



# NEIGHBORHOODS & QUALITY OF LIFE

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## NEIGHBORHOODS & CITIZEN SUPPORTS

Department of Neighborhoods + Citizen Engagement (DNCE)  
Citizen Advocate, Office of the Mayor, Office of Financial Empowerment

Community Police Officers (CPO): \$1.8 M (10 CPOs, 3 School Resource Officers, 1 Community Service Officer, 1 Sergeant)

Reentry Citizens Program: ~ \$450,000 (contract from MDOC)

Code Enforcement: \$1.3 M (housed in EDP)

SERVELansing support for neighborhood cleanups

Neighborhoods of Focus

Mobile Food Pantry, Connect 4 Kids and Community Connect

DNCE administers neighborhood programs and works across all city departments.

CPO assigned to 10 specific neighborhoods  
Administration and oversight of Neighborhood Watch program across the city. Reentry Citizens are people returning to our community after prison. Code Enforcement provides 10 code officers, 4 premise inspectors, 5 administrative/clerical staff.

## PROGRAMS

### Neighborhood Grants

Neighborhood Grants: \$60,000  
Neighborhoods in Bloom: \$20,000

Any registered civic organization can apply for a neighborhood grant. Projects must impact a City of Lansing neighborhood. Grant proposals are reviewed by the Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Board, who makes funding recommendations to the Mayor.

### Citizen Engagement Programs

Citizens Academy: A 10 week civic engagement course. Group tours include City Hall, BWL's grid control room and other City facilities.

Participatory Budget Nights: An opportunity for residents to understand the City budget process and provide their input/ideas to the Mayor.

Walking Wednesdays: Walks through city neighborhoods with neighbors, City officials, and others who may be interested in the assets of a neighborhood and the areas of improvement.

Grants range from \$100- \$5,000 to civic organizations for neighborhood projects.

Citizens Academy: 10 week program, 24 participants

Participatory Budget Nights: 8 events

Walking Wednesdays (2019): 14 tours

Link to Annual Report:  
[neighborhoods.lansingmi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/991/DNCE-2018-2019-Annual-Report](https://neighborhoods.lansingmi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/991/DNCE-2018-2019-Annual-Report)



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## PARKS & RECREATION

### Recreational Programming

Community centers, after school programs, summer camps, sports leagues, lifelong learning programs, summer concerts, fireworks, swimming pools, arts & culture, nature centers, cemeteries and senior programs

### Parks Capital Improvement Projects

Millage dollars \$2.145 M

Ingham County parks: \$1.0 M funding for trail extension and repairs to the Lansing River Trail.

Rotary Park: \$1.8 M (privately funded)

General Fund: \$8.632 M

Cemeteries: \$600,000

### Program & Facility Usage Trends

- The golf subsidy continued to decrease from \$179,400 to \$166,000.
- Steady decrease in traditional sports, which aligns with national trends.
- Camps continue to fill and we are having trouble staffing. One camp site closed this year due to insufficient staffing.
- Concerts in the Park series has seen a steady decrease in attendance. Staff are looking to change the summer event lineup.
- Senior Programs continue to expand, as we have more older adults in the city, we need to expand services accordingly.
- Enrichment programs like dance, fitness, wellness and aquatics are strong throughout the city.
- Facility rentals are strong, providing a low cost venue for celebrations and meetings.
- Cemetery budgets comprise 1/4 of our parks millage.

## EVENTS

### Citizen Engagement Events

LOVE Lansing - An annual event to recognize neighborhood leaders and watch captains/coordinators for their efforts in creating excellence in communities across Lansing.

Housing & Neighborhood Resource Summits - Quarterly resource summits are held at different Lansing School District facilities and hosted by the Mayor's Office and the Department of Neighborhoods and Citizen Engagement to provide community resources.

Neighborhood Roundtables - Monthly gatherings hosted by the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods and Citizen Engagement are held to provide a platform for neighborhood activists, leaders, and all neighbors to connect to one another, City leadership, and agency partnerships.

LOVE Lansing 250+ attendees with awards in recognition of volunteer neighborhood service.  
800+ residents attended the four 2019 Neighborhood Summits held at Sexton, Pattengill, North, and Wexford.