteers give countless hours serving on advisory boards such as the Planning Commission, the CityRide Task Force, and the Parks and Recreation Board, so that Shawnee can continue to be one of the best places to live in the United States.

Volunteers are a win-win proposition for Shawnee. The residents who volunteer are engaged in their community and receive a rewarding experience. When Shawnee resident Phil Feil recently retired, he turned to Shawnee Town for opportunities. When asked about it, he commented, "I get more thank-yous from the folks at the museum than I got my entire professional career. How happy is that!"

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 62.8 million people volunteered through or for an organization at least once between September 2009 and September 2010. The City has considered capturing more volunteer time and has had recent discussions about expanding and creating a more formal volunteer program. These discussions will continue through the 2012 Budget process.

Shawnee wouldn't be the community that it is without people willing to donate their time. Individuals who serve on committees are a huge reason why Shawnee is known as a suburb that feels like a "hometown." Events like Shawnee Shine Up, Beauty and the Best, Old Shawnee Days, the St. Patrick's Parade and Duck Race, the Tour De Shawnee, and the Great Grillers



Blues and BBQ Championship wouldn't be possible without the countless volunteers who sign-up to help.

If you are interested in volunteering or serving on a board, visit Volunteer Opportunities on the City's website.

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A GOOD WORD FROM

# Mayor Jeff Meyers

Dear Residents,

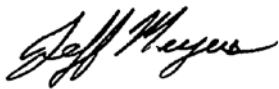
Not too long ago, I read in a magazine that the Kansas City metropolitan area is one of the fattest in America. The rankings considered the percentage of people who are overweight, the percentage with type two diabetes, the percentage who haven't left the couch in a month, the money spent on junk food, and finally, the number of people who ate fast food nine or more times in a month. Those cities that ranked as the fittest had an abundance of park space, below average obesity rates and a higher number of people who take part in activities like volleyball, racquetball, aerobics, hiking, basketball, yoga, tai chi, swimming, cycling, running, and kickboxing.

I generally like those lists. Shawnee has recently appeared on the Best Places to Live and Most Affordable Suburbs lists. But, when it comes to the fattest cities, I don't want to be on that list! With just a little physical activity each day, we can significantly reduce the number of people who haven't left the couch and improve the health of our community.

I am challenging each and every one of you to get yourself and your family up and active! The opportunities to be active in Shawnee are endless. I have great ideas about how you can do it. Take your pick – from sand volleyball, tennis, Rolle Bolle, roller hockey, playgrounds, to softball, baseball and soccer. If none of those appeal to you, you can walk or bike on our great trails. During the hot days of summer, there is Splash Cove geared towards our very young population and the Soetaert Aquatic Center, including the latest craze – the Wibit. Wibit you ask? It is an inflatable obstacle course that brings fun excitement and friendly competition for kids, teens, and anyone interested in just having a blast! There is the Tour De Shawnee in August and the John Glaser 5K Memorial Run in October. If you are interested in staying indoors, there are classes at the Civic Centre like Tae Kwon-Do or Senior Wii bowling. The fall Parks & Recreation Brochure is attached for you to peruse and find all the different types of activities that may interest you. If after reading it, you can't find what you are looking for, call our Parks and Recreation Department at 631-5200 and they will help you find something that fits you.

Small simple changes can make a big difference in your physical and mental health. Take advantage of everything we have to offer in Shawnee. Good Health Starts Here!

Sincerely,



Jeff Meyers  
Mayor



# Streetlights Looking Bright

The City recently completed a citywide night streetlight inventory to see how our current streetlight maintenance program is performing and identify ways to improve. The inventory revealed that 93% of our streetlights were functioning properly. Action has been taken to repair the ones that are not working; which will result in the City being as bright as ever!

Over the next year, the City will be thoroughly reviewing its streetlight maintenance program in an effort to establish and provide an appropriate level of service. With over 6,000 streetlights there will always be a few malfunctioning or out. We appreciate your assistance in reporting these instances so that we can take corrective action.

You can report a streetlight problem using the Citizen Service Requests under On-Line Services at [www.cityofshawnee.org](http://www.cityofshawnee.org) or via phone at 742-6008. It is helpful for you to provide as much location information as possible including:

- The address nearest the pole.
- The nature of the problem (pole down, light out, light cycling off and on).
- If present, the light pole number and the street name the light is directed over.
- Your contact information (not required) in the event we need additional location information.

It is the City's goal to either fix or update you on the status of more complicated streetlight problems within 10 business days.

Thank you for continuing to support our streetlight maintenance program by reporting streetlight concerns.

## Trap-Neuter-Return Conference

Do you notice stray cats in your neighborhood or around your business? Join us on October 7 & 8, 2011 at City Hall to learn about the only proven population control strategy for free-roaming cats in our community - Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR). Hear from the experts, including Bryan Kortis from PetSmart Charities, Inc. about the successful Trap-Neuter-Return efforts in our community and throughout the nation. Learn why humanely trapping stray and feral cats, sterilizing and vaccinating them, and returning them to their home territory reduces the population of cats and kittens euthanized in our area shelters. TNR breaks the reproduction cycle and lowers the homeless cat population. For registration information, visit [www.nmhpkc.org](http://www.nmhpkc.org).

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# Solicitors

The warm weather makes it the prime time for door-to-door solicitors. The City has rules and regulations for solicitors or peddlers working in Shawnee. Here are a few highlights of the regulations. All solicitors are required to register with the City Clerk's office and carry a valid permit that is available for inspection upon request. Door-to-door solicitation is limited to the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. It is unlawful for any person to ring a bell, knock on a door, or attempt to gain admittance for the purpose of soliciting or peddling at a residence that displays a sign bearing the words "No Solicitors," or "No Trespassers." All residents are advised to use caution and common sense when dealing with door-to-door solicitors. Free "No Solicitors" stickers are available at the City Clerk's office. To report violations of our solicitation ordinance call the Shawnee Police Department at 631-2150. For all of the rules and regulations visit [www.cityofshawnee.org](http://www.cityofshawnee.org) or call the City Clerk at 742-6014.



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

## GAS PRICES GOT YOU DOWN

Curb-to-curb bus service in Shawnee Tuesday and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

\$1 fare each way

Call 24 hours in advance for a ride  
(913) 397-7300 or visit

[www.cityofshawnee.org](http://www.cityofshawnee.org) for more information.

# Yard Waste Reminders

When setting out yard waste for curbside collection, remember these key items:

- Yard waste is not part of your Pay-As-You-Throw limit.
- Your haulers may have their own limits on the amount of yard waste they will collect and may require you to purchase a sticker or arrange for a payment if your yard waste exceeds their limits.
- If you are setting out your yard waste curbside, remember to place it in either kraft paper bags or bundle it. If your hauler permits, you may also place yard waste in rigid containers. Check with them first.
- Bundles should have tree trimmings that are less than two (2) inches in diameter and not larger than 48 inches long and 18 inches in diameter.
- Please contact your hauler if you have any questions about yard waste limits and using rigid containers.

Looking for other options for yard waste? Explore backyard composting. The City allows for backyard composting just remember these general requirements:

- The maximum composting area size is 5' X 5' X 15' (375 cu. ft.) and must be contained within a fence or container.
- Do not place composting area in the front yard (or side yard of a corner lot).
- Keep the composting area at least 30' back from any adjacent dwelling.
- The compost cannot produce objectionable odors or attract pests.

Looking for a drop-off facility for your yard waste? The City of Olathe has opened their composting facility to non-Olathe residents. Visit Shawnee's website for a link to Olathe's fees for this service and for a link to Johnson County's Yard Waste page. It has tips, additional drop-off facilities listed, and a list of backyard composting classes.



## Trash and Recycling Reminders

Trash and Recycling Carts should be stored behind the building set back line or existing building line. This means that you should have your cart on the side of your house, behind it, or inside your garage. If you live on a corner lot this means you have two building lines. Carts can be placed at the curb 24 hours prior to collection and must be returned to their storage location within 12 hours of collection.

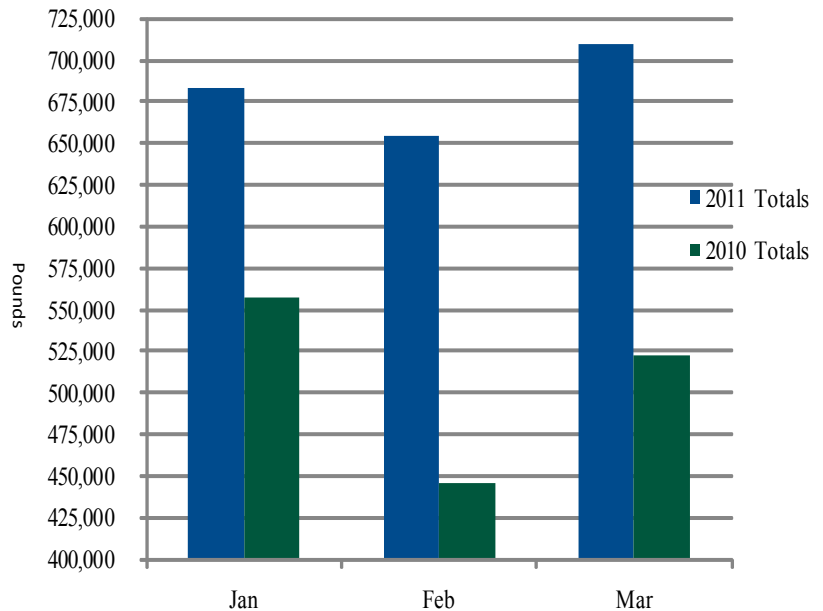
Remember the deadline for Home Owners Association contracts to be in compliance with the ordinance and for haulers to provide residents with carts is August 1, 2011.

**Spring Recycling Event**  
**Electronics: 25,921 lbs**  
**Shredding: 7,900 lbs**  
**Bikes: 117**

## Curbside Recycling

2010: 1,525,535lbs (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter)

2011: 2,046,740lbs (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter)



# SUSTAINABLE

## Right of Way Areas Mowed by the City are Changing

In these challenging financial times, the City staff and elected officials are analyzing City programs to determine their cost, their effectiveness and their value. With this information, better decisions can be made about what the highest priorities are for City services. Review of the Right-of-Way Mowing Program was completed this spring and the Governing Body approved changes to the program effective September 1, 2011.

The Right-of-Way (ROW) is the public street and the area next to the street (usually 10' to 15' back from the street) that is designated for utilities, sidewalks and as a "clear zone" along the edge of a street. Most ROW areas are mowed by adjacent property owners. However, City crews had been mowing approximately 270 acres of ROW throughout the community for various reasons over the years. The changes eliminated mowing by City crews on curbed ROWs next to agriculturally zoned properties. Many other areas were eliminated as well.

Additional information may be found at [www.cityofshawnee.org/rowmowing](http://www.cityofshawnee.org/rowmowing) or contact the Codes Department at 742-6010.

## Yard Waste Changes

Johnson County adopted a new Solid Waste Code on October 7, 2010. Many of the new requirements are already incorporated in the City's Trash and Recycling Ordinance. The new County Code prohibits, effective January 1, 2012, yard waste in the landfills. Your hauler can still collect your yard waste curbside, but they must take the material to a composting facility. You may also choose to decrease your yard waste in alternative ways. Whichever method you choose to handle your yard waste, here are a few things to think about this summer and fall when working out in your yards:

- Research has shown that you can mulch up to six inches of leaves into your lawn. It is best to have your blade sharpened and to mulch frequently throughout the fall season. Be sure and have your mower blade sharpened before the fall season to ensure effective mulching.
- Yard waste dumped into our streams and ponds provide nutrients causing increased natural bacteria growth (blue-green algae) which can release toxins that can be harmful if ingested by humans and pets. Increased bacteria growth also uses oxygen in the water that can cause fish to die.
- Dumping can also clog catch basins resulting in possible flooding. When flooding happens, it can cause damage to personal property, and increase maintenance cost for the City. If you see this kind of dumping, please notify the Public Works Department at 742-6230.

## Operation Secure Shred!

Protect your identity and the planet through Operation Secure Shred! Operation Secure Shred is an opportunity to have confidential documents you no longer need or papers you want to safely dispose of destroyed. This event is held in conjunction with "America Recycles Day," as the documents shredded are then recycled. This year's event is scheduled for **Saturday, November 5, 2011**, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Splash Cove Parking Lot (5800 King Street). This service is free with recommended donations of \$5 for a regular banker box and \$10 for a large banker box encouraged. Donations will offset the cost of shredding and the remaining donations will go to benefit City Ride, the City funded transportation service that targets seniors. Please enter the parking lot at 57<sup>th</sup> Terrace and King and follow the signs that will direct you where to go.

## CFL Give Away

As part of the Energy Efficiency Block Grant program, the City has purchased Compact Florescent Light bulbs (CFLs) for residents to try at no charge. The idea is that once you try them, you will make the switch. CFLs use less energy than traditional incandescent bulbs and can save 250lbs of carbon dioxide per year and help residents save on their utility bills.

The CFLs will be distributed at our many community events over the summer and fall until supplies last. For a list of events where CFLs will be distributed visit our website at [www.cityofshawnee.org](http://www.cityofshawnee.org).



# SHAWNEE

# GOOD TIMES

## Shawnee Bike Safety Rodeo

Don't miss the seventh annual Shawnee Rotary/City of Shawnee Bike Safety Rodeo from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon on **Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>** at Mill Valley High School, 5900 Monticello Road, rain or shine. This event provides safety training for children who plan to ride their bikes to school. Participants will earn a bicycle safety certificate presented to them by Shawnee Police Officers, after completing a seven station skills course. They will also receive a free T-shirt and a free bike helmet donated by local businesses and not-for-profit groups. There will be information tables, free bike inspections and helmet fittings, opportunities to participate in presentations, and an ongoing raffle to win select prizes for participation. You may even see some magicians, school mascots, business cartoon characters, and City of Shawnee Fire Trucks on site. Come join the fun and help keep our young bike riders safe!

## Friends of Shawnee Town CRAFT FAIR

In search of a unique decorative item or holiday gift? Shawnee Town will be overflowing with seasonal crafts, including holiday ornaments, candles, floral arrangements and much more at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Shawnee Town Arts & Crafts Fair. Join crafters at Shawnee Town, 11501 W. 57<sup>th</sup>, on **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Arts and Crafts Fair is presented by the Friends of Shawnee Town. Admission is \$1.00 at the gate, and all proceeds benefit the Shawnee Town Museum. Call Shawnee Town, 248-2360 or e-mail [shawneetown@cityofshawnee.org](mailto:shawneetown@cityofshawnee.org) for more information.

# WHEELS & DREAMS

## 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CAR, TRUCK & BIKE SHOW



**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**  
 Johnson Drive and Nieman Road

Money collected will benefit Shawnee Safe Home and a local Shawnee girl!

**Pre-Registration \$20 or \$25 on Event Day**

First 250 entries receive a free goody bag • Door prizes • Trophies  
 Grand Prize - \$500 cash

**PICK UP PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS AT :**

Hartman Hardware  
 11018 Johnson Drive  
 Shawnee, KS 66203  
 631-7592

Encore  
 11006 Johnson Drive  
 Shawnee, KS 66203  
 268-5393



# START HERE.



Crank up the accordions and head on over to the Oktoberfest. The Shawnee German-American Club's ninth annual Oktoberfest is scheduled for **Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** at the Shawnee Civic Centre, located at 13817 Johnson Drive. The celebration will run from 5:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. and features the Willie Kirst German Band, a German polka dance band. Willie Kirst grew up in Bavaria, Germany and has been performing in and around the Kansas City area for parties and events for many years. The Blautaler Schuhplatter dancers of Kansas City will also be performing. The authentic Bavarian Dance Troup presents unique and energetic entertainment in the traditional German folk dance style.

Shawnee's Oktoberfest is intended for the whole family and includes games for the children, Kinderhall from Shawnee Town Museum, and a "moonwalk". The celebration will also include German food and beverages and a raffle with multiple prizes to benefit a local charity. All events are open to the public and admission is free!



Join us on **Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** to celebrate the holiday season with Christmas Around Town and the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting. For more information, visit [www.cityofshawnee.org](http://www.cityofshawnee.org).

## SCARECROW FESTIVAL

Celebrate the autumn season at the seventh annual Scarecrow Festival presented by the Shawnee Downtown Partnership **Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** at City Hall 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon.

There will be something for everybody! Businesses are invited to participate in the Scarecrow Contest. Merchants all around downtown will create and display scarecrows for public viewing along Johnson Drive and in front of City Hall.

Kids can participate in pumpkin painting and building their own scarecrow. Supplies and decorations will be provided at no cost. Other kids' activities will be available as well.

For all the aspiring chefs out there, be sure to join the baking contest, which will include categories for pumpkin pie, fruit pie and pumpkin bread. There will be separate categories for adults and youth in the pumpkin pie contest. Each winner receives a \$50 prize! Slices of pie and bread will be sold afterwards for \$1 to the general public.

And, don't miss out on the Farmers' Market. Fall crops abound! For more information about events or to get a contest entry form, call 742-6226. Don't miss out on this popular event!

## SCARE UP SOME FUN AT HISTORICAL HAUNTINGS

**Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.**



**Shawnee Town**  
**11501 W. 57<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Free and open to the public!**

## August

- 1 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 2 Finance and Administration - 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Parks and Rec. Advisory Board - 5:30 p.m.
- 5 Summer Concert Series - 7:00 p.m. @ West Flanders
- 8 City Council - 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Public Works and Safety - 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Board of Zoning Appeals - 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Bike Rodeo - 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon
- 22 City Council - 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Shawnee Downtown Partnership - 6:00 p.m.
- 28 Tour de Shawnee - 8:00 a.m.

## September

- 1 Parks and Rec. Advisory Board - 5:30 p.m.
- 5 Labor Day - City Offices Closed
- 6 Finance and Administration - 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Wheels & Dreams Car, Truck & Bike Show - 11:00 a.m.
- 12 City Council - 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Shawnee Downtown Partnership - 7:00 a.m.
- 15 Board of Zoning Appeals - 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Shawnee Town Craft Fair - 9:00 a.m.
- 19 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Public Works and Safety - 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Great Grillers BBQ - 6:00 p.m.
- 24 Great Grillers BBQ - 10:00 a.m.
- 26 City Council - 7:30 p.m.

## October

- 1 Scarecrow Festival - 9:00 a.m.
- 3 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Finance and Administration - 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Parks and Rec. Advisory Board - 5:30 p.m.
- 7 Oktoberfest
- 10 City Council - 7:30 p.m.
- 15 NeighborWood - 9:00 a.m.
- 17 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Public Works and Safety - 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Board of Zoning Appeals - 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Holiday Treasures Craft Festival - 9:00 a.m.
- 24 City Council - 7:30 p.m.
- 29 Historical Hauntings - 6:00 p.m.
- 31 Halloween

## November

- 3 Parks and Rec. Advisory Board - 5:30 p.m.
- 5 Fall Document Shredding Event - 9:00 a.m.
- 7 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Finance and Administration - 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Veterans' Day Holiday City Offices Closed
- 14 City Council - 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Shawnee Downtown Partnership - 6:00 p.m.
- 17 Board of Zoning Appeals - 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Public Works and Safety - 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Thanksgiving Day Holiday City Offices Closed
- 25 Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices Closed
- 28 City Council - 7:30 p.m.

# LOCK OUT CRIME!

Although Shawnee has a very low crime rate, we are not immune to crime. Car break-ins, car thefts and residential burglaries do occur in our City. An overwhelming number of those incidents could have easily been prevented simply by locking and securing your car and home. In 2011, 73% of car burglaries reported to the police involved an unlocked vehicle. Simply locking the doors and making sure all of the windows on the vehicle are closed would have most likely prevented these incidents from occurring. Securing a vehicle also reduces car thefts - 72% of the vehicles stolen to date in Shawnee have been unlocked, many with the keys hanging in the ignition or "hidden" under a floor mat (thieves know the common places to "hide" keys!)

Securing your residence is also important. This year 48% of the residents who have reported having their home burglarized also reported they had left a door, window or garage doors unsecured. Many victims claim "they only ran out for a few minutes" or "I always leave the back door unlocked." Below are a few tips to keep you and your property safe:

- Place a metal rod or piece of plywood in the track of a sliding glass door and install vertical bolts to prevent burglars from forcing the door open or lifting it off the track.
- Always lock the door to an attached garage and don't rely on an automatic garage door opener for security.
- Ensure your house is well lighted on the outside.
- Install motion sensor lights near your home or vehicles parked in the driveway.
- If you and your family plan to be out of town for an extended period of time plan accordingly. Have a trusted neighbor collect mail and newspapers so they do not accumulate. Never leave a message on your answering machine telling people you are away. Keep this in mind for your social media postings as well.

In our busy lives we can become complacent at times inviting thieves to take advantage of our carelessness. Keeping crime rates down is a joint partnership between the community and the police department. Taking a few simple precautions and making them a habit can make a difference.




# Stormwater

## Flood Safety

The following guidelines can help you from the dangers of flooding:

- ◆ Do not drive through flooded areas or around barriers. More people drown in cars than anywhere else.
- ◆ Do not walk through flowing water. Currents can be deceptive. Six inches of water can knock you off your feet.
- ◆ Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. If your house is about to be flooded, turn off the power at the service box. Electrical current can travel through water. Electrocution is the second leading cause of death during floods.
- ◆ Be alert to gas leaks. Turn off the gas to your house before it floods. If you smell gas, report it to a City official or your gas company. Do not use candles, lanterns or open flames if you smell gas or are unsure if your gas has been shut off.
- ◆ Keep children away from the flood waters, ditches, culverts and storm drains.
- ◆ Clean everything that has been wet. Flood water will be contaminated with sewage and other chemicals which pose severe health threats.
- ◆ Look out for animals, especially snakes. Small animals that have been flooded out of their home may seek shelter in yours.
- ◆ Do not use gas engines, such as generators, or charcoal fires indoors during power outages. Carbon monoxide exhaust can pose serious health hazards.

## POOL WATER AND YOU Stormwater Pollution Prevention



With the warm summer months upon us, swimming pools are a great way to stay cool. Water in pools and spas can contain large amounts of chlorine, which can be very harmful to the ecosystem. When cleaning, back-flushing pool filters, or draining your pools, remember the following:

1. Release pool filter back wash into the sanitary sewer or out onto the grass on your property. Do NOT allow filter back-flush to run into the street, storm drains, streams, or other body of water.
2. Do NOT back-flush your pool filter or drain your pool onto an adjacent property so as to create a nuisance for your neighbor.
3. Before you drain your pool water, let it sit 72 hours to burn off the majority of the chlorine prior to discharging it into the storm sewer system.

Releasing this toxic water into the storm sewer system can kill vegetation and wildlife downstream. Chlorinated pool water in a stream can actually increase the levels of other pollutants in the stream. Protect our water environment when performing maintenance to your swimming pools. For more information call 742-6009 or visit [www.cityofshawnee.org/stormwater](http://www.cityofshawnee.org/stormwater).

## Flood Insurance

If you do not have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. Flood insurance is only available to those participating communities in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The City has been a member of the NFIP since November 15, 1978. Because of the City's floodplain management programs that help protect us from the multiple flooding hazards; all property owners can purchase federally backed flood insurance whether they are in a floodplain or on top of a hill. This flood insurance can be obtained from most homeowner insurance carriers. Additionally, because the City participates in FEMA's Community Rating System program and has a Class 8 rating, flood insurance premiums are discounted.

Be sure to check your policy to ensure you have adequate coverage. Usually these policies cover the building structure, but not the contents. Contents coverage can also be obtained by asking. There is a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance coverage becomes effective. Plan ahead; do not wait until a flood is predicted before purchasing flood insurance.

If your property is located or you are building inside the floodplain, the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory if using a federally regulated/insured bank for a loan.

## GOOD SERVICE STARTS HERE.

Agendas - Meetings	742-6227
Animal	631-2150
Appraiser (County)	715-9000
Ball 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	742-6213
City Hall	631-2500
City Manager	742-6200
Civic Centre	631-5200
Code Enforcement	742-6010
Deck Permits	742-6010
Development Services	742-6012
Driver's License (State)	432-2266
Engineering	742-6012
Fire Department	631-1080
Garage Sale Regulations	742-6014
Health Department (County)	715-6900
Job Hotline	742-6013
Junk Vehicles	631-2150
Odor Complaints	742-6096
Mayor	742-6213
Paint Disposal (County)	715-6900
Police (Non-Emergency)	631-2155
Police Emergency	9-1-1
Parks and Recreation	631-5200
Program Information Line	981-2008
Planning	742-6011
Public Works	742-6008
Purchasing	742-6015
Recycling Questions	742-6213
Road Construction	742-6012
Shawnee Town	248-2360
Shelter House Reservations	631-5200
Sign Permits	742-6228
Solicitors - Suspicious	9-1-1
Street Lights	742-6008
Tall Grass - Weeds	742-6010
Town Hall Rental	248-2360
Traffic Tickets	742-6003
Voter Registration	742-6014



**Coming Soon!**  
Live and recorded audio of City meetings through the City's website.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

### Mayor

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