

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

Langston Hughes



City of Lawrence

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City, KDOT Complete Major Construction Projects

The summer of 2015 won't be marked down as the most painful construction season in recent memory; nonetheless many residents cheered when two major thoroughfares opened to traffic after several months of construction. Both 31st Street and Louisiana Street in southeast Lawrence opened in August ahead of the 2015 school year and vastly improved traffic flow in the southern part of the city.

The 31st Street realignment and Louisiana closure were related to the ongoing construction of the South Lawrence Trafficway (SLT) by the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). The SLT is set to be completed by the end of 2016 and will provide a four-lane bypass for Lawrence from the eastern edge of the city on K-10 Highway at Noria Road to Iowa Street.

The City of Lawrence also completed three projects on Bob Billings Parkway between K-10 and Wakarusa to add turn lanes, a traffic signal at George Williams Way and reconstruction of intersections ahead of the projected completion of KDOT's new interchange at Bob Billings Parkway and K-10 Highway. KDOT anticipates the K-10/BBPW interchange will be open by the end of 2015, weather permitting.



Intersection improvements were completed this summer at George Williams Way and Bob Billings Parkway ahead of the opening of the new interchange at K-10 and BBPW.



Crews worked to complete pavement rehabilitation and street markings on Louisiana Street, south of 27th Street. City crews also added traffic calming devices on 27th Street this summer.

Electronic Recycling Event Scheduled for October 24

The City of Lawrence Solid Waste Division will host an electronic recycling event on Saturday, October 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the KU Park & Ride east parking lot, Clinton Parkway and Crestline Drive. Electronic recycling will be provided by Midwest Recycling Center (MRC).

Items accepted for recycling include televisions, video and audio equipment, computers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, microwaves and other small appliances, cell phones and other hand held devices. There is a \$20 recycling fee per CRT television 27 inches and under, and a \$40 recycling fee per CRT television over 27-inches/all big screen (projection) televisions/all console televisions. There is no recycling fee for other electronic equipment. Fees may be paid by cash or check.

Items not accepted at this event include large appliances and household hazardous waste such as paint, pesticides, compressed gas cylinders, and fluorescent light bulbs. For information on how to dispose of large appliances and household hazardous waste, visit www.LawrenceRecycles.org.



RECYCLING REMINDER



Preparing Recyclables



Place recyclables loosely in your blue cart so they can be sorted properly at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF). "Nesting" of materials, such as placing newspapers inside a cereal box or small boxes inside larger boxes, can cause materials to get kicked off the sorting line. Please toss these items in the recycling cart separately to help make sure materials get sorted and processed into the correct areas.

Additionally, make sure items you place in your blue recycling cart follow these guidelines:

- Recyclables are free of food, rinsed and dried.
- Plastic bottles and aluminum cans are not crushed.
- Cardboard and chipboard boxes are flattened.

Consider purchasing a recycling storage bin to place next to the trash can in your home, to steer away from nesting materials inside boxes. When full, empty recyclables loosely into your blue recycling cart.

www.LawrenceRecycles.org

RULES of the ROAD

Understanding How to Read Signs for Sharing the Road with Bicyclists

The City has recently completed some re-marking of roadways in Lawrence for bicycle, motorist and pedestrian safety. Here's an easy way to understand the markings next time you're out on the roadways and see the different symbols:

Bike Lanes — Bike Lanes give bicyclists and motorists their own, assigned and separate spaces on the road. Bicyclists should always ride in the direction indicated by the arrow painted on the street.



Sharrows — A "Sharrow" indicates that the streets are good for bike traffic, but are too narrow for separate bike lanes. Sharrow markings indicate to motorists and bicyclists that they must share the road and use the same space on the street as they travel.

Bike Route — Bike Routes indicate roads with light to moderate traffic and lower speeds that are expected to have bicycle traffic and where motorists and bicyclist share the roadway.



For more information on bicycling in Lawrence, visit lawrenceks.org/share_the_road.

Lunch N Learn for Businesses Offered

The City of Lawrence Planning and Development Services Department (PDS) offers a quarterly Lunch N Learn program. Attendees will gain insight on the City of Lawrence's development processes, services and programs. The PDS Lunch N Learn series is held on a Friday from Noon to 1:00 p.m. Two topics remain for 2015 including a sessions on parking and the plan review/approval process.

The sessions are developed as learning opportunities for designers, contractors, bankers, realtors, small business professionals. The sessions are also a great way to connect and talk about planning issues with staff.

Contact Cyndi Hermocillo-Legg, small business facilitator at (785) 832-3156 or clegg@lawrenceks.org or RSVP today at dewert@lawrenceks.org. Download previous session info online at www.lawrenceks.org/pds/small-business.

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