



## 2025 SESSION DATES AND DESCRIPTIONS

Before applying to Leadership Lenexa please note the following:

- ❖ **Attendance is mandatory.** Unexpected absences will be addressed on an individual basis. If you know of multiple scheduling conflicts, we ask you to consider applying for a future program.
- ❖ Unless specific times are noted below, **sessions should be considered full days.** Start and end times may vary but plan for an 8 am-5 pm schedule.
- ❖ State, County, and Regionalism sessions are shared sessions with Leadership Gardner, Leadership Leawood, Leadership Northeast, Leadership Olathe, Leadership Overland Park, Leadership Spring Hill, and Shawnee Tomorrow.
- ❖ Participants must attend one Lenexa City Council meeting. Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month and begin at 7:00 pm.

### WELCOME RECEPTION

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22  
5:30PM-7:00PM

The welcome reception provides the opportunity to meet and greet your fellow participants with an exercise allowing you to introduce yourself before our first session. Drinks and appetizers will be provided.

### ORIENTATION/STRENGTHSFINDER

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23  
8:30AM-5:00PM

Prior to the session, we take the StrengthsFinder Assessment to discover our Top 5 Strengths. The session is a full day with Dr. Sondra Cave, the founder and director of Strengths and Leadership Consulting and a Strengths Advisor at Gallup Organization. Dr. Cave will take us through exercises to teach us more about our Top 5 and show us basic strategies to apply them in all areas of life.

### STATE OF THE CITY & LENEXA GOVERNING BODY PANEL DISCUSSION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18  
9:00AM-3:00PM

Attend the City of Lenexa's State of the City Luncheon then meet with the mayor and Lenexa City Council members for a discussion about the city's assets and challenges, running for and holding a local elected office.

### JOHNSON COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL SUPPORTS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28  
9:00AM-11:00AM

This special session is a tour of JCDS at the Mark D. JCDS is the agency of Johnson County government that facilitates career and personal development for Johnson County residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We will tour the facility and meet with clients and the staff representing various agency programs.

### STATE OF THE STATE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5  
7:30AM-5:00PM

We travel to Topeka by motorcoach and learn about the latest in the Kansas Legislature from elected and other officials. We share the session with the chamber leadership programs from Gardner, Northeast Johnson County, Leawood, Olathe, Overland Park, and Shawnee.

### EDUCATION: K-12 AND HIGHER ED

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19  
8:00AM-4:00PM

Lenexa residents are served by three school districts, DeSoto, Olathe and Shawnee Mission. This session focuses on innovative programs offered to K-12 students, higher education, as well as adults pursuing or returning to complete degrees.



## TEAM BUILDING

THURSDAY, APRIL 3  
8:30AM-4:00PM

Participate in high and low course elements which challenge us to solve problems as individuals and as a group. This day is spent outdoors at TimberRidge Adventure Center, a facility run by Johnson County Park and Recreation District.

## STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS AND LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, APRIL 8  
11:30AM-1:30PM

Attend the State of the County Address and Luncheon. Mike Kelly, Chairman of the Johnson County Board of Commissioners gives his State of the County address.

## STATE OF THE COUNTY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9  
8:00AM-5:00PM

At this shared session we hear from elected officials and county departments to learn about the people, programs, and processes that keep the county running. This is a shared session with the other chamber leadership groups.

## REGIONALISM

THURSDAY, APRIL 24  
8:00AM-5:00PM

This session includes KC Metro area organizations and topics that affect economic development, politics, and culture on both sides of the state line. We share this day with the other chamber leadership groups.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

THURSDAY, MAY 8  
8:00AM-5:00PM

Commercial development fuels the economy, bringing new companies and industries to the area. The City of Lenexa and the Chamber's Economic Development Council assists businesses through the process and is responsible for helping to retain businesses that have already chosen Lenexa as their home and facilitate their growth. We will tour the area to see a variety of current and future projects and take part in a group activity to help us understand the development process.

## CITY OF LENEXA: SAFETY AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN LENEXA

THURSDAY, MAY 22  
8:00AM-4:00PM

Get up close to the work of first responders in Lenexa – our fire and police departments. Participate in demonstrations and get a look at the programs and tools used to keep the community safe. This session also includes an overview of Lenexa Parks and Rec and the nationally recognized Rain to Recreation program.

## RECOGNITION CELEBRATION

THURSDAY, JUNE 5  
5:30PM-7:30PM

An event for the class and guests to celebrate completion of the program!

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

The class will develop a project to serve an organization of their choosing (preferably in Lenexa or serving Lenexa residents.) Examples of past projects will be provided. The group may need to meet outside of our regular sessions to work on the project.