

LAWRENCE ENERGY CONSERVATION FAIR 2008

On Sunday, October 19th, 2008 the City's Waste Reduction and Recycling Division hosted the **8th Annual Lawrence Energy Conservation Fair**. The Fair took place at Free State High School from 10 am to 5 pm. The goal of the Energy Fair is to help residents and businesses find sensible ways to reduce energy costs by choosing products and services that will increase the energy efficiency of our homes, businesses and personal transportation.

The Energy Fair hosted thirty-five exhibitors with professional environmental expertise: including local builders, architects, engineers, insulation contractors, and home energy efficiency specialists. Businesses offering residential wind and solar energy systems were also present. A variety of alternative fueled vehicles were on display at Free State High School, and fair attendees were allowed to test drive the electric bicycles offered by Cycle Works.

In addition to these exhibitors, a line-up of guest speakers gave presentations throughout the day, which provided attendees more specific information on a variety of topics. The Featured Presentation on Kansas Energy Policy by Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary Rod Bremby was a great conclusion to the Fair.



Cotlin's Hardware, a Premiere Sponsor of this year's Fair, provided free popcorn snacks to the public and drawings for reusable shopping bags.



The Kansas Soybean Commission displayed their bio-diesel truck and information regarding soy bio-diesel and its availability in Kansas.



Michael Almon with Paradigm Design talks to an attendee about environmentally sustainable building materials and their use in residential home construction.



Westar Energy attended to promote the "Efficiency Works" program and information regarding compact fluorescent light bulbs.



Secretary Rod Bremby of the Kansas Department of Health & Environment speaks about KS energy policies and future opportunities.



The new banners promote all three of the premiere sponsors for the 2008 Energy Fair: Black Hills Energy, Cottin's Hardware, and Lawrence Chamber of Commerce.

Sarah Hill-Nelson, representing the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce exhibit has a policy discussion with Kansas Senator Marci Fransisco.



Home Performance Services gave advice to attendees about how to test homes and businesses for energy efficiency and how to correct simple building flaws.