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Spring Starts Here – Downtown Open House

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 5, because Spring Starts Here in Downtown Shawnee! The Spring Starts Here event is from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and will continue to include business open houses, the farmers’ market, food trucks, kids’ activities, and a volunteer beautification project. Businesses are welcome to host sidewalk sales, sell food outside, or host additional activities.

We are continuing the scavenger hunt this year, which replaced the previous punch card promotion. Each business that signs up to participate in the open house event will be included in the scavenger hunt. Guests will be required to visit businesses and locate an item or complete a task to receive a sign-off on their activity map. City staff will work with businesses to determine what their scavenger hunt item/task will be. Those visitors that complete a certain number of the scavenger hunt items will be eligible to win prizes.

We appreciate all of the businesses that hosted an open house last year and are asking you to do it again. Please plan to host a business open house on Saturday, May 5. Please plan to be open during the hours of the event. If you know that you would like to participate in the event, fill out the form located inside this mailing and return it to the Planning Department by Friday, March 30. You do not want to miss the opportunity!

Make sure to follow the Shawnee Downtown Partnership on Facebook to stay up to date. We encourage your business to share information about the event through social media and word of mouth.

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My business hours will be: _________________________________________________

___ I will offer the following specials or promotions:

____________________________________________________________________

Business:
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The Nieman Now! projects are in full swing and we thank everyone for their patience throughout the construction. Please note that throughout the projects the speed limit has been reduced to 25 mph on Nieman Road to make sure all of the workers stay safe while on the job.

Below are updates on each of the improvement projects:

- **6200 Block of Nieman stormwater project** - This project includes replacing the existing box culverts under Nieman Road just north of Shawnee Mission Parkway, reconstruction of adjacent vertical walls and relocation of sanitary sewers. The new retaining walls on the east and west sides of Nieman Road have been constructed. Additional utility work, grading, and culvert improvements are still underway. The project is expected to be completed in late spring 2018 depending upon the weather.

- **Nieman Middle stormwater project** - Box culverts under Nieman Road will be replaced to alleviate flooding of nearby properties and streets. Construction of the new parking lot south of Old Shawnee Pizza has been completed, including rerouting of Roger Rd. The project is about 80% complete.

- **Nieman Road** - The Nieman Road improvements will narrow the roadway to three lanes with a recreational trail on the east side of the street and sidewalk on the west side. Streetscape enhancements and other amenities will also be included. Final Plans approval by the Governing Body is expected in late March. Construction, including relocation of overhead utilities, is expected to begin by May. The first phase of construction is planned for Nieman Road between Johnson Drive and Shawnee Mission Parkway. Additionally, concept plans have been developed for several project amenities. Illustrations with more details are available on the City’s website.

- **Nieman North stormwater project** - Improvements will be made to the existing stormwater drainage channel west of Nieman Road to west of Flint Street. The improvements will also include construction of a trail on the south side of the new channel. Construction began in January 2018 with all sanitary relocation work already completed. Installation of block channel walls and box culverts is underway. Construction is currently about 10-15% complete, and is expected to be wrapped up in October.

- **Flint Street improvements** - The Flint Street project will include complete street reconstruction with curbs, gutters, stormwater management and sidewalk. Preliminary Plans were approved by the Governing Body on February 26. Final Plans are still pending approval. Flint Street is closed between W. 60th St. and W. 60th Terr. through October 31. Local access will be provided as needed.

- **The Nieman South stormwater project (COMPLETED)** - Construction of the new creek channel, pedestrian bridge and trail east of Nieman Road has been completed.

We will be updating any traffic changes and project developments online at www.cityofshawnee.org/NiemanNow and via the City’s social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, and Nextdoor. Sign-up to receive email updates by clicking “E-Subscribe” under the “Online Services” title on the City’s website.

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