



# CITY OF LAWRENCE MASSACHUSETTS

# The Common NEWS



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## Message from the Mayor

As we see the leaves changing for the Fall season, we as a City have also been inspired to promote change especially throughout the month of October where it was Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence Awareness month. During the past month, organizations that made the effort in promoting these important groups have inspired the community to work together, promote, educate, respect, and strengthen each other about these causes and I would like to personally thank everyone who made this possible. I look forward to the many upcoming community events leading up to the Holidays and want to wish you all happy and healthy holidays to your loved ones.

Sincerely,  
Dan Rivera  
Mayor & CEO



## Police Department



Photo Caption: Mayor Rivera swore in Lawrence's first bilingual police class October 14 at NECC Methuen Police Academy.

## Officer of the Month



Officer Timothy Yerian was awarded Officer of the Month for August and Detective Shaun McLellan was awarded Officer of the Month for September for their exemplary job performance in their duties to the City of Lawrence. Officer Yerian was awarded Officer of the Month for the Month of August as a result of his fast acting saving the life of a prisoner who attempted suicide. He entered the cell and gave the prisoner initial medical care until EMT's and paramedics arrived. Detective McLellan was awarded Officer of the Month for September as a result of his fast acting in the apprehension of a male armed with a firearm. Detective McLellan consciously chose not to use deadly force and was able to apprehend the suspect without incident. "Detective McLellan and Officer Yerian's actions set an example of the hard work our officers do on a daily basis to keep our community safe, and I am thankful to have their professionalism and expertise on our force." Mayor Rivera.

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## Fire Department



Saturday, October 15, 2016

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Central Fire Station  
Lowell Street



Photo Caption: 4 new graduates have joined the Lawrence Fire Dept. From the Left are Fire Fighters Rodrigues, Reyes, Ruiz, and Beauregard.

**October was Fire Prevention Month.** The Lawrence Fire Dept welcomed families to an open house event to educate citizens on fire safety. There was food, fun and information for all ages.

## Elections Office

Early voting took place here at City Hall



Mon - Fri	(10/24 - 10/28)	8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday	(10/29)	8:30 am-12:30
Sunday	(10/30)	10:00 am-2:00 pm
Mon. - Fri	(10/31 - 11/4)	8:30 am-4:30 pm

Photo Caption: Senator Warren joins Senator L'Italien, Mayor Rivera, and other officials on Monday, October 24th, 2016 to kick off early voting which began that same day and ended on Friday, November 4th, 2016.



## Assessor's Office: Maria Halloran



It is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of Maria Halloran to the Board of Assessors. Maria brings over 25 years of experience from the Tax Collector's Office; where she held the position of Head Cashier. As an Assessor she will be responsible for determining full and fair cash valuations, classifying all property, assigning tax payments to owners, and generating the commitment authorizing the Treasurer/Collector to collect property taxes and motor vehicle excise. Maria attained a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts Lowell and is fluent in both English and Spanish. She is currently attending the assessor training course offered by the Department of Revenue in Assessment Administration: Law, Procedures and Valuation. Maria is a City of Lawrence resident and is married with three children.

## Community Development Department: Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

# OCTOBER 23-29 2016

## Water Department Named Utility of the Year in August



New England Water Works Association recently recognized the City of Lawrence Water Department as this year's Utility of the Year Award. The award recognizes Lawrence for its "significant improvements to the water system infrastructure, customer service, staff training and operations to further protect public health of the customers it serves". "Lawrence has been working hard to maximize the purification efforts of our drinking water," said Mayor Daniel Rivera. "I commend our Water Department and thank the New England Water Works Association for acknowledging our efforts to make Lawrence better."



The City of Lawrence  
Participates in

**LEAD POISONING  
PREVENTION WEEK  
OCTOBER 23-29, 2016**

Get Your Home Tested



Get Your Child Tested



Learn About Drinking Water



Understand The Facts



#LeadFreeKids  
#LPPW2016



Hundreds of thousands of children living in the United States have elevated blood lead levels that may cause significant damage to their health. They can develop behavior and learning problems such as: hyperactivity, slowed growth, hearing problems, and aggressive patterns of behavior. Stopping a child's exposure to lead from leaded paint, house dust, or any other source is the best way to prevent the harmful effects of lead.

To raise awareness of the consequences of lead poisoning among parents and pregnant women who live in homes built before 1978, the City of Lawrence Lead Abatement Program is participating in Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, which is October 24th -29th 2016. The City of Lawrence joins the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in encouraging parents to learn more about how to prevent lead poisoning.

This year's Lead Poisoning Prevention theme is "Lead-Free Kids for a Healthy Future," as it underscores the importance of testing your home and testing your child. The City of Lawrence, in partnership with the Office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) offers grants of up to \$10,000 per unit to assist Lawrence residents with lead inspections and deleading with the purpose of creating healthy, lead safe environments for children to live in. For more information please call Evelyn Urena 978-620-3518.



## Hispanic Heritage Month: ETodos, Int'l Book Fair, Award Ceremony



Hispanic Heritage Month honored many members in the City of Lawrence as well as other Distinguished Guests this year. These were honorees who were business owners, artists, and community and youth activists in and out of Lawrence. All of those honored were recognized for their efforts in the Hispanic Community and the success that they reached through their hard work and aspirations. Congratulations to all of the Honorees this month!

## Day of Remembrance



Lee Fickenworth led the third Lawrence Community gathering to remember those lost to violence. Performances were held by Lawrence High School's Girls' Ensemble and remarks by elected officials were made.

## 14th Annual Brides' March



The 14th Annual Brides' March took place on Monday, September 26, 2016. Many gathered and marched together as a vow to denounce domestic violence. Sponsors like Delamano Inc, YWCA of Lawrence and Haverhill, City of Lawrence Senior Center, and the City of Lawrence Mayor Health Task Force sponsored this purposeful and successful event.



## Mayors Health Task Force/CHNA 11 3rd Annual Youth Council Presentation Ceremony



Mayor's Health Task Force recognizes the third Cohort for the 2016-2017 Lawrence Youth Council at El Taller on Thursday, October 27, 2016 for their work in promoting justice and health wellness in our community.

## Making Lawrence Green & Cleaner



On Saturday, September 17th, the 15th Annual Spicket River Cleanup was hosted by Lawrence Groundwork. Mayor Rivera, Congresswoman Tsongas, and Senator L'italien helped kick off the event. Many volunteers showed up at the event to contribute in keeping Lawrence green and clean.

## Breast Cancer Awareness Month

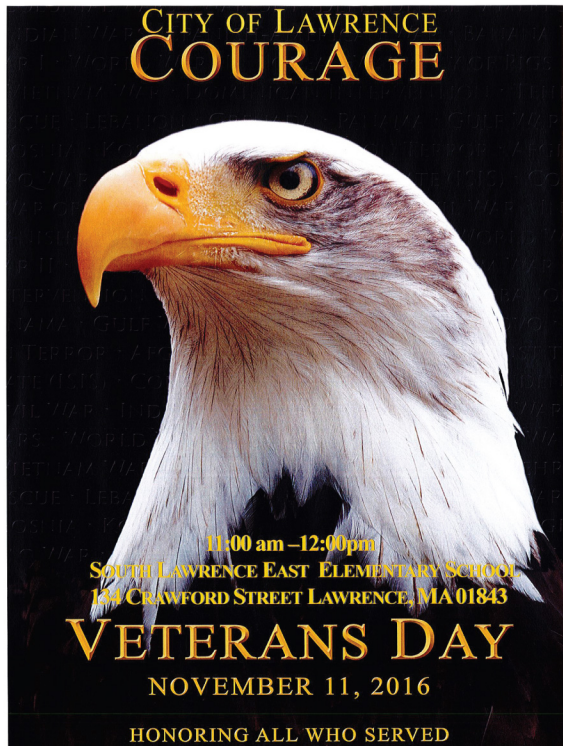


The Lawrence Senior Center held a Breast Cancer Awareness Kick-off event where many supporters joined in a walk around the Campognone Common Park and was followed by a trivia event.



## Veteran's Day: Honoring All Who Served

Friday, Nov 11th, 2016  
11:30 am



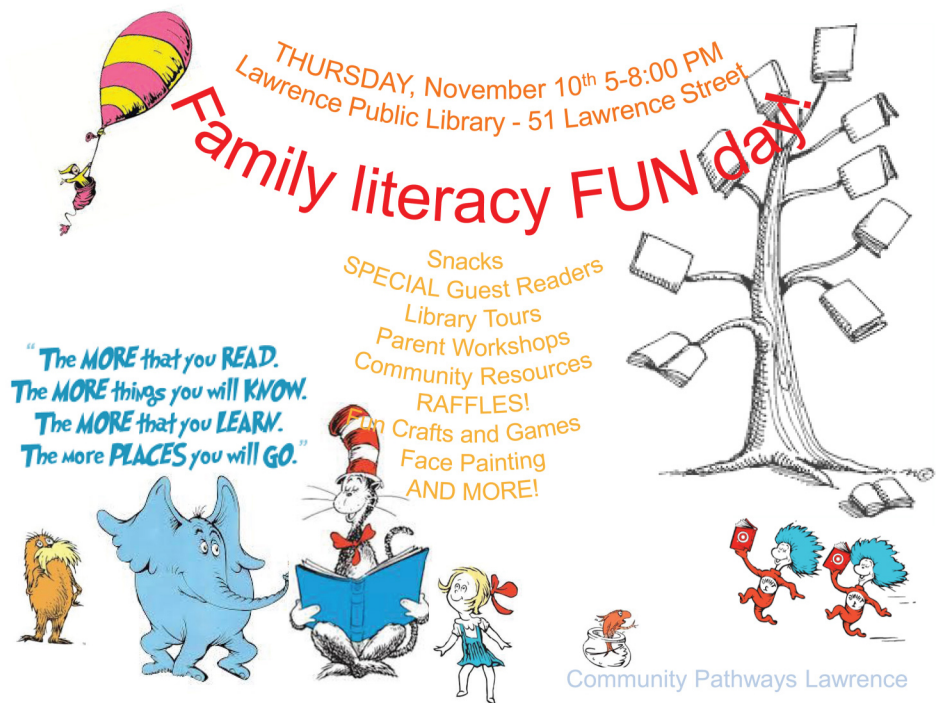
## Tree Lighting

December 9, 2016  
5:00 - 8:00 pm



## Family Literacy Fun Day

Thursday, Nov 10, 2016  
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm



## Film Screening of Beyond the Wall

November 16, 2016 at the Lawrence Public Library  
6:00 - 8:00 pm

