

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

Langston Hughes



City of Lawrence

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Setting Priorities

City currently working to develop budget & funding for future years.

The City Commission has started the process to develop the city's 2017 budget. Budgets define the city's priorities and provide a way to organize and plan how and when we use city funds.

Public input and engagement in this process is critical. This year, the city will be using both online and in-person opportunities for residents to give feedback on city programs, services and priorities.

Every year, the city works for many months to craft the next year's budget, which must be adopted and approved in August. The city provides a multitude of services for our community including police, fire, EMS, water and sewer utilities, parks and recreation programs and facilities, street maintenance and public works services, solid waste and recycling services, the public library, public transit, planning and zoning administration, code enforcement and general city administration. The city also provides funding which supports many community initiatives including economic development and job creation, arts and cultural programming, tourism, downtown maintenance and parking, mental health, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements and affordable housing.

"We want our residents to be engaged and a part of the budget process," said Megan Gilliland, communications manager for the city. "That's why we've created several ways for residents to get involved including online surveys on our website at www.lawrenceks.org/Lawrence-Listens.

During June and July, the city will release several questions or surveys online aimed at understanding what our citizens believe are the highest priorities for the city. Anyone can participate in the budget process and all voices are welcome.

If online surveys and tools aren't something that interests you, the city also has several work sessions planned for residents to come and listen as commissioners discuss city priorities.

The budget calendar is online at www.lawrenceks.org/budget. The City Commission's work sessions and meetings about the budget will be streamed live at www.lawrenceks.org/stream and will be archived at www.lawrenceks.org/budget.



Question: What Matters to You?

Connecting to your community has never been easier. You can follow the city on Facebook or Twitter, e-mail us at cityhall@lawrenceks.org or call us at (785) 832-3000.

Since 2015, the city has employed an online engagement system that allows residents to answer questions or submit answers to surveys through a program called Lawrence Listens.

Anyone can subscribe to the forum and get a notification when we release a new question. The feedback received is provided to elected officials and departments as part of the discussion about city policies, programs and services.

Any resident now has a way to comment on city programs and policy discussions. Go to www.lawrenceks.org/Lawrence-Listens to sign up and participate. The system can be used anonymously but registering an e-mail address and physical address helps the city analyze data by neighborhood. You can always choose "name not shown" to remain anonymous.

[lawrenceks.org/Lawrence-Listens](http://www.lawrenceks.org/Lawrence-Listens)

City info available online at lawrenceks.org and on cable Channel 25.

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RECYCLING REMINDER



The Solid Waste Division offers many online resources for our customers at www.LawrenceRecycles.org.

Notify! Notify is a text and e-mail notification system. Sign up today at notify.lawrenceks.org to receive text and/or e-mail notification reminders about trash, recycling, yard waste, and holiday collections.

Online Service Calendar & Map: Don't want to commit to weekly reminders? Visit our website to view the online service calendar. Simply type your address and a full calendar year is generated with your trash, recycling, yard waste, and holiday collection schedule.

Recyclable Materials Directory: Looking to recycle or donate an item you longer need? Search the alphabetical directory on our website for up-to-date information on local reuse and recycling options.

Trash & Recycling E-mail News: Stay up to date with the latest news from the Solid Waste Division by signing up for our e-mail news subscription. You will be sent upcoming events, news releases, and other timely news from our division.

Online Forms: On the front page of www.lawrenceks.org/swm, fill out convenient, online forms for the following: request a bulky item pickup, purchase a yard waste cart, switch out trash cart size, or request an additional recycling cart (for no extra charge).

www.LawrenceRecycles.org
 Lawrence Recycles

2016 Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit

New pieces on display in downtown, west Lawrence
Visit www.lawrenceks.org/cmo/arts-and-culture for a listing of locations and artist information.



Treasure Hunt
by Kati Toivanen



Dance Steps
by Kristin Garnant

Portage
by Dave Root



Lawrence is a firework-free zone

Same Great City - Only Safer!

Lawrence allows limited the use of fireworks in the city and prohibits the sale and handling of fireworks. Some novelty items are exempted from the city's ordinance which includes party poppers, snappers, snakes/glow worms, sparklers, toy caps and toy smoke devices.

www.lawrenceks.org/fireworks

BUSINESS



Looking to start or grow your business?

Set up an appointment with our Small Business Facilitator. We work closely with business owners to help them better understand city rules, regulations and facilitate their interactions with government departments and agencies.

We can help with Code questions, interpreting process steps for development projects, setting up a pre-application meetings with city departments, and connecting businesses to resource partners.

Contact Cyndi Hermocillo-Legg at (785) 832-3156 or clegg@lawrenceks.org.



Lawrence Parks and Recreation, along with several community partners, are sponsoring the Lawrence Summer Food Program again. Children between ages 1-18 can get a free breakfast and lunch every weekday in the summer at several locations around town.

Visit www.lawrenceks.org/summer-food for locations, dates and times.

No Registration - No Fee - Just Show Up

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