



"We Have Tomorrow – Bright Before Us, Like A Flame." *Langston Hughes*



*Pictured above:* Enjoying this year's seasonal holiday lights in Downtown Lawrence? We owe our thanks to our Parks, Recreation, and Culture department, which puts on the delightful display every year!

*Pictured right:* Participants in one of our October Walk the Loop events. Lawrence residents were invited to join our team in exploring part of the Lawrence Loop on foot!



## Your Voice Matters: The 2025 City of Lawrence Community Satisfaction Survey

Surveys have been randomly mailed to Lawrence residents. If a survey has arrived in your mailbox, we hope you'll take a few minutes to complete it.

Every few years, the City of Lawrence conducts a Community Satisfaction Survey – a vital tool that helps shape how the City will invest in our community's shared future.

Your responses help us understand how residents experience life in Lawrence – from the quality of parks, streets, and utilities to feelings of safety, community belonging, and trust in local government.

The survey, conducted by an independent research firm and offered in both English and Spanish, provides statistically valid, representative data that helps guide decisions about services, programs, and budget priorities. We've worked to design a survey that will gather insights that ultimately drive action.

While an online version of the survey will also be available, responses collected through mailed household invitations are the ones used to ensure scientific accuracy and representativeness. These results form

the backbone of the community dataset, allowing the City to track trends over time and compare results with peer communities nationwide.

Our goal is to gather most survey responses in by the end of 2025, so that your feedback can directly inform City leaders, staff, and partners across Team Lawrence as we focus attention on the priorities that matter most.

Together, your voice helps us answer the big questions: Where are we now, where do we want to go, and what kind of community do we want to be?

*Please note:* Not every resident in Lawrence will receive a survey in the mail, but if you do, please take the opportunity to complete it. The survey is your way to serve as a voice for your household.

Help ensure a diverse set of voices are heard as we continue creating a community where all enjoy life and feel at home.

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# Parks & Recreation memberships start in 2026

Sports Pavilion, East Lawrence Rec and Holcom Park Rec will require memberships

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department is launching a facility membership program in 2026 – designed to keep our community active, connected, and thriving. More than just a way to access recreation spaces, this membership is about joining a welcoming community that values health, creativity, and togetherness.

## WHAT'S CHANGING

Starting January 5, 2026, the East Lawrence Recreation Center, Holcom Park Recreation Center and Sports Pavilion Lawrence will move to a membership-based system. This means that access to gyms, fitness areas, and community spaces will now require a membership, day pass or program registration.

Online registration for 2026 memberships is now open: [lawrenceks.gov/prc/membership](http://lawrenceks.gov/prc/membership)

This change will help sustain the quality of our facilities and programs for everyone in Lawrence. The flexible membership options include day passes, monthly/annual memberships and punch cards.

Additionally, the following community members are eligible for free or reduced memberships:

- Seniors will have reduced monthly and annual membership options.
- Youth living in Douglas County can access the recreation facilities for free.
- Low-income residents can apply for Qualified Access Memberships, which offer free access to the recreation facilities.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### How do I register for a membership?

Memberships can be purchased online or in-person at a Recreation Center. If you register online, you will receive your access card at the front desk upon your first visit to any of the recreation centers. You will have to provide proof of residency at this time.

For Douglas County youth, parents can set up a household account online or in-person if they don't already have one. Once youth is added to the household, the youth membership will be free. Parents will be asked to provide proof of residency at the time of first visit. Access cards will be provided at that time as well.

### What documents can be used to verify a patron's address?

To confirm residency, you can provide any of the following:

- Valid driver's license or state-issued ID with a Lawrence address
- Current homeowner's insurance policy
- Property tax statement
- Current vehicle registration
- Deed or mortgage document
- Current lease or dorm agreement

### What are the ages for memberships?

- Youth (17 and under): Free for Douglas County residents
- Adults (ages 18–59)
- Seniors (ages 60+)

### What happens when a child turns 18 during the membership year?

Once a child turns 18, their free youth membership will end. They will need to register for an adult membership.

### Who can be on a household membership?

A household may include up to three adults (ages 18 and older) living at the same address.

### How does someone sign up for the (free) Qualified Access Membership?

Qualified Access Memberships are available through our scholarship application process. Applicants who meet our scholarship guidelines automatically qualify for a free membership.

Applications are available in person or online at [lawrenceks.gov/prc/membership](http://lawrenceks.gov/prc/membership).

In-person assistance is available at Sports Pavilion Lawrence, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Assistance is also available at Holcom Park Recreation Center and the East Lawrence Recreation Center by appointment. Appointments are strongly encouraged at all facilities, especially Holcom and East Lawrence Center, due to limited staff availability.

### Does this membership include the pool?

No. Recreation Center memberships cover recreation center access only.

### Is the Community Building part of the membership plan?

No. The Community Building is not included in the membership plan. It will be open only for programs and rentals beginning in 2026.

## MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

	Residents	Non-Residents
Adult Monthly	\$12	\$15
Household Monthly	\$20	\$24
Senior Monthly	\$8	\$10
Youth Monthly	FREE	\$10
Adult Annual	\$120	\$150
Household Annual	\$200	\$240
Senior Annual	\$80	\$100
Youth Annual	FREE	\$100

## DAY PASSES

	Residents	Non-Residents
Sports Pavilion Lawrence	\$5	\$8
East Lawrence or Holcom	\$3	\$5
SPL Tournament Spectator	\$5	

## 20-VISIT PUNCH CARDS

Residents	Non-Residents
\$60 (\$3.00/visit)	\$130 (\$6.50/visit)