

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

Langston Hughes



# City of Lawrence

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## 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.

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