



# City of Lawrence

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

Langston Hughes

## WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

### HOW TO USE YOUR WATER WISELY

Leaks can account for up to 14% of all water use. Finding and repairing leaks in the home is an important step in using water wisely. A vital key to leak detection is monitoring the water bill for unusually high usage.



### FAUCETS

Worn washers in household faucets and showerheads are a common cause of household leaks. A single faucet leaking at the rate of one drip every second can add up to five gallons per day! All faucets, including seldom-used taps in the basement and storage rooms, should be checked periodically.

TIPS

Faucet leaks are usually caused by worn washers or "O" rings.

To repair a faucet leak, turn off the water supply line to that faucet, replace the washer, and turn on the water line again.



### TOILETS

Toilet leaks can waste thousands of gallons of water in a month because the leaks tend to be less noticeable than faucet leaks.

TIPS

If you can hear or see water running into the bowl, the toilet is leaking.

Silent leaks can also occur. Be sure to test for silent leaks at least once a year.

#### HOW TO TEST A TOILET FOR A SILENT LEAK:

1

Add food coloring into the tank. Wait for 10 minutes and do not flush the toilet.

2

If the food coloring appears in the toilet bowl there is a leak. The leak could be a result of a worn out plunger ball or flapper valve at the bottom of the tank.

## Downtown Master Plan

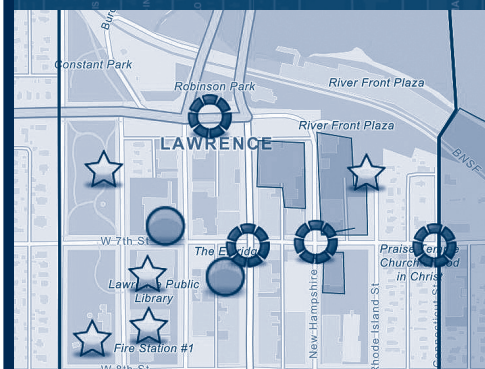
The online map-building tool, *map.social*, is a great way to share your input on Downtown Lawrence. The tool allows you to build a visionary map of Downtown Lawrence and identify downtown assets, development opportunities, areas of poor appearance and more locations that are important to your experience with Downtown Lawrence.

*map.social* and an online survey are on the project website:  
[www.hlplanning.com/portals/lawrence](http://www.hlplanning.com/portals/lawrence)

The project website is the primary resource for information on the Downtown Master Plan.

### Let's Map It!

#### Lawrence Downtown Master Plan





# THE 2020 BUDGET

City staff have been preparing the 2020 budget and on May 14 presented a proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to the City Commission. The CIP allows the City to identify community needs and prepare a long-term funding strategy to meet those needs.

On June 18, the City Manager presented the recommended budget to the City Commission. Throughout July, City staff will be reviewing feedback to the proposed budget and making adjustments as necessary. On August 13, a budget hearing will be held and the budget will be adopted.

## Where do you come in?

We want to hear from Lawrence residents on the proposed 2020 budget. Review the budget and take our Lawrence Listens survey to let us know what you think!



### BUDGET:

[lawrenceks.org/budget/current](http://lawrenceks.org/budget/current)



### SURVEY:

[lawrenceks.org/lawrence-listens](http://lawrenceks.org/lawrence-listens)

## Phoenix Award Nominations Now Open

Members of the public are invited to nominate an outstanding Lawrence artist, arts-related collective, arts educator, arts administrator, arts advocate or arts volunteer for the 2019 Phoenix Awards!

This year marks the 22nd anniversary of the Phoenix Awards. Eligible nominees include artists working in the visual, literary, musical, theatrical, and media arts. Arts educators, administrators, advocates, and volunteers are also eligible.

Nominations can be submitted online at the Phoenix Awards website: [lawrenceks.org/phoenix-awards](http://lawrenceks.org/phoenix-awards). The deadline for nominations is 4 p.m. on Friday, September 6, 2019.

Winners are selected by the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission. More details on eligibility, nominations and this year's ceremony are available on the Phoenix Awards website.



## PAY PARKING CITATIONS ONLINE

The City of Lawrence Municipal Court is now offering additional online credit card payments for parking citations. Previously, online credit card payments could only be made after a late fee was assessed and the total amount equaled \$15 or more. With the new system in place, payments can be made starting the day after the citation is issued, with the initial citation amount of \$5.

Online credit card payments are made through Cite Pay USA, which is accessible from the City of Lawrence website at: [lawrenceks.org/attorney/online\\_payments](http://lawrenceks.org/attorney/online_payments). The website also includes additional payment directions.

All other parking fine payment options are still available, including payments made in-person at Municipal Court, located at 1 Riverfront Plaza, Suite 310.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

# COMMUNITY SAFETY FAIR!

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10  
9 A.M. - NOON  
SOUTH PARK**

Join the Lawrence Police Department and the Douglas County Sheriff's Office at the second annual Community Safety Fair! Learn more about personal, family and community safety best practices and resources in Lawrence. Our local partners in attendance will include Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical, Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center, Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Douglas County Emergency Management, The University of Kansas, Lawrence Public Schools, and more!



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