



City of Shawnee

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Homeless Program – December 2022 Update

What We Have Done

- Homelessness in Shawnee Roundtable:** More than 30 organizations meet monthly to coordinate efforts, reduce duplication, and identify and fill service gaps to meet the needs of individual clients.
- Sanitation:** Safe, adequate, and accessible toilet, handwashing, shower, and laundry facilities are scarce or altogether absent for the homeless community.
 - This summer, a grant funded five porta-potties in downtown.
 - The grant also provided a shower trailer, located at the Homeless Resource Center.
 - A laundry service was implemented through a collaboration among the City of Shawnee, Generations Church, and the Suds Bucket.
- Homeless Outreach Program:** Program volunteers meet people where they are, ascertain needs, build relationships, and connect them with services. Below are the highlights of the last six months:

<u>298 individuals served</u>	<u>129 (43%) left the program</u>
34 under 18 years of age	44 housed (15%)
264 over 18 years (158 male/106 female, incl. 20 veterans)	11 rehab/stabilized
<u>238 (80%) lived in Shawnee when homelessness started</u>	6 returned home
60 came from outside the area	5 passed away
- 25 have ties to Shawnee; 14 were stranded here	5 left Shawnee
- 12 fled domestic violence; 9 “other”	58 unknown
- Homeless Resource Center (HRC):** Located at 506 S. Beard Ave., the purpose of the HRC is to more effectively meet the needs of the homeless population. Current opening hours are:
 - Mondays, from 10 am to 6 pm
 - Wednesdays, from 1 pm to 6 pm
 - Thursdays, from 1 pm to 6 pm
 - Saturdays from 10 am to 6 pmAs more volunteers are added, the goal is to extend operation hours to 6 days a week.
- Emergency Solutions Grant:** A U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Emergency Solutions Grant paid for various program activities. The grant is now closed.
- Community Outreach:** City staff have presented several program updates to churches and civic organizations on the topic of homelessness.

What We Are Doing Now

- Expand current programs
- Recruit and train volunteers
- Continue community outreach
- Prepare winter weather plan
- Pursue grant funding

Where We Are Going

- The next priority is to establish a Shawnee-specific Continuum of Care (CoC).
- The Built for Zero program is assisting with the CoC formation.
- Program partners will also pursue an increase in shelter and housing resources.

For additional information, please contact Erika M. Genty, Homeless Program Coordinator 405-878-1543 (office), 405-287-1777 (text), or Erika.Genty@shawneeok.org

Downtown Merchant Meeting – Important Links and Information



Collection of City of Shawnee Administrative Reports and Information Videos
bit.ly/ShawneeInfo [ShawneeOK.org]



Homelessness, Constitutional Issues and Moving Forward – 12/05/22
Presenter: Joe Vorndran, City Attorney & Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer, CM
[YouTube.com]



Homeless Program, General Update – 10/03/22
Presenter: Erika Genty, Homeless Program Coordinator
[YouTube.com]



Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Districts Overview – 10/17/22
Presenter: Jacob Foos, Assistant City Manager
[YouTube.com]



Video

Presentation

Shawnee Police Department – Important Information

Call Shawnee Police Immediately and Report Activities When You See:

- Crimes in Progress
- Suspicious activity

Consider Online Reporting When:

Crime is not in progress and no suspect information is available

- Custody Order Violation
- Harassing Phone Calls
- Minor Vehicle Accident
- Hit and Run (property damage only)
- Identity Theft
- Lost Property
- Theft
- Vandalism
- Vehicle Burglary
- Supplemental Report



Scan the QR code with your phone app to open the online reporting link.

Trespassing on Private Property:

- Individuals must be told that they are trespassing by the property owner.
- If they return, the property owner must sign a citation of trespassing, and the individual will be given a copy; they are subject to arrest.

Public Property:

- Sidewalks and alleys cannot be blocked.
- Entryways to business cannot be blocked.

Petit Larceny (Theft):

- Owner must sign a petit larceny citation, and the individual will be given a citation; they are subject to arrest.
- If suspect info is unknown, may be filed online.

Vandalism:

- If suspect info is unknown, may be filed online.

Consider a Security Assessment

- Shawnee Police can assist and give lighting, cameras, and lock recommendations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shawnee Police at 405-273-2122.