

# HOM ENERGY CONSERVATION FAIR 2007

On October 13th, 2007 the City's Waste Reduction and Recycling Division hosted the **7th Annual Home Energy Conservation Fair and Sustainable Homes Tour**. Attendees learned about ways to reduce energy consumption within their homes. Our Division's goal was to help citizens lower their utility expenses, with the added benefit of lending a healing hand to Lawrence's natural environment. Our list of over forty exhibitors with professional expertise included local builders, architects, engineers, insulation contractors, and home energy efficiency specialists. Businesses offering residential wind and solar energy systems were also present. A variety of alternative fueled vehicles were on display at Free State High School, accompanied by individuals prepared to answer questions about the vehicles' operating systems and fuel needs. In addition to these exhibitors a line-up of guest speakers gave presentations throughout the day as an additional service to the community. Perhaps the greatest highlight of the Fair was this year's Sustainable Homes Tour, which gave the opportunity to see many exhibitors' systems in action.



Cottin's Hardware, a Premier Sponsor of this year's Fair, provided free popcorn snacks to the public.



Early in the day, the City's Waste Reduction and Recycling Division was represented by the cheery face of Tammy Parris.

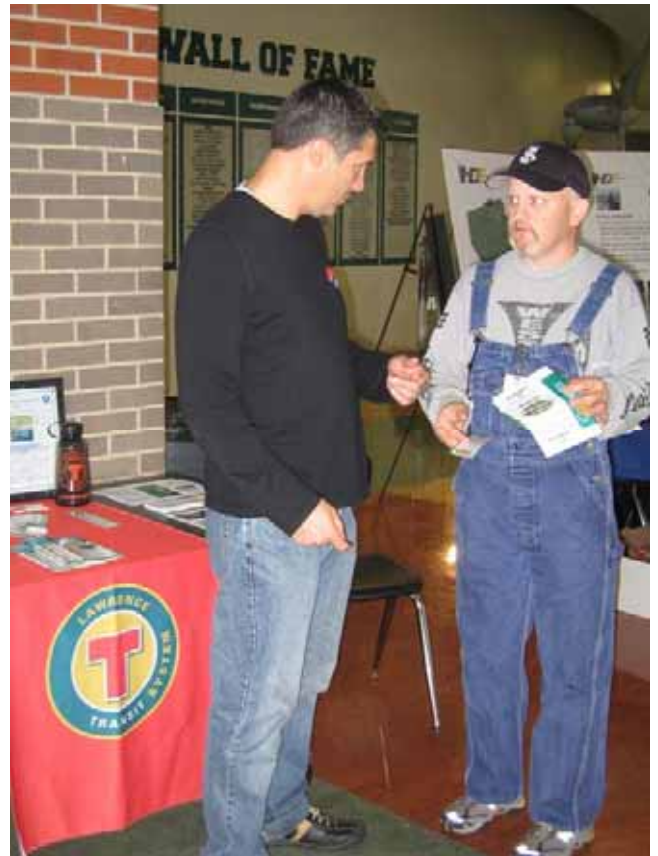


Steve Hughes of Hughes Consulting Engineering P.A., also a Premier Sponsor, was on hand to explain the tremendous financial and environmental benefits of energy alternatives.



Westar Energy attended to promote the "ENERGY STAR Change a Light Pledge", and gave away free compact fluorescent bulbs all day to attendees.





**The Lawrence Transit System had a booth at the Fair and also supported fuel conservation by contributing the option to "Ride the T for Free!" all day on Oct. 13th. Auto exhibitors also 'generated' interest in energy efficient fuel and transportation alternatives.**