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Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States and symbolizes the ongoing journey towards freedom, equality, and justice for all.

What is Juneteenth?

Also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, Juneteenth marks the day when Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, to announce the end of the Civil War and proclaim freedom for all enslaved individuals. This announcement came two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed by President Abraham Lincoln, highlighting the delayed enforcement of the proclamation in the farthest reaches of the Confederate states.

Why is Juneteenth Important?

It is a pivotal moment in American history that reminds us of the struggles and sacrifices made by past generations in their fight for freedom and equality. It is also a reminder of the resilience and determination of the African American community in the face of adversity. Juneteenth is not only a day to celebrate freedom but also an opportunity to reflect on the injustices of the past and commit ourselves to creating a more equitable and inclusive future.

Scan the QR Code to learn more.



Protect Your Family from Car Heat

As temperatures rise, it is crucial to remember the dangers associated with leaving children or pets unattended in hot cars. Even on a relatively mild day, without the benefit of air conditioning, the interior of a parked car can quickly become a lethal environment with rapidly rising temperatures.

Protecting Children 🧒

- Never Leave Children Unattended
- Educate Caregivers
- Create Reminders

Protecting Pets 🐾

- Never Leave Pets Unattended
- Provide Hydration and Shade
- Recognize the Signs of Distress
- Reduce Heavy Exercise

We all have a role to play in keeping pets and children safe. **If you see a child or a pet left unattended in a hot car,** please take immediate action by contacting 911. Your quick response could save a life!



The warmer it gets outside, the more likely you will see motorcycles on the road. **Both** drivers and motorcycle riders share responsibility in preventing dangerous situations. Help keep our roads safe and reduce the number of motorcycle fatalities in Oklahoma!

When you ride, **ride right!** When you drive, **look twice!**



Starting May 6th, new operating hours for the City of Shawnee will go into affect!

Scan the QR Code to plan your visit today!



June Events

- June 3 - 7 Bulk Trash Pick-Up
- June 17 City Commission Meeting
- June 19 Juneteenth – Offices Closed








For City Meetings, visit shawneek.portal.civicclerk.com

For Community Events, see VisitShawnee.com/events.



Discover Shawnee Twin Lakes

Escape to the tranquil beauty of the Shawnee Twin Lakes for an unforgettable outdoor adventure! Located just west of Highway 102 and south of I-40, our lakes offer a host of recreational activities for everyone to enjoy!

-  Boating and Skiing
-  Swimming
-  Hunting
-  Fishing
-  Camping

For permits and more information, call 405-878-1528. Cash drop boxes are conveniently located for daily permits, ensuring hassle-free access to your outdoor adventures.



Get Your Grill Safety On!

BBQ Safety:

- Be sure to set up your grill well away from:
 - ✓ Trees/Shrubs
 - ✓ Fences
 - ✓ Wooden Structures
- Never use a grill indoors.
- Keep children, garden games, and pets well away from the cooking area.
- Never leave grill or any cooking unattended.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose nearby.
- Use long-handled tools specifically designed for grilling. They can prevent splatter and serious burns



Regular Cleaning:

- Grease and fat built-up from previous BBQs can provide fuel for a fire that may easily get out of control.
- So, after each use, once the grill has cooled down, give it a good scrub.

Check for Gas Leaks!

- For gas grills, a propane leak can lead to a dangerous fire or explosion.
 - ✓ Before each use, check the propane tank, hose, and connections for leaks.
- You can give a light spray of soapy water to suspected areas. If bubbles form, **do not use the propane tank.**



Scan the QR Code to learn for more about Grilling Safety!



School's Out Safety Tips

There is no law or policy in Oklahoma for how old a child must be to be left alone, but here are some recommended guidelines for parents:



- Children 7 and under should not be left alone.
- Children 8-10 should not be left alone for more than 3 hours.
- Children 11-13 should not be left alone for more than 4 hours.
- Children 14-15 should not be left alone for more than 24 hours.
- Children 16-17 may be left alone for over 24 hours -- with a plan in case of an emergency.

The appropriate age for leaving a child alone can vary depending on their level of maturity and responsibility.



VISIT SHAWNEE!

Whether you call Shawnee home, or you are visiting our beautiful community, the City of Shawnee Tourism Department has a ready-made list of events that promise unforgettable adventures and memories.

Did you know that the tourism industry employs nearly 2,000 people in Pottawatomie County? Tourists provide \$250 per household in taxes that residents do not pay! Looking for a stay-cation or summer fun at home? Scan the QR code for the calendar!



Project Updates

Stay up-to-date on our latest engineering projects and developments! The City's "Project Updates" webpage is your go-to source for all things construction and infrastructure.

Scan the QR Code for more info!



Flag Day

On June 14, we pay tribute to the enduring symbol of freedom, unity, and patriotism that our flag embodies. It serves as a reminder of the sacrifices made by generations past and present to uphold the values of liberty and justice for all!

