



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

Langston Hughes



City of Lawrence

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MAY IS BICYCLE SAFETY MONTH



Need a bicycle safety refresher? While bicycle safety education has historically only focused on teaching bicycle riders how to navigate the roadways safely, the City of Lawrence has developed a series of online videos that offer a new viewpoint — bicycle safety tips from the motor vehicle driver perspective. The videos aim to educate drivers about how and why bicycle riders travel the roadways in the ways they do — with the objective of developing a shared understanding for all.

The eight-video “Lawrence in Gear” bicycle safety series can be viewed online at: lawrenceks.org/share-the-road

Road Rules: Working Together to Share the Road

Safety tips for **motorists**:

- Treat bicycles like any other vehicle.
- Never pass and then turn across the path of a moving bicycle rider. Slow down and turn behind them.
- Allow at least three feet of passing space between you and the bicycle. It's the LAW.
- Do not blast your horn when approaching a bicycle rider - you may startle him/her.
- Do not accelerate to pass a bicycle rider when approaching a stop sign.
- Take extra care to look out for children on bicycles, not only in school zones, but also in residential areas, playgrounds and parks.



Safety tips for **bicycle riders**:

- Obey all traffic rules, signals and stop signs.
- Use head and tail lights at night.
- Always wear your helmet!
- Do not ride on downtown sidewalks.
- Never ride more than two abreast.
- Always ride with the flow of traffic and use hand signals when turning.
- Do not ride with headphones.
- When a road is too narrow for cars and bikes to ride safely side by side, bicycle riders should “Claim the Lane,” which means riding in or near the center of the lane.

Find **more information** and **view the online safety videos** at: lawrenceks.org/share-the-road

Get a Lawrence **Bicycle Rideability Map** for planning your routes at: 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: nationalbikechallenge.org



Construction Ahead

Stay up-to-date with current city construction projects by following the city on Facebook or Twitter. We also send information on upcoming city construction projects that may affect your commute to subscribers of our construction news emails. Sign up at: lawrenceks.org/subscriptions



Moving? Call Ahead or Go Online for Utility Service Requests

The summer months are peak season for the City's Utility Billing division. Since many student leases take effect or terminate at the end of May or July, this is the time of year when the city sees a dramatic increase in transfers, disconnects and new service installs.

In previous years, the City has received approximately 10,000 requests for service in July and August. We recommend utilizing our online service requests as they can greatly reduce our call volume and hold time. Visit our website at lawrenceks.org/utility-billing to learn more about our online capabilities.

How to Access Your Utility Account & Request Service Changes



Go online. To access your account information 24/7 from any internet-enabled device, go to: <https://ipn.paymentus.com/cp/clk> and register your account to get started.



Automatic Payments. You may schedule your utility payments to be paid automatically on each due date using your bank account or credit card. There is no service fee for the auto-pay option.



Manage your account. To START, STOP, or TRANSFER services, use our online forms at lawrenceks.org/utility-billing/service. Online requests must be submitted at least 5 days in advance of scheduled date.



Pay Online. Pay your bill online using a credit card or eCheck anytime at <https://ipn.paymentus.com/cp/clk>. There is no service fee for this option. PLEASE NOTE: Online payments take up to three business days to post to your account.



Restore Your Service. Need to get your utility service restored? Use our online form at: lawrenceks.org/utility-billing/restore.

What about my carts?

Please do not take the city trash and recycling carts with you when you move. Carts belong to the address to which they were delivered. Your brown yard waste cart(s) can be moved to your new home.



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Spend the Summer at Prairie Park Nature Center

Looking for activities kids can do this summer? The Lawrence Parks & Recreation Department is offering Summer Science Adventure Camps at Prairie Park Nature Center! Each one-week camp has a different theme. Kids will enjoy live animal programs, games, investigations and crafts, and each camp will include fishing, archery and canoeing.

This year's camp themes are:

- June 3 - 7 Claws, Paws & Jaws
- June 10 - 14 Kid vs. Wild
- June 17 - 21 Most Extreme Animals
- June 24 - 28 Lights, Camera, Animals
- July 8 - 12 Where the Wild Things Are
- July 15 - 19 Creature Quest
- July 22 - 26 Planet Avengers
- July 29 - Aug 2 Junior Naturalists
- Aug 5 - 9 Last Chance Summer Camp

There will also be two separate two-day camps offered during the week of July 4.

Camps are available to kids ages 6 - 12. Parents may choose from two options for length of camp day:

- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Cost: \$120)
- 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Cost: \$145)

More information about Prairie Park Nature Center and other LPRD summer programs, as well as online enrollment, is available at: lawrenceks.org/lprd

