



City of Lawrence

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

Langston Hughes

HIT THE (BIKE) TRAILS THIS MAY!

May is Bicycle Safety Month!

While bicycle safety education has historically 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 on the City of Lawrence website at: lawrenceks.org/share-the-road

Here are some general bicycle 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.
- 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.

Here are some general bicycle 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 near the center of the lane.

Pictured: The Lawrence Loop at Queens Road.

LAWRENCE LOOP UPDATE

When completed, the Lawrence Loop will provide a continuous 22-mile trail around the Lawrence city limits. At this point, the Lawrence Loop is more than 80% complete, and in the past year, 0.6 miles of shared-use paths were added to the existing 17.65 mile pathway.

Recently, the City was awarded a grant by the Kansas Department of Transportation to complete the next portion of the Lawrence Loop. The grant will be used to help extend the existing Peterson Road shared-use path to Michigan Street, just a few blocks from the Burcham Park Trail.

The total grant amount for the project is \$1,070,000, and the work will be overseen by the Municipal Services & Operations Department.



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

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STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE CITY

There are a number of ways to utilize City services and stay in contact with City departments from home. Below are more details from specific departments.

Utility Billing

- Pay your bill by calling (877) 506-3115 or through the online platform: <https://link-infinity.lawrenceks.org>
- Mail payments to:
PO Box 1757
Lawrence, KS 66044

City Clerk's Office

- Scan printed forms and submit them via email: cityclerk@lawrenceks.org
- Mail payments or documents to:
6 E 6th Street
ATTN: City Clerk's Office
Lawrence, KS 66044
- Make payments online:
lawrenceks.org/city-clerk

Municipal Services & Operations

- Pay for roll-off containers online at: <https://ipn.paymentus.com/rotp/lwsn>
- All forms from the department are online: lawrenceks.org/mso/forms. Please call our team if you need help filling anything out: (785) 832-7800

Planning & Development Services

- Applications are on our website (lawrenceks.org/pds) and can be submitted via email to: planning@lawrenceks.org, buildinginspections@lawrenceks.org or rentallicensing@lawrenceks.org

Get to Know Adam Weigel, Public Transit and Parking Manager

In March 2020, the City of Lawrence welcomed Adam Weigel, the new Public Transit and Parking Manager, to our team!

Weigel came to the City following a national recruitment effort. He has a wealth of transportation experience, including previous work at Foursquare Integrated Transportation Planning, Prince William County Department of Transportation, and the Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority.

He also knows Lawrence well! Weigel earned both his degrees from the University of Kansas and previously worked at the Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Here is a little more information to help you get to know Adam better.

Hometown: Brookville, KS

Places you have lived: Brookville, Kan., Lawrence, Kan., Puerto Aysén, Chile, and Washington D.C.

Education: I earned both my Bachelor of Science in Biology and Master of Urban Planning degrees from KU.

Favorite sports team: Kansas Jayhawks

What you missed most about Lawrence: I've missed the fried veggie rolls at Wa, relaxing with friends on a Mass Street



patio, bike rides on the levee trail, and yelling at the TV with my family during KU football and basketball games.

Currently watching on Netflix: Reluctantly, Tiger King.

Favorite summertime activity: Playing or watching Kaw Valley Kickball on Sundays.

What you're most excited for as the Public Transit and Parking Manager: Transit, and transportation more broadly, is experiencing a wave of innovation, creativity and investment. I'm excited to see what we can do in Lawrence to make transit – and transportation – easier and more convenient for everyone.

19TH & IOWA STREET TUNNELS NOW OPEN

A recent project to construct two pedestrian tunnels underneath the intersection of 19th & Iowa St. is now complete. The tunnels were part of a larger project that included the reconstruction of 19th St. from Iowa St. to Naismith Dr.

The pedestrian tunnels go under the intersection of 19th & Iowa, with one tunnel going under 19th St. and the other under Iowa St.

The tunnels will allow for easier pedestrian and bicycle crossings in the area, and they will connect the University of Kansas West Campus to its main campus.

The majority of project funding was provided by grants from the Kansas Department of Transportation. The City of Lawrence and the University of Kansas also contributed funds.



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This month's issue of The Flame was printed in color to bring you a little extra cheer during these trying times. Stay strong, Lawrence!