

## *City of Wichita Request For Proposal Osage Rec. Center*

Osage Recreation Center  
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### **Experience & References: AND Organization Experience & Reference:**

The Southwest Neighborhood Association (SWNA) is a non-profit organization that began in 1996; this was when “cruising” on S. Seneca was at its peak and the resulting crime was a major concern. Citizens banded together to work with the drivers to provide guidelines for a safe area to cruise. During this time frame, a neighborhood parade was established as a means for cruisers, community, and police officers to work together on a project. Because of the efforts of this new teamwork, cruising is now all but a thing of the past, and the youth now use computers, gadgets and social networking as a primary means of communication and socialization.

The SWNA will provide management and resources to create, coordinate, and implement free or low cost educational activities at the Recreation Center for the seniors and youth in our local area. Youth are the future of our community and it is very important that we keep them engaged locally with activities without costly memberships to major health clubs. The senior citizens of our community have knowledge and wisdom for our youth but no place to plug in and share it with them. We would like to provide a place for both the senior and youth of the area to not only learn new skills, but to have fun and make a difference in the community.

The SWNA has recently built relationships with local computer repair business's to provide a free and/or low cost basic computer and electronics course as well as access to a computer lab for further education and for our seniors and youth. This will allow us to teach valuable skills to both youth and seniors, allowing them to bridge the generational gap and share experiences and knowledge.

The SWNA area boundaries are May St. south to 47<sup>th</sup> St.. and McLean Blvd./ Gold St west to Meridian. The SWNA serves over 4000+ homes by providing information and resources to any residual, church and business owner in southwest Wichita. The SWNA also works closely with police officers in our area. The community policing officers on beats 27 & 28 participate by providing policing information at our meetings each month. They help to keep us informed

of the good and the bad going on in our community. They answer questions and help us to resolve problems and help in organization of neighborhood watch leaders. The SWNA has made future plans to expand on the Community Policing by providing a space for our community policing officers the availability to educate and work with the Seniors and Youth that would be using the recreation center.

The SWNA has organized clean up and recycling efforts for people who are physically or financially unable this is done on a frequent basis. This is part of the partnership with the City of Wichita through Federal Grants. Most of our Seniors are very frugal individuals that are willing to volunteer to teach our youth the need to recycle and preserve our environment.

In the past 15 years, the SWNA has worked with organizations such as SWIM (South West Interfaith Ministries) in helping Operation Holiday provide community support in our area. We are active in community affairs such as Community Reconnection, Racial Profiling committee, serving on the oral review board (Police Dept.) many of our members, both past and present, have served on the District 4 Advisory Board (DAB 4) for the City of Wichita.

The SWNA has worked tirelessly in building relations with other neighborhood associations to bridge the gap between boundaries and by hosting events to better serve our community. As a member of the Wichita Independent Neighborhoods (WIN) organization, we have noticed that across the city, as a whole, participation in volunteering is down. Now more than ever, it is important to establish and maintain consistent involvement in the community. The SWNA believes that we can all work together to build a better community in Wichita.

For 10 years, the SWNA monthly meetings were hosted at the Osage Recreation Center (OCR) until a new pre-school program was adopted at the OCR. After about a year of the program we decided to move our meeting to a local church to make room for the pre-school program. Until the closing in December of 2010, we hosted our National Night Out events inside and outside the OCR, along with a number of other community events. In the future the SWNA will plan on holding our monthly meetings and any other events at the recreation center.

A strong neighborhood is a valuable tool in maintaining healthy communities. Neighborhood organizations bring together people with many diverse backgrounds, who share common concerns for their safety, properties, homes and community interests. Our neighborhood organizations help city staff and elected officials identify and resolve issues and concerns in a particular area throughout Wichita.

The strength in numbers - having a unified voice can make a difference.

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Volunteer Driven by 20 plus Senior Volunteers with 1 Full time Employee ( \$8.00 hr .)  
Hours of Operation are listed below

## **Operational Plan:**

All the operational responsibilities are on the Southwest Neighborhood Association Including maintaining hours of operation ( listed below ) and maintaining staff on a volunteer and non-volunteer basis. The building and land will remain under the ownership of the City of Wichita. The City will continue to maintain the grounds during the term of the lease. SWNA will be responsible for the day to day cleaning and upkeep of the building. The City of Wichita will be responsible for any repairs to the building, roof, HVAC, windows, flooring, and other components of the building. The Rec. Center will be operated as Open to the Public.

### Hours of Operation

8 AM - Noon

1 PM - 8:30 PM

(Monday-Friday)

Saturday and Sunday from 9 AM - 1 PM.

### Closed:

- Christmas Eve
- Christmas Day
- New Year's Eve
- New Year's Day
- Labor Day
- Memorial Day
- Thanksgiving
- Day Following Thanksgiving

Accesses to the building and basement will remain open in Extreme Weather Conditions for safety of local residents.

## **Program Services:**

### Programs / Upcoming Classes for Senior and Youth Health (Education, Dieting, Nutrient)

- Weekly Physician Visits
  - “Ask your Questions”
- Weekly Nutritionist Visits
  - “Ask your Questions”
- Weekly Pharmacist Visits
  - “Ask your Questions”
- Cooking
  - Preparation
  - 30 Min. Meals
  - Healthy Family Meals
  - Healthy Single Meals

### Fitness (Yoga, Aerobic, Walking Programs)

- Yoga
- Aerobics
- Walking Buddies (Around Osage Park)
- Wii Bowling

### Technology (Computers, Phones, Internet)

- One-on-One Training on Basic Computer Skills
  - Safely Turning On and Off
  - Navigation
  - Programs
  - Printing
  - Emailing
- One-on-One Training on Internet
  - Searching
  - Providers
  - Bill Pay
  - Security
- One-on-One Training on Cell Phone
  - Texting
  - Phone Usage
  - Charging

- Advance Computer Hardware Training / Repair
  - Hands on Training
    - Hardware
    - Software
  - Local Business / College
    - Computer Repair
    - Computer Protection

#### Mind ( Cards, Games, Bingo)

- Bridge , Pitch ( Cards )
- Memory Activities

#### Gardening and Landscaping

- Seasonal and Monthly Classes
- Community Garden

#### Personal Security

- Community Policing Tips for Protect
- In Home Security Inspection
- Personal Security Classes

#### Social Events ( Dances, Parties, Clubs )

- Golden Agers
- Organization Meetings
- Neighborhood Association Meetings
- Community Outreach Meetings
- Community Policing Neighborhood Watch Meetings
- Church Meetings
- Craft Fairs
- Book Fair
- Farmers Market
- National Night Out
- Neighborhood Garage Sale
- Movie in the Gym Night

#### After School Programs / Child Care

- Tutoring and/or Study Center
  - Senior Volunteers
  - Computer and Internet Resources
  - Quiet Location to Study
  - Future Child Care

- Youth Activities and/or Sports
  - Basketball
  - Softball Program
  - Karate or Boxing Program
  - Tennis Program
  - Flag Football Program
  - Soccer Program
  
- Teen Night
  - Gym Open for School Groups
    - Plays
    - Dances
    - Activities

#### Summer Programs

- Weekly Summer Youth Seminars
  - Local Wildlife Park
  - Local Arts / Entertainment
  - Local Business / Professionals
  
- Youth Activities and/or Sports
  - Basketball
  - Softball Program
  - Karate or Boxing Program
  - Tennis Program
  - Flag Football Program
  - Soccer Program
  
- Bicycle Clinic
  - Provide Repairs
  - Training on Bike Safety
  - Bike Scholarship Ownership Program
  
- Video Gaming / Game Design Training
  - Xbox and Wii Stations
  - Computer Gaming Stations

#### Nutrient:

Angel Food Pantry Location Ministry Location  
 Kansas Food Bank Location / Youth and Seniors  
 Summer Youth Sack Lunch Program

**Lease Term:**

Southwest Neighborhood Association (SWNA) is proposing to lease the Osage Rec. Center from the City of Wichita for a monthly compensation payment of \$1.00 a month per year for a total of one year with the option to have a yearly renewal term by mutual agreement of the parties. In the event either party does not intend to renew the agreement, ninety (90) days advance written notice must be given prior to the renewal date. In addition, Southwest Neighborhood Assn. proposes the City of Wichita pay all the utilities for six (6) months starting from the lease possession agreement date of both parties. After the first six (6) months, SWNA will take over the responsibility of the utilities.

**Beginning Operations:**

Southwest Neighborhood Association would be able to begin open operations thirty (30) days after receiving notification of the lease agreement.

**Exceptions: N/A**

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## Resources:

Golden Agers  
Square Dancers  
VFW  
Boy Scouts  
Special Olympics Basketball & Volleyball

### Local Businesses and Professionals

Valley Feed and Seed  
Michael's Complete Lawn Care  
Dutches Nursery  
Dillons  
Computer Depot  
Disciple Technologies  
Ace Hardware  
The Bullet Stop  
Dopps Chiropractic  
MindFire Academy  
Many More Commitments....

### Local Churches,

- Southwest Interfaith Ministries ( SWIM )
- Operation Holiday Location
- Southwest Baptist Church
- St. Anne's Church
- Southwest Presbyterian Church
- Southwest Community Church
- Glenn Park Christian Church
- South Glenn Church of God
- Bethany Lutheran Church
- Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church
- Faith Baptist Church
- Parkview Southern Baptist Church
- Westside Church of Christ
- Bethel Life Center
- New Foundation Community Church
- Trinity Reformed Church
- Cornerstone Church of God
- World Harvest Worship
- Grace Baptist Church
- West Side United Methodist Church
- First Pentecostal United Church
- Iglesia Monte Calvario
- Calvary's Rock
- West Side Church
- Open Bible Mennonite Brethren Church
- St Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
- First Pentecostal Holiness Church
- Cornerstone Pentecostal Church
- Seventh-Day Adventist Church
- Victory Independent Baptist Church
- Faith Christian Church
- Westside Church of Christ
- Glenville Baptist Church
- Christian Family Ministries
- South Seneca Church of Christ
- Berean Assembly

### Nearby Schools

- Cleaveland Traditional Magnet School
- Enterprise Elementary School
- Kelly Elementary Liberal Arts Academy
- Truesdell Middle School
- South High School

**Experience & References:**  
**Organization Experience & Reference:**  
**Operational Plan:**  
**Program Services:**  
**Lease Term:**  
**Beginning Operations:**  
**Exceptions:**

**A. Experience & References:** All proposals must describe your organization's experience and business references and contact information. The proposal must provide a description of the organization, management team, Board of Directors, organizational experience and description of the services being provided to the community. The proposal should include a contact person, phone number, and address.

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Also include how many years has your organization been in operation, etc.

**B. Organization Experience & References:** All proposals must describe the organization's history and experience. The proposal should include the number of employees, management team, and any other pertinent information in this section. The organization may want to express any innovative or creative ideas on operating the community building and the benefits that will be provided to the community.

**C. Operational Plan:** All proposals must describe the organization's operational and maintenance plan for this facility. The operational plan should include the hours of operation, detailed facility maintenance and any other necessary information that applies to the daily operation.

**D. Program Services:** All proposals must include a detailed description of the community educational and program services or other usages that will be offered by the organization, as well as the program times, frequency, benefits or impact to the community, etc that will be offered at this facility location. In this section you may express the organization's creative and innovative ideas on operating the community building and the benefits that will be provided to the community because of those programs and services.

**E. Lease Term:** As described above, the City desires a one (3) three year lease term, with an option to renew for two (2) additional (3) three year terms by mutual agreement of the parties. In the event either party does not intend to renew the agreement, ninety (90) days advance written notice must be given prior to the renewal date. All proposals must indicate the monthly lease compensation payment that will be paid to the City in return for leasing the community building for community programming and recreational services.

**F. Beginning Operations:** Organization must state the number of days required to begin operation upon notification of lease agreement.

**G. Exceptions:** Any exceptions to the specifications and/or contract terms and conditions must be identified and addressed.