



***Neighborhood Update for LAN***  
***January 2010***

**Item #1: Text Amendment Update**

A text amendment to the Development Code related to "Adaptive Reuse of Designated Historic Property" will be considered by the Historic Resources Commission on Thursday, January 21. The amendment seeks to revise the existing process standards for permitting uses as special uses using the Adaptive Reuse standards of the code. Revised language will be posted to the HRC agenda later in January.

**Item #2: Safe Winter Walkways Volunteers needed**

***Are you able to help others in your community that need help keeping their sidewalks clean?***

Able bodied Lawrence residents with a flair for helping others and an enjoyment of winter weather are needed to volunteer for the Safe Winter Walkways program. The City of Lawrence has joined with Douglas County Senior Services to match residents needing assistance with snow removal and volunteers who want to do a neighborly good deed.

This year, online registration allows volunteers to be assigned a match before the first snow event of the season. Volunteers will be asked to commit to the entire winter season and visit his or her matched home each time the snow falls.

"This program is an excellent resource for members of our community who physically can't keep their sidewalks clear during snow events", said Megan Gilliland, Communications Manager for the City. "This program is a structured version of what has happened in neighborhoods for many years, neighbors helping neighbors. With volunteers, we can make certain that the neighbors can count on a volunteer to be there if snow needs to be removed."

Volunteers can sign up by calling (785) 832-3338 or register online at [www.lawrenceks.org](http://www.lawrenceks.org).

**Item #3: CDD Information**

The Community Development Division began taking applications for the Comprehensive Rehabilitation Housing Program on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The application period will run from January 1 through March 1, 2010. The Comprehensive Rehabilitation Housing Program is a loan program that provides no interest loans for housing rehabilitation to low and moderate income households throughout Lawrence. These projects are not limited to the neighborhoods that receive CDBG funding. The projects have a limit of \$25,000 and the funds are used to make repairs necessary to bring the property into compliance with local codes and department property rehabilitation standards. If you would like a representative from the Community Development Division to attend one of your neighborhood meetings to answer questions about the program please let Danelle Dresslar know at [ddresslar@ci.lawrence.ks.us](mailto:ddresslar@ci.lawrence.ks.us) or 785-832-3108.

The Housing Programs Information Fair will be held on January 20, 2010 at the East Lawrence Recreation Center from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Interested citizens can sign up to receive notification updates for various City services, events, and information, including advisory board information for Community Commission on Homelessness (CCH) and Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) notifications, at <http://www.lawrenceks.org/subscriptions>.

***All information listed can be found at the City of Lawrence website:***

**[www.lawrenceks.org](http://www.lawrenceks.org)**

*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 please contact Danelle Dresslar by phone at 785-832-3108, email [ddresslar@ci.lawrence.ks.us](mailto:ddresslar@ci.lawrence.ks.us) , or at Planning and Development Services Community Development Division; 1 Riverfront Plaza; Level 1, Suite 110; PO Box 708; Lawrence, KS 66044. Comments are always welcome.*