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## Message from the Mayor

Residents and Friends of Lawrence, As another summer is almost past, 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 want to take a moment to wish students of all ages the best of luck in this upcoming year. I look forward to celebrating all that the last few weeks of summer and the start of fall have to offer with you!

Sincerely,  
Dan Rivera  
Mayor & CEO

**SAVE THE DATE**  
2016 Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>

Manchester St Park | 8am - 1pm



Volunteers of all ages are welcome. We also welcome for-profit, non-profit and community organizations to volunteer as groups. Sponsorship opportunities available. Contact info@groundworklawrence.org, (978) 974-0770 X7001.

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**This year's National Night Out** events brought community members together from across the city to learn about fire safety, police and SWAT practices, resources, and to enjoy the BBQs and activities in the parks and neighborhoods. Thank you to all of the participating organizations and neighborhood associations for continuing this important annual event!

For inquiries, contact Jessica at [jvalentin@cityoflawrence.com](mailto:jvalentin@cityoflawrence.com)



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## Police Department



### Officer of the Month Officer Eric Cerullo

Officer Cerullo was awarded Officer of the Month for July as a result of his fast acting in driving an ambulance to the hospital for EMT's that needed to focus on a gunshot victim. Officer Cerullo volunteered to drive the ambulance when he realized the victim needed immediate and substantial medical treatment. "Had Officer Cerullo not acted as quickly as he did, the victim may not have survived his injuries," said Police Chief James Fitzpatrick. "The professionalism that Officer Cerullo displayed is an example of the caliber of policing the community can expect from the Lawrence Police Department."

## Fire Department



### Firefighter Peter Humphrey

Thank you to Firefighter Peter Humphrey for rescuing this dog at a recent house fire on Spring St!

Left Image

### Commonwealth Motors

Thank you to Commonwealth Motors for the very generous donation of gear racks to the fire department!

Bottom Image



## Online Bill Payment is now live!

### E-billing

Online features include e-billing, single shopping cart payment for multiple bill types and the ability to view and print original bill copies for current or past bills. E-Checks are FREE! Bills that will be payable with the new online system include:

- Real Estate Tax
- Personal Property Tax
- Excise Tax
- Utility Bill

Taxpayers will be able to register online for e-billing and paperless options and pay bills online by visiting: [www.cityoflawrence.com](http://www.cityoflawrence.com) and clicking on the "Pay a Bill" tab.

Questions? Call the City of Lawrence Tax Collectors office at 978-620-3170.

### Employee of the Month Carmen Zorrilla



Carmen Zorrilla has been working for the City of Lawrence for 2 1/2 years. She began working as a clerk in the Water Department, then moved to Inspectional Services Department as Senior Clerk and now works as Senior Clerk to the Building Department. Carmen is a very dynamic and dedicated employee focused on serving the needs of the community and its residents. Carmen possesses a very positive and vibrant attitude accompanied by excellent customer service. She recently received her Bachelors in Business Administration from Cambridge College.

## Planning and Development



The end of June and first part of July saw three new parks added to the City of Lawrence.



On June 28th, the Mayor and the State delegation we were joined by Matthew Beaton, Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, to open up 3.3 acres of land at the confluence of the North Canal, and the Spicket and Merrimack Rivers on a property known as "the Ferrous Site." This park, where bald eagles are seen along the river in winter, will provide passive recreation, picnicking, and exploration in a scenic "urban wild" setting. The local nonprofit environmental organization, Groundwork Lawrence, received a grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Signature Urban Parks Initiative to buy the property and build the park on behalf of the City. Groundwork transferred title to the property to the City on the week of the ribbon cutting. On July 15th, everyone had a fun and wet time at the grand opening of the Spray Park at the Point ([operates Monday-Friday 8:00am-9:00pm, Saturday and Sunday 8:00am-10:00pm](#)) at the intersection of East Haverhill Street and Newbury Street in the North Common Neighborhood. It was perfect timing as that day ushered in a heat wave that has persisted over the past several weeks, and the Point has taken on a beach vibe as children cool off and parents and older siblings watch from blankets and chairs on the shady hillside. The Point is the former location of the St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church, which was demolished in the 1980's. Special thanks go to Groundwork Lawrence and Lawrence Community Works which organized the community input and planning for this park. Lastly, we joined 200 young people at a soccer clinic at the brand new John P. Kane Park, at Osgood and East Cambridge Street in South Lawrence – to celebrate the completion and opening of the City's newest park which includes a new, irrigated, regulation size soccer field on natural turf, as well as a walking path, a new playground, and adult exercise equipment. Each of these parks was funded with Grants from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. The City's CDBG program provided matching funds for the Spray Park and the Kane Park, and the City used Chapter 90 funds to replace deteriorated sidewalks along the East Haverhill side of the Spray Park. These three park additions provide 7 additional acres of recreation land to the City. Special thanks go to our hardworking state delegation who continue to support park improvement programs in the legislative and appropriations process on Beacon Hill.

## Elections Office

September 8th, 2016

PLEASE NOTE that Election Day is taken place on a THURSDAY, September 8th, 2016. Polls will be open from 7:00am - 8:00pm.

## Illegal Dumping Bill Made Into Law

The five year old legislative proposal to address illegal dumping in Lawrence was made into law, placing greater fines and possible criminal penalties for the most egregious illegal dumping violators. The new fines can range upwards to \$10,000. "This bill will hold people accountable and ensure that we have an enhanced quality of life for our residents and I am proud to have supported it," said Mayor Daniel Rivera, who was a member of the City Council in 2011. "I want to thank our State Delegation for working so hard to get this bill passed and particularly Rep. Marcos Devers for getting the ball rolling for us on the state level." An important component to the proposal is the creation of a dedicated account where the fines collected can only be spent on illegal dumping related matters.

## Lawrence Public Library



July brought many library patrons, young and old, to the library for the Summer Reads program. Performers, magicians, authors and a family literacy night (Andover Bread Loaf) were some of what was offered during the month.

**Did you know** that the library's online database (access with your library card-FREE) offers tutoring with live assistance? Visit the library to learn more!

## School Sports

### ★ Football

#### Lancers (0-0)

Lawrence Veterans Memorial Stadium,  
70-71 N Parish Rd, Lawrence, MA

vs. Lowell High	Sept. 9th, 2016	7:00 PM
vs. Dracut High	Sept. 16th, 2016	7:00 PM
vs. North Andover High	Sept. 30th, 2016	7:00 PM
vs. Methuen High	Oct. 14th, 2016	7:00 PM

#### Reggies (0-0)

Louis E. Gleason Stadium, 57 River Rd, Andover

vs. Somerville High	Sept. 10th, 2016	10:30 AM
vs. Greater Lowell Tech	Sept. 24th, 2016	10:30 AM
vs. Essex Tech	Oct. 8th, 2016	10:30 AM
vs. Mystic Valley	Oct. 15th, 2016	7:00 PM

### ★ Volleyball

#### Lancers (0-0)

Big Gym, 70-71 N Parish Rd, Lawrence

vs. Methuen High	Sept. 7th, 2016	6:00 PM
vs. Lowell High	Sept. 9th, 2016	6:00 PM
vs. North Andover High	Sept. 14th, 2016	6:00 PM
vs. Andover High	Sept. 19th, 2016	6:00 PM
vs. Chelmsford High	Oct. 14th, 2016	6:00 PM

#### Reggies (0-0)

Big Gym, 57 River Rd, Andover

vs. Notre Dame	Sept. 7th, 2016	5:30 PM
vs. Chelsea	Sept. 9th, 2016	5:30 PM
vs. Whittier Tech	Sept 14th, 2016	5:30 PM
vs. Shawsheen Tech	Sept. 16th, 2016	5:30 PM
vs. Greater Lowell Tech	Sept. 21st, 2016	5:30 PM
vs. Northeast	Sept. 29th, 2016	5:30 PM

### ★ Cross Country

#### Lancers (0-0)

Big Gym, 70-71 N Parish Rd, Lawrence

vs. Dracut High	Sept. 14th, 2016	4:00 PM
vs. Andover High	Oct. 10th, 2016	4:00 PM

#### Reggies (0-0)

Big Gym, 57 River Rd, Andover

vs. Lynn Tech & Minuteman	Sept. 14th, 2016	4:00 PM
vs. Notre Dame	Oct. 4th, 2016	4:15 PM

**For full game calendar, visit the sites below!**

#### Lawrence:

<http://lawrencehighathletics.com/main/calendar>  
<http://lawrencehighathletics.com/>

#### Greater Lawrence:

<http://ma.8to18.com/greaterlawrence/calendar/9/2016>  
<http://ma.8to18.com/GreaterLawrence/>

## Mayors Health Task Force/CHNA 11

The MHTF was busy throughout the summer with initiatives ranging from Mass in Motion to the third annual Lawrence Ciclovia. Here are some of the highlights:

### Lawrence Mass in Motion (MiM)



Lawrence has entered its third year as a Mass in Motion community under the Mass. Dept. of Public Health. As part of this statewide network which seeks to improve health and wellness of its residents, through physical activity and healthy eating, Lawrence MiM has been working tirelessly with the Office of Planning and Development, the Department of Public Works, and the Lawrence Police Department, on the Complete Streets Initiative, as well as Parks and Open Spaces. As a result of this work, a Complete Streets Ordinance has been passed and projects have been filed with the MA DOT. Work is also underway to institute a Park/Open Space Stewardship program, through the Department of Public Works. Our Healthy on The Block/Bodegas Saludables (HoTB) Project is also gaining traction and our subcontractor, Groundwork Lawrence, has been working to get the currently participating bodegas up and running as fully fledged HoTB participants. Essex Market and El Mello are two noteworthy mentions of this initiative.



**Lawrence CICLOVIA 2016**

### Lawrence Ciclovia 2016



### Lawrence Ciclovia 2016 was an even bigger success than previous years!

This year we welcomed more people, saw more bikes and more helmets being used, and people of varying abilities and ages, join us for our annual Open Streets event. Children's tricycle races, and volleyball, basketball and soccer on the streets, were among the various activities offered at this event. Our many thanks to our long list of partners for making this event the success it was. Special thanks to Betsy Goodrich from the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission, who with Vilma Martinez-Dominguez, MHTF Coordinator, co-chaired the planning committee for the second consecutive year. The MHTF also thanks those joining us for the first time UMass Lowell, who assisted with the evaluation component of Ciclovía, MassBike, who joined by MassDOT/Safe Routes to Schools and BiciCocina, educated participants on bike and pedestrian safety, Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, who gave away close to 100 helmets, courtesy of Lawrence General Hospital, and the Office of Planning & Development, which hosted a Healthy Streets booth, showcasing the many construction and infrastructural projects in our streets, parks and open spaces currently happening in our City. Special mention too to all the businesses along the route that opened and joined in the festivities, whether it was by offering refreshments, hosting games, or outreaching to the Ciclovia participants, thank you for your participation. Ciclovia could not have been the success it was without you.

Looking forward to Lawrence Ciclovia 2017!!



# Making Lawrence Green & Cleaner

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2016**

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Wednesdays / Miércoles  
Campagnone North Common, Lawrence 10AM-3PM

Fridays / Viernes  
254 Broadway, Methuen 10AM-3PM  
(next to Methuen Federal Credit Union)

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

[info@groundworklawrence.org](mailto:info@groundworklawrence.org), (978) 974-0770 x7001



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## LAWRENCE CULTURAL COUNCIL Informational Session

### WHEN

**September 22, 2016  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

### WHERE

**Lawrence Heritage State Park**

1 Jackson Street Lawrence, MA, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

**LEARN HOW TO COMPLETE NEW  
ONLINE APPLICATION FOR FY 17  
GRANT DEADLINE OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

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LAWRENCE, MA 01840**

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LAWRENCECULTURALCOUNCIL@GMAIL.COM**



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



## Greater Lawrence Day of Remembrance

Saturday, September 24th at 1:00 pm  
Campagnone Common (across from City Hall)

