

**May  
2014**

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

*Langston Hughes*

## Looking for a Great Deal?

### Student summer bus pass is an affordable way to get around

Wherever kids are headed this summer — the pool, parks, library, recreation centers — many of them will be riding the bus. And with the student summer bus pass, they can do so at an affordable price, saving money while also saving mom and dad from making extra trips in the car.

For only \$10, the student summer bus pass is good for unlimited rides in June, July and August. This year, there are several locations to purchase the pass:

- City Hall (starting May 1)
- Indoor Aquatic Center (starting May 19)
- Outdoor Aquatic Center (starting May 24)

Trip planning assistance is available on-line or over the phone. Bus drivers are also there to help whenever a passenger needs assistance. In addition, kids and parents can send a text message to find when the next bus will arrive at a particular bus stop.

"We heard from parents last year who were very pleased with this new program," said Robert Nugent, transit administrator. "Riding the bus can give kids independence and take some of the burden off parents during the summer."

For more information, visit [lawrencetransit.org](http://lawrencetransit.org) or call (785) 864-4644.



## Want to know when to set out your trash?

### Text Reminder System Now Available for Solid Waste

We've got another way to notify you about your city services! Lawrence residents can now sign up to receive messages through our new **Notify Me** system for trash collection service alerts by text, e-mail or Twitter direct messaging. Visit [lawrenceks.org/notify](http://lawrenceks.org/notify) to sign up today.

You can personalize which alerts you want to receive - trash or yard waste - and we'll send you a message when you want to be notified. Messages sent via text message, e-mail or Twitter will remind citizens of their trash day, the holiday collection schedule, and any service delays due to weather conditions.

The new **Notify Me** system will also allow users to download their service schedule to export to electronic calendars and provide a way to print a personalized service calendar for your address. The system will also notify residents for curbside recycling services when recycling service begins in mid-October.

On May 6, the City of Lawrence Solid Waste Division began new residential trash collection routes. In addition to the notification system, a new interactive residential trash collection map is available at [lawrenceks.org/swm](http://lawrenceks.org/swm). On this website, residents may search for their trash day by entering their house address.

Sign up today for **Notify Me** at  
[www.lawrenceks.org/notify](http://www.lawrenceks.org/notify) !



## May is Bicycle Safety Month

Lawrence is a bicycle-friendly community and encourages safe interactions between motorists and bicycles.

Bicyclists, Motorists and Pedestrians all have a role in keeping our roads safe. For more information visit: [lawrenceks.org/share\\_the\\_road](http://lawrenceks.org/share_the_road).

Check out our community bicycle map online at [lawrenceks.org/mpo/bikemap](http://lawrenceks.org/mpo/bikemap).



## Can We Find You in an Emergency?

In an emergency, police, fire and rescue workers depend on house numbers to find YOU as quickly as possible. Finding your home - especially at night - can be challenging if address numbers are unreadable, hidden, without lighting or have missing numbers. This may delay emergency responders from getting to you as quickly as possible.



Here are some guidelines for making sure your address is visible for emergency personnel:

1. Numbers must be visible from the street. Existing residential home numbering must be at least 4-inches high.
2. Numbers should be placed on a contrasting background, with a reflective coating on the numbers for easy visibility at night.
3. Repair or replace aging address numbers on mailboxes that are a distance from the front of the residence.
4. Prune any bushes, tree limbs or other growth that has covered your house numbers.
5. Numbers should be placed on or beside the front door. If your door is not easily seen from the street, put the numbers on a post, fence or tree at the driveway entrance so they can be clearly seen from the street. Additionally, if you have a mailbox, reflective and contrasting numbers should be placed on both sides of the box so they can be seen.



## Building Safety: Keeping Your Home Safe

The City of Lawrence Planning & Development Services Department proudly celebrates Building Safety Month in May. Building Safety Month is a public safety awareness campaign to help individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe, resilient, affordable and energy-efficient homes and buildings. When the city's nationally certified building safety and fire prevention experts inspect buildings and review construction plans to ensure code compliance, we help to ensure the places where you live, learn, work, worship and play are safe. We work closely with homebuilders, contractors, plumbers, roofers and other construction industry trades to provide maximum public safety. Here are some best practices to keep your home and family safe:

**Install and maintain smoke alarms:** Install at least one smoke alarm in every bedroom, outside of each sleeping room area and on each level of a multi-level building and test them regularly. Smoke alarms can't help you unless they are functional and you can hear them.



**Use electrical cords safely:** Overloaded outlets and undersized electrical extension cords can cause a fire or electrocution danger. Never overload electrical cords or power strips. Don't use appliances that have damaged cords. Extension cords should not be used as a substitute for permanently wired outlets.

**Don't let your gas appliances starve for air:** Gas appliances, such as water heaters, furnaces and boilers, need plenty of air to operate safely. Otherwise, they will produce excessive, deadly carbon monoxide. Schedule an annual appliance inspection, cleaning and tune-up.

**Maintain safe exits and passages:** During a home emergency, such as a fire, it's important that all occupants are able to get out - and emergency personnel are able to get in - as quickly and easily as possible. Keep hallways clear of obstructions and do not block or obstruct emergency escape windows and exit doors.

Contact Development Services at (785) 832-7700 or visit the Development Services website at [lawrenceks.org/pds](http://lawrenceks.org/pds) for additional information.

