



# City of Lawrence

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

*Langston Hughes*

## Volunteers Needed for Safe Winter Walkways Program

The City of Lawrence and the Senior Resource Center for Douglas County need your help! **The Safe Winter Walkways** program, a collaboration between the two organizations, is kicking off for Winter 2019/2020, and volunteers are needed to help elderly and disabled individuals clear *public* sidewalks following snow events.

During winter months, many Lawrence residents must be able to safely use *public* sidewalks to accomplish day-to-day tasks, like walking to school, going to work or just enjoying the fresh air during a stroll outside.

The Safe Winter Walkways program is an excellent resource to help ensure safe *public* sidewalks by assisting community members who are physically unable to keep their sidewalks clear during snow events. It is a structured version of what already happens in many neighborhoods — neighbors helping neighbors.

While October may seem early to start thinking about snowy weather, it's important to get participants and volunteers matched before winter weather really begins. The goal is to have residents and volunteers matched prior to the holiday season and, hopefully, prior to snow season.

### VOLUNTEER SHOVELERS

Able-bodied Lawrence residents with a passion for helping others, and who enjoy getting out in the winter weather, are needed to volunteer. Volunteers are matched with residents needing assistance, and the program makes every effort to match volunteers with residents in their neighborhoods.

Individual volunteers are welcome, but the program also encourages volunteer groups, civic organizations and youth groups to consider volunteering as a team.

All volunteers are asked to commit to the entire snow season and shovel after each snow fall. Volunteers are not required to provide snow removal for *private* driveways, sidewalks or walkways, but they may choose to also clear these areas.

Volunteer shovelers can sign up by calling (785) 832-3338 or registering via online form at [lawrenceks.org/safe\\_winter\\_walkways](http://lawrenceks.org/safe_winter_walkways).

### RESIDENT PARTICIPANTS

Elderly and disabled individuals who are responsible for the care of *public* sidewalks, but are physically unable to keep them clear following snow events, are encouraged to participate in the program. This program is for *public* sidewalks only, and priority is given to homes with *public* sidewalks.

Participant registration will close on November 22, 2019, so that volunteers and participants can be matched before the holiday season and wintery weather begins.

The city is again offering online registration for this program. Interested participants can visit [lawrenceks.org/safe\\_winter\\_walkways](http://lawrenceks.org/safe_winter_walkways) for more information or to sign up.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

For any questions on the Safe Winter Walkways program, including volunteering or signing up as a resident participant, please contact Larry Woydziak with the Senior Resource Center for Douglas County.

- Email: [lwoydzia@YourSRC.org](mailto:lwoydzia@YourSRC.org)
- Phone: (785) 842-0543 x 115



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# JOIN YOUR LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

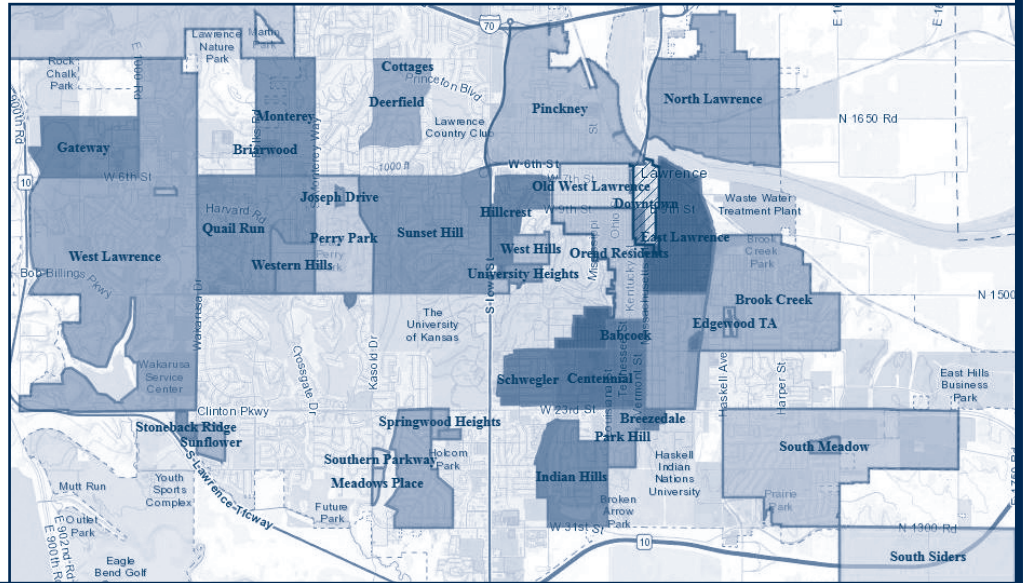
Have you considered joining your local neighborhood association? It is a great way to get involved in the things you and your neighbors care about most.

Lawrence has dozens of neighborhood associations, as the map to the right shows, and they're all organized in different ways. Some associations operate a website that has their details on it, including meeting schedule and contact information, while others have a contact phone number listed on the City's website. If you're interested in learning more about your local neighborhood association, check out our website for more information: [lawrenceks.org/pds/neighborhoodcontacts](http://lawrenceks.org/pds/neighborhoodcontacts)

All neighborhood associations registered with the City of Lawrence are listed on our website. By registering the neighborhood association with the City of Lawrence, the association is given notification regarding pending development applications received by the Lawrence-Douglas County Planning & Development Department.

If you're interested in joining a neighborhood association but you don't have one for your area, you can always start your own. Register on the City of Lawrence website at:

[lawrenceks.org/neighborhood\\_information](http://lawrenceks.org/neighborhood_information). Associations must be updated with the City annually or whenever contact information for the group changes.



## DON'T FORGET: A NEW UTILITY BILLING SYSTEM IS COMING THIS FALL!

Stay tuned: We'll be sending notices soon with information on how to register in the new system. If you have any questions, please contact the Utility Billing office at [utilitybilling@lawrenceks.org](mailto:utilitybilling@lawrenceks.org) or 785-832-7878.

## Construction Begins on Police Headquarters Facility

Construction of the new Lawrence Police Headquarters facility officially kicked off on Monday, August 26, with a groundbreaking ceremony at the new site, 5100 Overland Drive. Mayor Lisa Larsen and Commissioner Stuart Boley were in attendance, along with City staff, including Police Chief Gregory Burns, Jr. and City Manager Craig Owens.

At 55,000 square feet, the new facility will house a variety of police operations during its first phase, including information

services, records, and evidence storage. Sustainability and green building initiatives have been incorporated into the design of the police facility and the site.

Hoefer Wysocki is the contracted architectural firm and Turner Construction will handle site preparations and construction work.

The total project budget is \$18.5 million, which is included in the 2017 and 2019 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).



## TOUR THE OUTDOOR DOWNTOWN SCULPTURE EXHIBITION

Did you know you can lead your own walking tour of the Outdoor Downtown Sculpture Exhibition? All you need to do is download the free "Otocast App" to learn more about the art featured in this year's exhibition.

Audio commentary for each point of interest is provided by people intimately familiar with the location, whether it is the artist who created the work, an architect who designed the structure, or a local resident who knows the history of the place.

The Otocast App can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. More information is available on our website: [lawrenceks.org/odse](http://lawrenceks.org/odse)

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