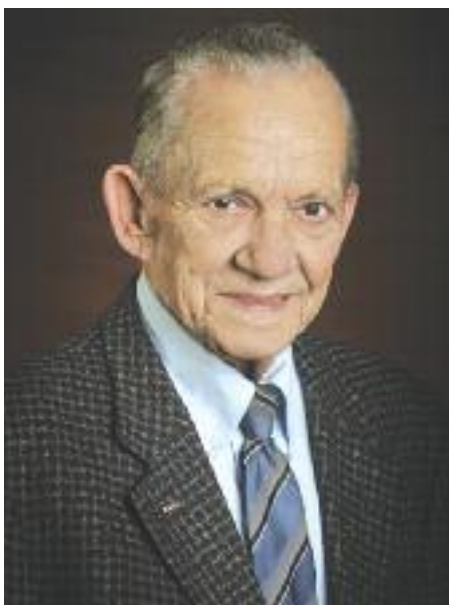

BERNARD'S BY-LINE

By Mayor Kenneth W. Bernard

Summer has definitely arrived in the community. During this period of extreme heat I would strongly encourage each of you to pay close attention to your neighbors. If there is an issue with any of your neighbors or friends, please provide them the assistance necessary or notify City Hall so that we can take the necessary actions. I am sure all of you who have pets are aware they also can have problems during this extreme heat - so please be watchful around your neighborhood.

I am sure you have seen the street repairs going on throughout the community. I want to thank you for your patience during this time. The projects have now been completed. I know many of you have not gotten your streets repaired this year but the funding was just not available. In next year's budget we have increased funding for street repairs, sidewalks, curbs, and storm water so you will see an even larger program then this year which will cover more of the community.

I would like to thank all of you for your support of both Lansing DAZE and the Fourth of July fireworks. These are both big events for the community and were well attended. I would like to thank the city staff and all the volunteers for their hard work making the celebrations a huge success. Lansing Daze was great this year. The weather was perfect and we had plenty of Bar-B-Que participation. Next year we are planning to increase the number of contestants because this year we had more people interested in the contest then we had space for. The fireworks display on the Fourth of July was bigger and better than ever. I would like to thank Jamie Miller and his crew of volunteers for all their efforts in making this a huge success. A conservative estimate is that there were 900 cars in the park (Approximately 2500 – 3000 folks) and numerous folks told me they watched the display from another location so it is hard to estimate the total number of citizens who actually watched the display.

This summer's baseball and softball programs were all a huge success. I would like to thank all the volunteers and parents who made the programs a fun activity for the children. I know that many of you spent many hours at the ball park coaching and mentoring the young folks of this community. Volunteers are what make the athletic programs a success.

To conclude… the budget this year will show a slight increase but less than one mill. The staff did an excellent job of putting a well thought out budget together. The funding will be increased for the Capital Improvement projects which include streets etc.

Kenneth W. Bernard
Mayor, City of Lansing

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Three Lansing Businesses recognized by the Kansas Department of Commerce

The Kansas Department of Commerce has named Crossroads United Methodist Church a 2011 Regional Business Excellence Award winner. The news came in June, which is Business Appreciation Month - the Department's annual celebration of Kansas businesses and their contributions to their communities and the state economy. Two other local businesses received Merit Awards – A Deere Place (service category) and IHOP (retail category).

CALENDAR

AUGUST

August 4 . . . . . City Council Meeting
August 17 . . . . . First Day of School (K-9 and new High School students)
August 18 . . . . . First Day of School (Returning 10-12 grades)
August 18 . . . . . City Council Meeting
August 25 . . . . . City Council Work Session

SEPTEMBER

September 1 . . . . City Council Meeting
September 5 . . . . Labor Day (City Offices Closed)
September 15 . . . City Council Meeting
September 22 . . . City Council Work Session
September 27 . . . LPD Town Hall Meeting

OCTOBER

October 6 . . . . . City Council Meeting
October 8 . . . . . Autumn in the Grove
October 20 . . . . . City Council Meeting
October 27 . . . . . City Council Work Session

Mark your calendars for the Sixth Annual Autumn in the Grove community festival on Saturday, October 8, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The event takes place in Kelly Grove Park, located at East Gilman Road & US-73/K-7 Highways (next to Crossroads United Methodist Church.)

Come out, walk along the trails and enjoy a variety of favorites: great food, live German music, a farmers market, pumpkin decorating, story-telling, children's crafts, a campfire, caramel apples, scarecrow contest, artisan demonstrations, face painting and more.

If you are interested in being a vendor, please keep in mind that we have a fall theme. You may go to the City's website at www.lansing.ks.us and download the vendor application or contact the Economic Development/Convention & Visitors Bureau Department at (913) 727-5488. There will be no charge to the vendors (other than what would be required by the State), or the public for this event; this is not a city fundraiser, just a fun-filled day for our patrons.

This is a great opportunity for any civic or student organization to raise money for their groups. For more information, contact Sundae Holler at holler@lansing.ks.us or call (913) 727-5488.

Sponsored by the City of Lansing's Economic Development/ Convention & Visitors Bureau Department.

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Animal Shelter	682-0268
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Driver's License	651-6947
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Electrical License	727-2400
Electricity/Energy (Westar)	800-383-1183
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Finance Department	727-3234
Fire District #1	727-5844
Gas Service (Kansas Gas)	800-794-4780
Health Department – Leavenworth County	250-2000
Job Information – City	727-3036
Kansas One-Call	800-DIG-SAFE
Kansas Public Housing Authority	682-2200
Lansing Correctional Facility	727-3235
Lansing DAZE	727-5488
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Police Department (non-emergency)	727-3000
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District Office	727-1100
Elementary School	727-1128
Middle School	727-2127
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Sewer Backup	727-2206
Sewer Emergency-Afterhours, Weekend, Holidays	682-5724
Sheriff (Leavenworth County)	684-0748
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Street Department	727-1700
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Please visit www.lansing.ks.us for additional information

LANSING DAZE/BREW, BLUES, BAR-B-Q

The city of Lansing hosted the annual Lansing DAZE and Brew, Blues, & Bar-B-Q Festival on May 6 & 7. There were 36 barbeque contestants from several states. The barbeque competition began on Friday and ended with the awards ceremony on Saturday afternoon. "Border War Smokers" won the Grand Champion award and "Munchin Hogs @ the Hilton" was the Reserve Champion.

On Friday evening, blues sensation Mary Bridget Davies Band entertained the crowd. On Saturday afternoon local band favorite Southern Reign performed.

As part of the annual Lansing DAZE celebration, there were a variety of children's activities and roaming entertainers. From the giant inflatables and face painter, the event was a success. There were also a number of craft vendors who sold a wide variety of items. On Saturday morning there was a Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast. The Leavenworth Cruisers also hosted a car show at the event. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success.

The City would like to thank the following sponsors: First National Bank & Trust Co., Kansas Gas Service, Lan-Del Water Department, St. Luke's Health Care System, Lane 4 Property Group, Condotels, Holiday Inn Express, Smoke Me BBQ Wood, Lansing Correctional Facility, LHS Advanced Drafting & Construction Technology Classes, Commerce Bank, O'Malley Beverage of Kansas Inc., Linaweaver Construction, Reilly & Sons/Coldwell Banker, Dillons and Wood Oil Co.

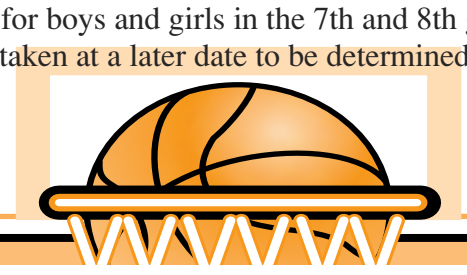
Basketball Season in Lansing

The Lansing Parks and Recreation Department will be registering youth in grades 1 through 6 for the winter basketball program. Registrations will be taken October 3 - 28, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Lansing Activity Center, 108 S. Second Street in Lansing.

Participation fees are $40.00 per registrant, due at the time of registration. Registrations made after October 28 may not be accepted. Practice will begin at the end of November and games will start in January after the Holiday break. The season runs through March.

For more information about this program, please contact us at **913-727-2960** or by email at: **parks@lansing.ks.us**

Registration for boys and girls in the 7th and 8th grade will be taken at a later date to be determined



Lansing Community Library Update

By Kim Turner
Director of The Lansing Community Library

FROM ROCKING TO GHASTLY, IT'S HAPPENING AT THE LANSING COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Your Lansing Community Library continues to be the rocking place in town for the months of August, September and October! From the conclusion to our summer reading program, to our second LEGO Exhibition/Competition, the Library has a fun-filled fall (say that three times fast!) lined up just for you! Our summer reading program, Discover a Whole New World with One World, Many Stories, will officially conclude on Friday, August 5, 2011 with our Carnival in the Parking Lot Part 2. Join us for an evening of old-fashioned fun and excitement. Library made games will be on hand for our patrons to play. Will you be the next Super Soaker Marksman record holder?

I have also lined Reggie Gray, magician and balloon artist extraordinaire, up for the evening. Beginning just a few minutes after 6:00 PM, Reggie will perform his magic for the crowd. Later he will mingle and create his infamous balloon art! To conclude the Carnival and the summer reading program, I will announce the winner of the "Throw Water Balloons at the Librarian" contest. The lucky librarian will face the eager crowd and leave soaking wet! Last year it was tie between Miss Gretchen and Mr. James. Wonder who the loser, I mean winner, will be this year?
To kick the school year off in style, the Library will host its second LEGO Exhibition/Competition. Beginning Monday, September 5, patrons can pick up the rules and sign up for the competition. LEGO creations will be on display at the Library from Monday, September 12 through Friday, September 30. The community can begin voting, with one vote per day per creation, on Monday, September 12. Voting will conclude at end of business on Thursday, September 29. We will announce winners and award prizes on Friday, September 30 at our LEGO Extravaganza beginning at 3:30 PM. Our Friends of the Lansing Community Library sponsors this semi-annual event. Thank you Friends!

October brings an urban legend competition to the Library. Last year the father of a couple of our Story Time children created a magnificent caricature of the "Old Man of the Library." Seeing an opportunity to add yet another treasure to the Library, I had the masterpiece framed. It is on display at Your Library. When you gaze into the old man's eyes, there is a story yearning to be told. Will you be the one who can bring his story to life? Rules and registration for the competition will be available beginning on September 30 at our LEGO Extravaganza. Return all entries to the Library by end of business on Friday, October 21. A super secret panel of judges will review entries and choose the winner or winners.

At our first Ghouls and Gents Costume Party on Friday, October 28, we will announce the winners and award prizes. We plan to have a ghostly, I mean ghastly, good time! To wrap up what you can look for at the Library this Fall, I want to remind you of our ongoing programs and services. Story Time, at 10:30 AM on Tuesdays and Fridays, continues. Miss Diana will enchant us with her Bi-lingual Story Time on the second Friday of each month. The very special therapy dogs and owners will visit Story Time on the third Friday of each month for the "Read to Dogs" program.

Be sure to check out our Lansing Hometown Pride area of the Library where we feature out Hometown Hero, a Lansing police officer, each month. Then join us as we welcome these special individuals to Story Time the last week of each month. Our Coupon Corner is seeing a lot of activity! Stop in and swap, pick up or just drop off coupons for members of your community.

Fall is going to cool Lansing off some, but not the Library. We plan to be the happening place!

As always, Miss Gretchen, Mr. James and I look forward to talking books with you soon!

SPOOKY CENTER
October 29, 2011

Join the Lansing Parks & Recreation Department and the Lansing Community Library at the Lansing Activity Center, located at 108 S. Second Street for a fun-filled evening of Halloween activities! There is no cost for admission. All games and refreshments are provided free of charge. Doors will open on Saturday, October 29 at 4:00 p.m. and close at 6:00 p.m. for ages up to and including third graders. Children older than third grade will not be admitted during this time. A costume is encouraged but not required. Adult supervision for all participants in this age group is required, no exceptions. There will be carnival games a trick-or-treat village and refreshments!
From 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. we will be hosting the Seriously Spooky Center for youth in fourth through eighth grades. Children younger than fourth grade will not be admitted for this event, no exceptions. Adult supervision is encouraged for this age group. There will be age appropriate carnival games, refreshments, a photo booth and a "Hallway of Horror."

****NO STROLLERS****
STROBE LIGHTS WILL BE USED AT THIS EVENT
If you would like more information please contact the following:
Lansing Parks & Recreation at, 727-2960 or by email at: parks@lansing.ks.us OR
Lansing Community Library at, 727-2929 or by email at: library@lansing.ks.us

Lansing Continues Citizens' Academy

The city of Lansing will host its next Citizens' Academy beginning in September. In May 2011, the city of Lansing honored its inaugural class of graduates. The successful program will continue into its second year.

The Citizens' Academy provides an interactive way to learn about the workings of Lansing city government and gives participants insight into how various City Departments work. Participants are able to tour various facilities, meet with City staff and elected officials, and gain valuable insight into local government. Classes will be held once a month from September 2011 through May 2012, usually on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 6-8 p.m. The first class will be Wednesday, September 28.

There is no cost to participate in the Citizens' Academy, but it does require a substantial time commitment. The program is open to Lansing residents 18 years of age and older. Applications are available at City Hall, 800 First Terrace. Residents can also download the application from the City's website, www.lansing.ks.us. Class size is limited to 15 participants. Applications must be received by Sept. 14, 2011. Applicants will be notified about participation by Sept. 16, 2011.

For more information, call 913-727-5488.

Delinquent Utility Accounts Scrutinized

The City of Lansing will be reviewing delinquent utility accounts and mailing out delinquency notices. Property owners with a delinquent account will have an additional assessment on their property tax statement. Renters with a delinquent balance will have information submitted to a collection agency. The City is willing to work with any resident who is behind on their account. Residents may contact the Finance Department at 913-727-3233 or email... jburnett@lansing.ks.us to establish a payment plan, or for more information.

Unpaid Municipal Court fees are also submitted to a collection agency. A payment plan is available to avoid this outcome. Contact the Municipal Court Administrator at (913)727-3000 or email garrett@lansing.ks.us to set up a payment schedule, or for more information.

Current Development, Development Guidelines & Building Permits

"Development" is a general use term that encompasses many types of construction, whether that is traditional single-family, multi-family, commercial, or industrial development. "Development" is an ever evolving term that attempts to adapt to existing economic conditions and serve a need in the market. In the current market, elements of sustainability are critical components of success or failure.

Construction of traditional single-family subdivisions has dropped off on a national level substantially over the last several years as the economy has taken an extended downturn and the needs of the traditional family have evolved. More people have begun to rent as opposed to buy their dwelling places. Historically, strong housing markets have been decimated by the current economic conditions and a new more affordable option has begun to take larger shares of the housing market. These developments are typically multi-family affordable living communities that incorporate elements of sustainable living, such as common areas, improved pedestrian access to neighborhood elements, pools, sport courts, etc.

Financing options for developers of these types of communities are vast and require the support of the local governing body and, in terms of use, are typically one of two types: 1) Income restricted or 2) Both income and age restricted. These options are enticing to residents who prefer not to maintain grass and/or snow removal and want a sense of community, as they are either starting their lives or living out their golden years with other like minded individuals.

Most experts expect that a strong surge in these types of development will continue into the next decade. Certainly, home ownership will continue to be a goal for many families in the future, but it is unlikely that it will recover to the pace observed throughout the 90s and the first decade of this millennium. Municipalities must be ready to adapt to these market conditions and be flexible enough in their long range plans to overcome the service challenges that will result in this type of shift.

Comprehensive Plan

Suitability of development is determined by a number of elements during the platting process. The primary factors are compatibility with the Comprehensive Plan and impact to services. This plan puts into print the roadmap for future development and land use. These plans attempt to incorporate historical and socioeconomic elements and current development trends into a living document that is reviewed and potentially updated annually. Typical life spans for Comprehensive Plans are five to ten years.

Comprehensive Plans are typically the culmination of extensive public meetings, third party recommendations, and the community vision within the scope of planned life of the document, as well as national and regional development trends.

Development Process

This process is multi-tiered and in general is made up of the following: Rezone/Platting (Preliminary and Final), and Construction Documents/Notice to Proceed with public improvements process. The subdivision of land is specifically governed by the Subdivision Regulations, which are independent of the body of the Zoning Ordinance.

1) Rezoning: Rezones a district to a use compatible with the development and in conformance with the Future Land Use Plan of the city. A public hearing is conducted at the Planning Commission level, then moves on to the City Council. Public hearing notices are sent to property owners within 200' of the proposed boundary in the city and within 1000' if the parcel is contiguous to an area under county jurisdiction.

2) Preliminary Plat/Preliminary Development Plan: Shows the how, where, and why of a development. This plan depicts grading, general utilities, location and sizes of lots, and potential public improvements. Approval of this element does not divide parcels into lots; it merely gives a general plan of development and permission to move on to a Final Plat/Final Development Plan.

3) Final Plat/Final Development Plan: This action(s) actually splits parcels and conveys public right of way and public lands, if applicable. This is the legal document that breaks up or subdivides larger parcels into tracts or lots suitable for development.

4) Facilities Use Agreement: This document spells out the intention of the developer and the city as it relates to public improvements, land dedication, fee assessment, and how improvements will be guaranteed. This must be executed prior to filing of the final plat and post approval of the construction documents by the City Council.

5) Construction Documents: These documents are the plans for public improvements and show the finite detail of these improvements. These documents are approved by the City Council based on the recommendations of the City Engineer and Director of Public Works.

6) Notice to Proceed: This is a statement sent by the Director of Public Works that allows the onset of public improvements construction, i.e. streets, sanitary/storm sewers, grading/drainage, and utility construction.

Building Permits

Application Process: Applicant turns in materials requested by the inspector, such as materials lists and site plans. If the materials are not turned in, the application is marked on the permit log and deficiencies noted. When all the materials are turned in, then the permit begins a 10-day approval/denial process. The permit must be approved or denied in that 10-day process. If denied, the applicant's application materials are returned and written notice as to why the application was denied is provided.

Inspection: Inspection requests are called in to the administrative assistant, then logged into the inspection log for the next business day. The inspectors check the log every morning and throughout the day and schedule their inspections accordingly. Inspections are provided on a first come, first served basis. Emergency inspections are given priority when interruptions of power, water, gas, or inclement weather or extreme temperatures are considerations. The code requires a minimum of 24 hours' notice. Every attempt is made to accommodate the inspection in that 24 hour period; however, there are times when, due to inspection load or unforeseen emergencies such as power outages and/or gas service during inclement weather or extreme temperatures, etc., that the scheduled inspection must be rescheduled. When inspections are made, a carbon copy is left at the inspection site for the affected contractor and/or the permitee and an original copy is returned to the address file for the permanent record.

Certificate of Occupancy:

A Certificate of Occupancy (C.O.) is a document issued by a local government agency or building department certifying a building's compliance with applicable building codes and other laws, and indicating it to be in a condition suitable for occupancy. C.O. issuance is based on the final inspection. This inspection deals with the functionality of the finished product and looks at every aspect of construction, including finish materials, ground cover, and grading.

Code Enforcement

In general terms, Code Enforcement entails enforcement of the City Code which pertains to weed abatement, inoperable vehicles, and nuisances within the city.

Summer is here and we would like to take the time to remind everyone of recurring property maintenance issues we see throughout the year. There are several recurring property compliance issues that are dealt with on a regular basis of which many of you may or may not be aware. We would like to take some time to point out several common violations and explain exactly what is expected of property owners and or designated agents (such as residents) in control of said properties. The following are excerpts from the Code of the City of Lansing:

Chapter 9-311 Property Maintenance: Property owners or designated agents in control of property shall maintain the sidewalks adjacent to public right-of-way as required for safety and welfare of the general public. Other hard surfaces, walkways, and driveways on private property shall be the responsibility of the homes associations and/or the individual property owner. Steps, walks, driveways, parking spaces, and similar paved areas shall be maintained so as to afford safe passage under normal use and weather conditions. Any holes or other hazards that may exist shall be filled, or necessary repairs or replacement carried out. All off-street parking facilities shall be kept free of debris including, but not limited to, trash, gravel, mud, blowing paper, etc.

Chapter 9-313 Weeds and Grass: All areas shall be kept free from uncontrolled growth of weeds, grass, or plants which are noxious or detrimental to the public health and welfare. Weeds, grass, or plants shall be deemed uncontrolled growth if by their placement or growth they create a dangerous situation to the public of if they exceed 12 inches in height in any platted area or within 100 feet of any platted area, or Public Street or right-of-way. A property owner is responsible for property maintenance for his or her property and the public right-of-way to the center line of the street. We do however realize that there are certain factors which dictate Mowing cycles, such as rain, standing water etc.

Chapter 9-320 Brush and Lawn Trimmings: No grass trimmings shall be blown or deposited on any public street, sidewalk, or in drainage ways or banks of drainage ways. Each and every owner, tenant, or occupant of any dwelling or other building in the city shall place lawn trimmings, bush/tree trimmings, and other yard wastes in suitable containers or tied in bundles. The containers and bundles shall not be placed at the street curb prior to 6:00 p.m. of the preceding day on which the trash is scheduled to be collected. All trimmings prior to collection shall be placed behind the front building line or front line of the house, whichever is greater.

Chapter 9-323 COMPOST: All compost materials shall be placed in containers designed or constructed for same; be located in rear yards only; be a maximum height of 4 (four) feet and be located a minimum of 10 (ten) feet from any property line. Such containers shall be designed or be constructed to prevent rodent infestation. All compost areas shall be visually screened from adjoining property view.

Chapter 9-324 TREES AND SHRUBBERY: All trees and shrubbery shall be maintained free of disease and/or decay. In the event that death occurs in any tree, shrub, or other plant material, the owner of the premises shall without delay remove same. Upon notice from the code official, the owner shall remove dead or dying tree(s) or other plant material so specified within 30 days from legal notice as required by this code.

Chapter 9-503 TRASH/DEBRIS: All premises shall be kept free and clear of trash, debris, and weeds including, but not limited to, unsightly vegetation, junk, garbage, rodent harborages, stagnant water, combustible materials (except those in acceptable containers), and similar items.

Chapter 9-306 TRASH:

A. One and Two-Family Residential. Each and every owner, tenant, housekeeper, or other person occupying any one or two-family dwelling within the city of Lansing shall provide and renew when necessary, a sufficient number of trash containers, with tight fitting covers in accordance with Section 9-305. Such trash containers shall be placed at the curb no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the evening preceding the day on which the trash is anticipated to be collected by the regular trash collection service subscribed to by the occupant or owner. If plastic bags are used in place of containers in accordance with Section 9-305, said bags shall be placed at the curb no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the evening proceeding the day on which the trash is anticipated to be collected by the regular trash collection service.

B. Multi-Family. Each multi-family complex consisting of more than two dwelling units shall provide and renew when necessary sufficient trash dumpsters of rigid construction with tight-fitting covers to adequately contain the refuse and waste produced at such location. Such containers shall be screened as set forth in the City of Lansing Zoning Ordinance.

C. Commercial and Industrial. Each and every business and industry shall provide and renew when necessary sufficient trash containers of rigid construction with tight-fitting covers to adequately contain the refuse and waste produced at such location and such containers shall be kept closed except when depositing and removing materials. Such containers shall be screened in accordance with the requirements set forth in the City of Lansing Zoning Ordinance.

Chapter 9-317 MOTOR VEHICLES:

Inoperative vehicles which are junked, wrecked, dismantled, inoperative, discarded, unregistered, unlicensed, or

abandoned in and upon property within the city shall be prohibited.

Chapter 8-309: UNAUTHORIZED PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS:

A. It is unlawful for any person to:

1. Park a motor vehicle on any street or alley for the primary purpose of washing, greasing or repairing such vehicle except when repairs are necessitated by an emergency.

2. For any person or operator to park a motor vehicle on any portion of the required front yard of any lot within the city.

3. For any person or operator to park a motor vehicle on any portion of the unpaved side yard of any lot within the city.

4. For any person or operator to park a motor vehicle on an unpaved surface.

5. Citations may be issued for violations of subsections (1) through (4) of this section, without the necessity of allowing the person or operator time to correct these violations.

6. Citations may be served for violations of subsections (1) through (4) of this section, by conspicuously affixing the citation to such vehicle.

7. In any proceedings for a violation of this section, the registration plate displayed upon the motor vehicle shall constitute in evidence a prima fascia presumption that the owner of such motor vehicle was the person who parked or placed such motor vehicle at the place where the violation occurred.

B. Every person convicted of a violation of any provisions of this section, upon conviction, shall be fined in an amount of not more than five hundred dollars.

Chapter 8-310: OUTDOOR STORAGE PROHIBITED:

A. No owner or occupant of any structure or real property shall store, use or maintain on the exterior of said structure or real property, interior furniture which is so dilapidated or deteriorated as to be a potential accident hazard, a harborage for insects, rodents or vermin, or which emits offensive odors.

B. No owner or occupant of any structure or real property shall store salvage or junk in the city or on vacant lots, including abandoned or not in actual use iceboxes, or refrigerators. The owner and/or occupant shall keep premises free of litter, refuse, salvage material and junk; provided, that building materials to be used within ninety days for construction on the premises, if properly authorized by a current building permit, may be kept if stored at least eighteen inches off the ground and not closer than forty-eight inches to a wall or fence, provided the health officer may approve a lesser distance.

Chapter 8-312: INOPERABLE OR ABANDONED VEHICLES: No person shall park, store, leave or permit the parking, storing or leaving of any vehicle, which is in an abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, inoperable, junked, or partially dismantled condition upon any private property within the city. The presence of an abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, inoperable, rusted, junked or partially dismantled vehicle, or parts thereof, on private property is declared a public nuisance, which may be abated as such, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

A. Any one (1) of the following conditions in existence for a period exceeding twenty (20) days shall be deemed prima facie evidence that a vehicle is inoperable:

1. The absence of current registration plate upon the vehicle and current motor vehicle insurance;

2. The placement of the vehicle or parts thereof upon jacks, blocks, chains or other supports;

3. The absence or condition of disrepair of one (1) or more parts of the vehicle necessary for the lawful operation of the vehicle upon the streets and highways;

4. Placement of the vehicle on any public or private property with one or more flat tires;

5. The placement of materials or property within the vehicle which would preclude the lawful operation of the vehicle upon the streets or highways.

B. This section shall not apply to any vehicle enclosed within a building on private property or to any vehicle held in connection with a business enterprise, lawfully licensed by the city and properly operated in an appropriate business zone, pursuant to the zoning laws of the city.

Chapter 8-503: DISCHARGE TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM: Filter backwash lines and any other pipelines that discharge through the filtering system shall be connected to the sanitary sewer system. Connections to the sanitary sewer system for discharge of filter backwash purposes shall comply with the following:

A. Discharge to the sanitary sewer system shall not exceed a rate of 50 gallons per minute. If the capacity of the pumping system exceeds this rate, secondary pumps, wet wells, reduced pipe size or other alternatives shall be installed to comply with the 50 gallon per minute maximum discharge rate. Hydraulic calculations for chosen alternatives shall be submitted with permit applications.

B. Connections to the sanitary sewer system shall be installed with a Hub Drain for Swimming Pool Discharge.

Chapter 8-504: DISCHARGE TO THE STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM: Pipelines that discharge indirectly to the storm drainage system may be installed, provided that they bypass the filtering system and are released to the storm drainage system. Release to the storm drainage system shall comply with the following:

A. Swimming Pools. Swimming pool water excluding filter backwash, may be discharged to the storm drainage system provided that it does not contain harmful quantities of chlorine, acid or other chemicals and has less than 1 PPM chlorine, and is released on a lawn outside of street right-of-way and drainage easements in order for the water to be filtered prior to release into the stormwater drainage system, and is released at a rate no greater than 100 GPM. If these provisions are met, discharge to the storm water drainage system is allowed.

B. For swimming pools with a full volume equal to or greater than 30,000 gallons, discharge to the ground surface is not allowed unless the discharge enters a drainage channel in a platted drainage easement prior to leaving the property.

C. For swimming pools with a full volume less than 30,000 gallons, discharge to the ground surface is not allowed unless prior to leaving the property the discharge enters either:

1. A drainage channel in a platted drainage easement, Or

2. The public street right-of-way.

D. Swimming pool discharge by means of a physical connection to storm sewer system pipes or structures is not allowed.

E. In no case shall swimming pool discharge be allowed to flow across adjacent property unless confined to a storm drainage easement.

This article has been an attempt to clarify some complex issues within the context of a very limited forum. While we don`t expect we can address every concern or question with the information contained here, we hope this has shed some light on the processes that are managed through the Community Development Division. As always, we are available to answer your questions or potentially provide you with resources to help address items that you may not be able to address on your own.

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NEW EMPLOYEES

Jessica Burnett

The city of Lansing recently welcomed new Utility Billing Clerk Jessica Burnett. Jessica is a graduate of Lansing High School and is currently pursuing an Associate's Degree in Finance from Kansas City Kansas Community College. In her spare time Jessica enjoys shopping, watching movies and spending time with friends.

Bryan Walters

The city of Lansing recently welcomed Bryan Walter, the new Seasonal Laborer for the Parks & Recreation Department. Bryan served four years in the United States Air Force as an Aircraft Hydraulics Mechanic. He has been married for almost four years and has a two year old son. In his spare time Bryan enjoys playing soccer and fishing.

CHIEF'S CORNER

By Chief Steve Wayman

A new school year is about to begin. This means we can all expect more pedestrian and vehicle traffic in and around all of the schools, and during High School football games on Friday nights. I would like to take a couple of minutes to remind all drivers to be very observant when in school areas. Remember there are a lot of children walking and riding their bikes to and from schools. Parents driving their kids to school should give themselves extra time in the mornings and afternoons to drop off and pick up your children. There will be a lot congestion, especially in the Lansing Elementary school area.

I would also like to invite everyone to a Lansing Police Department town hall meeting. It will take place on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 6 p.m. at Lansing City Hall.

I intend to give a presentation about the police department and gather information from the public through a question and answer format. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

WARD NEWS - CHECK OUT WHAT YOUR COUNCILMEMBERS HAVE TO SAY...

WARD 1 NEWS

Councilmember
Gene Kirby

I would like to thank all of you who voted for me. It has been a learning experience so far and there is a long way to go. It will take some time to learn all of the "ins and outs," but I do want to say thanks to all who have been helping me figure it out. It will take a while to get the hang of everything but I am working on it.

I do want to take this opportunity to thank all of the great employees and volunteers that we are blessed to have. I was able to watch as they filled sandbags and built walls to protect against flooding – all in short order. The attitude of everyone was tremendous. I am also aware of all the volunteer work done at this year's 4th of July Fireworks event. Over 100 hours were donated in preparing the fireworks, setting up the display and assisting with parking. I also don't want to leave out events from earlier in the year – the fishing derby, Lansing DAZE/BBQ and other events. We really do have a great community spirit. There are a lot of things coming up and a lot of work to do, but I am excited about it all.

If you wish to get in touch with me, the best way is through email. My address is gkirby@lansing.ks.us. I also check the city's website every day. That address is www.lansing.ks.us.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Gene Kirby, Councilman Ward 1

WARD 2 NEWS

Councilmember
Don Studnicka

Summer in Kansas

As I am writing this, it is 112 degree heat index with a 100 degree temperature. Guess you could say it is summer in Kansas and this is just the way it is! But, we do have things to look forward to that are cooler and in a cooler part of the year or late summer. First off, we have Autumn in the Grove coming in October and of course you could always go inside to our museum to view the new exhibits, or the library to find that good book to while away the heat of summer.

The City is going through some heat of its own. By the time you read this, the City will have come up with its budget for 2012, and believe me, we on the council are working hard to keep the mill levy down and still provide the services that you as citizens expect the City to provide. I have been pushing to put more money into the repair of our streets, curbs, and sidewalks. Due to the slow economy and devaluations of property, we at the City have for the last two budget cycles not put any money toward our curbs or sidewalks and very little into our streets. With the last two winters being as bad as they were, it has really taken a toll on our streets, curbs and sidewalks, so more money needs to be put into the budget for these items. Also, one of my priorities for this budget cycle is our Police Department. The only things we have purchased for the Police Department in the last two budget cycles have been police cars and that department still needs about four more new vehicles. Our police cars run 24 hours, seven days a week, and as the mileage increases, so do the repairs. The older these cars get, the more it costs all of us taxpayers to keep them on the street. I am not sure if we at the City can swing four new cars, but maybe another two; we will see. This of course means that other departments will again have to do with what they have for the next year, until the economy turns around, along with revenues to the City.

Our City Staff has done a wonderful job of trimming the budget by some of their cost cutting measures. The employees have agreed to take on larger co-pays on their medical benefits, and all departments are sharing employees to get the work done and keep our employees working for you.

Again, you are invited to your City Council meetings held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. You can always call me at 913-727-2907 or email me: dstudnicka@lansing.ks.us.

Don Studnicka
Councilman, Ward 2

WARD 3 NEWS

Councilmember
Billy Blackwell

First, I'd like to say thanks to all of the Ward 3 residents for placing your trust in me during the last election. I met many of you as I went house to house in Ward 3 during the months of January through April of this year. I enjoyed the time speaking with those of you that were home. I took good notes during my visits. I passed each of your concerns and issues to the City Administrator. Many of your concerns and issues have already been addressed. Others will take a little longer, due mainly to the economic climate we are currently experiencing. I plan to revisit residents in the Ward again in the September - November timeframe when the weather cools down to once again hear your issues and recommendations. I sincerely want to hear from you. If there is something you need to talk with me about between now and then, please don't hesitate to call or drop me an email.

The priorities I campaigned on and those you added continue to be my focus. We must be creative in our approach to the challenges that lie ahead of us. There simply aren't enough resources to do everything. We are slowly falling behind in our city equipment and infrastructure requirements. The staff is constantly looking for ways to maintain our equipment and infrastructure without cutting corners. Cutting corners will end up costing us more in the long run. We owe you excellent city services. I can assure you we do well with the lean staff we have in Lansing.

One way to combat the economic climate we are facing is to keep economic growth at the forefront. Again, economic development is slow due to the economy, but we must keep chipping away in this area and be well positioned to take advantage of opportunity once the economy starts to rebound. By bringing high volume businesses into the City, we'll be able to generate additional revenue to get at infrastructure issues that need attention now. To support economic growth, we must maintain our current infrastructure at the highest state possible. Our infrastructure is our face; it is the impression potential businesses and residents take into account when they are considering Lansing a place they want to open a business, work, or live.

Maintaining excellent city services in our current economic climate will require collaboration, both within the city and with other entities/communities. We are already doing a great deal of internal collaboration. I'm impressed with the amount of energy the staff has put forth in this effort. We must also look for ways to reach out to the surrounding communities. Through collaboration with other communities and organizations, it is possible to bring additional resources to bear on some of the issues we would not otherwise be able to address.

I developed a short email distribution list during my door-to-door canvassing. If you would like to be added, please send me your email address. I won't fill up your inbox with every little detail, but I would like to keep you informed on some of the bigger events that are important to you. This invitation is citywide, not just for Ward 3. Ward 3 folks put me in place, but I work for all of Lansing.

I am both proud and honored to be serving you once again. I'm looking forward to hearing for you.

Sincerely, Billy Blackwell
bblackwell2@kc.rr.com
913-240-1991

Save The Date

The 25th annual Mayor's Christmas Tree Program begins in late October. During the month of November we will be collecting donations. There will also be jars in various business locations throughout Lansing for monetary contributions. Please help us meet our goal of raising $6,000 to fund the program this year. If you are interested in contributing or would like to nominate or adopt a family, please contact the Administration Department at 913-727-3036. The annual tree lighting ceremony will take place on December 4, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Additional details to follow on www.lansing.ks.us.

FOR MORE INFORMATION - CHECK OUT WWW.LANSING.KS.US

A Note of Thanks...

The Lansing Parks and Recreation Department would like to extend our gratitude to the members of the "Friends of the Park" garden group and the Lansing Lionettes. Prior to the annual Independence Day fireworks show at Kenneth W. Bernard Community Park, these groups donated their time to beautify the park by weeding and mulching the flower beds. Thank you very much for all of your efforts!

The "Friends of the Park" members are:

- **Christine Fante**
- **Charlotte Van Wormer**
- **Janette Labbee-Holdeman**
- **Nadine Grafe**
- **Margaret McNamee**
- **Assisted by Forrest Holdeman**

The Lansing High School Lionette Dance Team members are:

- **Ashlie McManus**
- **Dallas Castillo**
- **Kristen Wheeler**
- **Baillee Mc Clain**
- **Carissa Bruner**

Fourth of July

The city of Lansing held its 11th annual Fourth of July Celebration at Kenneth W. Bernard Community Park. Lansing resident Jamie Miller coordinated the shoot once again. The display, which is synchronized to music, amazed thousands of attendees. Each year, Miller volunteers to design the shoot and selects the music.

The City would like to thank the following volunteers and entities who made this possible: Jamie Miller, TJ Huhn, Rick Huhn, Joe Gates, Jim Dyson, Jake Will, Mike Bean, Terry Huhn, Lansing Police Department, Lansing Street Department, Lansing Parks & Recreation Department, Leavenworth County Fire District #1, Lansing Lions Club, Lansing VFW Post 12003, Lansing Historical Society, and the Lansing Correctional Facility.

The City would like to thank the following sponsors of this year's fireworks celebration: The Citizens National Bank, Foxy Lady Hair Design, Lansing Lumber, Personalized Lawn Care, Country Club Bank, The Storage Box, and U-Haul of Kansas.

Kenneth W. Bernard Community Park

2011 Lansing Golf Tournament A Success!

The City held its Ninth Annual Golf Tournament on June 3rd at the GreatLife Golf & Fitness Club in Lansing. Everyone who attended had fun in the sun! Twelve teams participated. The event raised money for the future Kansas Regional Prisons Museum.

The event was organized by the Economic Development/ Convention & Visitors Bureau Department.

The city would like to thank the following sponsors: Exchange National Bank (Premier Sponsor), Commerce Bank(Lunch Sponsor), Kramer & Associates CPAs (Hole in One Sponsor), Smith Chiropractic (Team Sponsor), American Family (Team Sponsor), Mid-America Family Chiropractic, LLC (Team Sponsor), JnJ Technology (Team Sponsor), DR& G Engineering (Team Sponsor), Kansas City T-Bones, Kansas City Royals, Kansas City Chiefs, Petro Deli, DnZ Auto Repair, IHOP, Marble Slab Creamery, La Mesa, Dasher Garage, Speedway Dodge Chrysler Jeep, Connie's Café, The Towne Pub, La Carreta, Foxy Lady Hair Design, and Varsity Sports.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU UPDATE

LGTV-CHANNEL 2 UPDATE

Ken Miller,
Public Information Officer

Over the summer months, programming on LGTV-Ch. 2 is reduced somewhat because of Lansing High School's summer vacation and the completion of the Kansas legislative session. But summertime is also an opportunity to begin tinkering with the "look and feel" of our programming when it comes to the information slides and local shows like "Movers and Shakers" and "Lansing Pulse."

I will look at setting up new templates for our slides, perhaps including some videos to run occasionally within the informational slideshow that is presented when a "big screen" video isn't scheduled. There are also changes that can be made to fonts, sizes, etc.

I expect the high school media class to begin producing programming again in mid to late September, which includes variety shows and sports.

Residents can always check the LGTV-Ch. 2 schedule any time by going to www.lansing.ks.us and clicking on the link located in the left hand column of the homepage. You can also contact me at 913-727-5488 or miller@lansing.ks.us with questions or suggestions.

City Facebook Update

Ken Miller,
Public Information Officer

There is no shortage of "pop" research and analysis when it comes to how social networking/media affects our lives. Whether it's marketing trends, privacy concerns or the latest functionality of websites like *Facebook* and *Twitter*, there is always the latest and greatest next big thing.

So my intention here isn't to discuss some academically-sanctioned analysis of our technology use. Instead, I want to share with you the impact of a simple message of thanks.

The city of Lansing hosted its 11th Annual 4th of July Fireworks display earlier this summer. After the event, city staff updated our *Facebook* page with a short video, showing about two minutes of the show. As with most of our Facebook posts, we received several comments. One stuck out immediately.

"Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending the display to those that were not able to attend."

And that, in a nutshell, is one of the reasons we in city government use social media. Yes, there is the civic alert aspect – getting out important public information quickly. But knowing that we made somebody's day a little better, in my opinion, is all the validation needed to spend the time and effort to make our *Facebook* page and other information tools valuable to you, our residents and friends.

Let me also thank those of you who have "liked" our city *Facebook* page – that number has grown to more than 770.

If you have questions or need help getting set up on *Facebook* or would like to submit your email address to be added to our blast list, call me at 913-727-5488 or email me at miller@lansing.ks.us.

Lansing Historical Museum

Laura Phillippi, Museum Site Supervisor

Have you been to see the "Summer of Art" exhibit at the Museum? If not you are in luck. The exhibit runs through September 3rd and features art from members of the Leavenworth County Artists Association. Admission is free to the Museum. The Lansing Historical Museum has joined First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! Museums and Gardens campaign. This campaign's goal is to promote healthy food choice and physical activity to combat childhood obesity. Our first campaign project is the container garden on the Museum's deck. A container garden is a great way to get fresh produce for your family without taking up much space. Our garden has rosemary, thyme, oregano, chives, mint, lavender, dill, tarragon, catnip, an Old German heirloom tomato, and a red pepper. Stay tuned to your local media for other Let's Move! activities at the Museum.

We have received some new artifacts this summer including twenty-three Lansing High School yearbooks. We try to keep two copies of each yearbook in case something happens to one copy. The LHS yearbook collection now covers 1933-1934, 1940-1941, 1946, 1949-1986, and 1988-2010. A long term project in progress at the Museum is adding the names in the yearbooks to the Museum's database as a finding aid for researchers. Fortunately we have a new volunteer at the Museum assisting with the data entry. His name is Felix Albel and he will be a senior at Lansing High School in the fall where he participates in cross country and track.

The Lansing Historical Society has been active this quarter staffing the Museum and in June nine volunteers participated in CPR/AED training. Their annual potluck dinner will be September 14th at 6 p.m. at the Lansing Community Center, 800 First Terrace. This year's guest speaker is Errol Logue who during his tenure at Lansing High School taught social studies, basketball, track, and cross country. For more information about the potluck please call Linda Lockwood at 913-651-3847. The Museum and the Historical Society will both be at Autumn in the Grove October 8th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Museum is running the Scarecrow Contest again this year so be sure to stop by and vote for your favorite scarecrow. The scarecrows are created by Lansing Elementary School classes and Lansing daycares.

Due to staffing shortages at the Lansing Community Library, the Site Supervisor will close the Museum at 3 p.m. on Saturdays in order to help staff the Library. This change in hours is expected to last the rest of 2011. If you have and questions or suggestions about the Museum please contact Laura Phillippi at 913-250-0203 or lphillippi@sbcglobal.net.

City Website Update

Ken Miller,
Public Information Officer

All I can say is, "it's about time!"

In late April, we were finally able to roll out our long-promised website Media Center. As mentioned in earlier Connection editions, the Media Center is meant to be an online, on-demand repository for public affairs video programming which used to be viewable only on Lansing's government access TV channel – which isn't available to everyone.

Now, you can watch the city of Lansing's video programs when it is convenient for you – simply by going to www.lansing.ks.us. Click on the "Media Center" link in the middle of the homepage and you will be there.

I was somewhat surprised at how quickly we were able to fill up the Center with videos – not just our city council meetings, but the interview shows, special videos highlighting our flood fighting efforts and park amenities, to name a few. Depending on file size and available space, I hope to add some high school programming during the next school year as well.

If you have questions or need help finding something on our website, call 913-727-5488 or email me at miller@lansing.ks.us.