

April 2024



Lt. Sheppard Receives VFW Public Servant Award

Lieutenant (Lt.) “Chip” Sheppard's dedication to serving Shawnee and his exemplary efforts as firefighter have earned him the recognition of the VFW's Public Servant Citation.

The VFW National Firefighters Public Servant Citation is a testament to outstanding individuals actively engaged in firefighting, whether as a member of a career or volunteer company organized to fight fires and aid our nation's citizens. Lt. Sheppard has dedicated over 25 years of his life to serving others.

The City of Shawnee and its Fire Department extend their heartfelt congratulations to Lt. Sheppard on this well-deserved honor.

Fair Housing Month

This year, we celebrate the 56th anniversary of the passing of the **Fair Housing Act**. On April 11, 1968, the act was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson. The Fair Housing Act specifically prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, and familial status.

Shawnee continues its tradition & declares April - Fair Housing Month!



STRONGER SHAWNEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Remember to Vote on the \$0 Tax Increase
Bond Questions on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.



In 1929 Shawnee Regional Airport began as a smooth strip of dirt used by hobby fliers and aerobatic acts, many of whom learned to fly during World War I.

<https://www.shawneeok.org/airport.php>

APRIL 19TH, TORNADO



If you know of someone that was impacted by the April 19th, Shawnee tornado and still have disaster related needs, please contact Catholic Charities (405) 465-3808

For more information:



United Way of Pottawatomie County

Pool Passes

Get your pool passes today! Familiarize yourself with pool rates, hours, and expectations. Thank you for your support to create a safe environment for everyone!



April Events

April 15 City Commission Meeting



For City Meetings, visit shawneeok.portal.civicclerk.com or use this QR Code.

For Community Events, see VisitShawnee.com/events.



Citywide Spring Clean-Up!

The City of Shawnee will host a Spring Clean-Up Day on **Saturday, April 20, 2024**, for residential (water & sanitation) customers. The event takes place from **8 am to 2 pm** at the Central Disposal Transfer Station, at 700 East 45th Street.



For additional details, call **Central Disposal at 405-275-8084**



Safe Digging Month

April Showers will bring May flowers. But before you start digging to plant, make sure to **call 811** so you don't unintentionally dig into an underground utility line!



Public Safety Telecommunication & National Animal Control Officer Week April 14-20, 2024

The Shawnee 9-1-1 Communication Center dispatches the coordinated response for fire, police, and emergency medical services. Shawnee's Public Safety Telecommunicators are the ones who talk to citizens during moments of crisis.

Animal Welfare Officers pick up stray animals but also investigate and follow-up on cases of abused, neglected, and abandoned animals. These Officers protect people from dangerous animals and safeguard animals from abuse.

Thank you ALL for your hard work!

Code Enforcement

Share your community pride! As Spring approaches, it is important to remember to maintain your house and your yard. Your efforts impact property values and the appeal of neighborhoods throughout the City.



Keeping up your lawn mowed and throwing away your trash have a bigger effect on the community than one realizes.

For more info, scan the QR Code.



S.T.A.Y. @ Splash Policy Change

If anyone between the ages of 13-16 wants to have the opportunity to swim at the Shawnee Splash Waterpark unsupervised by an adult, they will now have to attend a safety program that focuses on the importance, understanding, and implementation of pool rules.

This policy change reinforces proper facility safety, appropriate behavior and use of the facility, respect for others, and the fostering of a positive relationship with Splash staff.

Once participants have completed the class and their parent/legal guardian has signed the Aquatic Safety Contract (agreeing to follow pool rules, being respectful to others, and listen to lifeguard's instructions), their account will be updated to reflect the completion of the S.T.A.Y. @ Splash Program.

Follow the QR Code for more information on **S.T.A.Y. @ Splash** Policy and Rules.



Spring Pet Safety Checklist

Spring in Oklahoma often signals the start of severe weather.

Make sure to prepare your fur-babies for storm season!

