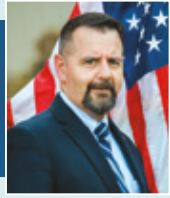


LANSING CONNECTION

First Quarter 2023

Lansing Welcomes KCKCC to Town Center





MAYOR'S BYLINE

By Mayor Tony McNeill

It gives me great satisfaction as we start 2023 to see some of Lansing's biggest projects in our City's history either completed or near completion, with other projects confirmed and on the drawing board.

By the time Lansing residents read this, our brand-new baseball/softball complex at Bernard Park will be completed. While the outfield grass may not be completely green yet, it is easy to visualize little league pitchers and catchers out there practicing.

This project is part of Phase 1 of our Parks and Recreation Master Plan, created in 2020 to guide us through the foreseeable future. With an approximate cost of \$4.6 million, a five field baseball/softball complex (with grading completed to add two more fields,) 300+/- space parking lot and a concession/restroom/storage structure, we will see baseball out at Bernard Park this spring.

Closer to the center of the City, design work is getting underway on a municipal pool project, to be located at the NW corner of W. Mary St. and Bittersweet Dr. Voters approved the project in November, which I believe was ultimately the fairest way to make a community aquatic center a reality. The City Council and I wanted buy-in from residents, a majority of whom ultimately made the decision to raise the local sales tax rate 0.45 percent for the next 20 years to fund the cost of the new pool. City leaders are also discussing potential locations for a

splash park, which will further enhance quality of life in Lansing, particularly for our families with young children.

As depicted on this edition's cover, the city of Lansing and Kansas City Kansas Community College have entered into an agreement for the college to build a satellite campus on 12 acres in Town Center, north of 4H Rd. and west of K-7/Main St. Construction of the facility is planned for 2027, with a projected opening in the fall. The College will be an anchor tenant, which promises hundreds of students coming and going daily and will be a great enticement for businesses to locate close by. Beyond the economic development benefit, the future Lansing campus will serve as an important training facility. In conversations I had with KCKCC President Dr. Greg Mosier, he pointed out that the new facility will provide the local area – and the region – with highly skilled and trained members of the future work force. Local business and industry leaders should be excited about this development, as all sectors are eager to develop a consistent pipeline of highly qualified job applicants.

I hope the first month of 2023 found all of you and your families healthy and happy and as always, if you have any questions or if I can be of service in any way, contact me via email: mayor@lansingsks.org – or call City Hall at 913-727-3036.



Proposed location for KCKCC campus in Town Center, Lansing

Town Center To Welcome KCKCC Campus

By Public Information Officer Ken Miller

Just about any Lansing elected official or senior staff member will tell you one of the most frequent questions they get is when will Town Center see additional major development.

Now there's an answer featuring one of the area's best known educational institutions.

"This partnership with Kansas City Kansas Community College is a game changer," said Lansing Mayor Tony McNeill, who along with KCKCC President Dr. Greg Mosier signed documents late last year initiating the deal to build a satellite campus on the southern end of Town Center, just west of K-7 and north of 4H Rd. in Lansing. The agreement calls for KCKCC to purchase 12 acres of land for approximately \$360,000. The estimated opening date for the campus is 2027.

Mosier described his vision for the campus during the November 17, 2022 Lansing City Council meeting when the agreement was announced. "With the land purchase, a new facility will be designed to provide modern classrooms, labs and technical training spaces offering greater capacity of our current and new academic and technical programs," said Mosier. "The goal is to further collaborate with the cities of Lansing and Leavenworth, school districts and business and industry partners to provide the necessary programs to fuel the County's education and workforce needs."

There is still work to be done over the next few years before construction can begin on the new campus. "KCKCC will need the support of Leavenworth County to make this vision a reality," said Mosier. "KCKCC is currently considering several funding options to make the vision a reality to become a stronger education partner for Leavenworth County."

"This addition to our community will serve as a magnet of sorts – for students and other businesses that benefit from being near a college and it's constant activity," said Lansing City Administrator Tim Vandall. "Lansing leaders – and we believe retail developers – view the KCKCC campus in Town Center as the kind of anchor tenant which will draw interest from a wide gamut of businesses. In fact, City leaders are already seeing an uptick in interest since we made the KCKCC announcement."



KCKCC Main Campus Jewell Student Center



KCKCC Main Campus Centennial Hall

More information about the planned campus should be visible this year at its future location – possibly in the form of a billboard. Look for updates moving forward in this publication, as well as through Lansing's social media sites.

KCKCC's main campus is located at 7250 State Ave. in Kansas City, Kans. The college is accredited through the Higher Learning Commission and features dozens of associate degrees and certificate programs in Science, the Arts, Applied Sciences and General Studies. KCKCC is celebrating "100 Years of Service" in 2023; the college started out as part of the Kansas City, Kansas public school system, later becoming independent in 1967 when the school swore in its first Board of Trustees. For more information about Kansas City Kansas Community College, go to www.kckcc.edu.



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Town Center Acreage Purchased by KCKCC; Lansing Mayor Tony McNeill (r) and KCKCC President Dr. Greg Mosier

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Bernard Park Baseball/Softball Complex aerial photo, Dec. 2022

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Ken Miller
Connection Editor

Tim Vandall
City Administrator



CONNECTION CALENDAR

City of Lansing 2023, 1st Quarter

FEBRUARY

- 2 City Council Meeting
- 15 Planning Commission Meeting
- 16 City Council Meeting
- 20 City Offices Closed - Presidents Day Holiday
- 23 City Council Work Session
- 28 Registration Begins-Spring Garage Sale

MARCH

- 1-31 Baseball/Softball/T-Ball Registration
- 2 City Council Meeting
- 15 Planning Commission Meeting
- 16 City Council Meeting
- 23 City Council Work Session

APRIL

- 6 City Council Meeting
- 19 Planning Commission Meeting
- 20 City Council Meeting
- 27 City Council Work Session



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

Valentine's Day is around the corner and the topic of LOVE is everywhere. As a result of this theme of love, I figured I'd do something a little different for this edition and touch on some of the things I LOVE about living in Lansing.

- Premier Snow Removal - Our Street Division and Parks staff do an amazing job with snow removal. Plowing snow when it's pitch black out is an incredibly demanding job and our staff does it exquisitely. The fabulous job our crew does is especially noticeable when driving through other communities after the same storm. I truly believe we have the best snow removal crew in the entire KC metro.
- Parks and Recreation - I'm not sure I valued Parks & Recreation enough until I had young children. The programs our P&R Department offer give all children in Lansing and the surrounding area a chance to be active,

make friends and learn about sports. Additionally, our Parks & Recreation programs have scores of volunteers who donate hours of their time each week to coach youth and teach fundamentals. A friend of mine has coached over 20 teams! What a wonderful community that truly gives their time to improve the lives of children.

- Mayor's Christmas Tree - Speaking of how generous Lansing is, our Mayor's Christmas Tree program is truly incredible. Every December we help local families who have had a rough year. This year we helped eight families with toys, groceries and necessities. Our City Clerk Tish Sims and Assistant City Clerk Leslie Welch head up this program along with Mayor McNeill. This program is 100% funded by donations. Seeing the positive impact of this program makes me thankful to live in such a caring city.

- Lansing Community Library - If you haven't been to our Library recently you are missing out. Over the last few years we have made several improvements to our building to better utilize our space and make it more open and welcoming for our patrons. We have all kinds of programs that can pique the interest of all residents. We've had programs dealing with prohibition in Kansas, the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, Laura Ingalls Wilder - and the list goes on. We have 22,940 items that you can check out and if you want something we do not have, we can get it from another library.
- Public Safety - When my family moved to Lansing in 2015, we were grateful to be moving to one of the safest cities in Kansas. We have amazing police officers who do a great job not only keeping Lansing safe but forging relationships and engaging with the community. It's commonplace to see our officers at Lansing sporting events, driving through church parking lots on Sundays, or out and about at community functions. It's certainly a challenging time to

be in law enforcement, but I am forever grateful for the work our team does every day!

- Wastewater - Your City sewer system is something perhaps 99% of people don't think about - until it doesn't work. We have invested millions of dollars recently to upsize our sewer lines to reduce the likelihood of sewer backups. On top of that, we have one of the best wastewater treatment plants in the State of Kansas. I do not jest; we have won the Kansas Wastewater Plant of the Year five times. Our crew at the Wastewater Department is kind of like the Chicago Bulls of the 1990s.

We have a great community and I love seeing folks out volunteering to make Lansing a better place to live. There's a lot to love about living in Lansing. If you ever have any questions or think there's something we can do better please reach out to me, I always enjoy hearing from our residents.



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

Great things are happening in our City. The new baseball/softball complex is nearing its completion. It looks great and ready for the ball season coming up. I'll wager that our young ballplayers, their families and friends are ready to open the park this year. New fields, lighting, a new concession stand, restrooms and a lot more paved parking. Play ball!



Ward 1 News
Councilmember
GENE KIRBY

The improvements to Main St. and Eisenhower Rd. are almost complete. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the job will not be completed until this spring. If you have driven through the intersection, you have a sense of what the end results will be - a much safer and efficient intersection.

The new City pool is on the way. Design work, ground preparation work and site layout is underway. These tasks take months to accomplish, so don't look forward to an opening this year.

Talk about another great development: Lansing will now be home to the Kansas City Kansas Community College satellite campus. Hundreds of students, staff and visitors will be coming to Lansing. There is an opportunity for untold amounts of dollars to be spent

right here. It is our hope that local businesses will profit from this, with the enhanced possibility of new businesses to come.

Despite the hard economic situation many cities are facing, Lansing has been able to continue to grow and prosper. Change, it's coming. Positive change, welcome change. Change, however, is not always welcomed. My father-in-law recently passed away. Even though we knew the time was near, we were saddened at his passing. Over the course of the last few weeks, stories were shared of his life between family and friends. Those stories helped to give me a clearer understanding of him. They helped me to more fully understand the man that I had known for almost fifty years. Why he did things the way he did, what made him tick. His passing brought the realization that my wife and I no longer have a living parent. My children no longer have grandparents, our grandchildren no longer have their great grandparents from our side of the family. Tell your family that you love them, that you are proud of them. Tell them your story, the good and the bad. Let them hear it from you, help them to understand who you are, where they come from. It's your story - you tell it.

As always, my hope for you is peace, happiness, and good health.

It seems like this early year's weather cannot make up its mind. As I write this (in mid-January,) it is 42 degrees outside when it should be about 22 degrees. Just before Christmas we had warm weather - then temps dropped us below zero. Now we are unseasonably warm again. No wonder everyone is sporting a cough, runny nose, etc. Well, you know what the old saying is: "this is Kansas, wait 20 minutes and the weather will change."

The Main and Eisenhower intersection project is in the final stages and as you have noticed on these warmer days, crews were out there trying to get it finished up. Also, on the economic development front (see more detailed article in this publication,) the City has sold some property in Town Center to Kansas City Kansas Community College to build a satellite campus. It should be a good utilization of that piece of property and bring folks into town to live and spend money in our gas stations, restaurants, etc. Along with that, Covington Woods Apartments is buying four acres across the street from their existing facilities to build a



Ward 2 News
Councilmember
DON STUDNICKA

50 unit complex to match their existing facility. This will be on the same economic level as their existing facility, called "Work Force" housing. Our latest housing survey showed a great need for housing in this economic range. With the Hills dog food plant in Tonganoxie and the Panasonic battery plant in DeSoto going in, plus the satellite campus, I am sure this housing addition to Lansing will be full all the time.

As we approach spring and anxiously await our Girl Scout Cookie orders to come in, be sure to check out the City's website for registrations and sports activities and other events going on through April.

As always, you are invited to **YOUR** City Council Meetings that take place the first and third Thursday of each month starting at 7 p.m.

If you have any questions, concerns, ideas or just want to talk about something going on in the city, you can reach me at 913-306-1051 or email dstudnicka@lansingks.org



Bernard Park Baseball/Softball Complex Ready This Spring

By Public Information Officer Ken Miller

It will be mere weeks before pitches are thrown and bases are stolen out at the new Bernard Park Baseball/Softball complex in Lansing. Other than allowing the natural turf some time to establish itself, for all intents and purposes the five ballfields and associated infrastructure will be ready to host Lansing Parks and Recreation games this spring.

"I am very happy with how this project has turned out," said Parks and Recreation Director Jason Crum. "I think the community will feel the same way once people have a chance to come out and see the new facility."

A concession stand, batting cage, bathrooms, equipment storage and 300-plus hard surface parking spaces will be available come baseball/softball season. The \$4.6 million dollar project is part of Lansing's 2020 Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Phase 1.

Due to construction, trails in and around Bernard Park were closed in the fall and winter of 2022 because of heavy equipment movement/safety. Earlier this year, the trails were reopened for all to use.



K-7 and Eisenhower Rd. Intersection Project Update

By Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier



Contractors working on the K-7/Eisenhower Rd. intersection are close to completing the project. Recently crews finished work on the retaining wall that fronts the corner of Eisenhower Rd. and K-7 southbound by Quik Trip (see photo). All of the geometric improvements, traffic signal enhancements and additional pedestrian accommodations are nearly complete. The contractor has approximately two weeks of work to wrap the project up in the spring, when the weather warms up. Tasks remaining to be done include the mill and overlay of pavement, new pavement markings and landscape restoration. It is anticipated this work will happen sometime around April.



Helping Lansing Sanitary Sewer Systems Stay Healthy

By Wastewater Utility Director Anthony Zell

I would like to start off by asking each of you for a huge favor – PLEASE do not flush anything down the toilet other than toilet paper. There is a myriad of products marketed to make all our lives easier within our homes but these products wreak havoc on both your sewer pipe as well as the remainder of the City's collection system. Just because that bathroom wipe, countertop disinfectant, or baby wipe indicate they are flushable, does not mean that they are biodegradable like toilet paper. These products are synthetic and they do not break down on their way to the treatment plant - which means they collect grease, mud, rocks and roots. Once they arrive at the pump station at the treatment plant, the *flushable* wipes clog the impellers of the large pumps and cause backups in the system. Those products may make your immediate life easier but eventually those products damage the critical infrastructure, which means that those costs to repair and replace equipment are passed on to you. Please take a minute and dispose of them in the trashcan, not down the toilet.

Additionally, as spring approaches, many residents look to this cooler time of year to plant trees. When doing so, do not locate them in the utility easements located on your property or over your sewer line to your home. If there is ever a problem with the sewer lines that require repair, the trees may have to be removed. Further, roots from these trees will find their way to the sewer line and enter through cracks in the pipe, all in an effort to find water. These roots will only get bigger and cause more damage to the pipe infrastructure. Root intrusion is another major cause of sewer backups and the leading cause of pipe repair or replacement.

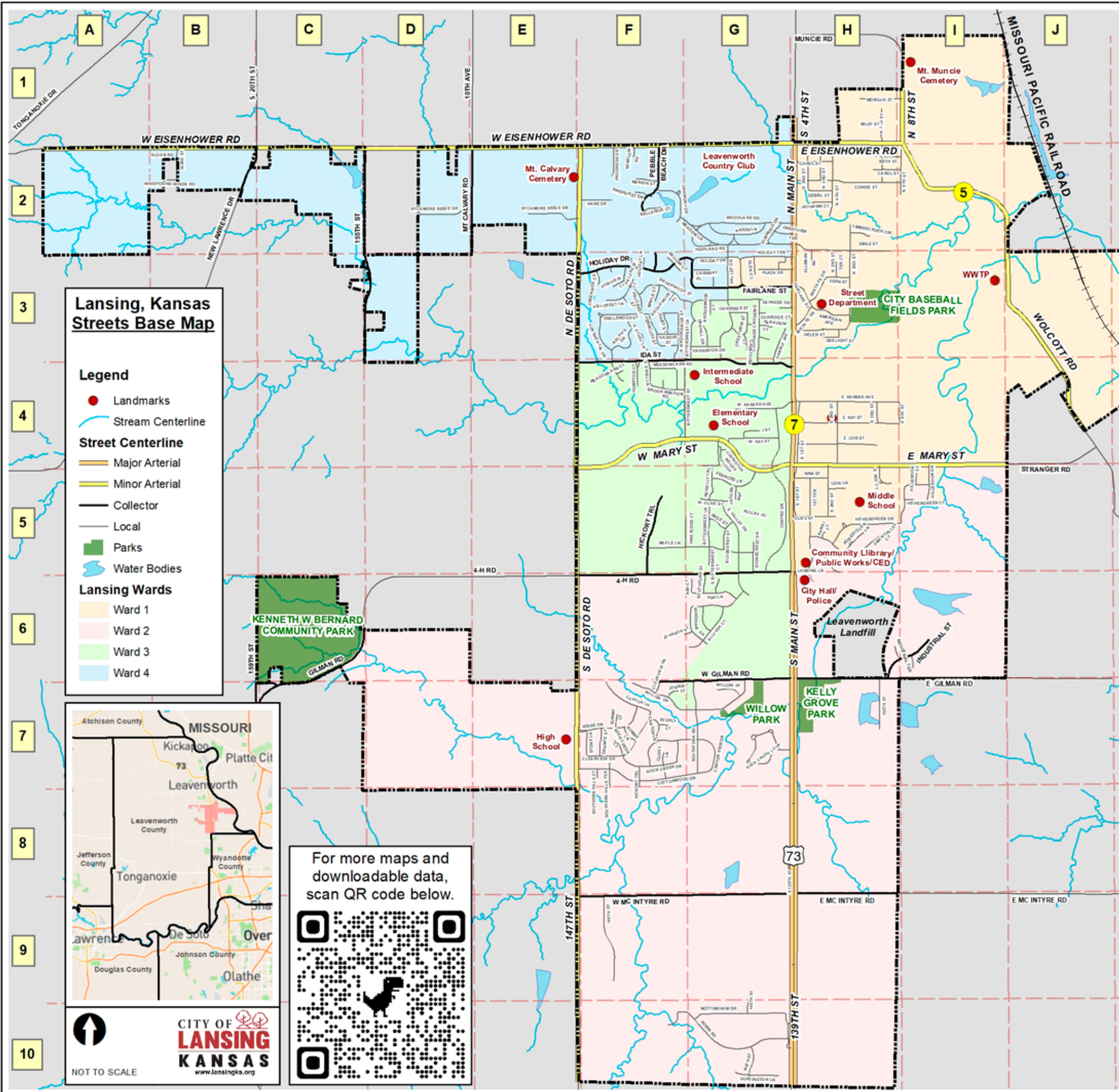
PROJECT UPDATES

The Town Centre Sewer Relocation Project is ready to go into the bidding and construction phase. Due to several factors, the project will be constructed this fall and should take 120 to 150 days.

The McIntyre Sewer Interceptor Project is in final stages of design. The next steps for this project is the potholing of utilities, soil boring along the project corridor and a tree survey to identify the number of trees that will be removed on residential properties. Once this information is gathered, the project can move into the construction phase, as directed by the Lansing City Council.

More information can be found at www.lansings.org or by contacting Anthony Zell, Wastewater Utility Director, at 913-727-2206 or azell@lansings.org





Lansing, Kansas Streets Base Map

Legend

- Landmarks
- Stream Centerline
- Street Centerline**
- Major Arterial
- Minor Arterial
- Collector
- Local
- Parks
- Water Bodies

Lansing Wards

- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
- Ward 4



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



Street Locator

136TH ST	H7	GAMBLE AVE	G3, 4	OAKBROOK DR	G3
139TH ST	G10, H10	GASLIGHT ST	H3	OAKHILL DR	G3
S MAIN ST / K-7 / US-73	G7-10, H7-10	GILBERT ST	F3	OAKMONT DR	F2
140TH ST	G10	GILMAN RD	B7, C6, 7	OAKRIDGE CT	G3
146TH ST	F9	GLEN CT	G3	OAKRIDGE ST	G3
147TH ST	E7-10	GRANITE ST	F7	OLIVE ST	G5, H5
155TH ST	C2, 3, D3	HAMPTON CT	F4	PARKVIEW CT	G3
159TH ST	B7, C7	HELEN ST	H3	PEBBLE BEACH DR	F2, 3
162ND ST	B2	HICKORY TRL	F5-8	PINE RIDGE CT	F5
1ST TER	H5, 6	HIGHLAND RD	G2	PINEHURST DR	F2
4-H RD	F6, G6	HIGHVIEW CT	F3	PLAZA DR	G3
ALLEMAN RD	H3	HILLBROOK CT	I5	PROGRESS DR	F2
ALLYSSA CT	G6	HILLBROOK DR	I5	PULLEY HL	G5
AMERICAN AVE	H3	HILLCREST CIR	F3	RALPH'S DR	F3
ASH CT	G6	HILLCREST CT	F3	REAGAN DR	H5, 6
ASH LN	G6	HILLCREST LN	F3	REVEILLY TRL	G5
BAMBI CT	H5	HILLCREST ST	F3	RIDGE DR	E7, F7
BELLERIVE CT	F2	HILLSIDE CT	F3	ROBIN RD	F10, G10
BETH ST	H2	HITHERGREEN CT	I5	ROCK CREEK CT	F7
BITTERSWEET LN	G3-5	HITHERGREEN DR	H5, I5	ROCK CREEK DR	F7
BITTERSWEET ST	F4	HOLIDAY CT	F3	ROCK CREEK LOOP	G7, H7
BLUEBERRY CT	G5, 6	HOLIDAY DR	F3, G3	S 1ST ST	H4
BROOK MEADOW RD	F4	HOLIDAY LN	F3	S 1ST ST	H4, 5
BROOKRIDGE ST	F4	HOLIDAY PL	F3	S 2ND ST	H4, 5
BROOKWOOD CT	G3	HOLIDAY PLAZA	G3	S 3RD CT	H5
BROOKWOOD PL	F3	HOLIDAY TER	G3	S 3RD ST	H4
BROOKWOOD ST	F3, G3	HUNTINGTON LN	G10	S 4TH ST	H1, 4
CANYON LN	F7	IDA ST	E4, F4, G4	S BITTERSWEET CT	G5
CANYON VIEW DR	F7, G7	INDUSTRIAL ST	H6, I6	S BROOKRIDGE ST	F4
CARAWAY PL	G3	INDUSTRIAL TER	H6, I6	S DE SOTO RD	E4-7
CAROL ST	H2	J ST	G4	S ETHEL LN	F4
CARRIAGE CROSSING	G3, 4	JACOBS WAY	G5	S MAIN ST	G6, 7, H6, 7
CENTRE DR	G4, 5	JAYHAWK CT	H2	S MAIN ST / K-7 / US-73	G5
CLEARVIEW DR	F7	JOHNSON ST	G6	S VALLEY DR	G5, 6
CONNIE ST	H2	JOSHUA CT	F7	S 139TH ST	G8
CONTINENTAL DR	F3, 4	K-5 / WOLCOTT RD	I2, 3, J3, 4	SAGE ST	G5
COREY LN	F7	KANE DR	F2	SANTA FE DR	H3
COTTONWOOD DR	E7, F7, G7	KAREN LN	G2	SLOAN RD	B2
COVINGTON WOODS LOOP	G4	LANSING LN	H6	SOUTHERN HILLS CT	F7
CREEKSIDE CT	F3	LION LN	H5	SOUTHERN HILLS TER	F7, 8
CREEKSIDE PL	F3	MAPLE CT	F3	SOUTHFORK RD	G7
CRESTVIEW CT	G3	MAPLE LN	F5, G5	SOUTHFORK ST	G6
CRESTVIEW ST	G3	MC INTYRE RD	I9	STONE LN	F7
CRESTVIEW TER	G2	MEADOW CT	F4	STONECREST DR	G5
DAISY ST	F3	MEADOW LN	F2, G2	STRANGER RD	I5, J5
DEBRA ST	H2	MEADOWLARK CT	F4	SUMMIT CT	F7
E GILMAN RD	H7, I7	MEADOWLARK RD	F4	SUMMIT LN	F7
E KANSAS AVE	H4	MERION ST	F2	SYCAMORE RIDGE DR	D2, E2
E KAY ST	H4	MILEY ST	H1	TIMBERCREEK CIR	H2
E LOIS ST	H4	MORGAN ST	H1	VALLEY DR	G2, 3, 4
E MARY ST	H5, I5	MT CALVARY RD	D2, 3, E3	W GILMAN RD	F7, G7
E EISENHOWER RD	H2	N 2ND ST	H2, 3	W KANSAS AVE	G4
E MC INTYRE RD	H9	N 2ND ST TER CT	H3	W KAY ST	G4, 5
ELMWOOD DR	G2	N 3RD ST	H2	W MARY ST	E5, F4, 5, G4, 5
EMILE ST	H2, 3	N 4TH ST	H2	W OLIVE ST	G5
ENGLEWOOD ST	F3	N 7TH ST	H1, H2	W EISENHOWER RD	A2-H2
EVERLY CT	F7	N 8TH ST	H1, 2	W MC INTYRE RD	F9, 10, G9, 9
EXPRESS DR	G3	N BROOKRIDGE ST	F3, 4	WHISPERING WINDS RD	B2
FAIRLANE ST	G3, H3	N DE SOTO RD	E2-4	WILLOW CT	F3
FAWN VALLEY CT	H5	N ETHEL LN	F3, 4	WILLOW DR	F7, G7
FAWN VALLEY ST	H5	N MAIN ST / K-7 / US-73	G2-4	WILLOW PT	G7
FERN ST	H3	NEW LAWRENCE DR	B2	WINSLOW RD	F2
FERNCLIFF ST	F3	NINA ST	H5	WOODLAND RD	G2
FORESTGLEN LN	H5	NOTTINGHAM DR	G10, H10	WYNDHAM DR	G6
FRANCES LN	G5	OAKBROOK CT	G3		

City of Lansing ANNUAL FLOOD PROTECTION INFORMATION

DEAR LANSING RESIDENT:

When the ground is dry or frozen it is a good time to make preparations and take actions that may minimize flood risks. Clearing out brush and debris from storm drainage areas is a good example. In wet periods, it is often difficult or impossible to access some parts of drainage areas that need attention, so now may be the best time if you have such an area on your property. Take the time to assess the risk of any type of flooding that might affect your property, and take any needed actions for protection or insurance. We don't know what the weather will bring in the next few months, but at some point wet weather will return, and flooding will occur in some locations in the community.

Flooding in our community comes from four primary sources. 7-Mile Creek leaves its banks in some locations during and after heavy rainfall events, sometimes overflowing 155th Street, encroaching on yards in the Clear Creek Mobile Home Court, encroaching onto a portion of the City Park on North 2nd Street, and sometimes overflowing K-5 Highway. 9-Mile Creek leaves its banks in some locations during and after heavy rainfall events, sometimes encroaching on properties in the Southern Hills, Rock Creek, Fawn Valley, and Hillbrook neighborhoods, as well as the Rock Creek Commercial area and the Wiley Mobile Home Court, and overflowing K-5 Highway. The Missouri River floods from time to time and can breach the levy system, creating flooding over K-5 Highway and into the lower reaches of 7-Mile Creek and 9-Mile Creek. Brief localized flooding may occur in many locations throughout the City during intense rainfall events. (Note: Flood insurance covers all surface floods.) Some flooding may occur from heavy snow melt but is generally less significant than that from heavy rainfall events or flooding from the Missouri River.

The city of Lansing has implemented a number of storm water practices and requirements, such as storm water detention requirements for new development, to minimize localized flooding and to avoid increases in the 1% chance flood.

CITY SERVICES: The city adopted revised flood maps, which were effective July 16, 2015. Check your flood risk. Flood maps and flood protection references are available at the Lansing Public Library or the Lansing Public Works Department. You may also contact them at 727-2400 to see if your property is within a mapped floodplain. If your property is in a floodplain or has had flooding, drainage, or sewer backup problems, check out these sources of assistance to help identify the source of the problem. City staff may have knowledge of locations outside the regulatory floodplain that have experienced localized flooding in the past. Flood information and links to related resources are also available on the city of Lansing website, www.lansingks.org Flood maps may also be viewed online from city of Lansing GIS HUB: gis.lansingks.org. Additionally, the City may provide the following:

- A determination on whether a property is in or out of the Flood Hazard Area (FHA) as shown on the current Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) of the County.
- Additional flood insurance data for a site, such as the FIRM zone and the base flood elevation or depth, if shown on the FIRM.
- A handout on the flood insurance purchase requirement that can help people who need a mortgage or loan for a property in the SFHA.

- Copies of elevation certificates for new and substantially improved structures in the SFHA since 2004.
- Updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps as needed when revisions are made to the maps.
- Information for additional FIRM information, problems not shown on the FIRM, flood depth data, special flood related hazards, historical flood information, and natural floodplain functions.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: The City depends on your cooperation and assistance. Here is how you can help:

- Do not dump or throw anything into or onto the banks of the ditches or streams. Dumping in our ditches and streams is a violation of Lansing City Code 8-402(A)(1). Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels, and smother desirable vegetation, destabilizing stream banks and accelerating sedimentation. A plugged channel cannot carry the water away rapidly, and results in flooding. Every piece of trash and every bit of sediment contributes to flooding.
- If your property is next to a ditch or stream, please do your part and keep the banks clear of brush and debris. City Code 8-402(C)(10) requires property owners to do so. In the case of large downed trees in drainage easements, please call the Lansing Public Works Department (727-2400) for inspection and assistance. Aside from managing brush and debris, do not disturb natural drainage ways. Preserving these areas in a natural riparian state helps to alleviate flooding and improve storm water run off quality. Preserving large floodplain areas provides excellent natural habitat for a significant number of species.
- If you see dumping of anything, including yard waste, or debris accumulation, or heavy brush in the drainage ways or streams, please contact the Lansing Public Works Department (727-2400)
- Always check with the Community and Economic Development Department or Public Works Department before you build on, alter, re-grade, or fill on your property. A permit may be needed to ensure that projects do not cause problems on other properties. The flood ordinance that regulates development in the floodplain was recently updated and may be found at https://library.municode.com/ks/lansing/codes/code_of_ordinances under Lansing City Code, Chapter 17.
- If you see building or filling without a City permit posted at the site, contact the Community and Economic Development Department at 727-5488 or the Public Works Department at 727-2400.

FLOODPROOFING: 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 or Community and Economic Development 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.

A third approach is to raise the house above flood levels. The cost for raising a small or moderately sized house may be far less expensive than the uncovered loss from flooding.

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 Community and Economic Development Department or Wastewater Department may be able to provide helpful information about these kinds of problems.

These methods are called floodproofing or retrofitting. More information is available at the Lansing Public Library and the Public Works Department.

If you know a flood is coming, you should shut off the gas and electricity and move valuable contents upstairs. It is unlikely that you will get much warning, so a detailed checklist prepared in advance would help ensure that you don't forget anything.

FLOOD INSURANCE: If you don't have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. However, because Lansing participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This insurance is backed by the Federal government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have previously been flooded. Due to floodplain regulations put in place by the Lansing City Council that are more stringent than the minimum required by FEMA, and due to the Lansing Public Works and Community and Economic Development Department's exceptional efforts in enforcement, permitting, outreach, and public information regarding the floodplain and flood hazards, Lansing has achieved a FEMA Community Rating System score that provides a 15% discount on flood insurance premiums for Lansing property owners, which is reflected in the published rates.

Some people have purchased flood insurance because it was required by the lender when they got a mortgage or home improvement loan. Usually, these policies just cover the building's structure and not the contents. During the kind of flooding that happens in Lansing, there is usually more damage to the furniture and contents than there is to the structure. You may wish to consider additional coverage for contents.

Don't wait for the next flood to buy insurance protection. There is a 30-day waiting period before National Flood Insurance Program coverage takes effect. Contact your insurance agent for more information on rates and coverage. If you are covered, check out the amount and make sure you have contents coverage. Remember: Even if the last flood missed you or you have done some floodproofing, the next flood could be worse. Flood insurance covers all surface floods.

If your flooding problem is caused or aggravated by sewer backup, check out a sewer backup rider to your homeowner's insurance policy.

For flood insurance information, please contact Lansing Public Works, at 730 First Terrace, Suite 3, Lansing, Kansas, 913-727-2400, or publicworks@lansingks.org More information on flood risks and flood insurance may be found at www.floodsmart.gov.

PERMITS: Always check with the Community and Economic Development Department at 727-2400 prior to beginning any improvements to find out if a permit is required.

FLOOD SAFETY: Do not walk through flowing water. Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths, mostly during flash floods. Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. If you must walk in standing water, use a pole or stick to ensure that the ground is still there.

Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Don't drive into water covered roads or around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.

Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. The number two flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Electrical current can travel through water. Report downed power lines to the power company or City emergency management office.

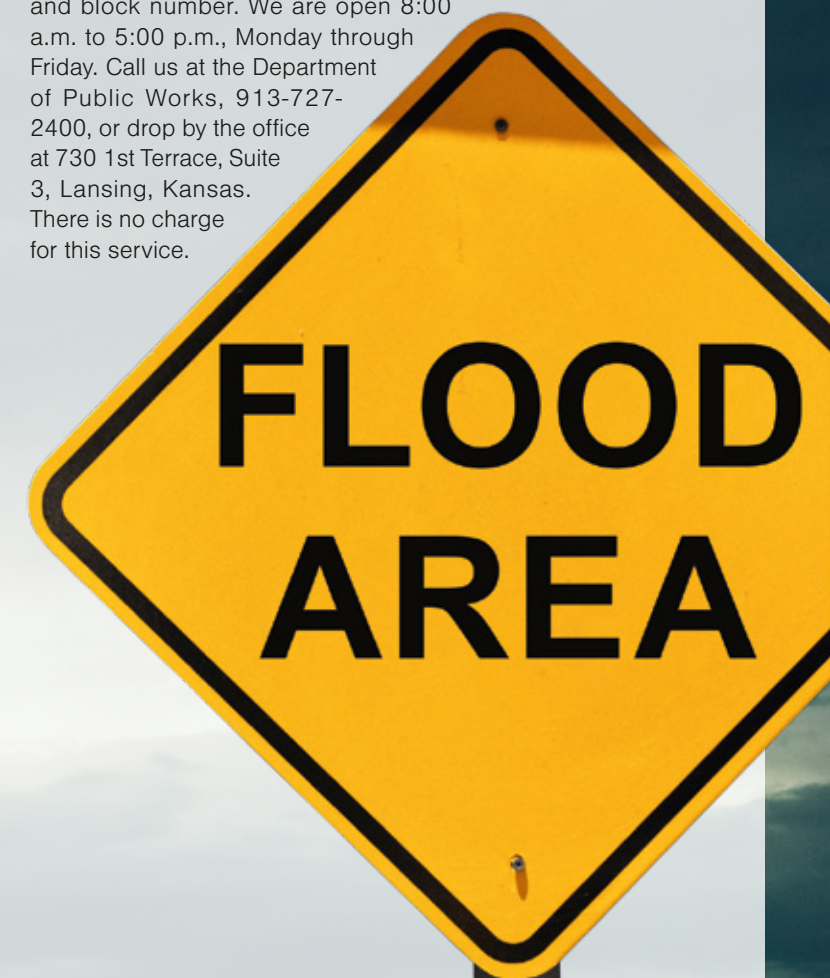
Have your electricity turned off by the power company. Some appliances, such as television sets, keep electrical charges even after they have been unplugged. Don't use appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned, and dried.

Look out for animals, especially snakes. Small animals that have been flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in yours. Use a pole or stick to poke and turn things over and scare away small animals.

Look before you step. After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris, including broken bottles and nails. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.

Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

If you would like to make an inquiry, please tell us the street address and, if available, the subdivision, lot and block number. We are open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call us at the Department of Public Works, 913-727-2400, or drop by the office at 730 1st Terrace, Suite 3, Lansing, Kansas. There is no charge for this service.



Mayor's Christmas Tree Celebration and Mayor's Christmas Tree Program

By City Clerk Tish Sims

The Annual Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was held on Dec. 4, 2022. Guests enjoyed performances by Katie's Dance Studio and members of the Lansing High School Legacy Singers with a surprise visit from Santa.

Overall, the Mayor's Christmas Tree Program raised more than \$1,100 to help support Lansing families this past holiday season. This was an extremely successful event for eight families, including more than 29 children in Lansing. City Hall and the Lansing Community Library had Angel Trees from which citizens and organizations selected tags providing information on the needs of children in Lansing. Many generous gifts of new toys and clothing were brought to City Hall for distribution to the Angel Tree recipients. Donations for the program also included non-perishable food items and monetary contributions. The non-perishable food donations were provided thanks to coordinated efforts of the Lansing Lions Club and the Lansing Scout Pack 3165.

We would like to send a special thank you to the Lions Club for their assistance with sorting all food items, as well as American Energy Products for adopting a family for the holidays. An extra special thank you also goes to the many generous citizens who provided so many wonderful gifts to these families in need. Without the generosity of our citizens, businesses and organizations in the area, this event would not be possible.



Lansing Community Library Update

by Library Director Terri Wojtalewicz

Here at Lansing Community Library, we are excited to start the year off with the launch of a new app, myLIBRO. This app is an "all in one" option:

- ✓ See what is checked out, on hold, and what is ready to be picked up
- ✓ Browse the card catalog and place items on hold
- ✓ View the calendar and register for programs
- ✓ Use our curbside service
- ✓ Access the reading programs
- ✓ Easily view newly added books and movies and place holds on the items
- ✓ View our social media accounts without having an account



This free app is easy to use and can be downloaded from your app store on your phone or tablet.



We are pleased to announce that Jessica Akin has joined the library team. You will see her in the afternoons and on Saturdays. She may look familiar to some of you because she is a past volunteer at the library. Jessica

is currently studying to be an American Sign Language interpreter and working towards a bachelor's degree in American Sign Language and Deaf Studies at KU and Johnson County Community College.

It's 2023 and Spring is Just Around the Corner

By Code Enforcement Officer Richard Fairbanks

On Sept. 15, 2022, Ordinance No. 1090 was passed by the Lansing City Council concerning Section 9-313: Weeds and Grass. In the past, property was considered maintained when weeds/grass growth is below 12" in height.

There are now new requirements.

- ➔ In residential areas, weeds and grass must be maintained below 10" in height.
- ➔ In commercial areas, weeds and grass must be maintained below 8" in height.

This information is being provided early to make any needed adjustments.

As spring approaches, Lansing residents will be busy cleaning up their yards after the winter season and interacting with neighbors. The city of Lansing wants to remind everyone of some basic rules.

City Code states that trash bins are to be placed by the curb the night prior to trash pickup and then removed and pulled back to the house after pickup.

- ➔ Yard waste should be placed in rigid containers marked as "yard waste" or "YW," or in **biodegradable** paper bags.
- ➔ Up to twelve bags of yard waste are allowed weekly from March 1-Nov. 30.

➔ All trash should be bagged and placed inside the 95-gallon cart provided. The lid should be closed.

➔ Trash bags that will not fit into the cart require overage stickers, which are available for purchase at City Hall for \$1.25 each.

Large plastic trash bags will not work for collecting yard waste and will not be picked up by **Waste Management** when placed at the curb. **Yard waste must be in a biodegradable bag or a marked container!**

Construction, demolition material or other large and/or heavy items should not be set out with regular trash. There is an additional fee for these items. Call Waste Management directly at **913-631-3300** to schedule a special pick up. Customers are allowed one free bulky or large item pick-up per year, and more than one item can be included in a bulky pick-up. Bulky items should only be placed in the right-of-way in an orderly fashion the evening before scheduled pick-up and it is recommended to schedule it at least a week in advance. Customers may also take materials to the **Leavenworth County Transfer Station**. For questions regarding fees at the transfer station, call **913-727-2858**.

Keep in mind Waste Management will not pick up items if their rules are not followed. Lastly, know that the City now has a form to report trash problems on its website, www.lansingks.org.

Be on the lookout for expanded programming beginning in March. As a direct result of the Storytime survey conducted at the end of 2022, we are introducing several new activities. For school aged children, we are adding **First Friday Fun** and **STEAM Saturday**. Children will be exploring arts, crafts and science. For the littles, children under the age of five, they also will experience their own hands-on activities to enhance their sensory learning. Registration for these events is required and can be done online through our app or website.

Our monthly reading and activity challenges are still going strong and we are randomly drawing names to share some prizes with you. Log your books and complete activities to earn prizes. To participate in these challenges, register through Beanstack which can be found in our app and website as well. Thank you to the **Friends of the Library** for sponsoring these programs.

Speaking of the Friends of the Library group, they ask that you consider supporting the library programming by linking your Dillons' reward card and your Amazon account to their organization. Instructions are on the website under the Friends of the Library link. It's an easy way to support the library each time you shop. We know that you all are curious about the upcoming Friends' events. The dates have been set for the next Book Sale!

- Next Donation Drop-Off: Sat., April 1 between 10 a.m. and Noon
- Book Sale Dates:
 - ➔ Move Books to the Activity Center: Sat., April 15
 - ➔ Set-Up: The week of April 17

- ➔ Friends Evening: Fri., April 21
- ➔ Sale Open: Sat. & Sun., April 22 - 23

This year, the Friends have designated **Sun., April 23 to be \$5 Sack Day and Educator Sunday**. Any teacher will be able to choose items for free that day. Help us spread the word. The Friends always welcome additional volunteers to help move the books from the storage area and unpack/organize the items on the tables. If you would like to help with the Book Sale, contact the library and we will get you the information.

Finally, we are so thankful to all of you for stopping in the library and using our online services. This last year, we had:

- 27,180 people come into the library
- 38,504 items were checked out
- 25% of these items were digital
- 4,285 people attended our various programs
- 127 children enrolled in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- 8,944 people used the free Wi-Fi
- 510 people participated in the reading challenges
 - 3,388 badges earned
 - 112,164 minutes read
 - 5,471 books read

We look forward to an even better 2023 and as always, we look forward to seeing you at the library. We welcome suggestions on how we can serve you better. You can reach me at twojo@lansingks.org.

LANSING TRADITIONAL/SOCIAL MEDIA INFORMATION

CITY WEBSITE FEATURES

- Check out the city of Lansing Website: 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 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.

CITY'S SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

- Lansing now has a Nextdoor Presence Accessing 1,700+ residents
- Lansing's Facebook Page has 5,900+ followers
- Lansing's Twitter Feed has 1,150+ followers
- Links to City Videos on YouTube
- Check out photos from City staff and the community

www.lansingsks.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.

Online registration at www.lansingsks.org is available Monday, Feb. 22th through Monday, May 1st.

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.lansingsks.org, and Lansing, Kansas Happenings on Facebook



USD469 Lansing School District Update *(Content Provided by USD469 staff)*

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

We are proud to announce that Lansing High School teacher Maddie Lane has been named a 2023 Kansas Horizon Award Recipient. This award recognizes outstanding first-year teachers in Kansas and Maddie is the Region 2 winner. Ms. Lane was nominated by Dr. Penrose, colleagues, and several students for her ability to connect with students and make learning fun. Ms. Lane will be honored at a special ceremony during the Kansas Exemplary Educators Network (KEEN) State Education Conference on February 17th in Topeka.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

We would like to recognize Mrs. Mills' third-grade class, who presented to the Lansing USD469 Board of Education on Jan. 9. Three of their classmates use wheelchairs and walkers and can't access the playground because the substrate is made of rubber chips, making it impossible for them to access that area. They also can only use some playground equipment because they have ladders or stairs. The students noticed the problem at the beginning of the year and with the help of Mrs. Mills and their STEM teacher Mrs. Phillips, designed a playground with five pieces of equipment that would allow all students to play together. After presenting to administrators and the Board of Education, they were featured on local news stations for their outstanding work in solving a problem and helping their friends. If you would like to donate, visit www.usd469.net, or contact Lansing District Office at 913-727-1100.



JOIN THE LANSING USD469 TEAM

Lansing USD469 values the contribution our employees make across the district. From our hard-working custodians to our incredible teaching staff, each employee plays a vital role in the success of our students. We offer part-time and full-time opportunities across the district and are always looking for substitute teachers. Being a substitute teacher is an excellent way to give back to our community, earn some extra money, and have a flexible schedule. Please visit the Employment Opportunities page on www.usd469.net for a list of all open positions and instructions on how to apply. If you have any questions, please contact the Lansing District Office at 913-727-1100.

STAY UP TO DATE

You don't have to have children in the district to stay up to date on all the fantastic things happening here! Visit www.usd469.net and download our free Lansing USD469 mobile app, available on the App Store or Google Play. The app will provide access to important information about the district, including news updates, calendars and more. We also encourage our community to listen to our first-ever podcast, The Lion Pride-Cast. This bi-weekly podcast will feature all things related to education and recruitment/retention. We interview one staff member or student each month, so be sure to subscribe and listen to future episodes on one of the following streaming platforms:

- Spotify
- Amazon Music
- SoundCloud
- YouTube
- Castbox
- iHeartRadio
- Stitcher

One thing that makes the Lansing School District stand out is our Lansing community and we couldn't be more thankful to our families and community members who support our schools. Thank you for being part of the Lansing USD469 family.

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