



## 2026 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 chamber leadership programs from Gardner, Leawood, NEJC, Olathe, Overland Park, Spring Hill, and Shawnee.
- ❖ Participants must attend one of the following meetings: Lenexa City Council or Lenexa Planning Commission. Meeting dates will be provided.

### WELCOME SESSION

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28  
3:00PM-5:00PM

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

### ORIENTATION/STRENGTHSFINDER

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29  
8:30AM-4:00PM

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 17  
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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26  
9:00AM-11:30AM

This short session is a tour of JCDS, the agency of the 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 clients and the staff representing various agency programs.

### STATE OF THE STATE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4  
7:30AM-5:00PM

We travel to Topeka by motorcoach to hear from Kansas Legislators and other key figures in state government. Our class will tour the Capitol and get behind-the-scenes insights from Chamber President/CEO Ashley Sherard, who has over 25 years of experience in legislative affairs. This is a shared session with our fellow chamber leadership programs.

### EDUCATION: K-12 AND HIGHER ED

THURSDAY, MARCH 26  
8:00AM-4:00PM

Lenexa residents are served by three school districts: De Soto, Olathe, and Shawnee Mission. This session focuses on programs offered to K-12, higher education, and continuing ed students.



## STATE OF THE COUNTY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1  
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

TUESDAY, APRIL 21  
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.

## TEAM BUILDING

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

Participate in high and low course elements that challenge us to solve problems as individuals and as a group. We'll spend the day outdoors at TimberRidge Adventure Center, a facility run by the Johnson County Park and Recreation District.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

THURSDAY, MAY 14  
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 28  
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 11  
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 a non-profit organization that is a member of the Lenexa Chamber of Commerce. The group may need to meet outside of our regular sessions to work on the project.

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