

**March
2014**

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

Langston Hughes

City Offers Lunch N Learn for Historic Resources

Session focuses on development in commercial areas

The city's next Lunch N Learn series, through the Planning and Development Services Department, will be held on Friday, March 28 from Noon to 1 p.m. at City Hall. The topic is historic preservation in relation to development in commercial areas.

Preserving our historical buildings is essential to understanding our national and local legacies. Realizing the need to protect our rich cultural resources in the City of Lawrence is the first step in honoring our guiding principles behind design and practice of preservation and rehabilitation standards.

There are numerous benefits for preservation that can be seen here in Lawrence and across the nation that include:

- Increased quality of life;
- Stable or increased commercial values;
- Existing usable space or infrastructures;
- Quicker occupancy;
- Rehabilitation projects usually cost less than new projects;
- Energy savings (No energy used in demos, new construction).

This session is open to local historic district property owners and Historic Resource Commission members, engineers, architects, designers, small business owners, real estate professionals, bankers and interested neighborhood association members that want to learn about the preservation process of commercial development projects.

Be part of our next Lunch N Learn where attendees will gain insight on the City of Lawrence's development processes for historic commercial properties in relation to the State Historic Preservation Act and local ordinances.

The City of Lawrence continues to adhere to the integrity of the preservation and rehabilitation guidelines in our most valued areas, while helping property owners through their chosen development processes. Such issues of additions, alterations, rehabilitations, restorations, new construction, demolition and signage will be addressed through case study overviews.

For more information on the city's Lunch N Learn series, contact Cyndi Hermocillo-Legg, small business facilitator, at (785) 832-3156 or clegg@lawrenceks.org.

FAQ's Potholes, construction & sidewalks

Q: How do I report a pothole on a city street?

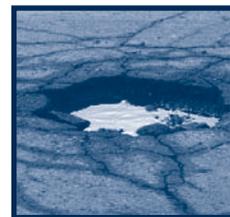
A: The City of Lawrence offers an online report form at www.lawrenceks.org/public_works/pothole_report_form or call (785) 832-3456.

Q: How do I report a damaged sidewalk or curb?

A: An online report form is available at www.lawrenceks.org/request_city_services.

Q: Where do I find out about current construction projects in Lawrence?

A: Visit www.lawrenceks.org/construction/2014 or sign up to receive "city news" at www.lawrenceks.org/subscriptions. The city sends out weekly updates on current construction projects that may affect your commute. Visit www.lawrenceks.org/construction for more information on other projects, including the South Lawrence Trafficway.



What will the workshop cover?

- 1. Defining Historic Resource Protection in relation to commercial development;**
- 2. Visual mapping of the City of Lawrence's Historic District profiles in historic areas;**
- 3. Understanding the development processes, historic preservation and rehabilitation standards;**
- 4. Look at case studies that will engage attendees through actual development projects with varying needs;**
- 5. The Governance Factor: Understanding the Administrative or Historic Resource Commission approval process.**



Celebrate Earth Day in Lawrence!

Earth Day, observed on April 22, was created in 1970 to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth's natural environment. After over 40 years, Americans are still dedicated to creating and maintaining a healthy and sustainable environment. Come join the City of Lawrence in celebrating Earth Day!



The 14th Annual Earth Day Celebration in South Park, hosted by the city's Solid Waste Division, will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 19. The day starts with a parade, hosted by KU Environs, at 11:00 a.m. on Massachusetts Street from Seventh Street to South Park. All activities are free and open to the public.

Come to South Park and eat lunch at one of our locally-owned mobile food vendors and add your plates, napkins, and food scraps to the composting bins. There will be music and children's activities. Attendees can also learn from exhibits about waste reduction, recycling, composting, energy conservation, land preservation, wildlife and habitat preservation, and more.

The Earth Day Celebration will feature:

- April Showers to Water Towers: A Water Festival for Douglas County hosted by the city's Stormwater Division.
- Tree ID tours hosted by the city's Parks and Recreation Department.
- Alternative fuel fleet vehicles on display.



The Lawrence Transit System will offer free rides on the T all day Saturday, April 19, providing the experience and benefits of public transportation on all fixed routes. To get help planning a route or for more information, call (785) 864-4644 or visit www.lawrencetransit.org.

For more information about the Earth Day Parade and Celebration, please call (785) 832-3030 or visit www.LawrenceRecycles.org.

Household Hazardous Waste Facility Open Year-Around for Drop-Off

The City of Lawrence/Douglas County Household Hazardous Waste Facility is accepting hazardous waste from Douglas County households throughout the year by appointment only. Call (785) 832-3030 to schedule a drop-off appointment for any unwanted paint, pesticides, cleaners, old mercury devices, automotive fluids, batteries and more. Proper disposal of household hazardous waste creates a safer and healthier environment. There is no fee to Douglas County households.

How the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program works:

- Call (785) 832-3030 to schedule a drop-off appointment.
- Drive to the HHW facility (directions provided by staff). Make sure all your hazardous products are labeled.
- A Hazardous Waste Technician will unload the hazardous waste from your vehicle.

For your safety and ours, all hazardous waste drop-offs are by appointment only! For more details on the program visit, www.lawrenceks.org/swm.



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