



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

Langston Hughes

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City Annual Report Now Available Online

Whether planting a new tree, plowing snow from a road, or planning a new neighborhood development, your city government seeks to wisely invest the tax dollars you provide and to deliver superior service and programs.

In 2006, The City of Lawrence achieved milestones and took important steps in planning for future needs. To view the entire City of Lawrence Year In Review: 2006 Annual Report, please visit: www.lawrenceks.org.

Dollars and Sense: Working Smarter to Serve You Better

The Balanced Scorecard Performance Management System offers new tools to target resources to meet city needs. In 2006, our \$137.5 million budget allowed the City to achieve major goals like increasing resources for street maintenance without increasing the property tax levy.

Basic Services: The Cornerstone of Our Community

From safety inspections to resurfacing streets, the delivery of basic services provides benchmarks for city performance. (continued on back)

A Few 2006 Basic Service Counts

Building Permits Issued	2,638
Building Safety Inspections Performed	12,271
Curbs & Gutters Replaced	129,267 Linear Feet
Emergency Medical Responses	6,809
Fire Rescue Responses	2,155
Parks or Recreational Facility Visits	643,398
Police Service Calls	121,576
Rides on the "T"	421,864
Sidewalks Installed	27,608 Linear Feet
Street Cracks Sealed	93,150 Linear Feet
Streets Repaved	12.8 Miles
Streets Swept	27,608 Lane Miles
Trees Planted	987
Wastewater Samples Analyzed	36,027
Website Visits	1,141,711

FAQ's Frequently Asked Questions

I am going to be adding a deck and a garden shed to the house this spring. Do I need any type of building permit for that work?

A Residential Building Permit is required if the deck is 30" above grade. Elevation drawings, plot plan, and framing detail are needed with application submittal. A homeowner can perform the work if the homeowner resides on the property. A City of Lawrence license is required for any subcontractors hired to do the concrete and framing work.

What about for re-roofing my home, do I need a permit for that?

A Residential Building Permit is not required if you are re-shingling your home. If any structural work is projected then a Residential Building Permit is required. Elevation drawings and framing details are needed with application submittal. A homeowner can perform the work if the homeowner resides on the property. Any contractors hired must have a city license

Where can I find more information about how to obtain a permit in the City of Lawrence?

Please visit the Building Safety Division page on the Neighborhood Resources website at www.lawrenceneighres.org for information on permit applications, codes and regulations, and licensed contractors.

Neighborhood Resources Department

1 Riverfront Plaza, Ste. 110
Lawrence, Kansas 66044
email: buildinginspections@ci.lawrence.ks.us
(785) 832-7700



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

City Annual Report (cont.)

Improving Safety and Preparedness

On March 12, 2006, severe weather blew down trees, knocked out traffic signals and damaged property. City employees worked overtime to return Lawrence to its feet in just days. As Lawrence grows, we must be ready to meet new demands while improving existing service. In 2006, two new Fire Medical stations began operation, and a new pumper truck was added to help upgrade service. New digital tools like cameras and recorded interview rooms help law enforcement to work more accurately and efficiently.

Planning for the Future – Taking Us Where We Need To Go

A \$1.2 million federal grant helped replace a deteriorating 1960s-era runway. The new design allows larger planes to use the airport and protects planes from having to taxi across an active runway. Planning began for the new Wakarusa Water Reclamation Facility which is expected to treat 7 million gallons of wastewater a day, and can be expanded to process as much as 50 million gallons.

Lawrence, A Great Place to Live

With more than 640,000 visits in 2006, Lawrence Parks and Recreation offered over 700 classes and provided more than \$15,000 in youth scholarships. Public Transit provided an average of 1,600 rides a day with 47 percent of riders using the “T” for work and 18 percent for school. Recognizing that it is important to preserve our heritage, three historic buildings and two historic districts were added to the National Register of Landmarks.



Lawrence Fire Medical staff and volunteers provide 450 safety helmets to young bikers and skaters.

Better Weather Means Be Prepared for Road Repairs

Summer is almost here which means it is time for orange barrels and road work. Public Street crews appreciate your cooperation in taking alternative routes and in helping keep construction zones safe.

Depending on the scope of repairs and the weather, the length of a project will vary. For example, a road overlay that doesn't involve curb replacement will take less time than an overlay where curbs are being replaced.

If there is going to be road construction, affected residents will receive written notice from the Department of Public Works prior to the project's start date. Where feasible, your notice will establish alternative routes. Be sure to review notices and mark your calendars. If you have questions about road work, call (785) 832-3134.

Area Educators Receive Awards for Excellence

The Mayor's Excellence in Education award recognizes Lawrence educators for excellence in education, leadership and community involvement.

The Spring 2007 recipients are:

Judith Gales: Bishop Seabury

Ronald Lang: Lawrence High School

Pam Shanks: Raintree Montessori

Lawrence residents are able to nominate educators for the award online at www.lawrenceks.org. Nominations are reviewed by the selection committee, and each winner is presented with an award during a surprise visit to the school by the Mayor.