



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

Langston Hughes



City of Lawrence

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celebrate earth day in lawrence, ks

Earth Day, observed on April 22nd, was created in 1970 to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth’s natural environment. After over 40 years, Americans are still dedicated to creating and maintaining a healthy and sustainable environment. Come join the City of Lawrence in celebrating Earth Day!

The **18th Annual Earth Day Celebration** in South Park, hosted by the City of Lawrence Solid Waste Division, will be held from **11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 21st**. The day starts with a parade, hosted by KU Environs, at 11:00 a.m. on Massachusetts Street from Eighth Street to South Park. All activities are free and open to the public. There is no rain date for the event.

The purpose of the Earth Day Celebration is to gather community members to connect, discover, and celebrate local organizations and businesses who support a healthy, sustainable environment. At the same time, the Celebration engages event goers with fun activities and exhibitions.



For more information about the Lawrence Earth Day Parade and Celebration, visit LawrenceRecycles.org or call 832-3032.

There will be local food vendors, live music, yoga, children’s activities, and exhibits about waste reduction, recycling, composting, energy conservation, land preservation, wildlife and habitat preservation, and more. The City of Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department will host South Park Tree ID tours at 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m.

In addition, the Lawrence Transit System will offer free rides on the T all day Saturday, April 21st, providing the experience and benefits of public transportation on all fixed routes.

Did You know....

You can park in Downtown Lawrence for 61¢ a day!



City parking passes make parking easier and affordable for using the municipal surface lots, parking garages and long-term metered lots. 201* passes are available and can be purchased at two locations: the second floor of City Hall, 6 East Sixth Street, and Municipal Court building, 1006 New Hampshire. Both locations are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Annual passes are \$192 per year and are valid January through December. Quarterly parking pass are available for \$50.

Both annual and quarterly parking passes are valid in long term-parking lots and at ten-hour meters. Long-term lots are designed to accommodate the parking needs of employees working in the downtown area and others with long-term parking needs in the area.

Long-term downtown parking includes the lower level of the Riverfront parking garage at 600 New Hampshire, designated long-term parking in the Vermont and New Hampshire Parking Garages, and at eight long-term parking lots throughout downtown. A map is available online of municipal parking opportunities: www.lawrenceks.org/parking.

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

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JOIN THE COMMON GROUND PROGRAM!

Common Ground is a community gardening and urban agriculture program created by the City of Lawrence in 2012. This past year, our gardens, farms and orchards were tended by 140 growers, supported by 600+ volunteers, and generated nearly 1000 lbs in produce donated to those in need in our community.

Applications are now open for the 2018 growing season.

- Community Gardens: Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, but will be first come, first served. Therefore, applicants are encouraged to apply soon!
- Incubator Farm: Are you interested in growing for market? Our Incubator Farm just North of Lawrence is the perfect site to try your hand at larger-scale production, with plots ranging from .25 – 1 acre. These sites are available at \$100/acre. Applications due March 4, but will be considered thereafter based on availability.

Application materials can be found here: www.lawrenceks.org/common-ground



For more information, contact: Helen Schnoes, Sustainability & Food Systems Planner, hschnoes@douglascountyks.org or 785-551-9436.

Q&A with the new Sustainability Director, Jasmin Moore



Hometown: Kansas City, MO

Education: B.A. Applied Behavioral Sciences- Univ. of Kansas, M.S. Community & Regional Planning- Univ. of Texas

Favorite KU sport: Women's Rowing

States you have lived: Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Texas, Arkansas

Currently watching on Netflix: Black Mirror

Favorite Earth Day tip: Give experiences and create memorable moments with a picnic in the park or tickets to a concert instead of physical gifts.

Your view of sustainability and its role within the community: Sustainability is about living today like you really believe there is going to be a tomorrow. We have a responsibility, in partnership with the community, to use our resources in a way that protects the environment, makes financial sense, and seeks to improve the quality of life for residents.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM AT WWW.LAWRENCEKS.ORG/SUSTAINABILITY

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