

LANSING CONNECTION

First Quarter 2024

A man in a blue jacket and black pants is standing on a wooden gymnasium floor, holding a basketball. He is smiling and talking to a group of six children. The children are wearing various colored shirts (blue, pink, grey, black) and shorts. In the background, there are bleachers and a man sitting on them. The gymnasium has a polished wooden floor with black and red lines.

**Lansing Volunteers:
What Would We Do
Without Them?**



MAYOR'S BYLINE

By Mayor Tony McNeill

As we turn the page on 2023, I look forward to the challenges and opportunities that await us in 2024. However, before I get into some of the upcoming economic development, infrastructure improvements and parks and recreation projects, I wanted to reflect just a bit on our Christmas seasonal program.

Most of you are likely aware of our Christmas program hosted and administered by City staff each year – the Mayor's Christmas Tree event and Angel Tree. Since becoming Mayor, I have had the honor of participating in and emceeding this celebration, which takes place annually on the first Sunday in December. Residents come together at the Lansing Middle School and watch youngsters dance, listen to the High School choir sing traditional carols and see the Christmas tree lighting.

The event and performances are awesome. But the most important part of the program is the impact your generosity provides for families in need during our Angel Tree season. There is a lot of work done by the Lansing City Clerk's office to organize and administer this charitable endeavor, with numerous families benefiting from this effort. Angel Tree tags were taken from our City Hall Christmas tree and children less fortunate could look forward to something under their tree on Christmas morning. Add the beautifully refurbished bicycles provided by Lansing Correctional Facility inmates and many kids had big smiles on their faces this holiday season.

This season, we were able to assist ten families, who all received groceries and gifts for the kids. I, along with Councilmember Gene Kirby, had the pleasure of helping load up gifts and groceries into some of these families' vehicles and heard, firsthand, the gratitude these folks expressed. It was definitely a highlight of my holiday season. It really makes me proud to be part of such a giving community - so I just want to thank everyone again for their generosity.

As we move into a new year, there are several projects that should be taking place in the spring/summer timeframe. In the spring we will be breaking ground on the Lansing Aquatic Center on W. Mary St. In the summer, we are hoping to see movement on projects in Town Center, including the new Tractor Supply Co. and additional details on the new campus for Kansas City Kansas Community College. The City Staff, Council and I continue to seek partners to bring new businesses to Lansing. We have several irons in the fire, and I will share more details as these projects make their way through the approval process. Until then, please feel free to reach out to me, your Councilmembers or City staff if you have any questions or concerns. We are always open to new ideas, and we usually have opportunities for those who may want to get involved by serving on a board or committee.

Newest City Councilmember Sworn In

By Public Information Officer Ken Miller

Pete Robinson officially joined the Lansing City Council when he was sworn in during the first City Council meeting in January. He was elected in November 2023. Councilmembers Gene Kirby, Marcus Majure and Jesse Garvey, who were all re-elected, were also sworn in.



New City Councilmember Pete Robinson

Robinson was born and raised in Bellingham, Massachusetts. As a high school student, the State Board of Education selected him to be the student delegate to the 1982 Massachusetts State Board of Education, which started his experience in education. He spent 23 years in the United States Air Force. While in the Air Force, he was issued the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, an award given to service members who have volunteered over 500 hours in 24 months. In 2004, after retiring from the Air Force, Robinson moved to the Lansing area to accept a position as an Army Special Security Officer at Ft. Leavenworth.

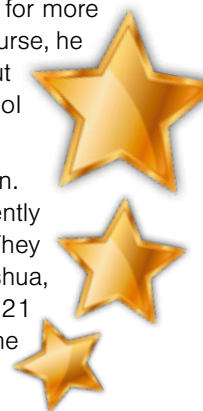
After retirement, he continued to volunteer as a resident of Lansing, serving as a Parks and Recreation Baseball Commissioner. He has also coached baseball, basketball and football. Robinson



Councilmembers being sworn in (left to right): Gene Kirby, Marcus Majure, Jesse Garvey and Pete Robinson

was a registered Boy Scouts of America (BSA) leader for more than ten years. A graduate of the BSA Wood Badge Course, he has led programs at both the Cub Scout and Boy Scout levels. Robinson was elected to the USD469 School Board in 2019 and served one term.

Robinson is married to Barbara (Scheele) Robinson. Barbara Robinson has taught for 32 years and is currently a 2nd Grade teacher at Lansing Elementary School. They have three children - Kaitlin, Shaun (deceased), and Joshua, a 2017 graduate of Lansing High School and a 2021 graduate of The University of Saint Mary. They have one grandchild, Robby.



CONNECTION CALENDAR

City of Lansing First Quarter 2024

FEBRUARY

- 1 City Council Meeting
- 15 City Council Meeting
- 19 City Offices Closed - Presidents Day Holiday
- 21 Planning Commission Meeting
- 29 City Council Work Session
- 29 Registration Begins-Spring Garage Sale

MARCH

- 1-31 Baseball/Softball/T-Ball Registration
- 7 City Council Meeting
- 20 Planning Commission Meeting
- 21 City Council Meeting
- 28 City Council Work Session

APRIL

- 4 City Council Meeting
- 17 Planning Commission Meeting
- 18 City Council Meeting
- 25 City Council Work Session



From the Desk of the City Administrator

By City Administrator Tim Vandall

Growing up, I would watch SportsCenter every day before school. As anyone who watched ESPN in the 90s will tell you, each episode of SportsCenter would end with a segment called, *Did You Know*. It was usually a random fact but relevant based on a team or player that was playing. There are certainly applicable "*Did You Knows*" in Lansing. I hope you find them interesting.

We recently had a sewer issue in an older sewer line in central Lansing. Many of our residents likely recall the City replacing and upsizing thousands of feet of sewer pipe several years ago. Most of the older sewer lines in Lansing were installed in the 1960s and are undersized. This is often compounded by "flushable" wipes and grease buildups. *Did you know* that "flushable" wipes can certainly go down the drain, but they are not biodegradable. This means they can clog your personal sewer line or the City's sewer if they get stuck on a small root or rock. They also wreak havoc on the pumps at our Wastewater Treatment Plant. Additionally, it is never a good idea to flush cooking grease down

the drain, as the grease builds up and reduces the capacity of lines. Grease buildups and flushable wipes are the cause of many sewer issues in Lansing. In both cases, please throw these items away and do not put them down the drain.

Did you know that Lansing's Activity Center building was 100 years old last fall? If you ask some of our older residents who grew up in Lansing, it is possible they went to school there. The building is a wonderful asset to our community and the gymnasium is terrific for basketball games. Like all older buildings, improvements are necessary to keep the building functional. Over the last several years, we have replaced the damaged south doors, updated gym lighting to LED, conducted an exterior tuckpoint, and refinished the flooring. Making all of these improvements in one year would break our budget, but our Council and staff have been diligent about making these

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Members of the Lansing Tree Board and City staff at a tree planting.



Youth basketball coach, Gahvin Frey (center) with his girls basketball team.

Lansing Couldn't Do It Without Our Volunteers

By Public Information Officer Ken Miller

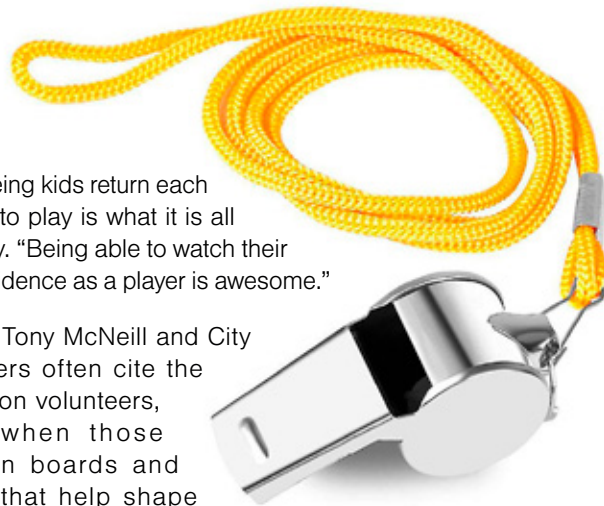
During a December 2023 update, Lansing Parks and Recreation Director Jason Crum reported good news related to the City's Youth Basketball program. More than 275 children had registered for the 2024 season – 65 more kids than last year. While that sizable increase is impressive, it also means additional needs when it comes to team coaches – who are all volunteers.

Current Lansing City Councilmember Kevin Gardner knows what it is to be a Lansing youth sports volunteer. For more than 25 years, Gardner has served as a coach for multiple youth sports as well as a commissioner for baseball, softball and basketball. "I have learned to appreciate three things during my recreational coaching career," said Gardner. "The look of pride and accomplishment a child has when they do something they have been struggling to learn. The growth a player and team experiences during a season, and the success a team has either at the end of a tough game or a long season."

Local resident Gahvin Frey has been a youth sports volunteer coach since 2016. He's coached his son and daughter in sports including baseball/softball, basketball, flag football and soccer. He's also a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

"As a coach, seeing kids return each season excited to play is what it is all about," said Frey. "Being able to watch their growth and confidence as a player is awesome."

Lansing Mayor Tony McNeill and City Councilmembers often cite the City's reliance on volunteers, particularly when those folks serve on boards and commissions that help shape Lansing's future. Norine Lauhon, who along with her husband Tom were recognized as Volunteers of the Year in 2023, currently plays a pivotal role on the Aquatics Center focus group, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Friends of the Library. "The greatest joy I get from volunteering is to feel that I'm contributing to the success and growth of our community in a positive and giving manner," said Lauhon. "Definitely there is a motivation to volunteer knowing the entire community benefits and additional activities can be planned if the City has the support of a strong and healthy group of volunteers."



One of Lansing's longest serving volunteers is Janette Labbee-Holdeman. The former City Councilmember has been involved since the 1970s, and the number of boards and committees she has worked on includes the Lansing Planning Commission, Tree Board and more recently, the Aquatic Center focus group. She was also the main organizer of a group that successfully advocated for the growth of the Leavenworth County Commission from three to five members. Labbee-Holdeman is proof positive that volunteering can and does impact leadership decisions at the highest levels. "When the City surveys the public, specifically on issues like events, parks and recreation, it is very important that our citizens respond," said Labbee-Holdeman. It is just as important that our City leaders listen to the recommendations. Not everything is possible, but I find it gratifying when a plan comes together because we all work as a team."

"Many of the volunteers we have are repeat volunteers," said City Administrator Tim Vandall. "And many of them have started out by attending our annual Citizens' Academy class, which describes in detail what City departments do and how the City staff functions. It is after that class when we often see graduates getting involved in our events, our boards and our special groups to really make contributions to Lansing's future."



Youth soccer players run across the pitch at Willow Park in Lansing.



Tom and Norine Lauhon (left) receive the 2023 Volunteer of the Year award from Mayor Tony McNeill.



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

Good day to all as we enter another year of progress in Lansing. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season and the weather cooperated as each would prefer.

One of the facets of progress is change. Change is both inevitable and needed for growth. In order to grow, there needs to be concern, involvement and desire to make improvements. Lansing is currently experiencing that growth. There were multiple people running to be on the School Board (with some new people elected) and the City Council (with a new person elected) recently. The Fire District Board and the Parks and Recreation Board have a full complement of members. The attendance and program involvement at the Community Library continues to increase yearly. The recreational basketball program had both an increase in participants and a big increase in the number of parents willing to coach these kids. These are signs that people in Lansing want to make it a better place to live and are willing to do what they can to help the City progress. It is nice to see things happening as they are in this phase of growth. Not every day can be "the best day ever," but it helps you appreciate them a little more when they do happen.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to former Councilmember Gregg Buehler for his dedication and service on the council for more than decade. He is one of the members who has allowed me to serve on the council. He is a great example of why Lansing is progressing. His dedication to making Lansing financially stable and safer to live all while making improvements will be greatly missed.



Ward 1 News
Councilmember
KEVIN GARDNER

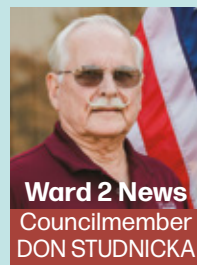
We are currently working on coming up with a place to hold the Independence Day Celebration. The space at Bernard Park has been greatly reduced because of the new ball fields. It is anticipated Town Center will no longer be available due to construction issues. We will be meeting with the school district to see if we can hold something at Lansing High School.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of all the great things Lansing has to offer. The Library isn't just a place to check out books. There are a lot of programs and services they have to offer. Stop by and check it out. The Parks and Recreation Dept. has things going on all year. Some of the participation programs took a hit during Covid, but the numbers are improving as more people get involved with all that department has to offer.

I hope that you all have had a happy and healthy end to 2023. Here's hoping for the best as we move into 2024. I just looked out of the window and I have managed to put off snow removal long enough that it has melted on its own. Yay for me.



Since this is the first *Lansing Connection* of 2024, Happy New Year! I hope everyone in Lansing had a very nice, healthy and blessed holiday season and life is prosperous for us all!



Ward 2 News
Councilmember
DON STUDNICKA

Our next big event will be Valentine's Day. Also, the start of Lent (Ash Wednesday) falls on that day this year. So, it looks like we celebrate Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) one day and Valentines Day the next. A couple days of partying in February! Then Easter will be the end of March.

On the economic development front things are still moving along. We anticipate breaking ground on the new pool and the new apartments on W. Mary this year. We've already started work for the new Tractor Supply Co. on Center Drive. The City has modified the entrance from 4H Road and removed the islands to make for better access.

Our Parks and Recreation Dept. has already opened up registration for Spring Soccer. They anticipate opening up T-Ball, Softball and Baseball registration in March.

So now that we have eaten all the Christmas cookies, we need to order and look forward to Girl Scout Cookies. My favorite is the Carmel Delights.

As always, **YOUR** City Council meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of each month. I hope to see you there. If you have questions, concerns or comments, please contact me at 913-306-1051 or email me at dstudnicka@lansingks.org.



Ward 1 News
Councilmember
GENE KIRBY

I am sitting here looking out of the window at the snow and I haven't even made a move outside other than to let the dog out. Retired life, what a great thing.

If I was still working, there's no doubt that my day would have started much earlier than it did today. Plowing, shoveling, putting out sand and ice melt. Today, we'll just wait and see what happens. I did notice the Lansing Street Division was out pre-treating the streets. As always, they have done an outstanding job.

As a City, we begin the new year with a lot going on. We anticipate beginning construction on the new city pool. Final designs are coming in, bids will be let, a contractor chosen and away we go. Hopefully, work will begin early this year. Unfortunately, the pool will probably not be completed until 2025. We continue to work with Tractor Supply Company to finalize a deal that will see them move to Town Center and just as importantly, keep them in Lansing. We are anticipating that work will also begin this year on a multi-family complex. New, affordable housing is desperately needed here.

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

By City Clerk Tish Sims



Nina McNeill and Mayor Tony McNeill join Santa.

The Annual Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was held on Dec. 3, 2023. 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 \$1,600 to help support Lansing families this past holiday season. This was an extremely successful event for ten families, including more than 42 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 generous assistance with providing additional food items as well as sorting the food for each family. We would also like to recognize Kansas Ink and Thread for adopting a family for the holidays. We would be remiss if we did not thank 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. Thank you.



The Lansing Highschool Legacy Singers entertain attendees at the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting celebration.



Lansing City staff help distribute bicycles as part of the Lansing Angel Tree program.



(Left) Mayor McNeill with a holiday program recipient. (Right) Gene Kirby (right) with other holiday program participants.

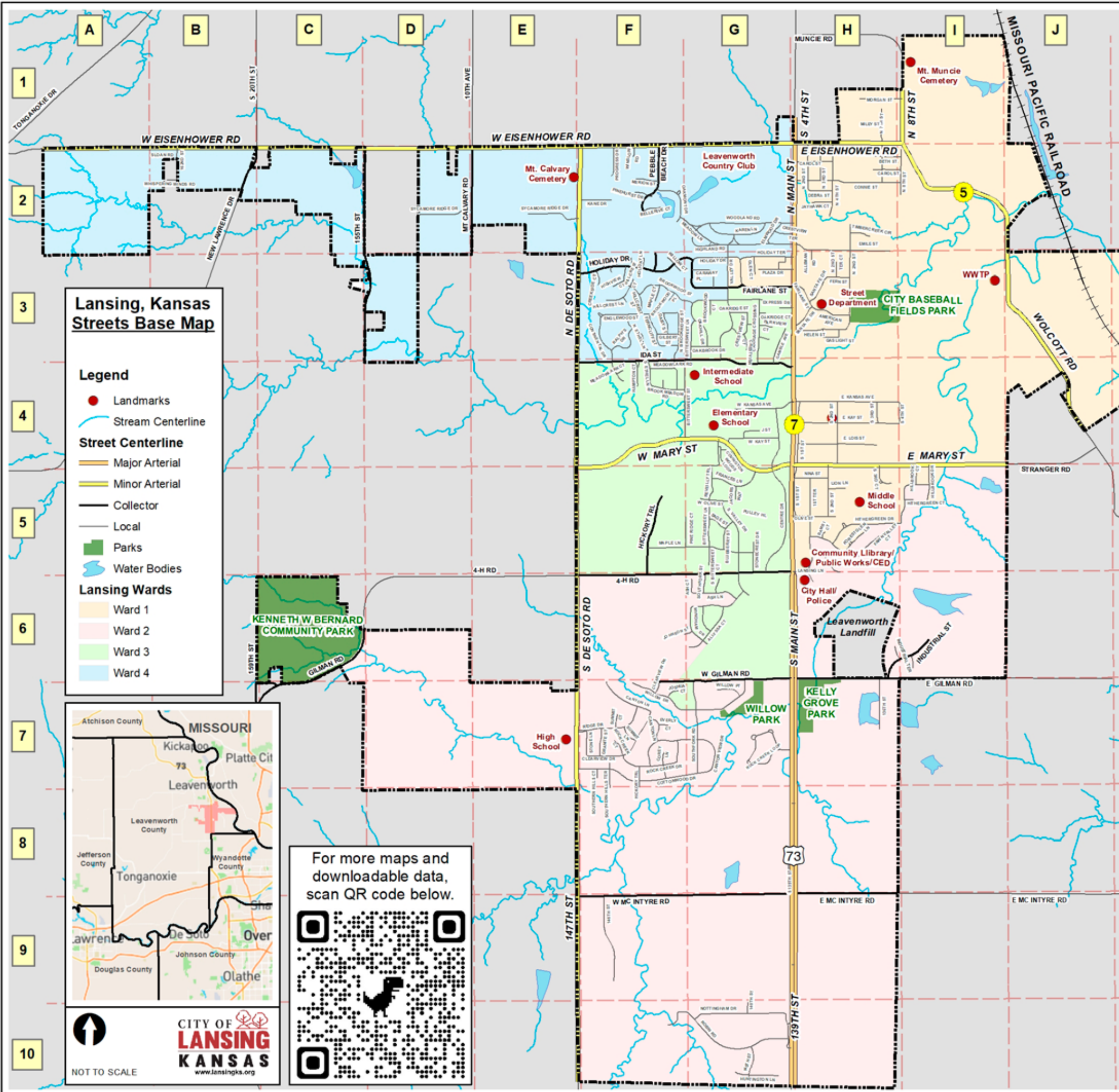


"Money Mahomes" Assists Angel Tree Effort

By Public Information Officer Ken Miller

One of the neat features of this year's Lansing Angel Tree fundraising efforts - a very unique piece of art showcasing Kansas City Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes. A raffle was held with the winner receiving "Money" Mahomes. Special thanks to artist-in-residence and City employee Kris Bennetts (left) for donating his creation. The piece was painstakingly made with small bits of decommissioned currency provided by the Kansas City Federal Reserve.





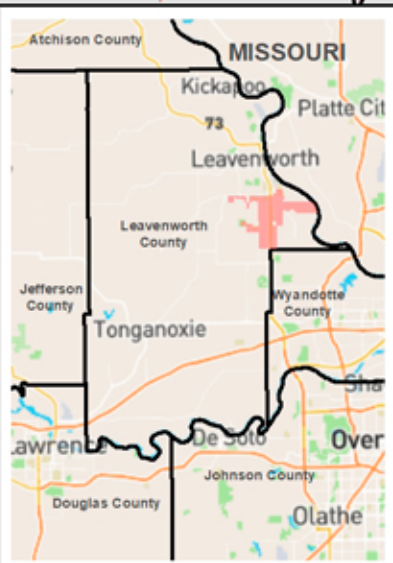
Lansing, Kansas Streets Base Map

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.



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		

ANNUAL FLOOD PROTECTION INFORMATION



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. Seven-Mile Creek leaves its banks in some locations during and after heavy rainfall events, encroaching on yards in the Clear Creek Mobile Home Court, encroaching onto a portion of the City Park on North 2nd Street, and overflowing K-5 Highway. Nine-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 Community 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 date, 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.
- 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.

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.

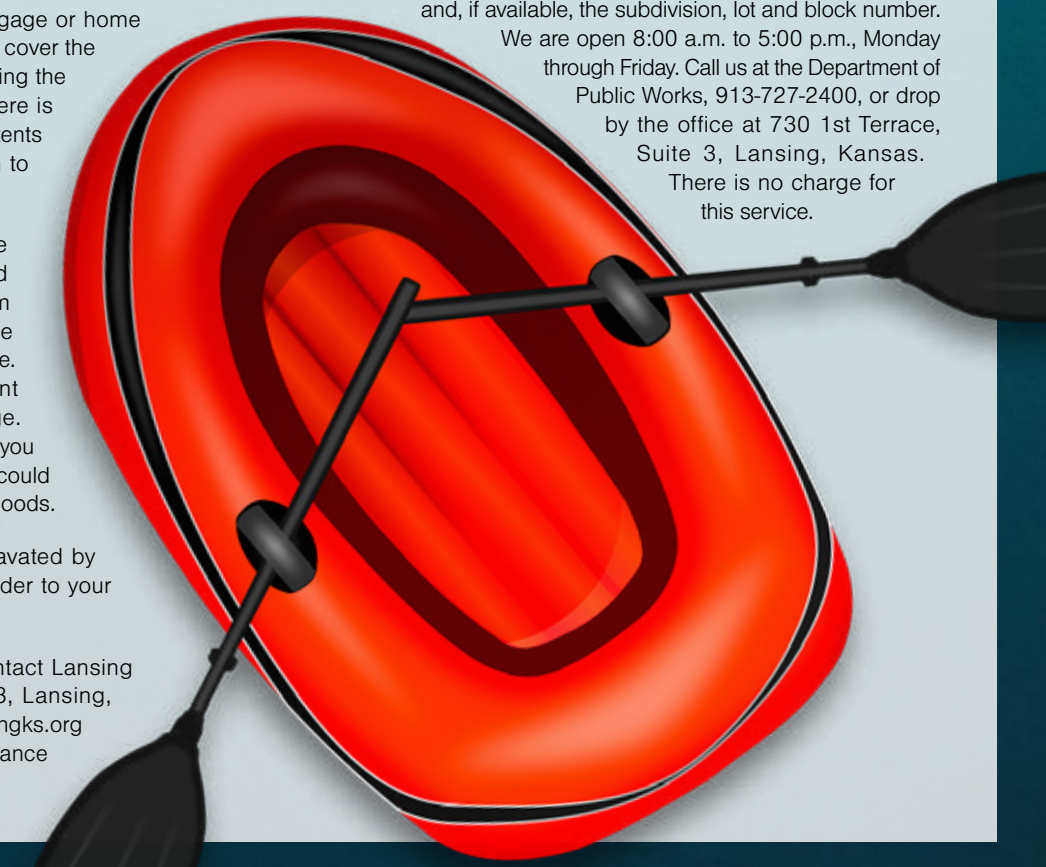
Have your electricity turned off by the power company. Some appliances, such as television sets, keep electrical charges even after they have been unplugged. Don't use appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned, and dried.

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.



LANSING KANSAS - PARKS & RECREATION

YOUTH BASEBALL | SOFTBALL | T-BALL

SUMMER ★ 2024

REGISTRATION OPENS: MARCH 1ST, 2024

REGISTRATION CLOSES: MARCH 31ST, 2024

LATE REGISTRATIONS MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED!

LANSING RESIDENTS: \$40 per participant
NON-RESIDENTS: \$45 per participant

COACHES:
Apply during registration to volunteer!

REGISTER ONLINE OR IN-PERSON:

www.lansingks.org/parksrec

The Parks & Recreation Office
108 S. 2nd Street - Lansing, Kansas

The participation fee is due at the time of registration and includes a jersey. Practices begin in early May; games start after the Memorial Day Holiday and run through mid-July.

T-BALL {Ages 5 - 6}

BOYS BASEBALL / GIRLS SOFTBALL

8U Coach Pitch {Ages 7 - 8}

10U {Ages 9 - 10}

12U {Ages 11 - 12}

15U {Ages 13 - 15}

All divisions of Softball are fast-pitch. All ages are as of June 1st of the current year.



YOUTH PROGRAM INFORMATION **CITY OF LANSING KANSAS**
Questions: (913) 727-2960 | parks@lansingks.org

Lansing Community Library Update

by Library Director Terri Wojtalewicz

We are so thankful to all of you who have stopped in the Library and used our online services. This last year (2023):

- 😊 21,189 people came into the Library
- 😊 43,844 items were checked out
→ 25% of these items were digital
- 😊 4,537 people attended our various programs
- 😊 193 children participating in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- 😊 12,005 people used the free Wi-Fi
- 😊 157 people participated in the reading challenges
→ 2,696 badges earned
→ 92,745 minutes read
→ 8,435 books read

Be on the lookout for expanded programming for our Littles. We are adding a weekly Night-Time Storytime. It began in mid-January. Our Preschool Play and Saturday Storytimes will continue as well. They will experience hands-on activities that will enhance their sensory learning. Registration for these events is required and can be done online through our app or website. A huge thank you to the Friends of the Library group. They are sponsoring the weekly Craft-Packs for Preschoolers and School-Age children again this year.



Speaking of the Friends of the Library group, they ask that you consider supporting 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. What 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.

The Friends have designated **Sun., April 21 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 provide information.



We look forward to a wonderful 2024 with everyone and as always, we look forward to seeing you at the Library and welcome suggestions on how we can serve you better. You can reach me at twojo@lansingks.org

- 😊 Next Donation Drop-Off:
Sat., April 6 between 10 a.m. and Noon
- 😊 Book Sale Dates:
→ Move Books to the Activity Center: Sun., April 14
→ Set-Up: The week of April 15
→ Friends Evening: Fri., April 19
→ Sale Open: Sat. & Sun., April 20 - 21.

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From the Desk of the City Administrator

improvements incrementally to keep the building functional for future generations.

I was so proud to see our snow removal team on the cover of last quarter's *Lansing Connection*. During snowstorms our crew often works nights and weekends to keep the roadways clear for our residents. Road maintenance and snow removal are things we take a great deal of pride in in Lansing. Did you know that culs-de-sac are incredibly challenging for snow removal? Simply put, there is not as much real estate to place the discarded snow in culs-de-sac as there are in other areas. This is often compounded when people park on the streets in snowstorms, which reduces the amount of drivable area on our roadways. Help our crew do their jobs and if there is snow in the forecast, do not leave your car parked on the street.

I hope you enjoyed a few tidbits about City operations in Lansing. If you ever have any other questions please feel free to reach out, we'd love to hear from you.

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH, 2024
KENNETH W. BERNARD COMMUNITY PARK

LANSING KANSAS - PARKS & RECREATION

DAVID TRINKLE JR.

20 24

YOUTH FISHING DERBY

FISHING: 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
FOLLOWED BY LUNCH & AWARD PRESENTATION
CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 8:30AM

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 8TH, 2024
& CLOSES THURSDAY, MAY 2ND, 2024

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
WWW.LANSINGKS.ORG/PARKSREC | (913) 727-2960 | 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
- 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 has a *Nextdoor* Presence Accessing 1,960+ residents
- Lansing's *Facebook* Page has 6,390+ followers

- Lansing's *Twitter* Feed has 1,210+ 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, 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
- Local musician and Lansing city employee Kris Bennetts Provides Background Music

USD469 Lansing School District Update

(Content Provided by USD469 staff)

Lansing USD469 congratulates our newly elected school board members who assumed their responsibilities in January. These individuals were chosen by the community in the Nov. 7 election:

1. Kerry Brungardt
2. Pete Im
3. Kirsten Workman
4. Aaron Yoakam

For those unfamiliar with the school board's functions, it plays a crucial role in overseeing our local education system. Board members are responsible for setting educational policies, allocating budgets, and ensuring our schools provide a safe and conducive learning environment for all students with the ultimate goal of enhancing the quality of education in our district.

As we welcome these new members, we also thank the outgoing board members Michelle McQuillan, Pete Robinson, and Carla Wiegiers for their dedication and service to our community.

LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

We are excited to share updates on our 2023-2028 Strategic Plan, which was developed last school year thanks to the input from our community. We have been sharing updates on our progress in five main goal areas:

1. Operations, Budgets, & Management
2. Whole Child Approach to Learning
3. Collaboration & Communication
4. Positive Culture
5. Successful Graduate

We have action steps in each of these large goal areas that will guide our district's decisions and priorities over the next five years. We encourage our community to attend board meetings and watch the website to see our progress.

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.

One thing that makes the Lansing School District stand out is our community, and we could not be more thankful to our stakeholders who support our schools. Thanks to the investment our community makes in education, our academic achievement continues to be well above state averages.

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