Two Arts-Focused Programs In Development
City-wide Cultural Plan & 9th Street Corridor Projects Aim to Capture Lawrence’s Cultural & Artistic Features

The City of Lawrence was awarded a grant from the Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission to complete a city-wide cultural plan. The development of a city-wide cultural plan was one of the key recommendations from the city’s Cultural District Task Force.

What is a Cultural Plan? The cultural planning process will create a functional and sustainable guiding plan which does several things for the community.

- The plan will document Lawrence’s unique cultural assets;
- Define cultural priorities for the community;
- Recommend strategies and tools which the City of Lawrence can provide to support the efforts of the community to accomplish those priorities and further enhance the climate in which artists, art-related businesses, cultural tourism and creative sector economic development can thrive; and
- Provides recommendations for integrating infrastructure and capital improvement projects with the overall goals of the cultural plan. In order to create a successful cultural plan, numerous stakeholders in the community need to be engaged.

The city’s website, lawrenceks.org/cmocultural-plan has project details and meeting information. The cultural planning process is expected to last through June 2015.

Fair Housing - Know Your Rights

April is Fair Housing Month. Housing or Employment Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, national origin, age, ancestry, familial status, sexual orientation, disability and gender identity is illegal. 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.

Our Partners:
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Police Department Tips for Accessing an Accident Report

Have you been in a traffic accident and need a copy of your accident report? Unfortunately, many of us encounter this situation each year. Here’s what you need to know:

**Accident reports are open public record.** In Kansas, an accident report is defined as Kansas Department of Transportation forms 850A, 850B, and may include supplemental forms 851-855. The completed report will be available to you and will describe the accident; including the date, time, place and pertinent information about the parties involved.

**How long does it take?** The approval process may take up to 10 business days. Once the approval sequence is completed, the report is posted online for you to view and print at your convenience.

**Accident reports can be accessed online at no charge.** To find an accident report online, go to lawrenceks.org/police. Look for the light blue toolbar, click on the link for “Services.” In the drop down box click on “Accident Reports.” Type in your report number, or if you do not have the number, you may search accident reports by the report date. If the report is ready, there will be a tab marked “View;” if it is not ready you will see N/A for “not available.” If your report is ready, the system will ask you to create a free username, and you will be able to print your accident report at no charge. If your report is not ready, keep checking back each day. If the delay is over 10 days or there is an emergency and you must have access immediately, please contact the Lawrence Police Records Department at (785) 832-7501.

You may also buy a copy of your accident report at the Lawrence Police Records Department. Please call the Lawrence Police Records Department before you arrive to be sure your report is ready, and how much it will cost to print.

**Accident Reports do not include Criminal Investigation Reports.** There are times when an event may generate an accident report and a criminal investigation report, as in the case of an impaired driver. The criminal investigation report is not part of the accident report and requires a different set of processes for you to obtain a copy. If you have questions about this, please call the Lawrence Police Records Department Records Manager at (785) 832-7525.

The Records Division of the Lawrence Police Department is located on the 2nd floor of the Law Enforcement Center, 111 E. 11th Street. Accident reports are available for pick-up at the Records Division or free-of-charge online.