



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

Langston Hughes

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Lawrence Named 2007 All-America City Finalist

Lawrence was recently named a finalist for the National Civic League's annual All-America City Award. The Award recognizes 10 cities for exemplary community vision, collaborative problem solving and inclusiveness to meet local challenges.

Lawrence representatives will participate in the All-America City competition in Anaheim, Calif., June 6-8. During the three-day competition, delegation teams will present innovative programs and local solutions to a panel of business, government, philanthropic and non-profit leaders from across the country. The Lawrence delegation will highlight strengthening Downtown, the Lawrence Community Land and Housing Trust, and the community's Success By 6 program in its presentation.

All-America City Award winners will be announced Friday, June 8, at the Anaheim Marriott.

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FAQ's **Frequently Asked Questions**

I'm doing work on my house – where can I find a list of licensed contractors?

A new interactive feature on the City's website allows individuals to search for licensed contractors for projects. The feature provides the business name, address and license number for all contractors licensed with the City of Lawrence. The City requires certain contractors to obtain a license to ensure appropriate insurance and compliance with city guidelines. Searches may be made by the type of license contractors hold, including: general, building, residential, concrete, framing, electrical, mechanical and plumbing contractor licenses. Visit: www.lawrenceneighres.org/contractors

Are there City programs to help people without medical coverage?

The Health Care Access Clinic provides medical and prescription assistance to patients of the clinic who are without medical coverage and have limited financial means. The Clinic provides on-site appointments with referrals to more than 140 volunteer medical professionals in the community. City support has helped reestablish a full-time medication program coordinator, and the City helps provide a facility in which the Clinic can serve Lawrence residents. You can contact the Clinic at (785) 841-5760.

What should I do with paint and products left over from my summer project?

If you have products like paint, solvents or cleaning supplies left over following a summer project around the house, and if these products are still useable, why not donate them to the City's Product Reuse shelves? Household hazardous products brought into our facility that are in good, usable condition are set on our Product Reuse shelves where others can pick them up for free. For more information, call the Recycling Staff at (785) 832-3030.

Does Lawrence do anything to recognize the Juneteenth celebration?

Juneteenth is celebrated by more than 200 US cities and serves as a reminder of the end of slavery and the triumph of the human spirit. In recognition of the historic role played by Lawrence in this struggle for freedom, the City partners with organizations like The University of Kansas, The Boys and Girls Club and Lawrence Memorial Hospital to support a city-wide Juneteenth celebration. The celebration offers educational opportunities such as the history of Juneteenth, an essay/poster contest and a youth festival to include games, food and the history of Juneteenth. For more info call: (785) 841-6854.

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We are committed to providing excellent city services that enhance the quality of life for the Lawrence community.

Lawrence Parks and Recreation - Summer Fun!

Outdoor hikes, picnics at the park and swimming at the local pool – the Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department offers these activities and many more to help fill your summer with fun!

Swimming

For those wanting to make a splash this summer, the Outdoor Aquatic Center is open from 1 to 8:45 p.m. daily throughout the summer. The facility is open through Labor Day. The South Park Wading Pool is also available for children 6 and under and is a zero-depth entry pool with water sprays and fountains.

Those wanting to swim in a climate controlled environment may take in a swim at the Indoor Aquatic Center which is open daily and features two pools – a competitive pool, used for lap swimming; and a family pool, featuring a water slide and play features.

For more information or to purchase passes, call (785) 832-SWIM.

Shelters & Gazebos

Shelters and Gazebos may be reserved from April 15th through October 30th. Reservations for Thursday through Sunday must be made no later than noon the previous Wednesday. There are also shelters available on a first-come/first-serve basis, and several indoor facilities for year-round rental. To find a shelter, visit: www.lprd.org/recreationfacilities/shelters.shtml or call (785) 832-7920.

Park Improvements

Lawrence Parks and Recreation is committed to providing safe, clean and convenient amenities. This season's improvements include:

Clinton Park, 5th and Maine Streets. Just completed: construction of a new shelter, restrooms and walkways.

DeVictor Park, Harvard Rd. and George Williams Way. Phase 1 development of a new playground and trail should be completed by mid-summer.

Burroughs Creek Trail. Initial public meetings have been held to begin trail design and layout along the abandoned railroad corridor from 23rd Street north to 12th Street west of Haskell Avenue.

Sesquicentennial Point, at Clinton Lake. Development of the plaza has begun. A lasting gift celebrating the 150th anniversary of Lawrence's founding, the project should be completed by the end of the summer.



Lawrence Pools and Aquatic Centers

Indoor Aquatic Center
4706 Overland Drive

Aquatic, Carl Knox Natatorium
1901 Louisiana Street

Outdoor Aquatic Center
727 Kentucky Street

Aquatic, Wading Pool
1131 Massachusetts Street

Keeping Home and Yard Safe and Beautiful This Summer

Yard Trimmings

Monday is yard waste pick up day. Yard trimmings and small woody debris may be set at curbside for collection by 6 A.M. March through mid-December.

Small woody debris placed at curbside should be bundled appropriately. Do not use wire or plastic bags, and do not contaminate trimmings with inorganic debris or herbicides. Bundles should not exceed 5 feet in length, 18 inches in diameter or 65 lbs per bundle. Materials placed in a can, cart or compostable bag should not stick out more than 12" above container opening.

Woody debris may be brought to the City Compost facility located at 1420 E. 11th Street. For more info call (785) 832-3032 or visit www.lawrencerecycles.org/lawncare.shtml.

Household Hazardous Waste

From painting your house to treating your lawn to working on your car, many summer projects generate materials considered hazardous and that require special disposal.

Among the most common are:

- pesticides, paints, varnishes and solvents
- motor oil, batteries and other automobile fluids

- household cleaners, polishes and waxes
- photo and hobby chemicals and swimming pool chemicals

Hazardous waste discarded with ordinary trash may injure sanitation personnel, corrode plumbing, or contaminate drinking water supplies. The City of Lawrence can help you dispose of your hazardous waste safely and for FREE. Call the Waste Reduction & Recycling Division at (785) 832-3030 to schedule a drop-off appointment at our Lawrence-Douglas County Household Hazardous Waste Facility, or visit www.lawrencerecycles.org for more info.