



SISTER CITY CELEBRATION

This year is the 34th anniversary of the Lawrence-Eutin Sister City relationship!

In October, we welcomed the latest student delegation from Eutin, Germany: A group of 12 students and one teacher. The purpose of the Sister City program is to encourage people in Lawrence and each sister city to understand each other as individuals, as members of their community, as citizens of their country and as part of the family of nations.

Lawrence has three sister cities: Eutin, Germany; Hiratsuka, Japan; and Iniades, Greece.

OUR MISSION

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

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Celebrating the 2023 Phoenix Awards winners!

The Phoenix Awards are an annual tradition that honor outstanding artistic achievement in our community. Winners are nominated by the community and then selected by the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission.

Congratulations are in order! On October 15, the City of Lawrence hosted a ceremony for this year's Phoenix Awards honorees, which celebrate outstanding artistic achievement in the Lawrence community.

This year's honorees have made innumerable contributions to our local arts and culture scene. The following quotes are taken from this year's nominations.

Cider Gallery

Honored for Creative Spaces in the Arts; Nominated by Tiffany Hall, Lawrence Chamber

"Though the gallery is most widely known for promoting visual arts, the mission also includes highlighting the talented literary artists, musicians, thespians, culinary artists, and poets. There is no disputing the quality of the artists and work that has rotated through the space, from Stan Herd to the NCECA conference satellite show, from Cara

Romero to John Sebelius, from John Gary Brown to Aaron Morgan Brown, from Javy Ortiz to Louis Copt, from Clare Doveton to Jeremy Rockwell, from Stephen Grounds to Lisa Grossman. The level of talent within our community can be held up against any in the world. The gallery is committed to shining a light on these local gifts, a tribute to the Midwest work ethic playing out in a creative format. Their love for art in all forms defines their place in our community."

Indigenous Community Center

Honored for Creative Spaces in the Arts; Nominated by Felice Lavergne, Lawrence Transit

"The Indigenous Community Center (ICC) collaborated with Lawrence Transit to select indigenous artists to create 10 pieces of art to feature on bus shelters across Lawrence. Without the ICC's skilled facilitation and

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community connections, this stunning round of art installations would not have been possible. These pieces of art on our bus shelters add greatly to the community's sense of place and highlight local indigenous talent. It has been a privilege to collaborate with such an outstanding, community-based organization. The ICC's passion for community projects that support local artists is tangible."

Heidi Gluck

Honored for Musical Arts; Nominated by Brad Allen, Lawrence Public Library

"Heidi Gluck is a special musician whose musical talent – from musical composition and lyrics to musicianship and vocals – are among the very best Lawrence has to offer. We are lucky to have Heidi as part of our Lawrence cultural community. She has worked as a session musician for numerous artists for over 20 years and has been releasing albums under her own name since 2015. Her 2016 recording, *Pony Show*, might be my very favorite album by a local artist. She is a brilliant composer and lyricist and has an incredible singing voice. *Pony Show* stands along any pop/rock album of the last decade."

Mike Jones

Honored for Musical Arts Educator; Nominated by Tim Metz, Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission

"Many of kids who passed through Mike's classes and related band programs over the years have become professional musicians across all genres of music. Now, as adults, they perform locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. We should be proud to have dedicated music educators like Mike in our community. In these times where arts education appears to be under constant attack due to budget cuts, Mike finds a way

to make things work and to provide local students of all demographics with access to the music arts. He never gives up and he is always a positive influence on every student he works with. To this end, Mike's efforts have a clear and lasting impact on the City and culture of Lawrence that will continue well past his teaching career."

Regana "Rita" Rials

Honored for Social Justice in the Arts; Nominated by Derek Kwan, Lied Center of Kansas

"Rita has distinguished herself as a wonderful playwright. While tackling some very complex social justice issues, Rita has an incredible ability to leverage the stage setting to provide a sense of hope. Instead of dictating to audiences what they should think, she provides space for attendees to explore their own lived experiences, all with the underlying theme of unity, healing and coming together as a community."

Richard Renner

Honored for Performing Arts; Nominated by Larry Carter

"It was Richard's desire to support other performers that lead him to create the Lawrence Busker Festival in 2008. Having been a street performer and attended other busker festivals in Canada, Richard realized that that culture could be created right here in Lawrence. The quirky, oddball and unique nature of street performing struck a deep chord in the Lawrence culture and it became a hit from the first year. It is now going on its 15th year and has grown into an internationally recognized festival and iconic local event. The Busker Festival has flourished because of Richard's dedication to both the art form and his community. It is a gift that he gives the city who pays him back in applause and appreciation."



Snow Season Prep

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 the upcoming 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.

- Pour liquid food scraps into a sealed container for disposal in the trash.
- Pour used oil into a container with a top so it can be reused, recycled or placed in the trash for disposal. Cooking oil can be recycled through the City of Lawrence Household Hazardous Waste Facility.
- Small amounts (less than one quart) of cooking oil can also be absorbed or frozen for trash disposal. Cat litter works well for absorbing cooking oil.

Most FOG-related overflows happen on residential lines, so these easy everyday tips will make a huge difference for you and your family.

For more information about FOG, visit our website: lawrenceks.org/mso/fog.

Beware of the Thanksgiving FOG

What do bacon, ice cream and gravy have in common? They're more than just tasty treats. They're also sources of fats, oils and grease – aka FOG.

While FOG adds flavor to your food, it can also be a nuisance to our sewer collection system. FOG creates clogs that can back up sewage into your street, yard or home – and can even send it spilling into a neighborhood stream!

In addition to protecting our sewers and the environment, reducing FOG also has cost-saving implications. A FOG backup can cause significant damage to your home if you have to replace a sewer line. Any clog that happens on private property is the property owner's responsibility.

While you should always be conscious of reducing FOG, the holidays are an especially dangerous time for fats, oils and grease to build up on our plates and in our pipes. Fortunately, reducing FOG can be easy.

As you're cleaning up after this year's family feasts, please keep these simple FOG reduction tips in mind.

- Before washing dishes, use a paper towel or a scraper to wipe away FOG. Dispose of it in the trash or compost.
- Put food scraps in the trash or compost bin, not through the garbage disposal. Use a sink strainer and/or mesh drain strainer to catch food scraps before they go into your drain.