



Sewanee

CIVIC ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Treasures for the Chest
March for the Supply Drive
Volunteers: March 11, 12, 13
Sponsored by...

THIS SIDE UP
KEROSENE HEATER
CHURN FROM MEAT
STEER FROM FEEDING

CLASSIC MIX 50
Fritos
Doritos

REPORT FOR THE SEWANEЕ CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The board would like to thank all Civic Association members for your support. The goal for this report is to help our members understand how the Civic Association works for the community by reviewing some of the Civic Association's activities.

The purpose of the SCA is to foster a well-informed, harmonious, and dynamic greater Sewanee community by providing a forum for community issues and social interaction, by managing the Sewanee Community Chest and the Sewanee Classifieds, and by sponsoring projects deemed by the membership to be beneficial to the community.

Ken Taylor- Co-President

Kiki Beavers - Co-President

Brett Del Balso- Vice President

Millicent Foreman- Secretary

Erin Kunz- SCA Treasurer

David Michaels- Member at Large

Jared Sorenson- Member at Large

Brandon Barry - Immediate Past President

Bentley Cook- Director of Classifieds

Carol Ingle - Community Chest Treasurer

MANAGEMENT

The board transacts business between meetings in preparation for meetings, creates standing rules and policies, creates standing and temporary committees, prepares, and submits a budget to the membership, approves routine bills, and prepares reports and recommendations to the membership.

CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

The SCA manages the Sewanee Classifieds, and email-based subscription service.

The SCA maintains two email accounts, one for Sewanee Civic Association, and one for the Sewanee Community Chest.

The SCA maintains a Facebook page and an Instagram account.

The SCA has a MailChimp account for a monthly email newsletter.

The SCA has a community website at sewaneecivic.org. This website is kept as a source of information and as a matter of public record for the SCA.

The SCA has a Guidestar profile. Both the SCA and the Community Chest received the Silver Transparency seal.

The Sewanee Community Chest has a Giving Matters profile with the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

ENHANCING OUR COMMUNITY

Involvement

A majority of the SCA board members are active in other roles for the community. This includes membership on the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, the Sewanee Business Alliance, the Cowan Commercial Club, Sewanee Senior Center board, the Fourth of July Committee and more.

Program

The SCA offers programs during membership meetings to inform and

engage the community. Programs this year included Tyler Ford, tnAchieves Director of Mentors, David Goodpaster, director of the Community Action Committee, and Woody Register, director of the Roberson Project.

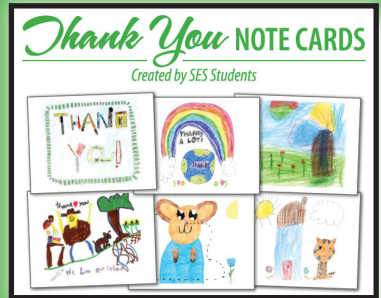
PROJECTS

In 2021, the SCA hosted a community-wide celebration of heroes during the Sewanee Fourth of July, highlighting community volunteers and Community Chest sponsored programs. The SCA sponsored a thank-you note design contest at the Sewanee Elementary School and the Sewanee Children's Center. The SCA granted \$1,300 in emergency funding to the Sewanee Elementary Parent Organization, for air purifier filters at the school.

In 2022, the SCA formed the Treasures for the Chest initiative, a campaign to help promote community-wide service of giving time, support and donations. The first event was a March for the Supply Drive, donating nonfood items to augment the services provided by the CAC food pantry. The SCA worked with Bonner Leaders to update the website. Participated in the Urban Land Institute economic development report.



Community Service Award



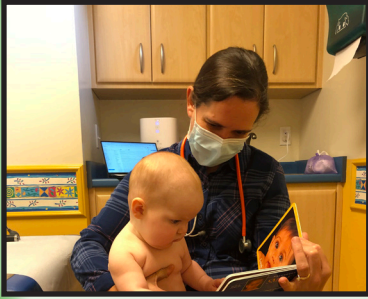
Thank You Winners



Treasures for the Chest



Community Action Committee



Reach Out and Read



Boy Scout Troop 14

SEWANEE COMMUNITY CHEST

Whether you are a new or a long-time resident, Sewanee is a magnet that has attracted and kept us in this caring place we call home. As an unincorporated town, separate from the University, Sewanee cannot receive state and federal grants to fund projects associated with community development and sustainability. Since 1908, the Sewanee Community Chest has played that role.

In the last 10 years, the Sewanee Community Chest has raised approximately \$1 million, and our 2022 campaign goal is to raise \$102,291.. The pandemic has impacted these organizations in many ways — some have faced increased demands, while others have had to focus on cost reductions to carry them through. Your contribution will not only help fund specific projects, such as helping defray the cost of the Fourth of July fireworks display and scholarships for students who would not otherwise be able to attend the Sewanee Children's Center, but it also provides the necessary support that ensures the continuation of organizations and activities that care for our seniors, feed the hungry, educate our children, expand housing, and spay/neuter and rehome stray dogs and cats. We, along with the members of the Sewanee Civic Association's Board of Directors, are grateful to live in such a caring and giving community. Everywhere you look, your donations work to fulfill basic needs that otherwise would go unmet.

THANKS TO YOU \$107,291 was donated to fund the following organizations for 2021-22:

- Animal Harbor, \$3,000
- Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic, \$1,000
- Blue Monarch, \$3,000
- Boy Scout Troop 14, \$500
- Community Action Committee, \$3,000
- Folks at Home, \$5,000
- Fourth of July Celebration, \$3,000
- Growing Roots, \$2,000
- Housing Sewanee, \$10,000
- Little Bellas, \$250
- MARC, \$7,000
- Mountain Goat Trail Alliance, \$1,500
- Reach Out and Read, \$2,541
- SES Parent Organization, \$30,000
- Sewanee Angel Park, \$500
- Sewanee Children's Center, \$12,000
- Sewanee Community Center, \$4,000
- Sewanee Mountain Messenger, \$6,000
- Sewanee Senior Center, \$12,000
- St. Mark's Community Center, \$1,000

The Sewanee Community Chest is the Sewanee Civic Association's main philanthropic effort.



Folks at Home



MARC and Animal Harbor



Sewanee Elementary

A BRIEF HISTORY

The Sewanee Civic League—Women organized Sewanee's first community civic club, called the Sewanee Civic League in 1908 in order to improve municipal conditions and equipment. Through various subgroups they accomplished many projects, including underwriting the blueprints for the stone gates on the highway, circulating literature on tuberculosis, repairing the stone wall around the cemetery, and raising money to extend the term of the public school. They put Shoup Park in front of the Sewanee Inn (now Elliott Hall), cleaned up the principal views near Sewanee, and contributed money for the improvement of the University's water supply. The organization raised funds with a tearoom, a women's exchange, catering, rummage sales, book sales, a strawberry festival, recitals and other endeavors. When the organization voted to disband in 1947, they gave their fund balance of \$633.17 to the University's Five Million Dollar Campaign for the endowment of the nurses' home. The University Gates Fund went to the newly organized Woman's Club.

Sewanee Civic Association—The men began their civic connections with the Sewanee Town Meeting

group in December 1920. It was formed to provide law and order in Sewanee: "We have one of the worst towns...in regard to the violation of the law. We are here to organize and distribute money for the good of Sewanee...stop bootlegging and get a public school we are not ashamed of." This organization was broadened into the Sewanee Civitan Club. This was nationally affiliated until 1942, when it reformed as the local Sewanee Civic Association. Its primary purpose was to raise money that the town could not raise in taxes because it was unincorporated, in order to make municipal improvements. In 1926 the Civitan Club raised funds to build and maintain a new stone public school, and later to put an addition onto it. The objectives in 1938 included the completion of Alto Road and of a state highway to the Marion County line, securing the sheriff's salary, obtaining pledges for a black community center, and adding a four-year high school for Sewanee. Each year this club organizes the Sewanee Community Chest, which now raises thousands of dollars for local organizations.

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