

Neighborhood Update for LAN

August 7, 2014

Item #1: City of Lawrence Subscription Services

How can I stay involved with the latest City of Lawrence Notifications?

Interested citizens can sign up to receive notification updates for various City services, events, and information, including advisory board information for the City Commission, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Historic Resources Commission, Community Commission on Homelessness (CCH) and the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC), as well as City News, Public Meeting Notices, Recreation Announcements, and Neighborhood news. All these subscriptions can be found at <http://www.lawrenceks.org/subscriptions>.

Item #3: Project Submittals

Planning project submittals can now be accessed on the Planning Division's website through the following address: <http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/submittals>. The list is updated every Monday and also includes a link to an interactive map that shows the locations of the projects.

Item #3: CDD Information

The Community Development Advisory Committee has two openings for appointments to the committee. The open positions are for low-moderate income area representatives. The appointees must come from an area that is 51% or more low-mod and is not already geographically represented on the committee. Please forward any letters of interest to either Danelle Dresslar or to the City Manager's office.

****Item #4: Neighborhood Contact Information****

Is your neighborhood a registered neighborhood? By registering your neighborhood group, you are given notification regarding pending development applications received by the Planning Department, giving your group the opportunity to comment on development projects that may impact your neighborhood. Register your neighborhood at http://lawrenceks.org/pds/neighborhood_registration. To find out if your neighborhood information is current, see the neighborhood list at <http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/neighborhoodcontacts>.

Item #5: Horizon 2020 Update Process –

The City and County commissions adopted a joint resolution setting up a steering committee to oversee and guide the review process. The Steering Committee schedule of meetings, agenda packets and video-recordings can be found here: <http://www.lawrenceks.org/boards/horizon-2020-steering-committee/agendas-and-minutes>. There will be an extensive public input period where comments are gathered from all stakeholders, including the public, advisory boards, neighborhood groups, and others that will last through the summer of 2014.

The Horizon 2020 [Steering Committee](#) would like to invite you to the visioning process for the update to the [City/County Comprehensive Plan](#). Your focus and knowledge are invaluable to helping us create a guide for the continued growth and development of our community. The open house survey period ended August 1st and staff will be presenting results of the survey to the Steering Committee at their August 25th meeting. Other presenters will also be presenting on various topics throughout the next couple of months. A presentation schedule can be found at the top of the agenda page: <http://www.lawrenceks.org/boards/horizon-2020-steering-committee/agendas-and-minutes>.

We would also encourage you to sign up to receive emails throughout the update process regarding meetings and progress at the [Subscription website](#). Your input on the future of Lawrence and Douglas County is valued and important! If you have any questions about the [Comprehensive Plan](#) or about the [Open House Meetings](#), please feel free to let us know.

Visit our Comprehensive Plan update website at lawrenceks.org/pds/horizon-2020-update-process. If you have any comments, ideas, or questions, you can email them to CompPlanUpdate@lawrenceks.org, or call the Planning Office at (785) 832-3150.

Item #6: Rental Licensing

The new city-wide rental licensing program (Ordinance 8840) became effective July 1, 2014. Single family zoned rental properties (most of which were licensed under the prior program) were affected by the new Ordinance starting July 1, 2014. Owners of these single family zoned properties are being required to submit new rental licensing program applications by no later than the license renewal dates established under the previous program. Any required rental unit inspections will be completed per the new program regulations. All other non-single family zoned rental units will become part of the Rental Licensing and Inspection Program starting on January 1, 2015 (although owners of property in non-single family zoning districts may and already have elected to license such units before then).

As of July 31, 2014, the City had issued 173 rental program licenses (184 total units) under the new program. Of these new licenses, 127 were for single family properties in single family zoning districts, 45 were for units in multi-family zoning districts, and 1 was for a master license (that included 13 units). No dwelling unit inspections were completed during July under the new program regulations, although the City anticipates such inspections will be scheduled and completed beginning in August 2014. Program licensing and inspection activity reports will be provided to the City Commission on a routine basis.

The City has hired two new administrative support positions and two of the four new rental inspector positions approved by the City Commission to support the expanded program. The City anticipates hiring the other two new rental inspector positions by late 2014 or early 2015.

The City has developed a website devoted to the Rental Licensing Program, which can be viewed at www.lawrenceks.org/pds/rental-licensing or www.lawrenceks.org/rent. The website contains information such as a Program Handbook, the adopting ordinance, inspection forms and guidance, licensing process and inspection brochures, a tenant information brochure, diagrams of program processes and FAQs for both owners and tenants. New or updated information is frequently being added to the website.

Please contact the City with questions at (785) 832-3345 or by email at rentallicensing@lawrenceks.org.

Item #7: Market Match Information for Neighborhood Associations

Market Match is in full swing at area farmers' market. Market Match is a dollar for dollar matching program that matches SNAP benefits (food stamps) spent at the farmers' markets. The program provides matching funds up to \$25 per day. For example, a family that spends \$25 of their SNAP benefits would receive \$50 in market tokens to use at the various vendor booths. Market Match makes it easier to buy fresh, healthy produce while supporting local producers at the same time.

Market Match is available at the Lawrence Farmers' Market and Cottin's Farmers' Market. The Lawrence Farmers' Market is located on the 8th block of New Hampshire and is Saturday mornings from 7:00-11:00am and Tuesday nights from 4:00-6:00pm. Cottin's Farmers' Market is located behind Cottin's Hardware Store at 19th and Massachusetts St. and is Thursday nights from 4:00-6:30pm.

Swing by any of the participating markets to redeem your Market Match funds and go home with fresh, healthy, local, and delicious produce!

For questions about the program, please contact Leslie Queen at lqueen@douglas-county.com or 785-330-2863.

Item #8: August Planning Commission Items

The Planning Commission will meet on August 25, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room on the first floor of City Hall, 6 E. 6th Street. The deadline for receipt of all written communications is no later than 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 25, 2014. Visit our website at

All information listed can be found at the City of Lawrence website: www.lawrenceks.org/pds

The Neighborhood Update is produced for LAN during the first week of every month to keep members updated on neighborhood oriented issues via communication directly from the City of Lawrence. For any additional information regarding CDBG information, please contact Danelle Dresslar by phone at 785-832-3108 or email ddresslar@lawrenceks.org or for any other information contact Amy Miller by phone at 785-832-3166 or email amiller@lawrenceks.org. Comments are always welcome.

www.lawrenceks.org/pds/pc_agendas_minutes for more information or call us at 785-832-3150. The order in which the items will appear is not set. **The following is a tentative list of the items being presented at the August Planning Commission meeting and is subject to change.**

The Planning Commission will consider the following public hearing and non hearing items at their Monday, August 25, 2014 meeting:

SUP-14-00259: Consider a Special Use Permit for Pump Station No. 10 Addition, located at 3055 Louisiana St. Submitted by the City of Lawrence, property owner of record.

Z-14-00263: Consider a request to rezone approximately 1.88 acres from IG (General Industrial) District to IL (Limited Industrial) District located at 720 E 9th St. Submitted by Flint Hills Development Group on behalf of 720 LLC, property owner of record.

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