

# LANSING CONNECTION

*Second Quarter 2023*

## K-7/Eisenhower Road Intersection Project Complete





# MAYOR'S BYLINE

By Mayor Tony McNeill

Spring is finally upon us and I am happy winter is behind us. I am looking forward to the fishing derby and getting to watch the kids play baseball. If you have not yet been to Bernard Park to see the new ballfields, you should definitely make a trip out there. The complex is awesome and is a great addition to the City.

Along with spring comes tax season and I tend to get a lot of questions about taxes at this time of year. So I thought I would spend a little time talking about our property taxes and how they are assessed. A few years back, Council member Andi Pawlowski wrote a great explanation of valuation, so I am crediting her with the following explanation:

"In Kansas, the county appraisers are responsible for establishing the value of real property. Every March, property owners get a **Valuation Notice** for their property. Owners have 30 days to file an appeal with the county if they feel the valuation is unfair. Most people don't take the time to look at either, but I believe it is important to understand these two statements and the differences. As consumers of public services, we should know where our money is going!"

On the valuation document, it will have the estimate of market value and the assessed value for the current year and the prior year. Let's say you have a property valued at \$100,000. The

assessed value, the amount your tax bill will be based on, is \$11,500. In Kansas, we are taxed on 11.5% of the market value of a property for residential real estate. Commercial is taxed at 25% of the market value, so a commercial property worth \$100,000 would have an assessed valuation of \$25,000. Again, that value is determined by the County Appraiser.

Later this fall, you will get the 2023 tax information sheet. It will have the assessed value from earlier in the year at the top followed by how much you owe. It will also include your property information such as your legal description and other identifying numbers. Farther down on the page, it lists the mill levies for current and prior years and the tax amounts for each taxing district. The final block lists what each "district" or taxing entity, stands to collect in the current year compared to the prior year. In Lansing, we have three school taxing categories or "districts," then there's the state, the county, the city and the fire district. So that is seven total tax levies, with three under the schools. In most parts of the county, there were huge jumps in valuation.

The Kansas State Legislature passed a law in 2021, with the intent of holding taxing entities accountable to the public by requiring approval to exceed a revenue neutral rate by a majority vote at an open meeting. "Revenue neutral rate" basically means that the tax rate for the current tax year (2023) would generate

the same property tax revenue as levied the previous tax year using the current year's total assessed valuation. If you look at your 2022 Tax Information sheet from the County, you will see that for the city of Lansing we had a 0% change, and actually a minus nine dollar change in property taxes. We were the only taxing entity that went revenue neutral. Many of the other taxing entities talked about it, but your governing body along with the City staff, actually dropped the mill levy to stay revenue neutral. I think that reducing the property tax burden is especially critical when the valuations have jumped so high for everyone, and I am proud that as a City we have at least done our part in that regard.

Okay, enough of tax talk, we have a lot to look forward to this spring and moving into summer. The K-7/Eisenhower exchange completion, several new businesses under construction on K-7/ Main St. and the upgrades to Bernard Park to name a few. We also just approved the Capital Improvement Program for this year, so there will be a bit of street work going on when the weather gets warmer. Stay safe out there and I hope to see you at the next city event. As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, you can call me at 913-727-3233 or send me an email at amcneill@lansingsks.org.

## It's OVER! The New K-7 and Eisenhower Rd. Intersection is Open

By Public Information Officer Ken Miller

A project several years in the making has finally bore fruit.

A ceremonial grand opening highlighted the completion and opening of a new intersection at K-7 (Main Street/4th Street) and Eisenhower Road in mid-April. The joint project between Lansing, Leavenworth and the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) was the culmination of more than four years of planning, design and work.

In 2019, KDOT awarded local governments \$1.68 million for a cost share project with Lansing and Leavenworth to make safety and efficiency improvements. The total investment in the intersection totaled more than \$3 million, through a cooperative agreement between the three parties.

2021 saw the relocation of utilities, which required temporary lane closures as they were moved out of the way. That year also had the majority of the property acquisition and securing of the easements needed to construct improvements. The project was bid that winter, with construction beginning in the spring of 2022. The final milling and overlay of pavement occurred in early April of this year.

"It is already clear how much more efficiently traffic moves through this intersection," said Lansing City Administrator Tim Vandall. "And I believe the businesses located close to this intersection finally feel rewarded for their sacrifices during the construction phase of this project."

The following safety and efficiency measures are featured:

- 1. Free flow right turn lane on SB K-7 to WB Eisenhower. This will reduce the cue and



The new intersection, facing south



Cover image: Lansing Mayor Tony McNeill and Local Leaders Celebrate Intersection Project Completion

Back cover image: Aerial View of New K-7/Eisenhower Rd. Intersection, April 2023

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Ken Miller  
Connection Editor

Tim Vandall  
City Administrator



### CONNECTION CALENDAR City of Lansing 2023, 1st Quarter

MAY	JUNE	JULY
4 City Council Meeting	1 City Council Meeting	1-31 Registration: Cheerleading, Flag Football, Soccer
6 Youth Fishing Derby	15 City Council Meeting	1 Independence Day Celebration - Towne Center
12-13 Spring Citywide Garage Sale	21 Planning Commission Meeting	6 City Council Meeting
17 Planning Commission Meeting	29 City Council Work Session	19 Planning Commission Meeting
18 City Council Meeting		
25 City Council Work Session		



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## From the Desk of the City Administrator By City Administrator Tim Vandall

My wife turned on the air conditioning in our house, so that means summer is right around the corner! While summer may be a relaxing time for some people, it is actually the busiest time of the year in most cities. The bulk of most projects are undertaken in the summer. Parks are frequented in the summer and recreation activities are in full swing. The City's annual budget is crafted during the summer months and usually voted on in late August or early September. This summer is no exception in Lansing, as various facets of local government are moving full steam ahead.

On April 6, the City Council voted to approve our annual Pavement Preservation Plan for 2023. We are allocating approximately \$726,000 for repaving roads throughout Lansing and another \$202,000 to repair and replace curbs throughout town. A map of the areas slated to be paved is located in this edition of the Connection. A few items worth noting: while \$726,000 may seem like a significant number to spend on repaving roads, it doesn't go nearly as far as it did five years ago. It is likely that \$726,000 figure will have to increase in future years just to keep up. Additionally, we are keenly aware of crumbling curbs in certain neighborhoods. \$202,000 is the highest amount we have spent on curb repair ever. It is always more efficient to tackle curb repairs near areas where we are already doing road work, which means some areas will have to get tackled in future years. Allocating \$928,000 demonstrates our commitment to continually maintaining top-notch infrastructure in Lansing. We know there's always more work to be done, but repairs this year are a step in the right direction.

Our recreation activities and parks throughout town are always busy in the summer months. About 350 kids in Lansing are registered for various Parks and Recreation activities this summer.

We are thrilled to begin our inaugural season at the new Bernard Park complex! Our Library's summer reading program always has scores of children participating as well. Our engineers are working to refine the final design of Lansing's future municipal pool. We are hopeful to have that project out to bid in late fall, with construction slated to take place throughout 2024. As long as there are no construction or product delays, we are hopeful to be open by Memorial Day 2025. Funding for Lansing's pool will be provided by a .45% sales tax increase approved by voters in November 2022, slated to begin July 1, 2023. This will raise Lansing's sales tax rate on non-food items to 9.4%.

Speaking of numbers, our annual budget meetings are in full swing. This is the time of year where our staff and elected officials evaluate the budget and work to determine the types of projects we can tackle in 2024 and beyond. It is important to remember that the largest expense in our City (and most cities) is personnel. We also budget for past debt issuances like our wastewater plant, sewer lines and the Bittersweet Bridge, to name a few. We have also been hearing feedback from residents about increasing property values. Comparable home sales are always a large component of your home's valuation. The writeup in this edition of the Connection will give you tips on how to file a protest of your home's valuation if you believe it to be incorrect. Believe me, the City wants your home to be correctly appraised and so does the County.

As always, please reach out to us if you have questions. I always enjoy seeing people around at T-ball games and shooting the breeze about what's going on in Lansing. We live in a special community, and there are lots of wonderful things on the horizon.

## 2022-23 Citizens' Academy Completes Tour of City Departments; Graduates

*By Public Information Officer Ken Miller*

When Citizens' Academy participants see Lansing's Wastewater facility each year, the reactions are always very similar: surprise that so much technology and science goes into processing the City's biosolids safely and efficiently.

After their tour of the Wastewater plant in late March, the 2022-2023 Lansing Citizens' Academy class graduated during the April 6 City Council meeting. Six classmates received plaques honoring their participation and time commitment during the seven month course. Including the Wastewater facility tour, Maralee Thompson, Mika Stilwell, Emma Njoku, Michelle Riggs, Krista Holland and Zach Bolin visited the Streets Division garage, Community Library and City Hall. All City department leaders told their stories about serving the community – and threw in some interesting anecdotes along the way.

"The Citizens' Academy is one way the City can identify local residents who are interested in local government and how Lansing works," said City Administrator Tim Vandall. "It also helps us find like-minded citizens who may want to serve on local city volunteer boards or even run for elected office."

The City plans to offer the Citizens' Academy experience again, beginning in September of this year. For more information and to apply, contact Lansing PIO Ken Miller at [kmiller@lansingks.org](mailto:kmiller@lansingks.org) or call 913-727-5488.



*2022-23 Citizens' Academy Graduates, l-r: Emma Njoku; Michelle Riggs; Krista Holland; Mayor Tony McNeill; Zach Bolin; Maralee Thompson; Mika Stilwell*



*Lansing Citizens' Academy class members tour the City Wastewater Facility, March 2023*



## Ward News CHECK OUT WHAT YOUR COUNCILMEMBERS HAVE TO SAY...

Welcome to spring time - not that we had a bad winter. There are a lot of things happening in Lansing. We have the new ballfields ready to go for this year. The road improvements at Main St. (K-7) and Eisenhower Rd. have been completed. Work has begun on the Take Five Oil Change at the new intersection as well. We have welcomed the new Family Eye Care Center, at Town Center. Let's support our local businesses. City staff continue to work on bringing new businesses to town. Kansas City Kansas Community College has purchased land in Town Center. It will be some time before



**Ward 1 News**  
Councilmember  
GENE KIRBY

we see much going on there, as they continue to fine tune their plans and raise funds. Behind the scenes, work continues on the new community pool.

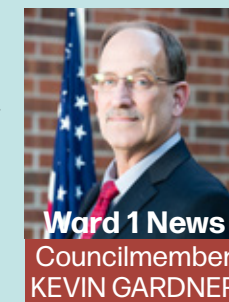
Change is always happening and hopefully for the best. I do want to acknowledge the recent passing of our former Council member, Dave Trinkle, Jr. A hometown man that devoted much of his life to serving our community. Among the many things he did: served on the Council for more than twenty years; a Fire District volunteer; storm spotter; and one of the original people responsible for starting the Lansing Youth Fishing Derby some twenty years ago. His work and devotion to his hometown will be missed.

Meanwhile, a really big change is coming for my wife and I. Retirement has called and we have answered. While we are retiring from our day jobs, we will continue to call Lansing our home. We are not sure what the future holds but we aren't going away. We will remain active in Lansing in ways yet to be determined. Have a safe and wonderful summer.

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Good day to all from the newest representative of Ward One. I would like to thank the City Council for allowing me to be part of Lansing's future. As a member of the council, I hope to earn their trust with proper preparation and sound judgment when making decisions concerning both the stability and growth of our city.

Dave Trinkle, the former Ward One representative is a man who I have



**Ward 1 News**  
Councilmember  
KEVIN GARDNER



*Lansing City Clerk Tish Sims Swears In City Council Member Kevin Gardner*



## Ward News (continued)

known and admired for more than 25 years. His great care for the people and the progress of Lansing began before he was part of the council and continued while serving as a member. His heart, mind, and all efforts were always about what was best for you as residents of Ward One and all citizens of Lansing, and the success of our city. He is one of those people who you can talk to “eye to eye” while looking up to him at the same time. To say that he will be missed would be an understatement. I hope to do well enough as his successor that he would be proud of my efforts.

Having served on the council before, I was very interested in applying for the open position. My previous experience was very positive as well as educational and I look forward to listening to other people’s opinions and perspectives on issues concerning Lansing. I also plan to continue as a volunteer with both Parks and Recreation and the Tree Board.

Spring has finally come, but I think we had better weather in early March. Since the start of spring, it has been cold in the mornings, then warming up a little. Weather reports said we were 30 degrees lower than what we normally should be for this time of year. But signs of spring are here despite the weather. Trees budding, flowers pushing up, and the grass is growing along with a good crop of dandelions, oh boy.



**Ward 2 News**  
Councilmember  
**DON STUDNICKA**

Check out the photo to the right - this is the second year in a row that a pair of wild geese have nested in that planter at Twin Oaks care facility. She is currently sitting on six eggs and the residents are watching the process.

On the economic development front things are moving forward. As you have already observed the intersection project at Main St. (K-7) and Eisenhower Rd. finished in mid-April. We had to wait for the weather and the asphalt plants to reopen. This improvement should really help the traffic move through there a lot smoother and faster. Also on that corner, there is a fast lube/oil change business under construction where the old Shoe Box store was located. Speaking of roads, you are probably aware the State has started re-doing the intersection at K-7 and Parallel Pkwy. Certain directions are closed off and you can expect delays if you must go that way. The Family Eye Clinic on Main St. (K-7) and W. Mary is up and running and there is a new dental building being built next to Anytime Fitness. There are a couple of other items on the horizon, so stay tuned.

The next couple of months will see our normal youth sports recreation leagues starting up, so check the city website on how to sign up. On May 5, the city will hold its annual business appreciation luncheon. On May 22, will host an event to re-open Bernard Park and celebrate all the new ballfields and facilities.

Lastly, we just finished a work session focused on a Library update. Everyone associated with the steady progress, continued improvements, and new programs at the Lansing Community Library is nothing short of amazing. The inclusiveness of all ages, the educational experience at each level, and the access to learn as much as you want is provided and encouraged by all those who work and support the Library. Great people there to help anyone wanting to use the Library as an opportunity to increase their knowledge and education level.

I look forward to serving the people of Lansing as we navigate our common future together.

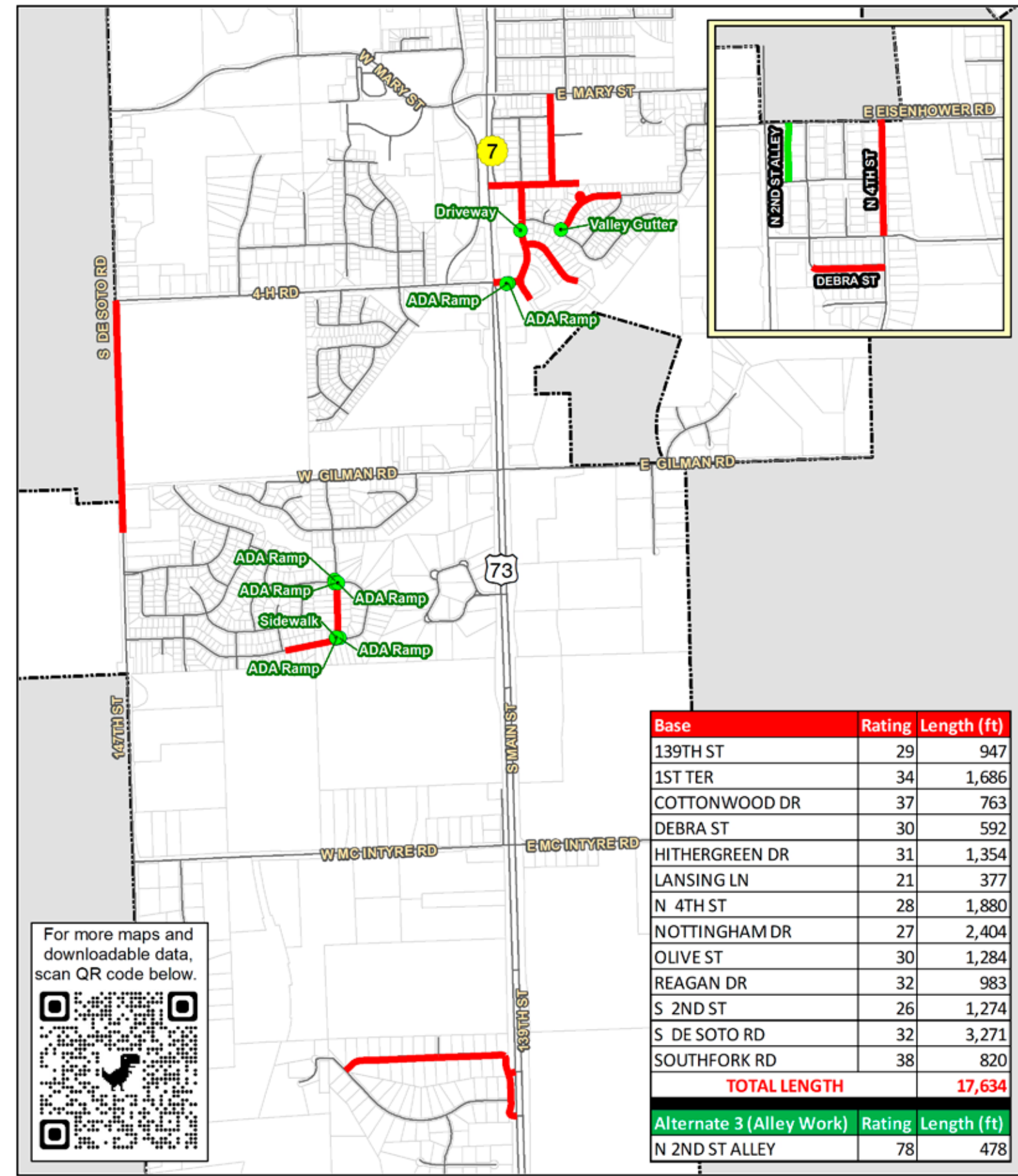
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And of course we will hold our Independence Day celebration on July 1 at Town Center. Along with all this fun stuff, Lansing will be getting its annual Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) off the ground for streets, curbs and sidewalks that need to be replaced.

As always, you are invited to YOUR City Council meetings which are held the first and third Thursdays of each month. If you have concerns, comments, ideas or just need to talk about something going on in the city, you can reach me by email at [dstudnicka@lansingks.org](mailto:dstudnicka@lansingks.org) or by phone at 913-306-1051.

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**Legend**

- Supplemental Concrete Work
- 2023 M&O Selection - Base
- 2023 M&O Selection - Alternate 3
- City Boundary
- Parcels

**2023 Streets Mill & Overlay Locations**  
Lansing, Kansas

1 inch = 1,750 feet

0 1,750 3,500 Feet

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# Lansing, Kansas Flood Map

Effective Date: July 16th, 2015



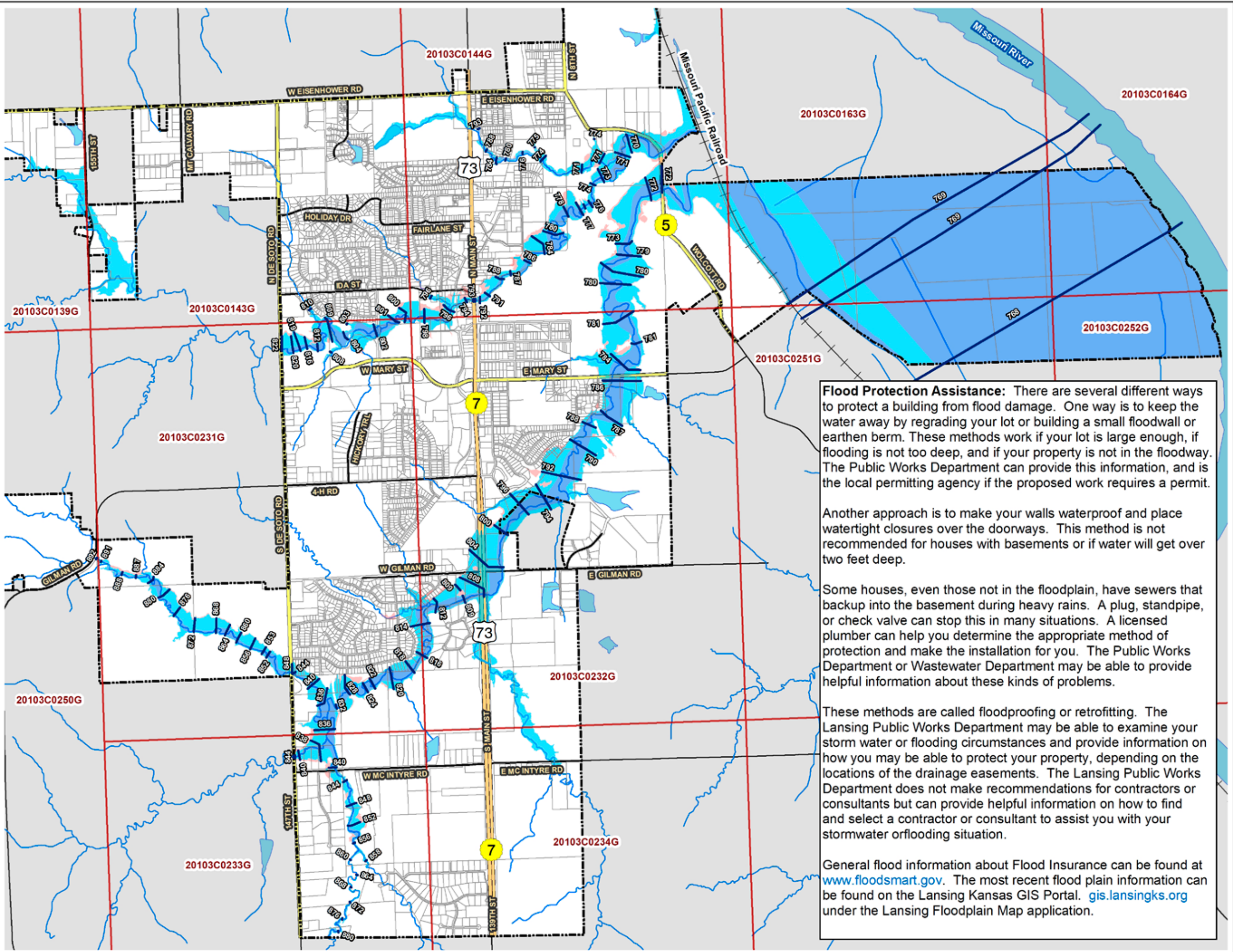
### Legend

- Stream Centerline
- Base Flood Elevation
- FIRM Panel
- Current Effective Flood Zones**
  - Floodway
  - 1.0 PCT ANNUAL CHANCE FLOOD HAZARD
  - 0.2 PCT ANNUAL CHANCE FLOOD HAZARD

For more maps and downloadable data, scan QR code below.



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**Flood Protection Assistance:** There are several different ways to protect a building from flood damage. One way is to keep the water away by regrading your lot or building a small floodwall or earthen berm. These methods work if your lot is large enough, if flooding is not too deep, and if your property is not in the floodway. The Public Works Department can provide this information, and is the local permitting agency if the proposed work requires a permit.

Another approach is to make your walls waterproof and place watertight closures over the doorways. This method is not recommended for houses with basements or if water will get over two feet deep.

Some houses, even those not in the floodplain, have sewers that backup into the basement during heavy rains. A plug, standpipe, or check valve can stop this in many situations. A licensed plumber can help you determine the appropriate method of protection and make the installation for you. The Public Works Department or Wastewater Department may be able to provide helpful information about these kinds of problems.

These methods are called floodproofing or retrofitting. The Lansing Public Works Department may be able to examine your storm water or flooding circumstances and provide information on how you may be able to protect your property, depending on the locations of the drainage easements. The Lansing Public Works Department does not make recommendations for contractors or consultants but can provide helpful information on how to find and select a contractor or consultant to assist you with your stormwater or flooding situation.

General flood information about Flood Insurance can be found at [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov). The most recent flood plain information can be found on the Lansing Kansas GIS Portal. [gis.lansingsks.org](http://gis.lansingsks.org) under the Lansing Floodplain Map application.

# Lansing Development Update

By Community and Economic Development Director Joshua Gentzler

There are multiple new buildings being erected along Main Street that may be of interest to you. The developers are partnering with the City to expand the tax base and bring more options to the residents of Lansing. The two buildings are the Take 5 Oil Change facility and the Filliman Dental Office relocation.

Take 5 Oil Change is a quick oil change chain with locations in 18 states. This business adds another option for auto services for City residents on the busiest intersection in Lansing. Take 5 is built on the old Shoebox property and located at 1112 N. Main St. (SE corner of Eisenhower and Main). This establishment will change your car's oil in approximately ten minutes as you stay in your vehicle. Crews are currently preparing the ground for the construction of the building. Customers will enter the site off the alley and exit the facility onto Eisenhower Rd. See the photo for current status of Take 5 project.

Construction is estimated to be completed in 3Q 2023.

The next site to discuss is the Filliman Dental Office, located at 670 1st Terrace, will be the new home of Filliman Dental as they move south from their current home on K-7/Main St. This 3,500 sq. ft. building is tailor-made for their needs and will allow them to continue maintaining the health of Lansing residents' teeth for many years to come. Construction is scheduled to be complete in 4Q 2023. The site plan shows space on-site for an additional building in between the current construction and First Terr.



Progress seen at the future Take 5 Oil Change Location



Filliman Dental Office construction, April 2023



# Former Council Member Dave Trinkle, Jr. Remembered

By Public Information Officer Ken Miller

Former Lansing City Council member Dave Trinkle, Jr. passed away on April 7, 2023 after battling several illnesses.

Born David Allen Trinkle, Jr. on June 13, 1962, he graduated from Lansing High School in 1979. He was an auto mechanic for more than 30 years and most recently worked at the Storage Box.

He served as a Lansing City Council member for more than 20 years – first elected in 2000 until he resigned for health reasons in early 2023.

“Dave served Ward 1 for many years selflessly and effectively,” said fellow Ward 1 Council member Gene Kirby. “Anyone could go to Dave asking for help and he would help them. I know I did often and he was always there for me. He will be greatly missed by myself and many others.”

Trinkle was a driving force behind the establishment of the Lansing Youth Fishing Derby, which he attended every year in early May. He also served for many years on the Lansing Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Dave Trinkle was recently preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Donna Marie Trinkle who passed away in February of this year. They are survived by their son, Thomas.



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## It's OVER! The New K-7 and Eisenhower Rd. Intersection is Open

1. delay for southbound traffic on Main/4th St., as this dedicated lane will allow for right turns only, leaving the two other lanes for through traffic.
2. Additional left turn lane on NB K-7 to WB Eisenhower. This will double the capacity and have two dedicated lanes for this turning movement, reducing the cue that sometimes occurs in the two through lanes.
3. Dedicated left turn lanes with signals. This is for EB & WB traffic from Eisenhower to turn onto K-7 (Main St.)
4. Receiving lane on WB Eisenhower Rd. This is added to accommodate the improvements associated with items #1 and #2. This lane goes to the Home Depot access road, just west of the car wash.
5. Center median north of intersection on K-7. This is similar to the median on the south side of the intersection. This provides separation for SB to EB traffic, while also providing some storage for NB traffic entering QT.
6. Traffic Signals / Poles: These improvements required the installation of additional signal lights on new poles to accommodate the additional lanes. Traffic detection was also upgraded to radar with enhanced capabilities, in accordance with the Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Operation Green Light program.
7. Pedestrian improvements including sidewalk enhancements and push button crossing call signals.

# Lansing Independence Days

**3PM SATURDAY, JULY 1ST 2023**  
AT LANSING'S TOWNE CENTER

**LIVE MUSIC - RIDES**  
**FOOD TRUCKS**  
**FIREWORKS**

**BEGIN AFTER THE MUSIC ENDS**  
**AT APPROXIMATELY 10PM**

JUST WEST OF MAIN STREET/K-7 BY W. MARY STREET  
QUESTIONS? (913) 727-5488

**ENTERTAINMENT LINEUP**

**3PM - 6PM: LANSING'S OWN NICK & TAMMY DOMINGUEZ**

**NICK & TAMMY**  
DJ / KARAOKE / LIVE!

**6:30PM - 9:30PM:**  
**PARTY BAND FLASHBACK KC**

*Flashback*

**8PM: DAYSIA RENEAU**  
**TAKES THE STAGE**  
**WITH FLASHBACK KC**

*Daysia Reneau*






Victory Pyrotechnics is renowned for its expertise in designing and executing stunning pyrotechnic displays. The synchronized fireworks show choreographed to a patriotic medley is an unforgettable experience, perfect for celebrating America's Independence Day weekend. The event's stunning visuals and heartwarming music will evoke a sense of pride and admiration.

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## It's 2023 and Summer is Just Around the Corner

By Code Enforcement Officer Richard Fairbanks

With the summertime heat on the way, some residents will consider a new pool. Here is what you need to do to install a pool or hot tub in the city of Lansing:

- Permit
- Site Plan
- Pool information with cubic feet or gallons of water contained in it.
- Electric, gas, and other utilities marked on your site plan. (Above ground and below ground)
- All electrical equipment and outlets marked with distances
- Fencing intentions or existing fencing shown on site plan.
- Contractor's name and phone number if installed by that contractor. Are they licensed to work in the city of Lansing?

Questions can be directed to the Lansing Community & Economic Development Dept. by calling 913-727-5488 or email [rfairbanks@lansingks.org](mailto:rfairbanks@lansingks.org).



## Lansing's 10th Annual Spring CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE Friday, May 12 & Saturday, May 13

Families, clubs, and organizations are invited to participate!

The City of Lansing will advertise each participant by publishing a list and a map of the garage sale locations on the city's website and in printed form. Also, an interactive map will be available on the city's website and social media pages. The interactive map allows participants to describe their sale items in a few words.

This event is free to participants, will feature sales throughout the city, and draw treasure hunters from surrounding areas. Permits are not required. Please remember that hanging signs on any utility pole is illegal and subject to fines.



Maps will be available beginning Thursday, May 4 at City Hall and the Library, at [www.lansingks.org](http://www.lansingks.org), and Lansing, Kansas Happenings on Facebook

# Lansing Community Library Update

by Library Director Terri Wojtalewicz

Happy Spring – or at least that is what the calendar says!

Bring your taste buds on Sat., May 13 at 10 a.m. to the Lansing Community Library as Emmy-award winning television anchor/reporter **Matt Stewart from Fox 4** takes us on a culinary journey of the most unique restaurants in the Kansas City area. His recently released book **“Unique Eats and Eateries of Kansas City”** profiles 86 local restaurants and offers fascinating insight behind the people who brought their unique recipes to town. Matt will give an informational and inspirational presentation, and books will be available for sale afterwards. Register for this program through the website, myLIBRO app, or by calling the library.

We just completed our annual **Friends of the Library Book Sale** at the Activity Center. Thank you to the **students from Lansing and Leavenworth High Schools, Walmart** employees and community members who helped with moving boxes of books, unpacking and then carrying boxes out to cars.

Wondering about the Friends organization? They are the group that helps with fundraising for the library, sponsors events, and volunteers at the library. We are always looking for people to help with everything from events to program preparation. Our next Friends meeting will be held at the library on Wed., May 17.

Summer is going to be here soon, and we have so many things planned. Be sure to keep an eye out on the website, the new library app, and social media for details. It all begins on **Sat., June 3** with an ice cream social sponsored by the Friends of the Library. We are so thankful that the **Fort Leavenworth Thrift Shop** is sponsoring a visit by the **Kansas City Zoo!** We will have fun this summer with so many weekly activities for all ages like decorating bird houses, painting, and felt crafts. The Friends of the Library group has a wish list on Amazon if you would like to sponsor one of the summer activities for the children. You can find it listed under “Gift Registries” and typing in Lansing Community Library. More information to register for these events and the reading program is coming soon.

The library is again partnering with the Parks and Recreation Dept. to bring the **summer day camps back**. The activities are being planned now and will be announced soon on our website and social media pages.

Our **One Book Many Neighbors Adult Summer Program** will be taking place as well. The short stories are from the book, *When a Stranger Comes to Town* edited by Michael Koryta. Be sure to pick up your “evidence folder” at the library for the summer. We have weekly activities planned for the summer. There are prize baskets and an end of the summer party being planned for those who participated.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events. As always, share your suggestions and comments with us via email, website, or in person. We love hearing how we are doing and how we can serve you better.



**22ND ANNUAL**  
Lansing Parks and Recreation  
**FISHING DERBY**  
2023

Includes Bait & picnic lunch \$5

**KENNETH W. BERNARD COMMUNITY PARK**

**SATURDAY, MAY 6TH, 2023**  
**Fishing: 9:30am - 11:00am**  
**Followed by Lunch & Award presentation**

**Preregistration REQUIRED**  
For registration and event information visit [www.lansingks.org/parksrec](http://www.lansingks.org/parksrec)  
Contact Lansing Parks & Recreation:  
(913) 727-2960 | [parks@lansingks.org](mailto:parks@lansingks.org)  
Facebook: Lansing KS Parks & Recreation



## LANSING TRADITIONAL/SOCIAL MEDIA INFORMATION

### CITY WEBSITE FEATURES

- Check out the city of Lansing Website: [www.lansingsks.org](http://www.lansingsks.org)
- Modules so Residents Can Interact with their City Government
- Use the Web Calendar to Check on Dates for City Events and Meetings
- View the Latest City Council Meetings and Newsmaker Interview Shows via YouTube
- Pay Your City Bills Online
- Report a Pothole or Other Maintenance Issue
- Report Trash Service Problems
- Register for youth sports leagues or city events!

### CITY'S SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

- Lansing now has a *Nextdoor* Presence Accessing 1,750+ residents
- Lansing's *Facebook* Page has 6,000+ followers

- Lansing's *Twitter* Feed has 1,200+ followers
- Links to City Videos on YouTube
- Check out photos from City staff and the community
- City Job Opportunities Announced
- Updates from Lansing and KDOT Tweeted Instantly!
- "Like" Our Library, Parks, Police, Municipal Court and Happenings *Facebook* Pages, Too

### LGTV - CHANNEL 2 UPDATE

- Local Weather Forecast Instantly!
- City Council and County Commission Meetings Rebroadcast 10 Times/Week
- Legislative Forums
- Historical Documentaries about Lansing and Leavenworth County
- Complete Program Guide on [www.lansingsks.org](http://www.lansingsks.org)
- Local musician and Lansing city employee Kris Bennetts Provides Background Music

# USD469 Lansing School District Update

(Content Provided by USD469 staff)

## WELCOME SUPERINTENDENT MARTY KOBZA

Lansing USD469 is thrilled to announce Marty Kobza as the new Superintendent of Lansing USD469, effective July 2023. Mr. Kobza comes to us from Superior, Nebraska, where he has been serving as the Superintendent of the Superior Public Schools.



approved our five-year Strategic Plan, created in collaboration with our community and informed by valuable input from a committee of staff, students, parents, and community members. This comprehensive plan will serve as a roadmap for our district, informing our decisions and priorities for the next half-decade. You can access the Lansing USD469 strategic plan by scanning the QR code on the right.



## LANSING USD469 RE-ACCREDITED

Our district has achieved re-accreditation from the state of Kansas. This honor is a significant achievement for our schools, teachers, students and community.

The accreditation process is a rigorous evaluation of our schools' performance through a five-year KESA cycle. It is a testament to our staff and students' hard work and dedication that we have achieved this honor.

Our district has consistently strived to provide high-quality education to all our students, and this re-accreditation validates our efforts. We are committed to improving and enhancing our educational programs and will use this achievement as a springboard to reach even greater heights.

## JOIN THE LANSING USD469 TEAM

Lansing USD469 offers part-time and full-time opportunities, so visit the Employment Opportunities page on [www.usd469.net](http://www.usd469.net) for a list of all open positions and instructions on how to apply. Contact the Lansing District Office at 913-727-1100 for more information.

## LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

We are delighted to share that on Monday, April 10th, the Lansing USD469 Board of Education

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