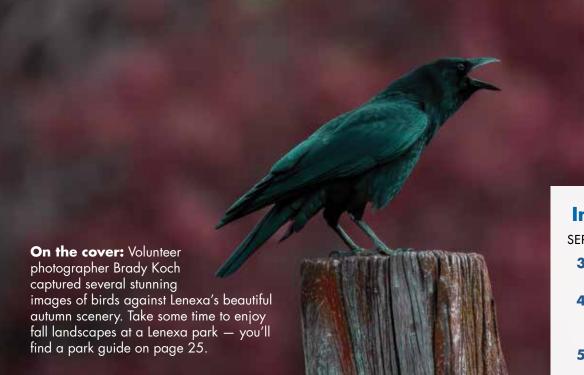


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GENERAL ELECTION: TUESDAY, NOV. 4

VOTE ON CITY COUNCIL SEATS IN EACH WARD THIS FALL

This fall's general election — set for Tuesday, Nov. 4 — will give voters the opportunity to choose leaders for state and city governments, school boards and other public offices. One seat in each of Lenexa's City Council wards is up for election this year. The candidates are (incumbents noted with *):

WARD 1 John Michael Handley*, Joe Shull

WARD 2 Bill Nicks,* Nicole Wasson

WARD 3 Avery Bell, Corey Hunt

WARD 4 Craig K. Denny*

KEY ELECTION DATES

OCT 14 Deadline to register to vote in the General Election. There are several ways you can submit your application, outlined at JoCoElection.org/Registration.

OCT 25 In-person advance voting begins. Advance voting locations are open Saturdays (Oct. 25 and Nov. 1) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and weekdays (Oct. 27–31) from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Limited advance voting locations will be open Nov. 3 from 8 a.m. to noon. Find a list of locations at **JoCoElection.org**.

OCT 28 Last day to apply for a mail ballot. Apply at Voter.JoCoElection.org.

NOV 4 Election Day. Polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Find your polling place and a sample ballot at **MyVoteInfo.VoteKS.org**.

ELECTION SIGNS

& OTHER TEMPORARY SIGNS

Temporary signs like garage sale, election and contractor signs don't require a permit, but there are some rules you need to follow. Those rules change during an election period — 45 days before and two days after a primary, general or special election.

Rules that **always** apply

- Signs may not be placed in public parks or on other public property.
- Signs may not exceed 6 square feet in area or 4 feet in height.
- Signs may not exceed 5 pounds in weight, including both the sign and its mounting system.
- Signs may not be placed where they could obstruct drivers' views.
- Signs must be placed with the property owner's consent.
- Signs can remain in a yard for up to 90 days, as long as they are out of the right of way.

When we **are not** in an election period

- Signs are not allowed in the public right of way. On streets with sidewalks and trails, the right of way typically extends one foot behind the sidewalk or trail.
 If the street doesn't have a sidewalk or trail, the right of way is considered 11 feet from the back of the curb.
- Signs must be set back at least 5 feet from the public right-of-way line.

During an **election period**

- Signs are allowed in the right of way but must be set back 6 feet from the back of the curb. They cannot be placed between the back of the curb and a sidewalk or trail.
- They must be removed from the right of way outside of the election period.

If you are concerned about a specific sign location, call Community Development at 913.477.7500.

Public hearings and vote on **2026 Recommended Budget** set for Sept. 2

Lenexans will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the City's 2026 Recommended Budget during public hearings on Tuesday, Sept. 2. These hearings will be held during a City Council meeting, which will begin at 7 p.m. in the Community Forum at Lenexa City Hall. Later in the meeting, the City Council will vote on a resolution to approve the 2026 Budget.

The proposed 2026 Budget has been under review by the Governing Body since late June. The total recommended budget for 2026 is \$261.1 million. It reduces the property tax rate to 26.459 mills, a decrease of 0.5 mills compared 2025's mill levy. This is Lenexa's eighth consecutive reduction in the property tax rate.

When crafting the budget, City leaders adhered to the longstanding budget principles that have helped the City achieve favorable financial results over many years. They also weighed these key influences:

- A strong local economy with stable revenue and ongoing development activity.
- National economic uncertainty and higher costs for contractual services, commodities and capital projects.
- Potential for slower growth.
- New state or federal laws that could negatively impact City revenue.
- The City's commitment to providing exceptional services.
- Recruiting and retaining staff in the current job market.

"This budget reflects a balanced approach — investing in community priorities while maintaining the flexibility needed to respond to evolving economic conditions," City Manager Beccy Yocham wrote in her budget message to the Governing Body. "Further, the proposed budget honors existing commitments, continues to carry out the Governing Body's Guiding Principles and maintains our conservative and longstanding budget principles which have been critical in our long-term financial success."

A pivotal election this spring allowed City leaders to build the budget with the support of a key ongoing revenue source. Lenexa's 3/8-Cent Sales Tax was overwhelmingly renewed by voters in April 2025 and will continue to fund street maintenance and parks and recreation projects over the next 20 years.

FIND THE 2026 RECOMMENDED BUDGET DOCUMENT AT LENEXA.COM/BUDGET





Tax relief to reach more residents

More homeowners will be able to apply to Lenexa's Property Tax Rebate Program this year due to broader eligibility criteria.

In 2024, Lenexa introduced a program to help qualifying homeowners offset the impact of rising property values. Following a successful pilot year, the Lenexa City Council approved policy revisions that expand program eligibility in 2025 to more residents who need relief. To be eligible to apply, you must now:

- Be age 62 or older or be a disabled veteran with a 50% or more disability rating.
- Own and live in your home in Lenexa.
- Have a home valued at no more than \$467,962.
- Be current on your property taxes.
- Have an annual household income at or below the 2024 low-income limit from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

If eligible, you can get a rebate worth up to 75% of the portion of your property tax bill that goes to the City. The exact amount you'll receive depends on how many people apply. Most homeowners can expect to get between \$500 and \$1,000 back. The deadline to apply for a property tax rebate is Oct. 31.

Learn more at Lenexa.com/Rebate.



Back-to-school safety tips

School is in full swing! Here are some safety reminders to discuss with your kids who may be walking or riding a bike to school:

for walkers

- Use the sidewalk if one is available. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.
- Look both ways before crossing any street.
- Cross the street using crosswalks or intersections.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing to ensure they see you.

for **bicyclists**

- Always wear a properly fitted helmet.
- If riding in the street, ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, in a single file.
- Stop and look both ways before crossing any street. Walk your bicycle when crossing the street.

for walkers and bikers: There is always safety in numbers. Encourage your children to stay with others as they make their way to and from school, rather than going alone.

for **drivers**

- Stay alert when driving through school zones. Slow down and watch for children crossing.
- Avoid distractions inside the vehicle such as your cellphone or the radio.
- Never drive around a school bus that has its stop sign extended. This includes traffic in both directions.

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH

What's being built there?

If you've driven through Lenexa lately, you've probably noticed something new taking shape — whether it's a hotel, a neighborhood of homes, a large business park, your next favorite restaurant in City Center, improvements to a park or road construction. Between City-led infrastructure projects and private development, there's a lot happening around town!

Curious about what's going on at a specific site — maybe that empty lot near your neighborhood or the construction down the street from your office? The City offers several online tools to help you stay informed.

Start by visiting Lenexa.com/Planning. You can view a development activity map to explore current residential, commercial and industrial projects from private developers. You can also access the zoning and future land use map to see what's generally planned for undeveloped areas — this map shows the City's long-term vision for how land may develop over time. For a clearer view, try turning off the zoning layer.

Some construction around Lenexa is public development, coordinated by the City of Lenexa, a utility or the Kansas Department of Transportation. You can find projects planned by the City over the next five years at Lenexa.com/CIP.

Another great way to stay informed is by subscribing to Planning Commission agendas and minutes, giving you a look at development applications as they move through the review process. Sign up at Lenexa.com/Enews.

As we celebrate National Community Planning Month in October, it's a great time to highlight the role that city planners play in shaping the future of Lenexa. From reviewing development proposals to helping guide long-term land-use decisions, planners work behind the scenes to ensure that growth in Lenexa is thoughtful, coordinated and aligned with the community's vision. Visit Lenexa.com/Planning to learn more about Lenexa's Planning Division and how city planning shapes our community's growth.

Have questions? Reach out to our planners anytime at planning@lenexa.com.



National Preparedness Month

GEAR UP FOR SAFETY: 20 MUST-HAVE EMERGENCY ITEMS FOR YOUR CAR

September is National Preparedness Month — an annual campaign that reminds us all that taking time to prepare for emergencies and disasters can help keep ourselves, our families and our communities safe.

Whether you're heading out on a scenic fall road trip to the East Coast or just upgraded your ride to a more familyfriendly SUV, being prepared before you hit the road is key. Below, the City of Lenexa's Emergency Preparedness Manager, Susan McMahan, shares her list of the 20 essential items every vehicle should have to stay safe, mobile and ready for the unexpected.

VFHICIF EMERGENCY ESSENTIALS

1. BASIC FIRST-AID KIT

From bandages and ibuprofen to disposable gloves and ice packs, a first-aid kit is crucial for treating minor injuries on the go.

2. CAR ESCAPE TOOL

A seatbelt cutter and tempered glass window breaker can be lifesaving in case of an accident or entrapment.

3. CAR JACK

Most vehicles come with a jack, but it's important to know how to use it safely in case of a flat tire.

4. SPARE TIRE OR EMERGENCY INFLATOR

Always keep a properly inflated spare tire in your vehicle and inspect it regularly for signs of wear or damage. Alternatively, you can carry an emergency tire inflator aerosol — but remember, this is only a temporary fix designed to help you reach the nearest tire repair facility safely.

5. CELL PHONE CHARGER

A dead phone can leave you stranded. Pack an extra charger — or better yet, a portable battery bank.

6. THERMAL BLANKET

These aluminum-lined blankets reflect up to 90% of body heat and offer critical warmth in cold weather or during an emergency overnight stay.

7. WATERPROOF PONCHOS

Military-grade rain ponchos will keep you warm and dry if you're stuck outside during heavy rain.



8. WORK GLOVES

Durable gloves protect your hands while handling repairs, changing tires or moving debris.



9. WATER BOTTLES

Always keep at least a couple of sealed water bottles in your car. Staying hydrated is vital during long delays or breakdowns.

10. NON-PERISHABLE FOOD

Energy bars, trail mix or vacuum-sealed snacks can be a lifesaver if you're stranded without access to food.

11. COMPACT SHOVEL

A foldable or multiuse shovel can help you dig through snow, sand or mud to get your vehicle back on the road.

12.WHISTLE

A loud whistle is an easy way to attract attention if your voice can't carry far in an emergency.

13.ICE SCRAPER/SNOW BRUSH

A sturdy scraper and brush combo helps you clear frost, snow or ice quickly to restore visibility and stay safe in winter weather.

14.REFLECTIVE TRIANGLE **OR FLARES**

If your car breaks down, place a reflective triangle or emergency flares behind it to alert other drivers and keep yourself safe.





15. PAPER MAP OR ROAD ATLAS

In case you lose GPS or cell signal, a paper map can help you navigate unfamiliar routes.

16.CAT LITTER OR SAND

A bag of cat litter or sand can provide much-needed traction if you get stuck on ice or in mud.

17.FLASHLIGHT (WITH EXTRA BATTERIES)

A reliable flashlight helps you see under the hood or change a tire after dark — and can also signal for help.

18.DUCT TAPE

From temporary car fixes to sealing a broken window, duct tape is a multipurpose tool that earns its place in any emergency kit.

19.MULTITOOL

A sturdy multitool can serve as a screwdriver, knife or pliers — all in one compact device.

20. NOTEBOOK AND PEN

Helpful for taking notes in case of an accident, exchanging information or jotting down directions.

"Preparedness is more than just a checklist — it's a mindset,"
Susan McMahan said. "Whether you're at home, at work
or on the road, having the right tools and resources on
hand can turn a crisis into a manageable situation."

WANT TO WIN A FREE EMERGENCY CAR KIT?

Tell us what you learned from these tips! Submit your biggest takeaway or favorite item from the list, and you'll be entered for a chance to win a fully stocked emergency car kit. Enter by Sept. 19.



Fire Prevention Week

October 5-11, 2025

CHARGE INTO FIRE SAFETY!

Lithium-ion batteries charge everything from smartphones to electric cars. As these rechargeable batteries become more integrated into our lives, it is important to review safe usage and disposal.

Charging

Always use the chargers and cords that come with the product. Charge your device on a hard surface. Unplug or remove the battery once it is fully charged.

Safety Concerns

Stop using the device right away if it becomes hot to the touch, smells odd, makes noises or changes color or shape. If it is safe to do so, move the item away from anything flammable. Call 911 if you believe there is a risk of fire.

Disposal

Never dispose of lithium-ion batteries in the trash — they can start a fire. Instead, take batteries to a proper recycling facility. There are several recycling options in the area, including a drop-off appointment at the Johnson County Household Hazardous Waste facility. Visit call2recycle.org to view other local recycling options — including one right here in Lenexa!



HAVE BULKY JUNK? HAUL IT OFF THIS FALL.

DUMPSTER DAYS

OCT. 4–5, 8 AM–4 PM MUNICIPAL SERVICES SERVICE CENTER, 7700 COTTONWOOD ST.

Lenexa residents can drop off bulky items at our Dumpster Days events, hosted one weekend each spring and fall. Bring proof of residency, like a driver's license or utility bill.

We charge fees to cover recycling, disposal and transportation costs. You can pay with cash, check or credit card.

FEES PER LOAD		FEES PER ITEM				
Car, minivan with seats	\$20	Tire	\$5			
Minivan without seats, SUV	\$25	White appliance	\$75			
Small trailer (one axle)	\$30	with Freon	,,,			
Pickup, panel/service van	\$40	Computer monitor	\$20			
Tandem-axle truck or trailer,	¢ Γ Λ	Television	\$35			
small moving-style box truck	\$50					
Large moving-style box truck	\$75					

YOU CAN DROP OFF **THESE** ITEMS





SAFELY DISPOSE OF MEDICATIONS

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

OCT. 25, 10 AM-2 PM LENEXA JUSTICE CENTER, 17371 PRAIRIE STAR PKWY.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency's Take Back Day provides an opportunity to prevent prescription drug addiction and overdose deaths — a crucial public safety and public health issue. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends. They're often taken from the home medicine cabinet.

For your convenience, this event will be a drive-thru format in front of the Lenexa Justice Center.

For safety reasons, we cannot accept inhalers and liquids. For information about disposing of those items, go to Lenexa.com/DrugDisposal.

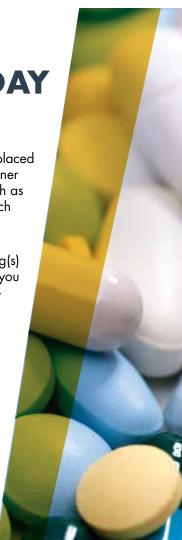
Please follow these steps when disposing of your medications.

 Dump pills and patches from their original container into a resealable zipper storage bag. Different pills can be mixed together in the same bag. Empty medication containers can then be disposed of with your regular garbage.

- Medical sharps and needles should be placed in an appropriate medical sharps container or other puncture-resistant container, such as a laundry soap container or empty bleach bottle. For more information, go to Lenexa.com/DrugDisposal.
- Bring your resealable zipper storage bag(s) of medication to the Justice Center, and you will be directed to the appropriate drivethru lane to dispose of your medication in a collection bin. No appointment is necessary. Any items that cannot be accepted, as well as excessive packaging, will be returned to you.

If you cannot attend this event, the Lenexa Police Department offers year-round prescription drug disposal inside the lobby of the Justice Center. Visit

Lenexa.com/DrugDisposal for more information.





In today's connected world, cellphones and internet access are a regular part of growing up. While technology can be a great tool for learning and communication, it also comes with risks — especially for children and teens. As a parent, staying informed and involved is key to helping your child navigate the digital world safely and responsibly.

Here are a few simple but important tips from the Lenexa Police Department to help protect your child.

Set clear rules and expectations.

Talk with your child about what is — and isn't — appropriate when using a phone or going online. Set limits on screen time, talk about respectful online behavior and make sure they know never to share personal information like their full name, address or school.

Know what apps your child is using.

Many popular apps have messaging or live video features that can connect users with strangers. Check privacy

settings and disable location sharing when possible.

Encourage open communication.

Let your child know they can come to you if they see something upsetting online or if someone makes them feel uncomfortable. Staying calm and supportive in those conversations helps build trust.

Monitor without spying.

There's a balance between privacy and protection. Regularly review their contacts, messages and activity, especially for younger users. Use parental control features or monitoring apps as needed — but keep the lines of communication open so your child understands your intent is safety, not punishment.

Be a good role model.

Kids learn by watching.
Show them how to use devices responsibly, treat others with respect online and maintain a healthy balance between screen time and real-world activities.

Technology will always change, but your involvement as a parent remains the most powerful tool in keeping your child safe. If you ever have questions or concerns about online safety, the Lenexa Police Department is here to help.

Stay safe and connected!



Meet Curt Talken

Curt Talken has a hand in just about every tree you walk past in Lenexa. As the City's parks landscape supervisor and certified arborist, Curt helps keep Lenexa's parks, trails, medians and public spaces green, healthy and beautiful. And now, after more than a decade of service, he's been named the City's 2024 Employee of the Year.

Curt joined Lenexa Parks & Recreation in 2013 and quickly became known as the go-to expert for all things trees and landscaping. Today, he leads a team that maintains 18 acres of landscaping and thousands of trees. They plant about 10,000 flowers each year and respond to hundreds of service requests — often after storms or when a tree in the public right of way needs attention. From blooming daffodils along Little Mill Creek Trail to the native landscaping at City buildings, Curt's work touches nearly every corner of Lenexa.

He's also the one residents call when they have questions about street trees or concerns about safety. Known for being calm, kind and incredibly knowledgeable, Curt takes pride in educating others and making decisions that will benefit the community for years to come. His coworkers say he's like a "superhero of trees" — always showing up with answers and a great attitude.

Whether he's planning a new landscape design, mentoring his team or improving a process to save time and resources, Curt is always looking for ways to make things better. His dedication, vision and love for the outdoors have helped make Lenexa's green spaces the beloved places they are today.

We asked Curt to share more about his service with the City of Lenexa.

What is most rewarding about your job?

I really enjoy making improvements to better the community and our department, whether that involves redoing a tired landscape bed, planting trees in a park or finding a more efficient way to do our job. It's also rewarding to see the public enjoy the parks and events we work so hard at every day.

How has your job changed since you started working for Lenexa in 2013?

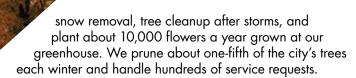
When I first started, our work was focused mostly on maintenance — things like mulching, weed control and pruning trees. Over the years, we've taken on a lot of exciting projects. We helped build the championship-level disc golf course at Black Hoof Park, landscaped the Renner Boulevard roundabouts, and were part of the Lenexa City Center and Lenexa Justice Center developments. We've also worked on improvements at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park, the Old Town Activity Center, Cedar Station Park and trail upgrades. It's been incredible to see how much we've grown and how much we've been able to contribute.

What would surprise people about your work?

What our landscape team of eight full-time staff and two seasonal employees accomplish each year. Maintaining 18 acres of landscaping and thousands of trees is challenging, but we also assist with festival operations,







What energizes you at work?

Making improvements. I'm always wanting to make things better than they were before. I also love seeing the transformation of a site after trees and landscaping are installed, and seeing the public enjoy what we work so hard at.

Do you have a favorite park or trail you've worked on personally?

Over the past few years, we've planted more than 20,000 daffodils along Little Mill Creek Trail. It's really cool to see them in bloom — they're one of the first signs that spring is here. I also love Black Hoof Park. The trails, dam, disc golf course and natural setting make it a great place to visit.

If you could plant only one type of tree all over the city, what would it be and why?

Oak trees. Some people don't like the acorns, but I love their longevity, hardiness and durability. I always admire the old neighborhoods in Kansas City lined with huge oaks that have stood the test of time. That's what I hope for in Lenexa.

What advice do you have for others interested in this type of work?

Parks and Recreation is a great profession. It's rewarding to serve the public, it's a fun atmosphere with a great work-life balance. There's also a lot of opportunity for advancement if you're willing to put in the effort. I started my career working in the field over 20 years ago and have since moved up to a supervisor role.



LEAVES MAY FALL, BUT THEY SHOULDN'T BE LEFT BEHIND

As the crisp air rolls in and leaves begin to blanket our streets, it's easy to forget that this seasonal beauty can cause some serious problems when not managed properly. Fallen leaves that end up in storm drains, gutters or the street can create more than just a mess — they can pose real risks to our homes, roads and environment.

When leaves clog storm drains, rainwater has nowhere to go. This can lead to dangerous street flooding, hydroplaning vehicles and soaked pedestrians. Left to sit, leaves become the perfect hiding spot for rodents and insects, not to mention a major source of water pollution. Once washed into creeks and streams, decaying leaves deplete oxygen and harm aquatic life. Wet leaves also create a slick driving surface — especially hazardous for cyclists and motorcyclists, with an effect similar to black ice.

Even around the house, leaves can cause trouble. Clogged gutters can lead to wood rot, roof damage and even foundation issues. Regular cleaning or investing in a gutter guard system can help protect your home.

Do Your Part

- Never sweep or blow leaves into the street, storm drains or streams. It's not only harmful — it's against City Code.
- Bag your leaves, mulch them into your lawn or start a compost pile.
- Don't sweep your leaves at the curb.
 Lenexa does not provide curbside leaf collection, and those piles often end up in the street or blocking drains.
- If you see someone disposing of leaves improperly, contact Lenexa Municipal Services at 913.477.7880.

Lawn service companies may temporarily collect leaves in the street, as long as they remove them before leaving the property.

Let's all do our part to keep our city clean, safe and beautiful this fall.





There's a new place to gather, play and connect in the heart of Old Town. Whether you're looking for kid-friendly fun, casual fitness or a welcoming space for older adults, the Lenexa Old Town Activity Center has something for everyone. Here are five key things to know before you visit:

1. IT'S A DROP-IN DESTINATION FOR ALL AGES.

The Old Town Activity Center isn't membership-based — it's built around flexible, affordable programming and drop-in activities. You'll find a variety of rotating classes, enrichment programs and casual recreation for kids, adults and families. To participate in a program, register in advance. For a drop-in activity, just show up, pay a small fee (or use a punch card), and join in.

NEW! AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Looking for a fun way for kids to stay active and connect with friends after school? Swing by for After School Open Play, offered Monday through Thursday from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Kids and families of all ages can enjoy a variety of games and sports — basketball, pickleball, table tennis, shuffleboard, futsal and more — both inside the gym and out on the porch. It's the perfect way to unwind, move and make new friends after a full school day. See page 27 for fees.

2. OLDER ADULTS HAVE A SPACE OF THEIR OWN IN THE HASKINS WING.

The Haskins side of the facility is tailored for older adults. It's a welcoming space to enjoy weekday lunches for a suggested donation through Johnson County Nutrition Services, play cards or bingo, take a fitness class, catch a movie or attend a wellness workshop. It's all about staying active and connected in a fun, social setting.

3. IT'S A GO-TO SPOT FOR BIRTHDAY PARTIES, CELEBRATIONS AND RENTALS.

Planning a party? The facility is great for preschoolers and sports-loving kids. It's also a flexible space for family gatherings, meetings, baby showers and more. Lenexa residents get a discount.



4. PUNCH CARDS MAKE IT EASY TO SAVE MONEY.

No need for a long-term commitment. If you plan to visit regularly for drop-in activities, a punch card is your best bet. It's a simple, budget-friendly way to stay involved and make the most of your time at the center. Punch cards are \$27 to \$45 for a 10-punch card — a 10% savings. Otherwise, prices range from \$3 to \$5 to play or participate. Plus, cards can now be purchased and available in the Lenexa Park & Rec app so you can scan and go.

5. COURTS, COMPANY AND CONNECTION AWAIT OUTSIDE.

Outside, you'll find pickleball and shuffleboard courts, a basketball hoop and plenty of room to meander or just catch up with old and new friends. You can check out cornhole boards and other equipment for shuffleboard, table tennis and pickleball inside. The space is open for free play when not reserved for programs, events or drop-in activities. Visit Lenexa.com/ActivityCenter for the latest schedule.

Browse the Recreation Program guide (starting page 22) to see what programs and drop-in activities are available. We've kept the favorites like Gym for Me and bingo but have added some new ones like After School Open Play and Open Walk in the gym and expanded on some others like pickleball clinics and leagues.

NEW HOURS STARTING SEPT. 8

Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. * Front desk closes at 5:30 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday: Noon to 5 p.m.

913.477.7100

Lenexa.com/ActivityCenter







Fall-flavored treats

Enjoy a menu of comforting seasonal bites and beverages:

- Artisan Kombucha pear cider, apple spice and vanilla chai kombuchas
- Brew Haha Coffeehouse fall spice and autumn sky lattes, apple cider, pumpkin muffins
- JET Produce and Meats apple cider, applesauce, cornbread mix, soup mix
- Ree Ree's Krunchies freeze-dried candy corn
- Rock the House Bakery pumpkin and apple pies, apple honey bread
- Smooth September Caribbean herbal tea blends with tropical flavors and aromatic spices
- The Bean Patch seasonal jam and jelly flavors in pear cranberry, cranberry jalapeno, winter's delight, spiced apple jam, apple butter
- Yellow Brick Bakery pumpkin chocolate chip bread, pumpkin snickerdoodles, pumpkin crumble muffins, pumpkin gooey bars, pumpkin pie, sweet potato pie, bourbon pecan pie, apple pie, and other fall flavored hand pies and pastries
- Yummylicious Cookie Company molasses cookies, apple caramel walnut cookies





Native Plant Sale

Saturday, Sept. 6, 8 a.m.–noon, Lenexa civic campus, 17201 W. 87th St. Pkwy.

Fall is a smart time to plant native perennials to set them up for healthy spring growth. Get advice from area nurseries on how to pick easy-care, pollinator-friendly plants that are adapted to local climate and soil conditions. Lenexa.com/NativePlantSale





Saturdays through Oct. 25, 8 a.m.-noon

Lenexa civic campus 17201 W. 87th St. Pkwy. (parking garage)

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Latest news

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Facebook.com/Groups/LenexaFarmMkt

TOWNTALK 15





Homestead Kitchen +

The comfort food you've been craving — pork tenderloin sandwiches, biscuits and gravy, cinnamon rolls, cherry-filled turnovers, giant classic chocolate chip cookies and more — are now available from the Public Market's newest merchant, Homestead Kitchen + Bakery.

Homestead Kitchen + Bakery owners Kelly and Lori Gardner operate out of the stall that formerly housed Cosmo Burger. This is the second location for the business, which has built a faithful following at their original storefront in Baldwin City, Kansas.

"We're a delicious, casual concept that brings balance to the table," said Owner Lori Gardner. "Whether you want a healthy salad and protein balls,



8750 Penrose Ln. , Lenexa, KS 66219 LenexaPublicMarket.com



Bakery

or you have a hankering for a burger, fries, and ice cream, we have something for every mood. We've been in business for close to nine years and we've worked very hard to build a concept that our customers enjoy."

From hearty breakfasts to satisfying lunches and cozy dinners, everything they serve is crafted with your family in mind. Whether you're stopping in for a sweet treat or sitting down for a warm meal, you'll always feel right at home.

They plan to add gluten-free and dairy-free menu items soon.

Homestead Kitchen + Bakery is open Sunday–Monday, 8 a.m.–2 p.m. and Tuesday–Saturday, 8 a.m.–7 p.m. View their full menu at **LenexaPublicMarket.com**.

Call for craft vendors

Calling all craft vendors! Showcase your creativity this holiday season at the Lenexa Public Market. We're seeking adult artisans with high-quality, handmade goods for Sip, Mingle & Jingle on Nov. 21, and young makers (high school seniors or younger) who have the unique opportunity to create and sell original items for the Kid Makers Market on Nov. 23. Apply by Oct. 13, at LenexaPublicMarket.com/SMJ and LenexaPublicMarket.com/KidMakers.



Friday Night Sound Bites Fridays, 7-10 p.m.

Grab a friend, get some grub and groove into the weekend with the Lenexa Public Market's popular music series. Join us for free, live music and flavorful food options from our merchants and rotating food trucks every Friday night through Oct. 31 on the Lower Commons.

LenexaPublicMarket.com/FNSB

SEPT 5 Teresa Deaton Band

SEPT 12 Mirage + Red Friday Football

SEPT 19 Instamatics

SEPT 26 Selekto Show + Empanada Fest 2025

OCT 3 After Party

OCT 10 The Yachties

OCT 17 Hard@Play

OCT 24 Bound & Determined

OCT 31 Tre' Mutava + Adult Costume Contest



SEPTEMBER-EARLY NOVEMBER IN THE CITY OF FESTIVALS

NATIVE PLANT SALE

SEPT. 6 • 8 AM-NOON • LENEXA CIVIC CAMPUS, 17201 W. 87TH ST. PKWY. Discover a vibrant variety of landscaping options at this Native Plant Sale at the Lenexa Farmers Market. Browse grasses, flowers and other plants from local vendors. Lenexa.com/NativePlantSale

SPINACH FESTIVAL PRESENTED BY EVERFAST FIBER NETWORKS

SEPT. 6 • 9 AM-4 PM • SAR-KO-PAR TRAILS PARK, 8801 GREENWAY LN. This family-oriented festival is packed with food, entertainment, contests, live music, hands-on activities, a spinach recipe contest and art and craft vendors. Lenexa.com/Spinach

FRIDAY NIGHT SOUND BITES + RED FRIDAY FOOTBALL

SEPT. 12 • 5–10 PM • LENEXA PUBLIC MARKET, 8750 PENROSE LN.
Show your team spirit and wear

Show your team spirit and wear red! Enjoy live music by Mirage, appearances by the Chiefs Rumble drumline, KC Wolf and tailgate-worthy eats from Market merchants and food trucks. LenexaPublicMarket.com/FNSB

FIRE OPEN HOUSE

SEPT. 13 • 10 AM-2 PM • LENEXA FIRE STATION 3, 24000 PRAIRIE STAR PKWY. All ages are invited to join the Lenexa Fire Department for bounce houses, a burn trailer demo, mini fire truck races, a hotdog lunch and more.

Lenexa.com/FireOpenHouse

OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES PRESENTED BY BLUE MOOSE BAR & GRILL

5-6:30 PM • SAR-KO-PAR TRAILS PARK, 8801 GREENWAY LN.

Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and a picnic to enjoy a variety of music at the Grand Pavilion.

FLASHBACK KC ('80s tribute band) • SEPT. 14

REX HOBART AND THE HONKY TONK STANDARDS • SEPT. 21

A program of the Lenexa Arts Council. Free admission.

Lenexa.com/Concerts

KANSAS CITY SYMPHONY MOBILE MUSIC BOX

SEPT. 18 • 6-7 PM • SAR-KO-PAR TRAILS PARK, 8801 GREENWAY LN.

Kansas City Symphony musicians bring the music to you, from familiar classics to uplifting modern works. These free and family-friendly concerts are just right for classical music fans and those who may have never experienced a symphony concert.

SKATE JAM

SEPT. 20 • 4–6 PM • SAR-KO-PAR TRAILS PARK, 8801 GREENWAY LN.

This is the event skaters and enthusiasts have been waiting for! Enjoy live beats from our DJ while you show off your skills. Don't miss out on food truck fare and a chance to win a free helmet (while supplies last). It's the perfect event for skaters of all

ages to come together.

Lenexa.com/SkateJam





FOOD TRUCK FRENZY

SEPT. 20 • 5-9 PM • LENEXA CIVIC CAMPUS, 87TH STREET PARKWAY & PENROSE LN.

Feast on a variety of cuisines from area food trucks, enjoy live music by Switch in Time and shop from a variety of local craft vendors in City Hall. Limited seating is available; feel free to bring a chair. See the full lineup of food trucks and vendors at

Lenexa.com/FoodTruckFrenzy.

FALL BACK TO FITNESS

SEPT. 22-26 • LENEXA REC CENTER, 17201 W. 87TH ST PKWY.

Ready to get back into a routine? The Lenexa Rec Center is bringing a variety of Group X fitness classes outside, and they're free for anyone to try! It's the perfect chance to explore different workouts, discover what you enjoy and how regular classes can support your fitness goals. Ages 16 and up. No membership or registration necessary - just show up and join in. See the schedule at Lenexa.com/FallFitness.

FREE FITNESS CHECKUP

SEPT. 23 • 6-7 PM • LENEXA REC CENTER, 17201 W. 87TH ST PKWY.

Get a free body composition scan, test your strength and cardio, then get a quick consult with a personal trainer. No membership needed — just sign up for a free 15-minute slot at Lenexa.com/FitnessCheckup.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK NIGHT WITH MUNICIPAL SERVICES

SEPT. 24 • 5-7 PM • LENEXA PUBLIC MARKET, 8750 PENROSE LN.

Kids (and kids at heart) can explore the big trucks and equipment that keep our city moving. Climb into the driver's seat, honk a horn and meet some of the friendly crews who maintain Lenexa's streets, traffic signals, stormwater systems and city vehicles. LenexaPublicMarket.com/ **FamilyNight**

MANHATTAN SHORT FILM **FESTIVAL**

SEPT. 25 • 6:30-9:30 PM • LENEXA CITY HALL, 17101 W. 87TH ST. PKWY.

Lenexa is one of more than 500 venues worldwide where film lovers unite to view and judge the top 10 short film finalists. Every film selected qualifies for the 2026 Oscars. Vote on your favorite entries for Best Film and Best Actor. A partnership with the Johnson County Library and Lenexa Arts Council. Free. Lenexa.com/Film









FRIDAY NIGHT SOUND BITES + EMPANADA FEST 2025

SEPT. 26 • 5-10 PM • LENEXA PUBLIC MARKET, 8750 PENROSE LN.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage
Month with a global favorite —
the empanada. Discover how this
beloved pastry connects cultures
worldwide. This festive Friday Night
Sound Bites features Latin beats by
Selekto Show, authentic empanadas
from local vendors and incredible
local talent showing off skills in a
freestyle soccer competition.

LenexaPublicMarket.com/FNSB

FAMILY CAMPOUT

SEPT. 26-27 • 4 PM-9 AM • BLACK HOOF PARK, 9053 MONTICELLO RD. Pitch your tent and camp out under the stars. Make memories and spend quality time together as a family with your community just a few steps away. Bring a tent, sleeping bags and whatever you want for dinner. We'll provide yard games, nature activities, crafts and s'mores around the campfire. In the morning, enjoy donuts, coffee and juice. Ages 3+. \$32 for first four family members; \$8 for each additional family member. Must register in advance.

Lenexa.com/Campout

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

OCT. 7 • 5–7:30 PM • LENEXA JUSTICE CENTER, 17371 PRAIRIE STAR PKWY.

Get to know some of your Lenexa police officers. This fun familyfriendly event will include a police K-9 demonstration, vehicle displays, food and more. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live.

Lenexa.com/NNO

FIRE SAFETY FUN + STORYTIME AT FAMILY NIGHT

OCT. 8 • 5–7 PM • LENEXA PUBLIC MARKET, 8750 PENROSE LN.

The Lenexa Fire Department and Lenexa City Center Library are teaming up to offer a fun, educational event for National Fire Prevention Week. Step inside a fire truck, play yard games with firefighters and enjoy a safety-themed storytime led by a librarian.

LenexaPublicMarket.com/ FamilyNight

CITY CENTER LIVE

6:30-7:30 PM • LENEXA CITY HALL, 17101 W. 87TH ST. PKWY.

This performing arts series features a variety of musical and small theatrical acts. Free. A program of the Lenexa Arts Council.

RUDY AMATO • OCT. 11. The Vegas experience, a tribute to the Strip's golden experience.

BEAU BLEDSOE AND EZGI KARAKUS • NOV. 8. Music of Spain, Portugal and Latin America Lenexa.com/CityCenterLive

CHILI CHALLENGE PRESENTED BY EVERFAST FIBER NETWORKS

OCT. 10, 3–10 PM • OCT. 11, 10 AM–4 PM • OLD TOWN LENEXA, SANTA FE TRAIL DRIVE & PFLUMM RD.

One of Lenexa's spiciest events is almost here! The 38th annual Lenexa Chili Challenge heats up Friday night with live music, face painters and balloon artists while nearly 200 teams prep for Saturday's competition. After many years, we're retiring fireworks at the Lenexa Chili Challenge to focus on what makes this event special — great chili, great music and great community. On Saturday, grab your spoon at the gate and sample chili, hot wings and salsa (while supplies last). Face painters, balloon artists and live music keep the fun going. Free admission.

Lenexa.com/Chili

KIDS KORNBREAD CONTEST

OCT. 11 • 9 AM • OLD TOWN LENEXA, SANTA FE TRAIL DRIVE & PFLUMM RD.

Kids ages 12 and under are invited to enter their best cornbread in the Kids Kornbread Contest at the Lenexa Chili Challenge. Winners announced on stage at approximately 4 p.m. Entry is free, and participants don't need to be part of a Chili Challenge team to enter. Limited to the first 30 kids registered.

Lenexa.com/Chili



HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

IN LENEXA

TRUCK OR TREAT

OCT. 18 • 8-11 AM • MUNICIPAL SERVICES SERVICE CENTER, 7700 COTTONWOOD ST.

This event brings out the best of touch-a-truck and trunk-or-treat. Kids will have a blast watching pumpkins get smashed by construction equipment and checking out monstrous trucks up close while collecting treats. The whole family can learn from demos showing how the Municipal Services team keeps streets, traffic signals, vehicles, stormwater systems and facilities in good shape.

Lenexa.com/TruckOrTreat

COSTUME CONTEST AT FAMILY NIGHT

OCT. 29 • 5-7 PM • LENEXA PUBLIC MARKET, 8750 PENROSE LN.

Calling all little ghosts, superheroes and pumpkins! Dress up and take part in our kid-friendly costume contest during Wednesday Family Night. Make it an evening filled with sweet treats, festive fun and Halloween excitement for the whole family. LenexaPublicMarket.com/FamilyNight

ENCHANTED FOREST PRESENTED BY **EVERFAST FIBER NETWORKS**

OCT. 30, 4-8 PM • SAR-KO-PAR TRAILS PARK, 8801 GREENWAY LN. For one magical night a year, Lenexa's most popular park transforms into an enchanted forest filled with not-too-spooky delights for young kids and

AIME MORALES families. Hop on a hayride, paint a pumpkin and stroll around Rose's Pond for puppet shows, musicians, magic shows, Halloween displays and charming performances. Free. Lenexa.com/Enchanted

FRIDAY NIGHT SOUND FRIGHTS + ADULT **COSTUME CONTEST**

OCT. 31 • 7-10 PM • LENEXA PUBLIC MARKET 8750 PENROSE IN.

While the kids are out trick-or-treating, join us for the final Friday Night Sound Bites of the year. Come in costume, enjoy live music by Tre' Mutava and enter our adult costume contest for a chance to win a \$50 Public Market eGift card. It's the perfect way to celebrate Halloween night — music, fun and spooky vibes await! LenexaPublicMarket.com/FNSB





Keep up with program status updates

Lenexa Parks & Recreation uses Statusfy as a notification system. Receive closure, cancellation and other notifications instantly through whichever method you choose.

- Download the free Statusfy mobile app
- Sign up for emails or texts at Statusfy.com
- Call 913.477.7170
- View updates at Lenexa.com/Cancellations

Contact Us

- 913.477.7100 (weekdays 8 a.m.-6 p.m.)
- Parksandrec@lenexa.com

Waitlist and cancellations

See policies at Lenexa.com/Registration.

Scholarships

Available for Lenexa residents – details at Lenexa.com/Scholarships.

ADA accommodations

The City of Lenexa is committed to making reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Request for accommodations must be made at least 10 business days prior to the activity.

Health insurance benefits

We work with most health insurance programs that offer fitness incentives, such as Medicare's SilverSneakers[®], giving you access to many activities at no cost or a reduced rate.



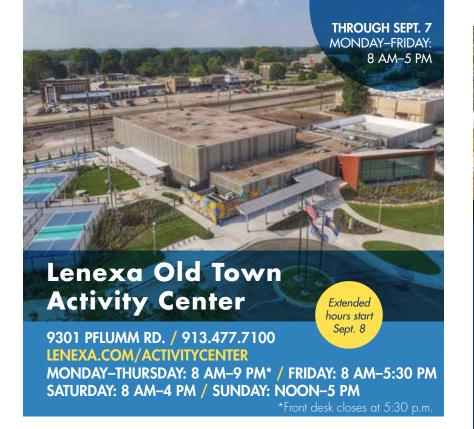
Put Parks & Recreation in your pocket

Download the free Lenexa Parks & Recreation app to access these convenient features:

- Check in at the Lenexa Rec Center and outdoor pools using your phone. No more ID cards needed.
- Track punch card uses by scanning on the app.
- Sign up for programs and fitness classes.
- View drop-in recreation schedules.
- Check out rental options.
- Find details about upcoming events.
- Explore Lenexa's parks and places on the go.

Lenexa.com/ParksRecApp





AMENITIES

- Multipurpose activity rooms
- Full-court gymnasium
- Family changing rooms
- Warming kitchens
- Outdoor pickleball courts (4)
- Outdoor shuffleboard courts (2)
- Outdoor table tennis
- Outdoor basketball goal
- Open turf areas
- Shaded sitting area
- Outdoor cornhole (2)

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Pick from three party options starting at \$185. Available on Saturdays and Sundays. Lenexa.com/BirthdayParty

FACILITY RENTALS

Flexible rental hours:

- Monday-Thursday: until 9 p.m.
- Friday-Saturday: until midnight
- Sunday: 8-11 a.m. and 6-9 p.m.

Choose the space that fits your needs — from a small room starting at 25/ hour to the full gym at 100/hour or the full outdoor space at 170/hour.

CITY FACILITY HOLIDAY HOURS

LABOR DAY / MONDAY, SEPT. 1

City of Lenexa offices and Lenexa Old Town Activity Center closed.

Lenexa Rec Center open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. / Group X classes canceled / Splash With Me: 10-11:30 a.m. / Open Swim: noon-4 p.m. / Kid Zone: 8 a.m.-noon

Lenexa Public Market open 7 a.m.-5 p.m.



LEGLER BARN MUSEUM & DEPOT

14907 W. 87TH ST. PKWY. / 913.477.7133 / LENEXA.COM/LEGLERBARN

WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY: 10 AM-4 PM

Legler Barn houses Lenexa's free heritage museum. The City's history is on display across this property, which features several historical structures.

Living Sovereignty Exhibit SEPT. 3-NOV. 8

Explore indigenous tribes in Kansas and Missouri and their struggle for self-governance with the United States government. This guest exhibit was developed by the Watkins Museum of History in partnership with Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.



The Lenexa Arts Council curates free rotating art shows at the City Hall Art Gallery.

Lenexa Artists' Show UNTIL SEPT. 28

Check out hometown talent. This juried show highlights the work of Lenexa artists in a variety of subjects and media.

Allen Winkler: New & Old SEPT. 30-OCT. 26

Acrylic and paper cutouts.

Place of Peace Veterans Art Exhibit oct. 28-Nov. 30

Art by U.S. military veterans. A partnership with Arts Council of Johnson County.

Lenexa Rec Center

17201 W. 87TH ST. PKWY. / 913.477.PLAY (7529) / LENEXA.COM/RECCENTER MONDAY-FRIDAY: 5 AM-9 PM / SATURDAY: 7 AM-6 PM / SUNDAY: 10 AM-6 PM



AMENITIES

- Indoor pool with deep-water well, kiddie pool, lap pool, lazy river, slides (2) and warm water wellness pool
- Fitness floor with cutting-edge fitness equipment
- Group fitness classrooms (3)
- Jogging/walking track
- Gymnasiums (2)
- Kid Zone child watch area
- Birthday party rooms (3)
- Locker rooms/restrooms

GYM & POOL SCHEDULES

Schedules for the activity gym, second floor gym and open swim/indoor pool available at Lenexa.com/RecSchedules.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Choose from four fun party packages, with prices ranging from \$185 to \$400 depending on time and activities. Available on Saturdays and Sundays. **Lenexa.com/BirthdayParty**

FACILITY RENTALS

Rent one of three available spaces starting at \$40/hour for residents

Looking for something bigger? The entire facility is available for after-hours rental on Saturday and Sunday evenings (minimum four hours). Prices start at \$2,500. Lenexa.com/Rentals

- Core Pass: Access to all Rec Center amenities
- Pass: Access to all Rec Center amenities, Group X fitness classes and a 10% discount on programs and services
- Day Pass: Access as a Core Pass member

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	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	
CORE PASS					
Adult (18-59)	\$56	\$616	\$45	\$495	
Youth (12-17)	\$43	\$473	\$35	\$385	
Senior (60+)	\$50	\$550	\$40	\$440	
Household*	\$92	\$1,012	\$74	\$814	
Plus 1**	\$26	\$286	\$21	\$231	
≯ PASS					
Adult (18-59)	\$81	\$891	\$65	\$715	
Youth (12-17)	\$68	\$748	\$55	\$605	
Senior (60+)	\$75	\$825	\$60	\$660	
Household*	\$117	\$1,287	\$94	\$1,034	
Plus 1**	\$31	\$341	\$26	\$286	
DAY PASS					
Single	\$12 pc	\$12 per day		er day	
Punch card	\$108 for	10 visits	\$81 for 10 visits		
ANNUAL MEMBE	RSHIPS ARE	12 MONTH	IS FOR THE P	RICE OF 11	

*Max of five individuals at same address (ages 3+).

- **Price is per person added to an adult or senior membership, or for the sixth and up person on a household membership.
- No initiation or application fees. Monthly memberships can be canceled with 30 days' notice. Scholarships available.
- Kids age 2 and under are free for memberships and passes.

Parks & Amenities

PARK HOURS:		Ame	nity c	an be	e rese	rved																	
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Using this Guide

SAMPLE PROGRAM

Young Explorers AGE 3-6 o

ALL ABOUT APPLES. Let us dive into the sweet and crunchy world of apples. We'll learn all about their different varieties, colors, flavors and the journey from seed to fruit.

W 9/3 9-10 AM \$12.50 × REC 501303 **DATE** TIME **LOCATION RANGE**

T: Tuesday | TH: Thursday S: Saturday | SU: Sunday

See facilities index below.

₹ 10% discount for Rec Center X Pass members

AGE/AGE RANGE

AGES 0-5 In the Youth section, this indicates a program designed for Early Childhood. Find all other youth programs in the School-age Youth category at Lenexa.com/GetActive.

★ In the Adult section, a star symbol indicates a program designed for Active Agers. All other programs are listed in the Adult category at Lenexa.com/GetActive.

All Aquatics programs are listed under the Aquatics section of this guide and in the Aquatics category at Lenexa.com/ GetActive, regardless of age.

ACTIVITY CODE

Use this number to find the program on our online registration system.

- Go to Lenexa.com/GetActive.
- Find the blue search bar near the top of the page that says "Search by Activity Code or keyword."
- 3 Type this number into the Activity Search bar to find program details and register.

FACILITIES FEATURED IN THIS ISSUE

Black Hoof Park (BHP) 9053 Monticello Rd.

Bois D'Arc Park (BDP) 8870 Lackman Rd.

Lenexa City Hall (CH) 17101 W. 87th St. Pkwy. **Lenexa Old Town Activity Center** (ACT) 9301 Pflumm Rd.

Lenexa Rec Center (REC) 17201 W. 87th St. Pkwy.

Little Mill Creek Park (LMC) 79th Street and Cottonwood Street Parks Service Center (PSC) 13321 Walnut St.

Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park (SKP) 8801 Greenway Ln.

Thompson Barn (TB) 11184 Lackman Rd.

Three convenient ways to register

ONLINE

Sign up for programs and find additional details at Lenexa.com/GetActive. New users must create a household account listing each household member.

ON THE APP

Download the free Lenexa Parks & Recreation app at Lenexa.com/ ParksRecApp. Log in using the same credentials as Lenexa.com/ GetActive, or create a new account.

IN PERSON

Walk-in registrations are available Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Lenexa Rec Center and 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at the Lenexa Old Town Activity Center.



Youth DROP-IN ACTIVITIES

No registration required. A specific time is set aside at a facility for open play or casual participation in a particular activity. Just show up and pay a small fee to join in. Save by purchasing a punch card — a prepaid card (paper or digital through the app) that gives you access to drop-in activities at a discounted rate.

Schedule is subject to change; may be modified on holidays and Shawnee Mission School District days off.

	TIME	SU	M	T	W	TH	F	PLACE
\$3/PERSON PER DROP-IN; PURCHASE A 10-VISIT PUNCH CAI	RD FOR \$27							
Gym for Me. AGES 5 AND UNDER Ride, push and bounce at this open gym time for young children. Play items provided. Adult supervision	9–11 AM		•		•			ACT
required.	9–11 AM			•				REC
Splash With Me. AGES 5 AND UNDER Pool time for young children. Adult supervision required.	10-11:30 AM	•	•	•	•	•	•	REC
NEW! After School Open Play. Unwind, move and make new friends after a full school day. Enjoy a variety of games and sports — basketball, pickleball, table tennis, shuffleboard, futsal and more — both inside the gym and out on the porch.	3:30–5 PM		•	•	•	•		ACT

Youth CAMPS

Kids Day Out Camp K-SIXTH GRADE

No school? No problem. Drop your kids off at the Lenexa Rec Center for a full day of fun at Kids Day Out! Daily activities may include pickleball, dodgeball, cooking, STEAM and more. Occasional field trips may involve bowling, trampolining, roller skating, movies and other activities.

OLATHE SCHOOL DISTRICT

T	9/2	7:30 AM-5:30 PM	\$48 %	REC	501401
F	10/10	7:30 AM-5:30 PM	\$48 %	REC	501401
TH	10/16	7:30 AM-5:30 PM	\$48 %	REC	501401
F	10/17	7:30 AM-5:30 PM	\$48 %	REC	501401

SHAWNEE MISSION SCHOOL DISTRICT

F	9/12	7:30 AM-5:30 PM	\$48 %	REC	501401
F	10/10	7:30 AM-5:30 PM	\$48 %	REC	501401
F	10/17	7:30 AM-5:30 PM	\$48 %	REC	501401
М	11/3	7:30 AM-5:30 PM	\$48 %	REC	501401

Turkey Break Camp K-SIXTH GRADE

Give yourself some time to prep the house and get ready for Thanksgiving while your children enjoy fun and festive activities, swimming and adventures outside!

FEES / \$48/one day; \$92/two days; \$134/three days.

M-W	11/24-	7:30 AM-	FEES	REC	401404
	11/26	5:30 PM	ABOVE		

Youth ENRICHMENT

Young Explorers AGE 3-6

ALL ABOUT APPLES. Let us dive into the sweet and crunchy world of apples. We'll learn all about their different varieties, colors, flavors and the journey from seed to fruit.

W	9/3	9–10 AM	\$12.50 ×	RFC	501303

LITTLE SCIENTIST. Discover the world of science. We'll introduce basic scientific concepts through exciting experiments, investigations and observations.

W	10/1	9-10 AM	\$12.50 ※	DEC	501202
VV	10/1	9-10 AM	312.3U /<	KEC	301303

BLOCK BONANZA. Welcome to the colorful world of building blocks, where imagination knows no bounds. With each click and clack, the fun never stops.

W	11/5	9–11 AM	\$12.50 ×	REC	501303

Youth ENRICHMENT

NEW! Tiny Scientists by Mad Science AGE 4-6

Tiny scientists will be introduced to the wonders of the world around them to spark curiosity through hands-on exploration of fun, engaging themes in a preschool-friendly way. A takehome experiment is provided weekly.

SESSION ONE. Tiny scientists will explore the world through sight, color, air, water and tools of observation. From investigating how air and water behave to discussing how we see, measure and observe details up close, each topic sparks curiosity through fun, hands-on learning.

M 9/15-10/20 10-10:30 AM \$72 ACT 5011007

SESSION TWO. Explore the world of animals, sound, chemistry, shapes, space and weather through interactive lessons, allowing children to discover how animals live, the science of sound, chemical reactions, structures, the solar system and the wonders of weather.

M 11/3-12/8 10-10:30 AM \$72 ACT **5011007**

Preschool Pals AGE 3.5-5

This program is designed to help children reach developmental milestones needed for success in kindergarten. An emphasis is placed on nature, music, fitness and art, while focusing on development through hands-on learning. Children must be potty-trained to attend.

T/TH	9/2-9/25	9–11 AM	\$17/ DAY ※	REC	5011003
W	9/3-9/24	9–11 AM	\$17/DAY	ACT	5011003
T/TH	9/30–10/30	9–11 AM	\$17/ DAY ※	REC	5011003
W	10/1-10/29	9–11 AM	\$17/DAY	ACT	5011003
T/TH	11/4–11/20	9–11 AM	\$17/ DAY ※	REC	5011003
W	11/5-11/19	9–11 AM	\$17/DAY	ACT	5011003

NEW! LEGLER BARN ACTIVITY KITS

Grow curious minds with a free activity kit for kids ages 3–7.
Visit Legler Barn Museum &
Depot to check out activities on butterflies, birdwatching or native plants and insects. Legler Barn is open Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. \$10 deposit required

10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$10 deposit required to ensure bag and reusable items are returned. Lenexa.com/LeglerBarn

Youth ENRICHMENT

Art Classes AGE 6-12

PAINT. Join a collision of color and master the methods of acrylic and watercolor painting. Practice the basics, and explore the possibilities. No blank canvas left!

W	9/3-9/17	6:30-7:30 PM	\$39 X	REC	501201
TH	9/4-9/18	6:30-7:30 PM	\$39 ×	REC	501201

MIXED MEDIA MASH-UP. Unleash your creativity! We'll explore a wide variety of art materials and techniques to create your very own masterpieces. Painting, drawing, collage, sculpture and more — let's mix and match different styles to bring your imagination to life.

W	10/1–10/15	6:30-7:30 PM	\$39 💥	REC	501201
TH	10/2-10/16	6:30-7:30 PM	\$39 ×	REC	501201

DRAW. Build basic drawing skills to create art on various papers and surfaces. Try easy techniques and explore different media using pencils, pens, pastels and more!

W	11/5–11/19	6:30-7:30 PM	\$39 X	REC	501201
TH	11/6-11/20	6:30-7:30 PM	\$39 ×	REC	501201

NEW! Eco Friend Badge: Lake Night Hike with the City of LenexaGirl Scouts and Girl Scout Troops: Grab your walking shoes

Girl Scouts and Girl Scout Troops: Grab your walking shoes and flashlights for an evening of adventure, discovery and delicious delights. Learn about the fascinating creatures of the night, go on a scavenger hunt for wildlife, and then gather fireside for a sweet treat under the stars at Black Hoof Park.

F 10/17 6-8 PM \$15 BHP **502308**



Sign up to be a volunteer coach!

We're looking for parent coaches for **soccer, flag football** and **basketball**. Curriculum provided. All coaches will receive a 20% credit from their child's registration fee at the end of the season. If interested, contact Ryan Latta at rlatta@lenexa.com.

Youth SPORTS & FITNESS

Happy Feet Soccer AGE 2-5

Using songs, stories, nursery rhymes and games, this introductory soccer program uses creative play techniques to develop skills that stay with kids as they grow. It's a great foundation to make soccer fun and imaginative.

М	9/8-9/29	11:30 AM-NOON	\$50	ACT	501102
М	10/6–10/27	11:30 AM-NOON	\$50	ACT	501102
М	11/3-11/24	11:30 AM-NOON	\$50	ACT	501102

Learn to Play Basketball AGE 2.5-6

This program introduces skills and concepts to grow your child's competence and confidence without a rush to competition. Instructors focus on skill development and teaching the rules of the game in an environment that promotes sportsmanship, confidence, fundamentals, fitness and fun. Team T-shirt included. Parent involvement required for ages 2.5–4.

AGE 2.5-4

TH 10/23-12/4 5:30-6:15 PM \$45 ACT 40
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AGE 4-6

TH 10/23-12/18 6:30-7:15 PM \$60 ACT 401108

Early Childhood Soccer League PRESCHOOL

Run. Kick. Pass. Lay a foundation of athletic proficiency and develop large motor skills with soccer. This league starts with a 25-minute practice followed by a 25-minute game. Team T-shirt included. Shin guards required.

S	9/6–10/11	11:15 AM-12:05 PM	\$55	LMC	201112
S	9/6-10/11	12:30-1:20 PM	\$55	LMC	201112

Skateboarding 101 AGE 3-12

Learn to skateboard in a fun and safe environment. Participants will be given instruction in basic skateboarding skills and etiquette. Some skills include balance, Tick Tacks, time in the bowl and going up and down smaller ramps. Parents are required to attend each class. Students need a helmet and their own skateboard. Knee and elbow pads recommended.

S	9/6-9/20	1-2:30 PM	\$60	SKP	501143
S	11/1-11/15	1-2:30 PM	\$60	SKP	501143

Youth SPORTS & FITNESS

Shining Stars Dance AGES 3-17

Dance offers lifelong benefits: enhancing balance, flexibility, strength and coordination while developing both gross and fine motor skills. It fosters creativity, confidence and expression at any age, and it's never too late to start your journey.

An experienced instructor guides students through foundational techniques. Specialized classes for select styles. Register for more than one class in the same session and save 20% off the second class. To join mid-session, contact parksandrec@lenexa.com.

COMBO AGES 3-4

Μ	9/8–10/27	4:30-5:15 PM	\$104	ACT	501105
T	9/2-10/28	10:30-11:15 AM	\$11 <i>7</i>	ACT	501105
W	9/3-10/29	4:30-5:15 PM	\$11 <i>7</i>	ACT	501105
S	9/6–11/1	9-9:45 AM	\$104	ACT	501105
M	11/3–12/1	4:30-5:15 PM	\$65	ACT	501105
T	11/4-12/2	10:30-11:15 AM	\$65	ACT	501105
W	11/5–12/3	4:30-5:15 PM	\$65	ACT	501105
S	11/8–11/29	9-9:45 AM	\$52	ACT	501105

COMBO LEVEL 1 & 2 AGES 5-10

9/8-10/27 5:30-6:30 PM

T	9/2-10/28	4:30-5:30 PM	\$11 <i>7</i>	ACT	501106
М	11/3-12/1	5:30-6:30 PM	\$65	ACT	501106
T	11/4-12/2	4:30-5:30 PM	\$65	ACT	501106

COMBO LEVEL 2 AGES 5-10

IH_	9/4-10/30	4:30–5:30 PM	\$104	ACI	501106	
TH	11/6-12/4	4:30-5:30 PM	\$65	ACT	501106	

COMBO LEVEL 1 & 2 AGES 5-11

<u>S</u>	9/6-11/1	10–11 AM	\$104	ACI	501106
S	11/8-11/29	10-11 AM	\$52	ACT	501106

LEVEL 2 ACRO AGES 6-12

I	9/2-10/28	5:30–6:30 PM	\$11/	ACI	501106
T	11/4-12/2	5:30-6:30 PM	\$65	ACT	501106

BALLET AGES 6-10

W	9/3–10/29	5:30-6:15 PM	\$11 <i>7</i>	ACT	501106
W	11/5-12/3	5:30-6:15 PM	\$52	ACT	501106

LEVEL 1 ACRO AGES 6-12

TH	9/4–10/30	5:30-6:30 PM	\$104	ACT	501106
TH	11/6–12/4	5:30-6:30 PM	\$52	ACT	501106

LEVEL 2 & 3 COMBO, TAP, JAZZ AGES 10-18

М	9/8-10/27	6:30-7:30 PM	\$104	ACT	501106
М	11/3-12/1	6:30-7:30 PM	\$65	ACT	501106

LEVEL 3 BALLET, TAP, JAZZ AGES 11-17

T	9/2-10/28	6:30–8 PM	\$11 <i>7</i>	ACT	501106
T	11/4-12/2	6:30-8 PM	\$65	ACT	501106

LEAPS & TURNS AGES 10-18

Focuses on technical skills dancers need to perform more advanced choreography with precision and style.

W	11/5-12/3	5:30-6:15 PM	\$52	ACT	501106
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Karate AGE 5+

Students progress through ranks in Shindo Jinen Ryu, a traditional Japanese karate style, by refining basic techniques, working on self-defense and learning competition style kata (form). Upcoming sessions: Sept. 3–27, Oct. 1–25, Oct. 29–Nov. 22.

FEES / Unlimited classes for \$78/month. Uniform can be purchased at first class for \$30. Receive 10% off each additional family member enrollment. Tests: \$45/kid per test.

BEGINNERS

501106

\$104 ACT

W	5:30-6:30 PM	FEES ABOVE 💥	REC	501113
S	9-10 AM	FEES ABOVE 💥	REC	501113

INTERMEDIATE

W/TH	6:30–7:30 PM	FEES ABOVE X	REC	501113
S	10-11 AM	FEES ABOVE 💥	REC	501113

ADVANCED

W/TH	7:30-8:30 PM	FEES ABOVE 💥	REC	501113
S	11 AM-NOON	FEES ABOVE 💥	REC	501113

Youth SPORTS & FITNESS

Youth Basketball League K-SECOND GRADE

Basketball promotes physical fitness, teamwork and communication. The first three weeks of league are practice-only. Kids will work on dribbling, passing, shooting and defense. The last five weeks are games where they put what they learn into action. Each practice/game is 45 minutes. Team T-shirt included.

GRADES 1-2

М	10/20-12/8	5-8 PM	\$69	ACT	501128
KIN	DERGARTEN				
T	10/21-12/16	5-8 PM	\$69	ACT	501128

Youth Flag Football K-THIRD GRADE

Learn and enjoy the fundamentals of football without the physical contact of tackling. This recreational, co-ed league enhances skills like agility, coordination and teamwork. Simplified rules make it easier for kids to grasp and enjoy the game. The first three weeks are practices; the last five weeks are games. Team T-shirt included. Participants need their own mouthguard. Cleats are optional. All other equipment provided.

KINDERGARTEN-FIRST GRADE

S 9/6-10/25		10–11 AM	\$69	LMC	501148
GRA	ADES 2-3				
S	9/6-10/25	12:30-1:30 PM	\$69	LMC	501148

Youth Soccer League K-FOURTH GRADE

Run. Kick. Pass. Lay a foundation of athletic proficiency and develop large motor skills with soccer. This league starts with a 25-minute practice followed by a 25-minute game. Team T-shirt included. Shin guards required. Rubber cleats optional.

KINDERGARTEN-FIRST GRADE

S	9/6–10/25	9:10-10 AM	\$69	LMC	201111			
S	9/6–10/25	12:30-1:20 PM	\$69	LMC	201111			
GRADES 2-4								
c	0/4_10/25	Q AM or 10.15 AM	\$40	IMC	201111			

Youth Tennis Lessons AGES 6-13

Learn proper techniques, improve fitness and build discipline. Whether your child is new to the sport or wants to improve their play, weekly lessons can help foster their enjoyment of the game as they develop skills in an atmosphere that promotes friendship and sportsmanship. Participants need their own racquet.

W	9/3-9/24	5:15-6:15 PM	\$100	SKP	501110
W	10/1-10/22	5:15-6:15 PM	\$100	SKP	501110
W	11/5-12/3	5:15-6:15 PM	\$100	ACT	501110

LTD Basketball Skills Academy GRADES 1-6

Build skills and boost self-confidence. Designed to develop well-rounded athletes, this progressive program starts with the fundamentals — shooting, dribbling, defending, rebounding and passing — and builds on them week by week. All skill levels welcome.

Т	9/9-10/14	6-7 PM	\$90	ACT	301114

ESports: Super Smash Bros. Gaming League AGES 8-17

Compete in a Super Smash Bros. league to sharpen your gaming skills and meet other players in the community. League ends with a one-day tournament. *Players are assigned 45-minute game slots one week prior to the start of the league.

W	11/5-12/10	*5–8 PM	\$39	ACT	501138
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Volleyball - Above the Net GRADES 3-6

Get ready to bump, set and serve! This beginner-friendly class teaches volleyball fundamentals in a small group setting — no experience needed. Athletes learn key skills like serving and bumping, while getting familiar with court layout and player positions. With a focus on hand-eye coordination, positive reinforcement and one-on-one instruction, this upbeat environment is perfect for building confidence and having fun. Wear appropriate tennis shoes. Knee pads recommended.

GRA	IDES 3-4				
W	9/3-9/24	5:15-6:15 p.m.	\$80	ACT	501400
GR/	DES 5-6				
W	9/3-9/24	6:30-7:30 p.m.	\$80	ACT	501400

Youth Small Group Training AGES 10-16

Help your child learn the fundamentals of strength training and cardio endurance training. The goal of this class is to introduce a fun and exciting way to participate in a non-competitive exercise program built just for their age group and ability.

TH	9/4–9/25	5:15-6 PM	\$45 %	REC	501158
TH	10/2-10/23	5:15-6 PM	\$45 ※	REC	501158
TH	11/6–12/18	5:15-6 PM	\$45 ℀	REC	501158

Group Swim Lesson Levels

PARENT AND CHILD AGES 6 MONTHS-3 YEARS

Parents are guided to introduce new techniques to their children to build confidence in and around the water. This course is not designed to teach your child how to survive or swim in the water.

504598

TODDLER AGES 3-4

Water acclimation and introduction of basic skills through songs and games. 504599

PRESCHOOL 1 AGES 3-5

Water acclimation and basic skills like floatina. 504600

PRESCHOOL 2 AGES 3-5

Begin submerging head and working on skills without support. 504600

PRESCHOOL 3 AGES 3-5

Submerge head for bobs and enhance independent skills including beginning front crawl. 504600

LEVEL 1 AGES 5+

Focus on floating, front crawl and back crawl introduction. 504601

LEVEL 2 AGES 5+

Focus on back crawl, elementary backstroke, treading and jumping into deep water. 504602

LEVEL 3 AGES 5+

Focus on front crawl with rotary breathing, different kick forms and kneeling dives.

504603

LEVEL 4 AGES 5+

Focus on breaststroke, butterfly stroke and standing dives. 504604

LEVEL 5 AGES 5+

Focus on stroke development, turns. 504605

LEVEL 6 AGES 5+

Focus on stroke technique and endurance. 504606



REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER LESSONS IS OPEN NOW. REGISTRATION FOR OCTOBER LESSONS OPENS SEPT. 8.

Group Swim Lessons

Lenexa offers swim lessons for every skill level. Find a session that works for you at Lenexa.com/GetActive.

T/TH	8/26-9/18	EVENINGS	\$60/MEMBERS; \$65 ※	REC
S	9/6-9/27	MORNINGS	\$30/MEMBERS; \$32.50 ×	REC
T/TH	9/30-10/23	EVENINGS	\$60/MEMBERS; \$65 ×	REC
S	10/11-11/1	MORNINGS	\$30/MEMBERS; \$32.50 ×	REC

Private and Semiprivate Swim Lessons

Includes four 30-minute sessions. Semiprivate lessons are available for two students at a similar level.

FEES / Private lessons: \$115 for members; \$125. Semiprivate lessons: \$75/student for members; \$81/student.

SU	9/7–9/28	MORNINGS	REC	304623
М	9/8-9/29	EVENINGS	REC	304623
W	9/10–10/1	EVENINGS	REC	304623
SU	10/12-11/2	MORNINGS	REC	504622
М	10/13-11/3	EVENINGS	REC	504622
W	10/15-11/5	EVENINGS	REC	504622

Lazers Conditioning AGES 7-18

Build endurance and fine-tune competitive swimming strokes. This is a great program for those wanting to improve their strokes and get ready for swim team. Swimmers must be able to swim freely and backstroke for 25 yards without stopping.

M/W 10/20-11/12 4:15-5:15 PM \$65 💥 REC 504607

LENEXA REC CENTER **INDOOR POOL**

17201 W. 87TH ST PKWY

Access to the Lenexa's Rec Center's indoor pool is free for Rec Center members. Nonmembers pay daily admission. See Lenexa.com/RecSchedules for latest schedule.

SPLASH WITH ME AGES 0-5

M-F / 10-11:30 AM

Get acquainted with the water, and enjoy pool time with other little kids. \$3 per nonmember child or guardian; free for Rec Center members. Adult supervision required.

Look for a YELLOW BOX next to Early Childhood programs / Rec Center X Pass members get a 10% discount off programs with this symbol ×



Look for a 🖈 next to programs designed for Active Agers 🖊 Rec Center X Pass members get a 10% discount off programs with this symbol 🜂

ADULT EDUCATION

NEW! Aging Veterans Road Show ★

Learn about resources and health care services available for aging veterans at this resource fair, brought to you by the Kansas City VA Medical Center.

T 9/16 9 AM-NOON FREE ACT 503405

History Lunch & Learn Series

Bring a lunch and learn from local experts on various topics. The Lenexa Historical Society and Lenexa Convention and Visitors Bureau will provide dessert.

A HISTORY OF LENEXA. Enjoy a unique look at the forces and figures that shaped this vibrant community with local historian Bill Nicks.

T 9/16 NOON-1:15 PM FREE TB 5021210

GENEALOGY. The Johnson County Genealogical Society will present information on free online and in-person genealogy resources, including assistance at the Johnson County Central Resource Library and the Memory Lab for digitizing old media.

T 11/4 NOON-1:15 PM FREE TB **5021210**

History Happy Hour: Voices of Japanese "War Brides" in Postwar Kansas

After World War II, many Japanese women married U.S. military men and moved to America, facing culture shock, isolation and hardship — but also finding opportunity, resilience and community on the Kansas Prairie. In this thought-provoking talk, Ayako Mizumura, assistant director of the University of Kansas Center for East Asian Studies, shares the voices of these women as they navigated between cultures and built new identities far from home. Come early to grab dinner or drinks at the Lenexa Public Market before the presentation. Presented in partnership with Humanities Kansas, the History Happy Hour series invites adults to explore untold stories that spark conversation and connection.

F 10/3 5-6 PM FREE CH **5021211**

How to Maximize your Social Security ★

Learn key strategies on why, how and when to initiate your benefits. Rick O'Neal from Nelson Wealth Management presents information on Social Security benefits and when you can start collecting them.

W 10/15 6:30-7:30 PM FREE ACT **5031016**

ADULT DROP-IN ACTIVITIES

No registration required. A specific time is set aside at a facility for open play or casual participation in a particular activity for free or a small fee. Save by purchasing a punch card — a prepaid card (paper or digital through the app) that gives you access to dropin activities at a discounted rate. Schedule is subject to change; may be modified on Shawnee Mission School District days off.

	TIME	M	T	W	TH	F	S	PLACE
FREE DROP-IN ACTIVITIES								
Card game: Bridge. Doesn't meet on second Wednesday of the month.	12:30-3:30 PM			•		•		ACT
Card game: Cribbage	9–11 AM			•				ACT
Card game: Pinochle	12:30-3:30 PM					•		ACT
Card game: Swoop	9–11 AM					•		ACT
Tile game: Dominos	1:30 PM-4 PM		•					ACT
Tile game: Mah Jongg	12:30-3:30 PM	•						ACT
Fiber Arts. First and third Thursdays. Bring your textile craft (knitting, crochet, weaving, etc.)	10-11:30 AM				•			ACT
Movie Mondays. Popcorn and drinks provided.	12:30 PM	•						ACT
Wii Bowling	10-11:30 AM	•						ACT
\$3/PERSON PER DROP-IN; PURCHASE A 10-VISIT PUNCH	CARD FOR \$27							
Cornhole — Indoor	1-3 PM		•					ACT
Futsal — Activity Gym (Rec Center members free)	7-8:30 PM	•						REC
Open Gym — Adult	10:30 AM-1 PM				•			ACT
Open Walk	8-9 AM	•	•	•	•	•		ACT
	NOON-3 PM	•		•				ACT
Pickleball — Indoor/Outdoor	9 AM-3 PM					•		ACT
	8–11 AM						•	ACT
Pickleball — Outdoor Only	9 AM-3 PM		•		•			ACT
Pickleball — Activity Gym (Rec Center members free)	SEE SCHEDULE A	T Lene	xa.co	m/Re	cSche	dules		REC
Table Tennis — Indoor	9 AM-3 PM		•					ACT
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Active Ager Men's Basketball. ★ Shoot baskets or enjoy a pickup game. Balls provided.	10:30 AM-1 PM		•					ACT
\$5/PERSON PER DROP-IN; PURCHASE A 10-CLASS PUNCH	H CARD FOR \$45							
Chair Yoga	9-10 AM					•		ACT
Line Dancing — Beginner	2:30-3:30 PM				•			ACT
Improver Line Dance	1:15–2:15 PM				•			ACT
Senior Pep Fitness	9:30-10:30 AM		•		•			ACT

ADULT EDUCATION

NEW! Lackman-Thompson Estate Tours

Step back in time and explore the rich history of Lenexa's only listing on the Register of Historic Kansas Places. This guided tour offers a rare glimpse into the lives of the influential families who helped shape Johnson County, revealing stories of legacy, community and change. Before your tour, enjoy refreshments and mingle with fellow guests inside the beautifully restored Thompson Barn. This historic home includes steep, narrow stairs, and the tour covers the second and third floors. If you have mobility concerns, please contact Lenexa Parks & Recreation in advance.

F	9/26	4:30-5:45 PM	\$18.87	ТВ	40212
F	9/26	6-7:15 PM	\$18.87	ТВ	40212
F	11/7	4:30-5:45 PM	\$18.87	ТВ	40212
F	11/7	6-7:15 PM	\$18.87	ТВ	40212

NEW! Safety Education Series: Emergency **Preparedness**

Learn easy, practical steps to stay safe during emergencies. Create a personal emergency plan, build a trusted support network and learn how to prepare a three-day supply kit with essentials and medical items. Discover how staying informed and practicing your plan can bring peace of mind. Small actions today can make a big difference when it matters most.

9/2 11:30 AM-12:30 PM Т FREE ACT 5031017

Solving the Medicare Puzzle ★

Learn what's covered under Medicare Parts A, B and D, how to supplement this coverage and timelines for enrollment. Learn what coverage is right for you and how to make sure you are properly enrolled.

9/23 6:30-8 PM FREE ACT 5031003

Wellness Education Series

MINDFUL LIVING: STAY SHARP AND STRONG AT

ANY AGE. Discover practical tips to boost your brain health, improve nutrition and maintain physical strength through life's challenges. Learn from local experts how to enhance mental wellness and find emotional balance so you can thrive at any age. Hosted by the Senior Truth Series.

9/9 10-11:30 AM **FREE** 5031012 **ACT**

CARING MINDS: NAVIGATING MEMORY LOSS

TOGETHER. Gain valuable insight into early signs of memory loss, effective caregiving tips and strategies to support brain health. Whether you're caring for a loved one or want to protect your own memory, this expert panel offers guidance and hope. Hosted by the Senior Truth Series.

10/30 10-11:30 AM ΤH **FREE** 5031012 ACT

ADULT EDUCATION

Wellness Wednesdays

MEMORY LOSS: IS THIS JUST NORMAL AGING? Explore the difference between normal age-related memory changes and signs that may indicate a more serious condition, such as dementia or Alzheimer's disease. Learn what to expect with aging, when to seek medical advice and tips for keeping the brain healthy. Hosted by Lakeview Village.

9/17 10-11 AM **FRFF** ACT 5031014

UNDERSTANDING AND READING FOOD LABELS. Learn

how to make informed food choices by decoding nutrition labels with confidence. Join us as we cover key components like serving sizes, calories, ingredients and daily value percentages. Better understand what's in your food and how it fits into a healthy lifestyle. Hosted by Lakéview Village.

W 10/15 10-11 AM FREE ACT 5031014

ADULT ENRICHMENT

HOT LUNCHES

Johnson County Nutrition Services serves lunches in a community setting at the Lenexa Old Town Activity Center (former Lenexa Community Center). Meals are available on weekdays at 11:30 a.m. to people age 60+. Call 913.888.6141 between 9 and 10 a.m. the day before to reserve a meal. Suggested donation: \$4.

Bingo 🖈

Various metro area sponsors provide individual prizes, including two blackout gifts. Registration is required for each session and opens one week in advance. Space is limited.

12:30-1:30 PM **FREE** ACT 503900

Birthday Entertainment *

Join the celebration! Listen to musical entertainment and enjoy some birthday cake with friends. Optional meal available from Johnson County Nutrition Services - call 913.888.6141 at least 24 hours in advance. Meal begins at 11:30 a.m.

W 10/8 12:15-1:15 PM FREE 503401 **ACT**

Burgers & Blitzes: Game Day Potluck ★

Enjoy an afternoon filled with delicious food, friendly faces and fun games. Bring a dish to share that serves 12–15 people. Drinks provided. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. Wear your favorite team colors and bring your appetite.

S 9/20 NOON-3 PM **ACT** 503403

ADULT ENRICHMENT

NEW! Watercolor Expressions ★

BEGINNER WATERCOLOR: FIRST STROKES. Discover the beauty of watercolor in this relaxed, beginner-friendly class. Learn the fundamentals of brush control, color mixing and simple techniques like wet-on-wet layering. No experience needed — just curiosity and a willingness to play with color.

TH 9/4-9/25 10 AM-NOON \$48 ACT 5031019

INTERMEDIATE WATERCOLOR: NEXT STEPS. Ready to level up your watercolor skills? This class builds on the basics, introducing more complex techniques like glazing, dry brush and composition. Explore your personal style while creating more refined, expressive paintings. Some watercolor experience recommended.

TH 10/2-10/23 10 AM-NOON \$48 ACT 5031019

ADVANCED WATERCOLOR: MASTERING THE MEDIUM.

Take your watercolor art to the next level. This advanced course dives into creative expression, advanced techniques, and professional-level finishing. Emphasis is placed on developing your artistic voice through independent projects and instructor feedback. Designed for experienced watercolor artists looking to deepen their practice.

TH 10/30-11/20 10 AM-NOON \$48 ACT 5031019

NEW! Page Turners Book Exchange

Take a book, leave a book — connect with fellow readers and discover new favorites at this fun and free community book swap. Enjoy a 15-minute adult story time, explore a starter collection of 15-20 books, and get personalized reading recommendations from the Johnson County Library staff. Sign up for a library card and ask questions. All participants will be entered into a drawing for a Johnson County Library swag basket. Pastries provided by Daylight Coffee & Donuts.

TH 9/11 1-3 PM FREE ACT 503204

Creative Crafts: Autumn Stationary Wreath

Celebrate the cozy charm of fall by creating your own personalized stationary. In this hands-on class, you'll design beautiful paper pieces set on a wooden embroidery wreath, accented with a perfectly tied ribbon for that seasonal touch. Adorn your name in rich autumn colors and craft a keepsake that's perfect for gifting or decorating. All materials provided.

TH 9/18 9-10 AM \$15 ACT **303201**

Music Bingo *

This fun and interactive game combines elements of traditional bingo with music. Individual prizes per game, including two blackout gifts. Space is limited.

TH	9/18	12:30-1:30 PM	FREE	ACT	503408
TH	10/16	12:30-1:30 PM	FREE	ACT	503408

NEW! Caregiver Connection

Caring for a loved one can be rewarding and overwhelming. Join a welcoming, judgment-free space to connect with fellow caregivers, share resources and recharge. Whether you're caring for a parent, a partner or child with special needs, you're not alone. Hosted by Sandwiched KC.

TH	9/25	9-10:30 AM	FREE	ACT	5031020
TH	10/23	9-10:30 AM	FREE	ACT	5031020

Hooked on Books ★

Join us each month to discuss a new book. Members choose the books and facilitate discussions.

"DINNERS WITH RUTH," NINA TOTENBERG

TH	9/25	1-2 PM	FREE	ACT	503201

"HORSE," GERALDINE BROOKS

TH	10/23	1–2 PM	FREE	ACT	503201
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TH 11/20 1-2 PM FREE ACT **503201**

Halloween Spook-tacular ★

Sink your fangs into spooky treats, sip on bewitched drinks and mingle with friendly ghosts and ghouls. Costumes are strongly encouraged — come dressed to thrill for an afternoon of fang-tastic fun and eerie games. Bring a treat to share that serves 12–15 people.

F 10/31 12:30–2:30 PM \$1 ACT **503400**

It's a Thanksgiving Party! ★

Play games, create a turkey craft and make new friends. Bring a snack to share for 12–15 people. We'll also give back to our community through a special activity. Doors open at 11:45 a.m.

S 11/8 NOON-3 PM \$1 ACT **503400**

Rain Barrel Purchase

Capture rainwater, save money and help the environment by using a rain barrel to water your lawn or garden. Once payment is received, we'll contact you to schedule pickup and send you a video link with simple installation instructions.

ONGOING 6-7 PM \$65 PSC **502301**

ADULT FITNESS & SPORTS

Active Ager Strength Training ★

Strength training is a powerful way to maintain bone density, muscle strength and overall vitality as we age. Join a safe, supportive small group where proper form, encouragement and community help you stay strong and active.

F	9/5–9/26	11-11:45 AM	\$75 ※	REC	503112
F	10/3-10/24	11-11:45 AM	\$75 ※	REC	503112
F	11/7-12/12	11-11:45 AM	\$75 %	REC	503112

Beginner's Pickleball Instructional League

Playing pickleball consistently allows you to progressively build your skills. Play games and get instruction along the way from those more advanced at the sport. No partner necessary.

М	9/8–10/6	5:30-6:30 PM	\$37	ACT	502168
W	11/5-12/10	6:30-7:30 PM	\$37	ACT	502168

Coffee, Walk & Talk ★

Step into nature, sip on coffee, and enjoy great company! This social walking group explores a different Lenexa park each month, walking about 2 miles at a leisurely pace from 8–9 a.m. — perfect for conversation and connection. After each walk, the group decides where to grab coffee from 9–10 a.m.

BLACK HOOF PARK (BOAT RAMP)

T 9/1-9/29 8 AM FREE + COST OF COFFEE **503301**

CRAIG CROSSING PARK (91ST AND WOODLAND)

T 10-6-10/27 8 AM FREE + COST OF COFFEE 503301

SAR-KO-PAR TRAILS PARK (GAZEBO)

T 11/3-11/24 8 AM FREE + COST OF COFFEE 503301

Karate

Progress through the ranks in Shindo Jinen Ryu, a traditional Japanese karate style, by refining basic techniques, working on self-defense and learning competition-style kata (form). Upcoming sessions: Sept. 4–27, Oct. 2–25, Oct. 30–Nov. 22. FEES / Unlimited classes: \$78/month. Receive 10% off each additional family member enrollment.

TH	7:30-8:30 PM	FEES ABOVE 💥	REC	5011131
S	11 AM- NOON	FEES ABOVE 💥	REC	5011131

NEW! Outdoor Pickleball Leagues

Serve up some fun this fall in this league played on the brand-new courts at the Old Town Activity Center with Men's, Women's and Mixed divisions. Each week, players compete in 2–3 self-officiated games, with scores reported to on-site staff. After five weeks of league play, the season wraps up with an exciting single-elimination tournament. Medals will be awarded to the league champions and top three teams.

3.5 RATING AND BELOW

3/26-9/30	5:30-9:30 PM	\$39	ACT	502166
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TH 8/28-10/2 5:30-9:30 PM \$39 ACT **502166**



GROUP X FITNESS CLASSES

Looking for more fitness options? Check out Group X fitness classes at the Lenexa Rec Center. With more than 50 classes a week at various times, the Rec strives to have something for every fitness level and interest. Try everything from cardio and strength training to water workouts, cycling on brand-new bikes, barre, yoga and more. Visit Lenexa.com/GroupX to view the class schedule.

FEES

REC CENTER X PASS MEMBER: All Group X fitness classes are included with membership.

REC CENTER CORE PASS MEMBER: \$7 per class, or \$60 for a 10-class punch card.

NONMEMBERS: Rec Center day passes include admission to classes.

ADULT FITNESS & SPORTS

Pickleball Clinic - Beginner

Get in on the game, and start playing with confidence. Pickleball is one of the fastest-growing sports in America. Learn rules; how to score, serve and volley; and strategies and techniques to help you get started.

F	9/5	11 AM-12:30 PM	\$20 %	REC	502120
F	10/10	11 AM-12:30 PM	\$20 %	REC	502120
F	11/21	11 AM-12:30 PM	\$20 %	REC	502120

Pickleball Clinic - Intermediate

Advance your pickleball prowess. This clinic will give you tips and tricks, as well as ways to practice and improve your game. Instruction will focus on refinement of fundamental techniques, court positioning, serve and return strategies, net play and dinking and drop shots.

F	10/24	11 AM-12:30 PM	\$20 X	REC	502139
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Pickleball Strength and Strategy ★

Strength training plays a key role in improving pickleball performance by developing strength, speed and agility — all while helping reduce the risk of injury. Each session includes 30 minutes of full-body exercises focused on core, balance and endurance, followed by 30 minutes of on-court pickleball drills and skills. Open to all skill levels.

TH	9/4-9/25	1-2 PM	\$75 %	REC	503115
T	9/9–9/30	1-2 PM	\$75 %	REC	503115
TH	10/2-10/30	1-2 PM	\$75 %	REC	503115
T	10/7–10/28	1-2 PM	\$75 %	REC	503115
T	11/4-11/25	1-2 PM	\$75 %	REC	503115

Shining Stars Dance — Adult Tap

Tap dancing is a lively and entertaining dance form that can help you increase strength, flexibility and coordination while lowering stress. All levels welcome. Wear comfortable attire.

SENIOR/ADULT TAP ★

T	9/2-10/28	11:30 AM-12:30 PM	\$11 <i>7</i>	ACT	502112
Т	11/4-12/2	11:30 AM-12:30 PM	\$52	ACT	502112
AD	ULT TAP				
W	9/3–10/2	9 6:30–7:30 PM	\$11 <i>7</i>	ACT	502112
W	11/5–12/	3 6:30–7:30 PM	\$52	ACT	502112

Stronger U

No matter your fitness level, strength training is key to building lean muscle, boosting metabolism and feeling your best. In this small-group session, you'll learn the fundamentals of weight training — what to do, how to do it, and how to build a routine that fits your goals, schedule and experience level. Walk away with the confidence and tools to start lifting smart.

T/TH	9/2-9/25	6-7 PM	\$125 ×	REC	502012
T/TH	10/7–10/30	6-7 PM	\$125 ×	REC	502012
T/TH	11/4-11/25	6-7 PM	\$125 ×	REC	502012

Swingin' for a Scholarship Pickleball Tournament

Grab your paddles and bring your A-game! This is a fast-paced, friendly tournament for a good cause. Please list your teammate's name and rating level when registering. Players must register separately. Entry fees benefit the Lenexa Parks & Recreation Scholarship Program, which makes recreation memberships, programs and classes more affordable for Lenexa residents with a demonstrated financial need.

MEN'S 50+ DIVISION/WOMEN'S 50+ DIVISION

F	9/19	8:30 AM-1 PM	\$25	BDP	302140
COE	D 50+				
F	9/19	1:30–5 PM	\$25	BDP	302140
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S	9/20	8:30 AM-1 PM	\$25	BDP	302140
COE	D OPEN	DIVISION			
S	9/20	1:30-5 PM	\$25	BDP	302140

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

Set yourself up for lasting success with this supportive weightloss group that focuses on real people and real results. Join us for weekly weigh-ins, and get inspired by personal eating plans, healthy recipes, fun contests and plenty of encouragement from peers on the same journey. New members are welcome — join anytime! First year fee is \$70; First renewal: \$60; Subsequent renewals: \$48.

W	WEEKLY	10-11 AM	FEES ABOVE	ACT	403109
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ADULT TRIPS

Historic Charm and Culinary Delights

Step back in time and savor the experience on this enriching tour that blends history, architecture and gourmet cuisine. Visit the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum to explore presidential history, enjoy a delightful lunch at Vivilore, a boutique American restaurant known for its artful ambiance and creative dishes, and conclude with a guided tour of the Vaile Mansion, a stunning example of 19th-century architecture. **REGISTER BY SEPT. 3.**

F 9/5 8:15 AM-3:45 PM \$54 **503909**

Lunch Bunch *

Travel once a month to some of Kansas City's finest restaurants from the best-known hot spots to the best-kept secrets. Cost of meal on your own. Meet at the restaurant at 11:15 a.m., or take transportation from the Activity Center (departs at 10:30 a.m.; \$6 round-trip). Register one week prior to lunch.

92 CHICKEN (OVERLAND PARK)

TH 9/11 11:15 AM-1 PM FEES ABOVE 503402

BRASS ONION (OVERLAND PARK)

TH 10/9 11:15 AM-1 PM FEES ABOVE 503402

SPIN! PIZZA (PRAIRIE VILLAGE)

TH 11/13 11:15 AM-1 PM FEES ABOVE 503402

Pastures to Pour: A Kaw Valley Farm Tour

Spend a refreshing day in the countryside exploring five unique stops on the 21st annual Kaw Valley Farm Tour. Ride a wagon through scenic pastures to meet a herd of Scottish Highland cattle, enjoy a BBQ lunch at a fruit orchard (lunch on your own), and visit a variety of small family farms featuring pasture-raised poultry, handcrafted quilts, a flower maze, native prairie and a local vineyard and winery. Shop local goods at each stop — be sure to bring an insulated bag for your purchases. These are working farms with uneven ground; sturdy shoes are recommended. **REGISTER BY OCT. 1.**

S 10/4 10 AM-5 PM \$38 **503910**

KC Day Trips: History, Hops & Hunger

Dive into Kansas City's rich history, vibrant food scene and craft beer culture, all in one fun day trip. Start with a guided visit to the recently renovated Museum of Kansas City, located in historic Corinthian Hall. Then head to Parlor, a dynamic food hall featuring a variety of unique culinary concepts, perfect for picking your own lunch (at your cost). Wrap up the day with a brewery tour and tasting at a local KC favorite. Transportation, museum admission and brewery tour/tasting included.

REGISTER BY OCT. 22.

F 10/24 9:30 AM-4:30 PM \$76 **50512**

New Theatre & Restaurant — "Alone Together"

This performance follows George and Helene Butler, a middle aged couple excited to reclaim their freedom after raising three grown sons. Just as they begin to enjoy their newly quiet house, their adult children return home one by one — unemployed, underprepared and totally unaware of their parents' plans. What ensues is a comedic tug of war between parental duty and personal freedom! Meet at the New Theatre at 11 a.m., or reserve trasportation for \$6 and meet at the Old Town Activity Center at 10:30 a.m. Lunch is at 11:45 a.m.; showtime is 1 p.m. **REGISTER BY SEPT. 29.**

W 10/29 10:30 AM-3 PM \$47.50 **505201**

Branson Holiday Fun

Experience the magic of Branson with a holiday getaway full of entertainment, history, delicious food and stunning scenery. The adventure kicks off with a high-energy musical extravaganza by The Haygoods. Next, step back in time through interactive exhibits at the Titanic Museum. Savor a hearty Southern-inspired meal at Paula Deen's Family Kitchen, followed by a leisurely stroll through Branson Landing. This trip also includes tickets to the Sight & Sound Theatre for "David," an awe-inspiring biblical tale brought to life with stunning visuals and music. Continue with a guided tour of the College of the Ozarks, also known as "Hard Work U," where students work to pay their tuition while preserving the values of self-reliance and hard work. Finally, unwind with a Showboat Branson Belle lunch cruise on the serene waters of Table Rock Lake. Fee includes transportation, hotels, all tours and tickets, luggage handling, staff escorts, six meals and gratuity. REGISTER BY SEPT. 23.

W–F 11/5– 8 AM–7 PM \$1,599/SINGLE; **503961** 11/7 \$1,399/DOUBLE

Curated Finds: A Boutique Adventure

Spend the day exploring a curated collection of locally owned boutiques filled with unique treasures — from trendy fashion to handcrafted home decor. Stops include a selection of local specialty stores, each offering its own blend of charm and style. Enjoy lunch on your own at Ronnie's Restaurant. REGISTER BY OCT 22.

F 11/14 9:30 AM-3:30 PM \$28 **503911**





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