



Neighborhood Update for LAN ***November 2009***

Item #1: Emergency Loans available through the City of Lawrence

The City of Lawrence Community Development Division has an Emergency Loan program available for residents of Lawrence that is funded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The Emergency Loan program offers improvements that eliminate immediate hazards to health and safety or cause damage to the structure or conditions that are likely to cause health and safety hazards or cause damage to the structure in the near future. The loan limit is \$5000 per property, or the amount necessary to make the improvement, whichever is less. There are no monthly payments required, and no interest is charged, however the loan is secured by a mortgage on the property, and must be repaid when the recipient ceases to be an owner-occupant of the property improved. The applicant's gross family income from all sources may not exceed 80% of median income as updated for 2009. For additional information please contact Tony Hoch, Project Specialist at 785-832-3113 or Jessica Roberts, Project Specialist at 785-832-3114.

Item #2: 2010 CDBG/HOME Application Packets

The application packets for the 2010 CDBG/HOME program year (August 1, 2010 – July 31, 2011) were distributed via list serve on October 1, 2009. The applications will be due back to the Community Development Division office no later than 5:00pm on December 1. The CDAC will begin their funding allocation deliberations in January.

Item #3: Sidewalk Snow Removal Enforcement (Ordinance No. 8324, adopted on second reading 12/16/08)

The following is a reminder of the City of Lawrence Sidewalk Snow Removal ordinance. There will be no protocol for issuing a warning regarding a violation of the ordinance. The fine for violating the ordinance will remain this year at \$20 plus court costs.

16-115 REMOVAL OF SNOW OR ICE FROM PUBLIC SIDEWALKS.

(A) It shall be unlawful for the property owner of record of property immediately adjacent to a public sidewalk on public right-of-way to fail to remove from the sidewalk, within forty-eight (48) hours of the cessation of accumulation of snow or ice on the sidewalk, any snow or ice accumulated on such sidewalk or obstructing such sidewalk. If ice has accumulated of such character as to make removal thereof impossible, the sprinkling or placement of sand thereon within the time specified for removal in such a manner as to make such sidewalk safe for travel of pedestrians shall be deemed compliance with the provisions of this section. (Ord. 7456, Ord. 8324)

(B) Pursuant to the authority of Charter Ordinance No. 31, employees of the Planning and Development Services Department shall have the authority to issue notices to appear for violations of this ordinance (Ord. 7456, Ord. 8324)

(C) Violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be considered a municipal offense and upon an adjudication of guilty, the violator shall be fined \$20.00. Each day of a continuing violation shall be deemed a separate offense. (Ord. 7456, Ord. 8324)

Item #4: NE Sector Plan on Website

The Northeast Sector Plan will outline goals and policies to address identified topics and guide the future land use of the planning area. As part of the planning process, various public meetings will be held. Property owners and other interested individuals are invited and strongly encouraged to attend to give input to the plan. The third meeting for the plan is being held from **6:30pm – 8:00pm on November 5, 2009**. The meeting will take place at **Prairie Moon School, 1853 E 1600 Rd**. Staff will review and comment on draft goals and policies for the plan.

The updates to the NE Sector plan are available on the Planning and Development Services website. The website can be found at www.lawrenceks.org/pds. Questions and comments are encouraged and welcome. Please direct questions and comments to Dan Warner at 785-832-3163 or at dwarner@ci.lawrence.ks.us.

Item #5: Oread Neighborhood Plan

The following illustrates the timeline for the Draft Oread Neighborhood plan.

The updates to the Oread Neighborhood plan are available on the Planning and Development Services website. The website can be found at www.lawrenceks.org/pds. Questions and comments are encouraged and welcome. Please direct questions and comments to Michelle Leininger at 785-832-3163 or at mleininger@ci.lawrence.ks.us.

- Planning Commission to hold a public hearing and take action on the draft plan: *November 16 or 18, 2009*
- Historic Resources Commission to hold a public hearing and take action on the draft plan: *November 19, 2009*
- Lawrence City Commission to take action: *December 8, 2009*

Item #6: Lawrence Community Shelter Public Meeting

The Lawrence Community Shelter Board and Staff will host a public meeting for the business and residential neighbors of the proposed shelter site at 2176 East 23rd Street. The meeting will be held Thursday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence, 1520 Haskell.

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.