



Neighborhood Update for LAN
November 2009

Item #1: Updated list of Development Code Text amendments

An updated list of Development Code text amendments and their status can be found at <http://www.lawrenceplanning.org/documents/CodeAmend.pdf>. Please contact Scott McCullough at 785-832-3154 with any questions about the amendments.

Item #2: 2010 CDBG/HOME Application Packets

The application packets for the 2010 CDBG/HOME program year (August 1, 2010 – July 31, 2011) were due on December 1, 2009. The City received applications from 19 different agencies in the amount of \$2,427,919. The CDAC will begin their funding allocation deliberations in January.

Item #3: Safe Winter Walkways Volunteers needed

Are you able to help others in your community that need help keeping their sidewalks clean?

Able bodied Lawrence residents with a flair for helping others and an enjoyment of winter weather are needed to volunteer for the Safe Winter Walkways program. The City of Lawrence has joined with Douglas County Senior Services to match residents needing assistance with snow removal and volunteers who want to do a neighborly good deed.

This year, online registration allows volunteers to be assigned a match before the first snow event of the season. Volunteers will be asked to commit to the entire winter season and visit his or her matched home each time the snow falls.

"This program is an excellent resource for members of our community who physically can't keep their sidewalks clear during snow events", said Megan Gilliland, Communications Manager for the City. "This program is a structured version of what has happened in neighborhoods for many years, neighbors helping neighbors. With volunteers, we can make certain that the neighbors can count on a volunteer to be there if snow needs to be removed."

Volunteers can sign up by calling (785) 832-3338 or register online at www.lawrenceks.org.

Item #4: CDD Information

The Community Development Division will begin taking applications for the Comprehensive Rehabilitation Housing Program on January 1st. The application period will run from January 1 through February 28, 2010. The Comprehensive Rehabilitation Housing Program is a loan program that provides no interest loans for housing rehabilitation to low and moderate income households throughout Lawrence. These projects are not limited to the neighborhoods that receive CDBG funding. The projects have a limit of \$25,000 and the funds are used to make repairs necessary to bring the property into compliance with local codes and department property rehabilitation standards. If you would like a representative from the Community Development Division to attend one of your neighborhood meetings to answer questions about the program please let Danelle Dresslar know at ddresslar@ci.lawrence.ks.us or 785-832-3108.

The Housing Programs Information Fair will be held on January 20, 2010 at the East Lawrence Recreation Center from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Interested citizens can sign up to receive notification updates for various City services, events, and information, including advisory board information for Community Commission on Homelessness (CCH) and Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) notifications, at <http://www.lawrenceks.org/subscriptions>.

All information listed can be found at the City of Lawrence website:

www.lawrenceks.org

The Neighborhood Update is produced for LAN during the first week of every month to keep members updated on neighborhood oriented issues via communication directly from the City of Lawrence. For any additional information please contact Danelle Dresslar by phone at 785-832-3108, email ddresslar@ci.lawrence.ks.us, or at Planning and Development Services Community Development Division; 1 Riverfront Plaza; Level 1, Suite 110; PO Box 708; Lawrence, KS 66044. Comments are always welcome.