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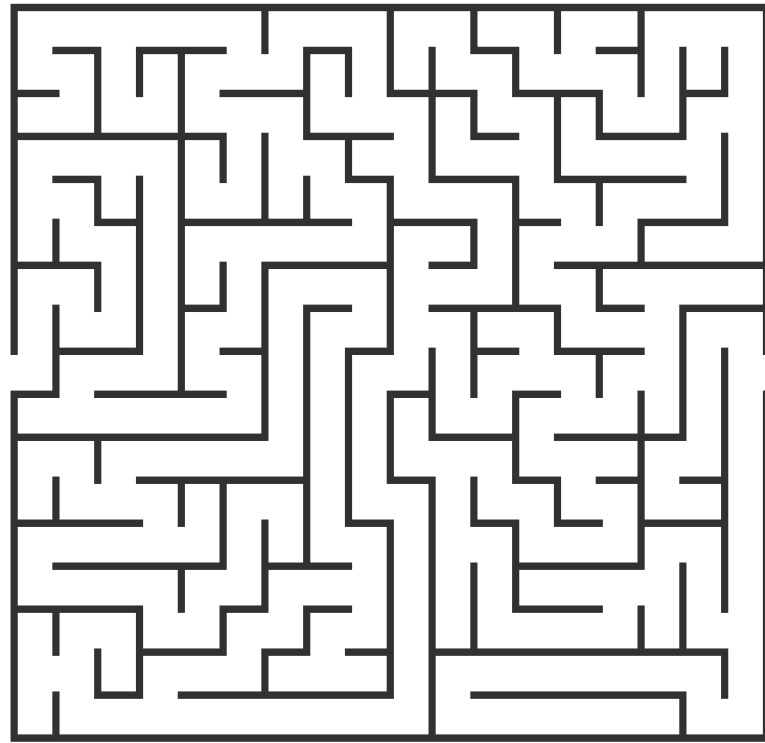


Summer 2024

COLLEGE HILL

Newsletter

Get the kids to the park for the 4th of July parade!



Ways to Pitch In

Please move cars from the parade route on July 4 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Barricade volunteers needed to staff street barricades at intersections and move them once the parade has passed. Vest provided! Call Susan Duffy if you can help at 785-230-0881.

Parade judges needed for 1) best decorated animal 2) best decorated bike or wagon and 3) best float. Call Susan Duffy if you can help at 785-230-0881.

Band members needed for College Hill Band! All are welcome for practice at 9 a.m. on July 4, front yard at 1334 Boswell.

Bring yard games, bubbles, and sidewalk chalk to share at the park after the parade!

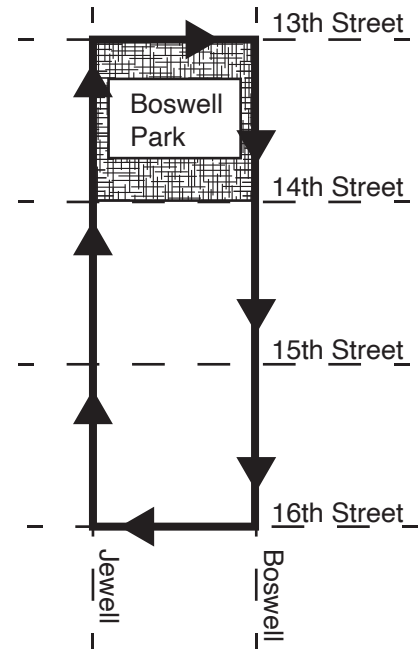
Parade Starts July 4 at 10 a.m.



Parade begins at 10 a.m. in Boswell Park in front of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Parade will turn south on Boswell. Turn on 16th street and head north on Jewell back to the park. The parade will not travel down College Avenue this year.

Questions? Contact parade chairman Susan Duffy at 785-230-0881

After the parade Westminster Presbyterian Church is hosting hot dogs on the church grounds!



Decorate the House for July 4!



Independence Day Word Jumble

- ERDFEM
- IRWEFOSK
- AICMER
- GALF
- TYLIBRE
- RAAPDE
- IHRONBDEGOOH
- ETACLEBRCE

1. FREEDOM
2. FIREWORKS
3. AMERICA
4. FLAG
5. LIBERTY
6. PARADE
7. NEIGHBORHOOD
8. CELEBRATE

Grand Marshall Principal Garcia!



This year's College Hill Independence Day Parade Grand Marshall is **Randolph Elementary School Principal Mrs. Heather Garcia!** Mrs. Garcia just

completed her first year as principal at Randolph and her twentieth year in education. She is a product of Topeka Public Schools, attending Lowman Hill, Robinson and Topeka High. She earned her bachelors in Elementary Education from Washburn University and furthered her education by earning a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Fort Hays State University. We're thrilled to have her leading the parade!

4th of July House Decorating



Decorate your house to show your College Hill Spirit! Judging will take place the evening of July 3.

How to Keep in Touch

- Join College Hill on Nextdoor.com and get updates from your neighbors.
- Follow “College Hill Neighborhood” on Facebook
- Email Katrina Shaw katkake1@gmail.com to sign up for neighborhood emails. Emails typically come from “Katrina Shaw via Neighbors”
- Visit CollegeHillTopeka.org

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Neighborhood Dues

Your annual dues of just \$20 per household fund events, newsletters and neighborhood improvements.

Pay via PayPal @CHNATopeka or by cash or check at neighborhood events.

FREE Summer Lunch at Westminster Presbyterian Church



Monday June 3 to Friday August 9 11 - 12 pm

- USD 501 Free Summer Lunch - Youth ages 1-18 June 3 - July 12

- Westminster Family Lunch - Everyone Eats Free July 15 - August 9

Books - Crafts - Games - Art Projects



Recycling Drive July 13

Summer is a great time for cold drinks! If yours come in aluminum cans, please save those

cans (and other metal recyclables) for College Hill! Our next neighborhood recycling drive will be Saturday, July 13. Please have your recyclables sorted and on or in front of your porch (visible from the street) by 9 a.m. To help the volunteer recyclers, please sort your recyclables in the following separate groups:

- Aluminum beverage cans
- Steel cans, cat food and tuna cans, aluminum foil, and pie pans
- Other metals, such as aluminum sheeting, storm doors, copper pipes, copper fittings, bronze, etc.

Our April 6 recycling drive brought in \$189. Let's beat that amount on this drive! Every little bit of recycling helps. If you have any questions about the College Hill Recycling Drive or need to arrange for a separate drop-off or pick-up, please contact John Christensen at (785) 554-9203.



Freshening Up College Hill

Boswell Park playground equipment is looking fresh thanks to a new coat of paint from neighborhood volunteers. Kudos to Andy Fry and family for coordinating the effort! You'll also soon be seeing fresh College Hill banners along 17th Street.



50-50 Sidewalk Program

The City of Topeka is accepting applications to remove and replace defective public sidewalks through a cost-sharing plan of 50% paid by the City, and 50% paid by the property owner. Additional funding assistance may be available for those who are income-qualified.

General Qualifying Criteria for the 50-50 Sidewalk Repair Program

- The property must be classified as residential, i.e. multifamily 4 units or less.
- The sidewalk must be in violation of the city standards for sidewalk maintenance and or ADA standards. Violations include a 1-inch or more trip hazard, uneven brick surface, a severe cross slope that would be dangerous for pedestrians and those in wheelchairs, and concrete that has badly deteriorated.
- The property owner must not have outstanding construction permit violations and no outstanding indebtedness to the city.

Homeowners may qualify to have their out-of-pocket costs waived to fix non-compliant sidewalks under the following guidelines:

- The residential property must be owner-occupied.
- Applicant household income must not exceed 80% of the current annual median household income as determined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Topeka.

Get full information or apply at

<https://www.topeka.org/engineering> or call City of Topeka Engineering at (785) 368-3842

College Hill Calendar

Neighborhood Meeting
Monday, July 15
7 p.m.
Westminster
Presbyterian Church

Upcoming Meetings:
• September 16
• November 18

Recycling Drive
Saturday, July 13
9 a.m.

Upcoming Recycling:
• September 14
• December 14

Annual Chili Feed
Winter

Annual Blossoms
Spring