City Offers Loan Program for Emergency Repairs

Emergency & furnace loans available for income-qualified Lawrence homeowners

For emergency situations, the city offers an emergency loan program that can provide up to $5,000 for emergency repairs that eliminate immediate hazards to health and safety or to repair damage to the structure likely to cause health and safety hazards.

The furnace loan program can provide up to $5,000 for the replacement/addition of existing heating and/or cooling source with approved energy-efficient appliances.

Both programs require a zero interest, zero payment mortgage to be placed on the property. The loan amount is due in full when the applicant is no longer the owner/occupant.

Please contact Community Development staff at (785) 832-7700 for additional terms and conditions, or visit lawrenceks.org/pds/housing_programs to download an application.
Preparing Your Recycling

November 15 is America Recycles Day, a nationally recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling. In Lawrence, residents do a great job recycling! To clarify questions city staff often receive, here are a few reminders about preparing recyclable materials before placing them in the blue recycling cart for collection:

• Recycling shouldn’t be a chore – no need to run your recyclables through the dishwasher to get them clean – a simple rinse under water gets most food residue off.

• No need to remove labels from bottles and jars before placing in the recycling cart but please do remove bottle caps and lids. If the metal or plastic lid is 2 inches or larger, it can go in the recycling cart. Smaller caps and lids may be placed in the trash.

• If you have a to-go cup with a plastic lid and straw, please disassemble the cup. If it’s a plastic #1-7 cup, it can go by itself into the recycling cart. If the lid is 2 inches or larger, then place it in the recycling cart. Please throw plastic straws in the trash.

• Do I need to remove plastic film sheeting from envelopes? The answer is no – you can leave envelopes as is, paper and plastic film together and place into your recycling cart.


Six Local Artists Celebrated & Honored in 2016

Each year, the city’s Cultural Arts Commission receives nominations and selects local artists for their outstanding artistic achievement in the Lawrence community. The nominations are accepted in various categories including arts advocacy, arts administration, arts education, design arts, literary arts, musical arts, performing arts, visual arts, arts volunteer and a special category of Exceptional Artistic Achievement.

In 2016, six artists were selected for Phoenix Awards. Three of the recipients were selected posthumously. The 2016 Phoenix Award winners are:

• Shellie Bender, Art Education/Visual Art
• Truckstop Honeymoon, Musical Arts
• Marla Jackson, Design Arts
• George Paley, Exceptional Artistic Achievement
• Sally Piller, Visual Arts
• Bill Snead, Visual Arts

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