



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

*Langston Hughes*

## The Flame | July 2017



### Setting Priorities

#### City currently working to develop budget & funding for future years

The City Commission is in the process of discussing and shaping the city's 2018 budget. Budgets reinforce the city's priorities and provide a way to organize and plan how and when city funds are used. Public input and engagement in this process is crucial. The city uses both online and in-person opportunities for residents to give feedback on city programs, services and priorities.

Every year, the city works for many months to craft the next year's budget, which must be adopted and approved by August 25. The city provides a multitude of services for our community including police, fire, EMS, water and sewer utilities, parks and recreation programs and facilities, street maintenance and public works services, solid waste and recycling services, the public library, public transit, planning and zoning administration, code enforcement and general city administration. The city also provides funding which supports many community initiatives including economic development and job creation, arts and cultural programming, tourism, downtown maintenance and parking, mental health, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements and affordable housing.

The city has several work sessions planned for residents to come and listen as commissioners discuss city priorities.

The budget calendar is online at [www.lawrenceks.org/budget/current](http://www.lawrenceks.org/budget/current). The City Commission's work sessions and meetings about the budget will be streamed live at [www.lawrenceks.org/stream](http://www.lawrenceks.org/stream) and will be archived at [www.lawrenceks.org/budget/current](http://www.lawrenceks.org/budget/current).



### Question:

#### What Matters to You?

Connecting to your community has never been easier. You can follow the city on Facebook or Twitter, e-mail us at [cityhall@lawrenceks.org](mailto:cityhall@lawrenceks.org) or call us at (785) 832-3000.

Since 2015, the city has employed an online engagement system that allows residents to answer questions or submit answers to surveys through a program called Lawrence Listens.

Anyone can subscribe to the forum and get a notification when we release a new question. The feedback received is provided to elected officials and departments as part of the discussion about city policies, programs and services.

Go to [www.lawrenceks.org/Lawrence-Listens](http://www.lawrenceks.org/Lawrence-Listens) to sign up and participate. The system can be used anonymously but registering an e-mail address and physical address helps the city analyze data by neighborhood. You can always choose "name not shown" to remain anonymous.

### Moving in July or August?



**REMINDER:** Please do not take the city trash or recycling carts with you when you move. Carts belong to the address to which they were originally delivered.

City info available online at [lawrenceks.org](http://lawrenceks.org) and on cable Channel 25.

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## Get out and Ride! Lawrence-Douglas County Bike Maps

The Bicycle Rideability Map is a product of the City of Lawrence and the Lawrence – Douglas County MPO with input from the Lawrence – Douglas Bicycle Advisory Committee. Map printing was funded by our sponsors: Cycle Works, Sunflower Outdoor and Bike Shop, Lawrence Bicycle Club, LiveWell Lawrence, the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department, Anderson Rental, and Lawrence Unchained.

### Get the Map in Print

The 2016 updated version is available at the following locations:

- Lawrence City Hall
- Sunflower Outdoor and Bike Shop
- Cycleworks
- KU Parking & Transit
- Ambler Student Recreation Fitness Center

**For more information, visit**  
[www.lawrenceks.org/mpo/bikemap](http://www.lawrenceks.org/mpo/bikemap)

## Skip the phone call... Submit online service forms!

[LAWRENCEKS.ORG/SWM](http://LAWRENCEKS.ORG/SWM)

The Solid Waste Division has several online service forms for customer convenience:

- Missed Collection Report
- Order a Yard Waste Cart
- Schedule a Bulky Item Pick-Up
- Switch Trash Cart Size or Receive Additional Carts
- Switch Recycling Cart Size or Receive Additional Carts

## Summertime Swimming Pool Safety

Swimming pools and water parks are great places to be active, have fun and cool off. They're also places where germs can be spread and cause illnesses.

Contrary to popular belief, chlorine and other disinfectants don't kill germs instantly. It can take anywhere from minutes to days for chlorine to kill them. Swallowing just a little water that contains germs can make you sick.

"We encourage residents to protect themselves and others from illnesses by practicing healthy swimming behaviors," said Mary Beverly, director of Epidemiology and Environmental Public Health at the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department.

Here are a few easy and effective steps all swimmers can take to prevent illnesses:

- Stay out of the water if you have diarrhea.
- Stay out of the water if you have an open wound that is not covered with a waterproof bandage.
- Shower before you get in the water. Rinsing off in the shower for just 1 minute removes most of the dirt or anything else on your body.
- Take kids on bathroom breaks, especially toddlers.
- Check diapers and change them in a bathroom or diaper-changing area – not poolside. This keeps germs away from pool.
- Don't pee or poop in the water.
- Don't swallow the water.

"Everyone should do their part to keep the water safe for healthy swimming," Beverly said.



Lawrence Parks and Recreation, along with several community partners, are sponsoring the Lawrence Summer Food Program again. Children between ages 1-18 can get a free breakfast and lunch every weekday in the summer at several locations around town.

Visit [www.lawrenceks.org/summer-food](http://www.lawrenceks.org/summer-food) for locations, dates and times.

**No Registration - No Fee - Just Show Up**

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