

## Crimson Ridge Spring 2023 Happenings

### Neighborhood Garage Sale

Friday May 19th and Saturday  
May 20th.

A great opportunity to clean  
out your closets, basements,  
attics and/or garage and sell  
your wares.

With multiple sales in the area,  
the event generally draws a  
fair amount of traffic. Fingers  
crossed for good weather!

### Pool Season Is Fast Approaching

The neighborhood pool  
generally opens Memorial Day  
weekend (late May).

Opening day and pool party  
details will be provided via  
eNeighbors as opening  
day/pool party event gets  
closer.

### Road Construction

Crimson Ridge Oakbrook road  
work is currently underway.  
City communication on the  
project has been a little light  
but it appears the road crews  
are close to completing the  
curb and sidewalk repairs.  
Next phase includes a new  
overlay.

It's always worse before it gets  
better, right? Hang in there  
neighbors. The work crews  
will be finished soon!

Please direct any questions or  
concerns to Kenny  
Khongmaly, Project Manager  
City of Shawnee at  
913.742.6267 or Scott  
Laforge, Lantel  
Superintendent at  
816.399.9739.



## Crimson Ridge Home Safety

Crimson Ridge is a beautiful community in the  
great city of Shawnee, Kansas. We have  
incredible schools, sporting, businesses, food  
and much more. Unfortunately, we also  
experience crime.

According to [citytistics](#), Shawnee is  
considered a safe place to live with the crime  
rate relatively low compared to other similarly  
sized cities.

While this is great news, it's important to  
mention the city is experiencing an increase  
in crime.

Prevention is the best way to improve the  
safety of your home. Fortunately, there are a  
number of simple, small steps you and your  
family can take to make your home more  
secure and to discourage burglars from  
making an attempt to break in. Take a good  
look around your home to identify areas of  
vulnerability and then take action to improve  
your home's safety.

- Secure windows and doors, including garage doors
- Secure vehicles parked outside, engage the alarm if available
- Check your mailbox daily
- Plan for packages if possible
- Know your neighbors

Additional considerations:

- Install a security system
- Install outdoor motion sensors/cameras
- Install a doorbell camera

A family dog can also be a big help in  
preventing certain crimes.

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While our neighborhood is bustling with  
delivery drivers, lawn care/heating & cooling,  
plumbing and remodeling companies, it's  
important to be alert to any suspicious,  
unlawful or harmful activity.

If you see or suspect suspicious, unlawful or  
harmful activity, report it.

You can send a neighborhood alert via  
eNeighbors (an alert will text anyone who is  
signed up to receive them) and/or contact the  
local authorities.

### Shawnee Police Department

- Emergency: 911
- Non-Emergency: (913) 631-2150
- Lost Pet Voicemail: (913) 742-6098

9-1-1 and non-emergency lines are answered 24/7  
9-1-1 includes TTY capabilities

<https://www.cityofshawnee.org/departments/police>

### Shawnee Fire Department

- Emergency: 911
- Non-Emergency: (913) 631-1080

<https://www.cityofshawnee.org/departments/fire>

### Citizen Service Requests

Shawnee partners with SeeClickFix to  
provide faster and more convenient options  
for citizens to submit service requests.

[https://www.cityofshawnee.org/residents/citizen\\_service\\_requests](https://www.cityofshawnee.org/residents/citizen_service_requests)

## Congratulations to the Graduates!



Whether it's elementary, middle, high school or college, graduation is an exciting time. If you know a 2023 graduate, give them a shout out!

Graduation events will be happening, cheers will roar through the neighborhood, grills will be fired up, lawn games, music and an increase in traffic.

It may be busy and a little louder during these events so please be understanding of these milestone celebrations.

Graduation dates/time for some local high schools follow.

### Mill Valley High School

\*Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> (evening)

### De Soto High School

\*Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> (morning)

### St. James Academy High School

\*Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> (evening)

### Maranatha Academy High School

\*Sunday May 21st (afternoon)

\*Graduation dates obtained from school online calendars



## City of Shawnee Spring Events

Crafts, sporting, food, theatre and great family fun. Shawnee offers adventured galore!

### April Showers Craft Fair – April 1st

Location: Shawnee Civic Center at 13817 Johnson Dr. #3802

Come one come all to the April Showers Craft Fair for incredible crafts and treats Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Shawnee Mission Park Adventure Race – May 21st

Location: 4706 Broadway Blvd, KCMO

Enjoy trekking, biking and paddling in Shawnee Mission Park. Challenge yourself or a team with the 6-hour course or bring your family and enjoy the 2-hour course. See details and pricing at <https://jcprd.com/1627/Shawnee-Mission-Park-Adventure-Race>

### Theatre in the Park (opens June)

Location: Shawnee Mission Park

Theatre in the Park's 2023 outdoor season opens June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bring the family, a blanket or chair and enjoy live musical theater performances under the stars! The season includes:

Freaky Friday (June 2–10)

Meet Me in St. Louis (June 16-24)  
13 (June 30 - July 8)

White Christmas (July 14-22)

Footloose (July 28 - August 5)

For performance details, times and pricing, visit

<https://www.theatreinthepark.org/>

### Old Shawnee Days – June 1<sup>st</sup> – 4th

Old Shawnee Days is an annual event featuring a whole weekend of fun! Known as one of the largest carnivals in the area, the event features games, rides, music, food and much more.

- Thursday, June 1st 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Carnival, Music & Limited Concessions)
- Friday, June 2nd 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Carnival, Music, Concessions, & Vendors)
- Saturday, June 3rd 10:00 a.m. (Parade) 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Carnival, Music, Concessions, & Vendors)
- Sunday, June 5, 2022 - 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Carnival, Music, Concessions, and Vendors).

For more information, visit

<https://www.oldshawneeday.org/home>

### PARKED – June 30th

Location: Stump Park at 4751 Woodland Dr.

The sixth Annual PARKED event festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. with fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

Food trucks, live band, bounce houses, vendors, and activities for children, before ending the night with a fireworks display. This event is free and open to the public to attend.

### Kids Zone

This year's kid's zone will feature two bounce houses and some of our parks and recreation program instructors! Bring your swim suit and towel, we will have the sprinklers on fields two and four running throughout the evening!

### PARKED continued

#### FAQs

- We will not have a beer garden available for this year's event. Coolers and outside alcohol are allowed for adults over the age of 21.
- WaterOne will be on site with the Quench Buggy handing out ice cold water!
- Event parking is limited, so please consider carpooling, walking or bicycling.
- A shuttle service will be available to and from Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 5500 Monticello. The shuttle will run beginning at 5:30pm
- Most food trucks accept debit/credit cards, but cash is appreciated (and probably the fastest option).
- There will be a seating area with tables & chairs, but picnic blankets and portable chairs are welcome and encouraged!
- Service dogs are allowed for those with disabilities. No other pets, please.
- Stump Park has limited restrooms, but portable toilets will also be available.
- Entry to the event is completely free and no tickets are required! Any food, drink, and vendor purchases will be at your own expense.
- The event has a large turnout. Please understand there may be long lines and you may have to wait to receive food. Bring along your family and friends to help keep you entertained!

For more information, check out the website at

[https://www.cityofshawnee.org/Departments/Parks\\_Recreation/Special\\_Events/Parked](https://www.cityofshawnee.org/Departments/Parks_Recreation/Special_Events/Parked)

# Survive Spring Allergies

## Tips for seasonal allergies

Spring means flower buds and blooming trees — and if you're one of the millions of people who have seasonal allergies, it also means sneezing, congestion, a runny nose and other bothersome symptoms. Seasonal allergies — also called hay fever and allergic rhinitis — can make you miserable. But before you settle for plastic flowers and artificial turf, the Mayo Clinic suggests trying these simple strategies to keep seasonal allergies under control.

### Reduce your exposure to allergy triggers

To reduce your exposure to the things that trigger your allergy signs and symptoms (allergens):

- Stay indoors on dry, windy days. The best time to go outside is after a good rain, which helps clear pollen from the air

- Avoid lawn mowing, weed pulling and other gardening chores that stir up allergens
- Wear a face mask if you do outside chores
- Remove clothes you've worn outside and shower to rinse pollen from your skin and hair
- Don't hang laundry outside — pollen can stick to sheets and towels

### Take extra steps when pollen counts are high

Seasonal allergy symptoms can flare up when there's a lot of pollen in the air. These steps can help you reduce your exposure:

- Check your local TV or the internet for pollen forecasts and current pollen levels
- If high pollen counts are forecasted, start taking allergy medications before your symptoms start or as prescribed

- Close doors and windows at night if possible or any other time when pollen counts are high
- Avoid outdoor activity in the early morning when pollen counts are highest.

### Keep indoor air clean

There's no miracle product that can eliminate all allergens from the air in your home, but these suggestions may help:

- Use air conditioning in your house and car
- Use high-efficiency filters and follow regular maintenance schedules
- Keep indoor air dry with a dehumidifier
- Use a portable high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter in your bedroom
- Clean floors often with a vacuum cleaner that has a HEPA filter.

## LET'S TALK TRASH & STUFF



Crimson Ridge trash, recycling and yard waste collection is scheduled on Thursday of each week. Delays and large item pickup information is located on the eNeighbors.com calendar (updated for the current calendar year).

Receptacles may be placed at the curb no earlier than the evening prior to pick-up and must be stored no later than the morning after pick-up. To ensure trash containers aren't attracting wildlife (mice, raccoons, coyotes, flies, mosquitoes, etc.) up to and into our homes, please store trash and recycling containers in your garage.

If you prefer to store containers outdoors, please ensure containers are secured and out of sight.



Crimson Ridge utilizes Constable Sanitation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact them at 816.204.1192 or visit their website at

<https://www.constablesanitation.com/crimsonridge/>



Items such as lawn mowers, yard tools, wheelbarrows, and other miscellaneous items must be located within a fully enclosed structure or in your backyard and screened.

## Crimson Ridge Exterior Home Project Reminders

Any home exterior modifications (including but not limited to paint, siding, building additions, fencing) or equipment installations (including but not limited to swing sets, basketball goals) must have an approved Architectural Change Request (ACR) prior to construction or work start.

Please allow for up to 10 business days for standard request responses. A non-standard request may require longer (this may include non-standard paint colors, additions, etc).

To submit an ACR, visit [payhoa.com](http://payhoa.com), click requests and ACR Request Form – New Submission. You can see pending and completed requests as well.

