

First City Connection

Fall 2022

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From the Desk of

Mayor Camalla Leonhard

As extremely hot days transition to cooler weather, we're reminded of how lucky we are to be in the First City of Kansas. Fall brings back a host of family-friendly events, including Leavenworth's premiere festival, Camp Leavenworth September 23-24. This festival is designed by a professional event organizer to give visitors to Leavenworth a unique experience in our community. Performers include renowned Country Music recording artists from Kansas, Logan Mize and Travis Marvin. Other bands and music genres will be represented, including our own Penny Black Band from Leavenworth. The first Camp Leavenworth 5K walk/run will take place 10 a.m. September 24 with views of the beautiful Missouri River. Registrations for the race are available until noon September 22 at campleavenworth.com. Our Parks and Recreation Department is again planning its full set of regular events for fall and winter. Trunk-or-Treat at Sportsfield Park is Saturday, October 22 and for the first time in two years, Breakfast with Santa returns Dec. 3 at the Riverfront Community Center. Other events are listed on the last page of this newsletter. Our community is excited to welcome new leadership to two key economic development partners. Jen Anders is the new president and Chief Executive Officer for Leavenworth-Lansing Area Chamber of Commerce and Lisa Haack has been promoted to the Leavenworth County Development Corporation Executive



On July 19, the City of Leavenworth, Kansas, presented honorary citizenship certificates to 122 international military officers from 93 countries who will attend the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth this academic year. Here, Mayor Camalla Leonhard presents a certificate to Major Younes Ghafiri, Morocco.

Director. The City of Leavenworth works hard with both these organizations to help promote and encourage our business community. Earlier this year I witnessed the 30th anniversary of the Buffalo Soldier Monument on Fort Leavenworth. It's amazing to think that hard work and fundraising led to the creation of this statue honoring the first African Americans to serve the U.S. Army as full time Soldiers. Today, it serves as a site for soldiers who are re-enlisting in the military, a point of pride for veterans and a tourist destination. It's the same spirit we have in Leavenworth that brings people who want to live and work in our great community.



Kristi Lee, Leavenworth Convention and Visitors Bureau Director, George Pettigrew, Executive Vice President and Historian of the Alexander/Madison Chapter of Greater KCMO Buffalo Soldiers Leavenworth Mayor Camalla Leonhard and John Bruce, President of the National 9th & 10th (Horse) Calvary Association at the Buffalo Soldier Monument re-dedication in July.

ASK *the City Manager*

Do you: Have a question about a City project? Want to know how different city operations are funded? Want to share your ideas? If you have questions about the City, ask City Manager Paul Kramer, pkramer@firstcity.org or call 913-680-2600.

State, local officials continue efforts for Centennial Bridge replacement

The bridge on Kansas Highway 92 spanning the Missouri River is the major transportation route from Kansas City International Airport, the Kansas City area and Platte County, Missouri, to Leavenworth. It nearly 70 years old and functionally obsolete. Efforts have been ongoing to replace it for several years. In 2014, KDOT and the City engaged an engineering firm for an advanced preliminary engineering study. Results from the study included an engineer's recommendation to keep the bridge at its current location. It also recommended a single, four-lane bridge. In 2016, the Leavenworth City Commission voted against tolling as an option to pay for the new Missouri River bridge. In May 2020, Leavenworth's Centennial Bridge was included in a 10-year Kansas Department of Transportation program, "Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program."

The high cost of such a project means that multiple government agencies will be involved in the project, and that the funding will come from the Kansas Department of Transportation and partners. It is currently in the design phase and construction is still several years away.



So far, we know the new bridge:

- Will improve transportation and safety with four lanes instead of two
 - Anticipated to include options for pedestrians and bikes
 - Current plans call for the old bridge to remain open during the construction process.
- Look for more information in coming months on the City's website regarding bridge replacement.

City of Leavenworth CDBG program aims to create new homeowners

A City of Leavenworth Home Ownership Program provides up to \$8,000 in grant funding for those interested in purchasing a home for the first time. The grant funds are available to purchase a home within the Leavenworth city limits. Since Leavenworth is comprised of more than 50 percent rental properties, homeownership is a priority for the program, which receives its funding from federal sources. The Home Ownership Program benefits the community by encouraging a long-term investment in Leavenworth and helps low to moderate-income families lower their housing costs. In order to qualify for the program, applicants must also meet low or moderate-income guidelines as defined by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The applicant is required to pay half the required mortgage

down payment. Homes purchased must pass the City's Housing Quality Standards Inspection. Finally, the family must sign a lien stating they will remain in the home for five years. At the end of the five years, the lien is released and no funds are owed. Throughout the process, the City's community development coordinator works closely with the seller, the lender, the inspector and the potential home buyer to ensure a successful purchase. See our CDBG Home Ownership Application on the City's website or contact us at julie.mckee@firstcity.org, 913-680-2628.

Trash bag delivery is Saturday, Sept. 24. Trash bags are typically delivered twice a year to all Leavenworth residents.

Fire Department
3600 S. 20th Street
913-682-3346 (admin calls)

Human Resources
100 N. Fifth St.
913-680-2637

Tenant Landlord Issue Resolution
(913) 364-5840

Police (Admin calls only)
Justice Center, 601 S. Third
913-651-2260

Public Works/Engineering
100 N. Fifth
913-684-0375

Parks and Recreation
123 S. Esplanade
913-651-2203

Police- Anonymous Clue line
913-682-2583

City Clerk's Office
100 N. Fifth St.
913-682-9201

Convention and Visitors Bureau
100 N. Fifth St.
913-758-2948

Sewer Emergencies (24 Hours)
913-682-1090

Planning/Community Development
100 N. Fifth St.
913-680-2626

Leavenworth Public Library
417 Spruce Street
913-682-5666

Service Center/Streets/Trash
790 Thornton St.
913-682-0650

First City business

SPOTLIGHT on Modern Advanced Print Solutions - The first "Spec" building was built through a partnership with the Leavenworth County Development Corporation, Leavenworth County Port Authority and the City of Leavenworth. This program attracted a new business to Leavenworth at the Gary Carlson Business Park. Modern Advanced Print Solutions (MAPS) relocated from Lenexa to Leavenworth as part of this economic development agreement. The City portion was \$49,239.65 and the project cost was around \$1.5 million. "Not only does this provide a measurable increase of roughly \$40,000 in assessed valuation increases to city, county and school district on an annual basis, but also provides a major return on investment in jobs and potential job growth in Leavenworth." - Dan Gutshall, chairperson, building committee of the Leavenworth County Port Authority.



City funds can help eligible small businesses in Leavenworth make improvements



Celtic Holsters, 307 Cherokee St., was a recent recipient of the City's Small Business Grant Program. See more information on the City of Leavenworth website.

The City's Small Business Grant Program includes accessibility improvements. New and existing commercial, retail, or industrial businesses may be reimbursed 50% of the costs for the development of their business. Owners may be eligible for a dollar-for-dollar matching grant up to \$5,000 for single unit locations. Grants are awarded to encourage building updates and/or renovations to new and existing businesses. These funds are not available for routine repairs and maintenance. The amount of available funds for such grants is limited. Therefore, they are not available for projects outside the general business district or to not-for-profit entities. Businesses may only be eligible for grants once every 24 months. All property taxes must be current, fees paid, and codes met on properties or projects being considered for a grant. Contact us at 913-680-2602 for more information or see our application on the City's website, <https://www.leavenworthks.org/ed/page/small-business-grant-application>

Information tools from the City Clerk's office

- If you have a monitored alarm system in your home or business you are required to purchase an alarm permit. The fee is \$15 per year. Should you have a false alarm and your system is not registered a false alarm fee will be assessed to you.
- All establishments serving food are required to have a Health Permit at a cost of \$100 per year.
- All Employees working at any Food Establishment must attend a Food Handler Class. Online classes are available at www.statefoodsafety.com. The fee is \$20.
- Massage Establishments - New Business \$300 and Renewals \$150.
- Distribution of flyers door to door requires a permit.
- Door to door solicitors are required to obtain a permit. If you have a solicitor at your door, ask to see their city permit. They are required to wear the permit in such a way to be conspicuous at all times. The permit is a badge with the individuals picture, name and approved days to solicit. Political, religious and certain other groups are exempt from requiring a permit for solicitation and distribution of door to door flyers. For information contact the City Clerk's office at 913-682-9201.

Building permit update for 1st half of 2022

The City's Building Inspections Division provides building permits and conducts inspections throughout the year. So far in 2022, the City of Leavenworth issued permits for:

- 16 new single-family home builds
- 2 new duplexes (with 4 new dwellings)
- 1 new mercantile store/commercial build
- 238 roofing permits and 3 commercial roofing permits
- 13 solar power systems
- Several smaller residential improvements and projects.

See monthly building permit reports on the City's website. Our permits and inspections team can be reached at 913-684-0378 Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are on the second floor of City Hall, 100 N. Fifth Street.

Born to Brew: Willcott family plans downtown building transformation



Sean and Jennifer Willcott took ownership of a building at 600 Cherokee Street in July, with plans to open a microbrewery. The fourth-generation Leavenworth family comes full circle to the First City of Kansas after opening their first brewery in Holton, Kansas -- the Willcott Brewing Company & Taproom. The Leavenworth brewery will be their second location. This business plans to open in late 2022. The business plan allows ordering food from local restaurants, with a separate business plan for a 3-D printing facility in the upper floor. The City of Leavenworth purchased the building in 2021 after more than a decade of vacancy. The Willcotts' proposal was chosen after an open request process. Purchasing buildings is an economic development tool the City uses to help revitalize the community and support local businesses. Past building purchases by the City of Leavenworth have included the former Ramada Inn at Third and Delaware streets, where Home 2 Suites by Hilton now stands. Economic Development programs are supported by the 1% Countywide Sales Tax renewed every 10 years by Leavenworth voters.

Resource Guide:

Programs with Financial Support
Leavenworth Main Street's Incentives Without Walls
913-682-3924

City of Leavenworth
Small Business Grant Program
913-680-2602

Grow Leavenworth County
Development Corporation
913-680-2602

Hiring resources
Workforce Partnership -
Leavenworth County
913-651-1800

Construction
City Inspections Division
913-684-0378
City Planning Department
913-680-2626

More information about licensing:
City Clerk's Office, 913-682-9201.
Alarm Company License
Handbill Permit
Health Permit
Ice Cream Vendor License
Massage Establishment License
Massage Therapist License
Mobile Food Vendor License
Sidewalk Use Permit
Sign Erector License
Special Event Permit
Transient Merchant Permit
Tree Trimmer License
Vehicle for Hire Driver's License
Vehicle for Hire Owner License

New leadership for our community economic growth partners:



Lisa Haack,
Executive Director,
Leavenworth County
Development
Corporation, was
promoted to her role
in May 2022.



Jen Anders is the new
president and Chief
Executive Officer of the
Leavenworth-Lansing
Area Chamber of
Commerce. She began
her role in July 2022.

Tree Trimmers' license: Tree trimmers are required to obtain a yearly license. Before hiring someone to trim or cut your trees down, ask to see the tree trimmer's license. A list of licensed Tree Trimmers is available on our website or by contacting the City Clerk's Office, 913-682-9201.

The third annual Camp Leavenworth is a free two-day festival which invites everyone to discover the wonders of Leavenworth. Headline performers of the festival will be joined by local and regional acts. Camp Leavenworth will feature Friday night fireworks, family activities, craft fair including 12 local vendors and unique experiences around our historic downtown — people will see how much

fun it is to break out from the ordinary and live life free. Leave it to Kansas to throw a shindig as adventurous as this. Admission is free to the public. Enter at Choctaw Street near Leavenworth Landing Park. Check out the free parking lots downtown at visitleavenworthks.org.



Performances by:

Savanna Chestnut and the Field Hands, 6 p.m.
Lily B. Moonflower 7:15 p.m.
Fireworks 8 - 8:30 p.m.
Travis Marvin 8:30 p.m.

Drum Safari 11:15 a.m.
StoneLion Puppets, roaming from noon - 4 p.m.
Penny Black Band 12:30 p.m.
The Grisly Hand 1:45 p.m.
Darren Denney Band 3 p.m.
The Accidental Moguls 4:15 p.m.
Drew Six 5:30 p.m.
Atlantic Express 6:45 p.m.
Logan Mize 8:15 p.m.



CAMP CRAFTY

Crafts and free activities for children throughout the festival - 5-10 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday.



TREE CLIMBING

Ages 8 and up
Reservations required. \$10 for 20 minutes. Just about everybody has climbed a tree sometime in their life. Now anyone can experience the canopy even without any prior training. Reservations are available for Friday and Saturday. Reserve your spot online. If you have any questions before registering please reach out to info@campleavenworth.com



Saturday Sept 24, 10:00am

- Locally grown sunflowers for all finishers
- Race shirt for all participants
- \$350 prize purse (\$100/\$50/\$25 for the top male and female finishers)
- Age-group awards in 10-year increments (14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, etc.)
- Free beer/wine for finishers (21 and up)
- Kids 14 to 18 race FREE. Adults \$30



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

5K RUN/WALK

The Camp Leavenworth 5K Run/Walk is open to all runners and walkers. See stunning views of the Missouri River while you run/walk. Sign up at campleavenworth.com. Deadline is noon Sept. 22.

- Locally grown sunflowers for all finishers.
- Race shirt for all participants.
- Free beer and wine for finishers who are aged 21 and older.
- \$350 prize purse (\$100, \$50, \$25 for the top male and female finishers.
- Age group awards in 10-year increments
- Kids 14 to 18 race FREE. Adults \$30.



SIDEWALK CHALK CONTEST

Our popular art contest returns to Camp Leavenworth with divisions for children, novices or professionals. Register at campleavenworth.com prior to the event. Free - open to all ages
Preregistration required
Friday, September 23, 5 – 8 p.m.
Saturday, September 24, 1 - 4 p.m.
Saturday, September 24, 5 - 8 p.m.

S'MORES STATION



\$3 per person
Stop by our s'mores station to build your own tasty treat. Tickets can be purchased on site.

Parks

Administrative Office
123 S. Esplanade Street
(913) 651-2203
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Leavenworth is home to more than 424 acres of dedicated park land, including 20 parks, 13 shelters, a campground, multiple playgrounds, basketball courts, tennis and pickleball courts, ball fields, flower beds, a 9-hole disc golf course, batting cages, a skate park, a dog park, and several miles of walking trails.

The Legacy Tree Program makes it possible to preserve the history of trees in our parks while commemorating a person or event. Through this program, old trees are replaced and new areas rejuvenated. Contributions to this program are placed in a Park Special Gift Fund and only used for the planting of Legacy trees. This program is available for online registration and payment.

Another way to honor a person or organization is through the purchase of a **Memorial Bench** with an attached plaque in Ray Miller Park, Landing Park, or Waggin' Tails Dog Park. The Parks and Recreation Department will install the bench. Cost varies. Email parksandrec@firstcity.org for more information, or find the application form on our website.

Adopt-A-Park – Consider adopting a Leavenworth city park or other landscaped public area to make a difference in our community. City staff will provide guidance and some materials for projects. See which parks are available and register through our website.



Mountain bike trails at Havens Park are maintained throughout the year by volunteers. Find a map on our website, leavenworthks.org/parksrec



View of the Missouri River and Centennial Bridge from the shelter at Riverfront Park in early November.

Rentals

Shelters - We have 11 shelters available for rent at 7 of our parks. See our chart for parks and amenities. You can reserve and pay for these online through Eventbrite (convenience fees apply). Visit our website for details and the link to online payment.





























































Riverfront Park Campground – Open April 1 - Oct. 31
Our campground beside the majestic Missouri River has 13 pads for RVs or trailers (all with electricity) or tents, a bath house with four private units, a boat ramp, a picnic shelter, and a dump station. This park is adjacent to active train tracks. We recommend our site for trailers less than 32' long, because longer campers drag across the train tracks. For more information call 913-290-0034 or email campgroundmanager@firstcity.org.

Leavenworth Landing Park - This scenic park on the Missouri River located by the Riverfront Community Center is available to rent for special occasions. Permit fees start at \$15/hour with a \$100 refundable damage deposit. Choose the Paddlewheel Plaza or the Railroad Roundhouse near the front entrance of the park. For more details, visit our website or email parksandrec@firstcity.org.


Haymarket Square is an event venue at 649 Cherokee. The open-air pavilion is available for rental when not occupied by the Farmer's Market or the City Market. Contact the City Clerk's office at 913-682-9201 for availability and more information. If planning a special event open to the public, other requirements must be met to reserve the square.

Leavenworth City Parks



Amenities	Shelter Rental Fees	Features
Bob Dougherty Park 800 N. 2nd St.    	First come, first served	1 table at Restroom Overhang 24' X 20'
Buffalo Bill Cody Park 3003 Shrine Park Road      .25 MILE	Small: \$10 Res./\$15 NR Large: \$35 Res./\$40 NR	1 table at Restroom overhang 10 tables; 20' x 44'
Leavenworth Landing Park 301 S. Esplanade St.   .5 MILE	Call Parks Administrative Office to inquire about options for renting Landing Park.	
David Brewer Park 1801 Ottawa St.    	Small: \$10 Res./\$15 NR Medium: \$25 Res./\$30 NR	1 table at RR Overhang 7 tables; 25' x 25'
Hawthorn Park 1100 Ohio St.    	\$25 Resident/ \$30 Non-Resident	7 tables 40' x 24'
N. Esplanade Park 500 N. Esplanade St.   .25 MILE  	First come, first served	7 tables 25' x 25'
Ray Miller Park 4103 S. Fourth St.  .5 MILE  	\$10 Resident/ \$15 Non-Resident	1 table 16' x 16'
Riverfront Park and Campground 1201 Riverfront Park Road      	\$25 Resident/ \$30 Non-Resident	7 tables 25' x 25'
Stubby Park 1501 S. Fourth St.   		
V.A. Park 2901 VA Park Road  Off-leash Waggin' Tails Dog Park across the street. 	\$10 Resident/ \$15 Non-Resident	1 table 16' x 16'
Wollman Park 1300 Shawnee St.   Cornhole courts	\$25 Res./ \$30 NR East or West Main: \$50 Res./\$55 NR	East or West - 7 tables; 36' x 20' Main - 12 tables; 40'X60'
Eagles Field 20th Street Trafficway  Batting cages		
Kane Park 725 Julia Street 		
10th Avenue Park 3500 Tenth Ave.    1.14 MILE		
20th Street Trailway 20th and Spruce streets   3.2 MILES		
Three-Mile Creek Trail Esplanade and Choctaw   .6 MILE		
Southside Park 2600 S. First St.  		
Havens Park 2201 Ottawa St.    1 MILE paved trails See map of unpaved hiking and biking trails on our website.		
Jefferson Park 1100 Kickapoo St.  		
Sportsfield Park 2100 Ottawa St.     .7 MILE 		

RESERVE A SHELTER ONLINE visit leavenworthks.org/parksrec for updated information. Parks are open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

 **Permanent restroom facilities open April-October**

Riverfront Community Center



123 South Esplanade Street
(913) 651-2132

The Riverfront Community Center is a charming 1880s former Union Depot train station on the banks of the Missouri River. Originally constructed in 1888, this historic depot was restored and remodeled in 1988 as a multi-functional facility. This classic facility provides an ideal atmosphere for all types of special events with picturesque views in Leavenworth Landing Park, located right behind the center.

Event Space

The Riverview Room - Aptly named for its beautiful views of the majestic Missouri River. It is an elegant room that can host banquets, receptions, weddings, or other special events. It also has an adjoining outdoor patio that overlooks the river.

The Women's Waiting Room - Adjacent to the Riverview Room, this cozy room has a working fireplace, wood-paneled ceilings, and versatile side doors that can be opened to access the Riverview Room. The doors may be closed to offer a smaller space with a view of Leavenworth's historic downtown.

The Men's Waiting Room - Impressive 30-foot wood-paneled ceilings soar above the original woodwork and fireplace. This lovely room also boasts a river view to the east and historic downtown Leavenworth to the west.

The South Wing - This comfortable room overlooks Leavenworth Landing Park and the Missouri River. This room is perfect for baby showers, bridal showers, birthday parties, meetings and classes.

The Activity Room - This small room downstairs by the basketball gym is perfect for kids' birthday parties, fitness classes, study sessions, and other smaller events.



Room Fees and Deposits – A 4-hour minimum rental, a security deposit, and a \$25 service charge are required to reserve a room. Fees include set-up and take-down of tables and chairs and trash removal. Contact Tammy Metzgar, Riverfront Community Center Manager, at (913) 680-2709 or email her at tmetzgar@firstcity.org. Also, visit the website at www.RiverfrontCommunityCenter.com.

Event Space Fee Schedule			
Room	Resident	Non-Resident	Regular Capacity
Capacity numbers based on set-up.			
Riverview Room	\$55/hr	\$60/hr	100-300
Men's Waiting Room	\$40/hr	\$45/hr	40-160
Women's Waiting Room	\$40/hr	\$45/hr	20-120
South Wing	\$40/hr	\$45/hr	20-100
Activity Room	\$15/hr	\$20/hr	10-50
Gym	\$50/hr	\$55/hr	600
North Kitchen	\$25/hr	\$30/hr	NA
South Kitchen	\$20/hr	\$25/hr	NA



"My daughter and son-in-law had their ceremony and their reception at the Riverfront Community Center at the end of June 2022. It is an absolutely perfect location for this. Huge room for eating and dancing. Bride and groom had separate areas to get ready. They were able to decorate the evening prior which was a great help. The staff had everything set up. The chairs for the ceremony, which was in a totally separate room, were all set up. The tables, chairs and bar were all set up. They were super friendly and accommodating. We needed another table for gifts and they got it without a problem. They did have one set up but we used it for gift bags for the guests. The caterer that the Community Center suggested/uses was phenomenal. The food, which they got to choose, was amazing. Half American, half Dominican and the caterer did an exceptional job preparing. Will definitely use the facility again when we have a big event. I strongly recommend and suggest you utilize the Riverfront Community Center. You will be glad you did. We certainly were!! Thank you Riverfront Community Center, we appreciate everything you did!!!"



Fitness at the Riverfront Community Center

Riverfront Community Center passes

Admission fee includes use of the weight room, cardio room, indoor track, pool during lap and open swim times, open pickle ball gym, and racquetball courts. Call (913) 651-2132 or email parksandrec@firstcity.org.

		Resident	Non-resident
Daily Admission	Adult	\$2.50	\$3
	Youth (4-18)/Senior Citizen (60+)	\$2	\$2.50
20-Punch Pass	Adult	\$40	\$50
	Youth (4-18)/Senior Citizen (60+)	\$30	\$40
Monthly Pass	Adult	\$35	\$45
	Youth/ Senior Citizen (60+)	\$25	\$30
6-Month Pass	Adult	\$80	\$90
	Youth (4-18)/Senior Citizen (60+)	\$60	\$70
One Pass	Adult	\$145	\$155
	Youth (4-18)/Senior Citizen (60)	\$105	

*Leavenworth city limits and Fort Leavenworth

Indoor track and fitness rooms
Monday – Friday 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Open pickle ball gym
Tuesdays and Thursdays -10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Fridays – 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Hours for gym may vary for special events.

Closed New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after and Christmas Day. The center closes early on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Corporate Pass Program: Businesses and organizations can pay a \$200 annual fee entitling their employees to purchase fitness facility passes at a discount. Organization identification required. Email parksandrec@firstcity.org or call Tammy Metzgar at 913-680-2709 for more information.

Cardio and Weight Rooms: Elliptical machines, stair steppers, stationary bikes, treadmills, and weight equipment are available. See "Fitness Facility Policies" for age restrictions.

Indoor Track: The center has a 1/10 mile indoor track that is open year-round during regular community center hours. Daily admission fee or pass required.

Dog Manners and Obedience - \$100/dog - Dog trainer Kim Downing will teach you and your four-legged friend the basic commands. Geared for dogs ages 4 months or older. Must be current on vaccinations. This is a 7 week program. The first week is without your dog. For more information visit www.yourbestdog.com. Class min 4, max 7. Class is held on Wednesday evenings.

Basic Ballroom Dance - \$40/single or \$60/couple - Learn to Merengue, waltz, country two step, Arizona two step, salsa, and cha-cha dance steps and turns that you can do to almost any type of music. For dates and class information, contact Tom Ritchie at urdancrmn@gmail.com, or call Nancy Baker at 758-6629. Class is held on Tuesday evenings.

Midwest Autoharp Academy – Our only class for 2022 is October 18-21. \$200/full workshop or \$50/day - Intermediate and Advanced Autoharp workshops are offered by instructors Charles Whitmer and Tom Schroeder. Classes run from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., daily. Online registration and payment is available (convenience fees apply). Check our website for more details and class availability or email Nancy Baker at nbaker@firstcity.org.

PiYo Live - \$5/class or \$50/12-punch pass - Join certified instructor Rachel Smith as she combines the muscle-

sculpting, core-firming benefits of Pilates with the strength and flexibility of flowing yoga movements. This class is suitable for all fitness levels. Bring your own mat and plenty of water for this fun class. For teens and adults. Class is held Wednesday evenings at 5:45 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 9 a.m.



Yoga - \$5/class - Instructor Carol Turner will teach students to release stress and fatigue, increase strength, balance and flexibility and restore energy. Class is held Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting at 9 a.m.

Fitness Facility Policies
General Use – It is the responsibility of the patrons to ensure they have been properly trained before using the fitness equipment. Improper use may cause serious injuries. The City of Leavenworth is not responsible for injuries or gross negligence. All visitors age 16 and older must present ID at check-in.
Age Restrictions – 10 and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian age 18 or older to enter the community center; 11 and under are not allowed

in the weight room or cardio room or on any fitness equipment; ages 12–14 must be supervised by an adult at all times in the fitness rooms; ages 15-17 must have a signed permission form from the parent; ages 60 and over are advised to consult their physician before beginning any type of fitness regimen.
Conduct – No foul language, vulgar music, aggressive or disrespectful behavior will be tolerated. Absolutely no tobacco or vaping products of any sort are allowed in the center. No

food or soft drinks are allowed in the fitness rooms or the gym.
Equipment - Wipe down equipment before and after use. Our staff disinfects all the equipment once each day. Do not drop or slam weights. Place items back where you found them.
Attire - No cleats or spike shoes of any type (including bike shoes); athletic shoes covering the entire foot must be worn at all times (except in the pool); proper swim-wear or workout attire is required.

Women and Girls Self Defense – FREE - Learn how to protect yourself with martial arts instructor Master Frank Hannon. This free program is offered quarterly. Pre-registration is required. Minimum age is 13. Please check our website for the next available date.

Riverfront Tae Kwon Do - Cost is \$55/month for the first family member and \$35/month for each additional family member - This popular martial art combines combat techniques, self-defense, sport and exercise. Contact Master David Wrigley at 913-683-4315 for information. Class is held Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 5:45 p.m. for ages 10 -14 and 6:45 p.m. for adults.

Stroller Strong Moms - Their mission is to "Sweat Like a Mother" known as SLAM, providing moms a unique, fun, challenging total-body workout. To bring women together, not only as moms, but as athletes who show their children that your body is the greatest instrument you will ever own. Led by Jessica Hamel, each class will include a warm-up, running or walking with fitness stops, core strengthening and stretching to close. For more information visit www.strollerstrongmoms.com or email Meghan Argo at meghan@strollerstrongmom.com or call 706-763-9865. Classes held Monday-Friday, 8:45-9:45



Toddler Tyme - \$2/child or \$30/20-punch pass - Children ages 5 and under are invited to the gym for open play time. Basketballs, tricycles and other fun toys are provided. Adult supervision required. Offered Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon.

a.m. at the Riverfront Community Center from November through March.

River City Community Players entertain with local theater year-round

Performing Arts Center
500 Delaware St.
The River City Community Players are Leavenworth's local community theatre group. All shows are family-friendly. Curtain



times are 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. for Sunday matinees. Tickets are available online and at the door. Call 913-651-0027 for more information.

Coming Soon:

- Annie Jr. (Youth Show) – Shows – September 9, 10, 11.
- The Kitchen Witches – Shows – October 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30.

- A Christmas Carol - Dec. 9, 10, 11

2023 Season:

- Curtains – March 24, 25, 26, 31, April 1, 2.
- Diary of Anne Frank – April 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30.
- Once Upon a Pine: The Adventures of Pinocchio (Youth Show) – June 2, 3, 4.
- Oliver – July 28, 29, 30, August 4, 5, 6.
- Matilda the Musical, Jr. (Youth Show) – September 15, 16, 17.
- Rumors – October 27, 28, 29, November 3, 4, 5.
- A Christmas Carol (Youth Show) – December 9, 10, 11.

The City of Leavenworth offers aquatics programs throughout the year at the Riverfront Community Center pool, 123 S. Esplanade.



Check our website for specific dates and times or call 913-651-2132.

Aquacise - Aquacise tones and sculpts your body with no impact to your joints. This popular water aerobics workout is a swimming blend of cardio and resistance training, and may incorporate resistance tools such as buoyant water weights and noodles. One Aquacise pass is valid for ALL Aquacise classes. Passes may be purchased at the Riverfront Community Center's front desk and do not expire. Classes are offered Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 9 a.m. and afternoons at 1 p.m. Also on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. Cost is \$5 per class. Punch passes are also available. Check the website for details.

Water Walking - Join Lori Mathews as you discover the benefits of water walking. The water provides resistance, making your muscles work harder to move forward. At the same time, it provides buoyancy, helping reduce strain to your joints. Changing your water walking routine keeps it interesting while allowing you to work different muscles as part of the exercise. Class is offered Monday, Wednesday,



Chair lift at Riverfront Community Center pool

Riverfront Community Center Pool - starts Sept. 6		
Program	Days	Times
Lap Swim	Monday - Friday	6-8 a.m.
	Mon., Wed., Fri.	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
	Tuesday/Thursday	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
	Monday - Friday	5-6 p.m.
	Saturday	9-11 a.m.
Aquacise	Monday - Friday	9-10 a.m.
	Monday, Wed., Fri.	1-2 p.m.
	Monday/Wednesday	6-7 p.m.
Water Walking	Mon., Wed., Fri.	10:05-10:50 a.m.
Aquacise and Water Walking - Sept 7 - Dec 16		
Swim Lessons	Tuesday/Thursday	6-7:30 p.m. (Sept & Oct)
	Saturday	11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Nov and Dec)

and Friday mornings at 10:05 a.m. Cost is \$4 per class or \$40 for a 10-punch pass.

American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Class - Students will be certified in Lifeguarding, CPR, AED and First Aid. Prerequisite: Student must swim 300 yards non-stop using front crawl and breast stroke and retrieve a 10 lb. brick from 9 feet of water. Student must complete the online portion and attend both classes. Minimum age is 15. Cost is \$180 for residents or \$200 for non-residents. Check our website or call 913-651-2132 for the next scheduled date. Online registration and payment is available (convenience fees apply). <https://www.leavenworthks.org/parksrec/page/american-red-cross-lifeguard-training>.

American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim Group Lessons Certified instructors will teach children in a supportive environment in which to learn and obtain skills. Students must be registered for Tuesday-Thursday sessions by noon the Friday before the session is scheduled to begin, and by noon on Wednesdays for the Saturday sessions. Cost is \$40 per child for residents or \$45 per child for non-residents. Families with 3 or more children will pay half-price for the third and subsequent children in the same household. Check the website at www.leavenworthks.org/parksrec/page/swim-lessons for a detailed description of each level available and a current schedule of dates and times being offered, or call 913-651-2132.

Aquatic Physical Therapy - Preferred Physical Therapy, LLC is offering aquatic therapy at the RFCC pool. For more information call 913-727-2022 or visit them at 712 First Terrace, Ste. 101, Lansing, KS.



Bitty Basketball

Recreation Activity Scholarship Program for City Residents - Qualifying citizens who live in the city limits of Leavenworth and are currently receiving public financial assistance may be awarded a \$100 credit per approved person per year to be used toward certain Parks and Recreation Department programs. For information email Tabor Medill at tmedill@firstcity.org or call (913) 758-6648. You must set an appointment with Tabor Medill before dropping off your application. Applications must be renewed each year by completing a new form and scheduling another appointment for verification and approval.

Sports Officials - Interested in officiating for any of our sports programs? Contact our Recreation Program Supervisor for Sports, Tabor Medill, at tmedill@firstcity.org or call 913-758-6648.

Field or Court Rentals - The City has 8 tennis courts, 6 pickleball courts, 2 basketball courts, a recreation complex with 5 baseball/softball fields, and 7 other baseball/softball fields throughout the city. Contact Tabor Medill at tmedill@firstcity.org to reserve these locations for special use or league tournaments.

Inclement Weather Line - Call (913) 364-5821 for information on game cancellations.

Labor Day Tennis Tournament - September 3, 4, 5 - The Annual Leavenworth Parks and Recreation Labor Day Tennis Tournament will be held the Saturday, Sunday, and Monday (if needed) of Labor Day each year. This tournament is open to all. Entry fees for singles (\$25/event) and doubles (\$35/event). Player's meal is included with registration. Register online or in person before noon on August 31.

Men's Basketball League - \$345/team - Open to men age 19 and over whose high school class has graduated. Current active college players are not eligible to play.

Requires a minimum of 4 teams. Season begins in January. Registration is November 15 - December 15 as a team at the Riverfront Community Center.

Tumbling Tots Gymnastics - \$50/month - Designed to teach spatial awareness for children utilizing gymnastics as the conduit for learning. The class is based on a parent/child model meaning a parent is required to actively participate with their child. Children ages 3-5 may enroll for the program. Register in person or online through our website. Classes offered Tuesdays in September, October, November, January, February, March, and April. *No class on a fifth Tuesday in the month.*

Youth Sports - Contact Tabor Medill at tmedill@firstcity.org for more information on any of these sports. The listed programs allow for a 15-day late registration window. After the 15 days, no more registrations will be accepted.

Youth Basketball - \$40/player - discount for third child - For boys and girls in Grades 1 - 6. Teams play in January and February. Registration is October 1 - October 31, online or in person. Late registration is \$65/player through November 15. Eligible for scholarship use. Scholarship does not cover late fee.

Bitty Basketball - \$35/player - discount for third child - For ages 3-6 (not yet in 1st grade). A four-week instructional clinic offered on Saturdays in January. Register November 1 - 30. Late registration is \$60/player through December 15. Eligible for scholarship use. Scholarship does not cover late fee.

Youth Futsal - \$40/player - discount for third child - Similar to indoor soccer with boundaries - for boys and girls in grades one through six. Instructional program on Sundays in January and February. Register October 15 - November 15. Late registration is \$65/player through November 30. Not eligible for scholarship use.

Tumbling Tots Gymnastics



Calendar of Events

Summer Events

Annual Doggie Splash! – Saturday, September 10 at Wollman Aquatic Center, 1300 Shawnee St. We have switched this event to a Saturday and doubled the number of sessions available. Bring your canine companions to the annual Doggie Splash at Wollman Aquatic Center. Cost is \$5/dog. Proceeds benefit the Waggin' Tails Dog Park.

Fall Events

Mother-Son Superhero Dance – Sunday, October 2, from 1- 3 p.m. at the Riverfront Community Center, 123 S. Esplanade. This super event is for boys, 9 and under, and their moms, aunts, grandmas, or big sisters. All will enjoy an afternoon of games and activities, music, dancing, a snack buffet, and prizes. Moms and sons are encouraged to come in their favorite superhero costumes. Photos will be available to purchase and will make a great keepsake. You may pre-register online at leavenworthks.org (convenience fees apply) or in person at the Riverfront Community Center through Wednesday, September 28. No event day walk-ins accepted. Cost is \$25 per couple, \$5 for each additional guest. Proceeds will benefit the Waggin' Tails Dog Park.

Annual Halloween Trunk-or-Treat – Saturday, October 22, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. - Bring the family to Sportsfield Park, 22nd and Ottawa streets, and join us for some Halloween fun and lots of candy. Be sure to dress up in your favorite costume and bring your Halloween bag or Jack-o-Lantern to carry the candy.

Holiday Bazaar and Flea Market: Join us **Saturday, November 5**, to get an early start on holiday shopping at the Riverfront Community Center gymnasium and indoor track at 123 S. Esplanade St. General admission is free. The event is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Email parksandrec@firstcity.org for more information.

Mayor's Holiday Lighted Parade and Tree Lighting: Friday, November 18 – You are cordially invited to attend the annual Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting at Haymarket Square, Seventh and Cherokee streets. Food and gift vendors will be available starting at 4 p.m. The Holiday Parade will begin at approximately 5:30 p.m., and the official Tree Lighting will be held immediately following the parade.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT OCTOBER 22



Sportsfield Park, 22nd and Ottawa Streets, 5-7 p.m. FREE event. Contact us to serve as a booth, parksandrec@firstcity.org

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA DECEMBER 3

Winter Events
Breakfast with Santa
– Saturday, December 3 at 8 a.m. Come join Santa Claus for pancakes and pictures at the Riverfront Community Center, 123 S. Esplanade. Advance tickets are available online (convenience fees apply) or at the Riverfront



Community Center starting 11/1. Adults are \$6 in advance/\$7 at the door. Children are \$5 in advance/\$6 at the door. Event starts at 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Advance registration allows you to take advantage of express entry the day of the event.

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