



# YEAR IN REVIEW 2013

Lenexa  
K A N S A S 



This has been a dynamic year for Lenexa. We continue to thrive as a community, and progress is visible everywhere you look. I am pleased to share this year's achievements through this annual report.

We continue to strategically invest in all areas of our city and proactively manage growth. Lenexa City Center continues to grow and will soon serve as a gathering place for our community.

I offer special thanks to those who continue working tirelessly to make Lenexa a great place to live, work, play and raise a family. Dedication to our community can be seen at every level. From those who are elected to represent you, to the professional staff who serve you, to the volunteers who help make this a great city, we are all proud to play a role in our community's success.

I believe this report underscores our efforts to ensure those of us who serve you continue to meet the city's mission of providing exceptional service through a team of dedicated professionals working in partnership with the community.

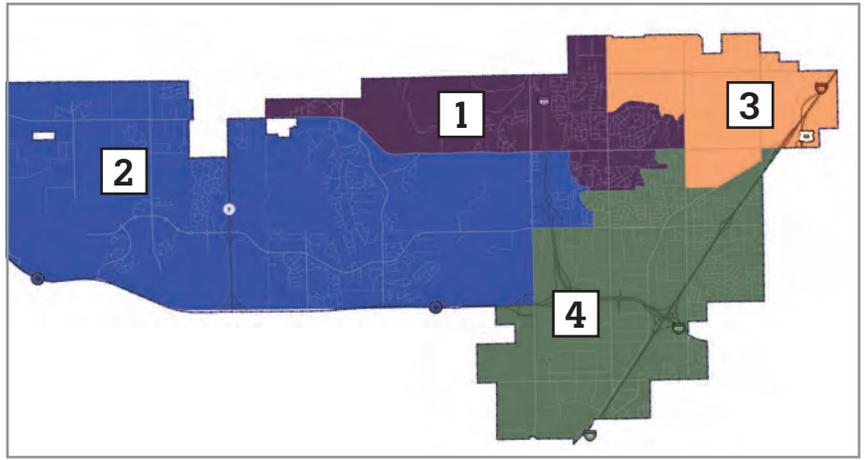
— **Michael Boehm, Mayor**

## Council Meetings

**7 p.m., 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month  
City Council Chambers, City Hall**

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings. Agendas are available on the city's website prior to each meeting. A detailed ward boundary map is also available online.

[www.lenexa.com](http://www.lenexa.com)



### Ward 1

Joe Karlin  
Steve Lemons



### Ward 2

Diane Linver  
Thomas R. Nolte



### Ward 3

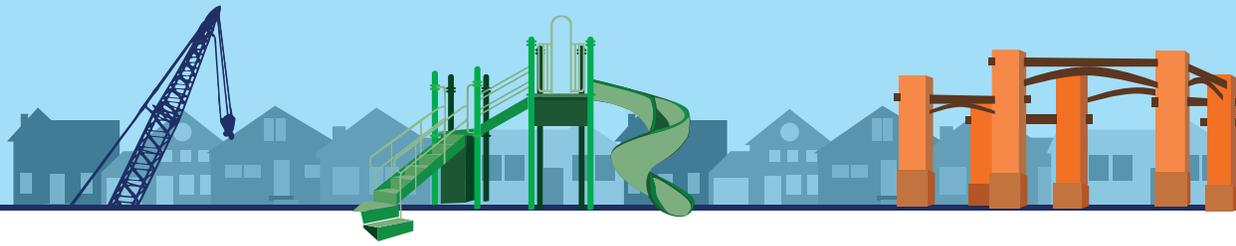
Lou Serrone  
Amy K. Slater



### Ward 4

Andy Huckaba  
Mandy Stuke





## General Fund

The General Fund is the primary fund for city operations, including police, fire, parks & recreation and streets. Lenexa's financial outlook for the General Fund over the next five years is very positive.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Revenues	\$56,526,886	58,228,383	59,584,938	61,220,332	63,099,556
Expenditures	\$56,526,886	58,034,340	59,545,671	61,170,641	62,954,444
Surplus	\$0	194,043	39,267	49,691	145,112

To ensure financial stability in order to meet cash flow requirements and provide a contingency for unpredictable events, Lenexa's policy is to ensure 30% to 35% of the annual General Fund revenues are held in reserve. From 2013 to 2017, that reserve number is predicted to remain at 32% or above.

## CIP Projects

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) helps the city plan for major projects and improvements to public facilities. Funds allocated to CIP projects in 2013 include:

- Streets/Bridges: \$13,948,735
- Traffic Improvements: \$2,998,600
- Public Buildings: \$1,115,558
- Parks: \$819,927
- Stormwater Projects: \$6,662,856
- Major Capital Equipment: \$1,095,240

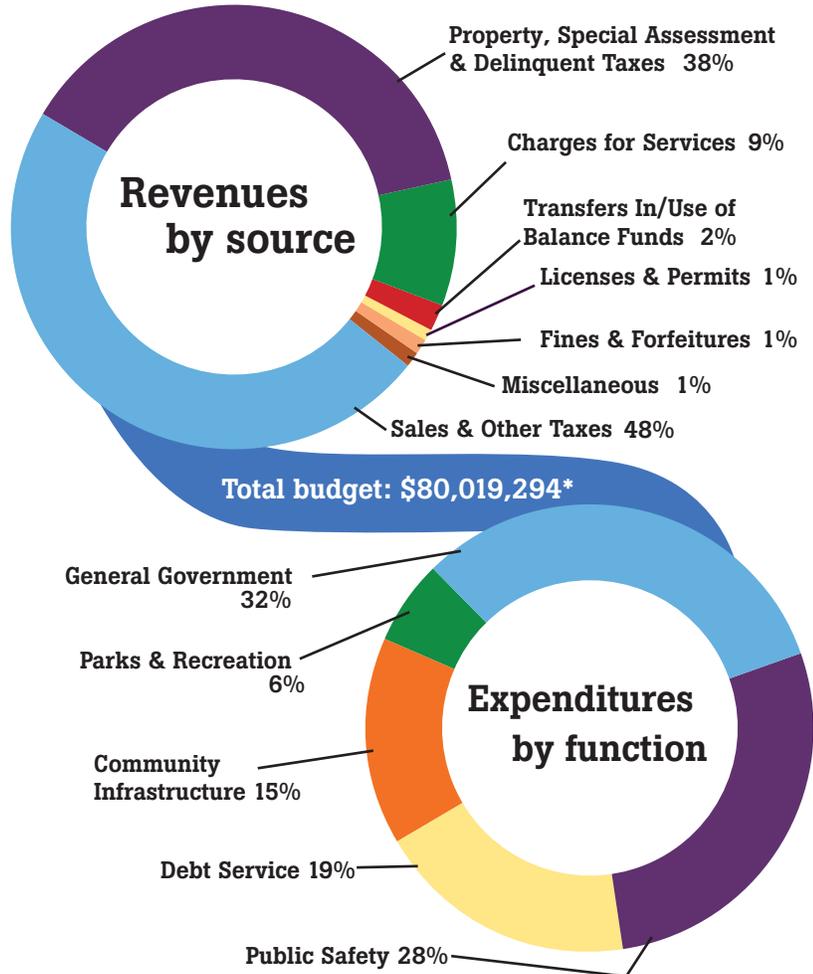
**TOTAL: \$26,031,118**

## 3/8-cent tax funding

In 2008, residents approved a 3/8-cent sales tax increase to help maintain the city's roads, improve existing park facilities and provide new recreational opportunities. The sales tax became effective Oct. 1, 2008, and expires in 20 years.

### Total 2013 Appropriation

- Pavement Management Program: \$1,923,930 (of \$3.24 million invested in 2013)
- Playground Equipment Replacement: \$53,000
- Freedom Fields Improvements: \$395,927



\* Total budget is made up of multiple funds; the primary fund is the General Fund.

## Awards

Lenexa has a strong history of receiving awards for its budget documents and financial reports. 2013 marked the 22nd consecutive year of receiving the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award; and the 35th consecutive year of receiving the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award.

## Accomplishments

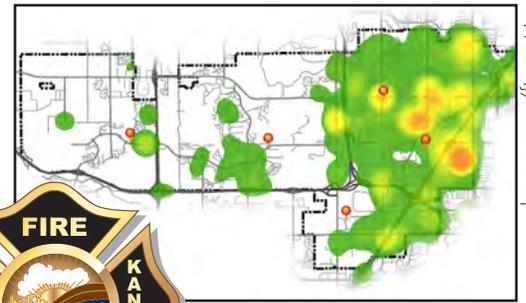
Lenexa's Finance Department completed the implementation of the Munis financial system in 2013. This new system will provide better information to manage the city's finances and is a more efficient long-term solution.

## Credit Ratings

Moody's
<b>Aaa</b>
S&P
<b>AA+</b>

# Public Safety

Lenexa's Fire Department provides outstanding protection to our citizens. LFD is one of only 187 agencies across the country and one of 51 cities with a population less than 50,000 to be accredited by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International. In addition, the LFD was engaged in training and educating the community. In 2013, the LFD provided more than 285 hours of public education, reaching more than 12,700 adults and children.



www.lenexa.com/firemetrics



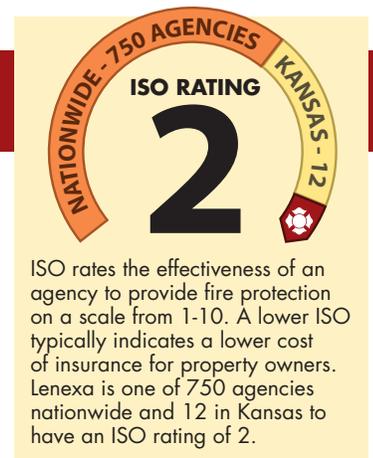
Residents have the ability to search Lenexa's fire metrics interactive map for a variety of fire data, including response times and call types.



Lenexa is the only fire department in the State of Kansas to own a tiller truck, which allows firefighters to navigate corners and tight spaces.



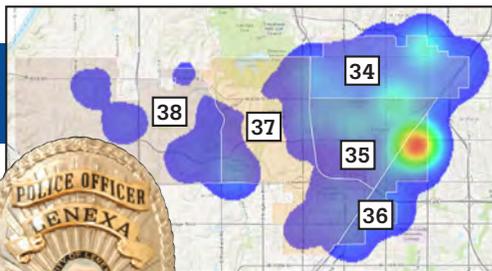
The LFD is the only department in the county to own a mobile ventilation unit used for clearing airborne debris from buildings.



Total Fire Dept. Calls	2010	2011	2012	2013
	4,609	4,884	5,012	5,204

## Crime-Resistant Community Partnership

The Lenexa Police Department's CRCP program helps rental properties keep illegal activity off their property. This year, the CRCP unit emphasized reaching out to the senior population. In 2013, LPD's CRCP introduced "Coffee with Cops," where officers visit assisted living facilities for a morning of discussion on topics such as health care fraud; and health care, charity, grandparent, lottery and discount prescription scams.



Access LPD's online mapping tool for up-to-date information about Lenexa at [lenexa.com/pdcrimemap](http://lenexa.com/pdcrimemap).

2013 Police Activity					
	Dist. 34	Dist. 35	Dist. 36	Dist. 37	Dist. 38
Total Offenses	3,607	2,625	2,642	1,202	648
DUI	87	38	48	23	9
Traffic Accidents	324	256	269	167	61

Average response time for emergency calls: 4.7 minutes

## Awards

- Honorable Mention, Outstanding Achievement in Law Enforcement Volunteer Programs, International Association of Chiefs of Police & Wilmington University.
- Five LPD officers placed in the top spots in several motorcycle competitions throughout the U.S. and Canada in 2013.



## Safe Schools Initiative

The role of the school resource officer continues to evolve, and Lenexa has led the way in our approach to intruder drills. Lenexa has taken a holistic approach to the drills by including all potential personnel who may respond during the situation, including officers, firefighters and MedAct. In addition to this partnership, the School Resource Unit created an enhanced curriculum to accompany the teaching model of D.A.R.E. And, in an effort to make our partnerships with the schools stronger, Lenexa received a grant through the Community Oriented Policing Services to add an SRO for the next three years.

# Quality of Life

## New Festivals in 2013

### Get Outdoors Lenexa

Focusing on family fun, fitness and safety, this event debuted June 8 at Black Hoof Park. More than 300 people participated in a variety of activities, including geocaching, family games and public safety demonstrations.



### Sar-Ko Aglow



This new event brought the excitement of holiday lighting ceremonies to one of the city's most popular parks. Santa Claus and the Mayor joined together to flip the switch and illuminate the park in bright colors for the holiday season.

## Attendance



**Great Lenexa BBQ**  
15,000 BBQ enthusiasts



**Freedom Run**  
1,508 runners



**Spinach Festival**  
6,000 spinach lovers



**Chili Challenge**  
5,000 chiliheads

## Park Improvements

- Lenexa finished the Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park master plan, which lays out the future of this great amenity.
- Parks crews replaced playgrounds at Trafalger and Green Prairie parks.
- The study and design of Freedom Fields Park was completed in 2013.
- The city completed the renovations of multipurpose trails at Ad Astra Park, Electric Park and 83rd Street.
- Parks & Recreation completed crack repair and new color coating at Indian Trails and Bois D'Arc tennis courts and Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park basketball court.



## Our volunteers

Lenexa's quality of life is greatly enhanced by our volunteers. In 2013, the city partnered with 477 volunteers on a variety of service projects, including 21 Adopt-A-Spot locations.



**12,519**  
**Volunteer Hours**  
=  
**\$230,976\***

\* as calculated by independentsector.org

## Welcome to Lenexa

Lenexa constructed new monument signs welcoming residents and visitors to the city and its parks in 2013. You can see them as you drive west on 95th at Quivira, or at several of the city's parks.

The Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park master plan was completed in 2013 and lays out the improvements planned for the park in the future as funds become available. To see the full master plan, go to [www.lenexa.com](http://www.lenexa.com).



## Awards

- Renovations at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park received the APWA Project of the Year award in the Environmental Category.
- Lenexa was named a Tree City, USA for the 25th consecutive year.

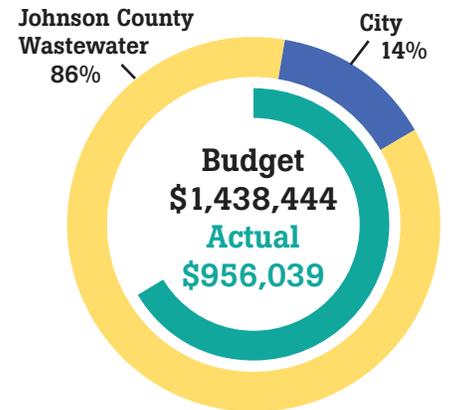
# Infrastructure & Maintenance

## Stormwater

Lenexa's Stormwater Division implements and maintains water quality protection and flood control projects to protect the natural and developed environment. In 2013, Stormwater removed more than 325 bags of trash from streams and stormwater management sites, cleaned 9,000 linear feet of pipe, removed 6 cubic yards of algae and 20 cubic yards of honeysuckle, installed 116 plants and utilized 85 hours of volunteer help.



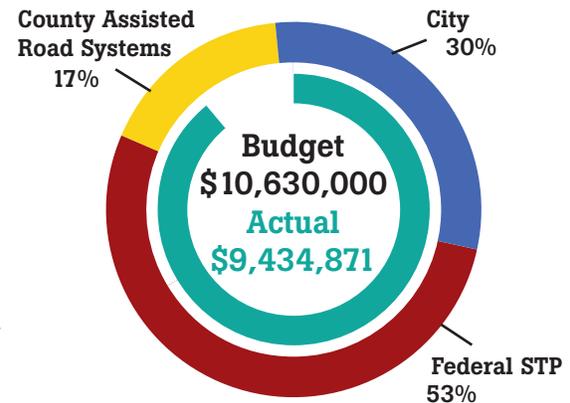
Each fall, Lenexa Stormwater crews harvest seeds from native plants in the city to use as seedlings for planting in the future. This practice is a cost-efficient way for Lenexa to continue planting native vegetation throughout the city.



## Little Mill Creek Stream Restoration

By taking advantage of outside funding and coming in under budget for several major projects in 2013, Lenexa continued to improve public streets and facilities efficiently.

## 87th Street – Pflumm to I-435



## Facilities

More than \$115,000 in energy savings has been achieved over the last three years through lighting improvements and efficiency projects at city facilities.

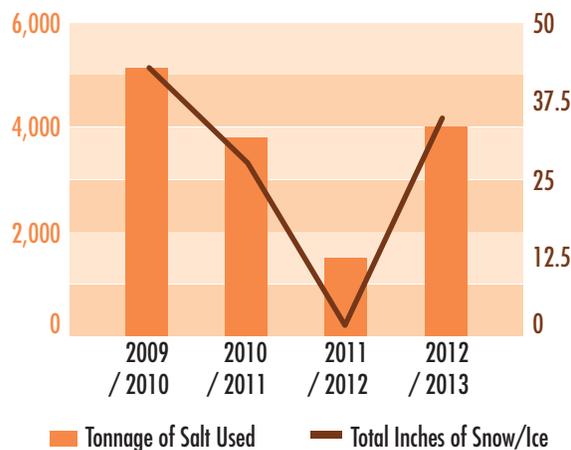
## Traffic

- New signs installed: 58
- Signs repaired: 517
- Street lights repaired: 369

## Streets

- Potholes repaired: 1,091
- Linear feet of curb replaced: 136
- Linear feet of sidewalk replaced: 594
- Tonnage of asphalt used: 3,448
- Tonnage of scrap metal recycled during dumpster weekends: 28.54
- Tonnage of electronics recycled: 9.54

## Snowfall and Material Usage



## Did You Know?

More than 1,300 cubic yards of debris was removed from the streets with sweepers in 2013. They swept 4,060 lane miles – the equivalent of driving from Lenexa to Vancouver, Canada and back at street sweeper speeds of 3 to 5 mph!

## Awards

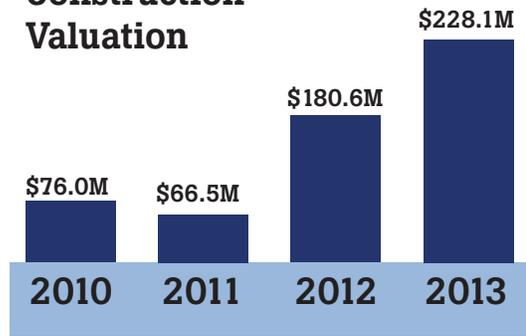
Five employees from Lenexa's Municipal Services Department finished in the top 8 at the 2013 Metro APWA Snow and Equipment Training Expo in Gardner, which featured more than 600 employees from 20 regional agencies.

# Economic Development

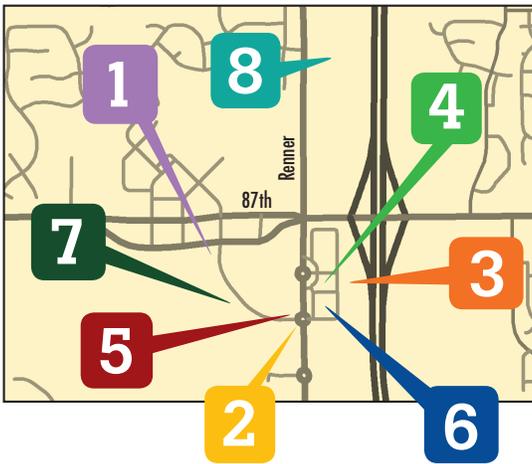
## Total Residential and Commercial Permit Growth

2013 saw significant growth for both residential and commercial properties. With the help of an incentive, 213 single-family permits were issued last year. In addition, several large projects emerged in 2013, including a retail center at the northwest corner of 95th and Quivira, the Lenexa Logistics Center at College and Renner, and the Prairie Creek apartment and retail development at 95th & Renner.

## Construction Valuation



## City Center on the Rise



**1 Civic Center proposed location**  
Currently in the planning stage and envisioned as the “family room” of Lenexa, the Civic Center will incorporate city services with recreational and cultural amenities. Retail offerings will complement the space to create a dynamic and enjoyable place.

**2 Perceptive Software**  
The two buildings at City Center saw substantial progress in 2013 and are set to open in 2014.



**3 Hyatt Place Hotel/ Conference Center**  
In 2013, plans were approved for a Hyatt Place Hotel and conference center and a high-end restaurant at City Center East.



**4 B.E. Smith building**  
B.E. Smith moved to City Center East in 2013, bringing with them Kennedy & Coe and Grand Street Café.

**5 Renner 89**  
This mixed-use building is slated for completion in 2014.

**6 Parking structure at East Village**  
Thanks to cooperation between the city and developers, this parking structure provides ample parking for B.E. Smith and Grand Street Café.

**7 Domain at City Center**  
Construction on this 200-unit high-end apartment community, is scheduled to begin in 2014.



**8 WaterCrest at City Center Northeast**  
WaterCrest at City Center will bring a 300-unit high-end apartment complex, and construction began in 2013.

## Restaurants

Lenexa staff and elected officials often are asked when new restaurants will come to Lenexa. In 2013, many new restaurants began serving our residents, including:



- ASA Sushi Hibachi Lounge
- Brewbaker's
- Esther's African Cuisine
- Four Seasons Pizza & Pasta
- Grand Street Café
- Jimmie John's
- Jude's Rum Cake/Belly Up BBQ
- Los Tres Compadres
- Old Shawnee Pizza & Italian Kitchen
- Pie Five Pizza Co.

## Awards

Lenexa was named the 2013 Google eCity for Kansas, designating it the best city for online business in the state.



"Definitely appreciate the quick response to our weather here in Lenexa. Thanks to all involved with keeping our roads clean and safe."

- Diana S.

"I wanted to take a moment and acknowledge something very cool. I noticed a Lenexa Police Department cruiser stopped along Rosehill Road. At first we thought they were running radar. Upon further review, we realized that there were a bunch of kids playing ball in an open field next to Rosehill, and the officer was out of the car and playing with the kids."

Sometimes it's just seeing the little things (like officers connecting with youth & reassuring them that the police are generally good people) that make one's day better."

- Jeremy B.

### Great Lenexa Barbeque Battle

"Lenexa ALWAYS does a great job with this event and 2013 was just as great as it was my first year... 1985... Now if I could just cook one time well enough to win!"

- John J.

### Lenexa Community Days Parade

"Such a great parade!!!"

- Connie B.

### Lenexa Spinach Festival

"We're having some good green fun at the @cityoflenexa #SpinachFestival!"

- Twitter post by Buck H.

### Lenexa Chili Challenge

"Great display of fireworks!"

- Mary I.

"We look forward to this every year, and you do a great job. See you in 2014!"

- Anonymous

"I wanted to let you know what an absolute joy it's been working with some of your community development staff. Everyone I talked to was eager to help and made the entire experience one of the best customer service experiences I've ever had. They were very professional while honestly caring about our problem. They not only solved our problem – they made us feel like they cared about us while they were doing it. So I wanted to take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU."

- Dena B.