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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR RIVERA

As another summer is almost behind us, I hope you are all as excited about the fall season as I am. In addition to our famous Feast of the Three Saints and Bread and Roses Heritage Festival that mark the beginning of Lawrence's fall season, September also brings the start of a brand new school year. I would like to take a moment to wish students of all ages best wishes for this upcoming year and look forward to celebrating all that the last few weeks of summer and the start of fall have to offer with you!



MERRIMACK STREET LAND USE PLANNING



The Merrimack Street initiative is working to develop a land use strategy paid for by a \$3.9 million grant from the state's MassWorks program. Community meetings held at the McGovern Transportation Center provided more information to the public. The current work in Phase 1 consists of improvements to the corridor from the I-495 overpass to Union Street.

CONGRATS TO THE FOLLOWING CDBG AWARDEES!

Lawrence Family Development and Education Fund
Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence
Groundwork Lawrence, Inc.
NE Veterans Liberty House
Lawrence YMCA
Food for the World
Lawrence CommunityWorks
LMCC c/o Family Devel. of Merrimack Valley
Greater Lawrence Community Boating Program, Inc.
Arlington Community Trabajando
Lawrence Council on Aging
Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Inc.
Notre Dame Education Center
Merrimack Valley Immigrant & Education Center
Lawrence Adult Learning Center
Youth Development Organization

FUN IN THE SUN ACTIVITIES LED BY LAWRENCE YOUTH



The Recreation Department hosted its Summer Youth Program- a paid summer opportunity in which youth facilitate activities for children ages six to fourteen at the Campagnone Common and the Riverfront Park via Fun in the Sun. Daily activities included wiffleball, basketball, kickball, jump rope, board games, arts and crafts and Friday field trips. Boating took place at the Greater Lawrence Community Boathouse and live shows and movies at Wetherbee School.

LAWRENCE CULTURAL COUNCIL

Informational Session

WHEN

**September 16, 2015
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

WHERE

**Lawrence Heritage State Park
1 Jackson Street Lawrence, MA, 3rd floor**

**LEARN HOW TO COMPLETE GRANT
APPLICATIONS FOR FY 16
GRANT DEADLINE OCTOBER 15TH**

**LAWRENCE CULTURAL COUNCIL
PO BOX 326
LAWRENCE, MA 01840**

**978-620-3950
LAWRENCECULTURALCOUNCIL@GMAIL.COM**



Session opened to
individuals, schools
and cultural
organizations with the
purpose of enriching
cultural experiences
for residents of
Lawrence.



For submissions, please contact Jessica at
JValentin@cityoflawrence.com

DEPARTMENT UPDATES



Mayor Rivera took to Lawrence neighborhoods with 10 officers and staff from his office to knock on doors and let the community know that they can call the department whenever they need assistance. As part of the LPD's Community Engagement program under Chief Fitzpatrick, the LPD has implemented a **Text-A-Tip Service** (text: 274637 then type LAWPD followed by your message) residents can use to anonymously text in suspicious activity as well as disorder@lawpd.com and loudmusic@lawpd.com, which go directly to officers' phones for reference while on patrol.



The Lawrence Junior Police Academy graduated 44 Lawrence youth after a two week program with guests from the Air Wing Unit, K-9 Unit, Mass Bomb team, SWAT team and the district attorney's office.



Denis Villa accepting her certificates from the Lawrence Police Department and Mayor Rivera.

The Silent Call Procedure

If you need to call 9-1-1 and you are unable to speak for any reason, once the call is answered:

Press

1

If you need police



2

If you need fire



3

If you need an ambulance



If the 9-1-1 dispatcher asks questions, press

4

For YES ✓

5

For NO ⛔

Source: MA State 911 Department and the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security

www.mass.gov/e911

FIRE DEPARTMENT



The Lawrence Fire Department is thankful for receiving a 17-foot, flat-bottom boat through a government surplus equipment program. A local company, Brush Stroke Sign Design, donated and applied labeling on the boat, increasing both visibility and safety.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



In this edition of the "Made in Lawrence" series we celebrate Spector Textiles and their years of contributions in Lawrence. Owned and operated by President Howard Spector, Spector manufactures various types of textile products including laundry bags, visual screening mesh and other mesh products. More notably, Spector is contracted to manufacture Mass DOT reflective vests. Next time you see them out in the field know that their vests were proudly made in Lawrence. Other customers include Zoots Laundry Service and the US Armed Forces. Spector Textile is located on 10 Embankment St. between Essex and Water St. They employ 45 people of which 90% of them reside in Lawrence. Join us in congratulating Spector Textile!

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

Employee of Month

Julian Perez
Weights and Measures



Born and raised in the Dominican Republic, Mr. Perez graduated from the Conservatory of Music as a Music Teacher and from Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo as a Civil Engineer before his move to the United States in 1988. Prior to working for the City of Lawrence, he supervised the construction of the Beverly-Salem Bridge, was the Director of the construction of Route 1 and bridge over Gonaives Lake in Haiti, the Construction Supervisor of Fluo, building the gold mine in Cotui, Dominican Republic and the construction supervisor for sidewalk ramps for the City of Boston. Mr. Perez has also worked as a substitute teacher for the Greater Lawrence Technical School and serves on the GLTS engineering board. On his leisure time, Mr. Perez plays the saxophone with St. Mary's church choir. He is married to Elizabeth Morel and his children are Julissa, Julibeth, Xavier and Gabriel Perez.

PAYROLL DEPARTMENT

Lawrence is joining the growing ranks of cities striving to go paperless. This year the city has been working actively towards this goal and we'd like to thank all the employees who have signed up for the paperless option!

VETERANS' SERVICES



Veterans Services director Jaime Melendez attended the first annual CPL John M. Dawson fishing trip sponsored by Columbia Gas of Massachusetts in honor of CPL John M. Dawson-101st Airborne Division Association Massachusetts. Jaime was presented

with a plaque of a replica photo of the combat medic statue that stands outside the Academy of the Health Sciences at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio Texas.

ATTORNEY'S OFFICE



Fallen Officer Eugene Scanlon Dedication

Lawrence's City Attorney Charles Boddy, City Council at Large Roger Twomey along with Lawrence Police Officer Eugene Scanlon Jr. organized the dedication of the corner of Davis

and Amherst to fallen officer Eugene Scanlon Sr., lost in the line of duty over 42 years ago. Mayor Rivera provided the family a proclamation honoring his sacrifice and declaring the day "Fallen Patrolman Eugene F Scanlon Dr. Day."

WATER DEPARTMENT

As part of the City's Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Program, drainage investigations and dye testing will be conducted over the next few weeks throughout the City. During dye testing, the City representative will enter your building and flush a small amount of water containing a non-toxic, non-staining dye down the drain and monitor the storm drain pipes Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM unless otherwise scheduled. Field technicians will carry proper identification; do not allow anyone into your home without proper identification. If you are not home during dye testing, the field crew will leave a notice at your property with a telephone number for you to call and make an appointment.

NEW BUSINESS MOUNT VERNON DENTAL SOLUTIONS



525 S. Broadway, Lawrence, MA 01843
978-682-0641

LAWRENCE SUPERIOR COURT GREATER LAWRENCE VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL



Photo of Judges & the Jones Family: Michael Walsh, Court Officer; Judge James Lang, retired Judge Howard Whitehead, Judge Robert Cornetta and members of the Jones Family.

(Photos credit: Marissa A. Furnar, Judicial Secretary at Superior Court House)

This past spring, the Lawrence Superior Court Staff dedicated a plaque and podium, which was built by the students of the Greater Lawrence Vocational Technical School, in honor of the late Kevin Jones, who served as the Assistant Clerk at the Lawrence Superior Court for 32 years.

FOOD TRUCK PARK



Located in a formerly vacant lot at 372 Essex St, the space hosts local food trucks on Wednesdays through Fridays from 11am to 7pm in addition to the farmer's market on Wednesdays from 10am to 3pm. On Thursdays, the space is available for events such as musical shows, poetry readings and dance performances. Contact Abel Vargas, Director of Business and Economic Development (AVargas@cityoflawrence.com /978) 620-3015) to get on the calendar. Stay up to date by following us on Facebook ([Lawrence Food Truck Park](#)), Twitter ([@Lawfoodtrucks](#)) and Instagram ([@LawrenceFoodTruckPark](#)).

SENIOR CENTER



Over 100 elders walked in support of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. According to the National Center on Elder Abuse, every year an estimated 5 million Americans are victims of elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation. One report of abuse is ONE too many!!

FLAG RAISINGS

Celebrating the independence days of Colombia, Peru, Ecuador and constitution day for Puerto Rico, the community came together to recognize these important dates in history for some of the many represented cultures in our community.



Peruvian Flag Raising



Puerto Rican Flag Raising



Colombian Flag Raising



Ecuadorian Flag Raising

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

MAYOR'S HEALTH TASK FORCE/CHNA 11



PRESENTS CICLOVÍA

Hundreds took to downtown Lawrence for the 2nd annual Ciclovía, or Open Streets, on two Sundays in August. Soccer, volleyball, zumba, skating, biking, running, and walking were some of the physical activities taking place on the loop around City Hall. *Did you know that Ciclovía events started in Bogotá, Colombia in 1974? Lawrence Ciclovía is the only one in the Merrimack Valley and North Shore area.*



FARMERS MARKET

Starting Wednesday, July 8

Wednesdays / Miércoles
Food Truck Park (372 Essex St.), Lawrence 10AM-3PM

Fridays / Viernes
Holy Family Hospital, Methuen 10AM-3PM

Saturdays / Sábados
Sullivan Park, Winthrop Ave (Rt.114)
Lawrence 10AM-3PM

We accept / Aceptamos:
EBT/SNAP/Food Stamps, WIC, Senior Coupons, Cash, Debit, Credit
and Holy Family Hospital Farmers Market Voucher Program

For more information / Para más información:
978-974-0770
groundworklawrence.org/farmersmarket

GROUNDWORK LAWRENCE FARMERS MARKET

Lawrence General Hospital
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Rumbo Bank of America

Holy Family Hospital
A STOWARD FAMILY HOSPITAL

SEWARD

Check out the newly added Groundwork Lawrence Farmers Market location at the Lawrence Food Truck Park (372 Essex Street) 10am-3pm!

September 12
Merrimack Valley Prevention & Substance Abuse Project's Community Awareness Event,
"Reasons for Hope, Methuen Senior Center,
77 Lowell Street, 11:00AM – 1:00PM
(we support this event because Methuen is one of the cities under the purview of the MHTF as a Community Health Network Area through DPH)

September 17
Research Initiative Working Group's Training,
"Thinking Like a Funder", Cambridge College,
360 Merrimack Street, 9:30AM – 1:30PM

September 22
MHTF General Membership Meeting,
Lawrence Senior Center, 10:00AM – 12:00PM

September 26
Annual Bride's March to Denounce Domestic Violence,
Gather at the Lawrence Senior Center, 10:00AM

October 6
Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Kick-Off Breakfast, Lawrence Senior Center, 8:00AM – 10:00AM

October 9
MHTF Lawrence Youth Council's Presentation Ceremony,
location TBD, 5:00PM – 7:30PM

October 22
Annual Celebrating Women's Safety & Wellness,
Lawrence Senior Center, 5:00PM – 8:00PM



#CleanLawrence – clean your neighborhood, take a photo & hashtag on Social Media. Get your RECYCLING & YARD WASTE stickers at on the 2nd floor of City Hall, in the Department of Public Works.

YARD & WASTE SCHEDULE

September:

Tuesday 08 through Saturday 12
Monday 14 through Friday 18
Monday 21 through Friday 25

October:

September 28 through Friday 02
Tuesday 13 through Saturday 17
Monday 19 through Friday 23
Monday 26 through Friday 30



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SPICKET RIVER CLEAN UP • SEPTEMBER 19TH



MARCH OF THE BRIDES • SEPTEMBER 26TH

Memorial Walk

Join Us At The 13th Annual Brides' March
and Vow to Denounce Domestic Violence

Time: Marchers Will Gather at 10:00 AM
Walk will begin promptly at 11:00AM

When: Saturday September 26, 2015
Rain or Shine

Where: Lawrence Senior Center
155 Haverhill St.
Lawrence, MA

- We are calling on women to march in wedding dresses or to wear all white to represent mourning for victims of Domestic Violence.
- Men are encouraged to show their support by wearing all black.

Sponsors: Delamano Inc.
YWCA of Greater Lawrence
YWCA of Greater Haverhill
City of Lawrence Senior Center
City of Lawrence Mayor Health Task Force

This year's March is joined by For Hope and Healing, Rape Crisis Center in Lowell

Wedding Gowns donated by "Over The Rainbow" consignment store in Beverly, MA.

eliminating racism
empowering women
ywca
Where justice. Respect and dignity do all prevail.



For more information call Sandy Almonte, Delamano Inc. at 978-242-7788 or Vilma Lora, YWCA of Greater Lawrence at 978-687-0531.

FEAST OF THE THREE SAINTS • SEPTEMBER 4TH-6TH



BREAD AND ROSES FESTIVAL • SEPTEMBER 7TH, 12-6PM



DAY OF REMEMBRANCE • SEPTEMBER 26TH 12PM CAMPAGNONE COMMON



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING

September 16, 2015 • 6:00pm

St. Alfio Society at

20 Common St. Lawrence, MA

President Asdrovel Tejeda

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