

City of Lawrence

The Flame



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“We Have
Tomorrow —
Bright Before
Us, Like A
Flame.”

Langston Hughes

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Two Arts-Focused Programs In Development City-wide Cultural Plan & 9th Street Corridor Projects Aim to Capture Lawrence's Cultural & Artistic Features

The City of Lawrence was awarded a grant from the Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission to complete a city-wide cultural plan. The development of a city-wide cultural plan was one of the key recommendations from the city's Cultural District Task Force.



What is a Cultural Plan? The cultural planning process will create a functional and sustainable guiding plan which does several things for the community.

- The plan will document Lawrence's unique cultural assets;
- Define cultural priorities for the community;
- Recommend strategies and tools which the City of Lawrence can provide to support the efforts of the community to accomplish those priorities and further enhance the climate in which artists, art-related businesses, cultural tourism and creative sector economic development can thrive; and
- Provides recommendations for integrating infrastructure and capital improvement projects with the overall goals of the cultural plan. In order to create a successful cultural plan, numerous stakeholders in the community need to be engaged.

The city's website, lawrenceks.org/cmo/cultural-plan has project details and meeting information. The cultural planning process is expected to last through June 2015.

9TH STREET CORRIDOR

The Lawrence Arts Center received a prestigious ArtPlace grant award for the infusion of art into a project along east 9th Street, from Delaware to Massachusetts, which will make the corridor more walkable and bicycle-friendly.

el dorado inc., a Kansas City-based urban design firm, will lead a design team consisting and will work with the City of Lawrence, the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association (ELNA), Downtown Lawrence, Inc. (DLI), the Lawrence Arts Center, and a Citizen Advisory Committee established to assist with guidance of the project. Through public meetings and stakeholder involvement, including residents, business owners and other community groups, the team will work to create a design for the 9th Street Corridor.

The project area is a 7-block area of east 9th Street, from Massachusetts Street to Delaware Street. This area is an important connection between historic Downtown Lawrence, the historic east Lawrence neighborhood, and the Industrial Historic District (commonly called the Warehouse Arts District). The area is also located in the city's Cultural District, an area with a high concentration of artistic, cultural, historic and natural amenities.

Our Partners:



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Stay involved with this project by visiting lawrenceks.org/9th-street-corridor-project.

Fair Housing - Know Your Rights

April is Fair Housing Month. Housing or Employment Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, national origin, age, ancestry, familial status, sexual orientation, disability and gender identity is illegal. The City of Lawrence is committed to ensuring fair housing practices are upheld in Lawrence. The Lawrence Human Relations Division is now located at Municipal Court, 1006 New Hampshire. Call us at (785) 832-3310 or e-mail humanrelations@lawrenceks.org.



RECYCLING REMINDER



Shredded Paper

The only exception to "no plastic bags" in the blue recycling carts is for shredded paper which must be



contained in a clear plastic bag before being placed inside your blue recycling cart. At the sorting facility, staff can clearly see the bags of shredded paper and separate these out for recycling. The sorting equipment at the facility cannot separate out loose shredded paper due to its small size.

Please make sure your shredded paper is clean and dry. Place in a clear plastic bag. Clear plastic bags can be purchased online or locally at Office Depot, Cottin's Hardware, Westlake Ace Hardware, or Home Depot. Then place the bagged shredded paper in your blue recycling cart with other recyclable materials.

www.LawrenceRecycles.org

The Lawrence Police Blue Santa program would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens and businesses of Lawrence for their amazing generosity during our 2014 holiday season. With your thoughtful contributions of toys, wrapping paper, grocery store gift cards and most importantly your time, the Lawrence Police Blue Santa program was able to provide assistance to 177 families and gifts for over 400 of our city's children.



While we focus our efforts to assist families during the holiday season, fund raising events are held throughout the year. Like us on Facebook (Lawrence Police Blue Santa) for all the latest news and event listings.

Police Department Tips for Accessing an Accident Report

Have you been in a traffic accident and need a copy of your accident report? Unfortunately, many of us encounter this situation each year. Here's what you need to know:

Accident reports are open public record. In Kansas, an accident report is defined as Kansas Department of Transportation forms 850A, 850B, and may include supplemental forms 851-855. The completed report will be available to you and will describe the accident; including the date, time, and place and pertinent information about the parties involved.

How long does it take? The approval process may take up to 10 business days. Once the approval sequence is completed, the report is posted online for you to view and print at your convenience.

Accident reports can be accessed online at no charge. To find an accident report online, go to lawrenceks.org/police. Look for the light blue toolbar, click on the link for "Services." In the drop down box click on "Accident Reports." Type in your report number, or if you do not have the number, you may search accident reports by the report date. If the report is ready, there will be a tab marked "View;" if it is not ready you will see N/A for "not available." If your report is ready, the system will ask you to create a free username, and you will be able to print your accident report at no charge. If your report is not ready, keep checking back each day. If the delay is over 10 days or there is an emergency and you must have access immediately, please contact the Lawrence Police Records Department at (785) 832-7501.



The Records Division of the Lawrence Police Department is located on the 2nd floor of the Law Enforcement Center, 111 E. 11th Street. Accident reports are available for pick-up at the Records Division or free-of-charge online.

You may also buy a copy of your accident report at the Lawrence Police Records Department. Please call the Lawrence Police Records Department before you arrive to be sure your report is ready, and how much it will cost to print.

Accident Reports do not include Criminal Investigation Reports. There are times when an event may generate an accident report and a criminal investigation report, as in the case of an impaired driver. The criminal investigation report is not part of the accident report and requires a different set of processes for you to obtain a copy. If you have questions about this, please call the Lawrence Police Records Department Records Manager at (785) 832-7525.

The Lawrence Police Records Department serves as a branch of the Information Services Division of the Lawrence Police Department, and is located on the 2nd Floor of the Law Enforcement Center at 111 East 11th. Hours are 8:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Call (785) 832-7501. Please note: Saturday assistance is accessed via the yellow call box on the south side of the Law Enforcement Center.

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