Lawrence Transit Begins New 30-Minute Routes

Ridership Increases & Demand for Service Create Changes

Several changes to the Lawrence Transit bus service went into effect in August. The new Transit Guide reflecting these changes is available around town, including grocery stores, City Hall, Lawrence Public Library, several locations across the KU campus and on all buses. The new routes and schedules can also be found at www.lawrencetransit.org. Below are this year’s changes:

- Route 1 is now serving the Lawrence Community Shelter
- Route 3 has become a fixed route service and serves Lawrence Memorial Hospital
- Route 6 now serves Rock Chalk Park and Sports Pavilion Lawrence
- Route 15 now serves Connecticut and Barker, The Peaslee Center and East Hills Business Park
- Minor adjustments were made to routing and scheduling on other routes

Additionally, Routes 5, 7 and 10 and have increased their frequency from every hour to every 30 minutes. What this means is that bus service has doubled on these routes. This is due to higher ridership and demand for more bus service in Lawrence.

“Our passengers are our number one priority at Lawrence Transit,” said Bob Nugent, Lawrence Transit Administrator. “We listen to our riders and their needs. What they have expressed is that they would like additional service added to busier routes.”

For more information, please visit www.lawrencetransit.org or call (785) 864-4644.

Overtime Fines for Downtown Parking Meters Increased

Fines for overtime parking in the downtown area recently increased to $5. To avoid getting a parking ticket altogether, consider buying a parking pass. Annual and quarterly passes are available for 10-hour lots and downtown parking garages. Parking passes can be purchased at the Utility Billing window at City Hall or at Municipal Court, 1006 New Hampshire.

The parking hours of enforcement are 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday (except city holidays). Free parking is available on the top floor of the New Hampshire and Vermont Street garages.

For more information, visit www.lawrenceks.org/parking.
**What Does it Mean to be a Good Neighbor?**

Whether you’re new to Lawrence or lived here your entire life, the city offers residents a few tips for keeping Lawrence a great place to live, work and play.

**Roommates** - No more than three unrelated persons can reside in one dwelling unit in a neighborhood zoned single family. For properties located in multi-family districts, up to four unrelated individuals can reside in one dwelling unit.

**Noise** - Music should not be heard outside of your house. It is illegal to play music from a vehicle that can be heard from 50-feet away.

**Parking** - Do not park on lawns or sidewalks. Vehicles parked on streets must be moved every 48-hours.

**Pets** - Animals should not disturb the peace. When not in a fenced yard, animals should be under the owner’s supervision and on a leash when off their owner’s property to prevent creating a hazard or disturbance to people, animals and property. On both public and private property, you are responsible for removing your pet’s excrement.

Lawrence has two off-leash dog parks: Mutt Run is located at 1330 East 902, below the Clinton Lake dam. The facility includes drinking fountains, water for dogs, and rest rooms. Paths are mowed through fields and along wooded areas. The other dog park is located at Riverfront Park, at the intersection of North Second St. and Highways 24 and 40.

**Bikes** - Never park your bike where it can get in another person’s way. If you park in an alley, make sure it doesn’t block stairs or doors. It is illegal to lock your bike to a tree, fire hydrant, street sign, stop sign or streetlight. A parking meter is acceptable unless it is in front of a handicapped parking spot.

Obey the rules of the road: follow the rules of the road and obey all traffic laws. Bicyclists are subject to all the same duties that are applicable to drivers. Always use hand signals to draw the driver’s attention.

**Outdoor Furniture** - Upholstered furniture (couches, upholstered chairs, mattresses) is not allowed on outdoor balconies, porches and decks. Furniture designed for and sold as outdoor furniture is OK. Upholstered furniture in outdoor spaces can create a fire hazard and impede emergency responders’ access to a home when necessary.

For more information, visit www.lawrenceks.org/good_neighbor.

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**Electronic Recycling Event - October 15**

The City of Lawrence Solid Waste Division will host an electronic recycling event on Saturday, October 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the KU Park & Ride east parking lot, accessible from Clinton Parkway and Crestline Drive. Electronic recycling will be provided by Midwest Recycling Center (MRC).

Items accepted for recycling include televisions, video and audio equipment, computers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, microwaves and other small appliances, cell phones and other hand held devices. There is a $10 recycling fee per CRT computer monitors, a $20 recycling fee per CRT television 26 inches and under, a $40 recycling fee per CRT television 27 inches and over, and a $50 recycling fee per big screen/projection/console 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 VHS tapes and CDs, large appliances and household hazardous waste such as paint, pesticides, compressed gas cylinders, and fluorescent light bulbs. For information on how to dispose of large appliances and household hazardous waste, visit www.LawrenceRecycles.org.