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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

To my fellow neighbors and Friends of Lawrence, As the frost melts on our cars we can finally say, Welcome Spring! The past couple of months have been exciting in Lawrence. We had a wildly successful St. Patrick's Day Parade that drew thousands out in our community, and we also had a great Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny! As we get into the warmer months, I want to take a moment to wish all of our summer sports leagues a successful season. I also want to wish our Lawrence Public School students luck on their PARC and MCAS testing. I am looking forward to celebrating the numerous spring and summer events with you all!

The History of Lawrence Streets

The project consists of the following: learn the history of the streets of the city, who were its founders, dates, who were the first residents of those streets, important structures who lived or are still living in the streets.

To paint you may use: paper, pencils, painting, markers, watercolors, or more.

To construct you may use: cardboard, poster board, plastic, plaster, and legos, any flexible material. (We do not recommend the use of any sharp items, including types of materials that may be harmful for children)

**CONTEST APRIL 5, 2016
UNTIL MAY 30, 2016**

Ceremony Date will be
June 10, 2016 @ 5pm
at the Senior Center.

Age Groups and Categories:
5-9 years Painting
10-14 years Construction o Painting
10-11 years Construction o Painting
12-15 years Construction o Painting

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Senator Elizabeth Warren's Visit to Lawrence



Mayor Rivera and Senator Warren hosted a roundtable at the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council to discuss topics such as housing and early education. Senator Warren's visit to Lawrence included a stop at the Mayor's office where Abel Vargas, the City's Business and Economic Development Director, discussed the many state and

federal resources being leveraged along the corridor and how the TIGER Grant can be a catalyst to advance the city's priorities

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For inquiries, contact Jessica at
jvalentin@cityoflawrence.com



Fire Department: 6 New Graduates

Congratulations to Lawrence Recruit Firefighters Mark Lynch, Luis Nova, Jamiel Ortiz, Daniel Sirois, Patrick Sweeney, Ontoniel Pedrosa and all the members of Class 242 who graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy.



Small Business Spotlight

Guardian Healthcare, owned by Jose De La Rosa, focuses on home healthcare services to families in Lawrence, Springfield, Brockton and Boston. Congrats to Jose on receiving the 2016 Recipient of the MA SBA Minority Small Business of the year!

Planning and Development

Redevelopment will be taking place for the Lawrence Manchester Rail Corridor. Plan LMRC has begun gathering community input for the redevelopment of this site for the benefit of the community with the goals of economic development, job creation and improved quality of life.

SENIOR TAX WORK OFF PROGRAM

Are you ...

- 60 year or older?
- A homeowner in the City of Lawrence?
- Looking for property tax credit?
- Have some time to spare?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions then this program is for you!

Starting March 1, 2016 the City of Lawrence in Partnership with the Lawrence Senior Center will be kicking off its "Senior Tax Work Off Program".

- Space is limited
- Some Restrictions apply



Please contact the Lawrence Senior Center for more information and how you can apply.

Lawrence Senior Center
155 Haverhill Street
Lawrence, MA 01840
978-620-3550

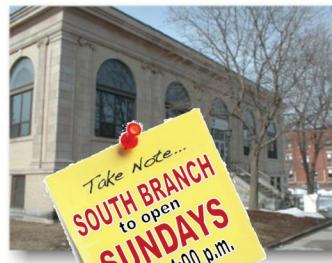


Senior Center

Thank you Rich Russell for joining the Veterans Office and providing services to our veterans. Contact Senior Center Director, Martha Velez, at **978-620-3541** if you or someone you know is interested in the program.

Lawrence Public Library South Branch

135 Parker Street



Beginning February, 28, 2016

Main Library □ 51 Lawrence Street, Lawrence, MA 01841 □ 978-620-3600 □ FAX 978-722-9540
Branch □ 135 Parker Street, Lawrence, MA 01843 □ 978-620-3550 □ www.lawrencefreelibrary.org

Lawrence Public Library

Looking for affordable summer family activities? The Lawrence Public Library offers FREE and discounted passes to the following locations.

For the full list, visit www.lawrencefreelibrary.org
Boston's Children's Museum
Merrimack Repertory Theatre, Lowell
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
Imagine That, Lawrence
Museum of Science, Boston
Stone Zoo/Franklin Park Zoo, Boston
Discovery Museums, Acton



Lawrence Neighborhood Association Partnership Presented City Wide Neighborhood Association Meeting

Residents heard from city elected officials and leaders as well as each neighborhood association organizers on how to get involved. If you missed this meeting and want to learn more about your neighborhood association, contact the Mayor's Office at **978-620-3010**.



Arts Lawrence Summit

Year two has begun as the arts and cultural groups of Lawrence continue to form collaborations and work closer together on events and programming. The summit attracted local artists and organizations and offered the opportunity for networking, as participants learned about the new www.artslawrence.org site, Facebook page (Arts Lawrence) and email list info@artslawrence.org. Participants were also the first to hear from the Lawrence Makers Space crew who announced their name -The M.I.L.L., which stands for Maker Innovation Lab in Lawrence, -as a result of a community survey- The crew set up mini-shops where one could learn about computer animation, textile production, and other disciplines to be offered at the space at the Everett Mill.



Lawrence High School Drama Guild Presents Shrek!

Two weeks and half a dozen shows, the students at LHS wowed their audiences once again with an entertaining performance of Shrek. Congratulations to the cast who worked hard to put on a Shrek-tacular performance!



Light Up Lawrence Fireworks Fundraiser

Sponsored by the Lawrence Rotary Club, the fundraiser attracted many community members who contributed to the \$8,000 goal for this year's 4th of July fireworks event scheduled for July 3, 2016. Want to support? Visit and share GoFundMe.com/LightUpLawrence



Lawrence Landscapes

A couple hundred community members stopped by to bid on the recent artwork of Lawrence Public School students. Congrats to the four students from the Parthum Middle School, Rey Mojica, Maddison Demars, Kaylee Sostre, and Kacya Polanco, for achieving national gold and silver medal recognition in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. They are the first students from the city of Lawrence to achieve this recognition.

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards is the nation's longest-running recognition program for creative teens in grades 7 through 12. Established in 1923, some notable recipients include artist Andy Warhol, novelist Truman Capote, poet and novelist Sylvia Plath, author Stephen King, and writer and actress Lena Dunham.

Lawrence receives SCI Connect for Community Impact Award from Eastern Bank

Recognized for the ability to leverage relationships and social capital to bring about positive change, Lawrence continues to make an impact through its partnerships-Groundwork Lawrence, Lawrence Community Works, and the YWCA- to name a few. SCI, Social Capital Inc., is a non-profit whose aim is to increase social capital and community engagement in Eastern Massachusetts communities. In the process, SCI has developed tools, program models, trainings and other resources to help communities boost their social capital and thus better tackle issues of concern.





The Mayor's Health Task Force/CHNA 11 Hosts International Visitors

Having spoken about the partnership and collaborative efforts that have existed in the city for years, particularly through Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) projects, Dr. Vish Viswanath from Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard School of Public Health, and members of his staff at DFCI Center for Community Based Research, took members of an international student delegation, from the universities of Tokyo, Japan, and Hong Kong, China, and Lugano, Switzerland, to see first-hand how the partnerships have flourished and evolved.

The team was comprised of professors, doctoral graduate and multi-level Public Health degree candidates, who are currently working on a series of related projects, from healthy food access, work with undeserved immigrant populations, to work with the aging population. The group visited with the MHTF and Office of Planning and Development staff, before visiting the Senior Center, the State Heritage Park, learning about the expansive built environment projects undertaken by Groundwork Lawrence in partnership with the City, particularly about the Spicket River Greenway. The day culminated with an informal talk with the Mayor at El Taller.



Get Involved!

Planning is underway for both the **S.A.L.S.A. Festival in June** and **Lawrence Ciclovía** (open streets) events in August. Interested persons are asked to contact Vilma Lora, at vlora@cityoflawrence.com for matters related to the Ciclovía, and Rose Gonzalez at rgonzalez@groundworklawrence.org for questions related to the S.A.L.S.A. Festival.

May 24, 2016 MHTF General Meeting, presenters, MHTF Lawrence Youth Council, "Our Year in Review", Lawrence Senior Center, 155 Haverhill Street, 10:00AM – 12:00PM.



Yard Waste Schedule (May and June)

MAY:

MONDAY 9TH – FRIDAY 13TH

MONDAY 23RD – FRIDAY 27TH

JUNE:

MONDAY 6TH – FRIDAY 10TH

MONDAY 20TH – FRIDAY 24TH



Making Lawrence Greener & Cleaner

One of many groups spread out across the city for our annual Earth Day clean up. Community leaders, elected officials, organizations, and many Lawrence students came out to clean our streets. Special thank you to Comcast and Groundwork Lawrence for a great event!

SAVE THE DATE!

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14th Annual Beautification Day

Saturday May 21, 2016

Belleview and Saint Mary's Cemeteries
Meet at Saint Mary's Mausoleum
61 Woodland Street
Methuen, MA 01844
9:00am - 12:00pm
RAIN OR SHINE



Volunteers Wanted!!! Volunteers Wanted!!!

Ceremony for Veteran Flag Disposal

Volunteer Cookout to Follow

At the Red Barn
Reservoir Street
12:00pm - 2:00pm



Flags! Food! And Fun!

For more information please contact Jaime Melendez or Dawna Mackland-Rivera 978-620-3282

SAVE THE DATE!

"Celebrating Health" 13TH "Fiesta de Salud"

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Sábado 14 de Mayo, 2016

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Lawrence Senior Center, 155 Haverhill Street, Lawrence, MA
978-620-3540



Community Food Pantry!
¡Dispensa de Alimentos para la comunidad!

Free Wellness Health Screenings
Blood Pressure, Dental, Eyes, Glucose, Foot Screenings.

Pruebas Gratis del Bienestar de la Salud
¡Presión Arterial, Dentales, Visión, Glucosa, Chequeo de los pies.



Bike Raffles!
¡Rifa de Bicicletas!

Entertainment for the Entire Family!
¡Entretenimiento para Toda la Familia!

IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER, THE FAIR WILL BE HELD INDOORS EN CASO DE MAL TIEMPO LA FERIA SE LLEVARÁ ACABO BAJO TECHO



Children's Activities!
Sumo Wrestling, Clown, Inflatable Obstacle Course, Face Painting and More...

¡Actividades para niños!
Payaso, Lucha Libre Sumo, Pintando caras y Más...

Tell Us What You Need!
¡Díganos Lo Que Necesita!



Lawrence Fire Department!
¡Departamento de Bomberos de Lawrence!

"Green" cleaning solutions and environmental education
Soluciones de limpieza "Verde" y educación ambiental.

Door Prizes, Food, Music, Exercising, and More!
¡Premios, Comida, Música, Ejercicios, y Más!



DJ Angel
Cooking Activities!
Nutrition Games!
¡Actividades de cocina y nutrición!

Sponsored by:

The Diabetes Today Coalition; Mayor Dan Rivera, American Diabetes Assoc.; City of Lawrence: Community Development Lead Program, Dep. Of Public Works, Fire Department, Lawrence Council on Aging, Recycling Dept., Bricoblocs, Boston University School of Dental Medicine, Broadway Dental, Caregiver Homes, Child Development and Education, Cooking Matters, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Fallon Family Services of the Merrimack Valley, Genesis Health Center, Goodwill, Grafton, Greater Boston Food Bank, Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Leominster Prevention Center, Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, Groundwork Lawrence, Holy Name Hospital, Hospital for the Homeless, Holyoke YMCA, Lawrence Community Action Council, Merrimack Valley Health Task Force, Merrimack Valley Community Action Corp/VP, Merrimack Valley YMCA, MSHCC, NECCO, New Balance, Polished, LLC, Project Citizenship, Tobacco Free Partnership, U Mass Extension, Walgreen's Pharmacy, YWCA of Greater Lawrence.

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