

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

Langston Hughes



City of Lawrence

The Flame | October 2016

A Strategic Plan is an important part of overall city management & planning.



City Begins Strategic Plan Process

Plan will help set city goals and priorities for the future

The City Manager and City Commission have identified the development of a Strategic Plan for the City of Lawrence as a key priority. A Strategic Plan is a document that outlines a systematic process for moving toward a vision in a manner that involves the development and prioritization of strategic goals along with measurable strategies and objectives. The city does not currently have a Strategic Plan. The planning process is expected to begin in October and conclude in March 2017, ahead of the 2018 budget deliberations.

Why is a strategic plan necessary? The city regularly uses planning tools like the Comprehensive Plan to guide the city's growth in housing, transportation and land use. A Strategic Plan, when combined with other planning documents and community feedback, sets a clear path for moving a community forward. If the Strategic Plan is used accordingly, the plan will drive the budget discussions each year and ensure that projects, programs and services are aligned with the Strategic Plan's set goals and outcomes. Once the Strategic Plan is complete, a comprehensive set of performance measures can be developed which ensures public funds are being used to meet community goals and priorities. Get involved with the Strategic Planning process to help set our vision and goals for the future!

Strategic Plan →

For more information:
www.lawrenceks.org/strategic-plan

City Hosting Paper Shredding Event on November 15

On Tuesday, November 15, the City of Lawrence Solid Waste Division will join with thousands of local organizers to celebrate America Recycles Day. The city will celebrate by hosting a Paper Shred Event. America Recycles Day (ARD) is a national initiative of Keep America Beautiful. The Paper Shred Event will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Douglas County Fairgrounds Arena Parking Lot located at 1930 Harper Street. Secure document shredding will be provided by Stacks Secure Records. There is no fee for document shredding (maximum of 2 bags/boxes per attendee). Documents will be collected on-site at the event and securely shredded off-site. Documents with staples, paperclips, spring bound papers, and glue bound papers are permitted. Additional event information is available at www.LawrenceRecycles.org.

Did you know? America Recycles Day is the only nationally recognized day and coast-to-coast community-driven awareness campaign dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States. It has been held on – and in the weeks leading into – November 15 since 1997.



RECYCLING REMINDER



Apartment Recycling

Do you live in a multi-family unit or apartment complex? If you live in an apartment that has signed up for recycling collection



service, you may have a large recycling bin (pictured above) or a cluster of blue recycling carts. If there are no recycling containers at your apartment complex, please contact your property owner/manager. The city must receive approval from the property owner before placing recycling containers on their site.

Remember non-acceptable materials such as electronics, clothing, and yard waste should not be placed into the recycling containers. Plastic bags are also not accepted. All recyclables should be placed loosely into a recycling bin or cart. Rather than using plastic bags to transport recyclables to your shared recycling containers, we suggest using a reusable tote or box that material can easily be discarded from and taken back to your apartment.

For a complete list of items accepted or not accepted in the city's single-stream recycling program, and alternate recycling locations for items not accepted (i.e. plastic bags), visit www.LawrenceRecycles.org.

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Volunteers Needed for Sidewalk Snow Shoveling Program

The City of Lawrence and Douglas County Senior Services needs your help! The Safe Winter Walkways program kicks off this week and volunteers are needed to help elderly or disabled individuals clear public sidewalks during snow events.

Able-bodied Lawrence residents with a passion for helping others and an enjoyment of winter weather are needed to volunteer for the Safe Winter Walkways program. The goal of the Safe Winter Walkways program is to create safer and more accessible pedestrian walkways. This is a joint effort of the City of Lawrence and Douglas County Senior Services (DCSS). Volunteers will be matched with residents needing assistance with snow removal for the winter season.

In 2015, 92-percent of people who signed up for help did get paired with a volunteer. Last year, 84 households signed up for assistance but 6 households were unfortunately not paired with volunteers due to the demand for the program and a need for more volunteers.

This year, the city is again offering online registration for participants and volunteers. Visit www.lawrenceks.org/safe_winter_walkways to sign up for the program. This year, the program will close participant sign up on **November 18, 2016**. This date has been selected so that participants and volunteers can be matched prior to the holiday season, and hopefully, prior to snow season.

This program is an excellent resource for members of our community who physically can't keep their sidewalks clear during snow events. This program is a structured version of what has happens in many neighborhoods - neighbors helping neighbors.

Volunteer groups, civic organizations and youth groups are encouraged to consider volunteering as a team. Please contact Larry Woydziak with DCSS to find out how to sign up as a group and requirements for volunteering.

This program is for public sidewalks only. We give priority to homes with public sidewalks and volunteers are not required to provide snow removal for private driveways, sidewalks or walkways.

Volunteers can sign up by calling (785) 832-3338 or registering online at www.lawrenceks.org/safe_winter_walkways.

City Attorney's Office/Human Relations Commission hosting Animals & The Law Seminar

The city is bringing four experts together on October 28 at the Cider Gallery to provide the local community with educational information about assistance animals and the requirements for accommodation under the Fair Housing Act. Attorneys may receive three continuing legal education hours, if approved. The seminar is free and will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Cider Gallery, 810 Pennsylvania. Seminar content includes:

- Animals and the Law: Distinguishing Pets, Service Animals, Therapy Animals and Emotional Support Animals
- Science of Animals: How do animals truly assist people?
- Assistance Animals: Reasonable Accommodations under the Fair Housing Act
- Landlord Tenant Law: Best Practices for Renting to Families With Pets

For more information, visit www.lawrenceks.org/human-relations.



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