



(Photo courtesy Shawnee Convention & Visitors Bureau)

Main Streets still in existence, the community offers a wide range of retail stores, service providers and professional offices. The Downtown District was designated as part of the Kansas Main Street program in 2007 and is listed on the Kansas and National Historic registers.

For fishing and boating enthusiasts, **Seneca** is between Centralia City Lake, Pony Creek Lake at Sabetha. Just south of **Seneca** on K-63, is the Old Lake Nemaha Conservation Area. Hunters will be glad to know that **Seneca** is surrounded by 14,000 acres of walk-in hunting ground where pheasant, quail and dove abound.

Golfers will be challenged by our 18-hole, links-style, public course. At Spring Creek Golf Course, you'll enjoy all the amenities of a professional-grade par 71 course. The course encourages outings and tournaments of all sizes and features nine-hole and 18-hole games, motorized cart

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For information on lodging, attractions, and events, contact the **Chamber of Commerce** (785) 336-2294 or seneca\_chamber@yahoo.com Visit our website, www.seneca-kansas.us or www.travelks.com

**SHAWNEE**

A western suburb in the metropolitan Kansas City area, **Shawnee**, has experienced explosive growth in recent years and now has a population of over 60,000 people, making it the third-largest city in Johnson County and seventh most populous in Kansas. Conveniently located 10 minutes from the Kansas Speedway and The Legends shopping district, it is 20 minutes from downtown Kansas City and the Country Club Plaza, and just 35 minutes from Kansas City International Airport.

The idea of community began here early when in the late

1800's a gazebo situated in the center of the city park became the gathering spot for dancing and picnics throughout the summer. City Hall now sits where the gazebo once stood but the sense of community still has deep roots. An example of that spirit is demonstrated every year during the 1st weekend in June when the annual Old-Shawnee-Days festival attracts more than 100,000 people to its three days of events.

**Shawnee** maintains its connection to its history through its outdoor museum, Shawnee Town – a must see for history buffs with a collection of buildings, grounds and gardens collectively depicting small-town rural American leading up to and during the 1920s. In the same neighborhood, Wonderscope Children's Museum of Kansas City, offers an interactive and enjoyable hands-on experience for children and their families from ages six months through 12 years.

The Johnson County Museum of History allows people to revisit early life in the area through award-winning exhibits, artifacts and historic photographs from Johnson County's past. If you

are looking for a little back to the future experience, be sure to visit the 1950s All-Electric House, which will transport you to the days of ducktails and saddle shoes.

With 1,250 acres of fun for every season, Shawnee Mission Park offers the perfect outdoor experience. Activities include fishing on the 140-acre lake, canoeing, golfing, paddle boating – name it and you can do it here. And on a clear, summer evening, there is nothing quite like a picnic and then taking in a musical at the renowned Theatre in the Park.

In **Shawnee**, the saying goes "Good Starts Here" so come and visit and experience the community's unique flavor. For additional information contact the Shawnee CVB at www.GoodStartsHere.com, or (888) 550-7282.

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