Topeka Habitat 2022 Homebuyer Selection Information

Our mission is to build homes, hope and communities. We help individuals and families achieve strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter. To date, Topeka Habitat has built 113 homes in Shawnee County. Homeowners are selected by a committee and scored based on the following 3 criteria:

Willingness to Partner: Potential homeowners partner with us to participate in home ownership and home maintenance classes, financial classes and "sweat equity" volunteer hours.

An Ability to Pay: Topeka Habitat homeowners pay an affordable, interest-free mortgage that is never more than 30% of their income. This payment cycles back to Topeka Habitat to fund other home building projects. Potential homeowners must have a steady source of income, either earned in wages and/or benefits received. This program is targeted at those who have a desire for home ownership but may not be able to overcome the barriers to owning a home through a conventional mortgage process.

A Need for Safe and Affordable Housing: Potential Habitat homeowners may be dealing with housing instability, unsafe conditions, unaffordable rent and/or utilities, homes that are inaccessible for their physical needs or rental properties that are in poor and/or unhealthy living conditions.

Important Dates:

- January 15-February 17, 2022: Application packets can be picked up at the ReStore (121 NE Gordon Street) on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am-4pm, or by appointment.
- February 18, 2022: Applications and Documents are Due by 4pm on Friday, February 18, 2022. Please place all paperwork in the blue folder given to you by Topeka Habitat and return it to 121 NE Gordon Street by 4pm. Any application received after the deadline will not be considered for selection.
- Feb 18, 2022- March 18, 2022: Application review will take place. Follow-up calls and home visits will be scheduled for qualifying applicants.
- March 21-24, 2022: The Topeka Habitat Selection Committee will select the 2022 Topeka Habitat Homeowners.
- March 25, 2022: All applicants will be notified by phone and/or mail.

Los paquetes de solicitud también están disponibles en español. Para obtener más información, visite topekahabitat.org, envíe un correo electrónico a Families@topekahabitat.org o llame al 785-234-4322.

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Topeka Habitat for Humanity is an Equal Housing Opportunity provider and does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender identity, color, age, ability, health, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, immigration status, family status or marital status.

For more information visit topekahabitat.org, email cco@topekahabitat.org or call 785-234-4322.
Applications can be picked up at the
ReStore Beginning
January 10th and
must be returned by
February 16, 2022
at 4 pm. Please ask
a staff member for
assistance.
Second Chance Foods

Welcome to Second Chance Foods. We are a discount grocery in your neighborhood. We carry an ever-changing, affordable wide variety of items for the budget-conscious shopper. These are just some of the items you can find in our store.

Frozen Foods
- Pizza
- Orange Juice
- Ham
- Jiffy Bread
- Broccoli Soup
- Ground Sausage
- Bologna
- Pizza Rolls
- Cheese

Canned Goods
- Coffee

Breakfast Cereal
- Snacks

In the Refrigerator Case
- Lunch Meat
- Milk
- Yogurt
- Bacon
- Chicken

Paper Products

Dry Goods
- Rice
- Beans
- Flour
- Macaroni & Cheese

Store Hours:
- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Wednesday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Thursday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Friday: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Saturday: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm
- Sunday: Closed

We are located at 4826 SW Topeka BLVD just south of the 75/1-470/1-395 interchange in Park Industrial Park.

*Hours subject to change and may vary available.*
Position: Sunshine Connection Bookkeeper

The Bookkeeper is responsible for maintaining all expenditure reports, keeping track of monetary transactions by receipts, writing staff paychecks, and any payments that may be required for bills, food, supplies, reimbursements, etc.

The Bookkeeper must also calculate the numbers for financial reports and turn the numbers in to the Executive Director for completion of the reports.

The Bookkeeper will send the expenditure reports to be reviewed by the treasurer and the accountant.

The other staff will provide all bills that come to Sunshine to the Bookkeeper as well, so they can be paid on time, in a prompt manner.

The Bookkeeper must attend monthly Board meetings and help at special occasions as needed, too.

The Bookkeeper will work in the Sunshine Connection offices.

The Bookkeeper will help with other duties as needed.

Qualifications:

Must self-identify as a mental health consumer.

Must be very organized.

Must be good with numbers.

Must be good at balancing books.

Must have good verbal and communication skills.

Must be able to pass a background check.

Good computer skills a plus.

Driver's license preferred.

Must have graduated from high school or have a GED.

Salary: $9.00 an hour

Hours: 15 per week

You may apply on www.indeed.com or at Sunshine Connection, 3434 SW 6th Avenue, Topeka, Kansas or call us at (785) 232-0315 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday, between 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Here are the Topeka locations and flyers showing where we will be at to help customers fill out their LIEAP applications.

1/19/2022 9am to 3pm  Salvation Army Topeka 1320 SE 6th Ave, Topeka, KS 66607

1/24/2022 1pm to 4pm  Catholic Charities Topeka 234 S Kansas Ave, Topeka, KS 66603

2/2/2022 9am to 3pm  Community Resource Clinic 455 SE Golf Park Blvd, Topeka, KS 66605

Thank you,

Cindy Kerns
Customer Advisor, Customer Service
P: 785-271-3023, F: 785-575-8592
Cynthia.Kerns@onegas.com

Rachelle Vega-Retana, Grants Administrator
City of Topeka, Dept. of Planning & Development
Division of Housing Services
620 SE Madison St. 1st Floor – Unit 8
Topeka, Ks. 66607
Phone: (785) 368-4490
Fax: (785) 368-2546
Email: rvetana@topeka.org

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Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) Application Assistance Event with Kansas Gas Service

The Salvation Army will be partnering with Kansas Gas Service to provide LIEAP application assistance*

Jan. 19, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
1320 SE 6th Ave.
Topeka, KS 66607

Please bring the following items:

- Copies of all proof of income for all permanent individuals in the home who are 18 years or older
- Copies of utility bills (gas, electric, propane, wood, etc.)

*This application assistance outreach is to assist all Kansas customers who may be eligible for federal funds. You do not need to be a Kansas Gas Service customer to attend and receive assistance in completing your application. Clients are required to have at least $80 in payments within the last 90 days.

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Add $568 for each additional person

For more information, please contact The Salvation Army at 785-233-9648
Kansas Gas Service
A Division of ONE Gas

Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)
Application Assistance Event with Kansas Gas Service

Catholic Charities will be partnering with Kansas Gas Service to provide LIEAP application assistance*

Jan. 24, 1-4 p.m.
234 S. Kansas Ave.
Topeka, KS 66603

Please bring the following items:

• Copies of all proof of income for all permanent individuals in the home who are 18 years or older
• Copies of utility bills (gas, electric, propane, wood, etc.)

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For more information, please contact Catholic Charities: 785-233-6300
Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)
Application Assistance Event with Kansas Gas Service

The Community Resources Council will be partnering with Kansas Gas Service to provide LIEAP application assistance*

Feb. 2nd, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
At Avondale East Location
455 S.E. Golf Park Blvd.
Topeka, KS 66605

Please bring the following items:
- Copies of all proof of income for all permanent individuals in the home who are 18 years or older
- Copies of utility bills (gas, electric, propane, wood, etc.)

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For more information, please call: 785-233-1365
For Immediate Release

Contact for further information: Gretchen Spiker, Director of Communications, gspiker@topeka.org

January 14, 2022

City of Topeka to conduct annual count of homeless population

TOPEKA, Kan. – The City of Topeka is preparing to host the annual Point in Time Homeless Count.

The count will take place on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Approximately 25 employees and volunteers will work that day to count those who are experiencing homelessness in Topeka.

To receive funding for programs, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires communities complete a count each year. The count ensures the City can obtain the appropriate level of funding to be able to provide needed services to those experiencing homelessness and those at risk for homelessness.

"Topeka is committed to helping the homeless in our community. The Point in Time Homeless Count is the first important step to see where the most need is in our community," said Corrie Wright, Division Director of Housing Services for the City of Topeka.

The information gathered will help Topeka to understand the face of homelessness within the community, make sure services are meeting the needs of homeless population, raise public awareness about the issues surrounding homelessness, and measure community progress towards preventing and ending homelessness.

In order to ensure everyone is counted, the City asks anyone who is homeless – or knows someone who is – to call 785-368-0168 between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on January 26. Interviewers will also be available that day at the City’s Holliday Building, 620 SE Madison St.

Misty Bosch-Hastings will serve as the media contact the day of the count. Bosch-Hastings can be reached at 785-217-8488.
Good afternoon,

I hope you are looking forward to 2022 and hope that COVID-19 may decline soon. Since COVID-19, neighborhoods have been hesitant to meet in person, but I want you to know that we are still here to provide services to you. I hope you are staying safe and healthy during this difficult time.

Several neighborhoods are having their neighborhood watch meetings by Zoom and we can help you with that. Currently, we have 143 neighborhood watches. Many of the neighborhoods are contacting their neighbors to update their email/phone tree. Email/phone trees are being updated and will be sent to neighborhoods soon. I appreciate receiving updates from the neighborhoods. Some neighborhoods are communicating through email, by phone, newsletters, Nextdoor or their neighborhood Facebook page. You can always email any issues to jwilson@safestreets.org and I will email you or call me at 266.4606 and leave me a message. I will call you back.

Neighborhoods are beginning to schedule neighborhood watch meetings for February and March. Please let me know when you would like to schedule your meeting.

Good news on property crime. The neighborhoods have done a great job in reducing property crime in their neighborhood. According to the December 31, 2021 crime stats, property crime is down 1,747 from 2020. Keep up the good work. Be aware of any crime and call Topeka Police Department at 911 to report it but don’t approach the person or put yourself in harm’s way. Let law enforcement take care of the issue.

Several people have called about suspicious drug activity in their neighborhood. If you feel this might be happening in your neighborhood, please let me know at jwilson@safestreets.org and we can work toward eliminating this problem.

**Report from the Topeka Police Department**

Sgt. Mike Burns with the Topeka Police Department always reminds everyone to lock your car and lock the interior door from the garage into the house. Do not leave guns or other things in vehicles. Packages are being stolen from the front porch and Sgt. Burns suggested notifying neighbors that you are expecting a package. Packages might be delivered to places of employment, to the neighbor or held at the post office. If you are shopping, be sure to know where your car is parked and have your car keys out when walking to the car. If you do not feel safe leaving work, you could ask an employee to walk you to your car or ask a police officer if they are in the parking lot.

Since we have had snow and ice lately, Sgt. Burns reminds us to keep items in our vehicle in case we are stranded during this time of year. Some items that should be in your vehicle include a blanket, water, food, first aid kit, shovel, sand, or kitty litter, just to name a few items. With salt or sand trucks on our streets, keep a safe distance from a salt or sand
Judy Wilson jwilson@safestreets.org
January 2022 Safety Information

truck. Also, keep a safe distance from other vehicles. Automobile inspections should be made before traveling.

Report from the Shawnee County Sheriff's Office
Deputy Abigail Christian, Shawnee County Sheriff’s Office Public Relations Deputy, reminds us of safety tips when shopping whether in person or online. When shopping, leave important documents and extra credit cards at home, avoid carrying large amounts of money, place purchases in the trunk, keep your purse/wallet close, and stick to well-lit areas.

When shopping online, verify websites, track packages, ask neighbors to watch for packages or deliver packages to the workplace, sign up for text notifications, and request a signature. Safety tips for your home include being sure to lock your doors and windows, lock your vehicle and remove guns and other valuables.

The Shawnee County Sheriff's Office has tamper proof screws to secure your license plate. When placing your sticker on your license tag, use a knife to make an X on the sticker so your sticker cannot be stolen.

Vehicle safety
Park your vehicle in a secure area, such as a garage or a locked parking lot. If that is not possible, park in a well-lit place and near security cameras and report suspicious activity to police immediately. Park your vehicle in the garage or in the driveway near your home and remove your garage opener from your car.

Please let me know if I can provide specific information to you. As always, we are here to help make neighborhoods safe. Stay healthy and safe.

Thanks
Judy

JUDY WILSON, CAP, OM
Office Manager
National Night Out Program Coordinator
jwilson@safestreets.org
OFFICE 785.266.4606 | FAX 785.266.3833
ADDRESS 2209 SW 29th St., Topeka, KS 66611
WEBSITE PARSTopeka.org | SafeStreets.org

PARS|SafeStreets
VIRTUAL NEIGHBORHOOD ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD TRAINING

The Center for Conflict Resolution is offering our FREE, Neighborhood Accountability Training online to provide community members the opportunity to be a part of restorative justice processes that happen in their communities around Kansas City.

Neighborhood Accountability Boards allow for all parties affected by harm, such as shoplifting, underage drinking and more, to share their side of the story and work together on a solution that makes this right.

FEBRUARY 18TH, 2022 9 AM - 4 PM
FREE ONLINE ZOOM TRAINING

To register for this training, send email to dbayless@ccrkc.org or go to our website, www.ccrkc.org for more information.

Internet, Zoom, and computer access required.
Starting Monday, January 24th, Emcon will be closing SW Plass Ave between SW Brooklyn Ave and SW Knollwood Dr for a City stormsewer project. Plass will be fully closed between these two streets. The closure will last for 1.5 to 2 months depending on weather.

The closure on Randolph and 22nd Street will be changing phases by the end of the day. Randolph will be fully open, and work will then begin on the 22nd Park portion fully closing 22nd Park on the following day. Repair time for the second phase is roughly 2-3 weeks depending on weather.

As a side note, we are reaching the point of the year where low temps affect our ability to pour concrete and extended cold spells will mean limited to no concrete pouring. We are also dealing with materials and parts shortages (as is the rest of the US) adding delays to projects, especially those created on short notice. Thank you for your patience.
See Click Fix Requests 01/10/2022 to 01/16/2022

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Request Descriptions

- Trouble with lights, street lights, etc
- Tree limbs or brush on City property
- Water, trash, gophers, junk car, trash, etc
- Forestry general request
- Police general request
- Police service request
- Street cleaning in streets or streets
- Storm drain that can't be opened
- Sidewalk damage, crack, etc
- Street conditions, damage, etc
- Sidewalk, crack, corner
- Sign damaged, street light, or sidewalk
- Street light, light pole malfunctioning
- Street light pole or light damage
- Tapping existing traffic back
drainage
- Leaking or running
- Water meter, leak, leak repair
- Fault, control & power
- Water tanks, maintenance & operation

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- **POLICE DEPT**: Police General Issues
- **TRAFFICS**: Traffic-related issues, such as speed limits, signs, or signals
- **CODES**: Code enforcement issues, such as graffiti, trash, or illegal dumping
- **STREETS**: Street conditions, such as potholes, cracks, or tree trimming
- **OFFICE**: Office-related issues, such as customer service or paperwork
- **FORESTY**: Tree trimming or management
- **FIREPLACES**: Fireplacel-related issues, such as smoke alarms or fire hydrants
- **GENERAL**: General issues, such as noise complaints or general maintenance
- **Other**: Other issues not covered in the above categories

**See Click Fix**: This column indicates the process or action taken by the city to address the issue, such as opening, closing, or completing the case.

**Status**: The current status of the issue, which can be open, closed, or completed.

**Initiated Date**: The date the issue was opened.

**Date Closed**: The date the issue was closed.

**Average Days to Close**: The average number of days it took to close the issue.

**Projected Close Date**: The date the city expects to close the issue.