



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

Langston Hughes



City of Lawrence

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Douglas County is a PulsePoint connected community!

In October, Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical (LDCFM) announced the adoption of the PulsePoint program throughout Douglas County. PulsePoint Respond is a free-to-download mobile app that alerts CPR-trained residents of cardiac events near their location so they may administer aid while LDCFM personnel are responding.

PulsePoint empowers everyday people to provide life-saving assistance to victims of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). Anyone can download the PulsePoint Respond app. If trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), they can indicate when subscribing

that they are willing to assist in case of an emergency. Subscribers are then notified if someone nearby is having a SCA and may require CPR. If the cardiac emergency is in a public place, the location-aware application will alert users in the vicinity of the need for CPR. This will happen at the same time as the dispatch of advanced medical care. The application also directs these potential rescuers to the exact location of the closest Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

"With PulsePoint we hope to increase bystander involvement in time-sensitive medical calls by increasing the use of CPR," said Chief Shaun Coffey, LDCFM. "It

gives our community the ability to know when a cardiac arrest is occurring close by, locate AEDs in the area, and perform potentially lifesaving CPR while our personnel respond to the scene."

Throughout the year, LDCFM responds to more than 14,000 incidents, including more than 100 cardiac arrest events.

If you're trained in CPR, LDCFM encourages you to check out the PulsePoint Respond app. The latest American Heart Association guidelines state that programs like PulsePoint could increase bystander CPR, helping the more than 350,000 cardiac arrests that happen outside a hospital annually.



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SAVE A LIFE.

Learn more at pulsepoint.org
Download PulsePoint Respond



Lawrence Pedestrian Plan gets rolling

The Lawrence Pedestrian Plan is being updated to establish a renewed vision for walkability for our community and to set recommended action steps for the next five years.

A pedestrian plan is used to prioritize limited funding resources and develop strategies to improve walkability. Since the last plan was completed in 2016, the City has implemented several projects and programs, including:

- The installation of sidewalk to fill gaps, particularly along Safe Routes to School routes.
- The installation of Lawrence Loop segments, including obtaining funding from the Kansas Department of Transportation to construct several new portions in the next two years.

- The installation of street crossing improvements.
- The enforcement of sidewalk hazards.
- Reducing neighborhood traffic speeds to 25 miles per hour.
- Developing and implementing the Safe Routes to School plan and the school area traffic control policy.
- Updating pedestrian signal times at 47% of signalized intersections in Lawrence.

You're invited to follow the planning process and learn about your opportunities to share your thoughts. More information on surveys and tabling events where you can talk with staff will be posted online as they are scheduled: lawrenceks.org/mpo/pedplan.

Winter is coming!

You never know when winter weather is going to strike, so it's best to start your preparations early. The City of Lawrence has a number of programs and policies in place to help make the season go as smoothly as possible for residents. Here are some key reminders for this snow season!

Snow plowing operations are generally not effective if there are less than two inches of snow on the ground. City crews will typically spread sand and salt on the roadways for icy conditions and small accumulations.

When snow does hit, **City crews follow the snow removal policy.** You can view the policy, route maps, and live traffic cams online: lawrenceks.org/snow

City crews aren't the only ones with some responsibility when it comes to clearing snow. City ordinance No. 8324 states that **all property owners must clear their public sidewalks of snow and ice within 48 hours of a winter storm.** This helps keep pathways safe for all Lawrence residents.



Save the Date: The next E-Waste Recycling Event is on April 2!

The event website will be updated with more information as available:
douglascountyks.org/depts/sustainability/electronics-recycling

Latest bus stop improvements are a community effort

Lawrence Transit is excited to offer new and improved amenities at 19 bus stops throughout Lawrence. Many of these beautiful new benches and shelters are the result of partnerships with community organizations that see the importance of giving back.

"The new bus stop amenities provide a much more pleasant bus riding experience for our passengers" said Adam Weigel, Transit and Parking Manager. "Each improvement adds to the pride we take in our transit system and the community spirit of Lawrence."

Four of the new shelters were constructed by Peaslee Tech students. These wooden shelters were paid for through a grant from United Way and AARP, and they will be located at Nieder & 31st Street, 31st & Harrison Avenue, Crossgate & Clinton Parkway, and Stewart & 21st Street.

Other community partners include Girl Scouts Troop 5177, which donated a painted bench located at 4th & Maine Street, the First United Methodist Church, which donated a painted bench at 19th

& Massachusetts Street, and Struct/Restruct, LLC, which donated a railroad themed bench that will be installed at Haskell & 12th Street.

These recent improvements come in addition to the seven bus shelters that were adorned with artwork from Van Go students earlier this year. The vinyl artwork was also paid for through the grant from United Way and AARP.

Lawrence Transit has also been moving

ahead with installing 12 additional benches and shelters at various bus stops in Lawrence. These shelters are perforated metal structures, which provide a wind break, shade and seating for riders waiting for their bus.

Thanks to all these changes, and the support of valuable community partners, the future is looking brighter – and more comfortable – for Lawrence Transit passengers!



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We create a community where all enjoy life and feel at home.