

**April  
2013**

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

Langston Hughes

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## Police Department Offers Summer Camp

**Program works to build life skills and develop confidence**

The Lawrence Police Department's annual Police Camp is June 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>! Police Camp is a 3-day program, which promotes positive interactions between the Lawrence Police Department, various local public safety organizations and Lawrence children ages 8 to 12.

The purpose of the Police Camp is to build life skills, instill confidence and develop self-esteem in the children participants. The children will experience a wide range of activities, which incorporate teamwork, physical fitness, and good citizenship. Children will be presented with general police and EMS information, safety skills, and demonstrations.

This is a wonderful opportunity if you are seeking a positive learning experience for your children during summer break. We encourage all interested to apply by completing an online application at [www.lawrenceks.org/police](http://www.lawrenceks.org/police). We look forward to seeing all of your June 6<sup>th</sup>!



*The Lawrence Police Department is now accepting applications for the annual Police Camp. Visit [www.lawrenceks.org/police](http://www.lawrenceks.org/police) for more information.*

## Electronic Recycling and Document Shredding Event Scheduled for May 4



The City of Lawrence will host an electronic recycling and secure document shredding event on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Free State High School north parking lot, 4700 Overland Drive.

Items accepted for recycling include confidential paper documents (maximum of 10 boxes), televisions, video and audio equipment, computers, printers, scanners, fax machines, microwaves and other small appliances, batteries, cell phones and other hand held devices. There is a \$10 recycling fee per computer monitor and a \$15 recycling fee per television. 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 fluorescent light bulbs, paint, pesticides and compressed gas cylinders.

Electronic recycling at this event will be provided by Secure e-Cycle and secure document shredding by PROSHRED.

For further information, please contact the Waste Reduction and Recycling Division at (785) 832-3030 or visit [www.LawrenceRecycles.org](http://www.LawrenceRecycles.org).

## City to Hold Rain Barrel Workshop in May



*The City of Lawrence Stormwater Division works to educate residents about techniques to divert stormwater and use the water efficiently.*

The City of Lawrence Stormwater Division will hold a Rain Barrel Workshop on Thursday, May 9 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, 2110 Harper Street, Building No. 1.

A rain barrel collects and stores rainwater from your rooftop for use in your yard or garden. Water collected in a rain barrel would normally flow through your downspout, onto a paved surface and eventually into a storm drain. Instead of the rain water going down the drain, you can capture the water and use it for many uses including filling bird baths, watering indoor, garden or container plants, and cleaning garden tools. Rainwater is naturally soft and contains no minerals and chemicals. When used for watering plants, rainwater will leave no calcium carbonate residue. Rain barrels help lower water costs - it is estimated that 40% of water used during summer is for lawn and garden maintenance. Rain barrels reduce stormwater runoff resulting in fewer pollutants in our storm water and less potential for localized flooding.

For the class on May 9, participants can choose to either make a rain barrel at the class and take it home for a \$35 materials fee or participants can come and observe the workshop free of charge and take home the informational material to make a rain barrel at home with products you have already. Space is limited and pre-registration by May 6 is required. To register contact Shawna Trarbach at (785) 832-3136 or email [strarbach@lawrenceks.org](mailto:strarbach@lawrenceks.org). Visit [www.lawrenceks.org/public\\_works/stormwater/rain\\_barrel\\_workshop](http://www.lawrenceks.org/public_works/stormwater/rain_barrel_workshop) for more information on the workshop.

## April is Fair Housing Month

The signs of discrimination may be subtle. Be an informed buyer or renter and know your rights. Federal, state and local fair housing laws prohibit discrimination in housing based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability and familial status. As an added protection, the City of Lawrence prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

The City of Lawrence is committed to ensuring fair housing practices are upheld in Lawrence. The Lawrence Human Relations Division is now located at Municipal Court, 1006 New Hampshire. Call us at (785) 832-3310 or e-mail [humanrelations@lawrenceks.org](mailto:humanrelations@lawrenceks.org).



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