



July 2022 Safety Information

Good afternoon! Neighborhoods have shared information for our July safety information. As always you can contact Judy at jwilson@parstopeka.org or call 266.4606 for any concerns.

Safety Information

Neighborhoods have been experiencing mail theft. It has been suggested to take any outgoing mail to the post office rather than putting out the mail with the red flag up. People taking mail and altering the checks you might have in that outgoing mail. Another suggestion was to go on USPS.com and click on Informed Delivery. The post office will send you an email each day with a picture of the mail you will receive that day. If you do not get your mail, you can call the post office.

Another issue that has been reported is that people may be leaving dollar bills near a vehicle or under the windshield wipers. The bills have been known to have fentanyl on them which can be deadly because it is a high dose. Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. It is a major contributor to fatal and nonfatal overdoses in the U.S. If you find a bill on the ground or on your car, don't touch it and call law enforcement at 911.

If you would like to know more about Fentanyl, there is a meeting on Wednesday, July 27 at 9 a.m. at the Kay McFarland Japanese Garden and Venue, 63 SW Gage Blvd. at the Topeka Zoo. If you would like to attend, please email me at jwilson@parstopeka.org.

National Night Out

National Night Out is still planned for August 6. Neighborhoods are planning their events with 53 neighborhoods registered. It is not too late to register for the event. A registration form is attached if you know of anyone who would like to register their neighborhood.

Topeka Police Department, Shawnee County Sheriff's Office, Shawnee County District Attorney's Office, Topeka Fire Department and Kansas Highway Patrol support National Night Out every year.

Resources

Bottled water is provided by Dillons as well as a \$10 gift card. Hy-Vee is providing ice and a \$10 gift card. Stipends will be available for neighborhoods - \$50 for under 100 participants and \$100 for more than 100 participants.

Frito Lay is providing chips again this year. Spangles is providing coupons and Sk8away is providing passes. Crime Stoppers is providing resources as well. Coloring books, crayons and sidewalk chalk will be provided.

Reser's Fine Foods will again provide side dishes for NNO neighborhoods.

Pickup Day, Monday, August 1

The pick-up day will be Monday, August 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 2209 SW 29th Street.

Kick-off Party

National Night Out Kick-off Party will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hy-Vee parking lot at 29th and Wanamaker. This is a free and fun party so plan to attend.

National Night Out Events

National Night Out events throughout Topeka/Shawnee County on Saturday, August 6.

Rain Date for Events

In case it rains on Saturday, August 6, the events will be held on Sunday, August 7.

Sponsors

Thank you to Evergy, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, and Capitol Federal Foundation for their contribution to help with the stipend. A \$10 Hy-Vee gift card and \$10 Dillon's gift card will also be provided to each neighborhood.

Donations

If businesses wish to receive a tax deduction, they may give/send the donation to Safe Streets. For all donations, make sure your name, neighborhood group's name and phone number are given to the business. The amount of that donation will be added to your stipend that you pick up on August 1.

Registrations

Registrations are ongoing. You still have time to register your neighborhood. Call Judy at 266.4606 or email jwilson@safestreeets.org. Information packets are available by email.

Flyers

Flyers for your neighborhood will be printed on one page 8 1/2 x 11 on colored paper. Logos are available by email jwilson@safestreeets.org. Every flyer should show "National Night Out is an alcohol and drug free event". Please contact Judy to prepare your National Night Out flyer.

Facebook

Like our NNOTOpeka Facebook page! Information is posted frequently, and we'd love help sharing this into the community as we try to grow NNO even bigger this year.

The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/NNOTOpeka/>

Thank you, everyone, for your incredible support of this event!