



LPRD HOSTS LETS BUILD A MUD FORT

Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department and the Watkins Museum of History partnered to offer the 15th annual “Let’s Build a Mud Fort” workshop in August. Twenty youth and their parents learned the history of mud forts and how they were built to protect Lawrence in its early years. Participants made a model of a fort with mud and ended the first day with a walking tour of historic locations downtown. On the second day, the group constructed two mud forts near the south bank of the Kansas River to wrap up the two-day event.



CEMETERY HOSTS GRAVE WALK

Local historian Katie Armitage led a group of 33 participants in mid-August through Oak Hill Cemetery where they visited the nine infamous survivors of Quantrill’s Raid. The group met actors portraying John Gideon Haskell, Mary Carpenter Rankin and John and Elizabeth Speer, who came alive to tell their stories.

MASSACHUSETTS STREET BRIGHTENS

Since January, Lawrence Parks and Recreation staffs have been committed to beautifying downtown Lawrence and Massachusetts Street. LPRD Staff removed all benches on Massachusetts Street and had them sanded down and restained. The bench’s legs were also repainted. Staff has also completed the painting of all the trashcans on Massachusetts St., as well as the washing and cleaning of the Downtown Lawrence sign located on 6th & Mass.

