

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

Langston Hughes



City of Lawrence

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Lawrence Transit Celebrates 15-Year Anniversary

It's hard to believe it's already been 15 years!

Lawrence Transit started in December 2000 when residents recognized a need for transit in their community. With eight routes and paratransit (T Lift) service, transit was off to a great start. Since then, many new services have been added and milestones have been reached.

- More routes have been added, and times have been adjusted to allow for easier transfers from one bus to another. All routes now run on a 30-minute or 60-minute schedule.
- Service has been coordinated with KU Transit. This has been a win-win for bus riders since anyone can ride any bus in Lawrence.
- Night Line service was added, providing service from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday through Saturday, so residents now have access to 24-hour bus service six days a week.
- Mobile tools such as the bus app and texting provide real-time bus information for riders.
- New bus pass sales outlets have been added at Dillons and Hy-Vee, along with The Merc for added convenience.
- Bike racks were added to all buses, including KU buses, allowing riders to increase their commuting options.
- Ridership has increased to 1.2 million riders per year. This is a 150% increase since 2008.

For so many people, transit is a necessary and important part of their lives. The service provides needed transportation to jobs, school, medical appointments and shopping.

Many people prefer to ride the bus even if they own a car since it saves money and reduces stress. Riding the bus also helps the environment and reduces traffic on the roads. For more information on Lawrence Transit, visit www.lawrencetransit.org.



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Tree-Cycling Collection Dates

Recycling your Christmas tree following the holidays is a great way to return it to nature.

Lawrence residents may place live-cut trees at the curb or alley by 6:00 a.m. on Monday, January 4 and Monday, January 11 for collection.



The trees will be used for wildlife habitat. Please remove all artificial items including tinsel, lights, ornaments and tree stands.

For additional information, visit www.LawrenceRecycles.org.

HOLIDAY TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Friday, December 25 | Christmas Day
Friday residential trash and recycling routes delayed by one day. Friday collection occurs on Saturday, December 26.

Friday, January 1 | New Year's Day
Friday residential trash and recycling routes delayed by one day. Friday collection occurs on Saturday, January 2.

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RECYCLING REMINDER



Holiday Gift Wrap



A common mistake many people make around the holidays is loading their recycling bins with shiny wrapping paper, tissue, ribbons and more. Unfortunately, the shiny, laminated wrapping and tissue paper is not recyclable and should not be placed in your blue recycling cart.

In the case of gift wrap, it's better to reuse, or not use at all. If you are going to use the shiny gift wrap and tissue paper, consider reusing it for next year.

Here are a few ideas for alternative gift wrapping materials. Using these alternatives allows you and your family to express your creative sides and reuse common items that are around the house.

- Kraft paper (brown paper bag material)
- Decorated boxes with no wrap
- Old maps, sheet music, or pages from a book
- Cloth
- Newspaper
- Reusable bag

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LPRD Holiday Events

Join LPRD and spread some cheer this holiday season with the **Month of Sharing**. Drop off a new, unused, unopened toy to any LPRD facility through Friday, Dec. 18, to be given to area youth through non-profit agencies this holiday season.

Library Lawn Skate Rink - Grand Opening for the season noon – 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27. Cost is \$3 per person, which includes skate rental. No personal skates are allowed. For hours throughout the season, please visit: www.lprd.org/skaterink.

Holiday Extravaganza - 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Sports Pavilion Lawrence, 100 Rock Chalk Lane. Holiday arts and crafts show, including commercial and non-commercial items. Free and Open to the public.

Candy Cane Hunt – 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Holcom Park Recreation Center, 2700 W. 27th St. Hunt begins at 4:30 p.m. After hunt, kids will be served hot chocolate and cookies. Arts and crafts and games will be played too. Open to children 6 years-old or younger. Cost is \$5 per child.

Breakfast With Santa - 8:30 -11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Community Building, 115 W. 11th St. Join your favorite elf for breakfast. Pancakes, sausage, orange juice or coffee will be served by Chris Cakes. Cost is \$7 for children; \$9 for adults.

Santa Splash - 12-12:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Indoor Aquatic Center, 4706 Overland Drive. Join Santa for a fun day of activities. Craftmaking followed by swimming. Pre-registration required for craftmaking by Wednesday, Dec. 16. Open to children 2 years-old to 12 years-old. Cost is \$7.

Holiday Happenings - 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Dec. 21-24; Dec. 28-31. Holcom Park Recreation Center, 2700 W. 27th St. Activities for kids while school is out on break. A variety of activities, field trips, sports, games, arts and crafts and other fun activities. Open to children 5 years-old to 12 years-old. Cost is \$70 per child/per week.

Gymnastics Camp - 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 21-23; Dec. 28-30. Sports Pavilion Lawrence, 100 Rock Chalk Lane. A variety of gymnastics activities, including: trampoline, bars, rings. Improve and develop skills. Open to Children 5 years-old to 12 years-old. Cost is \$75 per child/per session.



Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission Honors Local Art Community

The 20th Annual *Phoenix Awards* ceremony was held at the Lawrence Arts Center on Sunday, November 1. Three awardees were recognized by the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission along with some 150 audience members: **Marty Olson** for Exceptional Artistic Achievement; **Dr. John Derby** for Art Educator; and **The Committee on Imagination and Place** for Creative Spaces. Lawrence artist Marie McKenzie created this year's five *Phoenix Awards* — one each for the awardees, one for display at the Lawrence Arts Center and one for City Hall.

The *Phoenix Awards* are presented by the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission. Since the inception of the Phoenix Awards, more than 100 local artists, sculptors, photographers, dancers, musicians, vocalists, educators, writers and literary supporters, administrators, and volunteers have been recognized by their peers and fellow Lawrencians.

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