

Neighborhood Update for LAN

November 6, 2014

Item #1: 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 #2: 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 fall 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 presented 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>.

The Steering Committee will be hosting two public forums on various topics in November. **The forums will be held from 6-8pm November 5th and November 13th at the Lawrence High School cafeteria.** The forums are designed to get more specific input on some of the topics identified during the surveys conducted this past summer. More information can be found on the website: <http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/comprehensive-plan-update-public-forums> Please mark your calendars now and attend in order to give feedback on this important issue!

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 #3: Additional Rental Licensing & Inspection Program Seminars Scheduled in November

During November 2014, the City of Lawrence Planning & Development Services Department is hosting two more educational seminars to assist property owners, property managers, tenants and the public with the transition to the recently revised and expanded Rental Licensing and Inspection Program. Current single-family zoned rental properties were affected by the changes starting July 1, 2014. All other rental units in Lawrence will become part of the Rental Licensing and Inspection Program beginning January 1, 2015. Three similar seminars were conducted in May and June 2014, and were well attended and constructive.

The City's goal is to make this a smooth transition by answering questions regarding the regulations and logistics of the new Program during the seminars. City staff will review the initial licensing, license renewal and inspections processes, and provide plenty of time for a question and answer session.

The seminars will be held on the following dates/times:

- **November 14th / 10:00 a.m. - Noon** – Fire Station #5, 1911 Stewart Ave. (SE corner of Iowa & 19th St.)
- **November 20th / 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** – Fire Station #5, 1911 Stewart Ave.

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 #4: Find Active Building Permits on City Website Interactive Map

In May 2014, Planning & Development Services launched a new Building Permits interactive map that shows locations and provides basic information about active City of Lawrence building permits (for both non-residential and residential new construction and addition projects, and for non-residential remodeling or change of use projects). Zoom in on the map to see building permits that have been recently issued in or around your neighborhood. Find the map on the City's website at http://lawrenceks.org/city_maps or <http://lawrenceks.org/pds/building-permits/map>.

Item #5: 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 #6: 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 #7: 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 #8: 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.

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

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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 #9: November Planning Commission Items

*The Planning Commission will meet on November 17, 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, November 17, 2014. Visit our website at 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 November Planning Commission meeting and is subject to change.***

The Planning Commission will consider the following public hearing and non hearing items at their Monday, November 17, 2014 meeting:

CUP-14-00298: Consider a Conditional Use Permit for a new 195' Verizon Wireless communications tower located north of the Westar Substation at 1287 E 1200 Rd. Submitted by PAMCORP LLC for Verizon Wireless LLC on behalf of The Kansas District of the Wesleyan Church Inc, property owner of record.

SUP-14-00312: Consider a Special Use Permit for a new 120' Verizon Wireless communications tower located at 1725 Bullene Ave. Submitted by PAMCORP LLC for Verizon Wireless LLC on behalf of Steven L. Eudaly, property owner of record.

TA-13-00235: Consider proposed Text Amendments to the City of Lawrence Land Development Code, Article 9 and related sections of Chapter 20, for comprehensive revisions to parking and access standards.

Consider initiation of a Text Amendment to the City of Lawrence Land Development Code to add a Use that provides incubator space for business/entrepreneurial collaboration and prototyping. Staff will provide a memo for the commission consideration regarding options and articles within the Development Code that would need to be amended.

Consider Initiation of a Text Amendment to the City of Lawrence Land Development Code to create a use group for short-term loan or car title loan business, or similar business, and establish standards.

Long-Range Planning Work Program Update.

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