



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

Langston Hughes



City of Lawrence

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Student Summer Bus Pass program extended

Bus Passes for K-12 students will be good for 4 months this year!

Summer is starting earlier in Lawrence this year. Due to the popularity of the Student Summer Bus Pass program, K-12 students can receive unlimited rides on the bus from May 1st until August 31st for just \$10.00.

Riding the bus gives kids the freedom to get around in the summer. The Student Summer Bus Pass is a great way for kids to get to the pool, community centers, parks, the library and shopping.

It is easier than ever to purchase the Student Summer Bus Pass. Beginning April 17, the bus passes will be available at many locations around town including:

- Dillons stores
 - Hy-Vee stores
 - The Merc
 - City Hall
 - Community Building
 - East Lawrence Rec Center
 - Holcom Rec Center
 - Sports Pavilion Lawrence
 - Indoor Aquatic Center
 - Outdoor Aquatic Center
- Starting May 27 (when they open)



Taylor Hamby used her Student Summer Bus Pass to get around last summer. "During the summer, I babysat a 3 year old boy. We used the T to go around town and do fun things," she said. If it wasn't for the bus, we would not have been able to go anywhere. I know for sure that the bus was the favorite part of my summer!"

This is the fifth year of the Student Summer Bus Pass program in Lawrence. Each year, the program expands, as more and more students discover how the bus can help them with their transportation needs.

For more information about how to ride the bus, visit www.lawrencetransit.org or call (785) 864-4644.



May is National Bike Month!



Share the road!

Find more information:

www.lawrenceks.org/share_the_road

Get a Lawrence Bicycle Rideability Map for planning your routes at:

www.lawrenceks.org/mpo/bikemap.

See how Lawrence compares to the rest of the country by logging your miles in the free National Bike Challenge at:

www.nationalbikechallenge.org

Electronic Recycling Event May 20

The City's Solid Waste Division will host an Electronic Recycling Event on Saturday, May 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the KU Park & Ride east parking lot, accessible from Clinton Parkway and Crestline Drive. Electronic recycling will be provided by Surplus Exchange.

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 \$20 recycling fee per CRT computer monitor, CRT television, and rear projection television. There is no recycling fee for other electronic equipment. Fees may be paid by cash or check.

For additional event information, visit www.LawrenceRecycles.org.

City info available online at lawrenceks.org and on cable Channel 25.

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RECYCLING REMINDER



Spring Cleaning



As the weather warms up, Lawrence residents begin cleaning out their closets, basements, and garages. Paint, cleaners, fluorescent lights and other household hazardous products can be safely disposed of at the City of Lawrence / Douglas County Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Call (785) 832-3030 to schedule a drop-off appointment for these items.

What about household goods and bulky items? We recommend donating or selling your items for reuse. Check out Facebook for area Buy, Sell, Trade and FreeCycle groups, host a neighborhood yard sale, or drop-off at your nearest consignment or thrift store. An up-to-date list of local reuse options is available on the Recyclable Materials Directory at www.LawrenceRecycles.org.

For those larger items that you can't rehome (carpet, hide-a-bed, large appliances), fill out an online special item pickup service request form at www.lawrenceks.org/swm or call (785) 832-3032.

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Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

EVERYONE THRIVES IN A VIBRANT COMMUNITY.



We all want access to opportunities in our neighborhoods, such as quality schools, healthcare, housing, food, jobs and transportation. However, in many communities these resources are very limited. Be a part of the movement to ensure everyone lives in safe housing and has access to opportunities that help us all succeed.

Learn how you can get involved at hud.gov/fairhousing

FAIR HOUSING. SHARED OPPORTUNITY IN EVERY COMMUNITY.



A public service message from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in partnership with the National Fair Housing Alliance. The National Fair Housing Alliance provides coordinated housing of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, and disability to ensure everyone lives in safe housing and has access to opportunities that help us all succeed.

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing means taking meaningful actions to address significant disparities in housing needs and access to opportunity, replacing segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns, transforming racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity, and fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws.

The City of Lawrence, in partnership with the Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority, will prepare an Assessment of Fair Housing as part of its obligations in receiving funding from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Over the next few months, the HUD-provided data and mapping tool will be used to examine difficult issues like racial and ethnic segregation, concentrated areas of poverty, and disparities in access to opportunity, and disproportionate housing needs.

Input from residents is a critical part of developing a strong fair housing plan. A survey will be distributed to begin discussing issues facing our community, and a chance for citizens to tell us what is most important to them. We also encourage citizens to attend upcoming meetings or participate in the online survey platform Lawrence Listens (www.lawrenceks.org/lawrence-listens) to engage in a community conversation about fair housing issues.

In August, a final assessment will be published with recommendations and strategies that outline what role the City can play in furthering fair housing for all residents.



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/lprd/sfp for locations, dates and times.

No Registration - No Fee - Just Show Up

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