



City of Lawrence

The Flame | June 2015

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

Langston Hughes

Are you ready to be a part of the conversation? Lawrence is listening...

Lawrence residents, businesses and other community stakeholders have a new way to provide input and comments

Lawrence  *Listens*

on city issues to decision makers. Lawrence Listens, a new online citizen engagement tool, will include timely questions reflecting current topics and discussions in the community.

Lawrence Listens will be managed by the City Communications Office. Comments and feedback will be provided to elected officials and departments as part of discussions about city policies, programs and services.

"Lawrence Listens is a great tool for our community," said Megan Gilliland, city communications manager. "This will allow any resident to have a way to comment on city programs and policy discussions. We will take the data collected and provide it an easy-to-understand report that will be a part of the decision-making process. The feedback received is viewable to anyone who participates in Lawrence Listens to see what others in their community are saying about the questions proposed."

How to Participate:

- 1** Visit www.lawrenceks.org/lawrence-listens
- 2** Click on "Sign In" to create your account
- 3** Look over questions and click on "Go to the topic" for the one you'd like to answer
- 4** Click on the "Post" button to provide your response
- 5** Once you provided your answer, press "Submit"

Lawrence Listens does require users to register and offers an option to subscribe to get new questions directly to popular social networks and/or email.

Go to www.lawrenceks.org/Lawrence-Listens to sign up and participate. Now, with Lawrence Listens, you can tell decision makers what you think. We look forward to your comments!

What's happening this month?

22 - 28 | Free State Festival

www.freestatefestival.org

26 | Final Fridays

www.finalfridayslawrence.wordpress.com

26 - 28 | Tour of Lawrence

www.touroflawrence.com

28 | Summer Band Concert Series

www.lawrenceks.org/lprd

28 | Summer Fest

www.lawrenceks.org/lprd/specialevents

Construction Notice



This summer, the city is scheduled to complete work on Bob Billings Parkway, west of Wakarusa. 31st Street, from Ousdahl to Louisiana, will also be opened this summer.

More construction information is available on our website at lawrenceks.org/construction.



RECYCLING REMINDER



Paper & Cardboard Items



Remember to recycle your paper items including magazines and catalogs, newspapers and inserts, paperback books, telephone books, junk mail, chipboard, office paper, and corrugated cardboard boxes.

All these types of paper can be placed in your blue cart for recycling as long as the paper is dry and free of food contamination.

Toss soiled paper in the trash or remove all soiled portions before recycling the rest of your paper.

Greasy residue, such as that in a pizza box, causes issues for the paper recycling process.

In addition, make sure boxes are flattened before placing in your blue recycling cart.

www.LawrenceRecycles.org

Market Match Entering its Second Year at Farmers' Markets for SNAP recipients

Market Match, a SNAP dollar-for-dollar matching program, is starting up this spring at participating farmers' markets, including the Lawrence Farmers' Market and Cottin's Hardware Farmers' Market. After a successful pilot season last year, the program is expanding to additional markets later this summer. Market Match provides all SNAP (food stamps) shoppers with the opportunity to double their money (up to \$25 per day) at the farmers' markets.



In addition to helping SNAP users access healthy local food, Market Match also generates new customers for area producers and invests more dollars in our local economy. In 2014 alone, Market Match helped leverage over \$32,000 into the hands of local farmers and businesses. This program helps the City achieve its goal of promoting access to healthy, local food for all citizens, regardless of income.

Market Match hit the ground running thanks to the efforts of the LiveWell Coalition and the Douglas County Food Policy Council last year. With new funding from the City of Lawrence and other partners, the program is able to match more dollars in 2015. If you or your organization wants to help expand upon its success and community influence, please contact the Coordinator with advertising opportunities and ideas.

For a current listing of participating markets and days / hours of operation, as well as more information about the program, visit www.marketmatchks.org, or send an email to marketmatch@douglas-county.com

Kids Get Around Town With Student Summer Bus Pass



Parents: What are your kids going to be doing this summer? Do you need help getting your kids to the pools, library, recreation centers, and shopping? Wherever kids need to go in Lawrence, the T can get them there!

For only \$10, the student summer bus pass is good for unlimited rides in June, July and August. The pass is for students in grades K-12.

This year, there are even more locations to purchase the pass: City Hall, Community Building, East Lawrence Rec Center, Holcom Rec Center, Rock Chalk Park, Indoor Aquatic Center and the Outdoor Aquatic Center.

For more information, visit www.lawrencetransit.org or call 785-864-4644

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