

Springtime Reminder: Keeping Our Community Looking Its Best

Spring has officially arrived, bringing longer days, warmer weather, and a fresh start for the neighborhood. As we transition into the new season, it's a great time to take care of a few important home maintenance items to keep our community looking its best.

Now that spring is here, any remaining holiday lights and decorations should be taken down and stored. While holiday lights bring festive cheer in the winter months, they can take away from the fresh and well-kept appearance we all enjoy in the spring and summer.

Additionally, we want to remind residents to check the condition of their basketball goals. With outdoor activities picking up, please ensure that hoops are in good shape—free of rust, broken parts, or excessive wear. A well-maintained setup keeps our neighborhood looking tidy and ensures a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

Thank you for your attention to these small but meaningful details that help keep our community looking great! If you have any questions about compliance guidelines, feel free to reach out to the HOA board.

Happy Spring!



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Be Prepared: Spring and Summer Weather Safety

The Midwest experiences a wide variety of Spring and Summer severe weather events including various sized hail, flash flooding, damaging winds, microbursts and tornadoes.

The National Weather Service offers great tips on how to prepare for severe weather and keep you, your family and pets safe. For more details, check out the NWS website.

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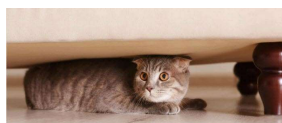
Some quick tips:

Be Weather Ready: Stay up-to-date on weather forecasts. Listen to local news or a [NOAA Weather Radio](#) to stay informed about severe weather watches and warnings.

Severe Weather Notifications: In addition to radio or news warnings, you can activate weather alerts on your smart phone/device. In the event of a tornado, Shawnee also utilizes tornado sirens.

Have A Plan: Develop a family plan to include an emergency meeting place, such as a basement, storm cellar, or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows. For more ideas, review additional plan information at <https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>

Practice: Administer severe weather drills (just like fire drills). Make certain to include your family pets in the drill. Some pets like to hide in poor weather so try to keep them in an easily identifiable location if severe weather is imminent.



Prepare Your Home: If severe weather is forecasted, take steps to prepare your home so you and your family can move to safety quickly.

- Home windows and doors as well as vehicles should be locked and secure.
- Secure outdoor furniture, grills, trampolines, etc.
- Gather and pack personal belonging (i.e. laptops, cell phones, valuables, etc.) for a quick grab.
- Shoes on or easily picked up on the way to your safe space.
- Have leashes or travel crates ready for your pets.
- Store water, flash lights or lanterns, a weather radio, replacement batteries and candles/matches in your safe space.

Community Awareness: Encourage your neighbors, extended family and friends to prepare for the possibility of severe weather. Take First Aid and/or CPR training classes or post a neighborhood list of who is FA or CPR certified. In the event of a severe storm, check on your neighbors when it's safe to do so.

Stay safe Crimson Ridge neighbors!

Shawnee City Services

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

Parks & Recreation

The Parks and Recreation Department oversees more than 1010 acres of city parks, Shawnee Town 1929 Museum, the Civic Centre and the City's two state-of-the-art aquatic facilities. We also offer over 500 classes, programs and special events for youth, adults and seniors.

https://www.cityofshawnee.org/Departments/Parks_Recreation

Additional City information can be found at
<https://www.cityofshawnee.org>



Community Impact Day – April 25th

Location: Various

Support our community through various service projects; from trash pick-up to clerical work for area non-profits. Friday April 25th from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information or to sign-up: <https://business.shawnee-ks.com/events/details/community-impact-day-6244?calendarMonth=2025-04-01>

Moonlight Market – May 15th

Location: 11110 Johnson Drive

Check out the market beginning May 15th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The market offers Farmers Market vendors, local crafts, food, live music and youth activities. There are many area restaurants and breweries open for business as well. Families with children and leashed dogs are welcome to join the fun.

https://www.cityofshawnee.org/residents/moonlight_market

Shawnee Mission Park Adventure Race – May 18th

Location: 7900 Renner Road Shawnee, KS - Beach House

Enjoy hiking or biking in Shawnee Mission Park. Challenge yourself or a team with the 6-hour course or bring your family or a friend and enjoy the 2-hour course.

<https://www.adventuresignup.com/Race/KS/Lenexa/ShawneeMissionParkAdventureRace>

Theatre in the Park (outdoor season opens May 30th)

Location: Shawnee Mission Park

Theatre in the Park's 2025 outdoor season opens May 30th. Bring the family and enjoy live musical theater performances under the stars! The season includes:

James and the Giant Peach (May 30 – June 7)

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (June 13 - 21)

My Fair Lady (June 2 - July 5)

Catch Me If You Can (July 11- 19)

A Disney Double Feature (July 25 - August 2)

For performance details, times, pricing, as well as the indoor performance schedule, visit

<https://theatreinthepark.org/>

Old Shawnee Days – June 5th – 8th

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 crafts, and much more.

- Thursday, June 5th 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 6th 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday, June 7th 10:00 a.m. – Parade 11:00 a.m. (gates open) to 10:30 p.m.
- Sunday, June 8th - 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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

PARKED – June 27th

Location: Stump Park at 4751 Woodland Dr.

The 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.

For more information, check out the website at https://www.cityofshawnee.org/departments/parks_recreation/special_events/parked



Additional Event Resources

Shawnee and surrounding cities have many events in the coming months. Some event resource links follow.

<https://www.icprd.com/165/Special-Events>

<https://eatkc.com/events/by-location/overland-park-events/>

<https://www.visitkc.com/visitors/events>

<https://www.lenexa.com/Events-Activities/Festivals-Special-Events>

<https://www.olatheks.gov/government/parks-recreation/special-events>

<https://kansascitymomcollective.com/calendar/>



Crimson Ridge is a vibrant and bustling community, with neighbors frequently walking, running, biking, gardening, and enjoying outdoor games. Given the consistent activity and the flow of visitors and vendors, it's important to prioritize the safety and security of our homes and neighborhood.

Here are some tips for keeping your home and community safer.

Home Safety

Always secure doors and windows, especially when your home is unattended. Verify that your garage door is closed, ensure outdoor areas are well-lit, and keep valuables out of sight. Regularly inspect and replace batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors for safety.

Street Lights

Well-lit sidewalks and streets are important for keeping areas safe. If you notice a damaged or non-functioning street light, please report it via the City of Shawnee's online service request system (https://www.cityofshawnee.org/residents/citizen_service_requests), or call the Public Works Department at (913) 742-6008.

Bike Safety

Always wear a well-fitted helmet, ride in the direction of traffic, and stay alert to your surroundings. Teach children hand signals, traffic rules, and the importance of avoiding nighttime or unsafe areas while riding.

SAFETY FIRST

Neighborhood Driving Safety

Always adhere to speed limits, yield to pedestrians, maintain a safe following distance, and stay focused by avoiding distractions such as phone use. Be vigilant around school bus stops, as drivers are required to stop when the bus stop sign is extended. With young, inexperienced drivers in our area, it's essential to educate them about the importance of pedestrian safety.

Dog Walking Safety

To ensure a safe walk with your pet, always keep your dog leashed and possibly muzzled (if needed), be aware of traffic and other hazards, and consider the weather conditions. Hot pavement can harm your dog's paw pads.

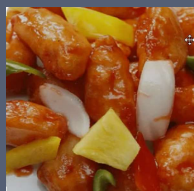
Western Shawnee Restaurant Highlight – China Blue

CHINA BLUE

China Blue offers a variety of dishes including authentic Chinese cuisine, hibachi, teriyaki, noodles, vegetarian options, and more.

China Blue is open for business daily Tuesday through Sunday at 5556 Hedge Ln Terr.

<https://www.chinablueshawneeks.com/>



GRADUATION: Class of 2025

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High school graduation is tremendously exciting and perhaps scary time of growth and change for these young people. If you know a 2025 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 17th (evening)

De Soto High School

*Sunday May 18th (evening)

St. James Academy High School

*Wednesday May 14th (evening)

Maranatha Academy High School

*Sunday May 18th (afternoon)

*Dates/times obtained from online school calendars

