

# NEWSLETTER

December 2023



The City of Shawnee wishes all residents a peaceful and joyous holiday season, filled with the warmth of cherished traditions and the company of loved ones.



## December Events

- Dec. 8 Christmas Parade on Main St.
- Dec. 18 City Commission Meeting
- Dec. 25 + 26 City Offices closed

For City Meetings, visit [shawneeok.portal.civicclerk.com](http://shawneeok.portal.civicclerk.com) or use this QR Code.

For Community Events, see [VisitShawnee.com/events](http://VisitShawnee.com/events).

## City Top Priorities for 2024

Tornado Recovery	Airport Terminal Development Plan	Pressure Pave Roadway Repair
Water & Sewer Lines	Wastewater Treatment Plant	Fire Station 3 Remodel Design (2018 1/2-Cent)
Santa Fe Depot Ext. (2018 1/2-Cent)	Auditorium Roof (2018 1/2-Cent)	Lake Dam #1 Repair
<b>ONGOING</b> Improved Public Relations	<b>ONGOING</b> Housing & Homelessness Continuum	<b>ONGOING</b> Fiscal Sustainability

## Goodbye 2023, Hello 2024

This past year brought us challenges & celebrations. We continue to rebuild our City after a devastating tornado, we reopened two major parks, and finished our new water treatment plant. **We have big plans for 2024.** Follow the QR Code and check out the recording of the "State of the City" presentation.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The services the City provides are primarily funded through sales tax. **Shop Local - Shop Shawnee!**

Shawnee FORWARD  
**LET'S SHOP SHAWNEE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!**



**SCAN FOR MORE INFO OR TO PURCHASE**

Support Local Businesses by buying **Shop Shawnee** eGift cards this year. Consider buying eGift cards to keep your spending local and support small businesses in your area.

**ONE CARD MANY PLACES**

### SIGNED UP FOR ALERTS?

You can get weather, disaster, and other safety alerts through Shawnee's **Smart911** system.



### Fire Holiday Safety Tips

Candles, fireplaces, turkey-fryers, oh my, fire dangers are always close-by. Refresh your **fire extinguisher** safety:

- P**ull the pin
- A**im at the base
- S**queeze the handle
- S**weep from side to side

Check all **smoke detectors**, including batteries, and have your **fire escape plan** ready. Use this planning resource.



### DID YOU KNOW?



Half of **home heating fires** are reported during the months of **December, January, and February**? Find out how to protect yourself and your family this winter.



### Police Holiday Safety Tips



Stay safe with handy tips on ATM usage, shopping, driving, vehicle, disposal of holiday boxes, and home safety during the holiday season.

CALL OR TEXT

**988**

### Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

If you or someone you know feels hopeless or like they have no reason to live, **CALL or TEXT 24/7/365.**

### Interested in Volunteering?

Community involvement is key to ending homelessness.

The Shawnee Homeless Program operates entirely by donations and volunteers. There are many ways for you, your group, or your organization to get involved.

For more information, visit

[www.shawneeok.org/government/departments/planning/get\\_involved.php](http://www.shawneeok.org/government/departments/planning/get_involved.php)



All dogs and cats must have their **2024 tags**. For details, please call Shawnee Animal Welfare at **405-878-1531**.

*Please spay & neuter your pets.*