



# CITY OF LAWRENCE MASSACHUSETTS

## The Common NEWS



Edition 20 | July-August 2017



978.620.3010 | [www.cityoflawrence.com](http://www.cityoflawrence.com)

### MESSAGE FROM MAYOR RIVERA

To my fellow residents and friends of the City of Lawrence, while we come to an end of our fun in the sun, we welcome the beginning of the fall season with our famous Feast of the Three Saints and Bread and Roses heritage Festival. With the new season brings a new school year for our students. I would like to wish our students the best of luck and success as they are the future to making Lawrence Better. I look forward to celebrating the last few weeks of summer, the fall season, and the new beginnings it has to offer!

Sincerely,  
Dan Rivera  
Mayor & CEO

### POLICE DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT

So many things were happening this summer in the Police Department. The police Department's and the community's involvement and working together are what is going to make Lawrence safer.

#### LPD JR ACADEMY

The program is in its 10th year and graduated 41 cadets with 54 participating in this year's program. The LPD Junior Academy aims to educate adolescents from ages 14 to 19 of Police Department's daily objectives and to foster relationships between our youth and our police officers.



### OFFICERS OF THE MONTH



Detective Zachary Taylor-July



Officer Edward Estrada-August

### TRAINING SERIES



ICYMI: Mayor Dan Rivera and Chief Fitzpatrick announced a training series for the Lawrence Police Department that will be run by former Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis and his team at a press conference yesterday. Officers will get specialized training on community relations and officer well-being.

### MAYOR PROMOTES TOP OFFICERS 3 LIEUTENANTS, 3 SERGEANTS TO LEAD DEPARTMENT, AND SWORE IN SEVERAL MEMBERS OF OUR AUXILIARY FORCE AS SPECIAL OFFICERS



For inquiries, contact Cassandra at [cabou-farah@cityoflawrence.com](mailto:cabou-farah@cityoflawrence.com)



## DEPARTMENT UPDATES

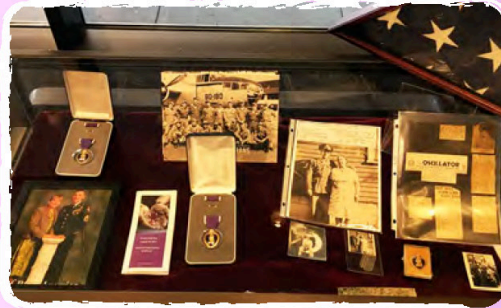
### FIRE DEPARTMENT

PET Oxygen Masks for the treatment of a pet rescued during a fire that is suffering from smoke inhalation is now available. These were donated by the Canine Company out of Connecticut. These are carried in each fire station.



### VETERAN SERVICES

Purple Heart Day was celebrated on August 7, 2017 and hosted at the Lawrence Public Library. Many showed for this special day to honor all Purple Heart recipients who were wounded or killed while serving in the U.S. Military.



### SENIOR CENTER

#### Senior Tax Work-Off Program

As a part of the Senior Tax work off program, the Lawrence Public Library will be having extra volunteers until the month of October due to the program. In the picture is Jessica Valentin, Library Director, Laura Alefantis, Admin Asst at the Senior Center, and the volunteers.



### ICE CREAM SOCIAL WITH REP. FRANK MORAN

Representative Frank Moran along with his wife sponsored an ice cream social at the Lawrence Senior Center. Thank you for supporting our seniors and City.



### LIBRARY WRITING CAMP

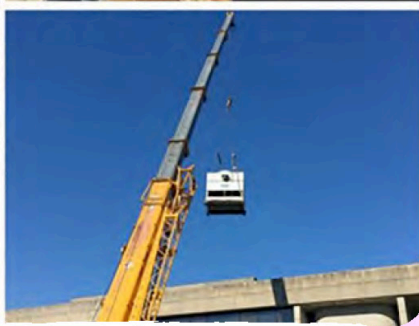
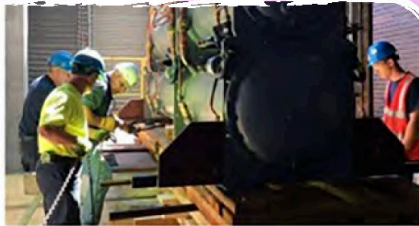
Writing Camp, sponsored by Andover Bread Loaf rand for 6 days. 40 youth showed up on the first day and kept increasing. It's a beautiful summer activity and our Lawrence kids were spending it writing at the library.



### LIBRARY

#### NEW HVAC SYSTEM

After at least a decade, The Lawrence Public Library is getting closer to having a system that controls their heat and air conditioning.



### NEW 2017 LADDER TRUCK

This is built by KME as well and is a 100 foot aerial platform. This truck is being trained on now and will be in service in the coming days and will operate out of Central Fire Station on Lowell St. I will attach a photo of that as well.



## DEPARTMENT UPDATES

### ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

#### *Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Program*

On Tuesday, August 15, 2017, the Lawrence City Council unanimously supported a voluntary Payment in Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) Program for all tax-exempt Institutions. There was a general consensus that nonprofits should contribute some amount toward their consumption of essential services such as police and fire protection, as well as public works street cleaning and snow removal. These services consume approximately 25 percent of Lawrence's budget, and city councilors voted the PILOT contributions should be equal to 25 percent of what Institution might expect to pay in real estate taxes if the exempt property were taxable.

In Lawrence, the percentage of total property value that is tax-exempt is 21.55% and projected to increase in the next year. Tax-exempt parcels have many different owners and uses, such as hospitals, schools, churches, social services and cultural institutions. Chief Assessor Alexcy Vega and City Councilor Marc Laplante will hold informational meetings at City Hall during the fall/winter to provide information and answer any questions about the Pilot Program.

### EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

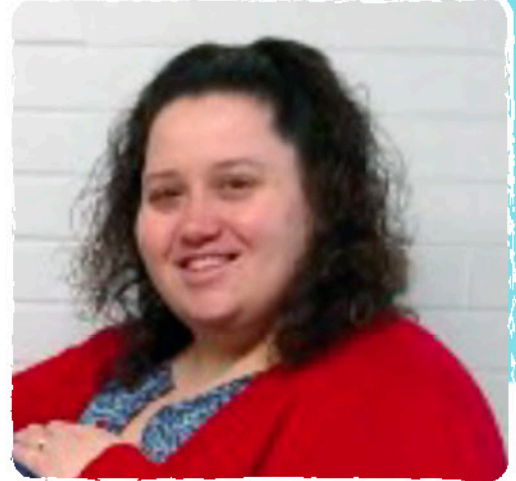
August - Olivia Rosa



Lawrence resident Olivia Rosa shows the love she has for her community through her work with the City of Lawrence Lead Abatement Program. For the past 4 years she has been a self-driven, self-motivated individual who takes initiative. Olivia Rosa has been instrumental in providing outstanding work for the Office of Planning & Development Lead Abatement Program. Congratulations!

### EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

July - Dawna Mackland-Rivera



Dawna Mackland-Rivera, she is the Confidential Assistant to the Director of Veterans' Services and works tirelessly year round with the Veterans and their families not only here in Lawrence but throughout the state. During the month of May she was essential in the execution and planning of our 15th Annual Beautification Day, where we take time to not only clean but also place a flag on every Veterans grave of Bellevue, Saint Mary's and Immaculate Conception cemeteries, which is followed with a flag disposal ceremony and a cookout for all the Volunteers. All this in preparation for the Cities Memorial Day Ceremony, which she also helped plan and make extremely successful. All while still continuing to serve those Veterans and their families here in the city with love and compassion, she is truly a credit to those she serves and to the City of Lawrence.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

We have 4 new firefighters entering our ranks. Firefighters Alexander Vargas, Jose Abrue, Anibal Mendez, and Gabriel Fraval and 3 firefighters graduating from the MFA on August 18th. They are firefighters Felix Fernandez, Jean Jimenez and Firefighter Giovanni Bonet Inniss.



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Renovated Gagnon Park** Community Development Department and Groundwork Lawrence held a ribbon cutting ceremony at the newly renovated Gagnon Park in the Tower Hill Neighborhood earlier this afternoon!

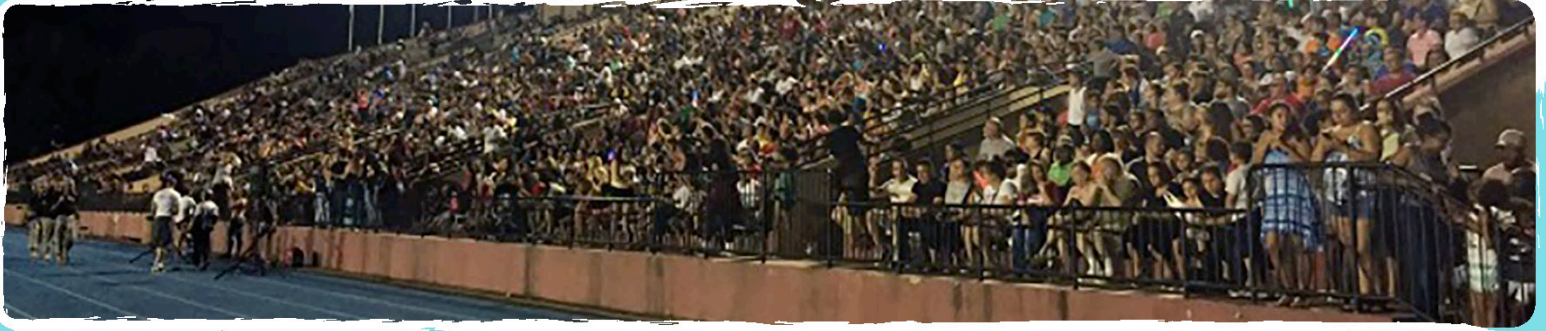




## IN THE COMMUNITY

### LIGHT UP LAWRENCE

The city of Lawrence held the annual fireworks show on Monday, July 3rd, 2017 where there was fun for everyone! Food was provided by Coco Ray's along with Fhelton's Kiosko & the Lawrence Neighborhood Association. All proceeds went to the Lawrence/Methuen Community Coalition & the Lawrence Neighborhood Association Partnership.



### LAWRENCE LEARNS BLOCK PARK

Pre-K and Kindergarten students and families gathered in the Senior Center Prking Lot on August 8, 2017 where they got to know each other while playing games and had the opportunity to learn a lot from many community partners like the Lawrence Public Library, LEAP, and many more.



### FLAG RAISINGS

The Immigrant City embraced the Flag raisings of Puerto Rico, Ecuador, and Columbia in the months of July and August. Mayor Dan Rivera, on behalf of the City of Lawrence, salutes the many contributions that the people of these communities have made to the culture and prosperity of the city.



### HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER GRAD

Mayor Dan Rivera congratulates all of the Summer High School Graduates. Good job on your hard work and wish you all the best!



# HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

## MAYORS HEALTH TASK FORCE

### CICLOVIA 2017

Ciclovía was another success this year. Instead of cars taking over Essex Streets on August 6 and 20, it was bicycles and many other outdoor activities.



## MAKING LAWRENCE GREEN & CLEANER

It's was Opening Day at Campagnone North Common in Lawrence for the Groundwork Farmers Market on July 12th, 2017. Summer squash, cucumbers, onions, fresh fish, crafts, flowers, and more are provided on Wednesdays and Saturdays until October 28th. Make sure to stop by!

## Groundwork Farmers Markets Mercado Agrícola

July 12<sup>th</sup> - October 28<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am — 3:00 pm



Wednesdays  
Miércoles

Campagnone North Common  
(across from Senior Center  
155 Haverhill St.)  
Lawrence



Fridays  
Viernes

254 Broadway  
(Rt. 28 - next to Methuen  
Federal Credit Union)  
Methuen



Saturdays  
Sábados

Sullivan Park (Rt. 114)  
(Intersection of North Parish  
Rd. & Winthrop Ave.)  
Lawrence

### We Accept / Aceptamos

Cash, Debit, Credit, EBT/SNAP/Food Stamps, WIC,  
Senior Coupons, Holy Family Hospital Farmers Market Vouchers

### For more information / Para más información

info@groundworklawrence.org - (978) 974-0770  
groundworklawrence.org/farmersmarket



Holy Family Hospital  
Rumbo



Harvard Pilgrim  
HealthCare Foundation

Bank of America



Lawrence Medical Hospital





SAVE THE DATE!

## LAWRENCE CULTURAL COUNCIL

Informational Session

WHEN

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

WHERE

Lawrence Heritage State Park  
7 Jackson Street, Lawrence, MA, 01840

LEARN HOW TO COMPLETE GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR FY 16  
GRANT DEADLINE OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

LAWRENCE CULTURAL COUNCIL  
PO BOX 326  
LAWRENCE, MA 01840

978-620-3930  
LAWRENCECULTURALCOUNCIL@GMAIL.COM



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



## LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

AND Book Sale:

Buy a tote and fill it!



## Celebrating International Literacy Day

Lawrence Public Library

51 Lawrence Street

Friday, September 8, 2017

4:00pm-7:00pm

Showcasing our community partners!



Excerpts of Don Quixote

performed by Lunara Devers

5:15pm & 6:15pm

Poetry presentation by ABL Writing Leaders

5:45pm

Questions? Call 978-620-3505.

Soar to New Heights through Knowledge

Lawrence Public Library

Sponsored by the Friends of the Lawrence Public Library



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16 SÁBADO 16 DE SEPTIEMBRE

Manchester St Park | 8am - 1pm

75 Manchester Street, Lawrence (behind la Fruteria)



Volunteers of all ages are welcome. We also welcome for-profit, non-profit and community organizations to volunteer. Voluntarios de todas las edades son bienvenidos. For more information / Para más información: Rose Gonzalez (978) 974-0770 x7001, info@groundworklawrence.org

Free lunch and celebration to follow cleanup.  
Almuerzo gratis y celebración después del evento.

ThermoFisher  
SCIENTIFIC  
Rumbo

Lawrence  
General  
Hospital  
So good. So caring. So close.

ME MedExpress  
Koyan  
SCREEN PRINTING



Lawrence Public Library  
Soar to New Heights through Knowledge

Over Here!

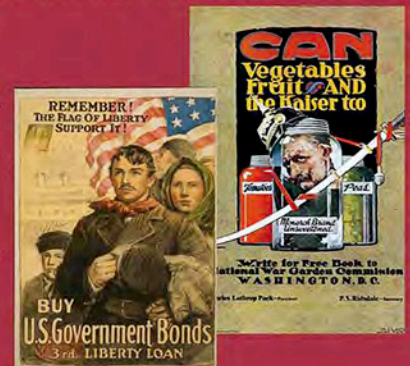
## The Home Front during the Great War

Aquil

"Su Hogar durante la Gran Guerra"

Original posters and other artifacts exemplifying the Lawrence experience during the Great War will be presented.

Exposicion de carteles originales y otros artefactos ejemplificando la experiencia en Lawrence durante la gran guerra.



Performance by  
Lawrence in Harmony

Lawrence Public Library

51 Lawrence Street

Lawrence, MA

History Room, 3rd Fl

Saturday, September 16, 2017

2:00pm

Sponsored by: Rosman Family Fund

For more information contact Louise Sandberg at 978-620-3606 or lsandberg@cityoflawrence.com.