



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



Artworks for the 2025 Unmistakable Public Art Exhibition are currently on display throughout Lawrence. See the article to the right for details on where pieces are located. The artworks shown on this page are:

- Left: *Dance for Hope* by Myles Schachter
- Center: *Memory* by v. skip willits
- Right: *Lost Signals* by Nathaniel Pierce



Unmistakable Public Art Exhibition is underway

Formerly known as the Outdoor Downtown Sculpture Exhibition, this year's show features unique and visually stunning pieces from nine artists.

Since its inception in 1988, this annual public art exhibition has been a beacon for artists to share their talents with our community. This year, the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission selected nine pieces for the exhibition. The location of each piece is noted below.

- Alicia Kelly, *Hanging In, Hanging Out*: Cut construction wrap and artist-designed banners installed on the Vermont St. parking garage.
- Evan Johnson, *Paint the Town in Paper*: Colored paper pulp will be applied to trees in South Park and Downtown Lawrence beginning in August.
- v. skip willits, *Memory*: A masked sculpture located at the northeast corner of the west side of South Park.
- Tate Owens, *In Gratitude*: Repurposed artwork made from an airport hangar metal window frame and recycled book covers. Located on the northeast corner of 9th & Massachusetts streets.
- Nathaniel Pierce, *Lost Signals*: Located at the southeast corner of 6th & Massachusetts streets.
- Myles Schachter, *Dance for Hope* / *Baila por la Esperanza*: A Carrara
- marble Flamenco dancer (Flamenco is inspired by Andalusian gypsy culture), that embodies the pursuit of hope and the power of expressive resilience. Located on the southeast corner of 8th & Massachusetts streets.
- Kristin Garnant, *Scions Bee*: In a nod to our ancient prairies, this artwork is made from sixteen-foot-long steel stems that wave in the breeze. Located at Theatre Lawrence.
- Ky Reed, *Living Gods*: An evening of "living statues" as performance art that calls into question the way queer bodies are perceived and critiqued by the public today. Details on the performance will be available online: lawrenceks.org/lprd/upae.
- Jacob Burmood, *Continuity*: A bronze sculpture inspired by a series of repetitive motions to map the fluid movements of the human body. Located on Massachusetts St. in front of the Eldridge hotel.

Join us in September for a celebratory reception honoring these artists and their works. Reception details will be online at lawrenceks.org/lprd/upae.

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

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at lawrenceks.org and on
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Lawrence Transit route and schedule changes

Annual changes go into effect August 1

In recent years, Lawrence Transit completed a major bus route redesign to align routes with the newly built Central Station. Now, the transit system has returned to its annual cycle of proposing changes in the spring, receiving feedback from riders, then implementing the changes in August — before schools are back in session.

You can view the new Transit Guide online at lawrencetransit.org/routes. Printed copies of the guide are available at grocery stores, City Hall, Lawrence Public Library, several locations across the KU campus, and on all buses.

A report on the feedback received and how it affected route changes is also available on our website: lawrencetransit.org.

Following is a summary of the route changes that began on Friday, August 1:

- Route 1: Connecting from Downtown to Haskell campus and adding service on both Haskell and Harper from 19th St. to 23rd St.
- Route 3: Serving 9th St. Keeping access to LMH and Heartland.
- Route 4: Merging existing Route 4 and Route 10. Taking West Campus Rd. instead of Jayhawk Blvd. Continuing to the 6th St. Walmart and Free State High School.
- Route 5: Serving Haskell campus from 23rd St. Small timing changes.
- Route 6: Returning service to 6th St. Will not serve The Merc or Centennial Park.
- Route 7: Instead of a one-way loop, providing service in both directions along the South Iowa route.
- Route 8: Serving Haskell campus more centrally and returning service to 27th St. near Prairie Park Elementary. No longer interlining with Route 10.
- Route 9: Ending at World Market and interlining with Route 7 along the South Iowa loop.
- Route 11/12: Operating a reduced schedule when KU is not in session.
- Route 30/36: Simplifying route through campus.
- Route 42: Removing loop through Engineering / Burge Union.

For more information, call (785) 864-4644 or visit lawrencetransit.org.

What's ahead in 2025...

MID-YEAR CONSTRUCTION PREVIEW

Big things are happening in Lawrence! As we move through the second half of 2025, the City is working hard to deliver infrastructure upgrades that will improve safety, accessibility, and reliability throughout the community. From stormwater protections to new bike paths, we're laying the foundation for a stronger, more connected city. Here's a preview of what's ahead.

Iowa Street Improvements

Traffic will shift to the west side of Iowa Street by mid-August, with two-way travel maintained between Bob Billings Parkway and 23rd Street/Clinton Parkway.

Once complete in early 2026, this project will bring improved pavement, new multi-modal infrastructure, and safer travel along one of Lawrence's busiest corridors.

Jayhawk Watershed

This transformative, multi-year project will bring major stormwater infrastructure upgrades, helping reduce flooding and protect neighborhoods and businesses from future storms. It also includes improvements along 9th Street — like wider bike lanes (while keeping parking), a new crosswalk beacon, and ADA-accessible sidewalks.

Construction begins later in 2025, with the first phase requiring the closure of Tennessee Street between 6th and 9th Streets.

Bob Billings Parkway Improvements

Starting in winter 2025, this project will enhance a vital east-west corridor with a full roadway reconstruction between Kasold Drive and Monterey Way. It also includes new pedestrian facilities, critical utility replacements, and pavement rehab from Wakarusa Drive to Monterey Way.

The result: safer travel, better walking and biking access, and long-term infrastructure reliability.

6th Street Shared Use Path (Kasold to Lawrence Avenue)

Set to begin construction this fall, this new shared-use path will give people walking, biking, or using mobility devices a safer, more connected way to travel along 6th Street. It's one more step in building a more accessible and inclusive transportation network.

MSO Campus

Construction continues on the City's new Municipal Services & Operations (MSO) Campus. Once complete, the campus will consolidate departments, improve service delivery, and support our crews with the space and tools they need to serve the community.

Phase 1 is expected to wrap up in mid-2026, with Phase 2 completed by the end of 2027.

K-10 Utility Relocations

In support of the Kansas Department of Transportation's expansion of K-10 to four lanes, the City is relocating utility crossings and building new ones to support future west-side development.

This work will cause intermittent closures of roadways and trails — including parts of the Lawrence Loop — but is expected to be complete by the end of 2026.

Want to stay ahead of the cones? Check out lawrenceks.org/construction to view our interactive construction map and sign up for our Weekly Traffic Update — a Friday email with traffic impacts for the week ahead.

Applications open: Housing Rehab Program

Residents can now apply for the Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation Program. The program provides deferred, forgivable loans for low- and moderate-income property owners to rehabilitate their homes and bring properties into compliance with local building and property maintenance codes, while also focusing on energy efficiency and weatherization.

The program will help maintain the City's current affordable housing stock by offering assistance via an Emergency Repair Loan, which can be used to repair or replace immediate hazards to health and safety, or

Comprehensive Rehabilitation Loan, which can be used for rehabilitation that improves health and safety, contributes to energy conservation, or decreases the blighting influence of the property.

More information and application packets are available on the City's website: lawrenceks.org/pds/housing_programs.

If you have questions about the application process or wish to discuss a specific project, please contact the Housing Initiatives Division at 785-832-3113 or email housinginitiatives@lawrenceks.org.