

LANSING CONNECTION

Second Quarter 2024

GROUNDBREAKING: Lansing Begins Work On New Aquatic Center





MAYOR'S BYLINE

By Mayor Tony McNeill

In early April, City Council members and I had the pleasure of breaking ground for the future Lansing Aquatic Center, to be located near the intersection of W. Mary St. and Bittersweet Rd. As you may recall, Lansing voters approved the project back in 2022. The sales tax increase (.45 of a cent) which started being collected on July 1, 2023, will create the revenue needed to fund the pool project. If you drive on West Mary Street, you will see the early stages of construction and the footprint of the Aquatic Center on the parcel of City-owned property just east of Angel Falls trail. I have already heard some concerns about the clearing of trees, so I just want to say that in all our development projects, we do try our best to minimize the removal of trees and impact on the environment. We will also be adding some new trees as part of our landscaping plans for the Aquatic Center area.

The construction taking place for the Aquatic Center is one of the more visible projects bringing changes to the Lansing landscape, but it is hard for our residents and visitors to NOT notice the sanitary sewer improvements taking place on either side of K-7 in the southern part of town. The green pipes and heavy equipment have been a constant since March. This effort is part of a \$4 million McIntyre Sewer Interceptor project and is a major investment that will provide critical infrastructure as Lansing seeks to develop to the south along the K-7 corridor.

Less visible but no less important is the continuing work being done in Town Center, on the west side of K-7 between 4H Rd. and W. Mary St. The City has announced agreements with Kansas City Kansas Community College and Tractor Supply Co. to construct new buildings in the southern part of Town Center (west of Sonic) and the staff and I are working on other projects that will hopefully

be made public soon. Momentum is key – as we locate more tenants in Town Center, we are hopeful that the property becomes even more desirable, and we can begin to fill in other parcels.

The ongoing developments occurring in Town Center has unfortunately caused the City Council and staff to move the annual Independence Day Fireworks celebration from the location we have used for the last several years. This year the celebration will be held on 29 June at the Lansing High School on 147th St. The Lansing School District has generously agreed to allow us to use their facility and the surrounding area for the celebration and we are thankful for their support. This is not the first time we've hosted a City event at the High School – back in 2018, we had our Lansing DAZE event there and it is a great location. So, keep an eye on the Lansing city website and social media for details on this well-attended event.

Lastly, I wanted to again thank the nine residents who recently graduated from the Lansing Citizens' Academy. Back in Sept. of 2023 I had the opportunity to speak to this year's group, and appreciated their informed questions and the interest they showed in learning about the City's departments and respective responsibilities. We now have nine more residents who have a better understanding of how our City is managed and can help inform their neighbors when they have questions about City operations. We appreciate their time commitment and willingness to learn about how leadership and staff go about the business of building and maintaining our great City. If anyone is interested in attending the next Lansing Citizen Academy, please contact Ken Miller KMiller@lansingks.org and let him know. We will be starting a new class in the fall if we have enough interest. I hope everyone enjoys the Spring and hopefully I will see you at some of this year's City events.



Consultant rendering for future Lansing Aquatic Center

Groundbreaking for the Lansing Aquatic Center Project

By Public Information Officer Ken Miller

Lansing leaders officially broke ground on April 9 for the future City Aquatic Center near the intersection of Bittersweet and W. Mary St.

The construction timeline is now in motion for the approximately \$7 million project, funding for which was approved by Lansing voters in 2022. An additional 0.45 percent Citywide retailers sales tax took effect on July 1, 2023 – revenue from which would amount to between \$500 and \$600 thousand per year over the next 20 years to fund construction of the facility.

"It was important that Lansing residents helped determine the fate of the pool question in 2022," said Lansing Mayor Tony McNeill. "With public buy-in, we moved forward with a design that fits both community need and a realistic budget. I'm confident when the pool is completed and open, Lansing will have a great facility that serves us for decades to come."

With construction underway this spring, a grand opening date is tentatively set for late Spring 2025. The new aquatic center will feature six 25-yard lap swimming lanes; a family slide, speed slide and "twister" slide; splash pad and lazy river, among other items.

"If weather and other factors cooperate this year and early next year, we hope to open the pool Memorial Day weekend 2025," said City Administrator Tim Vandall. "As we get closer to that date, I know my three kids will be constantly asking me when we can go swimming. I'd imagine a lot of other parents will be getting similar questions."

Over the next few months, Lansing staff will begin discussing issues including pool passes, lifeguard hiring and more. Work remains to be done as Lansing inches closer to its new Aquatic Center.



Heavy equipment creating mulch to use on Aquatic Center grounds



Mayor Tony McNeill (l) and Councilmember Don Studnicka (r) at groundbreaking



Cover image:
Lansing Mayor Tony McNeill, City Councilmembers and local residents break ground for the new pool.

Back cover image:
Work starts on City Aquatic facility in April 2024.

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Connection Editor

Tim Vandall
City Administrator



CONNECTION CALENDAR City of Lansing Second Quarter 2024

MAY	JUNE	JULY
2 City Council Meeting	6 City Council Meeting	1-31 Registration: Cheerleading, Flag Football, Soccer
4 Youth Fishing Derby	19 Planning Commission Meeting	4 Independence Day Holiday - City Offices Closed
10-11 Spring Citywide Garage Sale	20 City Council Meeting	11 City Council Meeting
15 Planning Commission Meeting	27 City Council Work Session	17 Planning Commission Meeting
16 City Council Meeting	29 Independence Day Fireworks - Lansing High School	18 City Council Meeting
30 City Council Work Session		25 City Council Work Session
27 Memorial Day Holiday - City Offices Closed		





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

Spring! Flowers are blooming and grass around town is getting greener. This is also the time of year when many folks are going through spring cleaning. It's a great time to clean up your property and declutter. Here are some tips and insights to help with your spring cleaning this year.

As part of the City's contract with Waste Management, our customers are entitled to one bulky item pick-up per year. To do this, be sure to call 800-964-8988 and provide the customer ID #55019966662. We also occasionally get questions about things that are or are not permitted in your trash carts. While many items are ok to place in your trash carts, please do not put construction debris in your cart. If the drivers notice this, they may not pick up your trash. Finally, regarding Waste Management, our contract is increasing slightly to \$19/month this summer. If you are a senior citizen and provide documentation to the City, your bill can be \$17/month. While no one enjoys billing increases, Lansing's trash service is still one of the least expensive in Leavenworth County.

Another opportunity for cleaning up is through the County Transfer Station. Lansing residents are fortunate the transfer station is just down the road on E. Gilman. Did you know that County residents

are allowed one free trip to the transfer station per year? When you check in, be sure to mention this to the attendant and have an ID available that shows you reside in Leavenworth County. Also, be sure to have a tarp over your load when taking it to the transfer station. If your load is un-tarped, you may be charged an additional fee. We are appreciative of Leavenworth County for offering this service to residents to help keep their property clean.

Keeping our neighborhoods and properties clean and up to code has been a focal point of the City Council in recent months. Remember that untagged or inoperable vehicles are not compliant with City Code; however, there is no harm in tinkering with an old vehicle inside your garage or shop. Rules preventing untagged and inoperable vehicles are fairly common in most communities in the Kansas City area and are in place to keep our community looking great.

It is always great to see the yellowish grass of winter turning green in April. What a wonderful season of rejuvenation. I hope your spring-cleaning projects are successful and your flowers are blooming. Please be sure to reach out if you ever have any questions, I'd love to hear from you.

Lansing Leaders Chart Future Strategies for City

By Public Information Officer Ken Miller

Back in early March, Lansing Mayor Tony McNeill, City Council members and staff met on a Saturday morning to discuss the future – and what leadership should focus on to make Lansing a better place in which to live and work.

Molly Saunders is with Shockey Consultants and moderated the Strategic Planning Retreat. After the session, Saunders said Lansing's leaders shared a vision for the City which was apparent from the very beginning. "They wanted to work together to ensure the community continues to thrive. Unity in vision is a tremendous strength. Another great strength was their willingness to listen to each other, even when there were different points of view. Once a topic was discussed and consensus was reached, the group easily moved on to the next topic."

So what is the vision?

"Two main areas for future focus were identified," said City Administrator Tim Vandall. "Housing and economic development were the top issues for our group. People want to live in Lansing, and we as a City own land and can decide what type of development we want," said Vandall. "We've been successful with retirement housing. The Council is united in its desire to alleviate the housing shortage and is focused on continuing and finding projects that help to achieve that." In terms of economic development, infrastructure improvements over the past decade continue to pave the way for additional development – with major wastewater projects and recent partnerships with KCKCC and other future Town Center tenants becoming reality. "There has been plenty of progress made, particularly in the past two-three years,"



Mayor Tony McNeill (l) and Finance Director Beth Sanford (c) at planning retreat in March

said Vandall. "The momentum has definitely shifted and with family-friendly additions like the Bernard Park baseball complex and the future Lansing Aquatic facility, the job of selling Lansing to potential new residents – and businesses – should bear more fruit soon."

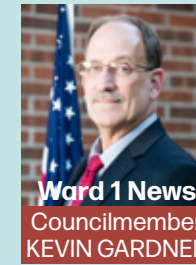
"But the City faces major challenges in both areas, some of which we have limited control over like a lack of builders, low (housing) inventory and a lack of affordable housing," said Vandall. He continued, "In the case of economic development, we are challenged geographically because of our distance from the Kansas City metro area which causes a lack of business opportunity and business diversity here in Lansing. Restaurant A and Retail Outlet B aren't likely to locate in Lansing if they already have locations in Leavenworth and/or the Legends. Data suggests

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

Good day to all and I hope your spring is going well. Exciting things are happening in 2024, beginning with the ground breaking for the Aquatic Center, the David Trinkle, Jr. Fishing Derby and the Fireworks display at the High School. It appears everyone will have a good view of the fireworks show with the new location this year.



Ward 1 News Councilmember KEVIN GARDNER

The Strategic Planning workshop for the Council and staff in March went well in that each person has their own ideas on issues, but everyone has the same goal - making decisions that help Lansing grow responsibly.

Budget time is upon us and with input from citizens and needs of the city, I am confident staff and council will do what is best for Lansing's development and financial requirements. Fire District #1 issues are being addressed and discussions are moving forward. Representatives from Delaware and High Prairie townships are working with Councilman Marcus Majure, Mayor Tony McNeill and City Administrator Tim Vandall to ensure the best fire protection for all.

Lansing's Library Director, Terri Wojtalewicz, the staff, board members and Friends of the Library continue to amaze the council and offer educational activities and opportunities for everyone from toddlers to seniors. So many things are going on there to assist people with improving themselves, which is one of the reasons families move to Lansing.

I hope all Lansing residents can enjoy the summer, the events, and time with family and friends.

Well, it looks like Spring has arrived, maybe. I don't know about you but I have already mowed my lawn four times. Ah, the joys of owning a home. Soon, we will be setting up our new flower boxes and filling numerous pots as well. Look out Home Depot, my wife Debbie is itching to get started.



Ward 1 News Councilmember GENE KIRBY

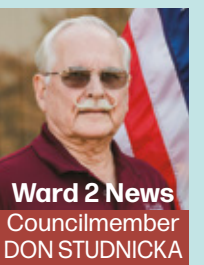
As you may be aware, construction on the city pool has begun with a projected opening date sometime in early 2025. As a reminder, the aquatic center was made possible by a vote of our citizens. One of the things that we constantly hear about is a lack of activities for our children. This is a step in that direction to remedy that.

If you haven't heard, the Kansas Dept. of Transportation (KDOT) has set aside \$35 million for the realignment of K-5 Highway. This improvement will cover the state highway from 435 in Kansas City, Kans. to K-7 Highway. That sounds like a lot of money - and it is - but in the grand scheme of things, that won't get what we would like to see, a full rebuild of the highway. As KDOT has announced the funding for this project, they will be in complete control of the work done. We are waiting for the full details of what to expect. As part of the group that lobbied for the funds, I was able to see firsthand the hundreds of requests for funds for very worthwhile projects throughout the State. Our group lobbied for this project. This group included city staff as well as county officials. My thanks to the Unified Government for their support of this project. It helped that two counties would benefit from the same project.

Don't forget to take part in the many activities available through the Parks and Recreation Dept. There are also many activities available at the Library. My thanks to the Leavenworth County Humane Society (LCHS.) They perform a great service to the community. It would be a tough thing for Lansing to take on all of the many things they do. The LCHS has several fundraising activities coming up. Check out their Facebook page for more details or give them a call. I would encourage people to help them out in any way you can. Enjoy your summer, and be safe, always.



Spring has come in like a lion! I thought March came in as a lion and April brought showers. We had spring in March and now we are finishing winter - crazy weather. I guess the old saying is true, "If you live in Kansas, wait 20 minutes and the weather will change!"



Ward 2 News Councilmember DON STUDNICKA

In the next couple of months, we have things happening in town. On April 9, we will officially break ground for the new city pool on West Mary.

On 4 May, we have the annual David Trinkle, Jr. Youth Fishing Derby at Bernard Park. Bring your 15-year-olds and younger out to fish. Call 913-727-2960 for more information about the Fishing Derby. Also in May, we have the annual Spring Citywide Garage Sale on Fri., 10 May and Sat., 11 May. Get registered online or call 913-727-5488 for the garage sale.

During our first City Council meeting in April, we recognized our 2023-24 Citizens Academy class that finished up in March. We had nine citizens graduate, one of our largest classes ever. If you would like to learn how the City and its departments run, this is the way to do it. The city of Lansing is taking registration for the 2024-2025 class currently. You can sign up on our website or email PIO Ken Miller at kmiller@lansingks.org.

On the economic development front, we are looking at Covington Woods to start construction soon on a 50-unit complex just across the road from the current complex. As has been already reported, Kansas City Kansas Community College is going to build a campus here behind the Sonic in Town Center. They will probably not break ground until late 2027. Also reported is that Tractor Supply Co. is going to build a new and bigger store in Town Center. Construction will hopefully start soon.

I have had several inquiries about what is going in with the sewer pipes, etc. along K-7 Highway heading south of town. The City is using some left over COVID money in the form of a \$1.3 million State grant to put in a sewer line south to our City limits. The line will cross under K-7 highway south of Rock Creek Loop, moving east and then stop at our City limits at McIntyre. We, the City, needed to commit the grant money or we would lose it. The property along K-7 highway on the east side is for sale and the City is looking long range at possible business development along that corridor.

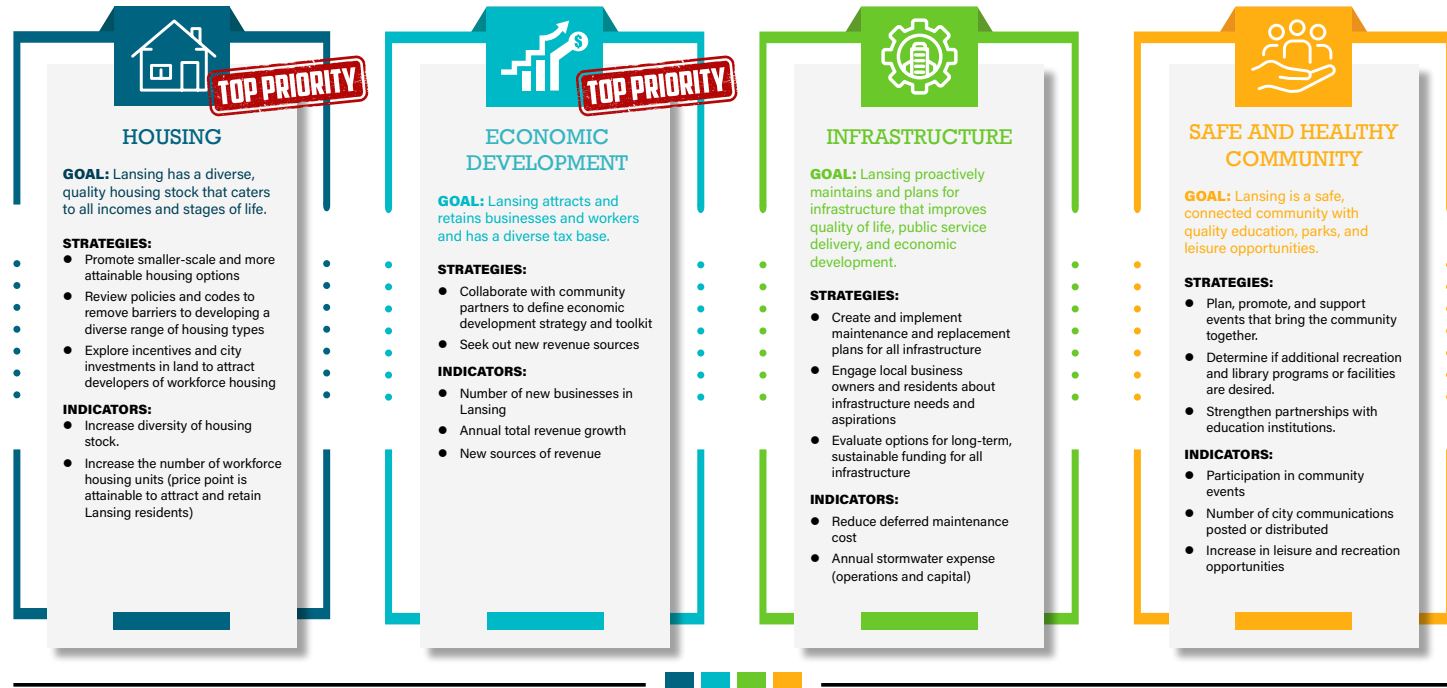
As always, you are invited to YOUR City Council meetings held the first and third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. If you have any questions, concerns or great ideas, give me a call at 913-306-1051 or email me dstudnicka@lansingks.org.

VISION

LANSING: a growing, welcoming, and safe community where residents thrive because of the quality neighborhoods, excellent schools, and successful businesses

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

INTEGRITY being truthful and honest, genuine, and respectful
TRANSPARENT doing the right thing when no one else is looking; work serves citizens and the public
SPIRIT OF SERVICE see a need and step up to help; available/we show up, people you can count on
COMMUNITY FOCUSED make decisions based on the long-term benefit of the community; not selfish
ADAPTABLE look at things from multiple perspectives; agree to disagree; open-minded



Lansing Leaders Chart Future Strategies for City *(continued from pg. 4)*

that Lansing residents will travel a short distance outside the City for goods and services not available in the City.”

Saunders reiterated her positive impression of Lansing leadership when asked about how the City’s leaders stack up to some of the other local governments she has worked with. “Usually, people can agree on long-term outcomes, even if they disagree on how

to achieve them. Something I have observed in recent years is a greater reluctance to want to agree (about almost anything) with people who hold different opinions on major issues. It’s become more important than ever, as a facilitator, to understand group dynamics and to do activities that emphasize points of agreement that can be built upon.”

What Do You Think About Bringing Micro-Transit to Lansing?

By Public Information Officer Ken Miller

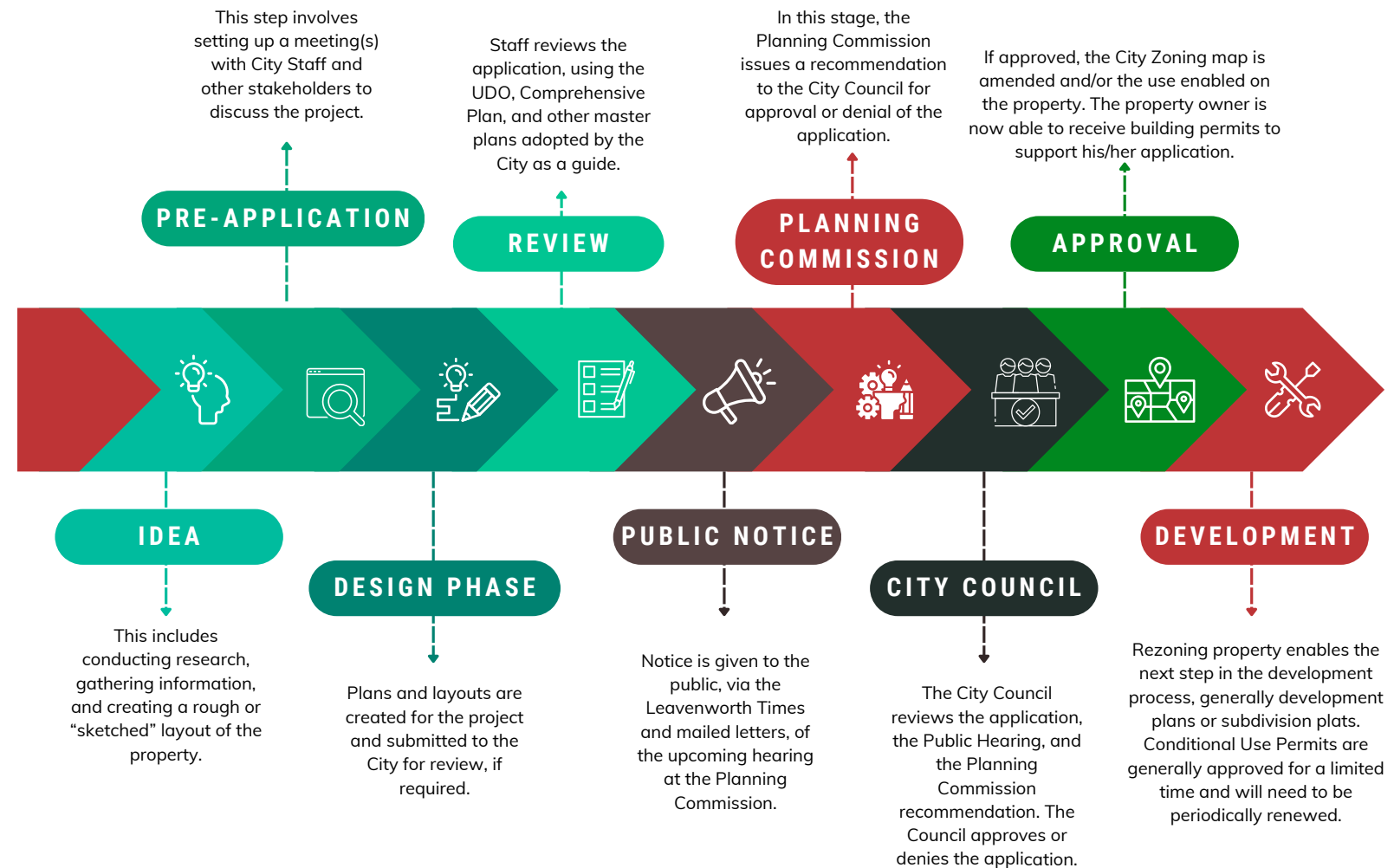
City of Lansing leadership wants to know what residents think about the possibility of expanding Leavenworth’s micro-transit system into our City. Future micro-transit could use small buses and/or vans for on-demand trips. Here’s a link and a QR Code to a short (takes 1-2 minutes to fill out) survey in which you can express your opinion. The survey will remain open through the month of May. Results will be reported in June.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/VNGFXMD



Scan the QR code to let us know what you think!

REZONING & CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PROCESS



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Responsible Growth in Lansing

By Community and Economic Development Director Joshua Gentzler

Your Community & Economic Development Department is the front door for the development process within Lansing. We work with residents and developers to continue our growth through all different types of development, including housing and commercial space. Rezoning the land is an integral and, oftentimes, first step in the process of development.

Rezoning is the process by which we can unlock the full potential of the land within Lansing and bring about meaningful change. At its core, rezoning is about updating the regulations that govern land use in specific areas. These regulations, known as zoning ordinances, dictate what type of structures can be built, how they can be used, and the density of development permitted. By rezoning land, we change which regulations apply to the land to better align with the evolving needs of our city and its residents.

Rezoning is necessary to accommodate growth and development. As our city expands and evolves, so do the demands for housing, commercial space, and infrastructure. Rezoning allows us to enable this growth by designating lots as either residential, commercial, or industrial.

Furthermore, rezoning enables us to activate underutilized land by changing what is allowed to be built on the property. Through rezoning,

people can create redevelopment projects that breathe new life into these areas, creating vibrant neighborhoods and enhancing property values.

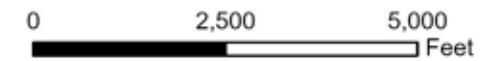
It’s essential to note that rezoning decisions are not made lightly. They require careful consideration of various factors, including community input, environmental impacts, and long-term planning goals. The City is committed to ensuring that rezoning proposals undergo thorough review and analysis to mitigate any potential negative consequences and maximize benefits for our city and its residents.

Community engagement is a crucial aspect of the rezoning process. Your input and feedback help us better understand your priorities, concerns, and aspirations for our city’s future. Whether through public hearings, community meetings, or one-on-one conversations, your voice matters in shaping the decisions that impact our community.

In conclusion, rezoning is a vital tool for city planning and development. It allows us to adapt to changing needs, stimulate economic growth, and create vibrant, livable neighborhoods. As we continue to navigate the challenges and opportunities facing our city, I urge you to stay informed and engaged in the rezoning process. Together, we can build a brighter future for our community.

Lansing, Kansas Flood Map

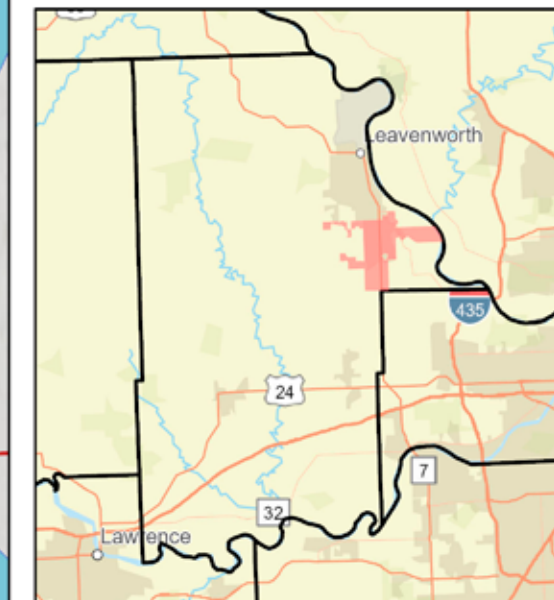
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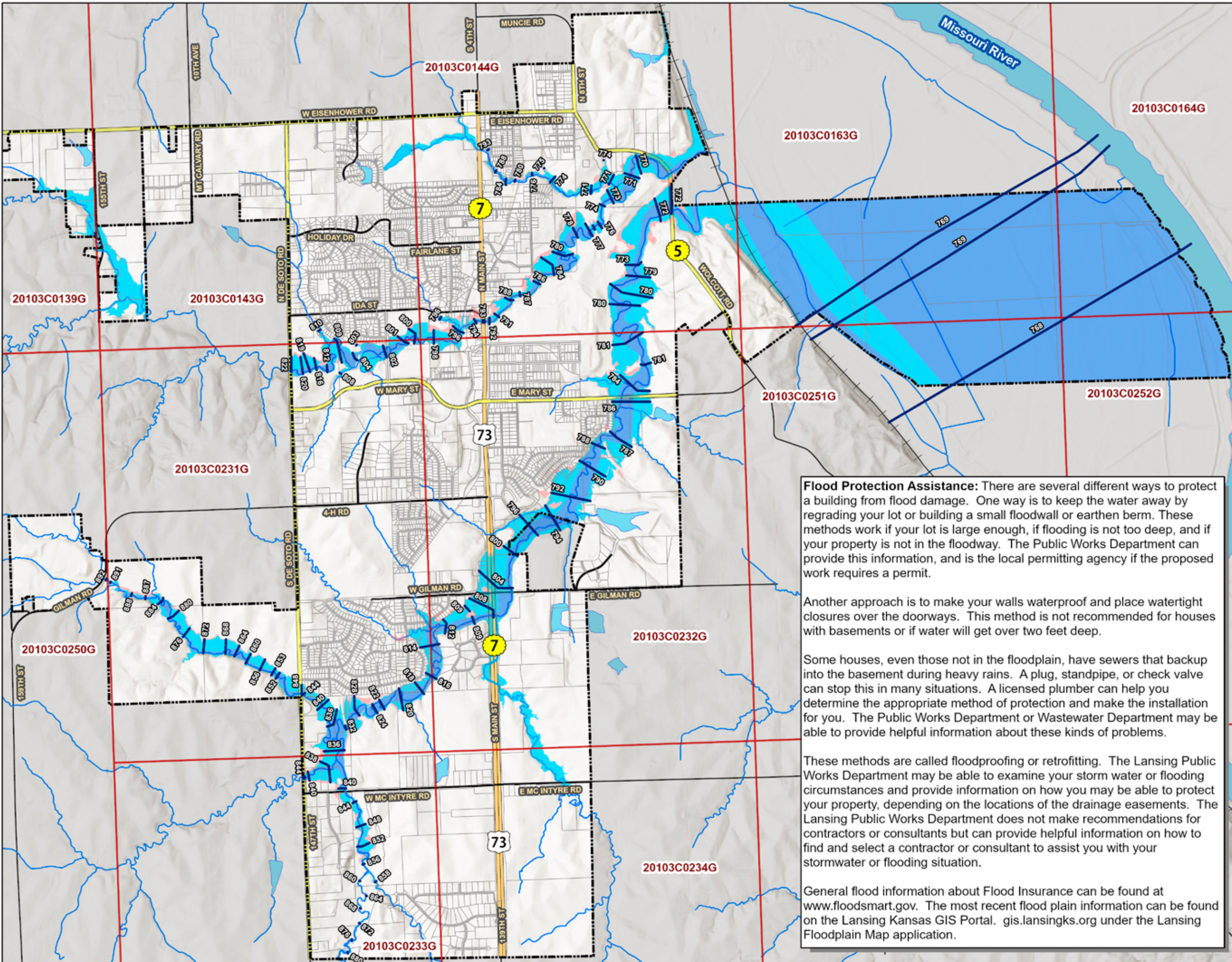
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 - Floodway
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 - 0.2 PCT ANNUAL CHANCE FLOOD HAZARD
- FIRM Panel
- Parcels
- City Boundary

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



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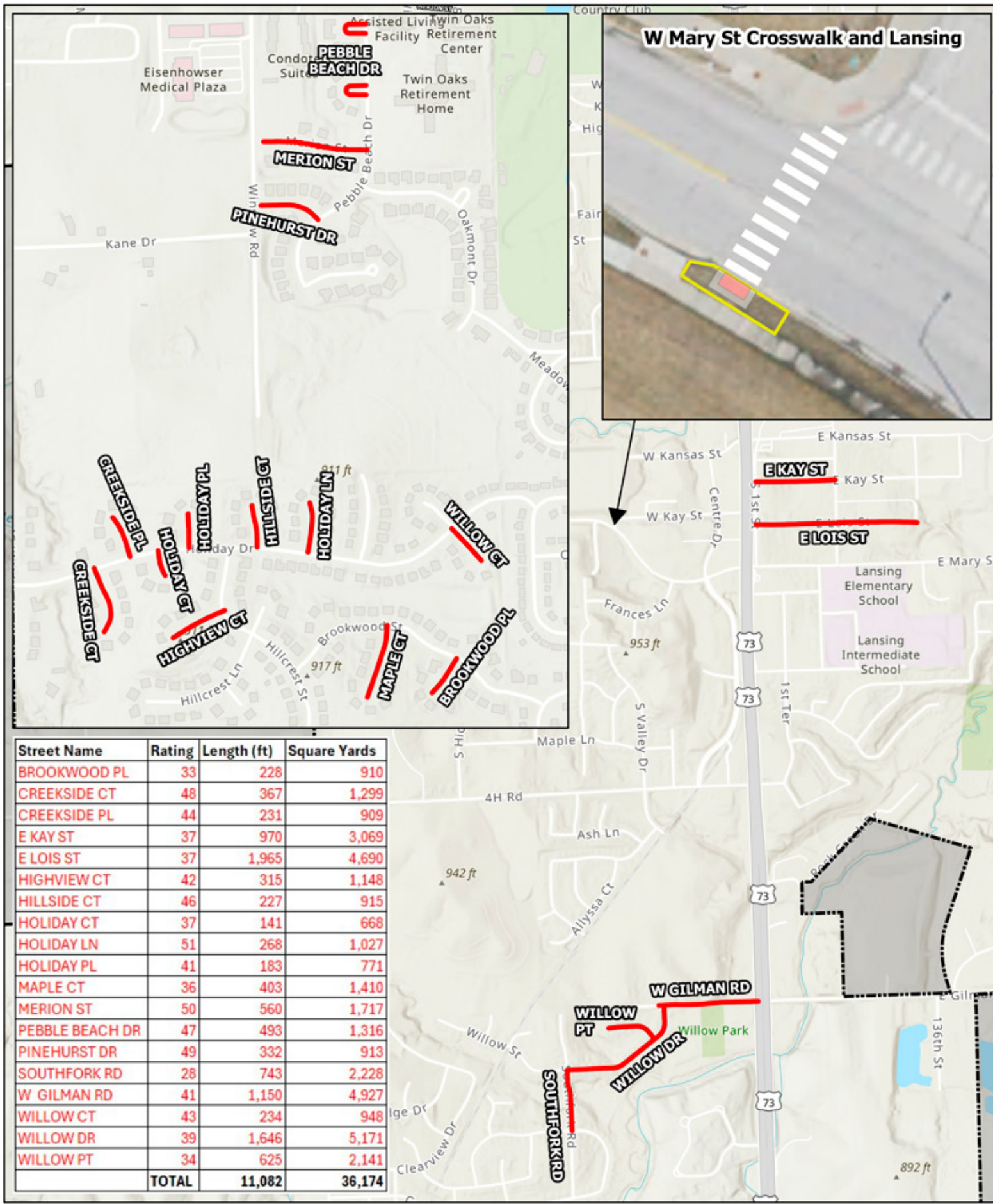
Flood Protection Assistance: There are several different ways to protect a building from flood damage. One way is to keep the water away by regrading your lot or building a small floodwall or earthen berm. These methods work if your lot is large enough, if flooding is not too deep, and if your property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

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

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

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

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



**M&O - Prelim Selection
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Future K-5 Improvements Now on KDOT Project List

By Public Information Officer Ken Miller

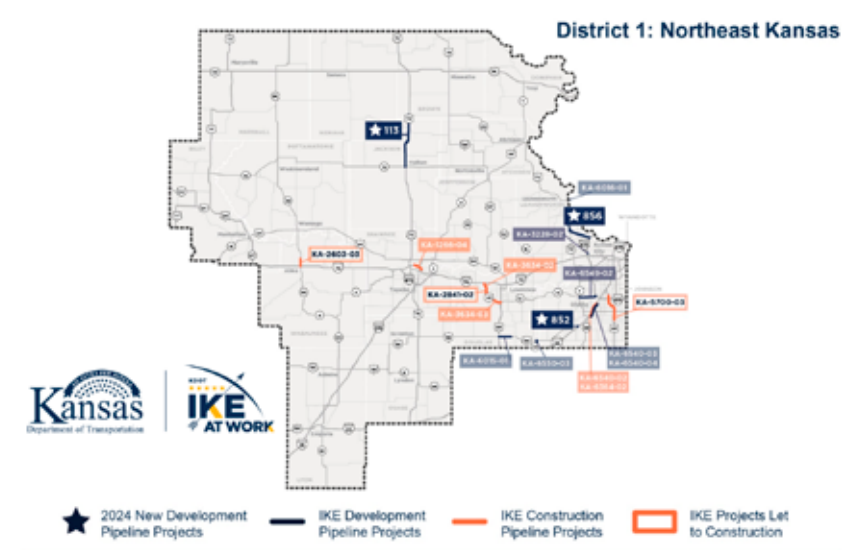
Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly announced in March that K-5 Highway, which traverses Leavenworth and Wyandotte counties, will benefit from an estimated \$35 million reconstruction project.

The question now is, when?

“The projects being moved into the IKE (transportation 10-year plan) Development Pipeline represent a mix of local and regional highway improvement priorities as identified by stakeholders and based on data,” said Kansas Dept. of Transportation Secretary Calvin Reed during the March 7 project list announcement. Late last year, Lansing and other Leavenworth County officials advocated for the K-5 improvement funding and that project is now in the “development pipeline” for KDOT District One, which covers northeast Kansas.

“The K-5 reconstruction project will provide a new alignment and safety improvements from K-7 southeast to I-435. The project is now on a KDOT list,” said Lansing City Administrator Tim Vandall. “And that is great news. But as of right now, we do not yet know where the project will begin nor the full scope of the project. We also do not yet have a timeline for the project.”

KDOT project listings fall into two categories (see graphic.) Projects are either in the construction pipeline or the development pipeline – the main difference being construction projects have a scheduled start date. Regardless, once the project is on the development list, State and local officials can begin engineering studies to determine best alignment and answer other important questions prior to future construction.



Projects in the Construction Pipeline			
Map ID	Project	Construction Status	Est. Const. Cost in \$M
KA-6364-02	I-35/Santa Fe in Johnson Co. Reconstruct interchange & add lanes.	Scheduled FY27	\$122
KA-6540-01	I-70 in Shawnee Co. Polk/Quincy Viaduct. Reconstruct to 6-lane freeway	Scheduled FY25	\$235
KA-3634-03	US-40/K-10 (South Lawrence Trafficway) in Douglas Co. Upgrade to 4-lane freeway, construct new interchange.	Scheduled FY24	\$161
KA-2841-02	US-40/K-10 in Douglas Co. Reconstruct interchange.	Under construction	\$14
KA-3634-02	US-40/K-10 in Douglas Co. 4-lane freeway, new KTA interchange.	Scheduled FY26	\$91
KA-5700-03	US-69 in Johnson Co. Add through lane in each direction, interchange replacement.	Under construction	\$504
KA-2603-03	K-99 in Wabaunsee Co. Reconstruction.	Scheduled FY24	\$12

Projects in the Development Pipeline		
Map ID	Project	Est. Const. Cost in \$M
KA-3228-02	I-435/State Ave. in Wyandotte Co. Reconstruct interchange.	\$32
KA-6015-01	US-56 in Douglas Co. Reconstruction.	\$13
KA-6549-01	K-10 in Johnson Co. Capacity improvements.	\$243
KA-6560-03	K-33 in Douglas Co. Reconstruction, shoulder widening.	\$8
KA-6016-01	K-02 in Leavenworth Co. Replacement of Centennial Bridge.	\$144
★ 113	US-75 in Jackson Co. Reconstruct to 4-lane expressway.	\$126
★ 852	I-35/US-56 in Johnson Co. Interchange improvements.	\$25
★ 856	K-5 in Leavenworth Co./Wyandotte Co. Reconstruction.	\$35



Members of the Lansing Citizens' Academy class tour Wastewater facility



2023-24 Citizens' Academy class join Mayor Tony McNeill at graduation

Another Citizens' Academy Class In the Books

By Public Information Officer Ken Miller

A total of nine Lansing residents and/or business owners now have a better appreciation of how the City functions after graduating from the 2023-2024 Citizens' Academy class.

Gabrielle Fletcher, Sandra Lang, Ryan Norman, Darcell Crawford, Andrew Crawford, Chase Spears, Andrew See, Jonathan Howell and Will Coyne committed to the six month-long class, which visited every City facility over that time. The once-a-month class met for two hours on a Wed. night to hear from staff directors and other employees who explained processes, rules and the ins-and-outs of running a small city.

“For 14 years, we’ve been graduating classes of varying sizes which include residents who are very interested in how their City works,” said City Administrator Tim Vandall. “Not only do the graduates potentially go on to serve on City boards and even on the City Council, but they are also equipped with information to answer their neighbors’ questions about City projects and practices.”

The city of Lansing is now registering a new class for the 2024-2025 year, which starts in September. Contact Public Information Officer Ken Miller at kmiller@lansingks.org for more information.



2024 LANSING'S INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION: SAT, JUNE 29



Live Music, Rides, Food Trucks & Spectacular Fireworks!

The city of Lansing's Independence Day Fireworks Celebration is scheduled for **Sat., June 29** at **Lansing High School, 1412 147th St.**

General admission is free; **the event starts at 3 p.m.** and will feature rides and inflatables for the kids, live entertainment, a variety of food and beverages followed by a **spectacular fireworks display beginning at approximately 9:30 p.m.**

Taking the stage at 3:30 p.m. are Lansing's own **DJs Nick & Tammy Dominquez**. Our headliner for the show is the talented and energetic band **Sass Monkey**, who will perform a selection of your favorite classics and today's popular music **beginning at 6:30 p.m.** Grab your blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy these great performances.

The celebration offers a variety of food and beverage that feature items such as shaved ice, lemonade, BBQ ribs, brats, turkey legs, hot dogs, Mexican, fried chicken, grilled hamburgers, sandwiches, cotton candy and Dolewhip desserts.

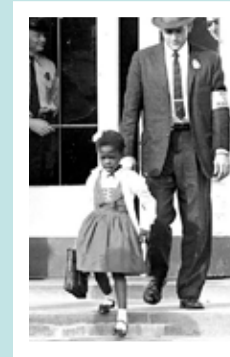
Victory Pyrotechnics & Special Events returns to Lansing with a custom designed and innovative fireworks display. The show will feature music, lasers, lights and an impressive display of dazzling fireworks.

This event will take place rain or shine. For more information, contact the Lansing Community and Economic Development Dept. at **913-727-5488** or email **dsouza@lansingks.org**.

Lansing Community Library Update

by Library Director Terri Wojtalewicz

So many Library programs are in the works. Not only are we preparing for the Summer Reading Program, in honor of the 70th anniversary of the landmark case *Brown v. Board of Education*, we are also excited to bring the Kansas Humanities Council program, **"Remembering Brown v. Board of Education"** to Lansing. Eric Sexton will lead this presentation as we explore the intricacies of the five cases included in *Brown v. Board of Education* case and the transformative impact of this landmark decision. Be sure to register for this May 23 program.

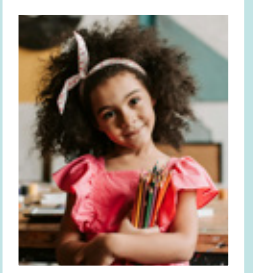


Wondering about the Friends organization?

They are the group that helps with fundraising for the library, sponsors events and volunteers at the library. We are always looking for people to help with everything from events to program preparation. Our next Friends meeting will be held at the library on Wed., May 29 at 6 p.m. We will be preparing for the Summer Reading Kickoff that is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Fort Leavenworth Thrift Shop.



Summer is going to be here soon and we have so many things planned! Be sure to keep an eye out on the website, the library app, and social media for details. It all begins on **Sat., June 1** with an exciting special guest sponsored by the Friends of the Library. We will have fun this summer with many weekly activities for all ages including scavenger hunts, outdoor activities, painting and crafts. The Friends of the Library group has a wish list on Amazon if you would like to sponsor one of the summer activities for the children. You can find it listed under "Gift Registries" and then type in Lansing Community Library. More information on how to register for these events and the reading program is coming soon.



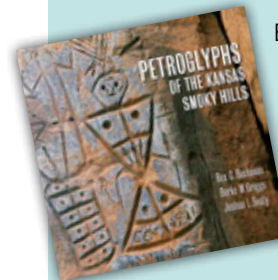
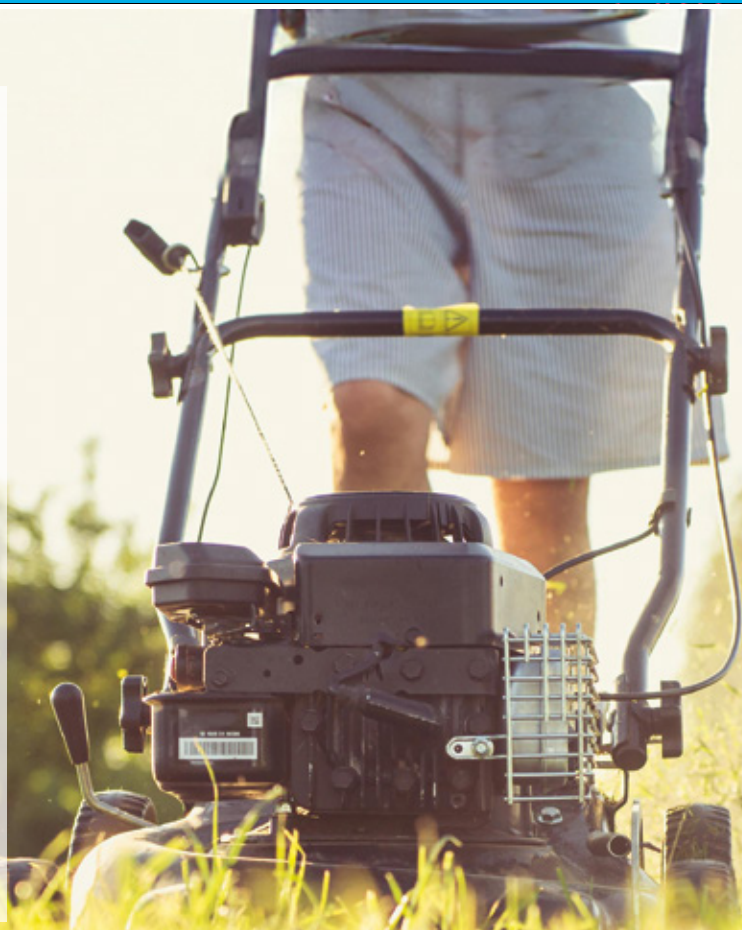
Springtime Has Arrived and Summer Is Around the Corner

By Code Enforcement Officer William Linn

The sounds of summer are coming. With all seasonal activities comes outdoor work and general property maintenance. Just a few reminders regarding ordinances to help keep everyone safe and our city looking good: Please mow grass and weeds on a regular basis to help keep height no more than ten inches. Placing grass or other yard waste into streets or storm drains is not permitted.

Yard waste must be stored in one of three manners: placed in bio-degradable paper bags; re-usable cans marked "yard waste" or tied in bundles not to exceed four feet in length, 18 inches in diameter and not exceeding 65 lbs. Trash may be set out no earlier than 6 p.m. the night before the scheduled pick up day.

Please don't forget to also give your homes, exterior buildings and vehicles a little "TLC" and keep them fixed up and in good condition. If you have any questions, feel free to contact a member of the Community and Economic Development Dept. at 913-727-5488.



Ever hear about the rock carvings in the Kansas Smoky Hills that go back centuries? On July 9, we will host another Kansas Humanities Council program called **"Petroglyphs of the Kansas Smoky Hills,"** by Rex Buchanan. Buchanan is the former director of the Kansas Geological Survey and the author of books about Kansas geology and water.

The presentation is based on this Kansas Notable Book, *Petroglyphs of the Kansas Smoky Hills*, which can be checked out from the library. We will focus on these carvings, the people who made them and what the carvings tell us about those people and their relationship to the land. He will also discuss the challenges of dating and interpreting these carvings, the threats posed by erosion and vandalism and the role of landowners whose property shelters these carvings. Register for this intriguing program online or at the library.



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

Our **One Book Many Neighbors Adult Summer Program** is back as well. The short stories this year are from the book, **Marple: Twelve New Stories**. Be sure to pick up your passport and book at the library. Attend the program at the seven area libraries to be entered into the drawing for the prize baskets that will be awarded at the One Book Many Neighbors Summer Party.

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



LANSING KANSAS - PARKS & RECREATION

FALL YOUTH SPORTS

REGISTRATION: JULY 1ST - 31ST

YOUTH FALL SOCCER

Lansing Residents: \$35 | Non-residents: \$40
Includes a Jersey & Socks

YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL

Lansing Residents: \$50 | Non-residents: \$60
Includes a Jersey

YOUTH CHEERLEADING

Lansing Residents: \$35 | Non-residents: \$40
Includes a T-Shirt & Pom-Poms

REGISTER ONLINE:

www.lansingsks.org/parksrec

REGISTER IN PERSON:

108 S. 2nd Street
Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

LATE REGISTRATIONS MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED!

- The participation fee is due at the time of registration.
- Practices begin in August. Games start in September running through October.
- Scholarship requests must be received by 4:30 pm Monday, July 22nd.
- Refunds for these programs will NOT be offered after the uniform and equipment order is placed on Friday, August 16th.



EXPLORE:

Visit www.lansingsks.org/parksrec for more information and participant eligibility



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USD469 Lansing School District Update

(Content Provided by USD469 staff)

Lansing USD469 congratulates the Class of 2024, our exceptional LINC'S graduates, and all students who have persevered and triumphed through another school year. We also extend our sincerest gratitude to our dedicated staff members. Your unwavering support, passion, and expertise have been instrumental in creating a nurturing and enriching learning environment for our students. We are thrilled to welcome our new staff joining us for the 2024-2025 school year. We value 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.

Lansing USD 469 is launching the Lansing Lion Virtual Academy in August 2024, transitioning from our partnership with Greenbush to an in-house program. This move allows us to offer high-quality remote learning tailored to the needs of students within and outside the district. The academy is designed to empower students with a comprehensive curriculum aligned with state standards, covering core subjects and electives. Its unique and flexible structure enables students to take control of their learning, accommodating extracurricular activities and family commitments. Interactive tools and resources, including live video lessons and virtual labs, are at their disposal to enhance their learning experience.

If you are interested in joining the USD469 family, we offer part-time and full-time opportunities across the district. 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.

We will soon share more details on enrollment, curriculum, and support services on our website, www.usd469.net, as we prepare to launch the Lansing Lion Virtual Academy. We're excited to offer this innovative educational opportunity and empower students to thrive, regardless of their circumstances or location.



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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Lansing USD469 is incredibly proud to announce that our Lansing Middle School Science Club and Sponsor, Jessica Graves, have been selected as a State Winner in the 2023-2024 Solve for Tomorrow competition. The group's hard work earned the school a prize package of \$12,000 worth of Samsung technology, and they are now eligible to compete to become one of ten National Finalists. Solve for Tomorrow is a national competition that challenges U.S. public school students in grades 6-12 to explore the role that science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) can play in solving some of the most significant issues in their local communities.

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PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

YOUTH FALL SOCCER 2024/2025 SOCCER AGE GUIDELINES

AGE GROUP	U15	U12	U10	U8	U6
BIRTH YEAR	2011-2012 *2010*	2013-2014	2015-2016	2017-2018	2019-2020

2010 participants are only eligible if enrolled in 8th grade for the 2023/2024 school year.

YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL

Children in grades 1st - 6th for the 2024-25 school year are eligible to participate.

YOUTH CHEERLEADING

Children ages 5 - 12 as of August 31st, 2024, are eligible to participate.



EXPLORE:

Visit www.lansingsks.org/parksrec for more information about our Youth Programs



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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 2,020+ residents
- Lansing's Facebook Page has 6,700+ followers
- Lansing's Twitter Feed has 1,230+ 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

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