



FALL 2022

COLLEGE HILL

NEWSLETTER



EYE CATCHING MURALS

College Hill is a neighborhood filled with culture and growing diversity of thought and people. The College Hill Neighborhood Association is excited to add to that vibrance with a mural program to add visual arts as well as walking destinations within our neighborhood.

The first mural was sponsored by a grant from ArtsConnect Topeka (<https://artstopeka.org/>). The mural was completed with just over \$1,000 in materials and artists design and implementation time. In addition, there were about 40 hours in volunteer efforts to assist in the painting. This first work was designed by Sara Myer who works in other parts of her life at Matryoshka Tattoo. She has completed numerous other murals throughout town and was a great help in walking us through this process.

The art in the first mural is primarily focusing on a chicken theme with some other natural elements surrounding it and can be found at the Northwest corner of 15th and Boswell on the West face of the garage facing the alley. This home and the focus of the mural came from homeowners Megan and Brett Martin who wanted to continue in their "Breakfast Club" theme to their chicken coop and brought some definite energy, perhaps "poultry power", to the neighborhood.

College Hill is aiming to add at least 2-3 more murals over the coming years and has several homes identified to get the ball rolling. But if you are interested in either painting, contributing funds to future murals or having a mural on your house, please shoot an email over to collegehillfood@gmail.com.

For September and October we would like to gather paint for an upcoming mural where the artist wants to recycle paint, rather than purchase it. If you have old house paints to donate, please email collegehillfood@gmail.com and we will arrange a pickup of the paint. Thanks for all your support and bringing your vibrance to the neighborhood.

What's going on in College Hill?

Annual Meeting

Join us Monday, September 19 for the College Hill Annual Meeting.

- Where: Westminster Presbyterian
13th & Boswell
- When: 7:00 pm
- New Officer Slating and Vote
- Learn about Topeka's 50/50 Sidewalk Program
- Pay \$20 Neighborhood Dues

President's Corner

Hello Neighbors! I hope you had the opportunity to attend our summer events: Blossoms Plant Sale, the July 4th Parade and festivities and National Night Out's Movie in the Park were smashingly successful. Our events are fun, free and the best way to get to know your neighbors. These wonderful events are brought to us by some wonderful hard-working volunteers - who spend their free time working to make our neighborhood a great place to live. I want to sincerely thank all the dedicated neighbors who help with our events. We are looking forward to the completion of the Boswell Park improvements. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. I think we live in the best neighborhood in Topeka and we have the best volunteers around. Please consider helping out at a future event - we need you.

New Officer Slating

President: Open Position

Vice President: Carol Christensen

Secretary: Jasmine Puderbaugh

Treasurer: Debbie Pomeroy

'22/'23 Upcoming Events

- **Recycling Drive:** Sept. 17
- **Annual Meeting:** Sept. 19
- **Casa Home Tours:** November 18-20
Address: 1340 SW College Ave
David George's home will be decked out for Christmas by Blooms on Boswell. Blooms on Boswell will sell tickets and it will be open all weekend during the home tour.

Details: casaofshawneecounty.com
This is a big event for our neighborhood, and we are so fortunate that our own Blooms on Boswell is decorating a College Hill home. We'll have lots of visitors to our neighborhood for the home tour - let's show them how great it is to live in College Hill.

- **Home Decorating Contest:** Dec. 21
Decorate your home for the holiday season. More info to come!
- **Chili Feed 2023:** TBD
Let's bring the Chili Feed back to College Hill. Details to come. Volunteers needed!

July Recycling Drive

The results from the July 2022 Recycling Drive are in and we raised \$237.00!

This was the second most lucrative drive of any that College Hill has ever had!

A huge shout out to the dear neighbors who helped to pick up and deliver recyclables: Susan Duffy; Frank and Sarah Meadows; Cynthia Neufeld-Smith; Ardith and Greg Woertz; and John and Carol Christensen. We also thank Elizabeth Herbert, a former College Hill neighbor, who lent us a truck and donated recyclables to the cause.

Contact for Questions/Pickup:

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Next Drive: Saturday, September 17.

Contact Us

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