MESSAGE FROM
THE MAYOR

Residents and friends of the City of Lawrence, as another school year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to congratulate all of our graduates. Whether you have completed grade school, high school or college, the rest of your journey begins now. I wish you all the best as you continue on your path to success. May you always know where you are going, but most importantly, where you come from. Go out into the world and represent our city, and when you are done with that, come back and tell us about it. I look forward to hearing from all of you. Thank you for Making Lawrence Better!

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SUNDAYS
August 7 & 21
2016
1 - 5 PM
Downtown Lawrence

The Campagnone Common was filled with seniors for a day of music, picnics, dance, spa treatment, and selfies with the Mayor. Hundreds came out to enjoy the beautiful day and to celebrate the seniors in the community of Lawrence. Thank you to the Senior Center and local organizations and individuals who supported and sponsored this event.

For inquiries, contact Jessica at jvalentin@cityoflawrence.com
Planning and Development

Mayor Daniel Rivera, with Representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency, at the newly acquired Tombarello Site, a 14 acre property that has been blighted for decades. A Phase 2 Brownfield Assessment is in development.

Police Department

Lawrence Police Officer Dean Murphy and Sergeant Shawn Quaglietta were recognized by Mayor Daniel Rivera and Police Chief James Fitzpatrick as Officer of the Month for May and June respectively as a result of their exemplary job performance in their duties to the City of Lawrence. “I am proud of the work that Officer Murphy and Sergeant Quaglietta do for our Police Department,” said Mayor Daniel Rivera. “These officers 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.” Officer Murphy was awarded Officer of the Month for May as a result of his leadership and dedication to fundraising for the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club while he prepared to run this year’s Boston Marathon. He ran the Boston Marathon for the 13th time this year. Through his fundraising, Officer Murphy was able to raise $25,000 for the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence. Sergeant Shawn Quaglietta was awarded Officer of the Month for June as a result of a foot chase that led to the apprehension and arrest of a suspect who was in possession of a stolen firearm and posed a threat to the public. “The professionalism that Officer Murphy and Sergeant Quaglietta displayed is an example of the caliber of policing the community can expect from the Lawrence Police Department,” said Chief James Fitzpatrick.

Veterans Services

This year’s keynote speaker for Memorial Day was Sgt. First Class Daniel X. Santiago, a noncommissioned officer in charge of the Massachusetts Army National Guard military funeral honors team. SFC Santiago is also a graduate of Lawrence High School.

Fire Department

The Fire Department celebrated the following promotions: Deputy Kevin Loughlin, Captain Wayne LeDuc and Lieutenant Mike Maglio. Congrats and thank you for your service to our community!
Employee of the Month of May
Linda Hassam

Linda Hassam has been working for the City of Lawrence for twenty-nine years. She began working as a senior clerk in the City Clerk’s office for the first three years and then moved to the Assessor’s office. Linda enjoys the challenges she comes across at the Assessor’s office and is delighted by having the opportunity to work with the elderly residents of the city. Linda Hassam is married with three adult children.

Comptroller’s Office

A warm welcome to Ramona Ceballos, CPA, the city’s new Comptroller! Ramona is a graduate of Lawrence High School, received her bachelor’s degree from Merrimack College, an MBA from Suffolk University and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Arts Lawrence

Mission: To strengthen and enhance the city’s arts and culture initiatives for the benefit of the Lawrence community. Check out our new website: www.artslawrence.org, Like us on Facebook (Arts Lawrence) and/or Join the committee! Meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month in the Mayor’s Conference Room on the 3rd Floor of City Hall. Email info@artslawrence.org for more information.

Employee of the Month of June
Elecia Miller

Elecia moved to the city of Lawrence in November 2004. She volunteered at Lawrence General Hospital until May 2005 when she joined the city’s Inspectional Services Department as a temporary clerk. In 2008, she joined the Director of the Lawrence Tobacco Cessation Program, doing outreach and education in businesses where tobacco products were sold. Shortly after, Elecia began working as a Community Health Worker-Data Collector, for the MassCONECT 4Kids-Breathe Free For Kids project. By the Spring of 2009, Elecia became a full time employee of the Mayor’s Health Task Force (MHTF), taking on the day to day operations of the coalition. She worked closely with Vilma Lora, the coalition’s coordinator, and the other members of the Task Force to carry on the role of public health education and raising awareness in the city and beyond. Today, Elecia remains with the MHTF as its Project Officer, overseeing the health initiatives funded by Lawrence General Hospital, under the MA Department of Public Health’s Determination of Need (DoN) process. Elecia believes that a community is only as strong as the people within it’s walls, and that in leadership, one should always strive to bring others along, improving the stock of the community. Elecia holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Linguistics, from the University of the West Indies, as well as a Certificate in Medical Assisting from Northern Essex Community College where she graduated Cum Laude in 2007. Elecia plans to return to school to pursue graduate studies in Public Health with a concentration on Population and/or Urban Health.

Lawrence Recreation Department

Fun in the Sun 2016
July 5th-August 19th
Summer Vacation Activities for Children ages 6-14

Site Locations
Campanone Common on Haverhill Street
Riverfront Park on Everett Street

All locations are staffed Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.

Recreation Coordinator: Nelson Ortiz
Summer Program Supervisor: Ana Medrano

Phone (978) 620-3252 Fax (978) 722-9310
Cancellation Line (978) 620-3233

Registration
- No pre-registration necessary.
- Registrations will take place on July 5th at each location.

Daily activities include:
- fieldball, basketball, kickball, jump rope, board games, arts & crafts, and much more.

Bowling
- Monday and Wednesday
- 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM.
- Greater Lawrence Community Boushee (Summer program participants with signed consent slips only)

Live Shows and Movies
- Thursday’s 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM at the Woebecoe School.
- Friday Field Trips
- Program participants enjoy a field trip outside the city each and every week.
- Lunches...
- are provided at 11:30 A.M. each day in cooperation with the Lawrence Public School’s Summer Meals Program.

Kids Fest 2016
- A fun filled day for our program participants including relay races, music, food, and other activities!
- August 10, 2016
- Greater Lawrence Community Boushee

- Collaborating/Contributing Agencies
- Lawrence Public School Summer Meals Program
- Lawrence Community Bowling Program
- U2@206 Commission on Youth Education Program
- City of Lawrence Recreation
- Community Health Workers
- MassCONECT 4Kids-Breathe Free For Kids project
- Lawrence General Hospital
Semana Hispana 2016

This year’s Semana Hispana week marked its 38th year celebrating culture in the community of Lawrence. This festival has become one of the most attended in New England bringing together more than 30,000 people from different countries and cultures with the purpose of sharing dance, food, history, music and art. Traditionally, various cultural associations each host a night the week leading up to the three day festival at the Campagnone Common and Parade.

Bread and Roses Festival Logo Reveal

This year’s logo was designed by Mrs. Allison Sharpe, a graphic designer originally from Lawrence. She chose a woman as the focus to represent all women involved in the labor movement and surrounded her with wheat spikes and roses, a metaphor for fair wages and dignity that has become the mark of the historic “Bread and Roses Strike” of 1912. For vendor applications and volunteer information, contact info@breadandrosesheritage.org.

Lawrence Partnership

Three more Lawrence businesses will be growing their operations and adding a total of 51 new jobs with support from the Lawrence Venture Loan Fund and a new collaboration with Boston Impact Initiative, a Boston-based impact investor. The loans, totaling $330,000, will support 99Degrees Custom, an innovative apparel manufacturer, Universal Auto Center, a full service locally owned auto repair center, and Valley Transportation, a regional medical transportation company. For more information on the loan fund, including opportunities to apply, visit http://lawncepartnership.org.

#WeAreOrlando

For the first time in the city’s history, a freedom flag was raised over City Hall. A couple hundred community members and leaders came out to honor the lives of those lost as well as to stand in solidarity with the LGBKQT community following the events at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando.
**Mayor’s Health Task Force/CHNA11**

Lawrence Youth council continues the conversation on education with a Short Film Premier and Panel Discussion - What Is Education?

Using the adage, “Let’s Teach You, How To Teach Us...,” the LYC extended the community conversation on Education, a trending topic in the US and around the world, as more people become involved in the Education of their children. To date the youth gathered over 600 surveys from public and private middle school students in the community regarding their views on Education. The youth used this forum to highlight what they saw as pitfalls in the Education system and followed up with a discussion, to take a look at how things can be improved in the future. Students expressed a great need to incorporate experiential learning opportunities to compliment the current syllabus and increase their knowledge base for future career decisions.

The panel consisted of past and present students of the Lawrence Public School system, some of whom went on to serve in the capacities of teacher and School Committee member. It was a well-supported event.

**Yard Waste Schedule**

**JULY:**
- MONDAY
- 4TH – FRIDAY 8TH
- MONDAY
- 18TH – FRIDAY 22ND

**AUGUST:**
- *MONDAY – FRIDAY ALL MONTH

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**City Representatives visit the Capitol**

Vilma Lora, YWCA’s Director of Social Justice Initiatives and Mayor’s Health Task Force’s Coordinator, and Martha Velez, Executive Director, Lawrence Council on Aging, were invited by the RWJF to Washington, DC, in May. The purpose of the visit was to attend their CONNECT training, created to help build and enhance relationships with members of congress and other policy-makers. While in DC, the pair met with staffers from Senators Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren’s offices. They also met with staff from Congresswoman Niki Tsongas’ office. Vilma and Martha shared information regarding work happening in Lawrence, to improve community health, as the city continues to build a Culture of Health. They spoke specifically about the work that the MHTF Lawrence Youth Council (LYC) and other youth organizations are doing to promote youth leadership in the city, to prepare the future leaders.

The Federal delegation members were invited to visit Lawrence in September, for a chance to meet with the LYC and other youth from the community, to learn from them how these leadership opportunities have changed their lives, and for them to share concerns they may have on issues impacting youth development and career opportunities locally.
Short Film and Jazz Festival
August 27, 2016 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

North Canal District, Lawrence, MA. Jazz presented by Movimiento Pro Cultura 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

At sundown, join is for the 1st Annual Short Film Festival - featuring short films about or featuring Lawrence, MA.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: SHORT FILM FESTIVAL “STORIES OF LAWRENCE”
Film & Video can tell a story like no other medium. This festival encourages the creation and sharing of short films/videos that feature a story about or feature Lawrence, MA. All entries will be reviewed by community leaders in partnership with Essex Art Center. Some submissions may not be accepted. Filmmakers of all ages are encouraged to submit work as awards will be given in Youth and Adult categories.

Submission deadline: July 28th, 2016.

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